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AND THE MARCH OF EVENTS

Highway Hazards

A RECENT grand jury presentment in Atlanta, Georgia, gave the following as the worst hazards on the highway: excessive speed, driving under the influence of alcohol, lack of patience and courtesy, opening of car doors on traffic side of street, failure to give signal of intentions, disregard of stop signs and traffic lights, disregard of "no left turn" signs as well as turning right on red light, inexperienced, irresponsible and careless drivers who specialize in fast starts, tire screaming stops and turning of corners at high speed with weight shifted on two wheels with intentional purpose of causing tires to scream and alarm the neighborhood, entering into streets and highways at high speed, jaywalking and pedestrians walking on the highways on the right side instead of the left side.

It all adds up to disregard for the laws enacted to protect travelers on the highways. There is today a lack of regard for law. It would be a fine thing if there was a course in our public schools and colleges on the subject of "law observance." People who claim to be Christian ought to have a conscience on the question of obedience to law and should never be found, willfully and maliciously, disobeying the laws of the land any more than the laws of God. Christianity should make good citizens, and good citizens are law abiding.

Parental Responsibility

The Director of Education for Toronto, Canada, has charged Canadian parents with spending more than one billion dollars a year on baby-sitters and liquor to escape their responsibilities to their children, according to a United Press news item.

The Value of the Soul

The famous "Madonna" by Botticelli was painted on a wooden panel at least four hundred years ago. Recently the wood began to crack, and it was feared

that the painting would be ruined; but a restorer was found who said he could save it. His first step was to paste thin strips of tissue paper on the face of the picture, pressing the paper into the uneven surface of the paint. He added layer after layer, until a thick body of paper concealed the picture. Then the restorer turned the picture over and began to sandpaper the board away. After many months of careful work he had all the wood removed, and nothing but the paint adhered to the paper. Next he glued a piece of linen canvas very carefully to the paint, and slowly and patiently removed the paper bit by bit. The work took nearly a year, but when it was finished the painting was in a condition to last another four centuries.

It was the value of the painting that justified such extreme care and expense in restoring it. How patiently the great Master deals with human souls in order to save them! One of the supreme things that strikes one in studying the Scriptures is the infinite patience of God. The reason for this infinite patience on the part of God is the value of the souls of men for which he is working. Christ's estimate of the value of the soul is shown by the fact that he gave his life for souls. Men should be more careful for men are immortal souls.

The Christian Way

Possibly at no time in recent years has the daily press been so filled with exhortations to right living, and surely at no time in recent years have there been so many public men calling attention to the need of spiritual emphasis in national and social life. It would seem that the heart of the world is hungry for a league of crusaders for truth, justice, and brotherhood. Christ is the leader of such a crusade, and there are loyal souls everywhere waiting to hail his coming as those who wait for the morning. The basis for world peace is a religion that meets a universal need. The Christian religion does that. Christ is the hope of the world, and Southern

Baptists offer to God one of the greatest leverages at his command today for the giving of Christ to the hungry-hearted world.

Church Takes Over Spanish Work

The Home Mission Board, at its October meeting, voted to transfer to the First Baptist Church of Lubbock, Texas, the Spanish Baptist church building and parsonage of that city with the understanding that the First Church would erect an adequate church building and take on the support of the work among the Spanish in that community. This was done at the request of the church and fits into the policy of the Board which is trying to encourage local churches to do as much of the mission work in their own communities as possible, thus releasing the limited funds of the Board for areas where there are no strong churches to do the work.

Church Site in Panama

An appropriation of \$27,000.00 was made at the last meeting of the Home Mission Board for the purchase of a site for the erection of a building for the Redemption Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama.

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NEWS

French Mission Becomes Church

The French mission at Cloutiersville, Louisiana, was organized into the Cloutiersville Baptist Church on September 28 and the missionary, Rev. Cecil R. Webb, was called as pastor. Rev. L. C. Smith, retired missionary of the Home Mission Board, preached the sermon, using as his text "To Make Ready a People Prepared for the Lord." He included in his message a brief history of the work in Cloutiersville.

The organization of the church took place at the close of a revival meeting at which the average attendance was about seventy-five. The first baptizing was held on October 5 in the river nearby and at least 300 people watched from the river banks while Pastor Webb presented the New Testament teachings concerning baptism.

The church has agreed to contribute \$100.00 per month toward the pastor's salary and the remainder will be provided by the Home Board.

Interest in Juvenile Delinquents

Much interest is being manifest in the new pamphlet *Juvenile Delinquent Program* by Lawrence Trivette, superintendent of city missions in Knoxville, Tennessee. The pamphlet was published by the Home Mission Board and promotes a program of reclaiming juvenile delinquents through the voluntary services of the Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and in co-operation with the superintendent of missions and his committee.

In keeping with the Board's plans to give more emphasis to this phase of mission work the employment of a full-time man to direct this work and home counseling was authorized at the mid-year session of the Board. It is hoped this work can be started soon.

The pamphlet by Mr. Trivette may be secured by writing the Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

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B. B. McKinney's Music Featured

The December 7 broadcast of the nationwide Baptist Hour will feature a special selection of music by the late Dr. B. B. McKinney, Baptist musician and composer. Many of his own compositions will be sung and his favorite song, "Near the Cross."

Radio Commission Director To Be Named

The Central Committee of the Radio and Television Commission has requested Dr. Ramsey Pollard, chairman, to appoint a committee of five members from the Commission to seek a successor to Dr. S. F. Lowe, director, who died at an Atlanta hospital October 4. Until the new director is named the Commission will continue to operate under the direction of Rev. Dupree Jordan, associate director.

Baptist College in Alaska

Word from Mrs. Marvin Lytle of Spenard, Alaska, included the following item: "Enrollment for the first semester's work at our Alaska Baptist College, which will be meeting in the First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, each week night, has begun and the last report was that seventeen have enrolled. There are several more prospective students. This is an excellent beginning."

All-Indian Bible Institute

Missionaries, Indian associational leaders, and Indian pastors from all sections of Oklahoma were invited to attend an All-Indian Bible Institute at Ada, Oklahoma, held November 17-21. The meeting was under the direction of Rev. Sam Morris, Home Board missionary.

New President for Valley Baptist Academy

Rev. H. E. Gary, missionary for the Blanco Association in Texas, was recently elected president of the Valley Baptist Academy in Brownsville.

Mr. Gary is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has worked for a number of years with the Latin peoples and speaks Spanish fluently.

Valley Baptist Academy is located at Brownsville, Texas, and many Mexican young people, who would not otherwise have the privilege of needed training, receive their education there.

New Appointees Of Home Mission Board

Among those recently appointed as missionaries of the Home Mission Board are:

Mrs. Elisa Leon, Spanish kindergarten, Laredo, Texas.

Rev. Henry Oliver Walters, part-time recreational worker, Good Will Center, Baltimore, Maryland.

Rev. and Mrs. John O. Johnson, French, Belle River, Louisiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Curran T. Gunn, French, Hessmer, Louisiana.

Elias Delgado, Spanish, La Feria, Texas.

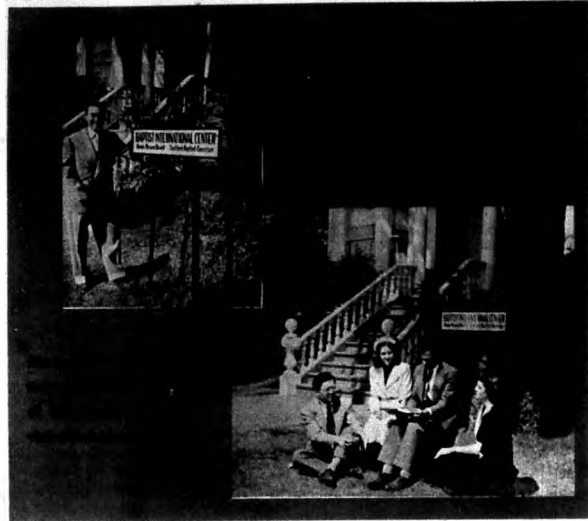
Mrs. M. E. O'Neill, Spanish kindergarten, Artesia, New Mexico.

Rev. and Mrs. Job Maldonado, Spanish, Clovis, New Mexico.

Rev. Harold William Smithson, Spanish, Bernalillo, New Mexico.

Helen R. Hansell, nurse, Woman's Emergency Home and Baby Placement Center, New Orleans, Louisiana.

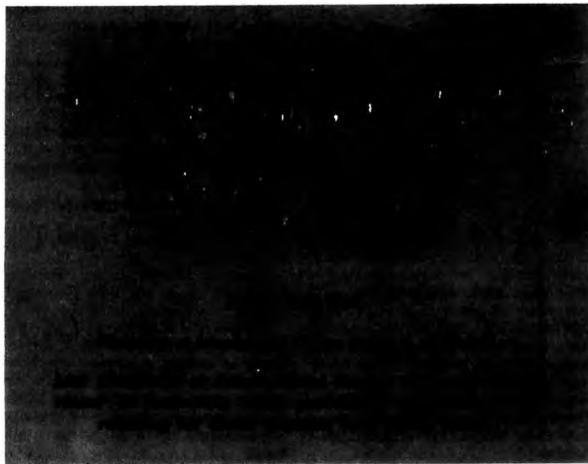
The Board also approved the appointment of the following: Alvin A. Swearngen as general missionary for New Mexico; Ray Harris as missionary for the San Francisco Bay Area; and O. R. Delmar as missionary for the Wyoming-Montana area under the Arizona state board.



W E DO WANT you to know how Christmas was here at International Center in Berkeley, California. Some wished it would be "the happiest Christmas ever," and I believe that wish just about came true.

"This was my first time to be a Santa," said Omar Hindiyeh (Jerusalem). He was our Santa three times. With his Arabic accent and his wit and humor he kept us laughing and I believe Santa himself would approve of this helper.

Our Friday evening Christmas party for students brought about forty our way! Since nearly 1,000 invitations were sent, we had prepared for even more. Mrs. Mary



Alice Denney, BSU secretary, helped with the games and stunts. Chinese, Indians, South Americans, Arabs, Germans, New Zealanders, and others enjoyed the fun. Santa was a great help with his pack of make-believe gifts. He then passed Bible bookmarks as the real gifts. Plenty of Christmasy cookies (prepared by Lysbeth Cox of the Golden Gate Theological Seminary), red punch, candies, popcorn, and Christmas sandwiches were a treat.

Saturday followed Friday, and so did another Christmas party—this time for the children and parents. Santa was at work again! Mr. Sakai showed educational movies and slides of the Christmas story and the children presented a fine piano recital.

Have you ever tried putting China, Sweden, Palestine, Connecticut, Florida, and Texas around a tree at Christmas to see what you would get? Christmas Eve this cosmopolitan group rode around town, shopped, and at 11:00 P. M. attended a beautiful candlelight service of music, Scripture, and prayer.

Bror Mattson from Sweden, who has recently come to know the joy of having Christ as his own, said, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if all those who carried lighted candles actually had the light of Christ in their hearts?" He was hopping around with a sore, bruised ankle from skiing, yet happy to be in the service.

Christmas morning our rising was not as early as we would have liked—but we needed rest for the busy day. It was about 8:30 A. M. when Santa came around and awakened Ray Shen (in our guest room), Thomas Lowe (from China), and Ben and Shirley Yelvington. The writer greeted Santa and put him and his cousin to work in the kitchen before the fun around the tree began. Santa was good to each one, and the "tie that binds hearts in Christian love" became stronger as we opened our surprise packages. When Jack Hindiyeh (Jerusalem) opened the prayer book, *God's Minute*, he said, "I've been waiting for one of these," and Bror, "Just what I wanted," when he got Torrey's *How to Pray*. Ray Shen liked his New Testament-sized devotional book and read our devotional for our Christmas prayer service.

I forgot to say we had children around the tree! Our men turned into boys with a water squirt, knife, and a cork gun, and I've never seen the like of scrambling. I ran and procured the beautiful china vase I had received from David Tong, an English student. We couldn't play long—because noon was swiftly approaching.

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Eight guests came for Christmas dinner (our pastor's wife helped us prepare the turkey and dishes like she used in Georgia). Four Chinese, who are working toward their Ph.D. degrees, were with us, and Dr. S. C. Fung, Mr. and Mrs. Wei Young had a good time and joined in the singing of carols. She attended our Baptist high school in Canton, and he has been interested in becoming a Christian, but both have been too busy—she seems less interested than he. James Hsu is having his orals in a few days and after that can come to services. He accepted Christ the first of November. Mr. Luh, whom I'm expecting any minute to bring his thesis for me to type, is a fine person with interest in spiritual matters; but with his limited time and the fact he is studying part-time in Davis, he has not given much thought to it. This thesis will be our last chance to have much time with him. Won't you pray?

Ray Shen, who spent the holidays (furlough) with us calls our Center "home." "I was born in Boston, lived in Shanghai; now am in the Air Corps in Wyoming; and here is home."

Thursday night we set the table for sixteen. It was a special party for Ray, and an opportunity to have members of our Sunday school and prospects in for a feast. It was fun supplementing our Christmas turkey with ham and all the trimmings. Shirley made cakes with "Ray, we're glad you're home," on them. Afterward, singing began and we had everything from Chinese folk songs to opera, then Arabic singing and "I'm Going to Leave Old Texas Now." Later, around our piano and tree faces lit up as we sang carols and had Chinese musicians to play for us.

Friday was the time for another of our regular parties. This time New Year emphasis with informal table games and a special farewell to our Dr. S. C. Fung. With non-Christians seated around our long table among Christian friends and a beautifully decorated cake as centerpiece, we had Indians, Iranians, Palestinians, Chinese to speak or sing. When it came Mr. Fung's time, he spoke a sweet Christian testimony—"I am very happy now since I accepted Christ as my Saviour, and I want many others to know him." He was very faithful, and we'll miss him so much, but glad to know he is going on in his research work with Christ as his partner. Saturday we waved good-by to him on the train as he headed for the University of Chicago, where he is now employed.

We thought all the entertaining was over until greetings came Friday from

Uncle Sam for Omar. So we planned another dinner and had eight guests—five of whom were Arab friends.

We invited many to come to "Student Night at Christmas" which starred some of our internationals: Nancy Lee with her classic testimony and the thought that "God helped me to give it"; Allen Lum with his expression of thanks for salvation; Ray Shen with his "message for you—Is Your All on the Altar?"; and Omar with his farewell, "God bless you. I will keep you in mind . . . I have learned the meaning of Christian love here. Pray for me because I need it."

Other young people, including our former Cal-ites Shelley Posey now of Baylor, and Elizabeth Royal of Hardin-Simmons were also present. The closing message right from the heart, sung by Mrs. Wilbur Martin, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," brought a wonderful climax to the holiday's labors. Omar came forward to take Pastor Paul Meigs by the hand and gave this testimony: "I couldn't wait any longer to accept Christ. I might have to go home soon, and I want to help my people. Pray for me."

Out came Ray Shen with tears of joy as he smiled "Now I know happiness. I had accepted Christ, but never did know happiness until now."

A great time of rejoicing, singing, and testimonies followed at the "I" Center as we handed together to pray for Omar and for Ray who left shortly afterward to return to the service where it is very hard for a foreigner to live for Christ. They go with our prayers.

Hope your Christmas was as good as ours.

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God Works under the Desert Sky

By Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Crews
Missionaries to Indians
Phoenix, Arizona

It was Saturday night and the sun had just dropped behind the purple, jagged mountains. The giant saguaro cacti were silhouetted against a vermillion sunset. The road was dusty and bumpy and we were praying that God would give us the choice words to say as we talked to a young Indian couple about Christ.

Our '46 Plymouth came to a stop in front of a one-room flat-roofed adobe house. A black dog greeted us by wagging his tail as we stepped out of the car and walked to the rear of the house. Three children were jumping in and out of a tub that was sitting on a cot and a young father came in with a load of firewood to build the open fire to prepare the evening meal. The young mother came from the brush arbor with a nursing baby and handed the child to its grandfather sitting nearby on a cane bottomed chair.

And then we talked about Jesus. We opened God's book and read about the Jesus Way . . . his coming, his perfect life, his death for us, his resurrection, his ascension, his ever-abiding presence through the Holy Spirit. And as the fire cast its flickering shadows about the room, we prayed. It seemed that the very stars were pleading Christ's cause.

"Will you accept Christ?" . . . A pause and then in their quiet way they answered, "Yes."

Even though the fire was burning low, we knew that a new fire, a new light, the Son of God, was shining brightly in the hearts of this young couple.

As we returned to our home, we paused to give thanks to God for experiences like these. How glad we are that we can be here under a desert sky with these who wait for the light!

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Santa DIDN'T FORGET THE Seminoles

By Genus Crenshaw
Missionary to the Indians, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

(An account of Christmas, 1951)

SANTA CAME in a big way to the Seminoles. On Friday he visited the First Seminole Baptist Church near Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after the Christmas program and playlet "No Room In The Inn." More than 200 people were present. Several Baptist churches of Florida and other friends of the Seminoles made it possible for Santa to bring plenty of treats for everyone. Among the other things, there were eight bushels of oranges.

On Saturday after a very good barbecue at the mission grounds, all the Indians went to the Dania Airport to watch Santa fly in. Ten planes, flown by Florida pilots, came and there again Santa had something for everyone.

Sunday the "jolly ole fellow" found his way to the Brighton Reservation. On this reservation there are very few Christians, but many of them gathered for the all-day Christmas program. The morning message was brought by Rev. Billy Osceola, a ministerial student at Lakeland. After the evening message by Missionary Genus Crenshaw, visitors brought from churches in Plant City, Lakeland, and Kissimmee a program of stories and song. Santa had socks for the men, dress material for the women, toys for the children, and candy and fruit for all. For dinner and supper the Indians enjoyed a barbecue. During the evening service Frank Taylor of Kissimmee showed pictures he had taken of the Indians. Records of Christmas music were played all during the day.

At the Big Cypress Reservation gifts were exchanged on Monday evening. On Christmas day they gathered for a Christmas sermon. The sermon was delivered in Creek by Rev. Willie King, retired Indian missionary, and was interpreted into the Seminole language by Rev. Billy Osceola. Peace came into the heart of Mrs. Frank Huff as she made a profession of faith in Christ. Mrs. Huff is from the Brighton Reservation and will have few Christian friends to help and encourage her. Three Big Cypress ladies rededicated their lives.

Because so many things were given to the missionaries for the Seminoles, Christmas gifts were taken to Fort Pierce and along the Tamiami Trail as well as to the reservations. Rev. Sam Tommie, pastor of the First Seminole Church, took gifts and the gospel to non-Christians of Fort Pierce. Henry Cypress, ministerial student, took food, clothes, and toys to Indians along the trails.

Santa also remembered the missionaries with a table and chairs for the dining room. This was made possible by a circle and class of Central Baptist Church in Miami and the WMS of Key West.

This Christmas we are grateful for the spirit of giving in the hearts of Baptist people. Most of all we are rejoicing that this Christmas the Christ child was born in the heart of another Seminole.

IN OUR store windows Christmas bells and shiny things are enticing here just as there in the States. Small trees are already in some homes; little pigs are fattening just as your turkeys. To a casual passer-by it would seem that the same Christmas Spirit has come to us in Cuba.

But not so. As one sees "Christ of the Bleeding Heart" amidst all, huge images of the multitude of saints standing on guard for all coming festivities, all blind to the chief diversions of drunkenness and gambling, one realizes the vast difference.

In our churches we are trying to inculcate a far different feeling in the hearts of those who come to us. Hard it is when their parents probably bow down to false gods and some of our little tots will be toddling around under the influence of mixed drinks. Of course this refers to non-Christian homes and we still have so few of the others our hearts break as the Christmas bells ring.

Three months before Christmas 1951 I came to this city of sixty thousand giving harbor to every kind of life from homes with televisions to the one-room adobe in the large public courts where people live as sardines. Many of our church members come from these last, for here, as everywhere, the rich can pay the Catholic price which gives entrance to society, and just about the only entrance.

Folk here have never seen a White Christmas, so they are very excited. We shall try again the beautiful scene we used last year at Consolacion del Sur, cotton-dressed girls forming an arch with white Christmas trees under which go the white gifts; angels up high and scattered around.

We will have Children's Night, too, a program by them, candies to make their eyes bulge and maybe tummies hurt. So I am busy in rehearsals. We know several carols. Two of the boys

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TWENTY-SIX Negro colleges, universities, and seminaries were represented by those attending the Teacher-Missionary Conference held at the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, recently. They came from thirteen states and were furnished rooms by the seminary.

According to Dr. Guy Bellamy, secretary of Negro Work for the Home Mission Board, who directed the conference, all but one of the teacher-missionaries working under the Board were present. In addition, students from the seminary, other faculty members, and denominational leaders were present for the first meeting of its kind to be conducted by Dr. Bellamy.

Dr. Bellamy pointed out that something of the quality of men serving the Home-Mission Board as teacher-missionaries is demonstrated by the fact that last year six of these men were elected presidents of colleges, universities, and seminaries.

It was felt that a number of things were accomplished by the meetings. Workers enjoyed the fellowship and came to know one another. They learned much from one another and the program of teacher-missionary training thus became more unified and co-ordinated

as each shared his choice experiences with the other.

Since the teacher-missionaries are helping to train Negro preachers, much emphasis was given at the conference to the interpretation of the Scriptures and the preparation and delivery of sermons as well as to stewardship and doctrines.

The group was also informed about the fact that the Home Mission Board has voted to employ a field worker who will seek to establish BSU work in Negro colleges, universities, and seminaries. The teacher-missionaries present agreed to go back to their campuses and start laying the ground work for this

project. According to the present plan the Home Board will employ and pay the workers; the Student Department of the Sunday School Board, the National Baptist Convention, Inc., and the National Baptist Convention of America will set up an advisory committee to work with the Home Board in the promotion of the work. It is hoped the work can be started by January of 1953.

September 29-October 1, 1953, has been selected as the date for next year's teacher-missionary conference. At this meeting the eighteen directors of city Negro mission centers will also be invited to be present.

Group attending teacher-missionary conference held recently in Nashville, Tenn.



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What Happened in our Church When we Observed Jewish Fellowship Week

By Wade H. Griffin, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Belle Glade, Florida

(How a pastor approached the Jewish people of his church community and preached the gospel to them during Jewish Fellowship Week last year.)

THE SUGGESTIONS coming from the Home Mission Board concerning the observance of Jewish Fellowship Week appealed to me. In our community are some twenty families of Jews. They have no special organization to expedite their religious efforts in the community. It occurred to me that our own program would not have to be changed since they had none to conflict and that all efforts to approach them for a service in their honor would not put them on the spot as participants but would respect them as guests.

The secretary was instructed to get out a letter of invitation to the Jewish families about as follows:

"In keeping with Southern Baptist churches, we are seeking to share with the Jewish friends of our community a service of worship on Sunday, November 11. You are invited to be the guest of the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade at the eleven o'clock service next Sunday morning. We hope that we shall be favored with your presence."

Also the missionary organizations of the church were encouraged to visit as many Jewish families as possible and to tell them of the plans. The letter from the church tempered the attitude of the Jewish people so that the personal visits were understood and accepted graciously. To further expedite matters, we ran a notice in the local paper concerning our intentions. In addition, radio announcements helped.

Perhaps the fear of the congregation that the minister might defeat their efforts and bring them embarrassment worked them up to a spirit of prayer

for the minister that he might say just the right thing in the sermon.

In preparing the sermon there were many uncertain moments, also such questions as: "Will any Jews come? Suppose they do not come and this sermon is prepared for them? If they do come what will be their attitude toward a Christian service? Will they be too prejudiced to listen without taking exceptions to what is said and put a meaning of their own on the message and get insulted where none was intended? Well, if they do, it is no more than Gentiles often do. I know what I'll do. I'll prepare this sermon for both Jews and Gentiles, then if both come all right. If only one group comes it can have both barrels." These and many other questions rumbled through my mind.

So research began. Old commentaries, new commentaries, articles for and against were read. Side notes were made as an effort to interpret or "improve" the author's ideas.

By Thursday of the week before the "great" sermon was to be born, thoughts began to shape up. Confidence that God was close at hand and that he had dealt with this problem long before other sources had accumulated so much limited knowledge, drove me closer to the original. There it was, the truth just waiting to be dealt with. The Scriptures had the answer! It was just a matter of using mind to assemble the truths appropriate to the occasion.

Of course the subject had already been settled upon ere this. For after all had not Frank Halbeck in November

1951 *Training Union Magazine*, made a suggestion that would serve both as a scriptural text and as a subject? "The Jew First" Romans 1:16 was it! A Jew, a Christian, a preacher, and a missionary to the Gentiles had said that. No, he did not say "the Jew only." He had said "the Jew first." That meant that in God's order all were included—for after all there were then but two classes (Jew and Gentile) and that got them all. They all need the same gospel. Well, it looked as if that would preach—and it did!

Sunday morning came. The house was filling with people. Some came as was their custom, some came from curiosity, some came prayerfully, and the Jews came out of interest. There they were when the choir and the minister came in—a house full of people. But the Spirit-charged atmosphere would convince anyone that these people were in an atmosphere of worship.

When I arose to preach I said: "Ladies and gentlemen, if you had to preach this morning what would you say? If you had to preach any time what would you say?"

By this time the audience was with me in sympathy. So I said, "Today we have come together as people of mixed ideas about religion. There are many religions in the world. We have this in common that whatever our interpretation of religion is we are all aware that the true God is among us and that he has a Son. Some think that Christ has come and some think that Christ has not come. We are all persuaded that we need something greater than ourselves to save us from our sins. In the light of our mutual needs and in the light of the fact that most of our Bible was written by Jews, about Jews, to Jews as well as others, I am standing before you today as a Christian minister reading Jewish Scripture to Jews and Gentiles. This Scripture passage was written by a Jew who became a Christian and preached Christ to Gentiles. He preached a Saviour who had been killed by Jews and Gentiles not because they were either, but because they were lost sinners and refused a Saviour who would dare change their pattern of living from political expediency to spiritual understanding. With this in mind I shall lean heavily upon the Scriptures. Anything that smacks of my prejudice you will discard and everything that is true I challenge you to accept it as the voice of God speaking beyond your prejudices to your soul's need."

Well, after the sermon and benediction.

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Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, is author of *The West Is Big*, a book for adults about the West and Baptist mission work. He is a native of Texas and graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. J. L. Moye, native of Alabama, has served most of her life among Spanish-speaking people, first in Chile and since 1938 under the Home Board in the Southwest. She is a graduate of Woman's Missionary Union Training School. She is author of the book *Lo, I am With You for Intermediates*.

Thelma Brown Burland, author of *Spanish-speaking Americans*, resource book for the 1953 series, now a teacher and housewife, was formerly book consultant of the Baptist Sunday School Board and later promoted book sales for Friendship Press, New York. She is a graduate of Stetson University and Peabody College.

Eva R. Inlow, secretary of Woman's Missionary Union in New Mexico for the past eighteen years, is writing a work familiar to her in her book for young people, *Adventuring With God*, which deals with missions among the Spanish-speaking. She also served for four years as missionary in Cuba.

Martha Thomas Ellis, native of Alabama, now field worker for Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma, was, from 1937 to 1942, missionary in Argentina, and later was appointed by the Home Board to work among the Spanish-speaking people in New Mexico. She is a graduate of Florida State College and Woman's Missionary Union Training School. Her book is *Americans, Too for Juniors*.

Betty Davis Mojica, author of *He Loves Me, Too*, Primary book, has worked under the Home Mission Board among the Spanish-speaking people since 1945. Her husband, Miguel Castillo Mojica, Jr., is present pastor of the Calvary Mexican Baptist Church of San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Mojica is a graduate of Winthrop College and Woman's Missionary Union Training School.

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The Wolfes at Panama's OPEN DOORS

By Loyd Corder
Secretary of Direct Missions

Missionary Eugene Wolfe and Dr. C. Y. Dossey,
of the Home Board Evangelistic Department, in
front of the Baptist church in Chorrera, Panama.

LAST FALL about the middle of April in Chorrera, Panama (you know down there Christmas comes in the summertime), I was eating lunch with Rev. Eugene Wolfe and his family in their rented house on Main Street. This street is also Panama's main highway west from the Canal Zone. The house was filled by the constant roar and honking of cars and chivas (privately owned and operated omnibuses) punctuated by the shouts of children at play. As we ate the deliciously-prepared native rice, plantains, and papayas, and talked of the mission work in Panama, I was fascinated to learn that Brother Wolfe of South Bend, Indiana, and Mrs. Wolfe, the former Marian Beatrice Thomas of Birmingham, Alabama, had met and married in Mexico City. Their eldest son Johnny was born there in 1945. The middle son Tommy was born in Abilene, Texas, in 1948, and the baby Jimmy was born in Panama City, Panama, in 1951. Brother Wolfe was converted in the First Baptist Church of Mishawaka, Indiana, in 1934. Right away he wanted

to learn all he could about the Bible. So he enrolled in Moody Bible Institute. In 1941, having graduated, he went to Mexico under the auspices of a small independent mission. He had been there about a year when the mission split and he was left stranded. So he joined forces with the Wycliffe Translators.

It was at their annual conference in 1943, held in a house loaned by former president Cardenas of Mexico, that he met and fell in love with Miss Thomas. She had come to Mexico with the Wycliffe Translators after having finished Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, and a special course in linguistics.

They were married in 1944 and continued their translation work until 1947, but they were not altogether happy because the major emphasis of their work was of a literary and non-denominational nature while in their hearts they yearned for a good old Baptist soul-winning ministry.

Provisionally they became acquainted with Rev. and Mrs. James Crane who were then studying the Spanish language

in Mexico City after having terminated their work with the Home Mission Board in Texas and having received an appointment to serve in Mexico under the Foreign Mission Board. The Wolfes were already more or less familiar with our Foreign Mission Board's program of work in Mexico and the Cranes told them also of what the Home Mission Board is doing among the Mexicans in Texas and the Southwest. This appealed to Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe as the kind of program in which they would like to work.

They went to Fort Worth, Texas, to enter Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. It was their plan, if possible, to serve among the Mexicans in Texas until they were prepared to apply for an appointment to South America under the Foreign Mission Board. When Brother Wolfe went to enroll in the seminary, Dr. A. S. Newman, his faculty counsellor, advised him to finish college before entering the seminary. So they moved to Abilene, Texas, and enrolled in Hardin-Simmons University. In the



Mrs. Otilda de Reina, first president of
Woman's Missionary Society of the
church at Chorrera, Panama.

Tommy, Jimmy, and
Johnny Wolfe.



meantime, Mrs. Wolfe, who had been a Presbyterian, joined a Baptist church in Fort Worth.

Soon they received appointment as student-missionaries to the Mexicans at Eastland, Cisco, and Ranger, Texas, where they served while studying at Hardin-Simmons University and then Southwestern Seminary.

At that time Dr. Otis Strickland was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cisco, Texas. His father-in-law was the late Rev. Paul C. Bell, former superintendent of the Home Mission Board's work in Panama. Through Dr. Strickland the Wolfes began correspondence with Mr. Bell which led to his requesting their transfer to Panama as soon as they finished the seminary.

Thus it was that they arrived in Chorrera, Panama, in September 1951. The little church had been without a pastor for two years and the dozen remaining active members were very much discouraged. On the other hand, the field is one of the most challenging to be found anywhere. In the little city of Chorrera live approximately eighteen thousand people and another ten to twelve thousand live within a radius of five miles. Our little Baptist church is the only evangelical ministry these approximately thirty thousand people have.

Brother Wolfe said, "I was amazed at the reception given us by the people. When we first arrived we passed out handbills to the whole population. I overheard a Nicaraguan say that where he came from we would have been stoned, but no one refused the handbills and everyone was courteous to us."

Brother Wolfe's church in Chorrera meets in a rented building situated on the main street and highway just across from the city plaza. The building has five double doors opening out onto the sidewalk on two sides of the auditorium. On special occasions it is not unusual to have more people standing on the sidewalk looking in than are seated inside the building. These people have no knowledge of evangelical Christians, but they do have some very far-fetched misconceptions about Baptists. One man, after standing on the sidewalk peering in during a worship service, approached one of the members of the church and

apologized for having associated Baptists in his mind with the holy roller groups which were the only evangelical Christians he had ever known.

Ignorance, superstition, and sin are rampant there. Wolfe says that many of the older people who have been converted in his church have come out of a most degraded background. For instance, there is a Mr. Mercedes, who had two wives. He became interested in the gospel and would attend the services together with his two wives and all their children. He accepted the Lord but at first he did not have the strength to give up one of his wives. The pastor talked with him and others talked with him about it. Finally one day after much prayer God gave him the inner strength to do it. He gave up his second wife, making arrangements with her to keep and rear their children.

Now Mr. Mercedes is one of the most stalwart members the church has. His place is three miles from the road. He brings his load of papaya out to the road, boards the chiva (omnibus) and goes to Panama City to sell his produce. He could exchange the produce in Chorrera, but he prefers to sell it for cash in order that he may give his tithe. He returns by way of the pastor's home in Chorrera and gives the pastor the tithe of his income. Brother Wolfe says that sometimes he hesitated to take the money because he knew the man's need. One day he said, "Brother Mercedes don't you need that money?" And the man said, "Oh, but I can't take that

money, that's the Lord's money." And Brother Wolfe's testimony is that the Lord blesses this man in that his land yields better corn, rice, yucca, and papaya than the other similar plots of his neighbors.

On the other hand, there are refined and cultured people in Brother Wolfe's congregation such as Mrs. Otilda de Reina the first president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the church and a teacher in the local public schools. She is a lovely Christian and all of her five children are now members of the church. The eldest daughter is studying to be a missionary and all of the family tithe out of their meager income.

I asked the Wolfes how they liked Panama as a place to live. They think it is one of the most desirable places in the world for mission service. He pointed out that the climate is very enjoyable, the dense vegetation absorbs the heat in hot weather and the temperature there seldom drops below 70 degrees in the cooler weather. They are near enough the Panama Canal Zone and the City of Panama to buy practically anything they could have in the United States.

The great difficulty they have is the problem of educating their children. Of course, there is a good school in the Canal Zone but tuition is too high for a missionary's family budget. There are also good private schools in Panama City but in order to reach them it is necessary for them to drive approximately thirty miles daily. Their oldest

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Teachers and assistants at 1952 VBS. Boy at left is Rafael E. Gonzalez, seventeen-year-old ministerial student.



Prerequisite

NO PERSON, young or old, is a proper candidate for the ordinance of baptism until he is born again by the Holy Spirit. The new birth, conversion, and salvation, all include conviction of sin, repentance toward God, restitution (wherever possible), confession of Christ, saving faith (belief on the Lord Jesus Christ): "Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus"; "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

These all-important, initial steps are prerequisites for baptism and church membership. The believer's immersion shows a composite picture of the candidate with Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection to walk together with Christ in newness of life. Baptism is not a saving ordinance, it is not a sacrament; it is a portrait in miniature of atonement, new birth, and salvation as already received by yielding the mind, heart, and will to the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

The Voice of God

One need only to contemplate quietly the scene of the immersion of Jesus by John the Baptist to see and hear the spiritual implications of that scene. The Holy Trinity was there: God the Father; Jesus, the Son; and the Holy Spirit. This is a gospel television scene with the voice from heaven.

On the radio one may hear "The Voice of the South," or "The Voice of Experience," or "The Voice of America," or other expressions or slogans that carry with them certain and definite implications. Early in my Christian life some friend gave me a tract entitled *The Voice of God on Baptism*. This tract quoted all direct references to baptism in the Gospels, the Acts, and the Epis-

cles—these were left without comment, leaving the Holy Bible as the voice of God.

A valuable book, *The Moral Dignity of Baptism*, by J. M. Frost who for many years was secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, came into my possession in my first pastorate. It set me to thinking and I have tried to put it into practice by conducting baptism (immersion) in the proper manner so as to meet the highest ideals of Dr. Frost's excellent chapters on the theme.

Mingling with many young ministerial students at educational centers and the seminary, in city missions, and with chaplains at army camps, I have found many different methods of administering the ordinance of baptism, sometimes even amusing and incongruous. Careful instructions to all candidates before baptism and proper care in each case by the administrator with attention to all details will help to create a beautiful picture.

The Voice of Prophecy and Promise

In Acts, baptism is mentioned about twenty-five times, the resurrection about thirty times, and the Holy Spirit fifty times or more. The pray-ers and preachers went beyond prophecy to Pentecost; they went beyond baptism to the promise of the power of the Holy Spirit. The promise is "unto you and unto your children." They went by way of the cross, and beyond, to resurrection life; they preached Jesus and the resurrection; they went beyond the local churches to regions beyond—"Come over and help us"; they went beyond the ascension to the blessed hope of Christ's return—"This same Jesus, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

A Beautiful Ordinance

While writing some of these notes early one morning I heard "The Voice of the South" announce the death of a famous concert singer. This news increased my desire to set forth an incident just as I heard it during one of her concert tours. When her baptism (immersion) took place, it was reported that she waited in the baptistry while she stood and sang the hymn:

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know
Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I
resign;

My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour
art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus,
'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless
delight.

I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so
bright;

I'll sing with the glittering crown
on my brow.

If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus,
'tis now.

Realizing that her talent, a beautiful voice, was a gift from God, she honored Christ with it. She was a lovely Christian, and so made her home a little lower than heaven. When she came in sight of the celestial city that morning, no doubt like Bunyan's Pilgrim "all the trumpets sounded," welcoming her to the heavenly choir—singing in Paradise!

A Personal Testimony

My baptism, when a teen-age boy, occurred on Easter Sunday at the old Mt. Moriah Baptist Church. Every Easter Sunday since that one has been a declaration of the resurrection and all the spiritual implications of that baptismal scene. To that Easter and the memory of the old home church on the hill and a clear stream down in the valley below, my heart will always cling. From thousands of rural churches like Mt. Moriah, Bethel, Old Salem, and Ramah, recruits for the ministry are still on their way after hearing the voice of God.

There's a song in my heart that my
lips cannot sing;

'Tis praise to my Saviour, to Jesus
my King;

Its music this moment is thrilling
my soul,

For I was a sinner, but Christ made
me whole.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS



Road Repair Ahead

By Mrs. John Caylor

Slow Down — Road Repairs — Detour.

THESE are some of the signs one sees along the highway. We were on our way to Kansas where my husband was to preach in the Kansas Evangelistic Crusade, September 28-October 12, taking my mother to Fort Smith, Arkansas, to visit her sister.

It was early in the morning. I was driving; Dr. Caylor was working a crossword puzzle. A couple of road repair signs loomed and we slowed down. Just as we came over a hill in northern Mississippi we saw a sign, "Slow to 25 m.p.h.," a man waving his hand, and fresh oil on the pavement. As the brakes were applied the car skidded, turned over, and ran backward about thirty feet down the highway embankment.

Our mother was thrown out of the car and looked as if she were dead. Mr. Caylor and I were painfully injured but not seriously. The road crewmen were most attentive. They ministered to us with great tenderness, using car seats for stretchers, and calling an ambulance. "A cup of cold water" shall have its reward.

One of the most practical and spontaneous acts of community missions we have ever observed was demonstrated by the women of the Ripley, Mississippi, Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. George Gay, came to the hospital to see us. Learning of the serious condition of Mother and our physical inability to minister to her, with no registered nurse available in the community, soon Mrs. Gay went into action.

Mrs. T. N. Braddock, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, came to our rescue. She detailed some women to sit with Mother until our daughters and sister arrived, taking a shift herself.

"I was sick and ye visited me."

She also opened her home to the girls and made them her guests during our hospital stay. "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

Mrs. Carl Townsend, of Blue Moun-

(Editor's note: The managing editor and Mrs. Caylor have recovered from their bruises and Mrs. Finney, Mrs. Caylor's mother, is recovering satisfactorily in Georgia Baptist Hospital.)

tain, brought her car to Ripley and left it with the girls for transportation during their stay. There were flowers from the Ripley church and from others. There were visits from President Lowry and Business Manager Buchanan, of Blue Mountain College, and Pastor and Mrs. Woody and Mrs. W. C. Tyler.

Nurses and doctors were attentive far beyond duty. Even the maids at the hospital were kind and helpful. We shall always have a warm spot in our hearts for the people of Ripley. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We slowed down and detoured on our trip to find some of God's chosen people with a practical missionary spirit doing what their hands found to do. We came home to find our Christian friends of Atlanta equally as solicitous for our welfare.

As community missions chairman in my own society I must confess that Christian women have really practiced the ideals of this office and have taught me its principles.

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AMONG the MISSIONARIES

Progress in Ketchikan

The month of September has been a busy month in our church. With the beginning of the new school year, returning of our people from vacations, and the close of the fishing season, responsibilities and activities of the church have increased.

We rejoiced the first Sunday in August when our attendance reached 100. That was the highest attendance for some time. The record attendance of 105 was reached last Easter.

Teachers and officers for the new year have been elected. We are having a study course using the book *The Church Using Its Sunday School* by J. N. Barnett. At the close of the study course, on Friday night, we are planning a banquet.

Beginning with the new church year we are also enlarging our Sunday school organization. The Juniors and Intermediates have been having their opening exercises together and we have now arranged for them to have separate services. That was also true with the Primary, Beginner, and Nursery Departments. We have provided for separate meeting places for them and have secured sufficient leaders for the present enrollment. We are dividing the Nursery into two groups, separating the bed babies from the toddlers and three-year-olds. We hope to make another division in that department as soon as space can be provided.

With this change in the organization we are expecting an increase in the entire Sunday school.

Geraldine Barron, a young woman from our church, has enrolled in Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, this fall. We now have two students in O. B. U. The other one is Vassa Casey who is beginning her Sophomore year.

We have organized a Junior GA this month. A Junior choir has also been started. Plans are being made for the organization of a Brotherhood at an early date.

—Dan P. Tyson
Missionary-Pastor
Ketchikan, Alaska

Mission Group Welcomes Return of Seminary Students

There was much joy expressed in the faces of the people at the mission below Golden Meadow as the seminary bus pulled in for a service. It seemed as if all were lifted to a new height spiritually. During the summer the mission had used only a tape recorder to furnish music. Although it was much better than no music at all, the number of songs was limited. The workers had been few, the singing limited. Above all the people wanted to sing the gospel hymns and choruses. Now with the organ and more workers there would be lots of singing to go with the preaching of the gospel.

This mission was established by seminary students from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the people have learned to love them and look forward to their coming each Sunday. There have been several to accept Christ and most of them have been baptized and joined the church. God has blessed the work of the seminary group and the community has been lifted to a new spiritual height.

There is a need for a mission building in this community for these people. Join us in praying that God will supply the need.

—S. T. Smith
Missionary to French
Golden Meadow, Louisiana

The Pagans from Darkness Into Light

Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser Toledo was the first couple to go into baptismal waters together from Tinian Mission here in New Mexico.

Mr. Toledo said, when he wanted to go all the way with his Saviour, "I know what this will mean, I know I will be persecuted by my loved ones, they have all tried to keep me away from Christian services, they tell me that I can't quit my Navajo religion."

He told my interpreter to tell me that even before he was saved he looked forward to the day when we would have services at Tinian and declared that when he heard God's Bizaad (Word) there was a tug at his heart strings.

Mr. and Mrs. Toledo are illiterate.



but five of their loved ones have accepted Christ as their Saviour and have followed him in baptism as a result of their testimony.

It has not been easy for them to do personal work for they were forbidden by the older folk to go into their homes. Often we have seen them by the road which leads to the Trading Post, or often they came to the missionary's yard to talk with relatives and friends about their Saviour.

Mr. Toledo has worked on the mission building and he is anxiously waiting the appropriation of more money so that the building can be finished.

One day as my interpreter and I were watching him do the rock work on the building, I asked him if he got tired chiseling and laying the rocks.

"I pray to God and lay rocks," he replied. As he worked he talked about how we need to finish the building and bring the unsaved here from the wilderness of sterile shamanism, sometimes referred to as the medicine man's cult of "sings," into the promised land of Christian discipleship.

As the desert cries out for water and brings forth abundantly when water is given, so are the hearts of this people thirsting for God, ready to respond with the fruits of life when they have water of life for refreshment.

—Melvina Roberts
Missionary to Indians
Farmington, New Mexico

Dinah Longs to Come

Little Dinah Chesson, a beautiful

with her, teaching her the choruses and Bible stories which she has learned in Sunday school and in day school.

Dinah asked me if she might come to school. I told her she might visit us sometime, but that she could attend Sunday school every Sunday if her mother and father would permit. Her little face beamed with joy.

The mother has promised to let the child come to Sunday school. Pray with me that through her interest these young parents may come to know Christ.

—Evelyn Stanford
Missionary to French
Montegut, Louisiana

Spanish Welcome New Worker

On the fifth of September we moved to this new field. The Spanish work in this city is a little different from that in any other place where we have ever served. Our people are scattered far and wide over this great metropolis, there is no Mexican or Spanish community as such, so our people have to come from long distances to get to church.

The members of our church have been extremely nice to us, trying to show their appreciation for our coming. I do not believe that we have ever been received with such a great welcome in any other mission field. There have been little welcome surprises that let us know they appreciate us.

On the thirteenth of this month we were given a surprise welcome in which some of the leading Baptist workers in Oklahoma City as well as members of

our church took part.

Pray that our ministry may be long and fruitful.

—Rev. and Mrs. Charles C.
Pierson
Missionaries to Spanish-speaking
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"Best Time in My Life"

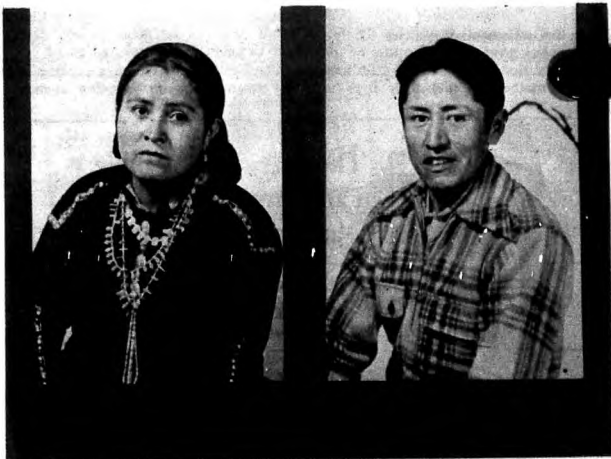
"It was the best time I ever had in all my life," said one of our Apache girls about her trip to All-Indian Camp in New Mexico, as she told one of the returning boarding school students of the summer's happenings.

We had not realized that the camp had meant so much to her, although we had rejoiced to see her marking Scripture passages in her Bible during the conferences. We pray that at this time, when it seems that our teaching is accomplishing so little, much more is being absorbed than appears on the surface.

Another of our girls unexpectedly asked in Sunday school class that we give her Scripture references on why Baptists do not believe in infant baptism. Still another, after taking a job in a distant town, writes, "I forgot my Bible at Whiteriver, but I pray every day." Needless to say, she will get her Bible.

Pray with us for these Christian girls that they will continue to grow in grace.

—E. C. Branch
Missionary to Indians
Lakeside, Arizona

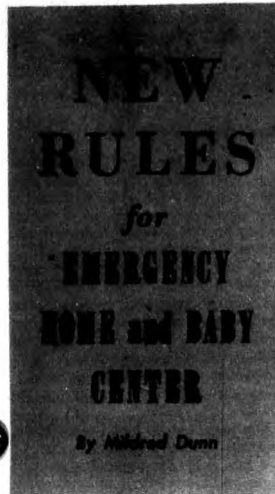


three-year-old child, likes to hear hymns and choruses. Although Dinah's grandparents, an uncle, and two aunts are Baptists, her parents are still Catholic. The little girl goes to her grandmother's home, pulls a chair up to the window toward the mission, and listens to the singing during our devotional period at school.

Dinah begs to attend Sunday school with her little aunt, but the father would never allow her to come. He is now away fishing on an oyster boat.

For the last two or three months the young mother and her two small children have been attending our cottage prayer meetings. This week Dinah stood by me and led the children in singing a chorus.

Bertha, her little aunt, plays school



Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, superintendent of Woman's Emergency Home and Baby Placement Center, holds one of babies. No one is allowed to adopt babies until they are old enough for definite health pattern to be established.

BECAUSE the services of the Woman's Emergency Home and Baby Placement Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, both operated by the Home Mission Board, are more than ever in demand, the Board recently made a restudy of these institutions and formulated more specific policies to govern their operation.

In the statement of policies the following was given as the purpose of the Woman's Emergency Home: "To help unwed mothers rebuild their lives so

that they can return to their homes to live happily as good citizens and good Christians, and to help them to plan soundly for the future lives of their babies."

The Home Mission Board bears the cost of providing and maintaining the property of the home and pays the salaries of all personnel, but the girls are expected to bear certain expenses that would naturally be theirs in any case such as medical expenses and board.

The Baptist Baby Home, according to the statement, is an adoption agency

whose function is to plan adoption placement for the babies released to the home. Its present policy is to place babies in homes where the adoptive parents are Baptists or Protestants; both active members of the same church; the income in the family is adequate to give a child a comfortable and secure life; the adoptive mother is not over thirty-seven years of age and the adoptive father is not over forty-two years; and where the medical, physical, and emotional conditions of the adoptive parents are satisfactory.

The adoptive parents are expected to pay certain fees and costs including a part of the cost of our service to the child, their own attorney fees, court costs, etc., necessary in the adoptive procedure.

Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, superintendent of the Woman's Emergency Home and Baby Placement Center, reports that during 1951 forty-one babies were placed in good Christian homes and women from sixteen states were served in the home. Some of the babies born in the home are kept by their mothers. Since the Baby Placement Center was established in 1948, ninety-seven babies have been placed in eleven states.

More applications are received by this institution than can be handled because of the lack of space. It is hoped that larger quarters may soon be provided.

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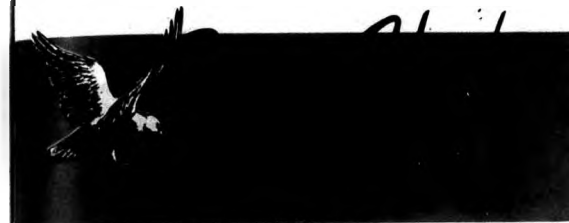


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By B. Frank Belvin
Secretary of Indian Work

AN AUTUMN RAIN had fallen when I turned north into two narrow tracks that were an excuse for a road. The road builders had apparently forgotten it, and I had to weave in and out through the open pasture to miss the high centers and deep ruts. I forded two streams and was soon on a road that stretched away to a hill.

At the foot of that hill, three years ago, I had talked with an Indian grandfather whom I shall call Flying Hawk, and he had soon after that dedicated his life to God. Now, after a long absence, I was going back, going back to visit his widow, his daughter, and her seven children. Three months before, Flying Hawk had been in apparent good health. He worked all morning and had sat down to dinner. While he ate, laughed, and talked, the heart that was once strong ceased to beat, and he fell asleep.

When I turned off the road toward the little dwelling, a sense of loneliness took hold of my heart for here in times past we had planned for the work of the eternal kingdom. As I pulled up and stopped, I quickly realized that no one lived there. The doors of the little house were closed tightly, the yard fence was gone to rack, and the once comfortable little lawn was covered with tall weeds that reached like bony fingers to the eaves of the porch. It was raining again, and my loneliness became more intense. And while my tears helped the rain-

drops wash my cheeks, I talked with God about the man who once lived there.

In the yard, with autumn-tinted leaves was a tall oak tree, standing guard like a painted warrior. Under its shadow Flying Hawk had often welcomed my coming or waved at my leaving. Now as I turned and went slowly away, the mighty branches of that painted oak appeared in his place to wave good-by.

I was back on the little, old road. My tracks of a short while before were erased by the rain. Those faded tracks, the once comfortable lawn that was now taken over by the weeds, and the patter of falling rain, emphasized the fact that all that man is or does is but for a little while, but that which God does is for eternity.

I thanked God that I and friends who have shared with me in the work, have helped Flying Hawk to find the Beautiful Way.

We feel certain that Southern Baptists will continue to pray that God will grant us wisdom to lead many in his way.

City Missions Conference

Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of the Co-operative Mission Department of the Home Board, calls attention to the Southwide City Missions Conference scheduled to meet in the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 24-27, 1953.

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First Standard Indian Sunday School?

Last year our Caddo Sunday school began planning and working toward a standard Sunday school. At the beginning of this month we found it possible to take the last step necessary. The Beginner-Primary class was divided into two separate classes, with a different teacher and room for each.

So far as we know, this is the first standard Sunday school among the Indian churches of Oklahoma. Just one difficulty remains. The new Primary class needs furniture.

—Fred Bloomer
Missionary to Indians
Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma

the man in the RED suit isn't
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Christ is for ALL

By Louise Whitmire
Baptist Good Will Center, East St. Louis, Illinois



Four recently won to Christ through the Good Will Center in East St. Louis, Illinois.

ON A RECENT Sunday afternoon four people from the Baptist Good Will Center in East St. Louis, Illinois, followed their Lord in baptism and became members of the Rosemont Baptist Church.

One of them was Mrs. Walter Newton, sixty-seven years old. One day, during a visit in Mrs. Newton's home, we learned that she had never accepted Christ as her Saviour. When we began talking to her about her great need of knowing Jesus tears came in her eyes and she said, "I want to know Jesus as my Saviour, but I just don't know what to do to be saved. I've never understood."

We began reading Scripture passages and telling her what God says one must do to be saved. She listened intently, seeming to cling to every word, then asked many questions. Mrs. Newton was under deep conviction and we asked her if she were not ready to surrender her heart to Jesus and call upon him to save her. She answered "yes" and we knelt to pray. In agony she cried out, "Lord, forgive me a sinner and save my soul." Over and over she prayed these words, sobbing deeply.

After awhile she lifted her head, with the radiance of heaven and the joy of salvation beaming from her face. Placing her hand over her heart, quietly she

said, "Something has happened to me inside. Now I feel so light and happy. My burdens are gone."

Since Mrs. Newton met Jesus face to face, her life has been transformed. She is always happy and tells everybody she sees about her new-found joy in him. Each time we go to visit her her testimony is that "Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before." One day she said, "You know, I'm not afraid to die now—I'm at peace with my Lord."

The night after Mrs. Newton was saved, she went to prayer meeting at the nearest Baptist church and presented herself for baptism and church membership.

On the same day that this dear old grandmother found Christ, Patsy Sale, nine years old, also found him as her Lord and Saviour. It was during a Junior Girls' club meeting at the center that Patsy felt Jesus knocking at her heart's door. After the meeting she came to talk with us personally about becoming a Christian. She accepted Christ and came to prayer meeting that night to publicly confess him. When the invitation was given, Patsy walked down the aisle confident that she knew in whom she had believed. She turned to face the congregation, giving this testimony: "I have trusted Jesus for salvation and he has saved my soul. I have left the devil's side and am going to live for Jesus the rest of my life."

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By Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Crews

Missionaries to Indians

Phoenix, Arizona

WITH OUR '46 Plymouth loaded to capacity with a week's supply of groceries, pots, pans, bedding, VRS supplies, projector, screen, our three children, and Miss Martha Ross, our summer worker from Kentucky, we began our journey to First Mesa on the Hopi Reservation, 130 miles from Flagstaff and seventy miles off the highway.

The Hopi (ho-pe) Indians, a very friendly and vivacious people, have lived on the high mesas because of religious beliefs and at one time for protection. The IQ of the Hopi is 112 which is nine points higher than that of the white man and above all other Indian tribes; which makes them the most intelligent race of people in the United States. It is said that they settled one of their biggest disagreements with a tug-of-war—no guns and no one killed.

They do not permit Catholics to work in any way on their mesas because of their unfaithfulness to Hopi wives and daughters as far back as the Sixteenth Century. Yet they still cling to their pagan gods, using rattlesnakes in their pagan dances. First Mesa is one of six villages and has about 800 people. The entire tribe consists of about 4,200.

Many things attracted our attention as we drove up on top of the mesa into the village which is about 525 feet high—straight up. We saw a family hauling water in a wagon, a young mother sitting on the edge of the cliff with her young baby. Many pueblo-type houses, plastered with mud, are there, old wagons and burros in pinon corrals. The first to greet us was a little boy wearing a red cowboy hat and boots and nothing

else. He merrily called "Hello, hello, hello."

As it grew time for our first evening service, the public address system was turned on and the hymn "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me" penetrated into every home. To our amazement 100 people came to the services. There was, however, a remarkable absence of men. We found later that they are very hard to reach because they are the ones who carry on the pagan religious ceremonies. However, many of them were on the outside and seemed eager to hear as long as they were not seen.

The following morning we began Vacation Bible school. Before the week went by ninety were enrolled and seventy came every day. Thirty-seven Juniors sat quietly for two hours on chairs without backs as Miss Ross taught them. Forty-four Beginners sat on the floor and saw pictures as Mrs. Crews talked to them through an interpreter.

This is the pay-off. Seven of these little brown maidens came trusting Christ. We had seen many wonderful and interesting sights in this strange village, but what we felt in our hearts when we left made us want to go back again and again to tell this multitude of hungry hearts the message of a Saviour who can redeem and turn their darkness into dawning.

Pray that Southern Baptists may do just that!

What Happened?

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tion the people melted together in fellowship as though the "middle wall of partition" had melted. No group to whom "this poor lisping, stammering tongue" ever spoke was more responsive and appreciative than were these Jewish friends. Now this Christian minister can go down the street to any Jewish business and be greeted with the affection that comes from members of his congregation.

We have too long been suspicious and prejudiced ourselves to solicit the sincere expression of Jewish hearts that are hungry. They may not always know for what they are hungry, but if we are willing to share with them rather than look down Gentile noses at Jewish "toses" rather than to give them a square look in the eye as a sincere neighbor, we shall come rejoicing bringing our sheaves with us. O yes, the harvest may be delayed but God's seeds always germinate in due season when the laws of grace are followed.

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Christmas in Cuba

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and I made Christmas songbooks with some eighty carols. We made them for this church, the mission, and the other town where I work on Fridays. We hope to sing carols on the streets also.

May the Christmas and New Year season be your very happiest, bringing the joy that is inside, the satisfaction that comes from knowing that we belong to the Christ of Christmas.



Part of congregation at First Mexican Southern Baptist Church in Los Angeles, a church which has grown from twenty-five to 140 members in two years.

MEXICAN MISSION Takes Root in California

By Mildred Dunn

THE First Mexican Southern Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, which was started as a mission in 1941 with a total membership of seven (the missionary and his family), now, a few years later, has become a thriving church with 140 members. It has a nice building and is apparently ready for even greater and more outstanding advancement in the future.

In 1948 Southern Baptists sent their first missionary couple to California to

work among the Spanish-speaking people. This couple was Rev. and Mrs. Jesus Rios. Their first work was at San Jose where they established a mission and in 1949 moved to Los Angeles to start work there. Their meeting place for the Los Angeles mission was by the side of a mile-square cemetery and surrounded on the other sides by Anglos, thus not very accessible to Spanish-speaking people. Nevertheless, the missionaries went to work and by the end

of 1949 several families had joined the church and there had been some conversions. The membership had reached twenty-five.

With this number the mission was organized into a church on January 2, 1950. During 1950, and until the present time, the church continued to grow and the evidences of the "wonders God hath wrought" are everywhere evident.

The budget indicates something of the growth of the church. The budget for the first year was almost \$4,500.00 and by 1952 had grown to more than \$10,000.00. The 1953 budget has already been set up and tops \$14,000.00.

The highlight for the little church during 1952 was when it moved from its unfavorable location near the cemetery to a lovely and adequate church building in an area populated by Spanish-speaking people and on public transportation. The missionaries discovered that many of the Mexican people in the community formerly lived in Texas.

The Home Mission Board purchased the building, a former Presbyterian church, for \$43,000.00 and of this amount the Mexican congregation agreed to pay \$7,000.00 in monthly

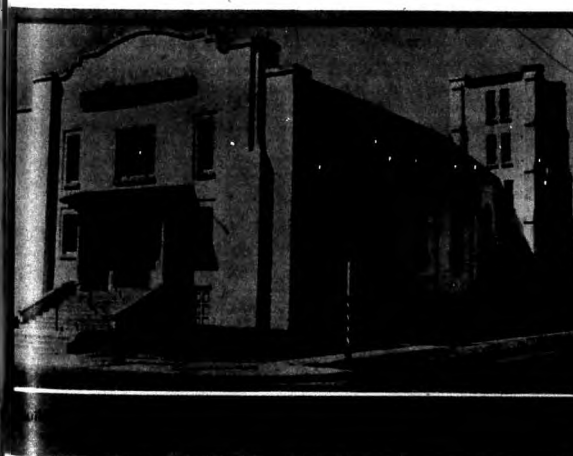


payments. In addition the congregation offered to buy a Wurlitzer organ, some beautiful pulpit chairs, and install a public address system in the main auditorium which will seat 800 people. The building is adequate for present needs and provides room for growth.

The church, now just two years old, has a well-organized Sunday school with a total of fifteen classes; an average attendance of seventy-five in the Training

Union; a WMS with five well-organized circles; and YWA, GA, RA, and Sunbeam Band organizations.

If as has been said, "prayer meetings are the thermometer of a church," then the First Mexican Baptist Church of Los Angeles is a warm and growing New Testament church and is a good start for work among the many Spanish-speaking people in California and along the West Coast.



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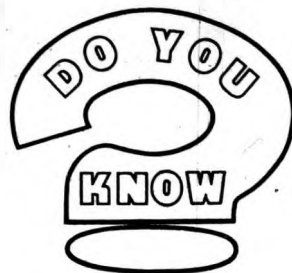
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Wolfe

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son Johnny stayed in Balboa with Rev.
and Mrs. W. H. Beebe of the First Bap-
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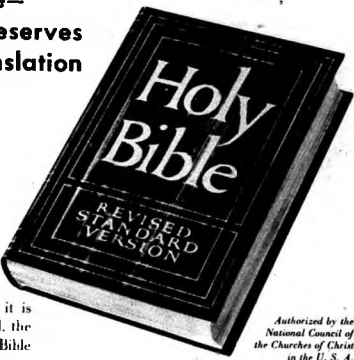


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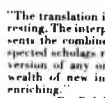
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