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THE PLACE OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD IN THE

It is by domestic labor, attended by the divine blessing, that wealth and talent are to be sanctified and fitted
for the Lord's work. Hence it is easy to see that the
ultimate prosperity of all of the work of the Southern
Baptist Convention depends upon the spread of the
gospel in the homeland. Baptists' interest will grow,
expand, and become great as the homeland is tilled by
the preaching of the gospel and the sources of service
and revenue are increased by the baptizing of converts
and the planting of churches.

SUCH WAS THE STATEMENT delineating the task of the Board of Domestic Missions in its first report to the

During the first 15 years of its existence the Home Mission Board, then known as the Board of Domestic Missions, combined and co-ordinated the energies and resources of the Baptists from the various states in sending missionaries to the large cities, to the Negroes, to the Indians, to various language groups, to the pioneer areas of Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, and California, and in helping to secure church sites and church buildings. Under the wise leadership of its secretary, Dr. Russell Holman, the Board of Domestic Misins sought to perfect a program that could be pro-located in co-operation with the state conventions and be district associations. The people responded and the work grew rapidly. There were only 32 associations and 10 state conventions when the Convention was organized in 1845. They had 4,126 churches and 351,951 mem-bers. By 1960 Southern Baptists were working in 17 states. The membership had increased to 649,518 in 7,701 churches. Home missions was paying large dividends. The program of progress was by more converts, more churches, and more effective witnessing.

These references to the early ministries of the Home

Mission Board show clearly that it has served as an agency of co-ordination, co-operation, and extension from the very beginning

It is so today. It is the task of the Home Mission Board to take the resources in money and personnel provided by its constituency and channel those resources where they will count for the most in total kingdom

Ten Areas of Home Missions

More specifically there are at least ten areas or functions in which the Home Mission Board may well serve

veal relative mission needs and opportunities. Such surveys not only show the places of need but the type of ministry required to meet that need. Only a Convention-wide agency can reveal relative needs over our total area.

It can help equalize mission support by taking from common resources and distributing to areas where the needs are great and the abilities to meet those needs are limited.

It can help to correlate and co-ordinate Convention-wide mission efforts, such as the City Mission Movement, the Evangelistic Program, and the Rural Church Program.

It can serve as a nexus for the various state conventions and for the district associations that they may have a practical channel through which to consider plans and programs of common interest and may establish methods and avenues of cooperation in mission promotion.

It can focus the attention of Baptists throughout

the Convention on mission needs and opportunities that they may willingly provide the needed re-

sources through prayer and money and personnel It can promote a Convention-wide program of evangelism through which we may elicit, combine. and direct the energies of our constituency in co-operative efforts of soul-winning and conserva-

to an promote a vigorous education and informa-tion program by which Southern Baptists will ob-tain knowledge of mission opportunities and pro-grams and will be inspired to provide more ade-quate support to meet the total mission need in

It can help to discover, train, distribute, and utilize missionary personnel.

nissionary personner.

9. It can serve certain groups which can best be served by a Convention-wide agency.

10. It can serve effectively, and in conformity with agreed upon objectives, the mission fields in west-

Convention's | Mission Program

ern Cuba, in Panama, the Canal Zone, and the San Blas Islands.

Self-support Encouraged in Cuba

This same general policy of encouraging self-support has been applied in Cuba and in Panama. The results have been quite encouraging when one considers the difficulties which are faced on these fields. In 1952 the churches paid \$98,141.78 to all causes. In 1957 the amount had increased to \$175,029.03, a gain of 78 per cent, during which time Southern Baptists in the States have increased their gifts 60 per cent. This gain in Cuba was made in a time of serious financial depression and political unrest and marks a distinct advance in stewardship training. It is true that their gifts for pastoral sup-port is small, but their support for their denominational causes has been quite gratifying. They have chosen to use much of the money received from the Home Mission Board to supplement pastors' salaries and use a larger portion of their own gifts for their missions and denominational program.

There are 81 churches, 167 missions, and 40 Sunday shools in Cuba. On an average each church has two missions and four Sunday schools. They have 8,738 members and report 14,606 in Sunday school. However, here are many fields unreached. One third of the 95 municipalities are still without Baptist work. Many churches are without buildings. Leaders need to be trained. Loday is a day of advance in Cuba.

The growth has been even more noticeable in Panama. Five years ago there were six churches and three missions. There are now 19 churches and 31 missions. The gits of the 2,833 members of these churches amounted to \$96,010 39 in 1957, \$25,100.96 of which was given

God has wonderfully blessed the work of the Home Mission Board during the past five years. The number of mission aries, exclusive of summer student workers, has increased from 902 to 1,271. Professions of faith reported increased from 30,565 to 36,464 exclusive of

13,534 reported by Southern Baptist chaplains. The number of new churches reported by the home mission personnel increased from 265 to 323 in 1957. In many personner increased from 203 to 325 in 1997. In many of these same areas other missionaries were at work. Some were supported by local churches, some by associations, some by state mission boards, and some by independent groups.

Evangelism and Baptist Advance

Southern Baptists have a well-planned program of evangelism. They have a program for city missions and a program for their rural churches. As yet they have no well-defined, co-ordinated program for their total mission endeavor.

Herein lies our great opportunity today. The time recein lies our great opportunity coday. The thie is ripe. The associations, states, and Convention agencies are thinking and working together as never before. Feelings of isolation and independent endeavors on the part of our missionaries are fast being replaced with a sense of teamwork and denominational participation. This movement has been accelerated by great Convention-wide programs that challenge every church and every pastor to have a part, such as the evangelistic crusades, the 30,000 Movement, the stewardship programs, the Third Jubilee, and a short while ago the "Million More in '54." Indian churches, Spanish churches, Chinese churches, mission centers, and all the rest have been challenged to participate. North and South, East and West, old churches and new churches, have joined hands and hearts in this movement of Baptist advance. This movement has been accelerated by great Conven-

Survey Committee Makes Timely Suggestion

It is exceptionally timely therefore that the Survey Committee in its report to the Southern Baptist Convention recommended that: The Home Mission Board and the state conventions should continue to explore means of increasing co-operative effort and financial support in order that the best possible plan may be found to direct our mission resources where they are most needed and to utilize our media of missionary education and en-listment in the most effective way. It is further recom-mended that the Home Mission Board and the state

conventions seek to develop a uniform Southern Baptist Convention wide pattern of mission work.

The committee also suggests

That "the Home Mission Board should continue to develop the concept that all mission work carried on in the form Southern Baptist mission pro-

State and Home Mission Boards Members of a Team

It is the desire of the Home Mission Board to co-operate with state and associational mission boards in developing this larger concept of missions and implement it in the most effective

To secure the best results in such a program our constituency must have a sense of participation. The success of Southern Baptist work among minority groups and the underprivileged, where others have made little or no progress, is due in large degree to the fact that sands all over the Convention have had a part. It has been, as it is today their work. They have supported it. They have prayed for it. Their children have answered the call to serve in it in this support they will continue to are truly members of the team

The uniform mission program should give them a larger opportunity to share. It is not the amount that is provided as much as the opportunity to have a part. Certainly the amount will vary local forces to support the work. Bu ust as many states are finding it helpthe mission program in each associato grow a Convention wide mission program by developing a sense of be-

This intimate relationship will stimulate their interest in the work. They will study the program and the needs. operative Program to support it. They will take advantage of the Annie Armstrong Offering to undergird it where help is most needed. They will include it in their prayer calendars and their program materials. They will hear their onaries at conventions and conferto mission service. They will visit the already doing, and give reports of the

mission progress to their churches when they return. They will do all of this and more, because they know the work

A Larger Program Envisioned

Let us seek divine guidance as we consider plans and programs by which we can enlarge the vision and the par velop a mission program that will honor our Lord and reach the millions in our nidst who are without the gospel.

Such a Brogram presupposes and nesociational, state, and Convention forces if the best results are to be attained In such co-operation we shall constantly bear in mind that the local church is n fact, the responsible agent for missionary and evangelistic promotion and that all other agencies exist to help the churches do a more effective job. The respective areas of ministry and responmined by the expensed will of the churches or by voluntary co-operation.

Great strides have been taken during the past decade in voluntary co-opera-



Dr. Courts Redford checks Jubilee goals

The Home Mission Board is co-on erating in states where there is a large amount of bi-lingual or minority world nators" who serve under the direction of the state secretary, or the superin tendent of missions, to supervise and correlate all work among such groups. whether it be supported by the state mission board or the Home Mission Board.

The Home Mission Board has co-

operated with state boards and local forces in setting up well understood and generally accepted standards and formulas for the employment, support, and general direction of missionary person nel. This has greatly improved the at-titude of the missionaries and has been a blessing to the mission work

Greater Sharing by State Boards

The Home Mission Board has been transferring a portion of the direct mission work to the state boards as it appears that they can support and promo

The Home Mission Board is co-operating upon request of the state or local forces, in the establishment and support of direct mission work where i appears that it cannot be done effect tively by local forces alone.

The Home Mission Board encour ages every church which it sponsors to become self-supporting and has a plan by which an additional portion of the missionary's salary is transferred to the local forces each year. Every church and mission is encouraged to participate in every phase of the denominations program

In addition to providing co-operative financial assistance to the minority groups, the Home Mission Board furnishes well-trained specialists to help in an advisory capacity, to conduct conferences for workers from such missions, and to help in institutes, conventions, and other meetings where assist-

Organization Committee to Report

On April 10, 1957, the Administrative Committee of the Home Mission Board authorized the appointment of a special committee from the Board study the organization and work of ordinating its work and increasing it efficiency It is expected that the com-mittee will make a report at the midyear meeting of the Board, August 14

Jubilee Goals Set

At a meeting of the Third Jubile Committee on January 20, 1956. Il was suggested that each agency fix certain goals or objectives to be reached by 1964. The goals for the Home Mission Board were approved at its mid-year meeting of the Board on August 7, 1956, subject to such changes as seemed desirable. desirable to make them conform !

It is interesting to note two things bout these goals: First, the large measure of co-operation they suggest; and second, the progress that has been made oward reaching them.

Space prevents the presentation of all the goals but a few examples will in-dicate the general trend which is fol-

One of the goals in evangelism states that the Home Mission Board will seek co-operation of all agencies in the evar relistic program. It is encouraging that state convention Convention agencies, and other Baptis nventions are co-operating in the 1959 Evangelistic Crusade.

One of the goals having to do with church extension is as follows: Survey territory to explore needs, opportunities. Through the co-operation of the associaassociational surveys have been completed. Rev Billy Hargrove, employed by the Home Mission Board to serve in this field, is co-operating with the in an intensive survey which reveals gractically every mission opportunity in he area studied. The response to this service has been phenomenal.

One of the goals for the minority groups includes an emphasis to the minorities in the new areas. Of the 26

The development of Baptist work in he metropolitan areas was one of the goals for city missions. Progress has been made toward reaching this goal y opening work in Chicago and New

So it is with the other goals. They were purposely planned to co-ordinate with the special program of our denomination as a whole. It has been the purpose of the administration so to plan the work of every department as to assist the state mission boards and other agencies in their respective programs of advance. "We are laborers logether with God "

Increased Wark in Pioneer Areas

increased its ministries in the new and pioneer areas. The Board is now serving in 43 states. Only 19 were served that date. All in all, the Board is serving three times as much territory and

other Convention-wide goals that might be adopted by the Convention.

three and one half times as many people as were served in 1940. This does not include the liaison ministries the are being provided to the Baptist groups in Canada.

> Of the \$303,855.00 used by the Cooperative Missions Department to help support mission workers in the field in 1953, \$227,255.00, or 74.8 per cent was used in pioneer areas. Of \$794,220,00 being used for such ministries in 1958, \$667,900.00, or 84 per cent is being used in the pioneer areas.

Work among the language groups usually follows the growth of our Angle churches. Thus it develops more slow-ly. In 1953 a total of \$355,320.00 was nent by our Direct Missions Depart nt in the support of missionaries to the Indians and language groups. Of this amount \$149,256.00, or 42 per cent was used in pioneer areas. In 1958, \$779 620 00 has been appropriated of which \$410,265.00, or being used in pioneer fields.

Of the total amount appropriated for the salaries and operating expenses to Cuba and Panama, 58 per cent is appropriated to the pioneer fields.

For two reasons it is not possible to tabulate the results of the work in the pioneer areas. In the first place, a con-siderable number of the workers, such as those in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota Northern Illinois, Indiana, and parts o the other states, made their report Board in 1956, 17 were in new areas. to one of the older states and such statistics are included in the work of the state which sponsors them. In the sec-ond place, the work of building spiritual foundations can never be tabul

It is interesting, however, to study the totals from the following state conventions that provide usable data:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Ohio, and FEATURES Oregon-Washington. These eight ventions report 1528 churches, a of 152 from the previous year gifts amounted to \$17,793,569 00 an average of \$59.48 for each of 299 166 members. This is 34 per of more than the per capita average for the Convention.

They report 304,823 enrolled in Sun-The Home Mission Board has rapidly day school, which is 5,657 more than their church membership. There were 25,668 baptisms, or a ratio of one baptism for every 11.6 members. The new churches are rapidly reaching self support and are leading in evangelistic

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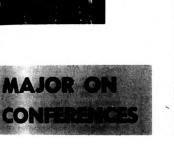
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The World Is in My CHURCH BUDGET

by Mrs. John Caylor

T 19 SUNDAY MORNING, and my church envelope has been placed in the offering plate. There is a sense of satinfaction as I realize that a part of my tithe goes around the world to carry the gospel. I am helping to support every object which Southern Baptists foster.

As chairman of the missions committee in our church for five years, it was my responsibility and privilege to lead that group in the strengthening of missionary endeavors at home and abroad. It was our duty to allocate mission funds for fields which seemed

to need them more urgently.

I like to interpret Acts 1:8 thus:
"Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Atlanta, in all Georgia, in the home mirsion fields, and unto all the foreign mis-sion fields." We need to be interested in all mission causes everywhere, joining forces in a spirit of co-operation to win the world to Christ

Foreign Missions

As our missionaries from distant fields visit and write us, they give stirring re-ports of their work among people of other countries. As I listened to Doctor Wana Ann Fort tell of her work in Southern Rhodesia, as she and her doctor husband prayed and operated, wished I sould be there.

The thought came to me that I am there, standing by them with my gifts through my church. Not only do I

sand by them, but I am lending sup-port to all of our 1,200 foreign mis-sonaries. My church helps in the hard places, in the new areas, where doors have just recently been opened to South-em Baptists. Jane Carroll McRae tells

member, gave its own pastor, Dr. Paul James, called of God and sent by the Home Mission Board to New York City to organize the first Southern Bapem Baptists. Jane Carroll McRae tells of a ball game in which her small son, crippied by polio, participated. The child could hat, but could not run. A boy stood by him to run for him. As the runner came in home, the batter, who had been so intent on scoring, fell limp at the plate. The boy was running for him! Says Jane, "That is what Southern Baptists are doing for the missionaries in Gaza."

Home Mission Board to New York City to organize the first Southern Baptists of the same the first support his work. We love him, and follow with keen interest the tremendous impact he is making with services just off Times Square.

State Missions
One can hardly separate missions by

One can hardly separate missions by fields. The state mission boards and the Home Mission Board work together. Yes, the United States is in the world, in Negro work, Good Will Centers, Yes, the United States is in the world, too. Home missions and foreign missions go hand in hand, and there is a beautiful spirit of co-operation among all of the mission agencies. In a recent sause of Rayal Service, the story is told of La Vora Murfin, who was converted at the Rachael Sims Mission in New Chennes and States and States and States and States are supported by the Rachael Sims Mission in New Chennes and States and States are supported by the Rachael Sims Mission in New Chennes and States and States and States are supported by the Rachael Sims Mission in New Chennes are supported by the Rachael Sims Mis all of the mission agencies. In a recent usue of Royal Service, the story is told of La Vora Murfin, who was converted the Rachael Sims Mission in New Orleans, married Dan Sprinkle, and went with him to Argentina where they are missionaries.

The Missionaries.

Our church stands by Mr. and Mrs. Kim, as they work with Koreans in Califorms Mrs. Kim was in prison in Korea for her belief in Christ, but her faith never wavered. She knows what it means to be persecuted for the sake of Christ

We went to Taos, New Mexico, to bear Mike Naranjo preach. The tears flowed as he told of the sins of his people i was happy that his work

when to the Mission of the sake of Christ in the Mission of the Miss

for full-time Christian sevice, and last-ing impressions are made on all who attend. Among other state mission in-terests supported through our church budget are: Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and

There are several areas in our city to which we minister through our church budget. We provide Sunday school buses for children who could not otherwise come. Not only are the chil-dren being won to Christ by this serv-

ice, but many of the parents also.

I had the pleasure during Vacation
Bible school last year to give a Bible to a child who had never owned one-before. Our budget provides Bibles for those who do not have them and exthose who do not have them and ex-press a desire for them. Overage in our mission hudget helps, too, in the work of our Good Will Centers and mission stations in Atlanta. Our church is in a building program now to pro-vide Sunday achool rooms for the many who come and for those who are brought on the huses. We bright that brought on the buses. We believe that with adequate space, but not necessari-

with adequate space, but not necessarily ornate.

All of this adds up to winning souls, with the privilege of giving through the Cooperative Program. I believe in this program, because through it my church can have a part in missions at home, across our nation, and all over the world. Our marching orders are contained in Acts 1:8, and we obey with our tithes and offerings.



work, yet it is unique.

The Phelps community, in the moun-

meet the needs of the people. There are many "isms" but little genuine singing.

The East Williamson Baptist Church six people banded together to become was willing to sponsor a mission. We a part of the new Baptist work. This

THE STORY of the Phelps Baptist the old courthouse building. Six people came for this meeting. They seemed s like the story of almost any new very interested in establishing new

Our next step was to conduct a Vaca-The Phelps community, in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, is 35 miles from Williamson. West Virginia. The main occupation of those living in this area is coal mining. The religious condition is one that is alarming. There has been little organized effort among any denomination to do anything to meet the peeds of the seance. There

As missionary, my first big job was to take a survey of the community. How revealing! There was a total population of 874 and only 198 who professed to be Christians. Above the age of nine there was a total of 454 unsaved and 401 prospects for Baptist work.

Services and the Church was a constant of the professional professional

on Baptist Church, the State Mission Board of Kentucky, and the Kentucky Sate WMU are going to give aid in the construction of the building. The paster is employed by the Home Mission Board and the State Mission Board of Kentucky. We have now moved on the field and hope to be of more service to the people.



by Tom Greene

NORTH CAROLINA TRAINS OFFICERS

pastors. From this the association has

HANK YOU so much for sched-uling this workshop so that I could learn more about my job in my church," said many of the people who attended the Special Church Activities Workshop held in the Cabarrus As-

sociation in North Carolina recently.

For four years the Cabarrus Associafor four years the Cabarrus Association has held special clinics to train church officers in their duties. The program has proved very successful. The association usually reaches from one half to two thirds of the churches with these clinics or workshops.

On May a the intowing leaders from the Baptist Sunday School Board were with us: Miss Jacqulyn Anderson, Church Library Department; Miss Adelle Carlson, Church Recreation Department; J. P. Edmunds, Records Department; Ellis B. Evans, Church Archithese clinics or workshops.

The first such clinic was held for

After the revival was over, we were

miraculous way the place was closed. Thus we were able to secure the build-

ing. We moved in August of 1957. We began Sunday school and preaching

Rev. J R Tackett, Walton, Kentucky, conducted a revival for us in April and 42 people were saved. It was a wonderful provilege to baptize 35 of these into the fellowship of the mission, making the present membership 51.

The First Baptist Church, Spring field, Kentucky, has purchased a tract of land on which a new building is to be constructed. The East William-son Baptist Church, the State Mission

gradually expanded its training for the officers until it has become an annual affair. These clinics deal with officers of Brotherhood, WMU, Sunday school, Training Union, and general church of-

these clinics or workshops.

The first such clinic was held for deacons of the local churches and the ford, Public Relations Department, Also with us was Ben Fisher, of Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest.

We held five conferences during this Special Church Activities Workshop: 1. church librarians, 2. church recreation, 3, church clerks and secretaries, church buildings, and 5. church pub-lic relations.

The missions committee of the Cabarrus Association is to the association what deacons are to the local church; therefore, the missions committee rec-ommends these special conferences each year to the Calendar committee of the association, which in turn sets up the calendar to include these clinics.

Many people in the association are grateful for the opportunity of learning more concerning their duties in the local

able to rent an old store building in Phelps It had been used as a dance hall. The Lord moved in and in a Left to right, Rev. Don Hill, paster of Broadus Memorial Church, Concard; Tom Greene, associa-tional missionary; Rev. Charles C. Coffey, pastor, First Church, Kannapolis; and Rev. John Knight, poster of McGill Street Church, and moderator of the association, discuss a clinic for church officers.



by James E. Casey, Jr.

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FRIEND TO THE WORLD



by Carl Howard

In her office, Eusice Parker talks with a student from the Far East.

to work out as a new international stu-dent at the University of Texas.

since her own college days, Miss Parker and meetings. began her work on the state-wide level dent at the University of Texas.

His home? Jerusalem.

Many arrangements needed to be made, including finding a place to live, a part-time job, and locating friends.

But he had come to a person who daily makes the problems of Texas international students her own.

She is Eunice Parker, Baptist intersections are successed as the problems of the pr

HE SMILED at the young college student who had just stepped into her office. "Hello, Tex."

He grinned back and looked down Home Mission Board. Her job? Mak-

at his levis and sport shirt. "What do you mean, Tex? We used to wear jeans just like these when I worked in the oil fields of Saudi Arabia."

They laughed together, He reported to her on all the details he was having Baptist Student Center for coffee, gab.

Personal interest in the students she

a ministry to international students in texas

China, was visiting the campus. She invited the Chinese Students' Associatimited the Chinese Students' Association members out to get acquainted with him. "My house looked like an over-thin members out to get acquainted with him." My house looked like an over-thin members out to get acquainted with further insight into the meaning of the Christian faith and to further religious. crowded section of Hong Kong," she cultural, and political understanding.
"In a free exchange of beliefs, ideas,

one events and by making a special effort to assist with housing, language.

and study problems confronting over
by the had gone for coffee alone.

"I couldn't even find anyone to get coffee with," he complained. "Back

when they hear a meeting or program the meaning of life was nothing to me being planned. This is especially true of the International Student Retreats spirit passed off. I have a lot of friends

Orisi. I was a orio or passage, and the meaning of life was nothing to me a being planned. This is especially true on that day the agitation of my spirit passed off. I have a lot of friends provide for that student's need of deep,

Students from 30 to 40 different

on the campus, American friends could best be of help, says Miss Parker, the filter paternational students to various in the midst of diversity," says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting an internace in the midst of diversity, says Miss Parker tells of meeting and meeting an internace in the midst of diversity in the midst of the mid could best be of help, says Miss Parker, by inviting international students to var-

as students.

"Will American students be there?"

Miss Parker reports that this is the this way: "I went to God through Jesus way: "I went to God through Jesus Christ. I was a bird of passage, and "I'll keep me company."

Jesus Christ, who loves me and my

the retreats to continue to play a vital role in the overall program. But campus relations will retain the "most im-

held during Thanksgiving and Easter who believe me. I'll tell them I am personal friendships while he studies on

Students from many lands gather at a student retreat at Ma-Ranch, near Kerrville, Texas. The variety of costumes reached through Miss Parker's work in Texas.





August, 1958

"It's a Blessing"

by Joan Woodward

at the University of Oktahoma. Are are visiting the Cerebral Palsy Institute are visiting the Cerebral Palsy Institute in Norman, Oklahoma, to tell the chil.

These children may never march in a parade, but they try to do the motions to the song, "I'm in the Lord's Army," dren about Jesus and to hold Sunday school for them. Every Thursday at 30 P.M. we assemble in the foyer

i hold prayer before we go in.
"We've been waiting for you!" The ients try to run toward us with their

rms outstretched.

For about ten minutes, the students mingle with the children. Then the children, ranging in ages from two to 16, are moved into a circle around the piano to sing their favorite choruses. They like the "Infantry Song" and "Jesus Loves Me."

The singing continues until the students are exhausted, but not the chil-dren. A Bible story is told and pictures are colored.

Sometimes games are substituted for coloring. A favorite is "London Bridge." Students get behind the wheel chairs and carts and push the children under an archway formed by two other

As the clock reaches 7:25 the children are again gathered around the plano, and all bow the heads. They sing "Whisper a Prayer," and a student closes with prayer.

I was the first person she had seen all day besides nurses. Her legs were in casts, and her small body was twisted, but she was thankful for the operation she had just had.

What is this all abou? What am I doing here? I am just one of the students from the Baptiss Student Union at the University of Oklahoma. We are visiting the Cerebral Palsy Institute



terms a child can understand what the Bible says about Jesus. We hope to make a deep and lasting impression on them which will lead them to seek sal-

vation.

Many of them discourage us at first because they are so crippled and deformed. But as the weeks pass by, we notice much progress. Before we realize it, the ones who used to be in the wheel chairs are the first ones to run to us as

we come in.

Yes, CPI is a high spot in our lives, and the lives of the children there. We receive a blessing, and try to give them one in return. We are only a few, and we can reach only a few children. If you are looking for something to do, perhaps there is a child like this that you or your group can help. Remem-ber, "It is more blessed to give than





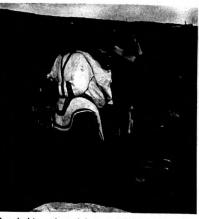
Although they have trouble controlling their hands, the children love to color. They like to be told they are doing a good job.

August, 1958

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Chaplain James A. Stanford leads services aboard the USNS Lindenwald. Conducting worship services is just one part of his duties.



As a chaplain, one frequently has contact with people of other lands.

During his stay in the North, Chaplain Stanford met this mother and her young children.







business in great waters

by Chaplain James A. Stanford

plowed the briny and frigid North Atlantic Ocean, this time to beyond the Arctic Circle.

As for our business, it was Joint Task Group 6.2 of Arctic Operations ors and stepped from the gangway.

1957. We were assigned the mission of
The ship is Navy owned, yet manne

The U S. Air Force of personnel, with its equipment, at various radar warning stations must be annually supwarming stations must be annually supplied and replenished for each long and insided winter period. Of the three finder warning terminal lines; namely, the Distant Early Warming (DEW line), the Pine I ree, and the Mid-Canada, our mission and objectives were pri-

There was husiness in great waters as the ship USNS Lindenwald mentioned. mentioned. sion field, and in circuit-riding evan-

"Welcome aboard, Padre," were the words of greeting to an army chaplain, which I received from W. E. Judge, Commander, USN, as I saluted the col-

1937. We were assigned the mission of seeing that cargo ships shuttled up to these cold lattitudes to various North-test Air Command radar sites were unloaded within the limited time of a short summer thaw, at whatever cost and sacrifice necessary, and regardless of weather conditions.

The U. S. Air Force of personnel, The ship is Navy owned, yet manned had a load to bear and a specific job

gelism.

Aboard ship there were 135 civilians, and 220 U. S. Army, and 60 U. S. Navy personnel. There were personal interviews, counseling, preaching, conducting weekly Bible classes, contributing a religious article to the ship's paper twice weekly, utilizing literature racks for tracts and the Holy Word, visiting the sick-bay, and even bowing for the sick-bay, and even bowing for thanks at meals—all afforded opportunities for witnessing.

ties for witnessing.

Mingling with troops on windy, snow-swept decks on cargo freighters, "fiding brone" on landing craft across choppy bays, palling around with crews on icy beaches, and making oneself available for chaplain's coverage at each site to the U. S. Air Force, gave opportunities untold for extending the witness.

"They that so down to the sea in

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"DO IT YOURSELF" MISSIONS

by Rev. Thomas Kilpatrick Pastor, Polm Baptist Church Riverside, Calif.

THE NEED must be great to launch anyone on a "do it yourself" project. Certainly the members of the Palm

The church building was erected, a Other people in the church provided transportation for the deaf students. The church placed in its budget an Baptist Church of Riverside, California, were in the midst of much need.

In addition, there must be a strong desire before a group will attempt sometion which we asked until we accepted the Great Commission on a personal basis. Then our group of less than 50 people accepted "go ye" as marching in the city has taken reduces in every

AAKE MONEY WRITING

little at a time. A mission, which is now a church, was begun in another section of the city. Time, effort, money, and the best leadership possible have been given to work with the military thing which usually only skilled, trained workers can accomplish. "Why don't they send us a missionary?" is a question which we missionary? is a question which we will be a proposed to work with the minutery personnel and their dependents at March Air Force Base. This group numbers about 40,000 who live in the

An accelerated youth program for direction. Giving to the Cooperative At that time we were meeting in an old house, and the need for a church

of students at the school has grown to have been enlisted to teach this group part in a program of missions.

amount to provide Sunday dinners once each quarter for this group which has grown from six or eight to 85.

The blessings have been numerous.

More than 30 deaf young people have
made decisions for Christ. Fifteen have been baptized into the fellowship of the church. The membership of the church, which has grown to more than 400, has people who cannot "hear" the gospel Young people who hear are being made aware of an opportunity for mission service, and some of them are considering it for their life work.

old house, and the need for a church building had to be met. We decided that perhaps we could minister to the 300 students at the California School for the Deaf while we were attempting a building program. This was to be our "do it yourself" mission program. This was to be our "do it yourself" mission program. This was to be our "for the past five years, the number of students at the school has greater to the church of students at the school has greater to the church of students at the school has greater to the greater to the school has greater to the school

NEW CHURCH FOR **ABERDEEN**



D. L. Goodman, Carl Ryther, and Jim Wooten look over the papers showing their awnership of land on which a new church will be constructed.

by D. L. Goodman

end Convention and the Home Mission

in the city

When we arrived we found the place when we arrived we found the place when we arrived with about four inches of snow do we start? My family and I have The temperature ranged from zero to decided to help you begin the work." M below However, we found that 30 blow here is very little if any worse than the 30 and 40 above in Louisiana.

us, or California. Aberdeen, a city of some 30,000, has Baptist churches, an American orthern | Baptist church and a Geran Baptist church. The total memberthe papers church in the total memorial should be possible the churches together is about 60. There are also six different kinds of Lutheran churches, three Catholic

On our arrival here, we found that there was only one family interested in tarting a Southern Baptist church. This handy knew another family which they bought might be interested. On Saturday areas to be interested. may evening after our arrival, we the limited to visit the first family all found that the wife was from near floates, I case. The husband, a South-floates, I case. The husband hus and found that the wife was from near

Aberdeen. South Dakota, where was to serve as a pastoral missionary apported by the Colorado Baptist Genutil well past midnight, and then adjourned with prayer.

During the week, the man from We had never heard of Aberdeen be- Arkansas, who happens to be an FBI lote, so naturally we wondered what it a cold look like and what we would find cup of South Dakota coffee with him cup of South Dakota coffee with him.

Please pray for us. By the help of While we were drinking and talking.

God, we shall soon have a wonderful

That was what I was waiting for.

I had a conference with a real estate dealer and he offered me two lots in a new addition. The two men and I went to his office. Before we left, we had tied up four of the most beautiful lots in the city for our new church. My two men put up \$300.00 and signed papers to pay \$500.00 more September 1. We have an option on the two adjoining lots for one year, without a cent down on them. Total price of the four lots will be \$10,000.00.

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> by A. V. Pickern, Sr. Missionary to French Mantegut, La.

Benny IS A LITTLE Indian boy who has passed only eight summers. He attends services in one of our missons, and is the living proof that little pitchers have hig ears, and that a child is sometimes the teacher of adults.

Benny's grandparents, with whom he lives, bought him a parakeet. It was a pretty bird, and Benny wanted to teach it to talk and to sit on his finger. But when he had had it only a few days the hird escaped from its cage and flew out the door to freedom.

Benny was heartbroken. For two

days he looked for his bird, and cried for it, to no avail. In the evening Benny asked his grandmother if she could pray "like Brother Pick does."

"Brother Pick says that if we pray ad have faith, we will get what we ask lot," he said "If you can pray like brother Pick does, and we have faith, my bird will come back."

His grandmother said yes, she could my like Brother Pick, so they prayed together for Benny's bird to come back, Benny went to bed happy, content with the complete faith of childhood, hat his bird would come back.

The next morning as he played

e yard he watched the trees. He alout burst with joy when he saw his orandmother came with the cage and led, and by some miracle, coaxed the

to tame bird into the cage.

To Benny, it is not so strange. It is at matter of praying and believing.

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Board Members Ratating Off



by John Caylor

years of devoted study and writing Dr. Lawrence applied himself exclusively

"I have tried to unveil the providence of God in the history of the Home Mission Board by the Southern Baptist
Convention would be revealed," declares Dr. Lawrence. For the first several months of work on the history,
Dr. Lawrence devoted himself to readto Christ. History is made by men and

history, he only records it," says

Dr. Lawrence in the foreword of History of the Home Mission Board, just solon Board activities. Then he checked but has projected the personalities of the released by Broadman Press. For three and rechecked references and began to write.

This is not a dull list of Board and through the years. to the history of the first 110 years of Convention actions but is a running the Home Mission Board. During the story of interesting activity. The author last 25 years of that history he was executive secretary. For more than 50 ration. At points the gifted writer soars ration. At points the gifted writer soars years of that time he was definitely in- to heights of beauty in rhetorical exterested in the work which he has pression, yet he never varies from facts described in the book.

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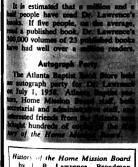
Controversies Are Recounted

Some historians make much of con troversies. While the author of History of the Home Mission Board chooses rather to record progress made by co-operative efforts in which all Southern Baptists worked for kingdom interests Mission Board so that the guiding of an infinite hand in the direction of the kingdom interests confided to the Home Mission Board is a record of the service author offers an objective interpretation



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Your Fall Revival Count Down

by Vernan Yearby
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ORE THAN 3,000 Southern Baptist churches will make fall revival preparation plans through Evangelism Church Councils.

Where councils have been used, re sponsibilities have been more thoroughly distributed and churches have experienced more direct membership soulwinning and prayer participation.

All revival preparation begins in prayer and continues in prayer. Follow-ing the Holy Spirit in a preparation "count down" the Evangelism Church all-out revival efforts.

Your fall revival preparation "count down" begins 28 days before the re-vival and includes:

- 28 Sunday: (1) Pray for revival, (2) Preach for revival, (3) Evangelism Church Council meets, (4) Religious census day, (5) Evangelism
- 27 Monday: (6) Pray for revival, (7) Revival publicity scheduled, (8) Order revival supplies, (9) Deacons meet—pray for revival. (10) Process prospect cards.
- 26 Tuesday: (11) Pray for revival, (12) Extension meetings planned, (13) Schedule hours of revival ervices, (14) Process prospect
- 25 Wednesday: (15) Pray for revival, (16) Process prospect cards, (17) Midweek prayer service.

- 24 Thursday: (18) Pray for revival, (19) Process prospect cards, (20) Have music struments tuned, (21) Make a soul-winning visit to-
- 23 Friday: (22) Pray for revival, (23) Process prospect cards 22 - Saturday: (24) Pray for revival.
- (25) Process prospect cards com-
- 21 Sunday: (26) Pray for revival. (27) Revival preaching, (28) Prospect list to the Sunday school faculty.
- 20 Monday: (29) Pray for revival, ism committee program
 1. God's Commandos
- 2. Man and boy visitation 3. Cottage prayer meeting lead-
- ers assigned
 (31) Publicity continued. - Tuesday: (32) Pray for revival,
- (33) WMU meets, evangelistic program, community missions
- 1. Woman and girl visitation assignments
 2. Cottage prayer meeting loca-
- tions assigned. Wednesday: (34) Pray for revival,
- (35) Pack-a-pew plan inaugurated. (36) Special revival nights designated, (37) Choir enlisted, (38) Evangelistic church conference.

- 17 Thursday: (39) Pray for revival
- 16 Friday: (41) Pray for revival. 15 Saturday: (42) Pray for revival. - Sunday: (43) Pray for revival
- (44) Revival preaching (45) Evangelism Church Council meets Monday: (46) Pray for revival, (47) God's Commandos, (48) Re-

(68) Revival preaching.

Revival visitors selected

- vival publicity continued Tuesday: (49) Pray for revival (50) God's Commandos, (51) Revival visitation assignments pre-
- Wednesday: (52) Pray for revival,
 (53) Special nights assignments complete, (54) Revival visitation assignments prepared, (55) Pack-a-pew plans completed, (56) High attendance plans for SS and TU. (57) Evangelistic Sunday school
- service planned. 10 - Thursday: (58) Pray for revival, (59) God's Commandos, (60) Revival visitation assignments prepared, (61) Extension service completed, (62) Make a soul-win
- ning visit today.
 Friday: (63) Pray for revival. (64) God's Commandos, (65) Revivi
- visitation assignments prepared.
 Saturday: (66) Pray for revival. Sunday: (67) Pray for reviva
- Monday: (69) Pray for revival (70) Publicity continued. (71)

Tuesday: (72) Pray for revival,

- (73) Cottage prayer meetings.

 (Wednesday: (74) Pray for revival,
 (75) Teach evangelism Sunday
 school lesson, (76) All-church
- prayer meeting.

 Thursday: (77) Prayefor revival.

 (78) Make a soul-winning visit today. (79) Cottage prayer meetings. 2. Friday: (80) Pray for revival. 1. Saturday: (81) Pray for revival,
- (82) Round-the-clock prayer chain
- Revival Doys

 Sunday: (1) Evangelistic Sunday Sunday
 Sunday
 School lesson taught, (2) Chain link sign up, (3) Revival preaching, (4) Soul-winning visit today.
 Monday: (5) Morning service, (6) Visitation, (7) Evening service— church loyalty night—roll call, (8)
- Visitation.
 3 Tuesday: (9) Morning service, (10) Visitation, (11) Evening service—Brotherhood Guests Supper,
- (* Wednesday: (13) Morning service, (14) Visitation, (15) Evening service—old Bible night, (16) Vis-
- Thursday: (17) Morning service, (18) Visitation, (19) Evening
- service —Sunday school class night (20) Visitation. Friday: (21) Morning service, (22)
- Friday. (21) Morning service, (22) Visitation, (23) Evening service—family night, (24) Visitation. Saturday: (25) Evening service—youth night, (26) Prayer night. Sunday. (27) Sunday school high
- attendance, (28) Special evange-listic service, (29) Training Union, (30) Evening service. - Monday: (31) Morning service
- (34) Visitation Tuesday: (35) Morning service
- (36) Visitation, (37) Pack-a-pew (38) Visitation. - Wednesday: (39) Morning service, (40) Visitation, (41) Evening
- service-Pack-a-pew, (42) Visita Thursday: (43) Morning service, (44) Visitation, (45) Pack-a-pew. (46) Visitation
- · Friday (47) Morning service, (48) Visitation, (49) Evening service— Pack a pew. (50) Visitation.
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• • THE CHURCH

by William E. Burke

Q. What is the church according to Roman Catholicism?

A. "The church is the congregation of all those who profess the faith of Christ, partake of the same sacraments, and are governed by their lawful pastors under one visible head. Jesus Christ is the invisible head of the church. Our Holy Father the Pope, the Bishop of Rome, is the Vicar of Christ on earth and the visible head of the church" (A Catechism of Christian Doctrine, p. 23).

Q. What is the church according to Rantists: and the Scriptures?

A. Baptists teach that a scriptural composed of baptized believers onlythat in its government and discipline each church is entirely separate and insovereign body, with Christ as its head, the Holy Spirit its administrator, and the Bible its only rule of faith and practice. Its work is to carry out the Great nission. The churches can and do co-operate with each other in getting folk saved, scripturally baptized, and to observe all things the Master has

Q. From what date does the Roman Catholic Church trace her beginning? A. She boasts of her antiquity, and claims she was founded by Christ and

his apostles, and was governed by them and their lawful successors.

O. Is this claim historically true? A. No. The Church of Rome did not exist in the days of the apostles, for several centuries after the last

O Was there not a Christian church Rome in the days of the apostles? A. There was, just as there were Christian churches in Jerusalem, Cor-

inth, and other places.

Q. In what respects do the early churches differ from the Roman Catholic Church?

A. They differ in doctrine, worship,

A. "That church is a growth. She did not spring into existence fully formed, with her present creed, ritual, and government, but she developed into her present composite condition from teachings that were originally imported into the Christian church from the Jewish, Pagan, and Oriental world. This process of growth, which has been going on for centuries, continues to the present day; e.g.;—The Immaculate Conception of Mary (1854); Infallibility of the church is a local assembly or church Pope (1870); and the Assumption of Mary (1950)" (Romanism, McDonald,

Q. Can a date be fixed at which the dependent from all others—that it is a Roman Catholic Church may be said to have had a beginning?

A. "Not easily, seeing that the pe-culiar dogmas and sacraments of Rome are the accumulation of more than 12 centuries. Two facts, however, help to fix a formal beginning to the system. (1) In 533 the emperor Justinian published an edict, and addressed a letter to the pope, in which he acknowledged him to be the head of the church, and in 606 the emperor Phocas confirmed this by conferring on the pope the title of 'Universal Bishop.' (2) In 741 the king of the Lombards, by a gift of towns and domains to the pope, constituted him a temporal as well as a spiritual sovereign, and this was further confirmed by Pepin in 752, and by Charlemagne in 774 and 800" (Romanism, McDonald, p. 8).

Q. What doctrines or practices of the Roman Catholic Church are to be the apostle wrote was, even in his day, traced to Judaism?

A. The Roman Catholic Church owes to Judaism much of her symbolism. From Judaism she has borrowed her priesthood, with all their exaggerated claims and rights; her altars, with their continual sacrifices (in masses) and inpriesthood, with all their exaggerated

Q. What is the proper description of the origin of the Roman Catholic Church?

cense and washings; and from it she has coined one of her most fundamental doctrines, that a man can be made righteous by ceremonial observances.

Q. What has the Church of Rome

borrowed from the pagan world?

A. She has borrowed from it her saint, angel, and image honor and ven-

Q. What has the Church of Rome borrowed from the Oriental world?

A. "She has borrowed from it her asceticism and penances. The dominating principle in Oriental philosophy was that of two opposing forces of good and evil, the good being lodged in mind or spirit and the evil in matter; and its sages taught that those who would com-bat the evil must withdraw from the world, renounce marriage, and subject themselves to all manner of self-inflicted sufferings. This principle was adopted by Rome, and it naturally led to monasticism, celibacy, penances, and many austerities that for centuries have been enjoined by the Roman Catholic Church" (Romanism, McDonald, p.

Q. When were these teachings of error, out of which the Roman Catholic Church gradually developed first apparent?

century, even in the days of the apostles Q. Were the apostles themselves aware of their existence?

A. Yes. Paul, speaking of them says, the mystery of iniquity doth y work . . . " (2 Thes. 2:7). ity doth already work . . Q. What does this statement imply?

A. It implies that the system of which in existence in embryo, although its be-ginnings were so small that only the eye of the Omniscient could discen-them. However, the growth of Roman Catholicism by the constant addition of

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AN II-YEAR-OLD lad had been bring-A ing the Holy Bible to school and telling his teacher he had read another chapter in that Book.

At first the teacher hesitated about

listening to him read, since most of the people in our town are Catholics, but one day she decided to take time to listen to him. He read quite well. Rible. He replied that it belonged to his sister

Burdened about this, the teacher, a

Baptist, gave the child a New Testa-ment. He cherished the Testament so

very much
One Sunday our attention was called in the home. The family claimed no saved. We invited them to church, and when they learned the lad's teacher was a member of our church, they consented to come.

six came to the service and seemed to enjoy the fellowship. The children and mother came to Sunday school the next Sunday, but after that they did not return. We visited in the home sevtral times but received no definite answer about their coming again.

Taking a chance on Su that they might come if they had a way, I drove out on the Bayou and was met by the mother at the gate. She said with tears in her voice, "We're

not going today."

She thrust something out to me. I

She thrust something out to me. I aked what it was and she replied, "It's the children's Sunday school books. They'll not be needing them any more. Their father has forbidden them to attend the church of read these books." She fled into the house. Bewildered. I drove away with a burden and a prayer on my heart. "Dear God, forgive this dad, for he knows not what he is doing. Open up a way for these children to enjoy the freedom of worship and to learn about my lesus."

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THE SAN BLAS Islands have been inhabited since the Spanish people settled in South America, The Spaniards caught the Indians and made slaves of them, but some of them escaped in canoes and came to these islands. They

were our ancestors.

These Indians had many hardships to overcome. The food, chiefly coconuts and seafood, was scarce. Malaria, yellow fever, and other tropical diseases caused many deaths. Sometimes great epidemics would threaten the whole

population.

Always a few people survived, and now they are increasing in number. There are now about a thousand inhabitants of the Cuna tribe living on some of the 400 islands off the coast of Panama. They are, perhaps, among the most primitive people of the western hemisphere.

Each inhabited island has a chief who direct the affairs of his land and

who directs the affairs of his land and acts as a judge in any disputes, all with-

without pay.

The larger and more thickly populated islands have as many policemen as are necessary. These men have to make their livings when off police duty.

We have no taxes in our land, because everyone who works for the public gives his services. There is very little hired labor here. When there is any building done, or any public work needed, everyone joins in and works until the task is finished.

Farming is very important because we

Farming is very important because we must grow most of our food. We have crops of corn, beans, peppers, sweet potatoes, cassava, and different kinds of greens. Our coconuts, the only large trees on the islands, furnish us with food and drink. The milk from the

by Francisco Diaz as told to Nell K. Walker

coconut is our only milk, because there is not a cow on the islands. The coconut is also our greatest money crop.

We have many tropical fruits, most of them growing wild. Citrus fruits, bananas, mangoes, papayas, and avocados all grow here.

Our chief sources of meat are chick-en and sea food. Many kinds of fish and shellfish are taken from our waters

rings in their ears and noses. They also like to wear ornaments on their ankles.

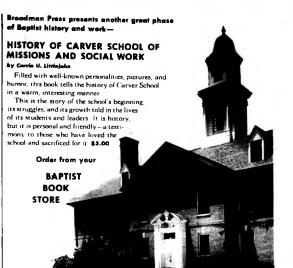
The jewelry is all handmade of gold or silver. A jeweler from the mainland comes out to our islands whenever he

a needed, and works at one island unti has supplied the needs of everybody

There are many ways that life in our land could be made more healthful and more enjoyable. I am glad that I have and the two apportunities to see how you people in the United States live. I am trying to teach my people some of your better ways.

Raquel, my wife, finds it hard to go back to cooking over an open fire, after using a stove for a year in the United Sutes. It is hard to carry all of our water from the river, after turning faucets for hot or cold water. Some day we may be able to have a few of your conveniences in our land.

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