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The OUTWARD REACH

By Courts Redford

CHRISTIANITY is a missionary religion. It is so by its nature. People who know Christ want to tell others of him. It is so by commandment. "Go" is one of the great imperatives of the Bible. "Go tell," "Go home," "Go into the byways and hedges," and "Go ye into all the world" are a few of the directions given unto the followers of the Son of God.

It is so by the example of Jesus himself. That impelling word "must" is often used in connection with the ministry of Jesus.

If we follow Jesus we must go to the house of God. As a lad of twelve he said to his parents, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Some translate the passage, "Do ye not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

The follower of Jesus will be interested in Christian homes. In speaking to Zacchaeus, Christ said, "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house."

The disciple of Jesus will overcome prejudice and cross social and racial barriers that others may be won. John, in writing of Jesus, declared "And he must needs go through Samaria." From the story that follows it seems that the impelling motive which caused Jesus to travel the little used route from Judea to Galilee was his opportunity to witness to the Samaritans who "had no dealings" with the Jews.

The obedient servant of Christ will surely give attention to the unfortunate and the neglected. The disciples of Jesus were engaged in an argument as to who was at fault that a boy was born blind. When Jesus saw the blind man, he said, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day . . ." He healed the man. While the world is in a marathon of talk about the world's ills, the Christian should be doing something to alleviate pain, suffering, fear, and doubt.

The faithful follower of Jesus will ever be reaching out to new fields. Following the healing of Peter's mother-in-law Christ's fame went throughout the city and countryside. The disciples were elated. They found

Jesus in a solitary place of prayer and declared "all men seek thee." The next words of Jesus fell as a thunderbolt on the expectant ears of the disciples.

"I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also," said Jesus, "for therefore am I sent." He was leaving what seemed to be a wonderful opportunity near at hand to obey the missionary impulse.

Certainly it was not because of failure in Capernaum or because of a lack of opportunity there that he felt impelled to go on. It was the mission imperative that makes every true follower of Christ desire to tell the gospel story to those who know it not.

Thus we find Jesus ever reaching out a little farther. He reaches out to other places, to other races, to neglected peoples, to needy homes, to those in the highways and hedges and fishermen's boats and in the marts of trade—always a little farther with the message of eternal life.

He leaves the comfort of Peter's home to enter other towns. He denies himself the pleasure of a meal with his disciples to talk to a sinful woman. He faces the criticism and scorn from the self-righteous Jews to have fellowship with Zacchaeus and Matthew. He turns away from the glories of success and the praise of men in order to preach to other Galilean cities. He surrenders himself to reach out to others.

So must some of us surrender selfish interests and forego or defer the construction of a new building or the air-conditioning of our present plant to help build a mission building in another community or another city. So must we overcome prejudice and indifference to carry the gospel to the neglected, the isolated, and the minority groups. So must we overcome fear and doubt and timidity to become personal witnesses among those who never attend our church services. In so doing we shall share the missionary motive that impelled our Lord in his outward reach for lost men and shall find the true meaning of his promise, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

NEWS

Interested in 1955 Crusade

Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, reports a total attendance of above 32,000 including 18,000 pastors and denominational leaders in the evangelistic conferences in the states. Interest in the 1955 evangelistic crusade presages a real revival.

631 New Churches

Southern Baptists, according to the Survey Bulletin, reported 631 more churches in 1953 than in 1952, the total being 29,496.

Three Million More in '54

Southern Baptists are expected to pass three milestones of millions during 1954: church membership should reach 8,000,000; Sunday school enrollment, 6,000,000; and Training Union enrollment, 2,000,000.

New Worker in North Carolina

Baptists of North Carolina have voted to create a department of evangelism and elect a full-time secretary for the promotion of the work beginning January 1, 1955.

Home Board Gets New Properties

The Home Mission Board is constantly trying to get better locations and better buildings for its mission work. Recently the Board has approved the acquisition of the following properties: Purchase of the former First Southern Baptist Church in Redlands, California, for the Spanish-speaking congregation at a price of \$15,000.00; construction of a new building for the Spanish-speaking congregation at Socorro, New Mexico at a cost of \$12,000.00; and a building for the Japanese, Richmond, California, at a cost not to exceed \$29,350.00. The Board also allocated \$5,400.00 to aid in the erection of educational facilities for the Spanish church at Salinas, California, and \$3,150.00 for the purchase of a lot and erection of a chapel at Cotorro, Cuba.

Dates Set for Board Meetings

The semi-annual meeting of the Home Mission Board will convene at Glorieta, New Mexico, 2:00 P. M., July 16, according to announcement made recently. This meeting will be held in connection with the Home Mission Week there. It is expected the meeting will continue so long as necessary to transact the business.

The annual meeting date was set as Tuesday and Wednesday, December 7 and 8, 1954. This meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

Deaf Group Helps Deaf in Formosa

Members of the Silent Sunday School Class and Training Union of the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, recently sent \$60.00 to Miss Pearl Johnson, Southern Baptist Missionary in Formosa, to be used in reaching the deaf of that section with the message of Christ.

They were prompted to make this offering after hearing a letter from Miss Johnson in which she told of her efforts to start a class for deaf in the mission church there.

Plans are under consideration in the First Church, Houston, to have a department for the deaf including several Sunday school classes.

Pastors' Institute

The pastors' institute for Spanish-speaking ministers was entertained by First Mexican Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, January 18-22. One of the pastors stated that he had preached for seven years but the institute had been one of the greatest blessings of his experience. Rev. Carlos Paredes is pastor of the host church. The institute was sponsored by the Home Mission Board, the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and the Central Mexican Baptist Association.

To Study Mission Program

The state superintendents of missions and state secretaries will meet at Ridgecrest August 12-18 during Home Mission

Week to make plans for future co-operative mission work.

Papers prepared by state secretaries and superintendents on various phases of mission work will be presented. Much time will be given to open discussion of the future of the City Mission Program in its effort to reach all the larger cities of our territory. A discussion of the Long-range Rural Church Program will take much of the time.

New Mission Projects

Among some of the new mission projects recently opened by the Home Mission Board are the following: Good Will Center, Columbia, South Carolina, where Miss Polly Dismuke and Miss Mary Lucy Parsons will serve; mission to Spanish-speaking, Santa Paula, California, where Rev. and Mrs. Anselmo O. Rios will serve as student missionaries; mission to French, Opelousas and Armandville, Louisiana, with Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hopper as missionaries; mission to Spanish-speaking, Bayard and Silver City, New Mexico, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Roy Harvey as student missionaries; and a mission to Spanish-speaking at Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, to be served by Rev. and Mrs. Julian Reyna who are being transferred from Tucumcari, New Mexico.

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From the Pen of

John Caylor



The BOOK OF GOD

The Bible is heaven's dewdrop sparkling in the light of the rising Sun of Righteousness. It is a fit cradle in which to rock the infants of a nation and a beautiful shroud in which to wrap the departed dead. To youth it is inspiration, to the mature, courage and to him who looks upon life at the sunset it is hope and consolation. In the twilight, when evening shadows gather, it is a pillow of rest on which the weary saint may lay his head and dream the dreams of the just.

The Bible is the Book of God

It was written by divine inspiration. Holy men of old, moved by the Holy Spirit, wrote the Holy Book.

The Bible tells us all we know about God except what we experience of God through personal relationship with him. The revelation of his Son is given in the Book. The personality of God is exemplified in the only begotten Son who came to live and die and rise again for the justification of man. The story of redemption is written in the inspired Word so that man may find his way to the heavenly home.

The Bible is Man's Book

The Book of God is also the book of man. It was never meant that the Bible should be cloistered in a holy place and hidden from man for whom it was prepared. Paul declares that the Bible is profitable for doctrine. It is the source of our information concerning God and man, sin and salvation, consecration and dedication, and the future life.

Not only is the Bible profitable for doctrine but it is also useful for reproof, refutation, argument. It is the final authority for man's convictions. If man can find "thus saith the Lord," for the conviction he holds he may be sure that he is thinking right.

Then the Bible is profitable for correction. If there is a crooked past which needs to be straightened up the Bible is the straightedge by which man may measure his past and outline his future. By the rule of God which is found in his Book that which is wrong with the past may be righted and that which is proper for present-day action is clear.

Also, Paul reminds us that the Bible is profitable for

instruction in righteousness. In it man finds not only the means of his salvation but the material out of which to grow a Christian life. Grace and graciousness flow through the life of the Christian who measures his future by the instruction of God's Book.

The Bible is a Treasure

A little more than a century and a half ago a girl's craving for her own Bible opened a new field of Christian endeavor which has had no parallel in history.

Then millions were without the Word of God. Little Mary Jones, daughter of a Welsh weaver, did not think of the problems of millions. She knew only that she wanted a Bible as her own and that it was her own personal problem. Mary had to learn to read. Then she spent six years saving her money. At last she was able to buy a Bible. Mary walked twenty-five miles to learn that Bibles no longer were being published in her native Welsh and that none was obtainable.

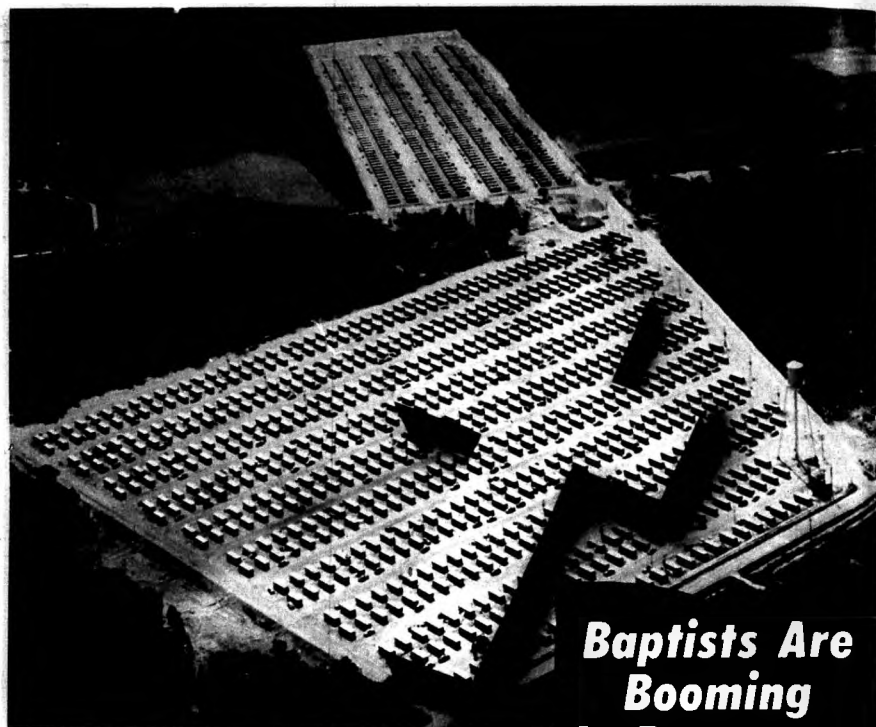
It was the Rev. Thomas Charles, of Bala, Wales, who gave Mary her Bible in 1800. From that small incident in a remote hamlet sprang a movement which has seen the publication and distribution of more than a billion two hundred million copies of the Scriptures in more than nine hundred languages and dialects. In 1804 the British and Foreign Bible Society was launched. Now 150 years later, people of at least sixty nations are commemorating the historic event. There are now twenty-four national Bible societies distributing twenty million volumes of Scriptures every year. The first Bible society in America was formed in Philadelphia in 1808 and the American Bible Society was established in 1816.

The Bible is a Missionary

It does not need to be defended; it needs to be sent. It does not need to be explained so much as it needs to be read. The missionary has his Bible in hand. The entrance of the Word gives light.

The Bible is a book to be used. Read it and grow wise; follow it and be right; live it and be good; love it and be happy.

April, 1954



Baptists Are Booming In Boomtown

By D. Maurice Smith
Associational Missionary
Aiken Baptist Association, South Carolina

IT IS ALMOST unbelievable that any area could double its population in two years and retail sales increase seventy-one per cent in one year.

This sounds unreasonable, but that is what happened in the Augusta, Georgia, and Aiken, South Carolina, area near the Central Savannah River Project. This entire section is fast becoming a metropolitan area. Aiken and Augusta a few short years ago were typical slow-moving Southern cities in the midst of a sparsely settled rural country. But now there is a veritable revolution of business activity, skyrocketing sales, and amazing statistics which overnight become outdated.

This area has been hit by an atomic bomb plant where also materials for the

powerful hydrogen bomb will be made. In November 1950, government planners selected a spot twenty miles southeast of Augusta and fifteen miles south of Aiken for the site of what is up to this time the world's greatest construction project—the Savannah River Plant of the Atomic Energy Commission.

When completed the plant will occupy an area of twenty miles in diameter and will spread itself over 208,000 acres of Aiken and Barnwell counties. It will be built at a cost of one and a half billion dollars. Two years after construction was begun 40,000 were employed with a weekly payroll of \$4,000,000.00.

Theodore W. Wirths, head of the Savannah River Urbanization Study of the Uni-

versity of North Carolina, says that seventy per cent of the newcomer population to the Savannah River Area has settled in the Aiken-North Augusta area. The main purpose of his work was to develop guides which could be used in the future by other communities to help them adjust more efficiently to similar influx of population.

The Aiken-North Augusta area is in the Aiken Baptist Association, so the problem of providing a spiritual ministry from our Baptist viewpoint fell on the churches of our association. The association had not had a mission program until November 1, 1951, when Rev. D. Maurice Smith of Georgia accepted the position of superintendent of missions and began setting up a regular associational mission program

with the particular aim of meeting the needs of the 100,000 newcomers. This problem was intensified because the peak of the influx was fast being reached.

There were two distinct phases of this part of our work: First, the need of a ministry in our temporary communities—they are temporary for the time being and only the future will prove how temporary. At the peak there were 20,000 to 25,000 people living in some 6,000 trailers within the bounds of our association.

Second, we had many permanent communities growing up where work was needed and ultimately permanent churches.

Our resources and facilities were so limited for meeting such a demand that it was almost discouraging. A few months later, after we had surveyed the field, laid a little foundation of work, and evaluated as best we could the needs, we laid out a plan of work and invited our state mission board and the Home Mission Board to join us. The state mission board was already helping in strengthening weak churches and in establishing new work to the extent its limited funds would permit.

In the spring and summer of 1952, Rev. and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo of the Home Board helped us in a wonderful way in our trailer camp ministry. We also had two young people, Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Matthews, with us for ten weeks under the Home Mission Board's Summer Student Mission Program. These young people were students at the Southern Baptist Seminary, preparing for foreign mission work. They did a most satisfactory piece of work while with us.

During the summer of 1952 we asked our state board to furnish us \$5,000.00 to help buy materials to erect a half-dozen economically constructed chapels in the trailer camp area. We, at the same time, asked the Home Mission Board to help us

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Temporary buildings such as this had to be used to get work started.

Many churches and homes had to be destroyed or moved to make way for the H-bomb plant. Here Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is being moved down the highway to new location.



East Boundary Mission, a work sponsored by First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia. Cost \$18,000.00 equipped.



Some 20,000 to 25,000 people lived in trailer homes during peak. Permanent housing was impossible to find.



Thanksgiving dinner prepared by Dania Woman's Missionary Society.



Mrs. Crenshaw and sister camping out during Vacation Bible school.

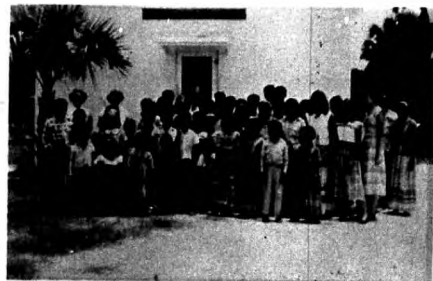
Thank You, TEACHERS

By Mrs. Genus Crenshaw
Missionary to Seminole Indians
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

WHEN a Junior in high school I felt God was calling me to a mission field. I thought at that time it would be to a foreign field. But after my second year in college I applied for summer work with the Home Mission Board and was sent to Oklahoma to do rural mission work. For the first time I realized the great need for missions at home, and I told God if he could use me better here I was willing to stay. I looked forward to the day I could enter the Woman's Missionary Training School (now Carver School of Missions and Social Work) to better prepare myself

for whatever work God wanted me to do. It was there I found God's definite will for my life. The whole atmosphere of the school, the classes, the teachers, fellow-students, missionary days, etc., were conducive to the finding of God's will. While at Carver school we were given an opportunity to put into practice through weekly field work the things we learned in class. We had many opportunities of observing work in local churches. These things have proved to be most helpful in our work with the Seminole Indians of Florida.

One of the greatest joys of my work here is the kindergarten. There are twenty-two children enrolled this year. Three, four, and five-year-olds. They meet from 9:00 to 11:00 each morning. They line up at the ringing of the bell and march in for their morning of study. After repeating: Ring, ringing, Hear the bells, School bells are they, Hear them call the little children To kindergarten today the roll is called. Next is check-up time to see if all hands and faces are bright and



Group attending Vacation Bible school at Brighton Mission.



Kindergarten meets in outside schoolroom for story time.

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clean, if not they get a black mark, which they dislike very much.

We stand and give the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and repeat the Lord's Prayer. They especially like the pledge and each child can repeat it by himself. They like to say "Ten little fingers, and two little hands, fall fast asleep until the story ends," because they know a story is to follow.

After the Bible story we learn verses from God's Word such as, "Be ye kind one to another," and "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." They have amazed me in how fast they learn the little finger plays of Bible stories and nursery rhymes. Of course they like to sing and color.

Ten o'clock is a favorite time with them because it is recess. They do have fun swinging on their playground swings and playing cowboy and Indian. The boys insist that the girls be the Indians and they the cowboys. After marching in from recess, they have juice and cookies. They like that but do not especially appreciate the quiet time that follows.

W.M.U. Circle
Theme Program

All is not fun and they are drilled on such things as art, numbers, and writing. The day has a pleasant ending for them as they hear another story.

The minute the clock hits 11:00 they stop saying their verse about tick, tock, and time to go home. Everyone must get quiet enough to hear the clock ticking, then line up to go out—out, I pray, with more love for Jesus, more ability to get along with each other, and a knowledge of things that will be helpful to them when they start to school.

I have found many opportunities to put into practice the things I studied in Missionary Education while at Carver. The missionary societies on our field are so busy to work with. The women are ever ready to learn better ways of carrying on their work. What a joy it is to work with people who want to learn. Our state W.M.U. executive secretary taught methods to our women and she said that never before had she taught a group who listened with such interest to a study of methods. The auxiliaries keep us on our toes. I kept busy seeing that all quarterly reports are made out, all mission studies

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Mrs. Genus Crenshaw helping Mary Jane Billie fill out WMS quarterly reports for Big Cypress.



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APRIL

Half-Million MONTH

By J. N. Barnette
Secretary, Sunday School Department
Sunday School Board

A MILLION net gain in our Sunday school enrollment in 1954 is at the heart of preparation for the 1955 Convention-wide Evangelistic Crusade. Lost people enrolled in Sunday school during 1954 make up the potential harvest for the churches for the revivals in 1955.

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April 1954 is designated as half-million month. The reasons for designating April as half-million month are four.

First, April is a good season of the year for Sunday school growth in every section of the country where Southern Baptist churches are located. The weather is usually ideal during April.

Second, a new book *The Ministry of Visitation* will be available for study as a means of preparation for the observance of April as half-million month. It is urged that in every church *The Ministry of Visitation* be taught the week of March 29-April 2 and that all Sunday school officers, teachers, class officers, and Young People and Adult class members be enrolled for this study. The purpose of the four weeks of visitation to enroll a net increase of 500,000 additional people is primarily to win them to Christ. The 1954 million more objective and the 1955 Evangelistic Crusade were planned one to follow the other. The arrangement is as logical and right as seedtime and harvest.

The third reason is that April is an ideal season for churches to organize additional classes and departments. If the Sunday schools have been growing, the classes started in September and October have reached their maximum growth. New units are needed for additional growth. April is a good time to begin new units of work.

The fourth reason for observance of April as half-million month is that April is an ideal season for the churches to organize branch Sunday schools and to make the ones organized in March grow. General statements are easy to make. However, it is possible—and so much needed—for 10,000 churches to organize one or

more branch stations each during March and April.

Based on the experience of many churches during the past few years, new stations organized in March and April would enroll an average of sixty or more each by the end of July. Thus it is possible for 10,000 churches to enroll a half-million people in new stations during the period of March-July. All of these new stations would immediately have Training Unions, regular preaching services, prayer meetings—in fact, all services and activities carried on in the sponsoring churches. These new stations would provide a rich, easy evangelistic opportunity for the churches.

OBSERVATIONS

It may be that your church has the spring revival planned for the first of April. Good! Use the revival to increase your Sunday school enrollment. The revival in a church is perhaps one of the best opportunities of the year for permanent Sunday school and Training Union growth. Please read again in the January issue of *The Sunday School Builder* the splendid article prepared by Dr. C. E. Matthews in which he shows how the revival can be used to build the Sunday school and thus make a continuing soul-winning opportunity.

If the suggested week of March 29-April 2 is not possible for a study of *The Ministry of Visitation*, set the next open week following this date and make the most of this study and visitation program.

Regardless of what other matters your church has planned for April, use all of the opportunities during the month to increase your Sunday school enrollment.

THE LEADERS' OPPORTUNITY

April provides the pastors, educational directors, and Sunday school superintendents a major opportunity for enrolling more people for Bible study. Surely they will take advantage of this opportunity.

A farmer during March and April was busy patching the roads, cleaning out fence rows, beautifying the yards, painting the barns and as he was busy here and there, he neglected to prepare the ground and plant the crops. The result was acres of good land that produced only weeds and cockleburrs.

John 4:31-38—words of warning and pleading from the heart of Jesus—are words for all followers of our Lord to heed now. The words in this passage "while it is day" certainly apply to the completion of the "Million Month '54" objective. There is a time for sowing, and reaping always follows sowing.

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FOUR-YEAR Conquest

HOME BOARD PHOTO

Dr. Courts Radford (seated second from left) with his administrative staff at meeting where plans were made for forward program of home missions.

On the first day of this year Dr. Courts Radford, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, called in his administrative staff for a full day of discussion on the future of home missions. This year the Five-Year Crusade is reaching its climax with the emphasis on effective witnessing.

Beginning in 1959 the Southern Baptist Convention is to launch a sesquicentennial climaxing in 1964. The Home Mission Board is planning its forward program to dovetail into the Convention emphasis for the sesquicentennial.

Not all the details of the four-year forward program have been completed. Goals are being set by all the departments and a concerted effort is to be continued with the launching of the Five-Year Crusade so as to attract a new and intensive interest in home missions for the next four years.

The organization of Baptists in America for the purpose of promoting missions. Two great boards were organized. When Southern Baptists began the two mission boards were set up in the session which organized the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845.

Possess The Land

The slogan of the Four-Year Conquest home missions will be "Let us possess the land." As Caleb challenged the children of Israel so we are challenged today Southern Baptists to "go up at once and possess it (the land)."



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Wilbur and his Dream

By Mrs. Elmer W. Brillhart
Hobart, Oklahoma

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Wilbur Lewis was dog tired. It was the last night of a School of Missions in his church.

He had been made to think deeply that week. Pictures from the mission fields and stories by the missionaries had stamped themselves on his heart and stand out even today like a beacon. The thought of wan, sad expressions of half-starved Chinese boys and girls about his age caused his little face to tense and his eyes suddenly narrowed. "Mother, their poor bones stick out all over," he protested.

"Yes, son," she gently agreed.

Gnarled old fellows with twisted bodies wore unhappy faces as they tottered along in the pictures shown by the missionaries. Untidy women, with heavy frowns in their foreheads and small feet tightly bound, painted a more melancholy scene. All these bodies were one screaming ache to Wilbur.

And this was not the half of it. One of the missionaries, Victor Koon—then of China, now of Hawaii—had shown pictures of boys and girls he taught at school.

He told the story of Soo Fong, one of his students. Each morning every grimy little paw was held up. Then one day Soo Fong had spots on his hands that would not wash off. The other children called out to him, "Unclean, unclean!" as they scampered away. To Soo Fong that was like the blows of a pounding hammer for he realized they were leprosy spots.

The word leprosy followed the unfortunate boy like a shadow. The disease was then looked upon, the missionary explained, as a curse straight from heaven—

its victims unworthy of human love. Sufferers were cast out on the roadsides to beg and starve.

Victor Koon said that sometimes families sent those with leprosy into the jungle where they lived on food they could forage or what the relatives brought. When patients got so weak they could not come out of the tiny hut and get their food, the hut was set on fire with a long burning bamboo pole. The sick one perished in the flames. Stories like these caused Wilbur's eyes to flutter unhappily, his heart to sting.

"If the need is so great," Wilbur moaned and muttered to himself, "why can't I go and help them out when I get big?" He chanted silently like a prayer, "I will, I will."

At the close of the showing of the pictures and the message, Missionary Koon had urged the young people to volunteer for missions as the congregation sang an invitation hymn. Wilbur knew in his heart that mission work was God's purpose for him, but he did not make his decision public—not yet.

Now a junior medical student at Oklahoma University School of Medicine, Oklahoma City, Wilbur still plans to be a medical missionary wherever God leads him.

"I don't know why God called me to Madagascar or who knows where," Wilbur confided to his mother, "but I'm willing to do this thing the Lord's way. I know I'll be happier in the center of God's will. People always are." He has set his face like a flint toward the long hard years of preparation.

All through school days Wilbur planned in his heart to be a medical missionary. When people asked him what he planned to be he always piped, "A doctor!" A slapping experience earlier had taught him the practical lesson. One day when refreshments were being served at Vacation Bible school, a woman asked him what his ambition was. His face shining like a star, he beamed, "A medical missionary."

He never forgot her remarks, "You'll have plenty of time to change your mind about that."

To this day the incident is like a pile of bricks on his back.

Despite such discouragements Wilbur set courses in high school that would prepare him for his future career. During his last two years at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, he rejoiced at the opportunity to serve as infirmary assistant. On twenty-four-hour-call, he found it was exciting—sometimes.

Along with medical school Wilbur has found time for church work. For several summers he has done special work for the Lord. In the summer of 1949 in his



Wilbur Lewis preparing himself to become a medical missionary.

home church he made public his dedication for full-time service. He had felt it wise to keep his plans to himself until then. For the sake of his influence in inspiring other fine young people, Wilbur now felt it his duty to make public what he had known a long time. During the summer months of 1951 Wilbur worked under the Student Summer Mission Program of the Home Mission Board. Last summer he preached in youth revivals, his sister serving as pianist.

Ordained to the ministry in Okmulgee on November 1, 1953, Wilbur Lewis is associate pastor of Downtown Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, while he completes his medical training.

The picture of those scrawny, sore-covered bodies of children clad in filthy rags engraved on his mind as a lad at a School of Missions at the First Baptist Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, has led him to persevere in his preparation for mission work.

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Leaders discuss Convention resolution on race relations.

"Ten Commandments" For Improving Christian Race Relations

By Guy Bellamy, Secretary
Department of Negro Work

(This material available in tract form from The Home Mission Board.)

MANY PEOPLE, with every good intention, make a complete failure in crossing racial lines because they do not observe a few simple points of behavior and avoid a few terms offensive to other groups. An innocent slip of the tongue may mean a closed door. A knowledge, then, of what the other group considers proper is absolutely essential.

Be friendly to all races. If you are not, don't pretend. You will do more harm than good. Visit with leaders of other races. Talk in a friendly and Christian manner about suggestions that would help to improve Christian race relations. Have prayer together. Be honest and frank in your discussion. Ask them to tell you what to do and what not to do that would be helpful to you and your relationship with them as a fellow Christian.

Remember that God made the different races and gave each some superior qualities. There is no such thing as a superior race. The Lord made us so that we could be helpful to one another in Christian service. Keep in mind that in the sight of God, everybody is somebody.

Never use the terms "Greaser," "Wop," "Nigger," "Jap," "Dago," "Chink," "Darkey," "Peckerwood," "Pickaninny," "Injun," "Trash," "My Black Mammy," "D-Blanket," "Gringo," or other offensive terms, or pronounce the term "Negro" as though it were "Niggra." There is no objection to the use of "Negro" when it is pronounced with a long e and long o.

Don't be slow to shake hands. It is a fine expression of friendship.

Common courtesy demands that the titles "Mr.," "Mrs.," and "Miss" be used. Never use the first name of a person unless you are on intimate terms.

Other races have their own customs. Do not seek to make people of other races conform to your idea of what they should or should not do. Read books which will aid you in a better understanding of each other, such as *Blind Spots*, by Liepelt, and *Of One*, by Maston.

Study carefully the resolutions of the Race Relations Committee, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention at its meeting in St. Louis in 1947 and reaffirmed at Memphis in 1948. Seek to put them into

practice. They are as follows:

1. We shall think of the Negro as a person and treat him accordingly.

2. We shall continually strive as individuals to conquer all prejudice and eliminate from our speech terms of contempt and from our conduct actions of ill will.

3. We shall teach our children that prejudice is unchristian and that good will and helpful deeds are the duty of every Christian toward men of all races.

4. We shall protest against injustice and indignities against Negroes, as we do in the case of people of our own race, whenever and wherever we meet them.

5. We shall be willing for the Negro to enjoy the rights granted to him under the Constitution of the United States, including the right to vote, to serve on juries, to receive justice in the courts, to be free from mob violence, to secure a just share of the benefits on educational and other funds, and to receive equal service for equal payment on public carriers and conveniences.

6. We shall be just in our dealing with the Negro as an individual. Whenever he is in our employ we shall pay him an adequate wage and provide for him healthful working conditions.

7. We shall strive to promote community good will between the races in every way possible.

8. We shall actively co-operate with Negro Baptists in the building up of their churches, the education of their ministers, and the promotion of their missions and evangelistic programs. (Copied from 1947 Convention Annual.)

Invite speakers from other Baptist churches or groups of other races to your Sunday school class, Training Union, WMU, or other auxiliary services. Exchange pulpits and invite choirs for special music. Bring the leaders together in a worship service so as to get better acquainted.

The pastors and leaders of nearby Baptist churches of different races should seek each other, cultivate fellowship and friendship together, and pray together. Have joint meetings at least once a quarter. The Baptist pastors, alternating between different groups. Attend meetings of other Baptist groups on special occasions, ready to fit into their established setup and be co-operative in every way you can.

Always practice the Golden Rule. Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12).

Board Appoints New Jewish Worker

By Frank Halbeck

Field Worker, Department of Jewish Evangelism

WILLIAM B. MITCHELL, who has been serving as pastor in Patoka, Illinois, for the past three years, has recently accepted a position with the Home Mission Board as full-time worker among Jewish people. He began his new duties March 1, 1954. He will work among the Jews in Houston, Texas.

This new worker has been made possible



William B. Mitchell, new worker in Jewish Department

by the co-operation of Union Baptist Association of Houston, the State Mission Board of Texas, and the Home Mission Board.

Mr. Mitchell will be the second full-time worker in the Jewish Department of the Home Mission Board. There are in addition three part-time seminary students working in this field while still in school. The part-time men are: Jack Altman, Jr.,

Louisville, Kentucky; Howard Smith, New Orleans, Louisiana; and John Meiss, Ft. Worth, Texas. In a few years it is hoped that the three part-time student workers will become full-time missionaries to Jewish people in the larger metropolitan cities.

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AMONG the MISSIONARIES

We Cannot Afford NOT to Tithe

Carlos Castaneda, according to doctors, has been sick with cancer since June, 1953. He has been in bed, unable to work all that time. Rev. P. Molina, pastor of the Baptist mission in Taft, Texas, has been visiting him consistently and his mission has been helping Mr. Castaneda with a little money.

I was asked to go with Rev. Molina to visit this man and to pray with him. The visit was made on October 3, and on October 7 in the prayer meeting Mr. Castaneda asked to speak and gave his testimony as follows:

"Mr. Tom Pulley, for whom I work, came to me this week and brought me the news that the bank had cancelled my debt for \$134.00 because I was a sick man. The furniture store cancelled my debt for \$5.00 also.

"Mr. Pulley then asked me if I wanted to sell my pigs and for how much. I said \$60.00 and he replied that he would give me \$80.00. Then he turned around and said, 'I'll give you back one of them, and you can feed it with my corn.'

"My two daughters who live with me told me that it looked like we would have to stop tithing but immediately my answer was 'No.' We could just cut out meats and other expensive foods and resort to beans and less costly food. They agreed, since I requested it."

From the time he has been sick his two daughters have been doing the work on the farm, such as chopping cotton, running the tractor, etc.

Tithing is not new for Mr. Castaneda. In June of 1952 he was driving his tractor and the gas hose broke, splashing gas on him and setting him on fire. The tractor company paid him for damages, and when he received his check he brought \$50.00 to his mission as his tithe.

After his recent experiences of cancelled debts and the generosity of Mr. Pulley, Mr. Castaneda is more convinced of the fact that God will take care of his own. "Brethren," he said, "we cannot afford not to tithe!"

—Isaac V. Perez
Stewardship Promotion
Among Mexicans of Texas



Rev. Seferino Jajala, himself an Indian and missionary to his own people in New Mexico, has become interested in the Spanish-speaking people of a nearby village. These are some who attended services he conducted in a home.

Entire Family Joins Mission

We at the Baptist Spanish Mission of Clayton, New Mexico, rejoiced to see the entire family of Julian Cardova come forward to accept Christ as their Saviour and join our mission by baptism recently. The Cardovas live in Mt. Dora, New Mexico, a neighboring village eighteen miles away.

We first became acquainted with this family while attending a revival meeting about two months ago. The Cardovas were attending the revival because they were friends of the pastor of the church where the revival was being conducted. I was introduced to them by the pastor. They invited me to visit them.

A month went by before I went to their home and presented to them the plan of salvation and many other words from the Word of God. When we left we invited them to come to services at our mission in Clayton. This they gladly did.

They enjoyed the first service very much and by the second visit were making up their minds to come and join our church.



The Cardova family which came eighteen miles from a neighboring village to join the Baptist Spanish Mission of Clayton, New Mexico.

On the third Sunday they made their professions and were baptized at the night service.

The Cardovas are hungry for knowledge of the Word of God and our prayer is that they may grow to full Christian stature.

They come from the Catholic Church, so now they are very interested in their new-found faith. The Cardovas number six—father and mother and four children, Julian, Jr., who is seven years old, being the youngest.

With the Cardovas our membership has jumped to eighteen. We started with five not quite two years ago. We are glad for the blessings we have received. Praise for our mission.

—Salomon R. Aragon
Missionary to Spanish-speaking
Clayton, New Mexico

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

News of Caddo Indian Field

The First Caddo Indian Baptist Church has increased its 1954 Cooperative Program contribution to \$3.00 monthly, a fifty per cent increase over 1953 and very close to ten per cent of the church's budget.

The church is having a series of study courses. We completed a course in Philippians last week and are to begin the book on Psalms this week. In February *In Evangeline's Country* is scheduled for the WMU and Brotherhood.

A grass fire last week got too close to the church building for comfort. We are thanking the Lord for blowing the flames northward and getting the fire truck on the scene in time to prevent damage to any buildings.

—Rev. and Mrs. Fred Bloomer
Missionaries to Indians
 Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma

Missionary Mario Rodriguez of Immokalee, Florida, sends this picture of Puerto Rican children attending mission held in Boy Scouts building.



Southernmost Southern Baptist Church?

San Ysidro is a border town between California and Lower California. It is an important stepping stone between Tijuana and San Diego. Hundreds of Braceros (migrant laborers) must go through there to Mexico in order to work in the rich fields of California. More than half of the town are of Latin descent.

A four-square church, which was holding services in English, recently terminated. Members agreed to rent the building and services in Spanish. The first Sunday morning we had fourteen and since then has jumped to twenty-seven. We have a piano and a woman said, "I'll lend my piano." The piano was out of order so another woman said, "Here is five dollars to have the piano tuned." We had the heaters fixed and so another

gave the money to have the heaters fixed. They were all people from our mission.

We hope soon to establish the most southernmost Southern Baptist church in the State of California.

—Eugene Wolfe
Missionary to Spanish-speaking
San Ysidro, California

A Pentecostal Experience

We had a Pentecostal experience in our mission recently. The power of the Holy

Finds New Church Home

Jean Tang lives a block from our church. She is from Phoenix, Arizona, and she told us about her work with Rev. Lawrence Stanley in the Chinese Baptist Church at Phoenix, Arizona, as we visited with her at her home last week.

There are eight in this family. The mother is a fine woman and is willing to let all of her children come to our mission and promised she and her husband would come also.



Puerto Rican family interested in Christianity. Father hopes eldest son will become a preacher.

The oldest girl was a "queen" in the YWA in the church in Phoenix. We told her about our mission and found that she is willing to serve with us. She said she would also help the other girls of her age to come to the mission.

We are happy to find her and we shall use her as one of our workers.

—Peter Chen, Missionary-Pastor
Chinese Baptist Center
San Francisco, California

Mother's Coming To Church!

"Aunt Rose, look! See my Mother? My mother is coming to church! See, she's at the door."

Thus excitedly exclaimed one of our six-year-old girls.

The mother of this child had punished her children because they had come to church at the Santa Clara Mission. But even though she was punished the child continued to attend the services.

Now the child was leading her mother to the house of the Lord. The people of the mission warmly welcomed her and are praying for her that she may leave the life she is leading.

—Rose Naranjo
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Park Hill Church Organized in Denver

By Rev. A. A. Palmer
Pastor, Park Hill Baptist Church
Denver, Colorado

The first official business transacted by the fifteen charter members of the newly-organized Park Hill Baptist Church (Southern) of Denver, Colorado, was to receive Dolley Paul, aged thirteen, and Deborah Fleming, aged nine, as candidates for baptism.

The Park Hill Church was duly organized Sunday afternoon January 17 at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Palmer. The work was started as a mission last September 27 in the Palmer home, 3560 Glencoe Street, Denver.

The church is located in the northeast section of Denver, a beautiful and rapidly developing area in the vicinity of the Stapleton (Municipal) Air Field. There are between 40,000 and 50,000 people in the area and no other Southern Baptist Church near it.

The fifteen charter members are very optimistic about the future of the church. A suitable location for a building site is being sought. Property in the area is very

expensive and not too much is available. Names and addresses of a number of interested prospects are in hand. Regular contact is maintained with them and indications are that several will affiliate themselves with the church in a short time.

Those taking part in the organization of the new church were: Rev. D. A. Bryant, pastor of Denver Temple Baptist Church, Denver; Rev. Hylon Vickers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Aurora; Rev. L. A. Watson, general missionary for Colorado; Rev. P. S. Beauchamp, pastor of a new mission at Littleton; Rev. E. J. Speegle, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Boulder, and moderator of the Southern Baptist Association of Colorado; and Rev. R. Felder Cade, pastor of Truett Memorial Baptist Church, Denver.

Rev. L. A. Watson examined the new church group as to doctrine and denominational loyalty. Rev. E. J. Speegle presented denominational causes, P. S. Beauchamp read the church covenant, A. A. Palmer led the prayer of dedication, and R. F. Cade brought the closing message and charge to the new church.

After calling Brother Palmer as pastor, the new church voted to give ten per cent of its undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program. The church also voted to include in its first budget the work of the association, *The Baptist Beacon*, and *The Rocky Mountain Baptist*, and to co-operate fully in all phases of Southern Baptist work.

Mr. Palmer, his wife, and two boys, Allen Ray, aged ten, and William Harris (Bill) aged nine, moved to Denver in August of last year from Mathis, Texas, where Mr. Palmer had been pastor of the First Baptist Church. Other Texas parishes include: First Baptist Church, Olden; First Baptist Church, Marlin; Lindale Baptist Church, Houston; and the Lin-Oaks Baptist Church, Houston. The Palmers have a daughter, Mrs. J. C. Finley, living in Houston.

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Evangelistic Conference in Ohio

A HIGH HOUR

By C. E. Autrey
Associate Secretary of Evangelism

ON EVERY HAND it has been said that this year the evangelistic conferences are better for the most part than they have ever been. This indicates to me that the spirit and the tide of evangelism seem to be rising all over the Southern Baptist Convention. I believe I have sensed in every conference it has been my privilege to attend that there is a deeper interest and a graver concern for evangelism than we have ever seen. All of this, I am delighted to say, is preparatory to the great 1955 campaign.

Inasmuch as Ohio is one of our outposts and the youngest work we have, I should

like to say a special word about what I felt and saw in the evangelistic conference there this year. In the first place, the program was a good one. There appeared on the program men like Dr. James Sullivan of the Sunday School Board and Dr. Robert G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee. These men were at their best. They spoke under power from on high. Their words were matchless. They lifted the congregation to great heights. At the close of the sessions I heard many people say that they had never felt, heard, or seen anything like it.

In the next place, the conferences in Ohio were splendidly attended. Though

there are only fifty churches and most of them small, yet by actual count there were more than 1,500 people in the auditorium at the evening sessions to hear these men talk concerning personal evangelism and other types of evangelistic endeavor, with special emphasis upon the 1955 Crusade. The people came from hundreds of miles around. One small church a hundred miles away sent its Junior choir to sing a special song just before Dr. R. G. Lee spoke at the closing session on Tuesday evening. Georgetown College sent a quartet of young women to be present at almost every session. Dr. Hines Sims of the Department of Church Music of the Sunday School Board was there to lead the congregational singing at every session. He built the sessions to great spiritual heights with his matchless song leading.

Some of the highest hours which I have ever known were at this evangelistic conference. Possibly the highest hour during the entire conference was when the glib young leader, Rev. Ray Roberts who is Secretary of Missions and Evangelism for Ohio, brought the keynote message on Tuesday afternoon. He spoke out of his heart to the people. They listened attentively. They were stirred as he placed emphasis upon church-centered evangelism and as he warned his people against extraneous movements and false em- phases in

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Baptist Work Advances In Michigan

By Fred Hubbs
Pioneer Missionary in Michigan

JUST two short years ago there was no organized Southern Baptist work in the State of Michigan. Seven independent Baptist churches, having affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention, came together and organized themselves into the Motor Cities Association of Southern Baptists in Michigan. They were recognized by the State of Arkansas as an association, and by that means have been able to receive help from the Home Mission Board. The Home Mission Board and the state convention of Arkansas supplement the salary of Rev. Fred Hubbs, the pioneer missionary for Michigan.

In two years the number of churches has doubled, with many other Southern Baptist churches being located in the state. There are at present nineteen known Southern Baptist churches in Michigan.

A new church building for the Solid Rock Baptist Church, located in the state capital, Lansing, Michigan, has recently been built. It was constructed entirely by the members. The church, started as a mission a year ago, has a Sunday school enrollment of 250.

In this great metropolitan area of Michigan there are in round figures six million people, an increase of approximately one million since 1940. Many of these are Baptists from the South who need our Baptist program. It seems to settle the people down to work and give them satisfaction. In areas where we do not have Baptist work yet, the people are transient. A home church and a Christian environment seem to act as the agency for these new people in Michigan.

In every phase of Baptist work in areas, our needs are great. One of our greatest is that of pioneer ministers. We have that any Christian worker, minister,

or missionary coming into this area needs to feel a special call from God to do this type of work for this is definitely missionary work. Another great need is capital. All of the established work is small, and the congregations are made up of working people who make little more than a living wage. It is very difficult to accumulate enough money to build ample and adequate buildings. The churches are new and have no credit rating and cannot borrow money.

We are thankful for the Home Mission Board and what it is endeavoring to do for the pioneer fields, but so much is needed and the Home Board has so little to spread over such a vast area!

The prayers of Baptists everywhere are requested for this Michigan work. These are some of the situations we face:

The only Southern Baptist church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, a university town, is meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building twice a week.

There are two Southern Baptist churches in Flint, Michigan, the Central Baptist and Mt. Pleasant Baptist, both housed in store buildings. These churches give more than ten per cent of all collections to missions.

There is one church in Pontiac, Michigan, called First Southern. It owns a basement building, and has been meeting there for five years.

There are six churches in Detroit; one in a basement, one meets in what was once an old brewery, one in a store building, one in a dwelling, one in an old bank building, and one has a frame church structure.

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I Loved My Negro Congregation

By David Griffin
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Rev. David Griffin baptizing Negro converts.

Soon after coming as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Emory, Texas, I became acquainted with a number of our colored neighbors, and before long recognized that such acquaintances had presented many opportunities for mission work. One day during a conversation with some of them Vacation Bible school was mentioned, and Emory Baptist Church was asked to sponsor a Bible school for the Negro people. Some twenty workers responded and helped to make the school a success.

The next year a Bible school was sponsored at night with a special class for the adults who brought their children. Interest increased each night until the average attendance was approximately 135.

This Negro church, the Prairie Grove Baptist Church, had been pastorless for some time and one day I was asked to preach on Sunday afternoons. One of the laymen from Emory, Leo Brazier, was asked to conduct a midweek prayer service.

One night Mr. Brazier and I visited an outstanding Negro family. The man, Willie Jackson, was sick and during our visit

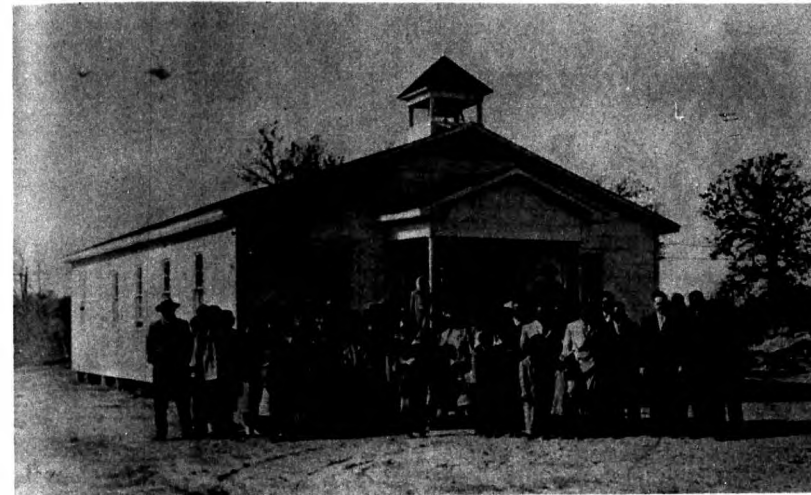
we asked him if he were a Christian. He replied "No," and seemed very disturbed and wanted us to leave his home. I did my best to win him to Christ but after much effort and prayer, he still would not accept Christ. We told him just how much Christ meant to us and how we wanted him to become a Christian. Mr. Brazier reminded him that they had been friends all their lives and told him that he surely would like for them to meet in heaven. We asked his wife to join us in prayer for the salvation of his soul.

Early next morning Mr. Jackson came to town with a glowing testimony. "Reverend," he said, "something has happened to me. I could not sleep last night and about daylight I went to the barn and got on my knees and prayed 'till I found peace with God."

He put his arms around me as tears streamed down his cheeks and said, "Thank you, Reverend, for coming last night to tell me about Jesus."

He asked me if I would baptize him and I told him that I would if the church would give me the authority.

He asked me if I would go with him to his neighbor and help to win him to Christ. "I tried to win him this morning, after I found peace, but I did not know anything to say, but I have found peace in my soul and I know God is real," he explained.



Congregation of Prairie Grove Baptist Church and building which was erected and paid for while Rev. David Griffin, now student at Southwestern Seminary, was pastor.

That morning we won two of his neighbors to Christ, and I baptized the three Negro men the next Sunday. That Sunday afternoon I stood on the dam of a pool and spoke to a large crowd of Negro people. Members of my own church were scattered throughout the crowd. This was the first time Negroes and white people had ever assembled on this spot for the one great cause of Christ. I shall never forget how some of the older women shouted for joy and thanked God for answering their prayers.

The church asked me to serve as its pastor for awhile, which I did for several months. During that time a new building was erected. It was debt free upon completion. The Sunday school attendance was an average of about 100. The greatest blessing came in leading in

an open air revival meeting. There were twelve professions of faith and a large number of rededications. Each afternoon I would visit with one of the Negro men until we had visited every unsaved Negro person in that community.

During the time I was the pastor of that Negro church I learned to love and appreciate the people because of their true love and devotion to Christ. I count this one of the richest experiences in my ministry. I resigned the church when I entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, last fall to finish my seminary work.

Rev. Hugh Lawrence Foster, a Negro student of Southwestern Seminary, accepted the call as pastor of Prairie Grove Baptist Church in November, and is leading them in a fine way.



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Missionaries in Retirement

By Mildred Dunn

SEVERAL of the Home Board missionaries, some of whom had served over a long period of time, were retired at the beginning of this year. Most of them have already found places of service and are still being useful in kingdom work.

Among the missionaries who were retired this year were: Dr. J. W. Gardner, missionary to the deaf; Rev. and Mrs. Frank DiMaggio, missionaries to Italians; Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Isaacs, missionaries to the Indians in Oklahoma; Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier, missionaries to the Indians in Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stein, missionaries at Friendship House, New Orleans, Louisiana; and N. T. Tull, field representative for the Home Board in church loans department.

Mrs. Stein looks back over the more than twenty years she served under the Home Board and says, "My work seems to have been pioneering and establishing and strengthening bases of mission operation which have developed into strongholds for Baptist work."

"I have the honor of having been the first 'paid' worker at Clay Square Mission, now Rachel Sims Memorial Mission. It was when Miss Sims, then a student at Baptist Bible Institute, was acting as di-

rector of the work at Clay Square without salary. Through her influence a Mr. and Mrs. Newton of Houston, Texas, arranged a twenty-dollar-a-month scholarship for me to work at the mission and attend the Institute. I was to be the 'boys' worker."

"In 1924 I was appointed to work in Fairmount, out of East St. Louis, Illinois, with the Spanish-speaking people from Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Spain. From contacts with relatives of these people we opened Spanish work in St. Louis and Granite City. There is now a Good Will Center at Granite City, Lincoln Place. There is also a Good Will Center in East St. Louis, an outcome of our work."

"We opened what is now called Friendship House in New Orleans on September 29, 1944."

Mr. and Mrs. Stein are now making their home in Owensboro, Kentucky, where they have already found jobs. Mrs. Stein is teaching pre-school kindergarten at the Gospel Mission and Mr. Stein is helping with the Boys' Club. Mrs. Stein is also busy speaking and teaching in the various Baptist churches of that section.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank DiMaggio have had almost ten years of interesting work with the Home Board. In telling of his

work he said, "When I started working for the Home Mission Board I was doing evangelistic work among my people, the Italians, in Illinois. While I was in Illinois I wrote a tract in Italian and English which has been most useful in my ministry, *the Fountain of Eternal Life*. I also translated a number of tracts from English into Italian including *The Trail of Blood*, by J. M. Carroll."

This tract, *The Trail of Blood*, has had a distribution of over 25,000 in America and Italy. One priest in Italy wrote Mr. DiMaggio "In the name of the Lord of Gaeta, I protest the distribution of *Trail of Blood*. Eternity alone can tell the damage you are doing to the Roman Catholic Church by the distribution of this book."

Of course, Mr. DiMaggio had met through the years who appreciated his tract. His own nephew in Italy, who was about to become a priest, was saved by reading some of his uncle's tracts and the New Testament. He wrote, "I cannot be a priest now, because I am a Christian."

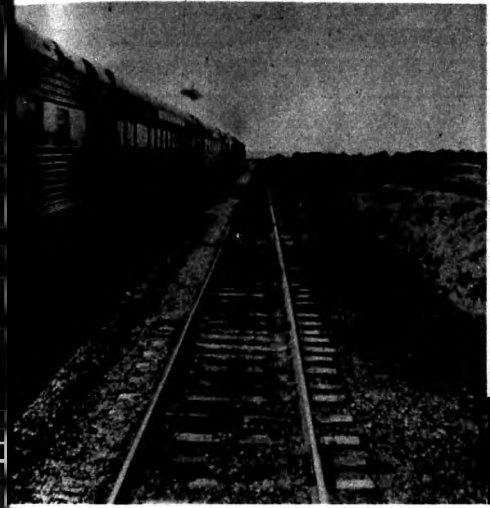
For the last several years Mr. and Mrs. DiMaggio have served the Italian people at Birmingham, Alabama. It has been their joy to see the church grow and they have helped in plans for the erection of a Sunday school annex which they hope will be erected soon.

Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Frazier, who have served under the Home Mission Board since 1939, write: "We are glad we answered God's call back in 1939 and have had the privilege of being in the Home Mission Board family as missionaries to the Indians. The work has been hard at times but glorious. We do not regret one minute of the fourteen years and one month we served. We now want to give God all the glory for what has been done through our ministry. When we came there was no Indian church in Arizona, now there are seven. There have been over five hundred conversions and the Lord has helped us as we drove more than 360,000 dusty desert miles."

In 1949 Mrs. Frazier suffered a stroke while playing the piano at a meeting of the Gila Valley Association. She was seriously ill for a long time but during the past year has been able to resume her accustomed place by his side at least part of the time.

The Fraziers hope to serve in Schools of Missions for the Home Mission Board and he plans to do some evangelistic work.

These are samples of how those who have served faithfully and well under the Home Mission Board continue to serve even after retirement from the more strenuous activities as missionaries.



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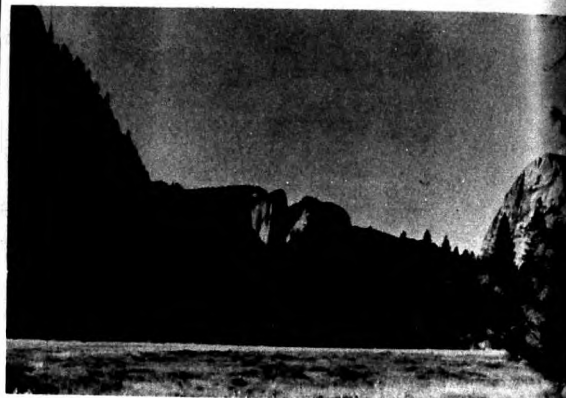
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Baptists are Booming

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The Home Mission Board's response to our need brought Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Murphy to us on March 1, 1953. Mr. Murphy and family are a fine, consecrated

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You Can Have A Sunday School

By Chaplain Howard E. Waters
U. S. Naval Air Station
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THE Sunday school at the U. S. Naval Air Station near Dallas, Texas, was greatly needed. We did not realize how much until we actually started the school. We have only seven families on the station, yet this three-month-old school already has fifty-two enrolled.

Shortly after I reported for duty here I noticed a few children wandering about the station—the need for the school was self-evident.

My commanding officer, Captain S. C. Strong, gave me his permission to explore the possibilities of having a Sunday school. Our problems were many: space, teachers, literature, equipment, and trained helpers.

In August, 1953, I began looking for a place in which to conduct the Sunday school. A former chief's quarters building had been partially converted into a nursery. It was not adequate but we could find nothing better. It would have to do. I then began enlisting teachers and helpers. I did this primarily by visitation in the homes, speaking to the Navy Wives' Club, announcements at general muster and the Protestant worship services, and notices placed in the station paper and on bulletin boards.

Soon ten had volunteered to help. However, outside of Mrs. Waters and me, only one of these was experienced. Therefor the month of September was one of training and preparation. After giving each

worker individual training, I led the group in several Sunday school instruction programs. Later I took the workers to a large Sunday school in Dallas and had each observe for instruction and guidance in the apartment in which he was to work in our school. Under the guidance of the departmental superintendent, the worker gained additional training as well as self-confidence.

During this teaching and preparation period we gradually acquired the needed Sunday school equipment. Much of this equipment was improvised here on the station. Each worker thus became thoroughly acquainted with the equipment and the literature before the school opened. At each of these instruction classes we went over and over our proposed Sunday morning program. Like a football team, we had our "skull practices," and learned our "sign-

nals." This was necessary because we do not have much space and we must rotate our classes with as little confusion as possible.

We organized the following classes: Nursery, Beginner, Primary, and Junior. We hope to enroll next Intermediates, Young People, and Adults.

By the time we started on October 18, 1953, enthusiasm and "the word" had spread and we had twenty-six present. To reach those off the station we sent out letters of invitation. We send a bus on a regular schedule. Many of our families live in nearby Grand Prairie and their children ride our bus. Shortly after we began we had a Halloween party with forty-six present.

On December 19 the Sunday school helped to sponsor a Christmas party for

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GOLDEN JUBILEE CONGRESS BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

By John Caylor

July 16-22, 1955, is the date for the Golden Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance. The secretary of the Home Mission Board was instrumental in founding the Baptist World Alliance fifty years ago. The Jubilee Congress will attract many Southern Baptists. It is a fellowship meeting and will be of genuine inspiration to those who find it convenient to attend.

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Id, seasons of prayer observed, associational meetings attended, and that all of us know their duties. I shall ever be grateful for those books I was required to read and reports I had to write that I felt would be of no value to me! More and more I see that teachers who make assignments know quite a lot about what students will need on the field.

Summertime is a busy time with us and a happy time. We usually have three vacation Bible schools. I have almost worn out the copies of handwork we collected at Carver. How useful they have been! The past two summers we have had Carver student as our Home Mission board summer worker. Miss Marian Noel was a wonderful help in our VBS, creation, music, and personal visitation. Miss Myrtice Taylor, another Carver student, was with us a week in camp work. These girls camped out with us on the observations, slept on church benches, cooked in the open, and loved it. A recent letter from Myrtice said, "I am so happy in school. It reaches my every expectation and love that. Classes are so very stimulating. I feel like I've grown legs in my spiritual life."

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Martin, George T. (Negro Work), 1612 North Boulevard St., Tampa, Fla.
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