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The 1955 Evangelistic Crusade

By Courts Redford

"EVERY CHURCH REVIVED IN '55" must be more than a slogan. It must become a reality.

Beginning on March 6, 1955, the churches of our Convention will begin their simultaneous revival efforts. Most of those in the southern portion of the Convention territory will have their revivals March 6-20; those in the central area from March 27 to April 10; and those in the northern section April 10-24. Southern Baptists in their churches, mission stations, and mission outposts, should have 30,000 revivals during the six-week period.

Let me suggest five reasons why your church, and every other Baptist church in our Convention territory, should participate in these simultaneous revivals.

First, this concerted effort offers an exceptional opportunity to win the lost to Christ. During the two years of 1950 and 1951, when we had simultaneous revival efforts, we reported more baptisms than during any similar period either before or after. It is expected that an average of 500,000 people will be in revival services every night for the six weeks.

Second, it is your church's best opportunity to enlist the unattached Baptists of your community. It is common knowledge that far more non-resident Baptists move their letters during revival meetings than at any other time. This is especially true of the simultaneous revivals.

Third, this period of general spiritual awakening is God's choice time for a genuine revival among your own members. The inactive and marginal member is far more likely to attend a revival than he is to attend the ordinary services of the church.

Fourth, the many blessings of a spiritual awakening in the church will be yours as the consequence of this revival effort. More lives are surrendered for special service during revivals than at any other time. Sunday school and Training Union attendance is increased. Church quarrels and jealousies vanish in the sunlight of God's wonderful love. Leadership can be more readily enlisted under the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. People will give more willingly of their time, talents, and money.

Fifth, your church will not only be a recipient of blessings, but it will be a blessing to others as it participates in this simultaneous effort. Your example will lead others to participate. It will prove your co-operation. It will contribute additional impetus to the overall effort. It may be a manifestation of genuine sacrifice for the sake of others.

I am sure that you will want to participate in this simultaneous soul-winning effort. Now allow me to offer

some suggestions that may help to make this effort in your church especially fruitful.

Follow the plans—all of the plans—proposed by the Department of Evangelism for the preparation for and the conducting of this revival. Select the committees suggested. Have the special rallies. Have a good choir. Have two full weeks. It is the general opinion of those who work in this field that the two-weeks meeting will bear much larger dividends than the meeting of a single week. Have all of the prayer services.

The importance and value of the prayer meetings merit special consideration. The success of your revival will likely be in direct proportion to your prayers and your personal soul-winning efforts. The Brotherhoods of the Convention are sponsoring 500,000 prayer services. In churches having no Brotherhood the WMU or Sunday school will help the pastor with these special prayer services. Prayer will be the heart of your revival effort.

Make provision for a great revival. Ask your members to reserve that time to attend. Begin now to talk to friends about it. Participate fully in the associational and statewide plans for advertising. Take a religious census. Have full information concerning prospects. Make special efforts to reach the unaffiliated Baptists. Make big plans and expect big results.

Use as many people as possible in this soul-winning effort. God expects every Christian to be a witness. Soul-winning is every Christian's job. Some will visit. Others will serve as personal workers. Some will use their cars to gather up the people. Still others will write cards, use their telephones, plan special prayer services, arrange for the attendance of special groups, sing in the choir, usher, and attend to other duties incident to a great meeting. "Every member participating" should be our goal.

Conserve the results of the revival. Be sure that decisions are based on a clear understanding of invitations given. Take time for personal counseling. Explain the implications of church membership. If possible, get someone from your membership to "sponsor" each new convert for some months while he is becoming adjusted. Be certain to teach the book *Your Life and Your Church* to all new converts.

Surely there is no way that Southern Baptists can render a more acceptable service to the Lord than by thus participating fully in the simultaneous revival of 1955 and by seeking diligently to save the life as well as the soul of each convert.

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NEWS

Growing Every Month

A recent report of the circulation department of *Home Missions* shows that more than 15,000 copies go to Texas; over 12,000 to North Carolina; nearly 11,000 to South Carolina; and about 9,000 each to Alabama, Missouri, Tennessee, and Georgia. The circulation total for 1954 was almost 10,000 above that for 1953. Many new budget subscriptions are being received every month, according to the circulation report.

Worthy Successor to Able Administrator

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary of promotion, Foreign Mission Board, was named secretary for Latin America at a recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Means succeeds Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., who passed away during the summer. Before going to the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Means was professor of missions at Southwestern Seminary. He is an able administrator with a keen understanding of and appreciation for missions at home and abroad.

Appeal to Jewish People

Dr. C. E. Autrey of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board led in a revival meeting at the Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta, Georgia, recently at which time a special appeal was made to Jewish people.

The members of the church turned in the names of approximately 100 Jewish friends whom they wanted invited to the church. Pastor Paul S. James sent special invitations. Thursday night of the revival was set aside for the project. The evangelist preached that night on prophecies relating to the Messiah.

Later, when the church choir was presenting in dramatized form the oratorio "Elijah," these Jewish friends were again invited to be present.

It is hoped by Rev. Frank Halbeck, field worker in the Jewish Department of the Home Mission Board, that during the 1955 evangelistic crusade many Southern Baptist churches will set aside Thursday of the first week of the revivals for a special emphasis on Jewish evangelism.

Missionaries Ill

Miss Gladys Keith of the River Front missions in New Orleans, Louisiana, who has been in ill health for some time, is taking a leave of absence from her work. Her mailing address will remain the same.

Rev. George Wilson, missionary to the Indians at Albuquerque, New Mexico, is back at work following an illness of several weeks.

Good Will Center Workers Have Conference

An important conference of Good Will Center workers was held recently in the offices of the Home Mission Board. The meeting was under the direction of Mrs. Noble Y. Beall, field worker for the Board.

During the three-day conference the group planned the program for the Good Will Center conference at Ridgecrest in June and in addition worked on program materials to be used in the day-by-day activities of the centers. Good Will Centers, working largely among underprivileged groups, are designed not only to win the people to Christ but to help them rehabilitate their daily program of living.

Schools of Missions Program Grows

A total of 177 simultaneous Schools of Missions programs have already been scheduled through the Home Board offices for 1955 and at least 50 requests have had to be turned down. This compares with 146 programs held during 1954.

Dr. Lewis W. Martin, secretary of missionary education for the Home Mission Board, says that he expects that the grand total attendance at the 1955 Schools of Missions will be well over 1,750,000.

Forty-three programs have already been scheduled through the Home Board office for 1956. It is still possible to schedule programs for 1956, but Dr. Martin points out the importance of getting in the request soon. Some requests for programs have been made as far ahead as 1958.

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From the Pen of

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I PLEDGE . . .



JACOB WAS AT the end of a long day's journey. He had pleased his mother, deceived his father, and wronged his brother. It was the end of a tiresome day, and the beginning of a new era in the life of Jacob. He fell asleep with his head on a stone pillow. The old day, the old year, the past was relegated to history.

Jacob's ladder stretched from the turbulent past to the promising future. The patriarch met the new day with a pledge. Since Jehovah would be his God Jacob vowed a vow. The stone pillow was set upright as a pillar of promise.

The old year is now history; the new year is a promise. Jacob pledged and then forgot. Shall we?

I pledge, as I salute the American flag, not only allegiance to a symbol but service to a living nation. My country means much to me; I want to be a true citizen.

I pledge more than a salute to the symbol of Christianity: I pledge myself to Christ.

As I pledge myself I realize that the Lord wants not mine but me.

My favorite passage of poetry is from Lowell's *Vision of Sir Launfal*.

"Not what we give, but what we share;
For the gift without the giver is bare."

In pledging myself for the new year; it is a pledge of the total of life.

I am rich in fellowship: I pledge my relationships to the Lord. I make the daily prayer that every life I touch today may be a little closer to the Lord because we have met. Good health is a treasure: I pledge the dedication of my strength for the Lord's use. Illness may interfere with my work but I pledge the extra time which may be afforded by temporary cessation of activity as holy unto the Lord and a time for divine fellowship.

I pledge my possessions. It is the Lord who commits to my hands worldly possessions for faithful stewardship. I pledge not only the tithe which is a symbol of divine ownership of my possessions, but I pray for divine guidance that all I possess may be in active service for my Lord.

Jacob forgot. I am praying with the soldier: "Lord, if today in the thick of the fight I forget thee do not thou forget me."

PLENITUDE vs. PLATITUDE

"What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say," is an adage which should be a constant reminder to the Christian that the testimony of life is more in what the Christian is than in what he says. Punctuation gives meaning to a sentence. Enunciation

gives expression to a word. Inflection gives direction to a verbal tone.

Plenitude fulfills (fills full); platitude promises. "I love you," declares the affectionate husband while at the same time he fails to report for work and is known as an improvident husband.

"I do," says the bridegroom in answer to the question of the minister, "Do you promise to love, honor, and cherish her?" The disillusioned wife and mother says apologetically, "He is good to me and the children when he is sober." The attitude of promise has no fulfillment in the plenitude of love and respect.

"I have," is the answer of the professing Christian when the minister asks in the baptismal waters, "Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?" Failure to read God's Word regularly, pre-occupation when Christian duty comes, slipping back into the way of the world, and a fruitless life make the declaration a platitude.

"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" is the consummation of Christian plenitude. The Christian should live in the fullness of Christ instead of in the platitude of promise.

EVANGELISM IN ACTION

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is a centenarian. A new first by the seminary matches the challenging first nation-wide evangelistic crusade of Southern Baptists. "Every church revived in '55" is given a real shot in the arm by the action of the seminary as reflected in a letter from President Duke K. McCall to Evangelism Secretary C. E. Matthews of the Home Mission Board.

"For the first time in the history of Southern Seminary," Dr. McCall declares, "this institution has decided to close for one week during the revival in this section, in order that the students will not have to be absent from classes during that week." One can hardly visualize what it will mean to have a thousand seminary students, fired with evangelistic enthusiasm, turned loose on our churches for the crusade during the revival season in the central zone of our 1955 crusade.

The training of preachers is not all done in the field of theology and homiletics: the task of every minister of the Word, whether student, graduate, or executive, is to win the lost to Christ. When a seminary puts evangelism at the top of the list of interests and achievements it is going in the right direction for world evangelization.

"We are going all out in co-operating in this evangelistic effort both as far as students and faculty are concerned," wrote President McCall. More power to president, faculty, and students!

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Miriam the bride and her little sister who served as flower girl.

Miriam — Young Maid of Cuba

By Christine Garnett
Cienfuegos, Cuba

"**H**ERE WE ARE. I simply had to come early or the children would have run me crazy."

It was Wednesday night, a full hour before prayer meeting time, and Raquel with her three children was stepping into my living room. I knew why she had said those words, and before I could answer, my floor looked like Noah's ark: all the games had been pulled out of their places, the albums were open, blocks were miraculously forming themselves into trains or houses.

This was a weekly happening, and how Raquel and I did enjoy those hours! She had problems in her home which many a time were solved as we carried them to God in prayer, accompanied by the laughter and sometimes the contentions of the children.

Discussions of the ongoing of the work,

dreams of the educational building, and plans for raising funds for its erection were most profitable. And your missionary never lost an opportunity to strengthen doctrinal points, to teach a very deep consecration. Tithing became a very real part of Raquel's life when she realized that she had been playing with God during the few years of Christian service. Since she became a tither we have had no finer testimony among our Baptists of the blessings that God showers on a faithful steward than are Raquel's words and example.

But this story is really of Miriam. Who is Miriam, you will be asking? She was one of those playful children, one of Raquel's lovely daughters. A quaint child always, in certain details, and her mother wisely indulged her when there was no wrong involved. For instance, those long

dresses that Miriam insisted on wearing, half way below the knee when other little girls seemed to be all legs in their extremely short clothes. When one saw Miriam, it was as if one had run back through the years and were looking at one of Louisa Alcott's *Little Women*. People who know Miriam now realize that those "almost down to the floor" dresses were heralds of a most enchanting modesty.

And Miriam's long dresses were always beautiful ones, for Raquel's husband as a lawyer and delver into politics was coining money. What a delighted and delightful Sunbeam was Miriam! How she loved church services after she learned to read the Bible and the hymns! How she made those brothers sit reverently through long sermons!

Then all of a sudden I heard this: "We are moving to Havana." Maybe the nag-

ging problems in the home, the craving to run away from haunting realities helped in that decision, and so my house was doomed to look big and empty on Wednesday nights, and there lingered only the memories of a living room converted into a garden of living flower-children.

Havana was such an immense city, distances were so great, business prosperity was creating new obligations, some of them social, and Miriam was not always in Sunday school, and the Sunbeam Band . . . well . . . "There simply is no time to take her." School duties were creeping in to take the family's time. Music lessons must be one of the extra calls. Then the father, as he saw his young daughter blossoming into girlhood, craved all the things that seemed to be just for such as she.

Now the father was closely related to the president of Cuba who had created a department just for his friend Ramon, and so one of Miriam's best friends was the president's daughter.

In Cuba there is nothing in the life of a girl just like her fifteenth birthday. It is the time when she comes into her very own. Miriam had already been running around a bit to the small dances given in homes, so when fifteen years made an extra mark in her calendar, there simply had to be a big "fiesta" at one of the clubs, and while the mother Raquel was enthusiastic about the big dinner, she was all torn up about the ball afterwards.

She had been a mother who talked heart to heart with her daughter, never prohibiting her pleasure, but praying all the while that Miriam would see for herself the pitfalls that lurked in her path, would find out for herself what this life would mean as compared with a life given to Christ.

At that fifteen-year-old dance Miriam did learn some things, and by the time two more years had passed, at the dance given for a fifteen-year-old friend, things happened that were all against the inner cravings of her heart. Her eyes were opened as never before and in spite of all the telephone calls and pleadings of her friends, that was her last night of dancing.

I suspect, too, that some of her decision came about because she had met a young man, a member of the church which she attended. It had never occurred to her that this friend would finally win her hand and heart, but Rafael had the things in him that make abrupt changes come into a girl's life. Miriam was beginning to say that she would have but one sweetheart and he would have to be a Baptist. Then she even got more serious and said



Miriam and Rafael sign papers before a notary at civil marriage ceremony.

"a Baptist preacher." So when Rafael entered the seminary she only wished him well and thought she would see very little of him from then on.

Miriam's mother noticed attitudes changing as Rafael visited Miriam during the seminary days, and it was cause for serious praying.

She wisely let him come on Thursday nights, his only free night. But now it was time for boarding school for Miriam, so the real lovemaking was done by letters.

What a beautiful home Miriam's family had! It was one of the outstanding houses in a very popular center of high society in Havana. You can scarcely think of a gadget that is not under some table or behind some door. It was in this glass-porched home that the mother started a mission, the seminary boys preaching for her many times. Maybe that was where the family began to love Rafael. And in parenthesis let me say that right there in that beautiful home the mission was organized into a church and is now in its own house and there is a large fund for building a temple. And Raquel rejoices over every progress.

All Cuban Baptists had their eyes on Rafael and Miriam. After he graduated he would have to live on a very small salary, as do all our pastors. The two talked to me together and separately, and they as well as others knew that love would be the only thing that would make future life for them a success.

I shall not soon forget a certain BSU encampment. The two were there. One would never have known that Miriam

had more than other girls. She was loved by all, maybe the most humble of all the campers.

Then the Oklahoma Baptist University of Shawnee, Oklahoma, gave the girl of our story an opportunity to be one of its students, and she, always looking for every chance to prepare herself better for the wonderful task of being a pastor's wife, was ready.

Another year of loving through letters went by. But all things end, and eventually

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Miriam and one of her brothers as they were when they played in my living room.



Hector Jordan who served as pastor of La Vibora Baptist Church in Havana, Cuba, during Youth Week.

THE FEDERATION OF BAPTIST TRAINING UNIONS of Western Cuba promoted the observance of Youth Week in our churches.

As soon as we presented the plan to the La Vibora Church the brethren decided to put on an active program that would be practical and useful to our young people.

In a symbolic manner we elected a young pastor and four young deacons, also the Sunday school superintendent, BTU director, WMU president, and Men's Brotherhood president. Sunday the nineteenth the pastor of the church, in a simple, symbolic manner, put into the hands of these young people all the activities of the church.

They began with an attractive social on Monday. But Tuesday they worked in a section of town near the church, giving out tracts and invitations to a service which they held in the home of one of the women of the church. A young man preached that night.

Wednesday they had a meeting of the officers with the young pastor and Thursday they went on a trip to the mission which we foster in the little town of Managua. There they filled the church and had a magnificent service. A young medical student of Havana University spoke that night on the subject "Why I Am a Baptist" and then a young woman who is a student in the Domestic Science school spoke on the subject "Consecrating Our Young Women to Christ." Her testimony was moving. Two students who had just entered our seminary went with our young people and they also gave their testimonies of conversion and call to the

CUBA'S YOUTH are Ready

By Jose M. Sanchez, Pastor
La Vibora Baptist Church
Havana, Cuba

ministry. Then a young man, who had been serving all week as chairman of the



Rev. Jose M. Sanchez, pastor of the La Vibora Baptist Church, Havana, Cuba, and director of religious education for the Cuban Baptist Convention.

evangelism committee, brought a message of an evangelistic nature. It was a wonderful evening in which our youth proved that they are prepared to do a great work in the cause of the Lord.

Sunday the morning worship service and also the evening service were directed by the young people. Hector Jordan, eighteen years of age, was the pastor, and brought two fine messages. At the close of the service on Sunday night they turned the church back to the pastor and he gave an invitation of consecration to Christ. Twenty young people made their decision to dedicate their lives to the service of Christ as missionaries or as faithful workers in the activities of the church. Five made a profession of faith and three asked for baptism. The following Sunday two of these young people were baptized by the pastor.

With Christian youth such as these, our mission work is assured in Cuba.



Young people play in patio of La Vibora Baptist Church during Youth Week.

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A Story With Two Endings

By Mrs. Tom Law, Jr.
First Baptist Church
Havana, Cuba

THE TELEPHONE ring in the Williams home as Peggy was cleaning the woodwork in the living room. "Oh," she thought aloud, "I hope it is not Mrs. Appleby because she talks so long and I just must get this cleaning done before the children come home for lunch."

She was pleasantly surprised when she picked up the receiver and heard her husband's voice on the other end. But it was a strange, excited, and strained voice. "Honey, when will you be ready to leave for Cuba? Our foreign assignment has come through and we are to be stationed in Havana, Cuba, for three years!"

In the next split second a thousand thoughts raced through Peggy's mind. It had seemed such a foolish thing to even apply with John's company for assignment in a Latin American country. What chance did they have of receiving an appointment? But they had taken the plunge and sent their papers in six months ago and now John was telling her that they were actually going to Havana, Cuba.

Her thoughts raced over the many things that she would have to do in the next weeks: packing, buying new clothes, preparing the children for their move, bidding loved ones and friends good-by and leaving to make a new home in a strange land. She recovered her voice and said to her husband: "This is rather sudden. I guess I can be ready as soon as we can get packed. Oh, John, come home right away; there are so many things to decide and talk over."

The cleaning was forgotten and Peggy sat in the living room as she thought over their past life and what their life would be for the next three years. Would they have good schools for the children? Could they find a nice place to live? How would she buy groceries and other things when

she spoke no Spanish? Would she ever be able to learn Spanish? But the thoughts of the future were put aside in order that she might take care of the present necessities.

The next few weeks were full of activities: shopping trips to town to get the children the things they would need for a

Mrs. Tom Law, Jr., wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Havana, Cuba, picks up in this story some problems that are very real to many who must leave home to live in practically every corner of the world. You may not be planning to live abroad, but the problems discussed here may affect you and your church, nonetheless.

three-year stay, trips and calls to the movers about the furniture, many parties of farewell. Peggy had to tell the superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday school that she could no longer teach. She had enjoyed that class of eager, active nine-year-old girls so much. John had to resign from his position as the adult teacher for the young married men. They both had to bid a sad farewell to the choir as they went for the last time to choir practice. The children had to make their farewells: Jane to her Sunbeam Band and John, Jr. to his RA group. This was an exciting time and yet a sad time for all the family as their home roots were pulled up for the first time. But at last all the necessary things were done and the last good-bys had been said and they were on their way to Miami, Florida,

to board the boat which would take them to their new home in Cuba.

Just after sunrise their boat passed Morro Castle at the entrance of the harbor and they glimpsed for the first time a view of the great city of Havana, teeming with a million people. They were soon caught up in the rush of docking and being checked through customs. Then they were out on the street meeting many new people from John's company. There were the Smiths, the Jacksons, and the Streets, all new faces, but eager to be helpful to the Williams. The Smiths invited them to their home for lunch and in the afternoon they saw that they were settled in their temporary apartment.

During the next week, Mrs. Smith went house hunting with Peggy nearly every day. It was only natural that they should ask them to spend the day at the beach on Sunday. Now Peggy and John would never have thought of doing this at home. They had always been in their place at church on Sunday. But, though they had determined that they would attend church regularly if there was an English-speaking Baptist church in Havana, and though they had heard that there was such a church; still, it did not seem quite right to refuse the Smiths who had been so nice to them.

The next week they found an apartment and their furniture arrived and they were busy getting moved. They had not found the church and John was not too sure of his way around the city yet so they decided to stay home and put up the pictures and other things that required John's help. The next Sunday the Jacksons asked them over to spend the day and since it was easier now to put off going to church they readily accepted.

After the children started to school and John became increasingly busy with his business Peggy had many pangs of loneliness and homesickness. For the first time she missed the Christian fellowship that they had treasured so at home. But within a few months she became active in the different clubs for the American women, she started Spanish classes at the Community House, and the children had their own social events in Havana. Oh, yes, they had found the church, finally—several months after their arrival. They had been treated cordially and the pastor had visited

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Dr. Pascual Herrera, director of the Baptist Hospital in Havana, Cuba, pauses to talk to Rev. Enrique Pino, a Baptist pastor there.

Ten Days in the Baptist Hospital

By Mildred Matthews
Missionary
Havana, Cuba

I HAD OFTEN boasted that I was number fourteen among the nearly 3,000 members of the Baptist Hospital in Havana, Cuba, and yet I had never gone there for a consultation because I did not need to.

One day two years ago, Dr. Pascual Herrera handed me a piece of paper telling me that I was number fourteen among the charter members and that I now had full rights for hospitalization and medical attention. As a member I had the obligation of paying a monthly amount for the privileges of the hospital.

After two years of visiting others I became a patient myself. The cause was a pain in my knee which for months had kept me from doing my work.

I had heard the testimony of others about the Christian spirit which is felt there. But now I can give my own testimony. From the cook, who is a Baptist, to Dr. Herrera who is director of the hospital, all the attendants, nurses, and doctors are living testimonies of what Christ can do with lives which are dedicated to him.

When I entered the hospital there was

a Baptist woman from Guanajay across the hall from me who was very ill and who died while I was in the hospital. Her family gathered in her room often for Bible reading and prayers. The nurses always waited outside the door while the family prayed.

The widow of a Baptist pastor from the eastern part of the island was a patient next door to me. Her daughter, who is the Baptist missionary in Moron, was there with her and she was a real missionary as she talked and prayed with the patients.

Gloria Diaz was a patient in the hospital. I had had a small part in her conversion during a revival directed by Dr. C. Y. Dossey of the States. Every night she would come to my room and kneel beside my bed and ask me to pray for her. I found that as I prayed for both of us God was hearing me because she be-

gan to improve and my knee began to get better.

A young mother gave birth to a baby boy while I was in the hospital. We learned that although she is a member of the hospital group, she was a Catholic. The cook's little boy had given me a Gospel of John when he came to visit me. I suppose he thought I needed to be evangelized! Through the missionary from Moron the Gospel was passed on to the Catholic lady who began to read it. I have promised to give her address to the Baptist pastor near her.

Dr. Herrera told me this story: A young man was invited to a service at the Marianao Church. He liked it and continued to attend. Later he accepted Christ and asked for baptism. His mother was a Catholic and kept pictures of saints and images on her walls and an altar in her home. She kept candles burning before the image of the Virgin Mary. When the young man told his mother that he was to be baptized in a Baptist church she protested and told him he would have to leave home if he did such a thing. He finally made the

Dr. Pascual Herrera, director of the Baptist Hospital in Havana, Cuba, the only evangelical hospital there, is praying daily that some church, some Christian group, or some individual will see the challenge of this undertaking and help provide an adequate building.

decision to be baptized in spite of his mother's objections. As he continued going to the Baptist church his mother made life as difficult for him as possible.

As a member of the Marianao Church he learned about the Baptist Hospital and became a member. Later he entered the hospital for an operation. His mother's heart was softened a little and she went to the hospital to be with him during the operation. While there she was impressed with the Christianity of the doctors, nurses, employees, and patients. She went home and threw away her images; began to attend the Baptist church with her son; and now is a faithful member of the Marianao Church. The hospital has been a missionary agency.

The Baptist Hospital is in a rented building two stories high with a penthouse on the roof. The office, kitchen, consultation rooms, and the nurses' bedrooms are on the ground floor. On the second floor are the rooms for the patients and the operating room. There is no elevator. All food must be carried up the stairs and all

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Miriam

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we find Miriam in Havana working in an office to make her own money and have some of the things she wanted to buy for "the bride."

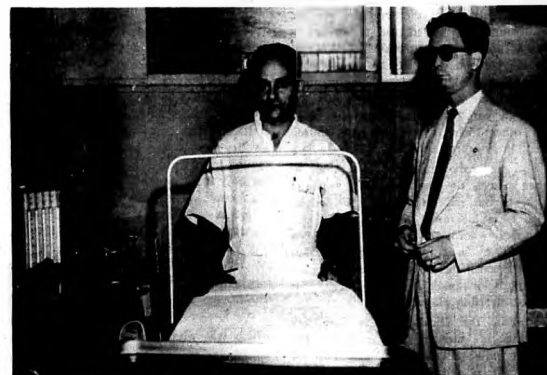
And a lovely bride she made this past June. Folk say the church was never lovelier; people tell that a happier couple never took the marriage vows; and they speak of the honeymoon in Miami, a gift from her father, as an unforgettable thing.

Rafael and Miriam are living in a town just a half hour from my city, where he is pastor. His love, activity, and consecration are shaking up the members and gaining others. She is by his side in it all; two choirs are at work, new organizations are running well. The people are delighted with this young couple.

What a gracious and graceful little home-maker she is! She, laughingly talks of the little extra things she puts in her living



All doctors, nurses, and other workers of the Baptist Hospital in Cuba are Baptists. This is Nurse Mauna Eastonel.



Dr. Pascual Herrera and M. Iglesias, manager of the hospital. Mr. Iglesias recently turned down a much better paying job to continue his work with the hospital.

room to fill the spaces where there is no furniture yet. They want to buy slowly and well.

Miriam is not one of the most robust of our pastors' wives, but one of the daintiest

and sweetest, and she craves the prayers of all friends there and here as the two carry on for their Lord. You, I am sure, will be happy and diligent as you join us in prayer.

File this Magazine for
Mission Study Material on Cuba

A Church Tries to Solve Its Problems

By Nemesio Garcia
Pastor, M. N. McCall Baptist Church
Havana, Cuba

THE NEW BUILDING of the Baptist Seminary of Havana was dedicated September 18, 1950. Dr. Herbert Caudill, our mission secretary, thought that mission work should be opened in this section, using the chapel of the seminary for the auditorium. He asked me to accept a change and start to work. Within three months we had organized a church with 36 members. I have baptized 49 since that time and our total membership is now 89, although we have lost several by letter and others who formed a new church which grew out of a mission which we had.

But the work is harder here than in other places for the following reasons: First, is the indifference of the people. This is a universal sin, but in Latin countries where the people have been deceived by a traditional religion that neither saves them, gives them a good example, nor leads them to Christ, this sin is a terrible plague.

Second, the location. The seminary building is situated on one of the highest hills of Havana, "The Hill of Light." It is a picturesque place which commands a lovely view of the whole city. It is ideal for the seminary, for at the same time that it is within the city, it is off to itself, quiet, unsurpassable for its purpose. But it is not very suitable for a church location, because of the difficulty it occasions those who need to come several times a week. Many people have said to me, "Pastor, I'd like to go, but I can't stand that hill." And when I see them coming up and watch how the older people get out of breath, I understand their objection.

The third handicap is the lack of means of transportation. The bus lines are rather far away and in the zone from which the majority of the people could come they do not have automobiles. Many go great

distances to attend other churches because the bus leaves them nearer to their destination.

What Are We Doing To Overcome These Difficulties?

We are promoting a campaign to win the relatives of our members. Those who are already accustomed to coming can easily bring other members of their families. We are also trying to provide transportation for those who have difficulty in coming. Some time ago we borrowed for awhile one of the buses of the Baptist school in Havana. Although we did this for only three months, and only for bringing people to Sunday school, two good members were won through this effort. A young man, Juan Gonzalez, president of the Young People's Union of our BTU, is one of them, and Rafael Galiano, who has a good mission in her home, is the other.

We have bought a small station wagon which was what the church was able to afford, and we use it for pastoral visitation and to bring to church the most difficult cases.

We have started a church building fund. The seminary has 11,000 square meters of land and on the northern part we could build a sanctuary and educational plant on land that is down on the lower part of the property and nearer to the highway where the buses pass. This fund was started by Herby, Dr. Caudill's young son, who is nine years old and a member of this church. He said to me one day, "Pastor, I think we ought to have a church building down there below, and I have forty cents I can give for that purpose. Do you think we could begin the fund?" I told him "Yes," accepted his forty cents, and we prayed that the Lord would increase it. The

church has taken the matter seriously and the fund has grown to \$53.55.

We hope that with much prayer, work, and sacrifice, we will be able to overcome the difficulties which now keep us from growing as we desire and as the work of the Lord requires.

Silenia Chose Christ

By Rainaldo Medina
Pastor, First Baptist Church
San Juan y Martinez, Cuba

SILENIA VALDES is a young woman from San Juan y Martinez in Cuba. She was a Catholic for more than 25 years. Her parents and relatives are still Catholics who, as all Catholics, worship idols and



Silenia Valdes, nearly blind girl of Cuba, who defied Catholic family and friends to join Baptist church.

images of several gods. They never knew about the true God and never have read the Bible because the Catholic priest in the town told them that anyone who reads the Bible will go crazy. Silenia and her family were afraid even to hear the name of evangelical or Baptist.

Several times I asked this family to visit our church and hear the message, but they never accepted my invitation.

During the revival meeting in our church

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Havana a Challenge to Baptists

By Enrique Pina
Pastor, El Cerro, Havana, Cuba



Some Sunday school classes meet in the street or on porches in Cuba because of lack of room. Buildings are badly needed.

This group attends Sunday school in a small rented house at Cerro, Havana, Cuba. Rev. Enrique Pina is pastor.

A well-to-do Cuban woman opens her home to the Baptist church at Miramar, Cuba, where A. J. Silva is pastor. Miramar Baptists, like many other groups, need a new church building.

ONE OF THE greatest challenges to Baptists in Cuba is Greater Havana with a population of over a million people. The efforts of the Home Mission Board directed by Dr. Herbert Caudill during the last several years, have been to extend the work in this needy city.

During the last four years seven new churches have been organized: Buena Vista, Rev. T. Law, pastor; McCall Church, Rev. Nemesio Garcia, pastor; Miramar, Rev. A. J. Silva, pastor; Delicias, Rev. Herbert Caudill, pastor; Luyano, Rev. D. Torres, pastor; Almendares, Rev. Herbert Caudill, pastor; and Cerro, Rev. Enrique Pina, pastor.

Almost all of these churches as well as many others in Cuba are located in inadequate rented buildings which are poorly equipped. This is true in a field where the Roman Catholics are so strong. This is one reason our growth has been slow. It is expensive to start a church as rents in Havana are very high. For example a small church, the Miramar Church, has to pay \$160.00 a month rent.

Here at Cerro, where we work, in an area of not over ten blocks from where we have our church in a rented house, there are fourteen Roman Catholic institutions (churches, schools, clinic, etc.).

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Dr. Alfred Carpenter visits with Maj. Gen. K. P. McNaughton, vice-commander of the Headquarters Far East Air Force in Tokyo.

This is the first of a series of articles written by Dr. Alfred Carpenter following his recent visit to the Pacific area. While on this tour he visited most of the U. S. armed forces installations and many Southern Baptist mission points.

U. S. Air Force Photo

ON THE morning of September 3, when our Northwest Air Lines plane soared from the runway of Seattle Airport into the clear sky over picturesque Puget Sound heading north to Alaska, from thence to Japan, Korea, and returning to the States via Hawaii, I was utterly unprepared for the surprise that awaited me with our Christian laymen in the armed forces.

My mission was to contact and hold conferences with commanding officers and chaplains, especially our 78 Southern Baptist chaplains in the Pacific area. A spiritual by-product of this itinerary was fellowship with many of our Baptist laymen in all branches of the service and of all ranks.

Whether these Baptist laymen were piloting a plane to Alaska, flying over the North Pole checking hygrometers on the weather that may affect a frost in Florida; or testing equipment at Arctic Circle Depot to protect lives; whether in Korea at Headquarters K. Com. Z. or with Eighth Army Units in forward areas, maintaining the truce; whether in Japan at Ashiya Air Force Base or in Tokyo military headquarters, fulfilling an occupational mission; or whether sweating out an assignment on a Pacific Island, each man was carefully chosen and effectively trained for his important task. Each knew how to handle the tools of his trade.

Associating with these Baptist laymen on their duty stations and being with them on assignments soon brings the conviction that they are also chosen of God and effectively trained, by some local Baptist church for this hour of opportunity and heavy responsibility. Theirs is a mission of a powerful witness for Christ in their own outfit. They also have opportunity to lead in mission work among civilians wherever they are located.

By Alfred Carpenter
Director of Chaplains Commission, S.B.C.

They know how to handle the instrument (the Bible) of their mission.

Permit me to share a few choice, fresh, firsthand, once-in-a-lifetime experiences of this brief itinerary that extended across the vast Pacific.

In Alaska, at one of the isolated radar control centers, there is a small group of about 200 men. Our chaplain visits them once each month. Christian laymen carry on the week-night Bible classes and Sunday school under the leadership of a C.O. who is as concerned about the eternal welfare of his men as he is the defense of his country. I spent an afternoon and evening with this outfit. Their keen concern regarding spiritual values was indeed inspiring.

In Korea, at Teague, Headquarters K. Com. Z., I met the president of the Military Christian Men's Association. This high ranking officer was filled with the spirit of God. Fellowship with him was refreshing to

Unsung
Heroes



Dr. Carpenter and Chaplain F. H. Ogilvie enjoy service in which Commanding Officer Jim D. Warren (left) awards athletic trophies at Murphy Dome, Alaska.

this road-weary preacher. His testimony at this needy spot on the world's map seems to be of divine appointment.

Up in the forward area the "Famous Fifth" of the First Marine Division took time out from an afternoon baseball game to come to the chapel and ask this visiting preacher to conduct a service for them. Fifty-four attended with their chaplain. These men not only support the chaplain's program, but also make worthy contributions to our mission work in Seoul.

The commanding officers of First Marine Division, the I Corps and IX Corps, honored this visitor with a staff dinner at each of their headquarters. Around the table with all his staff officers present, religion was the lead subject. Many of these men spoke the spiritual language familiar to Southern Baptists. Some were the tried and true of our own laymen.

Flying in a helicopter over these dispersed units, scattered from the China Sea to the Sea of Japan, one could see the chapel steeples lifting their spires heavenward. Many of these buildings were erected by the men on off-duty hours. This is an indication of their interests.

In Japan, at the Southern Baptist head-

quarters, Tokyo, I was thrilled to be with our missionaries in a midweek service on Wednesday night, studying the Bible. Half the group were servicemen. These men go back to their base and out in that city (third largest in the world) to witness for Christ.

At Ashiya Air Force Base (southern Japan) the chaplain called a meeting of forty airmen who had given their lives to full-time Christian service—about one half of them to Southern Baptist ministry. Their type will compose a large portion of the next generation of preachers. Here I met some men won to Christ during my preaching missions held on Air Force bases in the States. The next morning these laymen took me to a nearby town of 15,000 population. With pride they showed me the Baptist church they were helping to support. They had just bought additional land for expansion and completed the first baptistry in that area of Japan.

On Guam I met a fine group of Baptist laymen. The major portion of them were with a Bomber Wing on T.D.Y. from an air base in the States. They had no

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Keep on Growing

It has been exactly two years since I came to serve as pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. As I make a comparison between the Sunday I came as pastor and the Sundays in this month I am thankful with exceeding joy for God's wonderful blessings upon this church.

On the Sunday of August 29 the Sunday school attendance broke the 100 record. It was about 10 times larger than two years ago. Last Sunday morning worship service attendance was 159, also 10 times more than two years ago. What a joy to see this church keep on growing.

I am planning to install at least 12 Sunday school classes in the limited space which we are using and which is just large enough for nine classes. We are urgently in need of more space to meet the rapidly growing attendance. We cannot wait another six months if we want to reach more unsaved people in this area. We hope the Home Mission Board will be able to give us speedy help in this matter.

—Thomas Lowe
Missionary to Chinese
Los Angeles, California



Members of the Chinese Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California.

Prayers Were Answered

As we serve on this field at Blackwater, Arizona, we have the privilege of working with scores of people, many of whom are not members of any churches and others who belong to some church but have not had the true experience of



GA's of the Chinese Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, presenting the program "The Light of the World is Jesus." Rev. Thomas Lowe is pastor.

salvation by grace. They mostly depend upon church membership, or maybe feel safe because their close relatives are members of some church. Or they say, "I live the right kind of a life and I care for my family and pay my bills." But the true, born-again Christian knows these things do not bring salvation.

At the close of a recent evening service, hearts were touched but no moves were made. Finally, one person made his way to the front and rededicated his life to the Lord. Then others followed for rededication.

The young man who went first was at one time a member of our Royal Ambassadors group but somehow was led astray by associates who were going the wrong way.

It has been our prayer that he would turn and come back to his home and church. We were called upon to help him out of jail and back to his home, but

with the understanding that he would be on strict probation for one year.

He made his first appearance in church on September 26, and that same night came asking God to give him strength to overcome temptation and be faithful to the church and to his home. His mother was the happiest woman imaginable as she saw her son take his stand with the determination to conquer evil in his life.

This fine young lad, sixteen years old and standing six feet tall, said as he stood before the church, bracing his shoulders back, "I want to rededicate my life to

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Jesus Christ and my desire is to live for Him. By the help of Christian people I will be strengthened to go forward as a Christian in the Lord's work."

Yes, there are so many who are in the same condition as this fine lad who by the help of the faithful Christians can find strength to do more for Christ and there are many who do not know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

We are not winning them by the droves, but one by one with much patience, long suffering, and love for the lost.

We thank the Lord for his leadership



White School at White Rock, Utah, held under brush arbor for Ute Indians.

and are looking forward to reaching more people this coming year. Pray for us as we serve here on the Pima Indian reservation.

—Rev. and Mrs. Leobain E. Johns
Missionary to Indians
Coolidge, Arizona

School and Revival for Ute Indians

We held a successful Vacation Bible school and revival for the Ute Indians at White Rock, Utah, during the summer. Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Hunt, Sherman, Texas, and Dr. J. B. Rounds, former superintendent of Indian work for the Home Mission Board, along with Miss Barbara Atkins assisted in the Bible school.

There was an enrollment of 26 and an average attendance of 16. Seven made decision for Christ in the revival. Brother Hunt preached in the revival services which were held under a brush arbor.

We are grateful for this good beginning of the work there.

—Lee M. Roebuck
Missionary to Indians
Roosevelt, Utah

January, 1955

Another Example of Success

For the past year the chapel at San Bruno, California, has been operating as a mission of the First Southern Baptist Church of San Mateo. Recently it was organized into a church and given the name of El Camino Baptist Church of San Bruno. It meets at present in a temporary location in the Gaarde Hall.

Dr. W. B. Timberlake, pastor of the Twelfth Avenue Baptist Church of Sacramento, led in the beginning of the church at San Bruno while serving as pastor of the San Mateo Church.

As missions chairman for the San Francisco Association of Southern Baptist Churches, Dr. Timberlake engaged Albert W. Gammage, Jr., to take a religious survey of San Bruno in July, 1953. A brief spot survey discovered about fifty families who would be prospects for a Southern Baptist church.

The Southern Baptist Chapel of San Bruno began regular Sunday services at the Gaarde Hall on August 16 with Mr. Gammage as pastor. Twenty-two persons were present for Sunday school.

In May, 1954, Earlye Barron, Jr., was employed as music and educational director. Both he and Mr. Gammage have been students at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary while serving the church.

The El Camino Baptist Church was organized with approximately 115 charter members. It has a fully graded Sunday school with 150 enrolled and a Training Union of fifty members. Three choirs provide special music for the worship services.

—Albert W. Gammage, Jr., Pastor
El Camino Baptist Church
San Bruno, California



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Prepare Now!

By Mrs. George R. Ferguson
Executive Secretary
Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Kentucky

SCIENTISTS, statesmen, sociologists, editors, and military men, with one voice are warning us that the world is in a crisis such as history has rarely seen. The United States stands in the awful position of having the major responsibility for deciding the outcome of the crisis. Men of keen minds from all walks of life are saying, almost with one voice, that Christianity offers the only hope for the future. America is known as a Christian nation. Can we meet the challenge? The situation requires action now. The Scrip-

tures and science tell us the time may be short! This is the urgency of home missions! Christian accomplishments in our history thus far have been phenomenal but there has never been a greater field, a larger opportunity, more tremendous need for missions in America than there is today. There is more territory to be reached; there are more people to be won to Christ; there is more work to be done than ever before. Someone has estimated that there are at least 96,000,000 souls in America

today who need our message of salvation. The message of Christ must be taken to the lost of America for their own good. We only have to open our eyes to see the need. We must win America to save America. We must also win America that it may become the chief base for winning the world—for foreign missions waits on home missions. What a tremendous challenge! Someone is going to possess America. Will we take it for Christ? Truly, "the future



is as bright as the promises of God." There are no limitations are of our own making. What will we do about it? Much of this responsibility rests upon the members of Woman's Missionary Union, for did you know that half of the budget for home missions comes from the Annie Armstrong Offering? What will we do about it? Let us prepare now to our best through the Home Mission Week of Prayer and the Annie Armstrong Offering. "... prepare thyself ... thy companion ... thy work ... in the field ... afterward build thy house."

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Hearts Must Be Prepared

"Weeks of prayer." Don't those words cause you to visualize numbers of women and young people on their knees praying earnestly for missions? Can anyone really imagine what could be accomplished if every organization really met to pray every day in that week and were in earnest about the task of missions? Prayer is the greatest single power in the world today. Great reservoirs of power are at the disposal of Christian women who will pray. Begin now to pray concerning your Home Mission Week of Prayer. Pray that your heart may be prepared—that the hearts of your members may be prepared—that we may root out evil, selfishness, indifference, and greed and erect therein an altar where we may bring real "Trophies for the King." Keep prayer central in your preparing and your performing for the Week of Prayer.

Gifts Must Be Prepared
Do you have an alabaster box to lay

Adults Are Important

By John Caylor

In older churches half the Sunday school pupils are adults. All the teachers and officers of the Sunday school are adults. The unutilized of the community are also adults. As this issue of Home Missions is reaching the homes of its readers Atlanta, Georgia, is host, December 30-31, 1954, to the Convention-wide Adult Sunday School Conference meeting in the First Baptist Church. Sunday school leaders from over the nation are in attendance at the meeting.

at Christ's feet? Give meaning to your gifts. Forego that shopping trip and slip the money you would spend unnecessarily in the alabaster box. Give the family a little less often during January and February and slip the extra into your home missions alabaster box for "Trophies for the King." See that each member of your organizations has an offering envelope, personalized with her name on it, and that she is given an opportunity to share in the blessings that planned giving brings. Let your children bring gifts that have meaning for them by encouraging them to earn what they give. Did you know that your money speaks 38 languages when given to home missions? Remember that each gift that is planned—purposed in the heart—brings a twofold blessing, spiritual prosperity for the giver and spiritual effects upon the recipient; to say nothing

of the best reason for giving, namely, to glorify God.

See the need, remember God's blessings to you—"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). Give with compassion and love. Give joyously. Someone has said, "Let your giving be more akin to music than to mathematics." In all your preparation for giving remember that, "The gift without the giver is bare," that it is "not yours but you" that God wants.

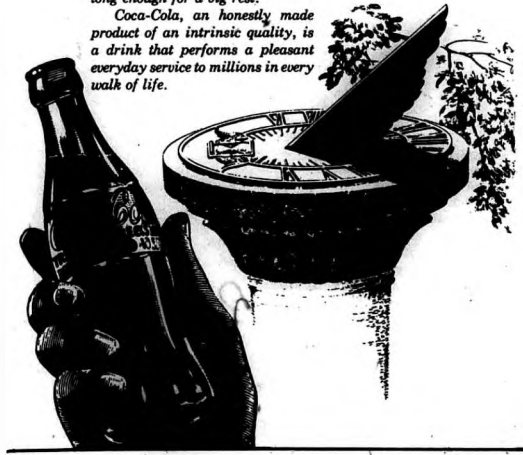
As we prepare now for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, February 28 to March 4, seeing the tremendous opportunities that lie before us to bring "Trophies for the King," let us remember and help others to realize that:

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A Haven for Servicemen

By Mrs. E. D. Estes
First Baptist Church
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THE SERVICE PERSONNEL CENTER of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Mississippi, was opened for full-time operation on February 1, 1942, and has operated every day since that time.

Singspirations, Christian preparatory institutes, committee meetings, the prayer room, parties, picnics, candy making, or just a jam session in the comfortable chairs afford wonderful opportunities to minister to those who are Christians as well as those who have not accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. A cup of coffee together often affords an opportunity to witness for Christ. A lonely, homesick person longs for someone to listen to him tell of his loved ones at home, or to hear about his troubles, and it often provides an opportunity to point him to the Great Comforter.

First Baptist Church, Biloxi, is located on the main street leading from Keesler Air Force Base into the business section of the city and two blocks from the Gulf beach. The church operates the Service Personnel Center, as a part of its total ministry to the thousands of young men and women in Keesler Air Force Base.

The recreation center, on the ground floor of the church, is kept open from 9:00 A. M. until 9:30 P. M. daily. It is equipped with a library of more than 3,000 choice volumes, a daily paper, 36 periodicals and magazines, reading tables, writing tables, free writing materials, and a typewriter. There are table games such as checkers, Chinese checkers, dominoes, pick-up-sticks, puzzles, anagrams, chess, a

radio-victrola, piano, shuffleboard, and ping-pong tables. For out-door games there are archery sets, horseshoes, badminton, baseball equipment, etc.

Coffee and tea are served daily, and for special occasions soft drinks, cookies, doughnuts, pies, sandwiches, salads, or chili suppers. During revival meetings, Thanksgiving, and following similar other morning services, the church serves a light breakfast to the young people who attend from Keesler Air Force Base as well as to the local and vacationing young people.

Every Saturday night there is a planned and directed party in the recreation center where Christian fun and fellowship are enjoyed by those who come our way seeking wholesome entertainment while off the



Group singing around the piano in the recreation center of the First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Mississippi, is often enjoyed by servicemen and their friends.

Base. This, of course, is in addition to the daily program of activities.

The church has a youth choir, largely composed of young men and women who are connected with Keesler Air Force Base. This choir rehearses on Wednesday following midweek prayer service and on Sunday afternoon immediately after the snack supper. Those young people who go out from the church each Sunday afternoon

on mission work and those in the library preparing for Training Union programs, Sunday school work, or other programs, along with the casual visitors, welcome the 4:30 snack supper.

Many testimonies have come to us as to what our recreation center has meant to others:

Buster was passing the church one night from the church each Sunday afternoon

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Mrs. E. D. Estes, director of the servicemen's center, First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Mississippi, does personal work with many who come to the center.

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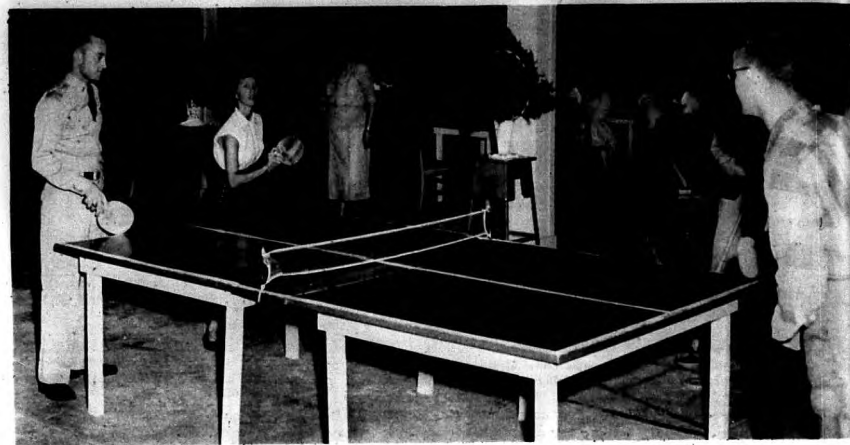
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Do Churches Near Military Camps Have Special Responsibilities and Opportunities to Witness for Christ?



Informal games such as Ping-Pong are popular with the servicemen who come to the center.

and heard that we were going to "have something to eat." He stopped in to see if he could "get in on it." Buster found a friendly group who made him want to come again. He did return and later found Christ precious to his soul. Today he is pastor of a growing Baptist church in California.

Red was from a wealthy family. He was worldly and cared little if anything for the church, but he loved music. He was enlisted in our recreational activities and sang in our youth choir. He, too, came to know Christ and dedicated his life to full-time Christian service. Today Red is pastor of a fine Baptist church in North Carolina.

Rex was a gambler by profession. He was on his way to a carnival on the beach to play a roulette wheel when he heard singing in our services. He felt impelled to enter. The Lord spoke to his heart and Rex answered God's call. The evangelistic message of our pastor, Dr. G. C. Hodge, struck home and Rex trusted Christ for salvation and left the life of sin that night.

Well over one hundred thousand have come into our Service Personnel Center. During the years many foreign students have come in addition to men and women from every state in the United States. It was our privilege to win six Chinese students to Christ while they were stationed

at Keesler and attending our recreation center and later the services of our church.

The Lord has been good to us. He has led a cross section of the world to our doors for us to minister to, and he has done it mainly through our Service Personnel Center. He has blessed our efforts many times.

We do not claim the glory for any of the lives reached. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts and lives of the people of our church and of our state who have made this work possible. This is a part of our state mission program as well as a part of our church program. We believe it is one of the most important parts of our mission work.



Some of those who lead in the work at the servicemen's center in Biloxi are shown here: Dr. G. C. Hodge, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Mrs. Hodge, and Rev. E. D. Estes, pastor of Big Ridge Baptist Church in Biloxi, and Mrs. Estes.

HOME MISSION

FROM PRIEST to PREACHER

By Eugene S. Wolfe
Missionary to Spanish-Speaking
San Ysidro, California



Dr. Tomas Courret, former high-ranking priest in Peru, with Eugene S. Wolfe, pastor of the San Ysidro Spanish Mission in California, where the ex-priest is now a member.

DECEMBER 7, 1904, in Lima, Peru, there was born a little Peruvian by the name of Tomas Courret. His parents were poor and humble and Catholic "unto the walls of the house." During his primary school days he learned to enjoy reading and would often be found reading when the other children were playing.

When he finished his primary education he wanted to study further but the poverty of his parents made this seem impossible. There was a way, however, and that was to become a priest. He knocked at the door of the Franciscan order, and was accepted and found many opportunities. As a novice in the Franciscan order he completed his secondary training and also his university work. After he became a priest he continued his studies and received his doctorate in philosophy and then later in theology. For more than twenty-five years he served the Franciscan order, first as a priest, then as the superior of a convent, later as director of the school of theology, and finally as the guardian of the whole Franciscan order of Peru.

It was during his study of philosophy that this man first began to doubt some of the dogmas which he had formerly accepted. For instance, he learned that any given substance is of a certain nature and basically it cannot be changed. How, then, could the bread of the communion be changed into the actual body of Christ? And how could the wine be changed into his actual blood? He was strongly reproved by his superiors for expressing these doubts, but even then he determined to find out the truth.

He began to study the Bible and slowly became convinced that there were other Catholic doctrines that he couldn't accept. One day at a meeting in which there

were forty-eight priests and two bishops, he expounded some of his ideas. For this exposition of "Protestant" ideas he was sentenced to remain silent in his room for forty-eight days. His only companion was God.

After he completed his period of isolation he was to be sent to a little town back in the mountains of Peru. The day before he was to leave he escaped from the monastery and found refuge in the American Bible Society of Lima, Peru. He couldn't remain in Peru (alive), so some of the missionaries paid his passage to the United States. On September 24, 1953, he left Peru for the United States.

Dr. Courret accepted the Lord as his own personal Saviour at the Bible Society. From September 24, 1953, to August 10, 1954, he was a tourist in the United States and spent most of his time visiting Protestant churches in the state of California. He bought a set of Dr. J. B. Carroll's commentaries which are published in Spanish, and by studying them, together with his Bible, many new truths were revealed to him.

His tourist permit ran out and he moved to Tijuana, Baja California, to live while he tries to arrange his permanent entry into the United States. When we invited him to become a member of our mission in San Ysidro, across the border from Tijuana, he readily agreed. He was baptized on August 22, 1954, in the First Baptist Church of Chula Vista, which is the sponsoring church for our missions.

Now that he has found the truth, Dr. Courret has a real passion to tell others. He goes out every night into missions and homes telling people about Jesus. Nearly every night souls are being saved under his ministry.

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Fifth Alaska Crusade

By C. Y. Dossy
Assistant Secretary of Evangelism

WE HAVE RECENTLY concluded our fifth simultaneous evangelistic crusade in Alaska. The visible results of the crusade were 362 additions to the 21 churches, with 179 coming on profession of faith as candidates for baptism.

The first simultaneous crusade ever to be conducted in Alaska by Baptists was in 1949. For this crusade only five preachers went from the States and the results were 162 additions with 95 for baptism. These figures show the marvelous growth of our Baptist work in Alaska. The Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism, through

the Department of Evangelism, has had a vital part in this great growth. The department has sponsored five simultaneous crusades in Alaska.

During the recent crusade the following preachers, besides the writer, were sent by their churches or boards to serve as evangelists: W. Fred Swank, Fort Worth, Texas; Frank Morris, Gaffney, South Carolina; C. E. Wilbanks, Jackson, Mississippi; W. E. Cook, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; John Haldeman, Miami, Florida; I. Carroll Chadwick, Center, Texas; Warren Rust, Knoxville, Tennessee; W. D. Morris,



New members of the First Baptist Church, Fairbanks, in pastor's class where they studied *Yours Life and Your Church*. Orland Cary is pastor.



Some of those attending a fellowship meeting at Fairbanks, Alaska, during simultaneous crusade.

Scotland, Neck, North Carolina; Caesar W. Clark, Dallas, Texas; W. E. Waterhouse, Birmingham, Alabama; Joe Odle, Gulfport, Mississippi; A. B. Van Arsdale, Decatur, Alabama; Wade B. East, Carmi, Illinois; I. G. Gooden, Port Arthur, Texas; Wade Bryant, Roanoke, Virginia; Henry Kinkeade, Irving, Texas; J. A. Pennington, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; John A. Nolan, Avondale Estates, Georgia; and Robert Scales, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The following singers were sent by their churches: W. H. Souther, Dallas, Texas; Robert Jones, Miami, Florida; Richard Eden, Frederick, Oklahoma; Ben F. Carter, Temple, Texas; Dwight Phillips, Texarkana, Texas; and Lee Roy Till, Fort Worth, Texas.

I served as general director for the crusade, and director for the Fairbanks area. Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, secretary of evangelism in Mississippi, served as director in the Anchorage area. I asked three of the men who went on this trip to give a brief estimate of the work in Alaska. The following are their reports.

Rev. Robert S. Scales, Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who preached at Kotzebue, Alaska, writes:

The mission at Kotzebue participated for the first time in a simultaneous crusade in Alaska. This mission is made up entirely of Eskimos. The pastor is Dick Miller. In him Southern Baptists have a jewel. He is a man of exceptional ability. He plays the organ, sings, and directs the services with relaxed appreciation of the needs of the congregation.

The mission has a good building, well located in the heart of the Eskimo village. The mission was started in August, 1953, with an attendance of eight. A high attendance of 50 was reached during the revival. During the recent crusade there was one addition by letter and 10 made profession of faith. These, along with

some others, will be baptized as soon as a baptistry can be provided. There has never been anyone scripturally baptized in Kotzebue. The Friends and the Pentecostals do not baptize at all. The Catholics and Episcopalians baptize only by sprinkling. The Baptists have been unable to baptize because the water of the Arctic Ocean is too cold and there is no baptistry. One of the greatest investments that could be made toward furthering the work there would be the installation of a baptistry.

The People

The natives for the most part might be said to be a religious people. Attendance at the five churches, Friends, Pentecostal, Episcopal, Catholic, and Baptist, is fairly good. There is practically no other place to go. The people like to sing and they like to follow the Scripture readings in their Testaments. Their religion, however, might be characterized as follows:

(1) Religion without righteousness. Many of the natives profess religion, but it has little effect on their morals. There is a very large percentage of illegitimacy, infidelity to the marriage vows, and the like.

(2) Religion without responsibility. Neither the Friends nor the Pentecostal churches baptize or maintain any church rolls. They have the largest memberships, if it might be called that. Hence the people feel no responsibility toward the church. They are a part of a certain congregation, and that is about as far as their relationship goes.

(3) Religion without rest. These people are restless. They have not received what they need or want. Only the gospel of Christ as presented by Baptists with its accompanying responsibility toward Christ's church and his commission can meet their needs. Baptists are late getting

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there with the message. Others have been working there for close to 60 years.

The white people, what few there are, for the most part are irreligious, non-religious, or anti-religious. With one or two rare exceptions the missionary stands absolutely alone as far as receiving any encouragement or assistance where any of the white populace is concerned.

Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, director of evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention, who preached at the Calvary Baptist Church, Anchorage, and served as director for the Anchorage area, says:

After the nine-inch snow had melted from the Anchorage area, three of us stood in the chilly night watching the early display of the northern lights. Bluish, green, yellow-tinted, and occasional crimson streaks, standing still, now sliding over each other, or disappearing entirely to reappear again in another form and spot in the north, those playful lights held our rapt attention. They seemed to leave a parable with us, too, as we stood there behind Calvary Baptist Church on Military Hill, Anchorage, Alaska.

The parable was that the whole Alaskan peninsula is as unpredictable as are the far-famed northern lights which are seen so vividly at times from her land, water, and glaciers. No man knows whence they come, or whither bound. So it is with the Alaskan territory.

Alaska is a land of complexity, where schools and churches thrive, where riches of mines, soils, and streams allure, and where every vice or virtue known to man

pawns itself for the control of the people—white, black, red, and all.

What of religion in the territory? It is all there, as here. As an extreme picture, one town of 900 people has 16 denominations, one of whose preachers attended our Baptist revival and asked converts on the spot to come on over and join his church.

The heart-breaking part for us is that Baptists have been working only ten years in Alaska. It was part of America, so our Foreign Mission Board could not enter. It was not part of the South, so our Home Mission Board could not get to it sooner. Other Baptists, who farm the field, which is the world, on the terms of a comity agreement, stayed out. Southern Baptists moved in and began to worship and to teach small groups, as back home. The Home Mission Board, having battled its way to the Pacific, heard the Macedonian call and is now making brick without straw.

As we build our commodious educational units and garnish our beautiful structures inside and out, why not set aside \$100,000, \$1,000,000, or more for our brethren who endure Alaskan weather, who are doing without so much, for Christ's sake. In the long nights the sun is visible about two hours. In the long days the sun is over the horizon about two hours, still glowing.

Pray, oh, pray for Alaska, our last continental frontier where we are there with "too little and too late!"

Dr. Wade H. Bryant, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, who preached at the First Baptist Church, Juneau, writes:

Alaska today is a far cry from the Alaska of 1867 which Secretary of State

William H. Seward talked the U. S. Congress into buying. "Seward's Folly" it was dubbed then. Why pay Russia \$7,200,000 for a massive and distant ice box, and an apparently empty one at that? The Aleuts had a name for it, "The Great Land." (It is more than twice the size of Texas and one-fifth as large as the United States). And at the price Seward paid, the \$86,000 square miles cost ten cents an acre or \$12.30 a square mile.

The "folly" has become a fabulous treasure because Alaska has already yielded around four billion dollars in returns and its known potential wealth is greater than our national debt. No one knows what undiscovered wealth in oil, gas, gold, silver, platinum, nickel, lead, tin, cobalt, manganese, aluminum, coal, iron, copper and other minerals is. But more important than this, the world has discovered what St. Petersburg and others saw years ago, that the North Polar Sea is the Mediterranean of the modern world.

American Viscose Corporation and Puget Sound Pulp and Timber Company recently put into operation a 50-million-dollar pulp mill at Ketchikan, and Fruehauf and Northwest Power Ltd. have just announced plans to build a 270-million-dollar electro-chemical and metallurgical plant near the capital city, Juneau, to produce nickel, cobalt, manganese, tin, iron, and steel. Oil, electric, lumber, mining, and manufacturing interests will follow in an increasing stream.

Two facts surprise most people. The first is that Alaska is on the same latitude as Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, and not at the North Pole. The second is that it can support a population of ten to twelve million people. The pressure of world population is growing greater and distances are growing smaller. Alaska is the last frontier of the United States.

As the western states fill up, homesteaders, farmers, miners, lumbermen, fishermen, fur trappers, traders, merchants, manufacturers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, journalists, preachers, engineers, government workers will move up the coast to Alaska, and the sixth boom will far exceed the others in size, power, and permanence. The tide is already running that way.

NEW APPOINTEES



Zimmerman, H. A.

B. August 23, 1890, Jonesboro, Ark. Ed. High School, Conway, Arkansas; Ouachita Baptist College, Ark., 4 yrs., A. B. degree 1921; S.W.B.T.S., 3 yrs., Th. M. degree, 1924; G.G.B.T.S., 1 yr. Children: 3 sons, 1 daughter. Missionary to Brazil 6 yrs.; pastor, Albuquerque, N. Mex., 7 yrs.; state secretary, Arizona, 5 yrs.; and state missionary, Arkansas, 3 yrs. Appointed missionary-pastor, North Pole, Alaska, Aug. 1954.

Jeffers, Claribel

B. Oct. 3, 1896, Roanoke, Ala. Ed. High School, Roanoke, Ala.; George Washington University, 1919-21; Judson College 1923-25. A. B. degree; S.W.B.T.S. 1921-23 and 1925-26. M. R. E. degree; National University of Mexico, summers 1928, 1942; Southern Methodist University intermittently 1945-47. M. E. degree. Served as a mission teacher, Fruitland Inst. N. C., 1935-36; director Woman's Emergency Home, New Orleans, 1937; director Baptist Good Will Center, Dallas, Tex., 1937-49; director kindergarten, First Mexican Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex. 1950-53. Appointed kindergarten teacher, Mexican Baptist Church, Pharr, Tex., Oct. 7, 1954.



Evans, Edward Ellis

B. Feb. 14, 1928, Sedwick, Tex. Ed. High School, Azle, Tex.; Tarleton State (Tex.) 1 yr.; Hardin Simmons University, 3 yrs. B. A. degree; G.G.B.T.S., 1 yr. Children: 1 daughter. Mission pastor, 2 yrs., Branscomb, Calif.; mission-pastor, Kenwood, Calif., 1 yr. Appointed Mission pastor, Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, Aug. 7, 1954.



Lively, Amy

B. May 11, 1917, Ed. Campbell High School, Fairburn, Ga.; N.O.B.T.S., 1948-50, certificate. Worked as photographer and later had her own kindergarten. Kindergarten teacher, College Park, Ga., 1943-46; state VBS worker in Georgia, summer 1950; Baptist Book Store, Atlanta, Ga., 1952-54. Appointed Dawson Good Will Center, Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 4, 1954. (Paid by Atlanta WMU through Home Mission Board.)



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Questions on CATHOLICISM

By William E. Burke
Field Worker, Home Mission Board

Q. What language is used by the Church of Rome?

A. Latin.

Q. What reason does the Church of Rome give for using Latin?

A. Rome says that living languages change, but the Latin language, being a dead language, is fixed, hence the Latin language is the best medium for the mass, dogmas, and formulas of an unchangeable church.

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Q. Has this explanation any force?

A. No. Dogmas can be preserved in a living as well as a dead language. Rome herself being a witness, the use of a dead language is no guarantee against change, for no church has undergone so many changes as she.

Q. How do Roman Catholic theologians meet the objection that the people do not understand the language of the mass?

A. They say that in the sacrifice of the mass it is not necessary for the people in attendance to understand the words that accompany it, for the words are addressed to the elements (bread and wine) which understand no language, or to God who understands all languages. They further say that the mass should always be attended by a certain majesty and inspiring solemnity and if in public worship special buildings, special costumes, and special forms are used so should a different language from the vernacular be used. The Latin language is more fitted to produce a feeling of reverence than the vulgar tongue, they claim.

Q. What is the answer to this?

A. It proceeds on the theory that ignorance is the mother of devotion, and that the more unintelligible the service be the more it will impress (spiritually) those who are witnesses to it. Such a defense of the use of an unknown tongue in the worship of God suggests the thought that the Roman ritual must be of such a character (in the judgment of the hierarchy themselves) that the less the people understand it the better.

Q. What important fact condemns the use of an unknown tongue in the worship of God?

A. The fact that the great mission of the church is to instruct and enlighten the people and that "the church is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws,

and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word, and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth." (The Baptist Faith and Message).

Q. Do not the Scriptures in express terms condemn the use of an unknown tongue in the worship of God?

A. Yes. "If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church" (1 Cor. 14:27-28). Paul, himself an accomplished linguist says, "In the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than by my voice I might teach others also, than I should use five hundred words without understanding" (1 Cor. 14:19).

Q. What was the practice of God's people under both dispensations?

A. The prayers of the Jews were always offered up in the Hebrew vernacular. The members of the primitive church, when they met for worship, "lifted up the voice to God with one accord" (Acts 4:24).

Paul says: "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. . . . When ye shall bless with the spirit, how shall ye say Amen at the giving of thanks, seeing ye understand not what ye say? For thou verily givest thanks well, but thy offering is not edified" (1 Cor. 14:14-17).

Unsung Heroes

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chaplain. A group of Baptist men brought with them their Brotherhood of Sunday school literature. They were carrying on, even though far separated from their local church at Roswell, New Mexico. They supported our entire program and preaching mission (revival meeting) in progress. Their witness was a powerful influence for righteousness.

In Hawaii is a small isolated navy radio station, visited only once each Sunday by our chaplain, yet with a well equipped chapel. The chaplain told the story of how the C.O. and men made possible this excellent chapel. In conference with the C.O. I found one of God's finest laymen, genuine, sincere in personal testimony and in his concern for the spiritual welfare of those under care.

The military has made ample provision to offer the men opportunity for recreation in local units and has provided wholesome area rest camps. No man

Music and the Crusade for Christ

By Hines Sims
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The year, 1955, is the year of the great crusade for souls in the Southern Baptist Convention. The campaign slogan is "Every Church Revived in '55!" Applying such a slogan to almost 30,000 churches and unifying our efforts is a gigantic task that can result in tremendous dividends for Christ.

Church musicians everywhere are a vital part of this crusade. All evangelistic campaigns need good music and require diligent preparation. The departments of church music in the Convention, states, and associations join with local churches in promoting the entire crusade which, of course, includes music.

The crusade progresses through three zones—Tropical, March 6-20; Central, March 27—April 10; North, April 10-24. There are special rallies in the various zones for various groups, namely: men, women, music, and youth. Music rallies will be held in the afternoon of February 27 for the tropical zone; March 20 for the central; and April 3 for the northern area.

In each association, the associational music director is on the revival steering committee and serves as chairman of the great music rally. Note that on the

excuse to dissipate his time or character. To do so he must cast aside provisions for his physical welfare and walk through barriers for his safety. In like manner, he is provided the facilities, from song books to chapels, for his spiritual need or growth. To fail to use these for his soul's enrichment is to be blind or delugent.

If all men of our armed forces were Christian, then personnel and moral problems would fade into oblivion. If all of our more than 200,000 Southern Baptist men in the military were as outstanding for Christ as many I met, then our churches would have returning to them evangelistic, mission-minded members.

On October 12, when the MATS Sky-master bored holes through the smog over San Francisco and the wheels touched the runways at Travis Air Force Base, USA, I thanked God for a safe and profitable mission completed; also for my fresh experiences in the military with unsung heroes, our Baptist laymen.

January, 1955

Sunday preceding the opening of the campaign in each zone there is to be a great music rally. This should be a banner day with record participation.

Special for the crusade is a new evangelistic songbook named *Crusade Songs*. Churches should procure enough copies of these books from Baptist Book Stores for their revival services and should order them far in advance. The books will be particularly suited for the music rallies and each revival.

Everywhere church musicians will lead music, sing in choirs, play instruments, invite people to Christ, and do all possible to reap the tremendous harvest that awaits the laborers. Musicians, preachers, laymen, all join in this greatest of all endeavors, the winning of the lost and the uplifting of the redeemed.

Baptist Hospital

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the patients must either climb the stairway or be carried up. The doctors sleep between hours off duty in the penthouse on the roof and sometimes when the hospital is crowded, patients are put to bed there.

The hospital has a bed capacity for eighteen patients and it is always full and running over. If they had more rooms they could have many more patients. The doctors are paying \$325.00 a month rent for the building. The owner of the building would be willing to sell if we had the money to buy. There is a house next door which is for sale and which would add much to the hospital if we could only buy it. The two buildings, the house next door and the building where the hospital is, can be bought for \$100,000.00.

If the doctors could borrow the money they could repay the loan easily with what they are paying for rent and with an added income which would be certain with the extra room. The building next door could be bought for \$30,000.00 and the other part of the money is needed to buy the hospital building and make repairs necessary to connect the two buildings and adapt them to the needs of the hospital.

The Baptist Hospital is an adventure of faith on the part of a group of Cuban Baptist doctors who began with their small earnings and who have put all they have into it. Not one of them has the money to buy buildings. Their faith is great but their income is small.

We are praying that the right person will be led to help these Baptist doctors with their adventure of faith and that the hospital may continue to heal bodies and souls here in Cuba.

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Two Endings

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them the following week. His visit was followed by other church members—each as nice as possible—but John and Peggy didn't think that they would ever feel at home in a church in Cuba. And they were so busy with all their other activities they really didn't have time for church. They had about decided they would take a three-years vacation from church activities. Yes, they would come when they could, but count them out on any work. They would become active when they went back to the States.

The ending of this story could have been different if only a few changes had been made. Let us see how it could have been.

The first Sunday after the Williams received word of their foreign assignment they very excitedly went to church and told their friends of the new experiences that were awaiting them. This came to the ears of the pastor and the next week he visited the Williams' home. Amid all the packing and turmoil he asked them what they knew of the Baptist work in Cuba. Peggy said, "Well, we have had one or two WMS programs on mission work in Cuba since I have been in the society. I don't exactly remember what we have in the city of Havana."

Quickly Pastor Jones replied, "The reason for this visit is to assure you that in Cuba you will have a church home. You have both been active Christians in our church and community and your Christian witness can mean even more there than it does here. You will have unlimited opportunities of service among the Americans there and in the First Baptist Church of Havana, which is made up of English-speaking people. We are sorry to lose you for this time, but we want you to take advantage of these opportunities so that you will return to the States more enthused over missions and can remain active and enthusiastic Christians even while you are in a foreign country."

The pastor's words had a deep effect on the whole family. Both of the children had learned of missionaries and missions in their children's organizations and were excited over the fact that they would get to see it first hand. Peggy and John felt better knowing they would have a chance to go right on serving Christ, even in Cuba, and they felt that it would help their adjustment to that country a great deal.

Pastor Jones continued: "Do you have an address in Cuba yet?"

"We have only a temporary address," John answered. "It is a furnished apartment the company found for us until our furniture gets there."

Mr. Jones was enthusiastic. "That will be fine. I want to write the pastor of the church in Havana so that he may look for you and help you in whatever way he can."

Within two weeks after this visit John and Peggy very happily received their first letter from Cuba. It was from the pastor of the Baptist church and told them of the welcome it wanted to extend to them and enclosed a map giving the exact location of the church.

When they arrived in Havana one of the first visitors was the pastor of the church. He assured them that if there was anything he could do to help them get settled he was ready. He said he would be by next Sunday and they could follow him to church in their car so that they might find their way.

The first Sunday in Havana was so much happier than they ever could have expected. The church people were friendly and everyone wanted to help them. Several of the women offered to take Peggy to the next WMS meeting and the Williams family truly felt that the world was a small place when they could find such Christian friends wherever they went. They put the letters in the church and within a few weeks were actively engaged in the different phases of the work—happy that they had found a church home in a strange land.

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Silenia

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two years ago Silenia and her mother came to church because an elderly member of our church, a faithful Christian woman, invited them. This same woman also brought fifteen other visitors to church that night.

That night Silenia heard the message of Christ for the first time in her life and it was just the contrary of what the people had told her about it. She liked it sufficiently for her to come every night of the two weeks of revival. At the close of the revival she was converted. As soon as she gave her testimony in the church, she had a great deal of trouble in her home with her family. They did not want her to be a Christian, and a Baptist. The Catholic priest came to persuade her to change her mind, but he could not do it. She was deep in her beliefs and she was so happy with her new-found Saviour.

One morning Silenia came to my study and said, "Preacher, take this package. For years I had these things in my heart, but now my heart belongs only to Jesus and he is the only Master."

In the package were more than fifteen idols in paper and images of wood and chalk. That same morning she told me she was ready to join the church but her family had told her that if she joined the Baptist church they would take her out of the home and forget all about her as a member of the family.

One Sunday evening, when we were to have a baptismal service, Silenia came ready to be baptized and without permission of her family she was baptized. Very soon Silenia wanted to do some kind of work in the church. She has eye trouble and cannot see well and that is why she is limited in the things she can do. But she is happy to come early to church and open it and have the song books and Bibles ready to give to the people when they come in. She also gives out to the people in the streets and in the homes thousands and thousands of tracts with printed messages. Every Sunday she brings children and grown people to Sunday school and church. During a revival she brought 86 people to the services.

Many people in town today will not speak to her because of the work she is doing for the Lord, but she feels happy in working for him.

We thank the Lord for his message and for the work that the gospel is doing in Cuba where hundreds of men and women are leaving the world to follow Jesus who is the Light and the Truth.

Book Reviews

Very Truly Yours, by Chester Swor. Broadman Press. \$2.00.

In response to many requests from his audiences Chester Swor, through the medium of recordings and editing, has submitted twelve of his most popular messages. They are full of rich illustrations and are thoroughly practical. Both youth and adults will read with profit *Very Truly Yours*.

To Make Men Free, by H. Leo Eddleman. Broadman Press. \$1.75.

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Adolphe Stagg Life and Work, by William L. Stagg, Sr. Published privately. 75c.

Secretary Harry Stagg has sponsored the publishing of his father's manuscript giving a full biographical sketch of Adolphe Stagg, first French missionary in Louisiana. It is a fitting tribute to a worthy pioneer. Adolphe Stagg made big tracks in Louisiana. His life is very interesting.

A Priest Speaks His Mind, by W. E. R. O'Gorman. Author and Publisher, Box 1053, Glendale, California. \$2.25.

The author was for thirty years a member of the Roman Catholic Church and for twenty-three years was attached to a religious community. He presents the errors of Roman Catholicism against the teachings of the Bible. He is greatly disturbed over the efforts of Catholicism to dominate American thinking and American politics. The book is well documented and indexed.

My 100 Children, by Bernard E. Bain with Dale Kramer. Simon and Schuster. \$3.00.

A delightfully written book which will keep the reader chuckling from start to finish. Although it is written by the superintendent of a children's home and gives a picture of life there, any parent or worker with youth would no doubt receive helpful ideas on how to deal with children. Even though the writer packs in a great deal of information about the young fry, the book is first and foremost a delightful story to be read and enjoyed.



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