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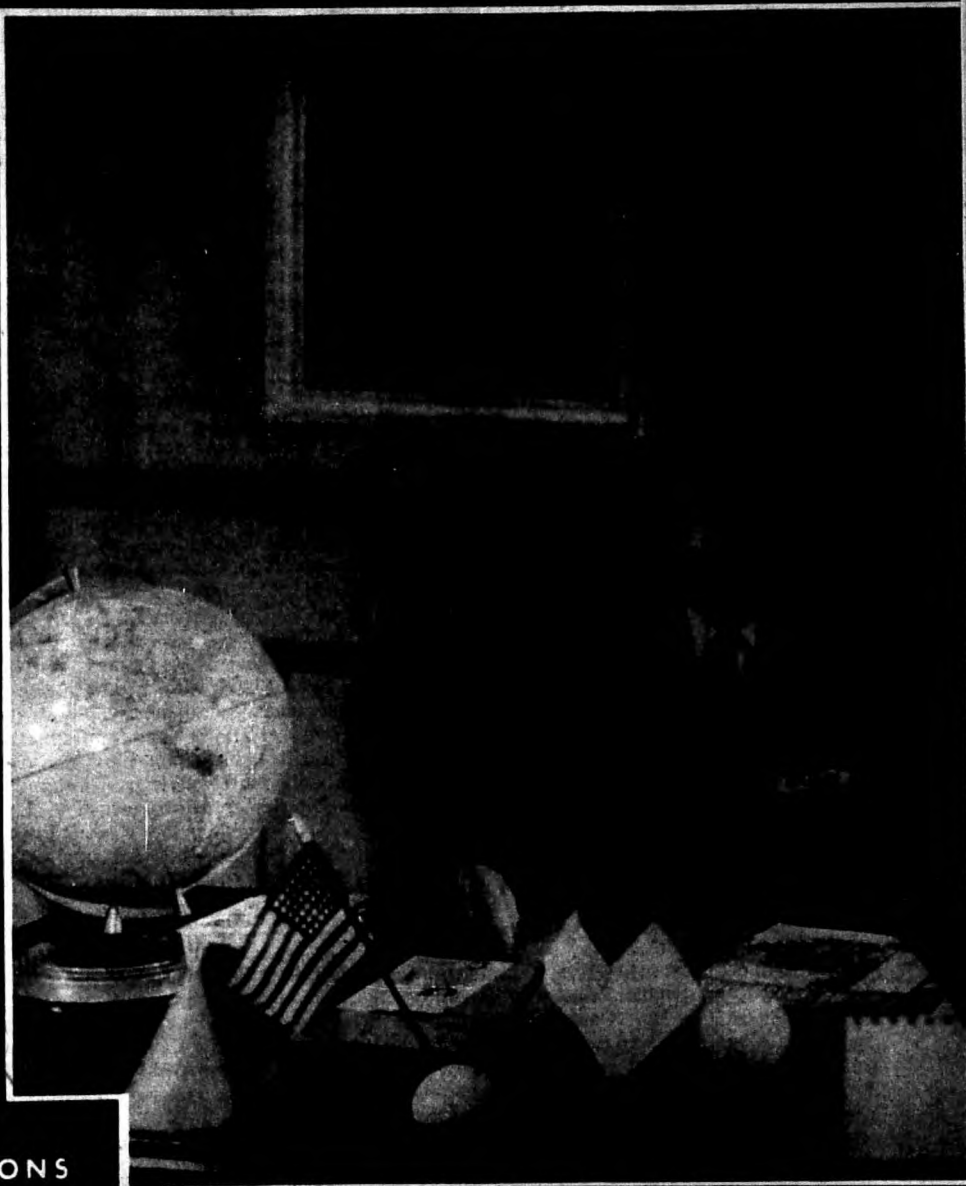
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Behold, He Prayeth

By Courts Redford

THINGS happen when people pray.

After Saul of Tarsus was struck blind on the Damascus road he went to the home of Judas. God sent Ananias to that home to minister unto him "for, behold, he prayeth" (Acts 9:11).

Things get right when people pray. People get right, too.

At this season, when thousands are turning their attention to the causes of home missions, one might well emphasize mission study which is vitally important or the Annie Armstrong Offering upon which a large part of home mission activity depends.

I choose, however, to emphasize the season of prayer for home missions. Let me suggest 10 reasons why I would emphasize prayer.

I. Prayer transforms indifference into concern and interest.

It lays the burden of America's spiritual needs upon the hearts of God's people. It opens the windows of the mind that the Christian may see with his heart as well as with his eyes. It drives men out of apathy into action. It causes them to say with the Master, "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work."

II. Prayer arouses interest and concern that will find fruition in study and consecration.

Many will study mission books and attend mission programs when their spirits have been energized at the altar of prayer. The day-by-day program of Woman's Missionary Union for the March Week of Prayer is effective largely because it is undergirded throughout with frequent prayer periods for definite objects and for individual missionaries.

III. Prayer strengthens the missionaries in their various fields of service. I do not understand prayer, but I know that in response to this spiritual contact with God the streams of his divine power and wisdom flow through human instrumentality to accomplish that which otherwise would be impossible. Every missionary covets the prayers of God's people above every other blessing that man can give. Only eternity will reveal the transformations that have been accomplished through prayer.

IV. Prayer gives wisdom where needed to translate material resources into spiritual values. Money remains only so much metal or so much paper until it is transformed into human personality. Someone has said that the best way to take your money to heaven with you is to put it into someone who is going there. Can you imagine the responsibility that rests upon your Home Mission Board and its administration as they seek to determine where the resources may best be invested? Wisdom for such a task must come through prayer.

V. Prayer arrests the attention and the concern of the God-called Christian that he may realize and feel the divine urge to mission service. Last year a young lady wrote concerning her gift to the Annie Armstrong Offering. After prayer she felt that she had not given enough. She came to the realization that she must give herself—that she must offer her life for mission service. She is now a missionary on a home mission field. Prayer tunes in the voice of God as he sends out the call for life dedication.

VI. Prayer opens the pocketbook to supply the material needs for mission support. Prayer makes one want to share. Prayer identifies the worshipper with the one for whom he prays, so that he wants a worthy part in the common task that is theirs. "As his part is that goeth to the battle, so shall his part be that stayeth by the stuff; they shall part alike."

VII. Prayer gives Woman's Missionary Union a splendid opportunity to share with the entire church the blessings which accrue to those who participate in the support of mission work. Through the prayer services, all the people of the church may unite their petitions in behalf of the mission fields and the mission workers. Thus, the entire church becomes missionary in spirit and all enjoy the blessings of participation in kingdom advancement.

VIII. Prayer conditions the people to enjoy the blessings of sharing the gospel throughout the year. Just as a revival conditions a church for a better soul-winning program throughout the year, so the season of prayer for missions contributes to an appreciation of personal stewardship and bears fruit in the support of the Co-operative Program and of every kingdom interest. The church that is most zealous in its participation in the season of prayer for missions is usually the church that gives most to the Co-operative Program.

IX. Prayer enriches the life of everyone who participates. The ground is level at the altar of prayer. Rich and poor, educated and untrained, young and old, they all have access to the mighty power of God through the channel of prayer. Likewise, God can pour out on each of them the same blessing—the measure of that blessing being determined by the faithfulness of the worshipper.

X. Prayer gives added meaning to the entire program of missionary promotion. Everyone who participates in any way feels a greater urgency. Giving becomes a privilege. Testimonies vibrate with enthusiasm and power. Participation becomes the natural expression of one's desire to share the blessings of the gospel.

Out yonder on the field the missionaries marvel at the surge of strength and power that accompanies their efforts. In it all people are saved and God is glorified.

Yes, prayer changes things.

NEWS

Advance in Homeland

Optimism and advance were the key words at the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board held in the headquarters building in Atlanta, Georgia, November 27-28.

The three-million-dollar budget, an increase of \$615,000.00 over the 1956 budget, made possible advance in several areas. One evidence of progress, which met with approval on all sides, was the generous increase in salaries for all direct missionaries of the Board.

Plans were also made to build a much-needed Baptist hospital in Havana, Cuba, through the assistance of a Woman's Missionary Union designation. Cuban Baptists will operate and maintain the hospital.

Turn Attention to Cities

Much concern for the lost multitudes in the great metropolitan areas of our nation was expressed at the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board. An appropriation of \$100,000.00 was made to assist in the establishing of Baptist work in strategic areas of these cities.

The plan called for the Board to try to enter at least one of the big cities a year. It was recognized that a large amount of money would be needed to implement this project in a way that would be effective.

Speaking of the need in the metropolitan areas, it was pointed out that there are only 2,500 churches of all types in the Chicago area to serve a population of six million people.

Hears Appeal from Canada

In answer to repeated pleas from Baptists of Canada for help from the Home Mission Board and other agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board approved a resolution to send salaried workers into Canada upon concurrence of the Sunday School Board and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

There are now 11 Baptist churches in Canada affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Fund for Chaplains' Assistance

Southern Baptist ministers who have been serving as chaplains in some branch

of the armed forces often find themselves in need of aid in re-establishing themselves in the regular ministry following their separation from the chaplaincy.

At the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board a \$14,000.00 fund was established to aid these chaplains in obtaining temporary employment until they can establish contacts with the local churches needing their services.

This was felt to be particularly necessary since many of the chaplains went into the chaplaincy while still quite young and soon after graduation from the seminary, thus having little contact with the more established areas of Baptist life.

Important Dates

Some dates of importance to Home Mission Board personnel and others interested in its program have been announced. Home Mission Week at Glorieta will be July 25-31, 1957; Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest will be August 15-21, 1957; the annual meeting of the Home Mission Board will be at the Atlanta headquarters, December 3-4, and the semi-annual meeting at Glorieta July 25, 1957.

March Week of Prayer for Home Missions will be March 4-8, 1957.

New Jewish Worker

Dr. A. Jase Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Montague, Texas, has accepted the position of director of Jewish Work in Dallas and Tarrant Associations. He began his duties January 1.

Dr. Jones is also a Lt. Col. in the army reserve chaplaincy. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, from which school he earned a Th.M. and a Th.D. degree.

Dr. Jones will be working in co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Home Mission Board in his new position.

Turn Attention to Minorities

During 1957 the Home Mission Board will attempt to turn the attention of Southern Baptists to the minorities of our country. This will include any minority group, spiritually neglected and cut off from the regular local churches.

This is part of the Four-Year Conquest for Christ which is being promoted by the Home Board.

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All Clear for Home Mission Emphasis

FEBRUARY is the month designated for mission study in preparation for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions the first week in March. For 10 years, annual meetings of the Inter-agency Council of Southern Baptists have been trying to clear major emphases for certain dates. World Missions Year starts off with Bible study for the first week of January. The book of Romans will be studied by a half million Southern Baptists. The last chapter is titled "Ambassador for Christ." Dr. Clifton J. Allen begins his last chapter in this study with the following sentence: "The letter to the Romans comes to a conclusion with a stirring declaration of missionary objective." The next major emphasis will be home mission studies.

Preparation

In preparation for the Annie Armstrong Offering, the Home Mission Board's Department of Editorial Service has prepared for sale in Baptist Book Stores everywhere the 1957 Graded Series of Home Mission Studies. In pursuance of those studies, clinics for teachers were conducted during January. Materials have been gathered. Advertising has been done. Now is the time to "gather all the people."

This should be an "all-church study course" enlisting all the members in mission study. The Brotherhood, the Sunday school, the Training Union, the church official staff, all the church members who are interested or who can be interested in world missions should be gathered together for a time of graded studies. There are books for Adults, Young People, Intermediates, Juniors, and Primaries. Teachers have source books and teaching helps to aid them in the presentation. There are filmstrips, tracts, a picture sheet, and a picture packet, all prepared for this series. Every pupil should have a book. Teachers should have access to filmstrips, source books, picture

sheets, picture packets, and tracts. While Woman's Missionary Union sponsors the all-church course in mission study, it is the privilege of all church members of all ages to have part in the missionary studies.

Consummation

Now that the preparation has been made, it is time to get down to the study of home missions. Adults will be studying *Home Missions: USA* in which Dr. Redford, executive secretary, gives an interesting discussion of the work of the Home Mission Board. The last chapter projects a seven-year program leading up to the Baptist sesquicentennial in 1964. Young People will get the thrill of pioneer studies in *Twentieth Century Pioneers*. Intermediates will enjoy *The Trail of Itchin' Feet* by Hazel and Sam Mayo as they study about migrants in the United States. Juniors will have play activity and learn of home missions on all the fields. The Primaries will enjoy looking at the pictures of *New Friends for Freddy*. The older Primaries and Sunbeams will read for themselves. Every Primary should have a copy of the book. Take a recess during the period of studies and enjoy filmstrips graded for Young People and Adults, Intermediates and Juniors, and Primaries. The three filmstrips will enliven the studies and enlarge the vision.

The consummation of home mission studies is to be realized in the March Week of Prayer. If Southern Baptists, under the leadership of Woman's Missionary Union, will place \$2,000,000.00 at the disposal of the Home Mission Board, the work of home missions can be greatly reinforced. A half million people studying home missions should result in the co-operation of at least a million participants in the March Week of Prayer offering. Missions is the business of all of us. Let us all take part in the support of this worthy objective.

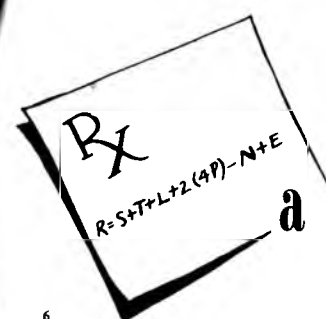
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**W.M.U. Circle
Theme Program**

By Mrs. W. C. Ruchti
Mission Study Chairman of Georgia
Rome, Georgia



a formula for success

BUSINESS houses and corporations develop good methods to produce high profits. In mission study we also need methods which show positive results. Some churches in the Southern Baptist Convention will plan Schools of Missions or participate in church correlated study courses. Many societies will have studies by the entire society, and others will employ the circle plan for the study of the book. Whatever plan is used, results will depend on the care and thought of the mission study chairman and her committee. The following formula can help produce good results in mission study as we focus on the theme, MISSION FIELD: USA.

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Results in mission study are dependent first of all upon the amount of **STUDY** done by both teacher and pupils. If the books have been distributed in advance and read by a high percentage of the class, actual teaching of the book is a much easier task. Informed students can make contributions to the teaching and add interest in class sessions. Good results are vitally dependent upon good **TEACHING**. Teaching is the second element in the formula for success. The best teacher available is the one for your group. Give variety to mission study by using a different teacher every year or so. Avoid labeling one person as the only one capable of teaching a mission study. Personality, dedication, and awareness of

teaching methods are necessary to good mission study teaching. A love of missions is a primary requisite.

LEARNING follows as the next essential for good results. Many people attend mission programs and classes year after year, seeking to be inspired, never realizing that they are to *learn facts* and use those facts to help others see the need of the gospel in every land. Study classes should result in the learning of missionaries' names and names of places where Southern Baptists have mission work. Furthermore there should be a better understanding of the type of people who profit from the mission witness.

A double portion of 4P's is our next consideration. We need a double portion of **PRAYER** before we begin anything done for the glory of God. Becoming embroiled in the mechanics of teaching and forgetting the spirit of missions is easy. We must guard against wrong emphasis by the influence of prayer.

PLANNING and **PREPARATION** go hand in hand before the actual class session. Plans should be written in the mission study committee meeting. The plans should then become reality as the various people responsible for them prepare the different aspects of the study. As many committees as possible should be appointed to utilize the interests of the group members. There could be a committee on invitations, another on decoration of the room, another for visual aids, one for refreshments; there might be a welcoming committee to greet the people at the door. A good old-fashioned handshake would fit in well with our study of America. The more people who are used, the more people will attend.

Another method of boosting attendance is through adequate **PUBLICITY**. Many people hope the announcement in their Sunday's bulletin will charm everyone into attending their study . . . but it isn't as easy as that. Letters and cards of explanation and invitation are necessities. If President Eisenhower's parade in Seattle before the November election required two thousand women to telephone the residents of that city to assure a crowd, we certainly need much personal contact in our work.

A small outline map of the United States could be mimeographed on post cards with words of advertisement about the study. "Mission Field: USA will be presented at our next circle meeting." A pair of spectacles drawn in outline form could bear the words, "Let's look at America's mission fields at our next circle meeting." The Liberty bell could be drawn in outline form with the words, "Proclaim

spiritual liberty throughout all the land, unto the inhabitants thereof." Underneath, advertise the time and place of the study. American symbols, such as the flag and statue of liberty, suggest other poster ideas. The Home Mission Board's special post card of the year (Missions: USA, two cents each at the Baptist Book Store) is a good reminder.

A special telephone call will help inform the members about the study. The old joke that if a bit of information needs to be spread, there are three means of distributing the news: telephone, telegraph, and tell-a-woman can be revised to read: Tell-a-vision on the telephone; that is, telling every woman of the vision of having every member enrolled in mission study.

All negative feeling and thought should be subtracted from efforts in mission study. **NEGATIVISM** is a dangerous element to possess. It can act as a fire extinguisher, putting out the flame of desire to do Christian work. It is more dangerous than high explosive for negativism can do more permanent damage than all

the careful planning and preparation a group can do. The very slightest hint that the study might not be as good as last year's or that "not many people ever come," and desire to go to the study is destroyed. Instead of negativism we need another quality—a positive one.

ENTHUSIASM acts like kerosene upon a fire. It causes the efforts of our hands to ignite the fuel of interest. Enthusiasm gives brilliance to our study, teaching, and learning, and charges with imagination our plans, preparations, and publicity. It is the by-product of prayer and concern. It puts to flight the ugly demon of negative feeling. If we had but enthusiasm and nothing else, it would be merely a pretense, but with much study, good teaching, learning, prayer, planning, preparation, publicity, and enthusiasm we can obtain excellent results in the study of our mission fields.

These results will take form in a more personal concern for missions as we give ourselves and our means in kingdom service.

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U. S. Army personnel stationed near Augsburg, Germany, recently presented this automobile to the local Baptist pastor, Rev. Frederick Malessa, whose only means of transportation was a motorbike. Representing the chaplains were Chaplains Estes, Burnette, Carothers, McCrea, Wilson, and Hatch.



The Women of the Chapel, a group similar to the WMU of our local churches, are shown here at a party for the smaller children of the Evangelisches Kleinkinderhaus, a German orphanage in Augsburg. These women are constantly on the alert for mission opportunities and are doing an outstanding work in Europe and wherever the U. S. armed forces are stationed.



Captain Archie Carpenter receives the "Go To Church" trophy won recently by "I" Company of the 188th Airborne Infantry, from Chaplain Lester E. Burnette. Chaplain Merlin R. Carothers, assistant regimental chaplain (right), and two soldiers watch the ceremony. During this church emphasis chapel attendance increased 300 per cent throughout the regiment. There were 150 decisions for Christ.

Chaplains Help German Baptists

By Chaplain Arthur J. Estes

11th Airborne Division in Germany

Its German name is Evangelisch-Freikirchlicher Gemeinden Baptisten, which is difficult for American tongues to pronounce, but American servicemen who have visited it know it to be a church whose members profess and practice their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and a place where they can find Baptist fellowship as real and as warm as that found in Atlanta or Nashville or Dallas. For this is the Baptist church of Augsburg, Germany—a small church in a city of almost 200,000 inhabitants.

It would be an untruth to state that the Baptist people of Augsburg are facing first century Christian problems, for the problems of the present century are probably more difficult.

Remember the quick acceptance by the first century pagans of the gospel message of a God who lives and who loves and then hear the statement by Pastor Frederick Malessa that, "Nineteen out of 20 residents of Roman Catholic Augsburg will not read Baptist literature nor accept a New Testament."

Augsburg is an old town, old even for central Europe. It was an important center in the tenth century, an international center of trade in the sixteenth. Its leading families were the Welsers and the Fuggers, two of the most powerful dynasties of medieval Europe. A Welser once owned Venezuela! They financed wars and pulled strings which determined the elections of emperors.

Augsburg is located in Bavaria, the southern area of Germany, and in some

respects the most backward. Drive outside the city limits of Augsburg and one is in medieval Europe with crops being planted, cultivated, and harvested much as they were centuries ago. The little villages and towns have changed little and an American in a modern automobile feels like an inhabitant of another world.

Led by the five Baptist chaplains in the Augsburg area, the Baptists in and attached to the U. S. Army are seeking to assist the Augsburg Baptist church to carry out its commission against great odds. To become better acquainted, the German Baptists have visited the army chaplains and, in return, American chaplains and laymen have visited and participated in the German services and Christian fellowship hours.

Recently, the congregations of five Augsburg army chapels donated approximately four thousand German marks to the church for the purpose of purchasing an automobile to be used in pastoral activities. Two hundred marks will be used to pay Pastor Malessa's tuition in driving school for he has never before driven. Until this time he has had to visit the church members and the five mission stations (some 65 kilometers away) on a motorbike. This he has faithfully done in the rain, cold, and sometimes severe snows common to Bavaria. The deacons of the church predict that the new Volkswagen automobile will make it possible for the pastor greatly to increase the effectiveness of his work.

Baptist chaplains who have taken leading roles in supporting the work of the church are: Arthur J. Estes (of Jacksonville, Florida), assistant 11th Airborne Division Chaplain; Lester E. Burnette (of Memphis, Tennessee), 188th Airborne Infantry Regimental Chaplain; Daniel E. Wilson (of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), Augsburg Station Chaplain; Clifton E. Land (of Lenoir, North Carolina), 11th Airborne Division Special Troops Chaplain; and William E. McCrea (of Jefferson, Texas), of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment.

Both American and German Baptists have greatly enjoyed the fellowship, worship, and service together. As the chairman of deacons has said, "Our lieber Gott understands all languages."

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Lending a Helping Hand

By C. Hodge Hockensmith, Pastor

Tri-Village Baptist Church
Columbus, Ohio

One cannot be a Southern Baptist in Ohio without making history. During a recent week end the Tri-Village Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, entertained two history-making gatherings: the first Ohio World Missions Conference and our first state BSU convention.

Both of these meetings were marked by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Dr. C. C. Warren challenged the hearts of those attending these conventions.

The Baptist Student Union of Ala-

bama has taken Ohio under its mothering wing. At the Alabama state convention this fall the BSU voted to send six local campus directors to Ohio to assist on various campuses here during these days of our infancy. The students also voted to send 12 top Alabama BSU'ers to our new churches in college centers next summer to serve as summer missionaries.

Maurice Willis, BSU secretary of Alabama, assisted us in planning and promoting this, our first state BSU convention in Ohio.

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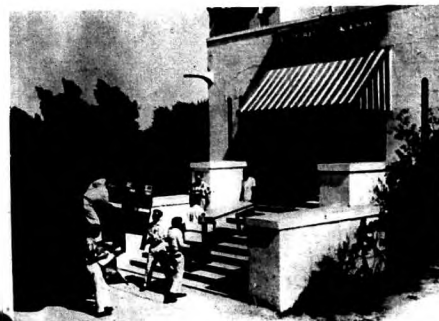


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New quarters of Valley Baptist Academy, Harlingen, Texas, which now adequately houses this school for Latin Americans.



Students did most of the moving of equipment and furniture from the old building in Brownsville, using a one-ton truck. Only the heaviest equipment was hauled by professional movers, thus saving several hundred dollars.



Rev. Howard Gary, president of Valley Baptist Academy, accepts the keys to the new building from Rev. Joe Amerine of Alice, District Five secretary, at the opening ceremonies of the new quarters for the academy.



Spacious combination library and study hall, which has been named for Mrs. Ida Green Wattson of Mercedes who contributed shelves, tables, chairs, and other equipment.



By H. E. Gary, President
Valley Baptist Academy
Harlingen, Texas



This historic old mansion in Brownsville, Texas, served as the home of the Valley Baptist Academy from 1948 to 1956 when the school was moved to Harlingen.

MAYBE man cannot lift himself by his own bootstraps, but Valley Baptist Academy, down in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, did just that recently.

When the Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen moved into its new plant several months ago, the Baptist General Convention of Texas agreed the Academy, badly overcrowded in its Brownsville home and without any room to expand, could occupy the old hospital buildings and grounds. But the convention left it up to the academy and others interested to provide for remodeling the hospital structure and to finance the moving.

Happy over the opportunity to expand their Christian training of Latin American young people, the Board of Trustees and the Academy president, the Rev. Howard Gary, decided they would save a great deal of money—money they didn't have anyway—by using students to do much of the remodeling work. Brother Gary and the men on the faculty, including C. R. Hennessee and G. T. Lewis, donned khakis and did much of the work and supervising.

During the past summer many students tore out walls, erected new partitions, did plumbing, wiring, painting and plastering just about everything necessary to convert the old hospital into a "new" school, complete with dormitories, quarters for teachers and matrons, chapel, library-study hall, cafeteria, and kitchen.

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Morris Villarreal of Haskell, Texas, and David Araya of San Jose, Costa Rica, team up with a wheelbarrow, rakes, and shovels to clean up the grounds around the new home of Valley Baptist Academy.



Remodeling calls for muscle and endurance. Jose Delgado of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and Lupe Salis of Lockhart, Texas, are shown here cleaning up bricks and other debris after knocking out a wall in the old hospital building.



Remodeling the old hospital cafeteria was one of the easiest tasks in changing the old building into school quarters. Girl students earn much of their tuition by working in the kitchen and cafeteria.



Mrs. Ernest Pierce of Odem, District Five Woman's Missionary Union president, cuts ribbon at door of new academy symbolizing its opening. Looking on are Rev. Harry Hamblen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Harlingen, and Mrs. Clem Hardy of Waco, president of the WMU of Texas.



Much of the remodeling of the old hospital into a new academy was done by students working at small wages. Most of their wages was applied as tuition, room, and board for the school year. Here Ruben Escobedo of San Diego, Texas, and Henry Camacho of Monterrey, Mexico, take out an old wall.

Serbando Morales, a 1953 graduate of the academy, now moderator of the Mexican Baptist Association of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, lends a hand with the paint brush. Morales is an example of the type leader the academy is helping to train for important mission work among Spanish and Mexican peoples.



Formal dedication ceremonies for the new Valley Baptist Academy were held September 10 in the Calvary Baptist Church, Harlingen. Shown here are Serbando Morales, moderator of the Mexican Baptist Association of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Mrs. Clem Hardy, WMU president of Texas, and Dr. Glenn Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brownsville, and president of the academy's board of trustees.

how the tree was decorated

By Rev. and Mrs. M. V. Gonnson

Missionaries to Indians
Dulce, New Mexico

MANY were the expressions of surprise and pleasure last Christmas night a year ago when the Indians at Dulce, New Mexico, entered the church and looked at the Christmas tree which that morning had been quite bare. The missionaries had used their only box of tinsel icicles, the few colored paper straw necklaces sent in a box from some Sunbeams, and colored chains made by the Indian children as decorations. There were no lights or other decorations and no money to buy any.

But Christmas night! What a difference about two dozen pretty sock dolls and stuffed animals, a similar number of other small toys, and 100 colored lolly-pops made! The soft cardboard loop handles of

the lolly-pops slipped easily over the branches, adding an array of color.

Following the Christmas program Mrs. Gonnson was asked, with her helpers, to give the sock dolls and animals to the children present. She started with the youngest and continued until they had all been given.

With a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face—quickly reflected by many others—Mr. Gonnson said that since the youngest had gotten the dolls, he would start giving the candy to the oldest. The old grandfathers (and great grandfathers) began to smile broadly as the tree began to be undressed and they received the first lolly-pops.

By the time the tree was again bare, old and young alike had received their Christmas gifts which had been placed around the base of the tree.

It was a good time of joy and fellowship for all and we hoped that as they left there would be none to whom Christmas was just a time of getting gifts but that the Lord Jesus, in whose name this was done, would mean more and be more to each.

That was last year—our first Christmas at Dulce. This year we plan to provide envelopes for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and let each one hang his offering on the tree as part of the decorations.

Valley Baptist

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Some professional help was used, of course.

In September the academy opened in its new quarters, still with a great deal of work to be done, but the buildings were usable.

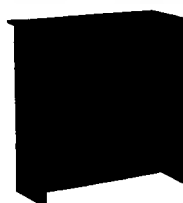
With the additional room the enrollment has gone up to 81, 50 boys and 31 girls. Fourteen of the girls are mission volunteers, 31 of the boys are pre-ministerial students.

Founded to help meet the need for better trained ministers and Christian leaders in the vast field of Mexican missions, the academy helps youths too old for public schools to prepare themselves for college training. Its field has widened. In addition to 47 Texans, the student body this year included two from California, three from New Mexico, one each from Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba, Honduras, Peru, and 21 from Mexico.

And as more room is provided—there is space for expansion when finances are available—Valley Baptist Academy will train more and more Latin American youths to carry the gospel message to areas where it is so sorely needed.

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AMONG the MISSIONARIES

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She sat and listened to Scripture passages and read the same words for the first time in her life. For Armienda this was only the beginning of months of reading and listening before a hungry soul would be able to free itself from the darkness of a pagan religion.

We left Armienda that evening, realizing this same experience would be repeated many times before a New Testament church would be established among this wonderful but lost people.

—William W. Russell

Missionary to Spanish-speaking
Redlands, California

A Prisoner and a Bible

Some men must go to great extremes, it seems, to find Christ. Concepcion Calderas had to go to prison to find him.

At a recent associational meeting a fellow pastor approached me and asked for a Bible in Spanish, knowing that I am pastor to the only Mexican Baptist church in the vast expanse of the Mojave Desert Association. He explained to me that during a visit to a prison in his church area he had met a Mexican who could speak but little English and could read none. Through his visits, Concepcion had been led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and was hungering for a copy of the Bible in his language. I was happy to obtain the Bible and send it to him along with various tracts and Bible references.

Last week I received an answer from this brother in bonds saying how thankful he was for the Bible and the other mate-

rial and that now he is putting it to use with the other Mexican men in prison with him.

Who knows, Concepcion may be the means now of leading to Christ these other countrymen, who in turn can take the message with them when they are released.

Who knows—who knows the power of a prisoner, a Bible, and a Christ?

—W. L. Crumpler, Jr.

Missionary to Spanish-speaking
Barstow, California

Who Will Help Them Now?

For two weeks this past summer I worked at the Orienta Park Mission in Wichita, Kansas. Orienta Park is in an underprivileged area of the city. The streets are unpaved and weeds grow high around the old auto and bus bodies that sit here and there on the empty lots. There is no running water. The houses are small

and dirty and the children are ragged and dirty. It is located in a low section of the city that the people of Wichita have named "The Bog." It is truly a world within a world.

We had a Vacation Bible School there and the children came. They learned of the good things of life—about Jesus and his love and of what his love can do for even them. They were eager and many of them learned in a couple of days the Scripture verses that it took the children in the other Bible schools a week or more to learn. They were also hungry for the love and attention that they did not receive at home.

As we watched, we could see the change come over their lives and faces as they learned and came to know of the love and grace of God.

When the school was over and we drove away from Orienta Park, I wondered in my heart what would happen to those children now. Would they go back to the homes they came from where there is the drunkenness, brawling, and squalor to forget all they had found that week? Who would come to them now to teach, to guide, and encourage them? Would no one come?

—Wade H. Robertson

Summer Student Missionary
Wagoner, Oklahoma

From the Barroom to Sunday School

Mrs. Marjorie McElroy is one of the happiest women attending the Good Will Center at Miami, Florida. For five years she had been invited to attend our services, but always she made some excuse and refused our invitations.

Her husband was a bartender at one of the many corner bars in our community



Mr. and Mrs. McElroy of Miami, Florida. Mrs. McElroy, who used to spend most of the time at her husband's bar, now is a radiant Christian, serving the Lord in every way she can.

HOME MISSIONS



Chaplain Robert Taylor, for 42 months a Japanese prisoner of war, was guest speaker at the three associational meetings held recently in District Nine of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Chaplain Taylor is pictured here with a group who met him at the airport in DeRidder.

and for many long hours she could be seen each day sitting on the stools at the bar.

Finally, early last spring, she came to our Adult Club and then started coming to Sunday school. Each time we visited in her home she insisted that she was Catholic, but one day she said, "I like the Baptists better and better all the time."

She attended church services with us one Sunday morning in the Baptist church to which we belong and at the close of the services she told me that she had made up her mind to be baptized and join that church. The following Sunday she made her profession of faith and was baptized.

She has been such a radiant, happy Christian since then and has already brought her husband with her to Sunday school and church. Last week we had a wonderful cottage prayer meeting in their humble home. She has been ill and may have to enter the hospital for an operation, but still with her joyous faith she says, "I think they'll let me out of the hospital in time to be back in Sunday school and church next Sunday."

—Mrs. Minnell Graves

Miami Baptist Good Will Center
Miami, Florida

Louisiana Associations Report Successful Year

Recently we held our three associational meetings in District Nine of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. They were the three

greatest we have ever had. The attendance was unusually large, too.

Chaplain Robert P. Taylor from the Air University at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, was our guest speaker and his messages not only were inspirational, but made the people appreciate the work of the chaplains more than ever.

Chaplain Taylor is one of two remaining chaplains who survived the horrors of 42 months of Japanese prison camps to remain in the service. At the outbreak of the war his outfit went to the front lines in Bataan where he was cited for bravery and awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

At the time of the surrender of the American forces he became a chaplain in the prison camp hospital at Cabanatuan where he ministered to over 10,000 patients who were hospitalized or died there. In the summer of 1944 he was placed in solitary confinement for his activities in smuggling in food and medicine to the patients. Placed in a cage too small to either stand up or lie down, he was finally removed after 14 weeks when the Japanese thought he would die.

The past year has witnessed, perhaps, the greatest year of advance in kingdom enterprise in the history of District Nine.

We have had four new churches organized, three dead churches revived, together with a general increase along every

phase of our district and associational work.

—J. D. Scott, Missionary
The Baptist Convention
of District Nine
DeRidder, Louisiana

California Church Grows

South Euclid Baptist Church of Ontario, California, has recently concluded the most successful revival in the history of the church. There were 18 additions to the membership with nine coming by baptism, eight of whom were Adults. There were four youths professing faith who have not yet come for membership. This 11-day revival was led by Weldon F. Brooks of Kemp, Texas. Brother Brooks was formerly pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Pomona, California.

Bill Prescott, student at California Baptist College, and recently acquired music director, ably assisted by Eva Evan, local pianist, was in charge of music for the revival.

This was by far the most fruitful revival in the 20-month history of the church which now has a membership of 115. It was organized with 29 members. L. B. (Buster) Edwards, formerly of Plainview, Texas, has been pastor for the past 15 months.

—Rev. L. B. Edwards, Pastor
South Euclid Baptist Church
Ontario, California

Pioneering Southern Baptists

**MISSION PASTORS
PASTORAL MISSIONARIES**

Mission pastors' salaries are supplemented by the Home Mission Board through state mission boards for specified time and amount. Pastoral missionaries are employed on a permanent basis to serve mission situations as pastors, jointly paid by the Home Mission Board, state mission boards, and the churches they serve.

TOTAL 1956: 227 GOAL 1957: 400

**NEW MISSIONS
NEW CHURCHES**

Southern Baptists are majoring on new missions and churches. The Home Mission Board has pioneered in this field with major emphasis and rejoices in full co-operation on the part of all Southern Baptists in seeking to reach a goal of 20,000 new missions and 10,000 new churches by 1964.

TOTALS 1956		GOALS 1957	
Mission	291	Missions	600
Churches	138	Churches	300

AREA MISSIONARIES

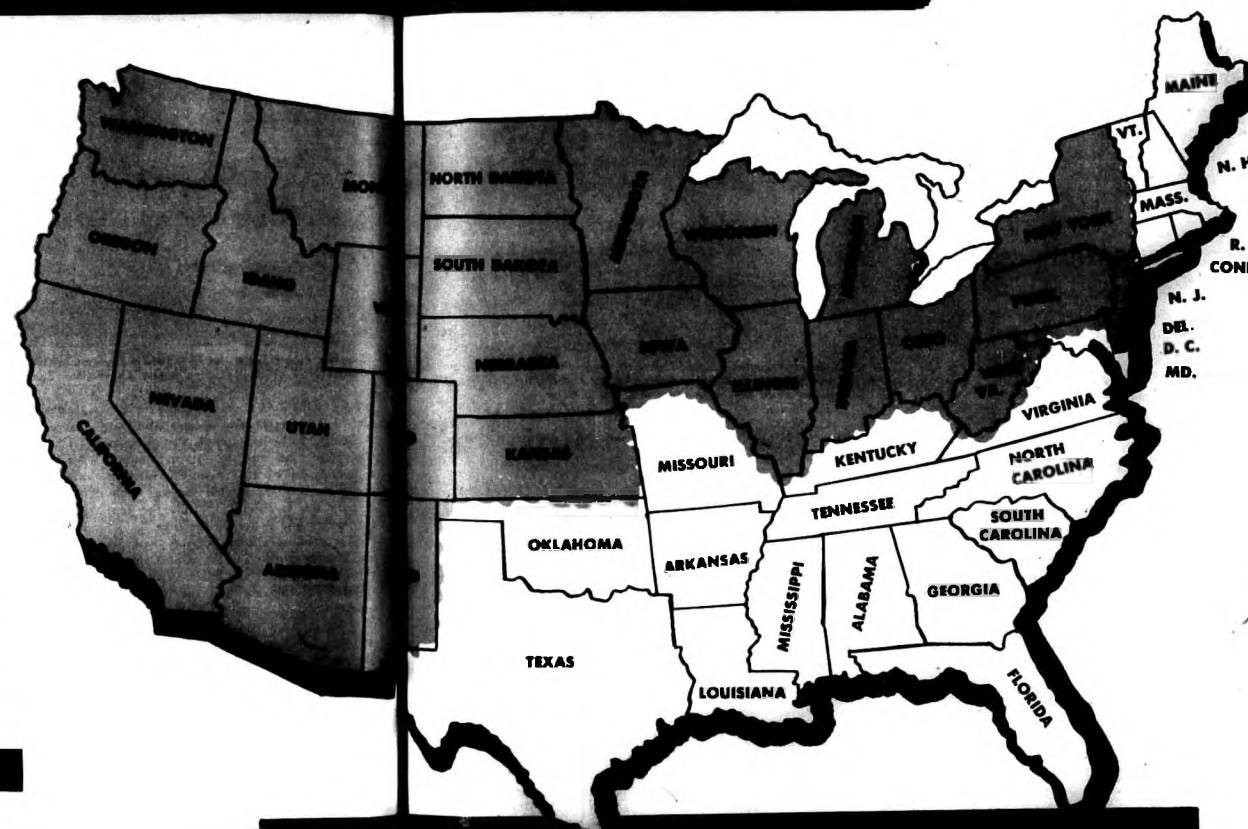
Sixty area missionaries are serving in the 26 states now covered in the field of pioneer missions, reaching from the West Coast into Pennsylvania and New York.

EMPLOYED IN 1956 - 60	EMPLOYED FOR 1957 - 62
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THE CITIES! THE CITIES!

Chicago and six other great metropolitan areas challenge Southern Baptists now! Besides the 52 cities where the City Mission Program operates, the Home Mission Board is making definite plans to enter new city mission fields.

PROGRAMS IN 1956 - 52	GOAL FOR 1957 - 60
1. <u>General Education</u>	1. <u>General Education</u>
2. <u>Technical Education</u>	2. <u>Technical Education</u>
3. <u>Adult Education</u>	3. <u>Adult Education</u>
4. <u>Physical Education</u>	4. <u>Physical Education</u>
5. <u>Art Education</u>	5. <u>Art Education</u>
6. <u>Music Education</u>	6. <u>Music Education</u>
7. <u>Language Education</u>	7. <u>Language Education</u>
8. <u>Science Education</u>	8. <u>Science Education</u>
9. <u>Mathematics Education</u>	9. <u>Mathematics Education</u>
10. <u>History Education</u>	10. <u>History Education</u>
11. <u>Geography Education</u>	11. <u>Geography Education</u>
12. <u>Health Education</u>	12. <u>Health Education</u>
13. <u>Character Education</u>	13. <u>Character Education</u>
14. <u>Civics Education</u>	14. <u>Civics Education</u>
15. <u>Physical Education</u>	15. <u>Physical Education</u>
16. <u>Art Education</u>	16. <u>Art Education</u>
17. <u>Music Education</u>	17. <u>Music Education</u>
18. <u>Language Education</u>	18. <u>Language Education</u>
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20. <u>Mathematics Education</u>	20. <u>Mathematics Education</u>
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23. <u>Health Education</u>	23. <u>Health Education</u>
24. <u>Character Education</u>	24. <u>Character Education</u>
25. <u>Civics Education</u>	25. <u>Civics Education</u>



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RURAL CHURCHES

CAN HAVE missions, too

By Jesse E. Bowman, Pastor
James River Baptist Church
Lightfoot, Virginia



New brick home of James River Baptist Church, Lightfoot, Virginia. This church, since 1947 when it called a full-time pastor, has not only quadrupled its membership, but started two missions which have been constituted into churches.

For many years the James River Baptist Church of Lightfoot, Virginia, struggled along with Sunday afternoon services. The building was old, small, located off the main highway, and with not a single house in sight. With these physical handicaps, the church called the Rev. Jesse E. Bowman, who had served as part-time pastor for more than seven years.

On December 1, 1947, Bowman became full-time pastor. It was a work of faith on the part of the church and pastor since the preceding year there were only 86 enrolled in Sunday school with an average attendance of 40.

Plans soon materialized and the church agreed to go out to the site of the old disbanded James City Baptist Church (organized in 1773) and erect a tabernacle of simple and economical construction for the purpose of evangelism. Services were to be held at that location on Highway 60 since it was much more accessible to the multitudes of people than the church back on a secondary road away from the people.

The Lord's blessings were soon evident. The next year the church built a large cinder block tabernacle at Lightfoot on the highway and in 1949 the mother church entered its own modern building. This made possible more growth.

For several years the pastor conducted prayer meetings at the naval supply depot near Williamsburg. In 1954 it was possible for the church to erect a building in

Smith Memorial Baptist, started as a mission of the James River Baptist Church on the site of the Old Smyrna of James City Baptist church organized in 1773 and dropped from the associational rolls in 1919 after an illustrious history.



Grace Baptist Church, started as a mission of the James River Baptist Church in an housing development near the naval supply depot near Williamsburg.



HOME MISSIONS

RURAL CHURCHES (Cont'd)

James Terrace, one of several adjacent housing developments near Williamsburg. During 1956, both of these missions were constituted as churches and the membership of the James River church was still about four times as large as it was in 1947 when a full-time pastor was called.

CHANGES in Missionary Personnel

NEW MISSIONARIES

Belt, Loren James (City Mission), 319 S. Broadway, Suite 11, Wichita, Kan.
Dabbs, Ray (City Mission), 100 N. E. First Ave., Miami, Fla.
Farr, Herbert and Mrs. (Indian), P. O. Box 411, Brigham City, Utah.
Jones, A. Jam (Jewish Evangelism, Dallas-Ft. Worth Tex.), 415 East Blvd., Dallas, Texas
Locke, R. D. (City Mission), 1634 Hillcrest St., Orlando, Fla.
Walters, Leonard (Gen. Missionary, Ill.), Rte. 1, Box 115 A, Bridgeport, Ind.
Wilcox, Shirley (Indian), R. R. 4, Ponca City, Okla.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Brown, Russell and Mrs. (Indian), from 225 to 400 Zero Dr., Gallup, N. M.
Bryant, Richard (Pioneer Mission), from 808 to 501 N. Wood, Washington, Ill.
Benn, Robert and Mrs. (Sp-speaking), from Columbus to Chama, N. M.
Cassell, R. A. and Mrs. (Italian), from 718 18th St. to 609 16th St., Enaley St., Birmingham, Ala.
Edney, Harold and Mrs. (Indian), from Rte. 1 to 64 Univ. St., Shawnee, Okla.
Linton, Mrs. P. B. (Shawnee), from Box 2172, Ancon, to P. O. Box 4031, Panama, Rep. of Panama.
Meyers, Frances (Sp-speaking Kindergarten Worker), from 318 W. Raymond Ave. to P. O. Box 207, Raymondville, Tex.
Virgo, Armando and Mrs. (Sp-speaking), from P. O. Box 658, Cameron, to 4500 Wayside, Ft. Worth, Tex.

TRANSFERS

Bentley, Clyde, from remote mission, 126 Linden Ave., Memphis, Tenn., to assistant secretary of Direct Mission Dept., 161 Spring St., N. W. Atlanta, Ga.
Minor, W. R. and Mrs. (Sp-speaking), from Socorro, N. M., to P. O. Box 171, Wagon Mount, N. M.
Meier, John and Mrs. (Indian), from Chandler to Box 278, Wisteriver, Ariz.

RETIRED

Gardner, J. W. (Deaf), 1881 W. 21st St., Little Rock, Ark.
McGhee, Ruby (GWC), 610 N. Emma, Christopher, Ill.
Roberts, Melvina (Indian), Box 875, Cuba, N. M.
Wade, Thomas and Mrs. (Indian), Hugo, Okla.

RESIGNATIONS

Atkin, Rachel (Sp-speaking Kindergarten Worker), 211 Yolande, San Antonio, Tex.
Ray, Harold and Mrs. (Indian), R. D. 1, Box 192, Frazier, Ariz.
Barnes, Radice (Romanian), 1800 Balboa, San Francisco, Calif.
Barber, Ruby (GWC), 540 N. 6th St., E. St. Louis, Ill.
Jame and Mrs. Mulstopp, San Blas, Rep. of Panama.
Bullin, Adalberto and Mrs., Apartado 1442, Panama, Rep. of Panama.

DEATHS

Gray, Mrs. R. D., Atlanta, Ga. (Retired)

February, 1957

The poor physical equipment previously mentioned had been replaced with a modern brick church with steam heat, fully carpeted auditorium, electric organ, and other necessary equipment. The two mission churches, Smith Memorial and Grace Baptist Church, also are housed in adequate buildings. The Grace Baptist Church

was constituted into a church with 312 enrolled in Sunday school and 82 charter members.

This is another exhibit in the accumulating evidence that small country churches can grow. It does take real effort on the part of pastor and people, but more than that, a vital faith in God.

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Rev. Isaac Perez, director of education and promotion of work in Panama and the Canal Zone, questions Errol Palmer, first candidate for the ministry from the First Isthmian Baptist Church, Cristobal, Panama, during his ordination. In background is Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, who was conducting a revival in the Balboa Heights church and participated in the ordination service.

and all were blessed

By Mrs. John Hollingsworth
Chaplain's Wife
Cristobal, Panama

THE recent ordination of Errol J. Palmer at the First Isthmian Baptist Church, Cristobal, Panama, was unusual in two very special ways. It was the ordination service for the first Panamanian candidate to the Baptist ministry from that church and Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis, Tennessee, was presented as guest preacher.

For Dr. Lee the occasion held its own peculiar significance, for 49 years before he had worshipped in this very same church when he was in Panama doing construction work on the canal. To those who know about the struggle of clearing the jungle to make way for the canal and realize the many lives that were given in this tremendous feat of making a waterway across the Isthmus joining the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, there is recognition of the strength of the fine looking, white-haired Dr. Lee.

This same man who sat on the platform and challenged young Palmer, the candidate for the ordination, to "put on the whole armour" for the Lord Jesus Christ and to be faithful to the end, was a living example of his own words. One of his statements reflected the strength of his ministry, "No church ever rises above the leadership of its pastor." One could not help but visualize the strength behind those words, and the living witness to their fulfillment in the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, with a membership of 8,000 people.

Young Palmer received his early training at Wolmers High School at Kingston, Jamaica, and at the Dunbar School in

Colon. Also he is a recent graduate of the Latin American Bible Seminary, San Jose, Costa Rica. From that we get a picture of his formal training, but in the choir among the 30 robed members was a sweet-faced mother who stood when recognized by the pastor, the Rev. Sylvanus A. Scarlett. Much must have been gained at the feet of his mother.

The testimony of young Palmer revealed that for a long time he counted himself a member of another denomination and was a Christian in name only. Then he began to feel that tug of heart and mind which made him realize that he was not content with just having his name on the roll. He began to feel God calling him apart to a more definite witness. The words of the Great Commission became personal, and he realized that he wanted to stand up and be counted for Christ in a positive manner. As he began to grow and develop along this line of thinking, he was encouraged and assisted by his pastor.

Certainly the pastor sat with pride and with a nod of approval as Errol stood before the ordination council and answered question after question on doctrine, faith, personal experience, Baptist separation and co-operation.

He rose to the occasion when Dr. Lee stood and quietly said, "I am not a member of the ordination council, but I should like to ask the young man some questions." Looking from the pulpit platform where I sat, I noticed the electrified attention of the large congregation. They

seemed to sit forward in their seats and leaned nearer as though they wished to assist the young man with his answers. The question came forth, "I would like to know what you think of heaven and of hell."

With only a moment's hesitation, the clear strong voice came forth with, "Sir, I believe that heaven is a place where the redeemed shall be with Christ and hell is a place where the unredeemed will dwell."

Complete silence reigned for a moment, then the bright nod and smile of Dr. Lee gave approval of an answer well given. He had previously, in answering questions presented by Rev. Isaac Perez, director of education and promotion in Panama, assured the council and congregation of his belief in the virgin birth and divinity of Christ. The council settled back with smiles of approval as this young man had stood approved. He not only had answered with sincerity and dignity, he had responded without hesitation and with brilliance.

The council had interrogated. They were satisfied. The charge to the church had been given, and the presentation of the Bible had been made. The presence of the only woman on the pulpit platform was for the purpose of presenting the Bible. She challenged him to read with her John 12:32. Together, Negro and white, man and woman, read the secret of success of every Christian of all races, "And, I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

It was this knowledge that made the

NINA'S

richest

EXPERIENCE

By Florence C. Brillhart
Hobart, Oklahoma

THE whole 10 weeks Nina Ferguson, radiant Christian of Hobart, Oklahoma and the University of Oklahoma, spent as a summer missionary in California last summer were interesting, fruitful ones, but the richest experience of all was the week at RA camp in Jenness Park where the tall pine trees and the clear, sparkling waters of the Tuolumne River provided a beautiful and exciting background for this spiritual feast.

The only girl in RA camp (there were around 500 boys present), Nina was in charge of the music, and this happened to be a lighter load than most of her other weeks last summer. "Of course, I loved the special attention these boys gave me," says Nina, "but the thing that thrilled me most was the fact that the 60 unsaved boys who came to camp went away saved. And besides that, 100 others dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service."

Gentle breezes wafted across the boys as they stood or sat under a brush arbor singing together and listening to the inspirational messages prepared especially for them.

Rev. Jimmy Williams was camp pastor. Busy as he is, working for a living through

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the day and visiting and preaching at night, he promised to write from Old Mexico, where he does volunteer mission work, and encourage all these boys as the years come and go.

The general missionary, Rev. Sam Houston, a distant relative of the famous Sam Houston, was caretaker of the camp.

Besides these three workers, there were two other summer workers and 15 regular mission workers of California.

June is the month when nearly 400 young people will again go out to the mission fields of the homeland to work with regular missionaries during the summer months. Some of their time will be spent in Vacation Bible schools. Nina's rich experience last summer is typical.

"Never have I seen such a need for the gospel as in California," Nina laments. "Only around 30 per cent of the people there are associated with any church while the national average is more than 50 per cent." She also adds: "What an opportunity we have in California to do both home and foreign mission work. Over five million people there speak foreign languages. These afford a great training ground for world-wide mission endeavors."

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By J. L. Baggott
City Missionary
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. S. F. Dowis, now secretary of the Co-operative Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, started the City Missions Program in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1941. Since that time 78 churches have been admitted to the association. This is a gain of approximately 120 per cent in 15 years. One of these new churches, Beecher Hills, has given over \$1,000,000.00. All of the churches have reported 10,010 baptisms, bringing the total pres-



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ent membership for the 78 churches to 21,098.

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Buice Memorial, one of the churches, less than one year old, had 138 baptisms last year, rating second in the Atlanta Baptist Association. Beecher Hills gave \$224,000.00 last year. Wieuca Road, two years old, gave \$20,571.00 to missions and \$294,969.00 to local work, total offerings

being \$315,540.00. This two-year-old church already has a membership of 646.

Clairmont Hills, one year old, came into the association with 406 members and gave the first year \$100,015.00 for local work and \$8,177.00 for missions. Glenwood Hills, three years old, has a \$200,000.00 building and a membership of 719 with 1,006 in Sunday school. Jefferson Avenue, constituted in 1945, has 1,430 members, 1,714 in Sunday school and has given \$80,000.00 to missions, giving a total of \$828,814.00. The members are now planning another \$200,000.00 educational unit.

Needless to say, most of these churches are located in the important new residential areas of the city, and give promise of becoming, in 10 or 15 years, the leading churches of the association.

GROWTH OF HOME MISSION WORK

	1940	1955	Gain	Gain %
Total states served	19	42	23	121%
Missionaries, HMB	191	1,105	714	182.6%
Baptisms (SBC)	245,000	416,867	171,367	70%
Prof. of faith (HMB missionaries)	5,375	37,475	32,100	596%
Corpus Loan Funds	\$1,386,218	\$3,594,915	\$2,208,696	160%
Loans in force (amount)	\$1,216,156	\$5,826,970	\$4,610,813	379%
Number loans	220	604	384	175%
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Clovis Brantley Moves To Atlanta

By Loyd Corder

Secretary Direct Missions Department

CLOVIS A. BRANTLEY, formerly director of the Baptist Center of Memphis, Tennessee, began his work as assistant secretary of the Direct Missions Department of the Home Mission Board on January 1, 1957. Besides assisting Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary of the department, in the general administration of the work of the Board's 634 direct missionaries in the homeland, Cuba, and Panama, Mr. Brantley will give special attention to the promotion and administration of the ministries to underprivileged people through rescue missions, Good Will Centers, and



Clovis A. Brantley

mission centers, as well as the ministry to migrant agricultural and industrial workers.

Mr. Brantley is a native of Florida and an alumnus of Stetson University, and has the MRE degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Before going to the New Orleans seminary, Brantley served five years as pastor in Florida. From 1937 until Dr. J. W. Newbrough's retirement in 1939, Brantley served as student assistant superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission at 740 Esplanade in New Orleans, Louisiana. He then served as superintendent of this mission until 1951. During his superintendency the Rescue Mission ministry in New Orleans was enlarged to include the Woman's Emergency

Home and Baptist Baby Home, now known as Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center. Also from 1948 to 1951 Brantley was director of the Southern Baptist Relief Center for collecting and shipping relief supplies to war devastated peoples abroad.

He served as pastor of Valance Street Baptist Church of New Orleans, Louisiana, from 1951 to 1953 and of First Baptist Church of Plateau, Alabama, from 1953 to 1954. He has been director of the

Baptist Center in Memphis, Tennessee, since January 1, 1955.

Mr. Brantley has served as a member of the executive boards of both the Louisiana and the Alabama state conventions.

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Isbell, E. R.
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B. Jan. 24, 1925, Stephenville, Tex. Ed. Tolar
High School, Tolar, Tex.; Howard Payne Col-
lege, 1947-48, B.A. degree. Summer Student
Missionary, Okla. City, Okla., summers 1945-
'46. School teacher, Indian Chapel on Indian
field, McIntosh, Ala., 1946-50. M. E. R. Is-
bell, June 28, 1947. Children: 2 sons. App't.
missionary to Indians, Citronelle, Ala., Sept.
6, 1956.



Lanham, Dorothy Imogene Dearing
(Mrs. Everett Ray Lanham)

B. May 23, 1925, Williamsburg, Ky. Ed. Mack-
ville High School, Mackville, Ky.; Campbell-
ville College (summer) 1955, S.B.T.S., 1955,
Southeastern Center (I. U. Extension) 1956.
M. Everett Ray Lanham, 1943. Children: 2
sons, 1 daughter. App't. missionary to Spanish-
speaking, Espanola, N. Mex., Nov. 8, 1956.



Lanham, Everett Ray

B. Aug. 27, 1923, at Gravel Switch, Ky. Ed.
Campbellville College, 1948-49; Hanover Col-
lege, 1950-52, A.B. degree; Louisville Presby-
terian Seminary, 1952-53; S.B.T.S., 1953-56,
B.D. degree. City missionary, Marysville, Ind.,
1953-54; pastor, Pleasant View Baptist Church,
Marysville, Ind., 1954-56. M. Dorothy Dear-
inger, 1943. Children: 2 sons, 1 daughter.
App't. missionary to Spanish-speaking, Espa-
nola, N. Mex., Nov. 8, 1956.



Fann, Delbert G.

B. June 30, 1928, Bradenton, Fla. Ed. Sebring
High School, Sebring, Fla.; Air Force Photo
and Lab. School, 1947-48, diploma;
Georgetown College, 1949-52, A.B. degree;
G.G.B.T.S., 1952-55, B.D. degree and 1955-
'56, Th.M. degree. Personal evangelism, with
army work, Beattyville, Ky., 1950-51; pastor,
Kentucky and California, 1951-53. Rescue
Mission Work, San Francisco, Calif., 1953-56.
M. Mildred McAllister, Aug. 23, 1950. Chil-
dren: 1 daughter. App't. missionary to Indians,
Intermountain Indian School, Brigham City,
Utah, Oct. 4, 1956.

Fann, Mildred McAllister
(Mrs. Delbert G. Fann)

B. Jan. 12, 1931, Shelbyville, Ky. Ed. Waddy
High School, Waddy, Ky.; Georgetown Col-
lege, 1949-51. M. Delbert G. Fann, Aug. 23,
1950. Children: 1 daughter. App't. Intermoun-
tain Indian School, Brigham City, Utah, Oct.
4, 1956.



Smith, Cleckler J.

B. March 24, 1913, Jopka, Ala. Ed. Roscoe
High School, Roscoe, Tex.; John Tarleton
Agricultural, 1932-34, Howard Payne Col-
lege, 1940; Hardin Simmons University, 1942-
43, B.A. degree; S.W.B.T.S., 1947-49, B.D.
degree. Pastor, Mitchell-Scurry Association,
Tex., 1942-56. Teacher and principal of
schools, Hodges, Tex., 1940-42; Dunn, Tex.,
1944-47; and Ira, Tex., 1951-56. M. Nora
Lee Wiman, Sept. 8, 1935. Children: 1 daugh-
ter, 2 sons. App't. missionary to Indians, Clin-
ton, Okla., Dec. 6, 1956.

Smith, Nora Lee Wiman
(Mrs. Cleckler J. Smith)

B. Feb. 3, 1913, Roscoe, Tex. Ed. Roscoe High
School, Roscoe, Tex., 1933; Hardin-Simmons
University, 1934-35 and 1943; S.W.B.T.S.,
1947-49. Rural pastor's wife, 1942-56. M. C. J.
Smith, Sept. 8, 1935. Children: 1 daughter and
2 sons. App't. missionary to the Indians, Clin-
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By William E. Burke

A. "The Roman Catholic church, believing in the objective efficacy of the sacraments, regards the minister as one who represents Christ and acts in his name. The minister, therefore, must conform his will to the divine will. As a minister of God's church he must have 'at least the intention of doing what the church does' (Trent. Sess. 14, Canon 9). Such a doctrine is self-evident. How can a priest absolve a penitent, if he does not intend to do so? A right intention is therefore an essential element of the sacramental idea." (*The Question Box*, p. 237).

The Council of Trent says: "Whoever shall affirm that when ministers perform and confer a sacrament it is not necessary that they should have at least the intention to do what the church does, let him be anathema."

HOME MISSIONS

A. Yes. Suppose a child baptized by a priest, but without "intention," were afterwards to become a priest, a bishop, a pope—all the sacraments administered by him would be invalid, all his masses would be null and void, all his absolutions would be worthless, and all his dogmas (supposed by Rome to be infallible) would be invalid. The theologian Dens admits, "that it is but a matter of speculation whether a modern Pontiff is the Vicar of Christ" (*Dens Theologia*, Vol. 11, p.p. 19, 22).

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Sunday School Conference for NEGRO LEADERS in Georgia

By Durward V. Cason, Secretary
Department of Negro Work in Georgia

A SUNDAY School Emphasis Week and Bible Conference, in which 410 Negro Baptist pastors and leaders from 75 Atlanta Negro Baptist churches were enrolled, was held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 26-30 under the direction of Durward V. Cason, secretary of the Department of Negro Work of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Many of the Negro leaders were heard to say that this study had left an indelible impression on their lives. One of the Negro pastors immediately invited Dr. T. W. Tippet, retiring secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Georgia Baptist Convention, to help plan for grading and enlarging his Sunday school.

This campaign could not have been put

on without the very wonderful co-operation of Dr. Tippet. In addition to his fine staff of workers, Dr. Tippet brought into the state for this program Dr. J. M. Price, professor emeritus of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas; Herman L. King, of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; and Miss Kathleen Aycock, of the Sunday School Department of Tennessee.

The group was also pleased to have Dr. Guy Bellamy, secretary of the Department of Negro Work for the Home Mission Board, present for part of the meeting.

In addition to such departmental schools, there are extension centers, now established at seven points in the state, with regular weekly classes for nine months of the year, and Bible institutes of a week or more in length. Since this work was begun on March 1, 1956, approximately 1,100 pastors and other leaders have had some training in one or more of these types of study.

General plans are under way for another such effort in the not too distant future. Other departmental programs are also being planned, such as a Training Union school for the Savannah area February 4-8 and a statewide conference on evangelism in Macon March 5-7.

Dr. Cason, who is leading in this work, came from the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Hapeville in suburban Atlanta. A native of Georgia and a pastor for 31 years, this is not exactly a new work for Dr. Cason. He assisted in work with Negro Baptists on a volunteer basis for more than 20 years wherever he was pastor.

AT WORK FOR CHRIST

(Continued from Page 74)

extension cord from the house next door brought light and dusty chairs furnished seats.

Inside was a group of people, all Catholics except a Home Board missionary couple and two children and a state missionary couple and their three.

Through the cracks in the old building light poured out and dust poured in, mosquitoes, too, and light bugs. But through those cracks came the sweetest sound ever to float out over the bayou which flows hard by. Soft French voices, to the strains of accordion music, sang: *Jesus, Jesus, O mon Sauveur, sous le trezor de mon colar.* Passers-by heard it. They stopped to listen. The golden moon smiled down at from amidst the dust below praises to her maker floated upward. And men heard that God loves and Jesus saves. Sweeter music than that no man ever heard, in French or English.

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