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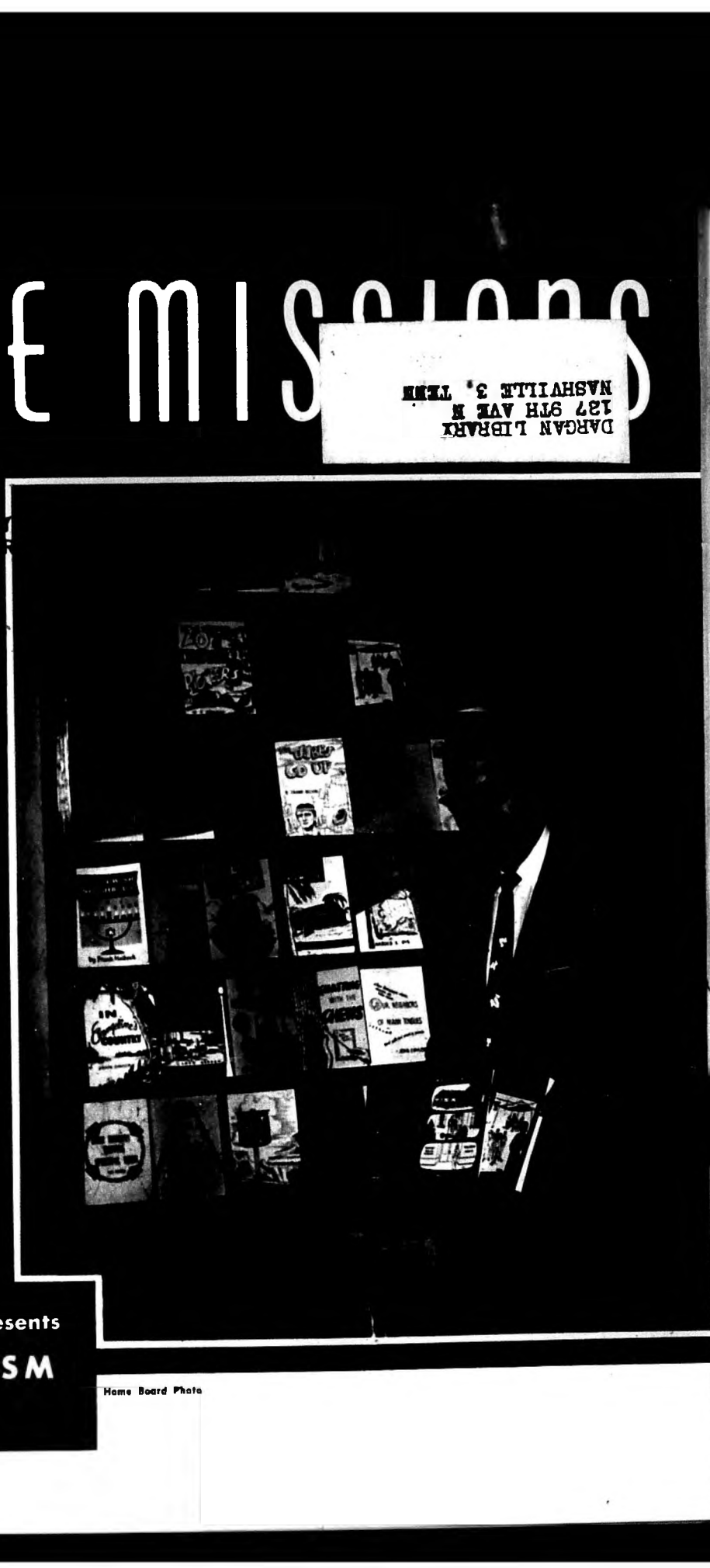

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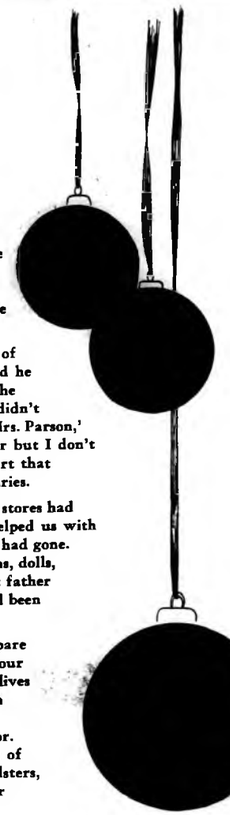
A LITTLE red-haired, freckle-faced boy sat on the steps of a rural schoolhouse (16 other pupils) alone and sad. As I sat down beside him I asked, "Gabe, what do you want Santa to bring you and your little sister Kathy?"

"Aw, nuthin'," he said, "I've wrote him lots of letters but he ain't never brung nuthin' and he won't this year neither." I tried to tell him he would not be forgotten at Christmas but he didn't believe me. He said, as I started to leave, " 'Mrs. Parson,' I wrote God a letter and maybe he'll answer but I don't know." As I drove away I knew in my heart that God would answer through us—his missionaries.

It was two nights before Christmas. All the stores had closed in our city. Some 30 workers had helped us with the last load of Christmas packages and they had gone. We had packed a small box with holster, guns, dolls, dollbed, and with Bible and gifts for the lost father and mother of little Gabe. In the rush it had been placed in a larger box and sent away.

When we realized this it was too late to prepare or buy other gifts. The tears rolled down our faces and then my husband said, "God still lives and he can answer our prayers." We got on our knees in the basement of the church at 11:30 p.m. and then heard a rap on the door. Two young soldiers came with a large box of toys from Ft. Smith. In it were new dolls, holsters, and all we needed. Was this a coincidence or answered prayer?

Mrs. A. L. Leake
Fayetteville, Arkansas



Officers of State Convention of Baptists in Indiana—Left to right: Stephen H. Cobb, president; W. R. Davis, vice-president; O. R. Gregg, recording secretary; V. B. Castleberry, historical secretary; H. Dallas Sugg, assistant recording secretary.

INDIANA BAPTISTS ORGANIZE CONVENTION

by L. H. Moore, editor *Illinois Baptist*

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS in Indiana met on October 3 and 4 and organized the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Tenth state organization among Southern Baptists since 1919, Indiana is the largest, with 384 messengers from 11 churches totaling 21,000 members.

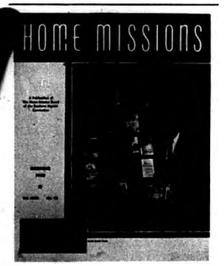
Pastor Stephen H. Cobb, of Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, was elected president of the newest Baptist convention; Walter R. Davis, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, vice-president; O. R. Gregg of Connersville, and S. Dallas Sugg of Evansville, were elected recording secretaries; and V. L. Castleberry, historical secretary.

The convention under provision of its constitution elected 24 members of an executive board to initiate a program of work, with W. W. Rhody, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Richmond, Indiana, chairman.

A budget of $100,750.00 was adopted of which 25 per cent was allocated to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Present in the meeting was 89-year-old W. A. Fuson, known as Bill the Baptist, who organized the first Southern Baptist church in Indiana, the Hymera Baptist Church, in 1914. The first churches in Indiana affiliated with the Illinois Baptist State Association and were members of the district associations in Illinois. Later churches in the Evansville area, for matter of convenience, affiliated with the Baptists of Kentucky.

The Illinois Baptist State Association in its Pioneer Mission Program began work in northern and central Indiana and in that area five district associations of Southern Baptist churches have been organized during the past six years. These five associations with the association in Evansville compose the associations affiliating with the new state convention.



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Editor John Caylor is shown with many of the books he has edited during his service with the Home Mission Board.

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A Day of Good Tidings

By Courts Redford

LET US REMEMBER that December 1-5 is the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer. This is always a blessed occasion for all of us. Let us make this prayer period this year the best we have ever had.

There is an interesting story in the seventh chapter of Second Kings that should challenge us today.

Ben-hadad, king of Syria, had laid siege to Samaria. Food had become so scarce and the people were in such desperate straits that they were eating human flesh.

In the midst of this terrible famine, Joram the king of Israel, sent officers to demand that Elisha be killed because he blamed him and his God for the awful plight of the Jews.

When the messenger came to Elisha, the prophet declared that on the morrow the siege would be broken and food would be plentiful. The fulfillment of that prophecy appeared to be impossible but God specializes in the impossible and its fulfillment is one of the thrilling stories of Israel's history.

Four lepers were at the gate of Samaria. In considering their helpless condition they decided it would be better to cast themselves upon the mercies of the Syrians than to stay and starve to death. Without delay they made their way toward the Syrian camp.

When they came to the outposts they found the camp deserted. As they entered the area they found signs of confusion but no military force. God had made the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and advancing armies and had put such fear into their hearts that they deserted the camp and fled, leaving behind their supplies and belongings.

It was into this area of abundance of food and clothing and riches that four weak and hungry lepers stumbled. They first assuaged their hunger and thirst and hid treasures from the first two tents, and then one said to the others: "We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household" (2 Kings 7:9).

They hastened to tell the porters of the city the good news. At first the king of Israel and his advisers would not believe the tidings of deliverance, but the story was finally verified and the people appropriated the spoils of the Syrians and were saved from starvation or surrender.

The peoples of the world are today besieged by Satan and his cohorts. Fully two thirds of the world's population know nothing of the plan of salvation and the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know. We have been delivered from the bondage of sin through Christ's atonement. God's love and power have provided victory over the forces of Satan. Deliverance is at hand for every lost person in all the world, but the people do not know. They are still dying in their walled cities of ignorance, false worship, and self-sufficiency. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14)

Even as the lepers acknowledged that they were not doing well in their selfish enjoyment of divine bounties and hastened to tell others, so we as Southern Baptists should acknowledge our faults and our failures in withholding the gospel from others and resolve to do better.

From the story of the lepers we may learn five lessons which we may appropriate to our own churches and our own lives.

1. *We do not well* when we know the desperate need of others and fail to meet that need.
2. *We do not well* when we store up the resources that come into our hands and fail to use them for the welfare of others.
3. *We do not well* when we tarry and procrastinate in giving a Christian witness while the peoples of the world perish in darkness.
4. *We do not well* when we fail to acknowledge our stewardship by using our God-given blessings to help meet the needs of a lost world.
5. *We do not well* when we fail to unite our forces in telling the good news of salvation to those who are dying in sin. Notice that *all* of the lepers went to tell the king's household.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions gives all of us a wonderful opportunity to use our resources in telling the lost of many nations the story of salvation.

Let us make it a *day of good tidings*. May it be a day of good tidings for the missionaries as our churches exceed their goals for the offering. May it be a *day of good tidings* for the lost multitudes as they learn that help is on the way. May it be a *day of good tidings* for all of our Baptist hosts in the homeland as we share the joys of participation in telling the story to others.

Let us make the Foreign Mission Season of Prayer and the Lottie Moon Offering an occasion of real rejoicing in all our churches.

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From the Pen of John Caylor

BOOKS AND MISSIONS

In this issue of *Home Missions* the 1959 Graded Series of Home Mission Studies on evangelism is featured. In the Series are ten books, five graded studies and a Teacher's Guide for each age group. The month of November was a period of great activity on the part of Woman's Missionary Union in the study of the Foreign Mission Graded Series. This study was in preparation for the $6,000,000.00-offering for foreign missions. Books and missions are almost synonymous terms in the light of present-day activities.

The ten books in the Graded Series of Home Missions Studies for 1959 include the one-hundredth book I have edited for the Home Mission Board. The total for the 13 years I have guided this phase of home missions is 104 books.

Ways of Witnessing is the one-hundredth book. Its circulation is expected to go well beyond 100,000. It has taken a hundred years for the Home Mission Board to produce single volumes with a circulation of that magnitude. It is expected that the ten books will enjoy a circulation of a third of a million. *Look, Look, the Cities!* and *Home Missions: USA* had printings of slightly above 100,000 each but the circulation fell slightly below the 100,000.

Thousands of classes meet for the study of missions before the season of prayer for home missions in March. This new series will tell the story of evangelism in home missions to all age groups. Practically all phases of home missions are represented in the five books. Evangelism is presented in crusades, revivals, assemblies, Good Will Centers, rescue missions, kindergartens, and in personal witnessing. Preachers, teachers, laymen, women, and boys and girls are all featured as soul-winners and both objects and subjects of evangelism.

Woman's Missionary Union has promoted mission study on the basis that information leads to inspiration and knowledge of missions and missionaries will lead to intelligent prayer and sacrificial giving. Books and missions go together.

Mission books are for men and boys as well as for women and girls. The 70 authors who have written the 104 books produced by the Home Mission Board in the past 13 years have been both men and women and always the appeal has been to all Christians, not to a select group. The books are for reading as well as for study. Boys and girls and men and women find pleasure in reading the mission study books.

This new series is sent out with a prayer. May the books reach millions of people in preparation for the $2,000,000.00-goal set by Woman's Missionary Union for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in March.

W.M.U. Circle Theme Program

by James Z. Nettinga, secretary
American Bible Society

Worldwide Bible Reading—

Fifteenth Birthday

Service Men Started It

"OUT HERE I have had time to think about the deeper things of the spiritual life. I'm writing you, Mom, to ask that you and Pop read a chapter of the New Testament each day. I will read the same chapter way across the other side of the world and I will feel, somehow, we are united, sort of joining invisible hands. And if I come back, the church and the Bible will mean more to us than ever in our lives."

When the tearful voice of the mother relayed this message over the phone and hung up before the Bible Society secretary was able to get her name, she did not realize that this letter would begin a program now known as Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored by the American Bible Society.

"The Book that Lives," the theme for this year, gives added meaning to the program because it was just 15 years ago that the longing of this unknown marine on Guadalcanal for spiritual fellowship started a chain reaction of Bible reading that now reaches millions of people in 50 different countries.

Each year a packet containing an attractive poster, a brochure, a bookmark of Bible reading, an information sheet, and a sample bulletin is sent to every minister in the United States and chaplains in the churches and on military posts for use on Universal Bible Sunday, the climax of this program. Since its inception, the program has followed an upward curve in co-operation from the churches and enthusiastic coverage by the religious and secular press. A cautious estimate reveals a coverage by approximately 5,000 newspapers and magazines, reaching more than 40,000,000 readers.

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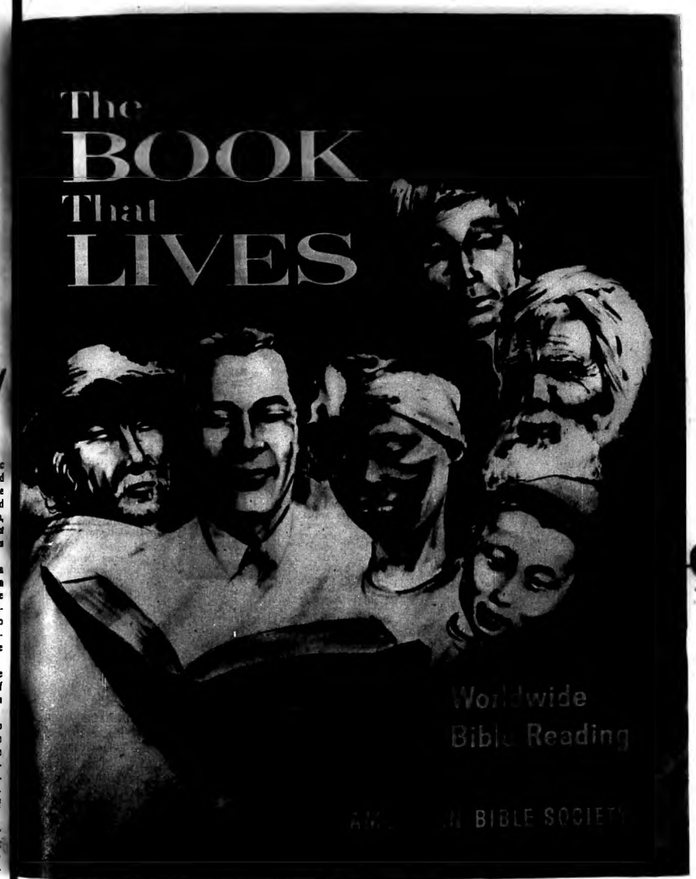
In Thailand, for example, the Bangkok municipal government permitted the display of the Bible posters in public places. Many leading bookstores and newsstands had Bible displays, and the program was announced on radio and television. Two leading newspapers, *Siam Roth* (Thai) and *Bangkok Post* (English) carried the Bible reading lists in significant places.

Bible Day in Brazil has become a significant event. In Sao Paulo, in a Bible Day mass meeting, 30,000 people blocked part of the eight-lane thoroughfare passing through the city. Two planes of the Brazilian air force scattered 2,000,000 leaflets advertising the meeting.

Music was provided by a 200-piece band and a quartet. At the singing of the closing hymn, thousands of Bibles were held high in praise to God.

From person to person, family to family, friend to friend—wherever there is love and concern for others and the Living Word—the little bookmark continues to be a bond of love, a declaration of faith, and a circulating testimony that the Bible lives in the lives of people everywhere.

This year the emphasis of the Worldwide Bible Reading program is being stressed for an entire week, called Universal Bible Week. The dates are December 7 to 14.



1959 HOME MISSION GRADED SERIES

JOHN CAYLOR, author, *Ways of Witnessing*

The author of *Ways of Witnessing* is also editor of mission study books for the Home Mission Board. *Ways of Witnessing* is the one-hundredth book edited for the Home Mission Board and the seventh full-length book written by the editor.

The picture illustrates most of the books he has edited for the Home Mission Board.

In addition to home mission books Dr. Caylor is author of two books of sermons: *America Needs God*, published by Broadman Press in 1942; and *The Great "I Am's" of Jesus*, published by Zondervan in 1957.

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JOHN CAYLOR

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CLYDE MERRILL MAGUIRE

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CLYDE MERRILL (MRS. JOHN) MAGUIRE, author, *Won by One*

Mrs. Maguire is a native of Heflin, Alabama, graduated from high school as valedictorian and from Alabama College with highest honors. She received her M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Seminary.

The author of *Won by One* has written three books on parties and banquets and installation services. Dr. Maguire is executive secretary of Florida Baptists. Their three children are in school: John teaching at Yale; Merrill, in graduate studies at Duke; and Martha is a sophomore at Stetson. Mrs. Maguire also wrote the Teacher's Guide for her book.

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Dr. Mason is pastor of Jonesboro Baptist Church in Louisiana. He has served as student secretary, assistant pastor, and pastor. David is a graduate of Louisiana State University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and was honored by the University of Corpus Christi with a Doctor of Divinity degree.

In addition to *The Charley Matthews Story*, Dr. Mason is author of a Broadman book, *Now, Then*, which enjoys a fine circulation. He contributes a feature paragraph, "Consider," seen in a number of state Baptist papers.

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Mrs. Ruchti is the daughter of Dr. R. L. Holmes of Louisiana. She graduated from Chamblee, Georgia, High School, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, and Carver School of Missions and Social Work. She has worked as a staffer at Ridgecrest and summer student missionary for the Home Mission Board.

Mrs. Ruchti is mission study chairman for Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia. Her husband is pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Rome Georgia.

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RALEIGH (MRS. JOHN) JEFFCOAT, author, *Seven Little Karmuns Plus One*

Mrs. Jeffcoat is a native of Waycross, Georgia, spent five years of her childhood in Ohio, and finished growing up in Montgomery, Alabama. Her father founded the Alabama Industrial Home and the Home for the Aged in Montgomery.

After marrying John Jeffcoat, she and her husband entered North Greenville Junior College, South Carolina, for training.

In 1955 the Jeffcoats went to Alaska under the Home Mission Board as missionaries to the natives. The Jeffcoats serve in Native Mission, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Soloman F. Dowis Home Board Photos

Soloman Dowis, left, front, and his brothers and sisters. One other sister was not present at the time the picture was taken.

Congregation of the Duluth Baptist Church, Duluth, Georgia, on the occasion of the Dowis Family Reunion, September 7, 1958.

by John Caylor

TRIBUTE TO A PIONEER

FOR 115 YEARS the Home Mission Board has pioneered for the Southern Baptist Convention. The extension of missionary service in the homeland was assigned to the Board of Domestic Missions in 1845 when the Convention was constituted in Augusta, Georgia. From that day to the present Southern Baptists have pioneered through their home missions agency.

In the forefront of pioneers is Soloman F. Dowis, who has served the Board for 20 years. From 1939 to 1941, Dowis was an Atlanta member of the executive committee of the Home Mission Board. Since 1941, he has been an employee of the Board, representing the agency in the vanguard of progress which has been so phenomenal in these 18 years.

Solomon F. Dowis' first service as an employee of the Board began in the spring of 1941, when he became superintendent of city missions for Atlanta.

Houston and Atlanta were the first city mission programs in which the Home Mission Board co-operated with other agencies in the promotion of city missions. This connection furnished the opportunity for beginning one of the most fruitful services of the Board in its long history. The progress of city missions during these 18 years has been phenomenal. At present, there are 70 city mission programs operating. The goal is 100 within the next year. This program had a worthy beginning in a worthy leader.

Another milestone in Southern Baptist work was set in 1942 when the Southern Baptist Convention recognized messengers from California churches and the Home Mission Board was authorized to begin a ministry of service in California. Today, California Southern Baptists represent one of the great arms of strength in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Western Mission Program was formally opened in 1946 under the leadership of Secretary Dowis. During that same year the Rural Church Program was put under his direction. With city missions, the Rural Church Program, and western missions, the Department of Co-operative Missions came into existence with Solomon F. Dowis as secretary.

The Home Mission Board has been in the business of mountain missions for almost all its history. Mountain schools grew up and the Board had an extensive ministry in the mountains when the depression and burdensome debt necessitated a retrenchment. The present Mountain Mission Program was begun in co-operation with Kentucky in 1948 as a part of the program of co-operative missions under Dowis. In 1948 the correspondence Bible course also was begun with Dowis as writer and promoter of the course. More than 15,000 people are taking the correspondence Bible course today.

Southern Baptists have needed a program to deal with juvenile delinquents and broken homes. In 1953 the Department of Co-operative Missions was given the responsibility of service in that field. Leland Waters was chosen to head the work and developed a program which has been continued and enlarged under the leadership of J. V. James, who now serves in that field.

The Home Mission Board's work in Alaska was transferred to the Department of Co-operative Missions in 1954. Dr. Dowis has made numerous trips to Alaska in the direction of that important phase of the Home Board's program.

Liaison work in Canada has been of a delicate nature. Solomon Dowis has been invaluable in conferences and leadership in the Home Mission Board's relationship to the work in Canada.

The Military Personnel Program was set up in 1954 when E. L. Ackiss, who had just retired from service in the Office of Chief of Chaplains in Washington, was named director of the ministry. The Department of Co-operative Missions was given the responsibility of oversight.

The Rural Church Survey, a part of the Rural Church Program, developed by John D. Freeman, John W. Wells, and now in further development and under the direction of Billy T. Hargrove, has been a major service in the Department of Co-operative Missions.

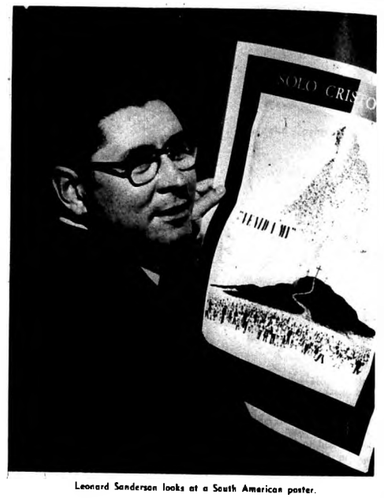
In 1956 the Western Mission Program was enlarged and changed to the Pioneer Mission Program. A. B. Cash is head of that service which is still a part of the Department of Co-operative Missions.

The Co-operative Missions Department has reached out into 45 of the 49 states in its service.

Dr. Dowis is retiring from his position as secretary of the Department of Co-operative Missions December 31, 1958, after 18 years of effective service in pioneering for the Home Mission Board. Hundreds of associates have worked with him in his field. Their tribute of appreciation has been expressed in many ways.

Staff members at the Home Mission Board, state mission board personnel throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, leadership in the other agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, and hosts of friends whose lives have been touched by Solomon F. Dowis as he has pioneered for Southern Baptists express their appreciation and assure the retiring secretary of their love and esteem.

Retired? If continuing to write the correspondence Bible course and contact 15,000 subscribers to the course means retirement—if preaching every Sunday as a supply or interim pastor—if holding a dozen revival meetings a year—if keeping in touch with denominational leadership and being called upon to conduct conferences means retirement, Solomon has retired. He is happy in serving from his home at 5060 Lake Forest Dr., N.W., Atlanta, as the Lord gives him strength and opportunity.



Leonard Sanderson looks at a South American poster.

SOUTH AMERICANS WANT *Revival*

by Dr. Leonard Sanderson

A NATIVE BAPTIST pastor in Rosario, Argentina, handed me a note following a conference session. After getting an interpretation of his message I was again reminded of the deep desire many South Americans have for genuine revival.

The native pastor, in his note, asked if there is a time when all Baptists will be praying for the 1959 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. I was happy to tell them at the next session about the New Year's Eve prayer meetings.

At a mission in this pastor's city, I preached to a congregation of 36 and eight made professions of faith during the invitation.

During 26 days of conferences, preaching, and personal discussions in five South American countries, I was inspired, fatigued, and literally drained of information on personal soul-winning, church revivals, simultaneous crusades, and convention programs of evangelism.

Jack Stanton, who made the Foreign Mission Board sponsored tour of several South American nations with me, had the same type experiences.

We agreed that in our lives of service, we had never seen Baptists more anxious to work with missionaries and others in soul-winning efforts.

South Americans are now making plans to be a part of the 1959 year of evangelism. In Venezuela, the 17 steps of crusade preparation will be followed in a simultaneous crusade.

Brazil Baptists will establish a department of evangelism in their convention during 1959. Argentine Baptists will likely have a full-time evangelism secretary.

Other South American nations are planning similar emphases. In most instances prayers will be held during the simultaneous dates in North America and similar preparation steps to revival will be followed. Crusades will be conducted during October and November. This is the spring season in Argentina.

The influence of Southern Baptist missionaries was always obvious. But on two occasions I became keenly aware of their prestige.

I became ill in my hotel room. The only thing to do was to ask for medical help. This was fine, except that doctors were on strike.

Through the influence of Missionary Bill Bedford, a Baptist doctor came to the room. To keep from being identified he couldn't bring his satchel, and without a stethoscope he listened to my heartbeat with his naked ear.

When leaving Argentina for the States, I was number 77 on the last flight leaving because of the closing weather conditions. If this plane was missed, my return would be delayed several days.

A missionary talked to an inspector at the airport, and I was promptly moved up to the number one passenger on the loading list. As the plane taxied to the runway, I looked out the window and the inspector smiled, waved, and pointed to himself so I'd know who made my departure possible.

In the South American countries I visited, the number one evangelism problem is the same as in this nation. More people are needed to witness for Christ.

However, from seminary campuses to large and small churches and mission stations, I received the impression that pastors and students are aware of the problem and are grateful for missions help in providing answers.

a leg to stand on

by Hubert Neely
Area Mass Reserve Missions
Memphis, Tennessee

I JUST GAVE a man a leg to stand on. I would say he was just an ordinary man—except for the fact that no man is ordinary.

He came to the Baptist Center in Memphis, Tennessee, with this story:

> I used to be a Christian, but I backslid. I've been looking for work, but there's nothing I've found to do but sell papers on the street, and I only made 19 cents a day at that. I've got a letter here from my mother, and my wife wants me to come home; but my clothes are all in a cleaners' here—and I broke the belt that holds my artificial leg in place (it's tied with a string now). I need a little money to get the belt fixed and to get my clothes.

I gave him the small sum of money and he paused a long moment trying to think of words to express his appreciation. Finally, unable to find any better, he said, "Thank you and pray for me."

After he had gone I sat down and read again the letter he had given me, from his mother. My eyes and thoughts lingered on these closing words:

> . . . remember we still love you . . . and remember we are praying for you.
>
> Love,
> Mother

Thank God that he could say, "remember we still love you."

Thank God for Christians who say through home missions, "remember we love you."

There are many times in life when love is the only leg a man has to stand on.

I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF JESUS

"I HAD A GLIMPSE of Jesus; I have seen him face to face." I cannot forget the words of a song I heard this summer for the very first time; it explains so precisely and exactly what I feel in my heart as a result of the missionary experience I had working under the summer student program of the Home Mission Board in California.

I can think of no better way to express the experiences of such a short time, such a few weeks with so much to do, to learn, and to experience. Indeed, I have had a glimpse of Jesus!

I screamed with excitement that day last spring when I went to the post office on our campus at Southwestern Louisiana Institute and discovered a letter which informed me that I would work in California in answer to my request for a position as student worker. I don't know what all I said, but everyone who was in the dormitory that day heard all about the Home Mission Board; I advertised the forthcoming experience just as I shall certainly advertise the aftermath of it!

I had a glimpse of Jesus as I worked in vacation Bible schools. How inspiring Mary was! Her step-mother was Anglo, but her father was completely Mexican and a confirmed Catholic. Mary found the Lord as her Saviour and determined that she would go all the way through baptism with him, joining with her church family in Brentwood. How my heart went out to this girl that day when she told me of the anxiety she felt when she slipped off to be baptized.

I just thank God for her story, for this one who has dedicated her life to a missionary activity in spite of great and even grave obstacles.

Mary already is a missionary in the fullest sense. She went with us into two other communities to establish Bible schools, and a great deal of our contacts were through her knowledge of her own people and her acquaintance with them. She loves them but dares to be different from them. Such a blessing it was to see the children work with her in Bible school. I saw a glimpse of Jesus there, too!

A few days following the school in Knightsen where we had 48 children enrolled, we went to visit Jenny. I shall never forget her, running out from the yard with the New Testament we had given her in her hand. She told me, "We're playing Bible school."

I needed no more inspiration than that for the entire summer. Jenny was our giggle-box in class; she seemingly was preoccupied during the stories. I felt that she had learned so little, but now she has God's Word; there is no end to what she can learn from it, just playing Bible school!

God has answered so many of my prayers in so many ways. I have learned to be patient and wait when I know God has led me into something. At the outset of the summer, I would have never dreamed that I would be here at home in Louisiana praying selfishly that God will lead me back to California, but that is my constant thought. I believe so many summer workers are sent to that wonderfully challenging place just so we'll come home and be uneasy until we can get back. There is so much to do—so much which I left undone, and time is so precious!

They told us in Fresno that our lives would never be quite the same after the summer. How true! I'm just so thankful for the privilege I've had, for the entire student program, the Home Mission Board, California Baptists, and most of all, for Jesus whose love seems greater to me every day.

—Gladys Barbee

Gladys Barbee served with the Student Summer Mission Program of the Home Mission Board. Students desiring to serve during the summer of 1959 should contact the Board before February 1. Address your inquiry to

Dr. Courts Redford
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suggestions in winning

ROMAN CATHOLICS TO CHRIST

In witnessing to Roman Catholics, we must constantly resort to prayer.

by William E. Burke

(a) Contact individuals rather than the masses.

(b) Since Roman Catholics are not permitted to attend our services without special permission, you will have to contact most of them elsewhere. However, as many Roman Catholics seeking truth do attend our services, your first task is to seek an individual who promises to be a likely prospect.

(c) Be friendly and kind.
If you have not won the respect of your Roman Catholic friend, you need not try to win him. If he hears only "words," he will not listen. Show love and kindness toward him as a real friend. This will break down, in many cases, violent religious differences. This may be slow but it will bear fruit.

(d) Be clear and positive.
The Roman Catholic Church claims positive conviction for everything she teaches. You will have to meet it with equal conviction based solely upon the Bible. A denominational approach to the "mass mind" of Catholicism is not only weak but useless. Either meet him with positive conviction or not at all.

(e) Be firm but discreet.
While conversing with your Roman Catholic friend probe his defenses until you have found a point of weakness within some specific Roman Catholic doctrine. Having found such a weak point give definite proof to support your point with the "Word of God." If this offends or leads him to anger, leave it for the time being and return to it at an opportune time. Do not censure him, show a Christian spirit by being kind and gentle. Always remember that Roman Catholicism is not something one believes but rather something that one accepts.

(f) Avoid sensationalism.
Do not indulge upon the scarlet sins of the Roman Catholic Church. Do not mention scandals and stories about priests and nuns. Roman Catholics know well what is happening on the inside of their church. Remember you cannot win a Roman Catholic by condemning his church. You can make real progress by showing you are interested in enlightening him about the truth as in the Bible.

(g) Be accurate.
Learn what Roman Catholics must accept as truth. Read some of their pamphlets and books including the *Roman Catholic Catecism* to acquire an over-all knowledge of their fundamental teachings. Never misrepresent their teachings; there are enough errors without misrepresentations. Positively avoid distribution of "anti-Catholic" literature, just because it is "anti." This will cause bad feeling. Your purpose is to promote good feeling and to continue to retain the confidence of the Roman Catholic in order to win him to Christ.

(h) In witnessing to Roman Catholics I suggest using the Roman Catholic Bible whenever possible, as our Bible has been condemned by the Roman Catholic Church and is on the index, a list of forbidden books. Roman Catholics are forbidden under pain of mortal sin to read any book on the index without special permission from their church.

(i) In witnessing to Roman Catholics we must constantly resort to prayer, as only the Holy Spirit can lead Roman Catholics out of the labyrinth of Catholicism and into the light of the gospel of Christ.

RETIRED MISSIONARY HONORED

Carmela Quinones pins a corsage on Retired Missionary Christine Garnett

AUGUST 18 the pastor came for me, so elegantly dressed he looked like another.

When we reached the church and I saw some 400 people watching the door, I was amazed. "There she is," "Look at her," "Blessings," and such phrases greeted this "Cuban of 40 years." They placed me in the honor seat, and a veritable sea of faces from everywhere was looking into mine, though tears placed a veil between us. Above my head was a large map of Cuba with illuminated letters reading "Cuba for Christ."

Mrs. Caudill made the piano ring out, as no one else can, our marching hymn "Cuba Para Christo." Tears many times choked my words back, but sing I did, mingling my voice with those of my people.

Dr. Caudill's opening prayer stirred me, filling my soul with thanks for the years gone by and the ones that still may be lent me.

Scenes of my life began: there stood my mother, and I, a little girl of eight years, by her side. On and on they took me, including much of the 40 years here. Cameras flashed constantly, especially when the convention vice-president, M. A. Gonzalez, placed in my hands a beautiful Cuban flag, emblem of my adopted country, and A. Lopez, director of evangelism, presented me with a wonderful album filled with telegrams and messages from everywhere.

Then the platform was filled, my corsage was crushed beneath embraces, friends were bringing gifts. I looked like a refugee, with all my bundles. And all this was to be on television two days later.

The night was a glorious and undeserved one, a night of humbling myself before this demonstration of love and appreciation.

I bow in thanks to God for a long term of service, for health and strength. I give myself anew to serve until God says "enough."

And back of all this are you and your prayers.

—Christine Garnett

Miss Garnett is presented a Cuban flag

RECENTLY Southern Baptist Chaplain John Craven, with a group of "Men of the Chapel," from Atsugi, Japan, heard Yoshitaka Mikimoto tell of his own Christian faith, and challenge them with the urgency today of personally witnessing for Christ. Mr. Mikimoto, president of the K. Mikimoto Pearl Corporation, is a grandson of Japan's "Pearl King."

"Men of the Chapel" meet monthly to channel their daily living into avenues of definite Christian service. Their fourfold purpose is to lead others to accept Christ, to tell others of the aims, beliefs, and program of our churches, built on a solid foundation of Bible study and worship; to grow in grace through prayer, evangelism, stewardship, and social service; and to engage chapel workers in keeping with their ability, interest, and time schedules.

Mr. Mikimoto told of a new church organized in Tokyo a year ago to specialize in lay evangelism. The 72 lay workers brought 77 new members into the church within the year. Their goal for this year is to win 150 for Christ.

In emphasizing the urgent need for lay evangelism in Japan, Mr. Mikimoto said that Japanese churches cannot have "sleepers" in them "for the need is too great, and each church member must be aroused to witness for Christ."

Yoshitaka Mikimoto speaks to the "Men of the Chapel."

"MEN OF THE CHAPEL" CHALLENGED

by E. L. Ackiss

WECOME TO J. C. DURHAM, JR.

Home Board Photo

J. C. Durham, Jr.

by L. O. Griffith

"I feel that God has called me to this work," said J. C. Durham, Jr. in giving his decision to come as Secretary of Promotion for the Home Mission Board.

"I have sought and felt I have found God's will in every move I have made. Some of these job changes seemed foolish, especially in the eyes of the world. After much prayer and study regarding this work, I can see that God's other calls were getting me ready to answer this one."

With this sense of divine call and dedication, it is with great joy that we welcome Mr. Durham to the Division of Education and Promotion. We thank God he led us to him and him to us.

Durham is presently account executive with WSB-TV in Atlanta, Georgia. He has served as announcer, producer-director, and salesman for WSB-TV since 1953. He comes to the Board with experience in all phases of radio and television work, having served with the Armed Forces Radio Service; KMTV, Omaha, Nebraska; and WFPA, Fort Payne, Alabama.

A graduate of Tulane University in electrical engineering, he was an instructor there. He has done some graduate work at Tulane as well as extensive special study in communications.

HISTORY IN THE Bayou Land

by J. C. Wells

REGGIO is located in the heart of St. Bernard Parish, just out of New Orleans to the southeast. The Reggio Baptist Church, which was constituted from the membership of the Reggio Baptist Chapel, is located by the side of the bayou which runs into the bay. The church was constituted August 24, 1958, with 32 charter members.

Reggio has been a trapper's village for many years. The people of this area are of several races. Basically they are French, but there are some Spanish and a larger number of English. Their religion has been Roman Catholic through the years, that is, until about a dozen years ago.

In the early 1930's Protestant work was begun by a Holiness preacher from the Spanish race—Albert Ruiz. He was not wanted by many people in Reggio. It was not unusual for his services to be disturbed by brickbats, over-ripe eggs, and heckling. After three years he pulled up stakes, leaving the weak little group to carry on as best they could. All that was left was a little prayer meeting.

Mrs. Mary Lou Jenkins Makes an Imprint

In the 1930's there came to the Baptist Bible Institute (now New Orleans Baptist Seminary) one of the most outstanding mission-minded women that Louisiana has ever produced, Mrs. Mary Lou Jenkins. She loved to visit Reggio. She would go with students from the Baptist Bible Institute, stay on the bayou all day, talk with people in their cabins, out under the trees, or anywhere she could get them to listen to her story of Christ.

She loved the people. When she became state president of the WMU, she did all she could to help. It was her influence that made it possible to get money to buy the land and help build Reggio Baptist Church.

City Missions Enters the Picture

It was not until the latter days of World War II that Baptist work began to take definite shape at Reggio. The bus from the seminary helped a great deal in transporting students to the field. A Brother Ott led in this work. Students preached, distributed tracts and Gospels, visited in homes, and sang hymns.

In 1945 a young man named Walter Draughn helped push the work out a little further. He enlisted the people in building an old-fashioned brush arbor, under which they worshipped.

Finally a little trapper's cottage was rented. The people could now sit inside and hear the gospel explained. Rev. Nathan Pulling, from New Orleans, gave valuable aid. He helped fix up the house so worship services could be held.

In 1946 the City Mission Program of the New Orleans Association, under the direction of Rev. J. C. Wells, assumed leadership of the work. Under this program the Home Mission Board supplied student summer workers, and the City Mission Program supervised the work. The mission was established, and went under the sponsorship of the Alluvial City Baptist Church, some distance away. Regular services were provided, with a regular pastor.

The mission grew. It was able to secure land on which to build a nice chapel, an educational building, a nice apartment for the workers. A retired layman, Howard K. Smith, built the chapel without charge for his services.

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AMADA MARTINEZ
Appointed to serve as missionary in Carlos Rojas, Matanzas Province, October 1, 1958

SAUL YHANES
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CUBAN MISSIONARIES INTRODUCED

These young people are recent graduates of the Baptist Seminary in Havana.

ADELA MONTESINOS
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Appointed to serve in Cartagena, Las Villas Province, August 5, 1958

JUVENTINO SUAREZ
Appointed to serve in Sancti Spiritus, Las Vallas Province, July 1, 1958

AMONG the MISSIONARIES

Jesus' Birthday Party
by Howard M. Smith

Four years ago when my son Mark was two-and-a-half-years-old, his mother explained to him that Christmas is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Mark insisted that we have a birthday party for Jesus, complete with cake, candles, and children. This has become a traditional feature of Christmas in the Smith household. Every year on Christmas we have a party and invite the children of the neighborhood to help blow out the candles and to have a piece of birthday cake.

One year Mark asked his mother how Jesus gets his birthday presents. When she explained about the Lottie Moon offering in our Baptist churches at Christmas time to help send missionaries to faroff lands and people, he gathered the money he had saved from his small weekly allowance and placed it in an envelope. He put the envelope in the offering plate at church. That was his birthday gift for Jesus.

More and more Jesus' birthday party is taking a central place in the Christmas observance in our household. Last year Mark looked forward for weeks to Jesus' birthday party. When my wife was baking and decorating the cake, he very seriously supervised to make certain that it met his specifications and would be fitting and proper for the birthday celebration of the Lord and Saviour. To us, this traditional observance has done much to keep Christ central in our thoughts at Christmas time.

Mrs. Howard Smith cuts a very special birthday cake as her son Mark watches.

A Christmas Trip Across the Marsh
by A. V. Pickern, Jr.

Would you not like to get on a boat, a shrimp trawler, and go through the canals across the marsh to a trapper's camp for a visit?

That is exactly what your missionaries did, and what we want to describe to you, so that you may go with us in imagination.

Leaving Pointe au Chien with a "carryall" loaded with Christmas presents, although it was a couple of weeks after Christmas, we traveled to the traffic circle at the west end of the Huey P. Long Bridge on the Mississippi River. There we turned south and traveled down the west bank to a tiny village some 40 miles down the river.

The village is the point of departure for the trappers who live out on the marsh, so there we were met, by previous arrangement, by a shrimp trawler. The boat belongs to a Baptist who travels in season, and traps in winter.

After an hour's ride through the canals which crisscross the marsh, we arrived at a small group of camps on the bank of the bayou.

The camps are of rough lumber, covered with tar paper. Overhead there are poles with small nails an inch apart, for drying muskrat hides. The windows are shutters, and inside the house it is necessarily crowded, as the entire family must live there during the winter months.

Inside it is clean, and a warm welcome awaits, as visitors from home are a treat. The children shout and play as they open the packages that their missionaries have brought.

Tucked away among the tops and dolls and toy cars is a New Testament that a thoughtful missionary wife has slipped in.

In one house, a 15-year-old boy, who is not a Christian, picked up the Testament from among the toys. Thoughtfully turning it over in his hands, he looked at us and said, quietly, and with surprising conviction,

"This is the best present of them all."

Missionary Tells of Obstacle to Work

Recently there was a series of burglaries and thefts in our community. One night about six or seven of the local business places were broken into.

People were all asking the same question the next day, "Who do you think did it?" Each had his own opinion.

When we visited one of the members of our church, she told us her Catholic neighbor had told her the day before that they had found out who one of the group was. She asked who, to which her neighbor replied, "The Baptist preacher's son."

Our friend laughed as she told us this, but to us it was no laughing matter. We knew things such as this could be a stumbling block to our work. We know there are many people along the levee or back on the bayous that do not know the Baptist preacher's son is only five years old.

—James G. Phelps
Missionary to French-speaking
Cloutierville, La.

Baptist Youth Respond to God's Will
by Victor Glass

Twenty-three young people publicly dedicated their lives to the will of God in the closing service of the first statewide religious vocational institute at Camp John Hope, Fort Valley, Georgia, August 8-10.

The institute, directed by Dr. Durward V. Cason, Sr., secretary of Negro Work for Georgia Baptists, was a joint project of the Home Mission Board, Georgia National Baptists, and the Georgia Baptist Convention.

The theme of the institute was "Christ in My Career," and the program consisted of lectures, conferences, and inspirational addresses on the theme.

Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, and Rev. Charles S. Hamilton, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia, were featured speakers.

Mrs. C. M. Pearson and Mrs. W. W. Weatherspoon, presidents of the two National Baptist women's conventions of Georgia, helped promote the institute and served as counselors for the young women.

Missionaries Study Navajo in New Mexico

For a period of five weeks more than 40 evangelical missionaries to the Navajo Indians gathered near Blanco Trading Post, New Mexico, for the purpose of language study.

The Navajo language is one of the most difficult to learn because of the various tonal sounds, nasalizations, odd consonantal sounds, and complex verb conjugations.

The school began June 23 and ended officially on July 31, although many had to leave before the end. The school is an annual project sponsored by the Wycliffe Translators of Farmington, New Mexico, who translated the New Testament into Navajo a few years ago.

There were seven Southern Baptists who were able to attend: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trent, from Shiprock, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Audley Hamrick from the Alamo reservation; Delbert G. Fann from Intermountain Indian School at Brigham City, Utah; Melvina Roberts, retired missionary to Navajos; and Louise Mitchell, tentmaker who teaches school at the Canoncito Reservation.

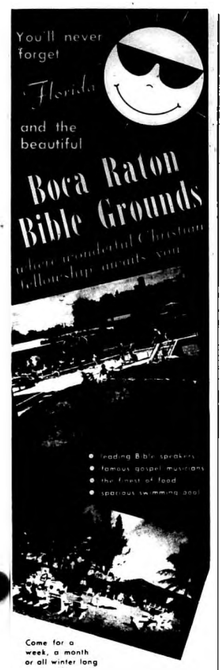
This group of missionaries and teachers studied the Navajo language.

Although we realize that we barely "scratched the surface" in beginning the study of the language, we were challenged to do more studying and using of the language in our work. We were especially grateful for learning the essentials of reading the Navajo New Testament so that we may read to our people in their own tongue. We can also teach them to read, knowing that by doing this they may better understand the truths of the Bible.

Pray for us as we continue to study and use the language that they may better understand.

—Delbert G. Fann
Missionary to Indians
Intermountain Indian School
Brigham City, Utah

Twenty-three persons from this group dedicated their lives to God recently.



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Missionary Ross Hanna, left, and Park Jones hold the chart of their giving goal

INDIAN CHURCH SUPPORTS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Spring River Indian Baptist Church located three miles east of Quapaw, Oklahoma, stands today as a living memorial of Southern Baptist work through the Home Mission Board.

Mrs. Hanna and I, with our three-year-old son, Stephen, arrived on the mission field here at Quapaw, Oklahoma, January 25, 1957. The Sunday school attendance was running around 12 to 15; Training Union attendance around 10 to 12. These were the only two organizations the church had at that time. There were only two men active in the church, and one of these had just become a Christian. These two men began visiting with me.

In two Sundays the attendance was in the thirties, in one month in the forties, and it has been growing ever since. Last month we averaged 74 in Sunday school and 60 in Training Union. We reorganized the Sunday school and Training Union at once, and in the first year we organized the WMS, Brotherhood, RA's, and are in the process of organizing the GA's, Sunbeams, and YWA's.

The church had no Sunday school rooms, so in the summer and fall we built five Sunday school rooms, a kitchen, and dining room which are also used for Sunday school rooms. These would not have been possible had it not been for a gift of $500.00 from the Home Mission Board. Our people will ever be grateful. We are in need of more Sunday school rooms again and hope to start more building in the near future.

The Lord blessed us last year with 43 additions, 38 of these by baptism. Already since January of this year we have had 15 additions, 12 of these by baptism. About 85 per cent of our active members tithe. Our people were so grateful to Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board for sending them a missionary and for giving $500.00 on the Sunday school rooms, that they voted the first of the year to give 25 per cent of all receipts to world missions through the Cooperative Program.

We have set up a recreational program for our church. We also have at least one type of supper each month. Our people are becoming a closely knit fellowship, and are concerned for each other and the spiritual welfare of our community.

We had a fine VBS this year. We averaged 70 and had three conversions. Our church also sponsored two mission Vacation Bible schools with the Cherokee Indians, about 65 miles away. In one we averaged 94 and had 19 rededications and three conversions. In the second we averaged 77, and had four rededications and three conversions.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hanna
Missionaries to Indians
Quapaw, Oklahoma

Twelve missions of the East Gary Baptist Church mean many conversions and baptisms.

EAST GARY'S MISSION PROGRAM

by G. C. Rowe, Pastor

In September 1956 East Gary Baptist was the only Southern Baptist church building in East Gary, Indiana. There were 500 enrolled in Sunday school. The church had a Training Union and a WMU. Today, less than two years later, there are 11 churches with 11 Sunday schools; 11 Training Unions; 11 WMU's; 1,800 enrolled in the Sunday schools. There are 11 pastors. Besides the mother church property, there have been added eight mission properties totaling $90,000.00 in value.

The program sought and received aid from the local and state associations and Home Mission Board. The pioneer missionary worked very closely with the mother church.

From September to November of 1956 four missions in an area of 45,000 people were begun. Immediately eight more missions were needed. The missions committee called Rev. W. C. Rowe, the pastor's father, to come and direct the work. He had worked in the Immanuel Little Rock program and was well suited for the job.

Three simple facts guided us in this program:

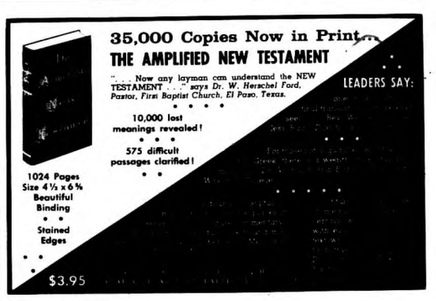
1. Missions are not churches. They are part of the local church.
2. Monthly mission committee meetings were held. Each mission was represented.
3. Quarterly church business meetings were held at a time when all could be present.

Four simple facts guided in our financial program:

1. The budget of every mission was incorporated into one total church budget.
2. An accurate financial account was kept and given to each mission.
3. The budget and percentages were the same for each mission as for the mother church—Cooperative Program 12½ per cent; local association 2½ per cent.
4. The mother church purchased the property for the mission, and at the time the mission was organized into a church, it assumed the unpaid balance.

In all these accomplishments we rejoice. We were especially happy when a non-tithing preacher became a tither and led his church to tenth place in per capita gifts among 800 churches in Illinois and Indiana.

We were happy when a preacher from another denomination became a Baptist, and led his small non-denominational group into the baptistry and into a New Testament church.



A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

by Mrs. Marvin Lytle
Tyler, Texas

It is not that I favor the flower particularly—it is just that it holds a peculiarly precious meaning for me. During my stay in the hospital recently I received a number of lovely gifts from friends. Among them was an attractive potted plant from the Liberty Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas.

Just a week before I became ill, I helped this Negro church in a Vacation Bible school.

My husband, your teacher-missionary at Butler (Negro) College in Tyler, had been asked by the pastor, a student at Butler, to assist his church in planning its Bible school. Upon discovering my husband was not well the night he was to meet with the workers, I volunteered to go in his place. I'm sure God had a hand in my going, for I was available to help in the school, while my husband was not, because of his teaching responsibilities.

I was also able to enlist the help of some intermediates and adults from my church, who also vowed it was a spiritually rewarding experience.

My daily responsibility was the music period and a planned program for 14 to 16 Junior boys. One morning I invited the boys who had accepted Christ as Saviour to give their personal testimonies. Two of those who stood were my two oldest sons; the others were Negro boys. There was a holy significance about those moments together that will always be precious to me. I am certain that Jesus was there.

Some phases of the program are highlighted in my memory—the fine behaviour and evidence of ability and knowledge gained by the youngsters, along with the many gracious words of personal thanks for our services. One woman smiled at me through tears of gratitude and said, "I am sure the great Creator is smiling down on us tonight. If this old world is ever to be brought together, God knows it will take all his children to do it."

I will not soon forget her words or the sincerity upon her face.

The night we first met to plan the Vacation Bible school, the pastor stated to me, "Mrs. Lytle, the greatest need of our people is more and better trained leadership." I am now more firmly convinced than ever that the teacher missionary program of Southern Baptists, and the challenge of assisting our fellow Negro churches in Bible school work are two of the finest ways we can help train more and better Negro leaders.

As I think back, it wasn't an easy task, getting my young brood of six ready and making the trip across town in the early morning hours. But I'm so glad God gave me strength for such a rewarding venture for him.

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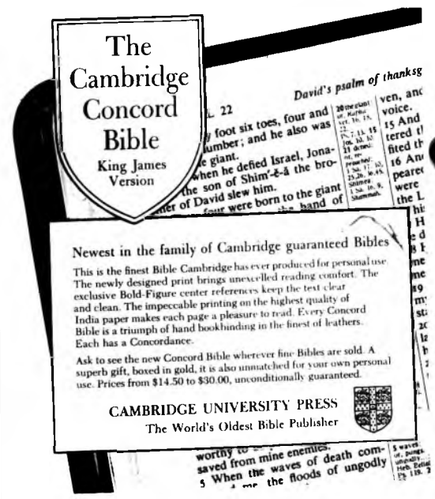

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by Dick Miller

Alma Kingeak and her family are on the way to church.

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An Eskimo man, Barton Sours, fishes for Tomcod.

Winter changed everything in Kotzebue, Alaska. Early in October the ground was covered with snow and the bay froze. Children skated on the ice and slid down the banks of drifted snow. By spring the snow would almost cover some of the houses. For several months the temperature would be far below zero.

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After school hours and on Saturday Alma helped her mother fish for tomcod through the ice in front of her home. Teddy, Alma's brother, used them in cooking dog food. Quite often Alma's family ate raw frozen fish.

When her father went hunting with his dog team he brought back caribou, rabbits, and ptarmigan, and fish from his net placed under the ice on the bay.

Even if it were cold Alma liked to play outdoors. Her fur parka and mukluks, fur boots, kept her warm. Her parka had a big ruff made of wolf fur which fell across her face when the wind blew. That kept her face from freezing.

Alma likes the winter and snow, but she likes the summer best.

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by John Caylor

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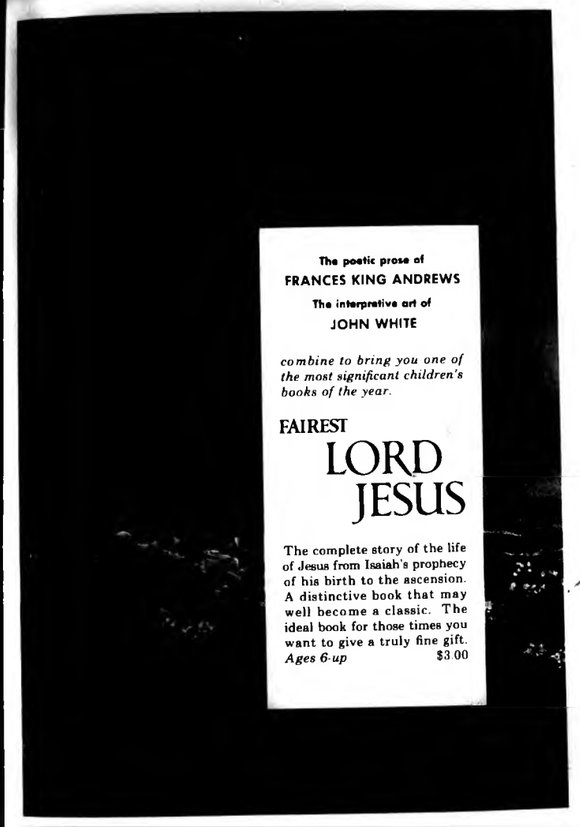

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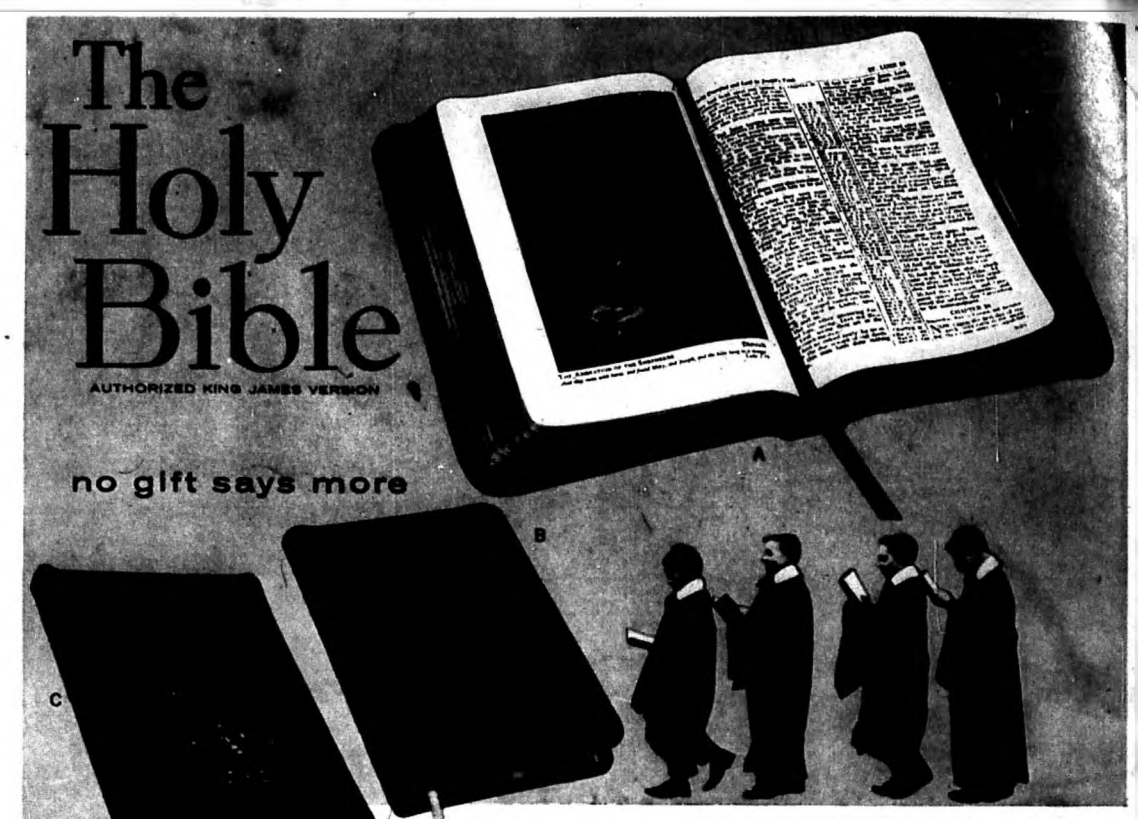

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