



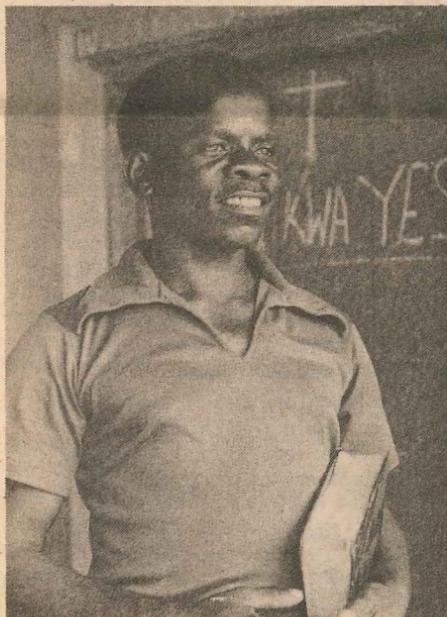
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For the 92nd consecutive year, Southern Baptists prepare to observe the week of prayer for foreign missions through cooperative study, prayer and giving.

## Tanzanian court dismisses charges against pastor after six months' imprisonment

Walden Kamomonga, a Baptist pastor jailed for alleged involvement in economic sabotage and racketeering in



Kamomonga

## Baptist missionary killed by train in Argentina

Southern Baptist missionary Kent W. Balyeat was killed in Buenos Aires when he walked in front of an express train late in the evening Nov. 21.

Balyeat, 58, was returning home from International Baptist Theological Seminary when he stepped off his bus and walked across the railroad tracks nearby, apparently not seeing an oncoming train.

He and his wife, the former Lloydene Umatot of Kansas, were appointed missionaries in 1961. He had been director of the church music school at the seminary since 1977.

Mrs. Balyeat was to attend a memorial service at the seminary and burial in Buenos Aires before leaving Nov. 23 for Atlanta, Ga., where the family will meet her.

A native of Alexandria, La., Balyeat was graduated from Ottaway (Kan.) University with the bachelor of arts degree; from Colorado State College (now University of Northern Colorado),

Greeley, with the master of arts degree; and from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., with the master of divinity degree.

Before his appointment he taught music in Kansas public schools and was music director for churches in Oklahoma and Texas. He was professor of church music at the seminary in Buenos

Aires for 15 years before becoming director.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four children: Michael, of Fairfax, Ala.; Merry Carol and David, of Dallas; and Susan Keshtar, of Austin, Tex. His mother, Mrs. Elbert Weir, lives in San Rafael, Cal., and his sister, Mrs. Stanton Nash, lives in Ft. Worth.

## Five former pastors return to join Williamsburg First Baptist Church in celebrating its centennial



### They came home again

First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, pastor Harold S. Mauney [1] joins five former FBC pastors for the church's centennial celebration. Pictured from left are Herbert Gabhart, Clyde Freed, Robert Palmer, Jim Highland and David Perkins. [Photo by Myra Calder, Williamsburg Times Tribune Living Today editor.]

by Susan Shaw, Staff Writer

September 1883 was a very important month for the town of Williamsburg. The first Baptist church within the city limits was constituted. September 1983 saw another important event in Williamsburg history—the centennial celebration of First Baptist Church.

The church is presently housed in its third structure. The second building burned in 1924 despite the brave efforts of the fire brigade. More recent structural changes include the renovation of the educational area under James Highland's pastorate and restoration under the pastorate of David Perkins.

The church's approximately 1500 members kicked off their week long observance with a special Sunday morning service.

Five of the six living former pastors of the congregation reminisced about their tenures at First Church. Thomas Eugene Hunnicutt West, pastor from 1937-42, could not attend due to a recent heart attack.

Those in attendance were: Herbert Conway Gabhart (1943-51), Clyde H. Freed Jr. (1952-60), Robert Leland Palmer (1960-69), James William Highland (1970-75) and David Wilkins Perkins (1976-81). The present pastor is Harold S. Mauney.

Seventy-year old L. Gordon Me-

daris, mayor of Ashland, Ore., also spoke during the morning service. Medaris is the son of the church's second pastor, Robert Medaris, who began his pastorate in Williamsburg in 1885.

Other program guests included: Paul Estes, deacon and mayor of Williamsburg; Janus Jones, Mt. Zion association director of missions; Jim Wilson, Cumberland College campus minister; Emma McPherson, Cumberland College dean of students; Eugene Siler Sr., dean of former U. S. Congressmen; James H. Taylor, president of Cumberland College; and James E. Boswell, Cumberland College president emeritus.

Recognized for outstanding service to the church were Mrs. Sue Stephens, Mrs. Geneva Perkins and Manuel Entekin.

Nightly revival services throughout the rest of the week capped off the celebration with emphases on youth, college and good neighbors.

Chester Raymond Young, chairman of the department of history and political science at Cumberland College and professor of American history, has written a history of the church, entitled *To Win the Prize*. The book is available at the church and at Cumberland College.

A plaque was given in appreciation for his work on the history.

Tanzania, has been released.

Kamomonga, 47, pastor of Busona Baptist Church in Kyela District, was arrested by Tanzania police Apr. 13. Police confiscated 72 bags of unhulled rice, bicycle parts, hoes and several other items worth more than \$8330. These were left from his shop, which he had closed several months earlier.

The arrest came during a crackdown announced earlier this year by the Tanzanian government to stop economic corruption contributing to black markets and deadly price hiking in the country. The government jailed anyone suspected of being an economic saboteur and confiscated any goods suspected of being held for resale at black market prices.

A Tanzanian court, ruling lack of evidence, dismissed charges against Kamomonga and released him Oct. 19 after six months' imprisonment. He said he credits God, whom he asked to be his advocate, for his release.

The government has promised to return the confiscated property, including the 72 bags of rice, so that his wife and six children will not go hungry.

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# daley observations

C. R. Daley

## Resolutions adopted by the 1983 KBC

(The 1983 Kentucky Baptist Convention adopted several significant resolutions. In response to several requests and for use by individuals and churches throughout the year, these resolutions are being printed as they were adopted. The Resolutions Committee was composed of Gary Coltharp, David Byrd, Billy G. Hurt and Wayne Dehoney, Chairman. — Editor)

### ON SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE: Opposition to growing government encroachment into matters of religion and the use of public funds for assistance to private, religious and church schools

WHEREAS, Baptists have historically supported religious liberty, laying the foundations for the Bill of Rights, the first article of which proclaims liberty in religious matters, and have supported the concept of the separation of church and state as the fundamental constitutional guarantee of religious liberty for all; and

WHEREAS, there is today a growing encroachment of government into religious matters through the authority of local, state and federal taxing agencies to determine or define the religious legitimacy of a church or religious group; to deny federal tax exemption to a private school whose religious views are held to be in variance with "fundamental public policy"; to place the administration of religious and church schools under the jurisdiction of government offices and bureaus; and,

WHEREAS, the use of public tax monies for tuition tax credits, vouchers and/or other systems of government financial assistance to private, religious and church schools would not only place additional strain on the national budget but would be an alarming intrusion of government into matters historically viewed as protected by the "wall of separation" of church and state; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Baptist Convention, meeting in its one hundred and forty-sixth annual session, reaffirms our strong and uncompromising support of the free exercise of religious liberties for all; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we call upon the members of the Congress of the United States to show by their actions their allegiance to the Constitution of the United States by refusing to sponsor and by opposing any legislation that encourages or allows government intrusion into matters of religion; and,

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we call Baptists and lovers of religious freedom everywhere to renewed support of, and insistence on, the United States Constitution and the First Amendment as adequate and sufficient guarantees to protect religious freedom.

### ON STATE-SPONSORED LOTTERIES

WHEREAS, There are between four and eight million compulsive gamblers

in the United States, compulsive gambling being recognized as a disease by the American Psychiatric Association, and there are millions of others who are affected by gambling activity, including the families of those who engage in gambling, and

WHEREAS, open discussion has been held in Kentucky about the establishment of a state lottery to attempt to cure part of the state's financial pressures, and

WHEREAS, State-operated lotteries are among the most regressive forms of raising revenue for the state, appealing primarily to the poor and locating distribution outlets in poor neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, States which increasingly become dependent upon gambling as a source of revenue discover that legalized gambling does not produce the revenue that is projected for it and instead ensnares the state in a web which compromises the state regulatory agencies and encourages the state to become an active promoter and advertiser for the gambling industry, and

WHEREAS, Legalization of gambling engages the state in the business of recruiting citizens into gambling activity, thereby avoiding its responsibility to promote the general welfare of its citizens,

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that we the messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, assembled in the city of Paducah, Kentucky, on Nov. 15-17, 1983, express our strong opposition to the establishment of a state lottery which would make our state increasingly dependent upon a source of income which derives from an industry which produces no necessary goods or services.

Be it further RESOLVED, that we call upon Kentucky Baptists to urge state government leaders to work for responsible financial policies which provide for the general welfare rather than exploiting the misery of citizens in economic stress through establishing, advertising, and promoting a state lottery which holds out the promise of solving financial woes through winning a lottery.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the nearly 800,000 Kentucky Baptists and other citizens be encouraged to be active in opposing the well-financed efforts of the gambling industry to extend its tentacles into the lives of Kentucky families and communities.

Be it finally RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be mailed to the Governor and every member of the Kentucky General Assembly.

### ON SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE: Opposition to the appointment of a United States ambassador to the Vatican

WHEREAS, a conference report of the House and Senate is expected momentarily for final approval of Senate Bill 1342, and

WHEREAS, if the report then passes both houses, the President would be authorized to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican at any time and present prohibitions against funding of said office by the State Department would then be eliminated, and

WHEREAS, the appointment of an ambassador to the Holy See in an official act of recognition of a religious organization as a national political unit and is an exception to our own national policy wherein we give no other such recognition to any other religious body or religious state, and

WHEREAS, such ambassadorial appointment would also severely compromise our cherished principle of church and state by giving a favored position to one religious body,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT the 146th Kentucky Baptist Convention in regular session with the First Baptist Church of Paducah, Kentucky, on Nov. 15, 1983, expresses its strongest opposition to the proposed enabling legislation and any subsequent favorable action for the appointment of an ambassador from our government to the Vatican, and

THAT the Kentucky Baptist Convention urgently requests the entire Kentucky delegation in both houses to do all in their power to see that this legislation is not passed, and

THAT the Kentucky Baptist Convention requests our member churches and Baptist individuals to make known their desire that this legislation not pass and that an ambassador not be appointed to the Holy See, and

THAT the content of this action be reported in our Western Recorder and released to press outlets for the widest possible distribution of our strongly-held opposition to this legislation which departs so drastically from our traditional view of separation of church and state.

### Guest editorial

## Tax audits of churches raise questions

by Jim Lackey  
NC News Service

How much authority should the Internal Revenue Service have to audit churches and church-related organizations, particularly at a time when tax shelters are using phony churches to shelter their income?

That is the question facing Congress as it considers a proposed "Church Audit Procedures Act" introduced in both the House and Senate to establish stricter rules for IRS audits of churches. The bill passed its first legislative hurdle recently when a Senate subcommittee held a hearing on the issue.

Few would deny that the IRS has at least limited authority to inspect church books and procedures when there is the possibility that the church is being used for illegitimate purposes, such as a tax avoidance scheme or to make its leader rich. But how those audits take place has been a sensitive church-state issue because such audits can go to the heart of religious freedom and can raise questions of government control of religion.

According to an analysis prepared by the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation, present law allows the IRS to audit churches only for specific reasons, such as to determine that the church is eligible for tax-exempt status or the amount of the church's unrelated business income. The IRS also must provide special advance notice to churches, and the examination itself must be limited to a determination of whether an organization actually is a

church.

The new proposal, according to the committee analysis, would add several further restrictions. It would prevent IRS "fishing expeditions" by allowing investigations only if the agency actually possessed evidence that the church is engaged in taxable activities or is not qualified for tax exemption.

The proposed legislation among other things also would give churches the opportunity for face-to-face meetings with IRS representatives prior to an audit to work out any problems, and would place time limits on the length of IRS investigations and the number of years of church activity that could be audited.

Rep. Mickey Edwards (R-Okla.), prime sponsor of the legislation in the House, said that supporters of the bill are not opposed to legitimate efforts by the IRS to uncover fraudulent churches. They merely want the religious freedom of legitimate churches to be assured.

The bill is receiving some mainline church support. The Rev. Dean M. Kelley, religious and civil liberty director at the National Council of Churches, told the subcommittee that the legislation could protect churches "from political reprisals for preaching views that are unacceptable to those in political power."

Despite support expressed so far for the bill, the measure still has a long way to go before being enacted. But Edwards already has rounded up 75 co-sponsors in the House, both Democrats and Republicans, giving the legislation at least a chance of passing.

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Earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. — Jude 3

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# baptist forum

## Issues tied to biblical inerrancy

Western Recorder recently told of three problems common to Southern Baptists today: false converts, female pastors and a call for unity based on five principles. These issues are bound by a common thread, biblical infallibility.

These women who've been ordained had something to say about their callings; each left out any biblical authority for them. We must test all callings by the Bible. Qualifications for pastors are clear from 1 Tim. and Titus—men only. There is also a strong prohibition in 1 Tim. from women holding any authoritative position in the church.

Pastors often dodge the Bible passages mandating the absolute necessity for a changed life for true conversion, maybe to protect the doctrine of eternal security. There should be no conflict. The Bible teaches that the saved are secure, but it also teaches that only those whose lives are changed are truly saved. Here, too, we have misused the scriptures.

The call for unity is missing the most vital principle of all. We have no unity if we do not agree on the Bible.

Example: How do we deal with Titus and 1 Tim. so we can ordain women? 1. Paul was wrong, the result of his Jewish upbringing. 2. Or, his words reflect his culture and no longer apply.

Example: Use these ways of dealing with scripture with other beliefs: 1. Blood atonement and justification are holdovers from Paul's Jewish upbringing. 2. His condemnation of fornication and homosexuality is culturally colored.

Obviously, we would soon have no beliefs left that could be called Christian. We have room for theological diversity, but not on the Bible. Without an infallible Bible with "no mixture of error" we have no unity.

Charles T. Buntin  
McGuire AFB, N.J.

## An editorial correction

Thank you for sharing our committee's findings with Western Recorder readers (Sept. 21, 1983). However, I must correct the statement that the association adopted a resolution. It was the executive committee of the association which received our committee report and adopted the resolution. Both were then shared in the October 1983 annual meeting for information but without debate or vote.

Mel Deason, Pensacola, Fla.

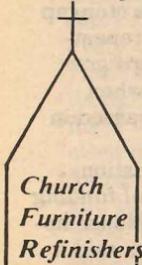
## Good stewardship

I have just learned some marvelous news about serious stewardship from Billy Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort.

I understand that the church has recently received a large bequest which will eventually amount to approximately one million dollars or more; they have \$300,000 already placed in the

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How wonderful and unselfish it is for the members of First Baptist Church of Frankfort to share of their good fortune with the various agencies of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. And I do hope there are others who will remember our Baptist churches and our Baptist agencies in their wills by leaving the churches and agencies a share of their earthly possessions.

Jim Taylor, Williamsburg

## Churches are exempt from phone taxes

There is a tax exemption for churches they may not be aware of. As non-profit organizations exempt from taxes many churches are paying a sales tax on their utility and telephone bills. Surprisingly no one thinks to question the paying of these sales taxes.

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## Redford's book beneficial for growth

F. J. Redford with the aid of some of his workers has written one of the best books in many years.

The book is titled *Planting New Churches* and is published by Broadman Press. It should have been named *Planting and growing new churches*. It contains all of these elements.

If any dedicated pastor will get this book, master it and go with the book, the open Bible, love for God and people in his heart and accompanied by the Holy Spirit, he will succeed. If he will do this and train his members to do so

he can build a church anywhere in the world. He can do it in Mormon land, in Muslim land or in the wide expanses of Buddha-land.

I challenge you to get the book and try it. I personally have never seen anything like it. I have used it to help baptize 242 people within one year in Utah. It works and I am challenging you to try it.

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# baptist news in brief

## Gheens foundation deeds \$600,000 gift to SBTS

The Gheens Foundation of Louisville has deeded to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, a one-third interest in a tract of undeveloped real estate valued at more than \$1.8 million.

When the property is sold, the seminary is expected to receive at least \$600,000. The remaining two-thirds of the estate will go to the University of Louisville for capital construction needs.

This latest gift brings to \$1.4 million the contributions of the foundation to Southern Seminary within the past year.

Earlier, at the encouragement of its late chairman, Mary Jo Gheens Hill, the foundation committed \$500,000 to endow the C. Edwin Gheens Chair of Christian Family Ministry. Another \$250,000 trust was established to provide annual support for the Gheens Lectures, a series of campus presentations by distinguished international scholars.

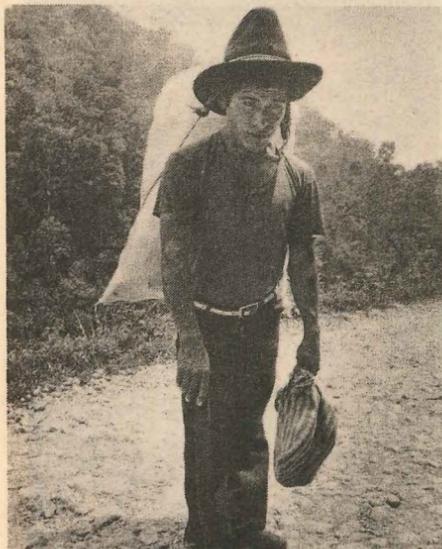
Mrs. Hill, who died in 1982, was the widow of C. Edwin Gheens, a Louisville industrialist. She previously had given her home and its estate furnishings to the seminary. That gift ultimately will add more than \$1 million to the seminary's endowment fund.

Mrs. Hill, her husband and her father-in-law, served on the seminary board of trustees for a period of 90 years.

## Lower court ruling against silence law remains intact

New Mexico's 1981 law calling for a moment of silence at the beginning of the public school day will not be reviewed by the U. S. Supreme Court and thus remains under a lower federal court injunction forbidding its implementation.

U. S. district judge Juan G. Burciaga ruled last February the law, which easily passed the state legislature, violated the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion. At the same time he issued a permanent injunction forbidding the practice of opening each school day with a moment of silence "for contemplation, meditation or



**A K'EKCHI BELIEVER**—Lorenzo Cucul, a K'ekchi Indian farmer in Guatemala, carries his corn from his fields to his home, two hours away. Because of support through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, Southern Baptist missionaries are in Guatemala ministering beside K'ekchi believers like Cucul. Together they find many opportunities to serve and an openness among K'ekchi people for the gospel. [FMB photo by Don Rutledge]

prayer."

Although the Las Cruces, N. M., school board unanimously refused to appeal Burciaga's decision, a group of local citizens headed by Jean Walsh did appeal to the 10th circuit court of appeals in Denver. But that panel ruled she had no legal standing to appeal, leaving Burciaga's order in place.

The group persisted, appealing to the nation's high court on grounds "irreparable harm goes on every minute (the injunction is in effect)." The appeal was filed on behalf of the people of New Mexico.

Attorneys for the other side argued the group "intentionally deceived" the courts by filing in the name of the state when no state official was a party to the case.

The Las Cruces school board sought to apply the 1981 law last year but were challenged in Burciaga's court by Jerry Duffy, a local man whose son, John, was enrolled in a Las Cruces school. Duffy's attorneys were two members of the New Mexico chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Draper suggests Baptists draw up belief guidelines

James T. Draper Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has suggested the denomination establish "guidelines" to detail what Baptists should believe.

Draper, serving his second term as president of the 13.9 million member denomination, suggested a committee be appointed to draw up "some minimum things" Baptists believe, things about which Baptists would say, "Hey, we're not any of us going to give up these beliefs. We can't go beyond them."

Draper made the suggestion during an afternoon news conference before preaching to the annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia. He raised the possibility of creating a committee to establish the guidelines while answering questions about the bickering between "fundamentalists" and "moderates" that has rocked the nation's largest Protestant denomination in recent years.

Draper cited four things which should be in any guideline of belief. "They are bedrock," he said. "If there are leaders or teachers who find they cannot accept these four things, they ought to leave. Anyone who cannot accept them is not a true Southern Baptist and ought to have the integrity to leave."

The four include a belief in the full humanity and deity of Christ, substitutionary atonement by Christ for the sins of mankind, justification of God's grace through faith and belief in the bodily resurrection of Christ.

Draper, who has been identified with the "inerrancy wing" of the denomination, said he would not "demand that they (a committee) use the word inerrancy or infallibility or inspiration. They could use the word authoritative or truthful, but I would not want to make that a tenet. I would not try to make inerrancy an issue. I would not want people debating over terminology."

He said he wants to see any movement for a committee or for guidelines "come from a groundswell" of opinion. He stressed any committee formed to come up with such a set of guidelines should contain a "cross-section" of Baptists.

Draper, who before has said Baptists should have some kind of limits "of how far you can go and still be a South-

ern Baptist," called in October for unity around certain guidelines. He added, "We have to set some kind of parameters for Baptist belief. If we don't people will end up believing anything they want."

## Medical/dental fellowship elects Fowler president

Franklin Fowler, senior medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, has been elected president of the Baptist Medical/Dental Fellowship.

The fellowship—an independent, spiritually oriented professional organization—spent three days in Bible study, music, seminars, speeches, testimony and business. The group, which began in 1976 with 12 members, works in cooperation with the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

Today the fellowship has 1200 members of doctors and dentists. Its purpose is to provide Christian professional fellowship among the membership and to strengthen individually and collectively their relationship and commitment through Jesus Christ.

At last year's meeting, the BMDF voted to form an umbrella organization, the Baptist Health Care Fellowship, which would include autonomous fellowships for nurses, hospital administrators, pharmacists, chaplains and allied health professionals.

This year, at the meeting, the Baptist Nursing Fellowship was started in cooperation with WMU. Ellen D. Tabor, a doctor of nursing from Winston-Salem, N. C., was elected president.

## Tuition credits defeated after two-day filibuster

President Reagan's tuition tax credit proposal went down to decisive defeat in the U. S. Senate Nov. 16 and the issue appears dead for this Congress.

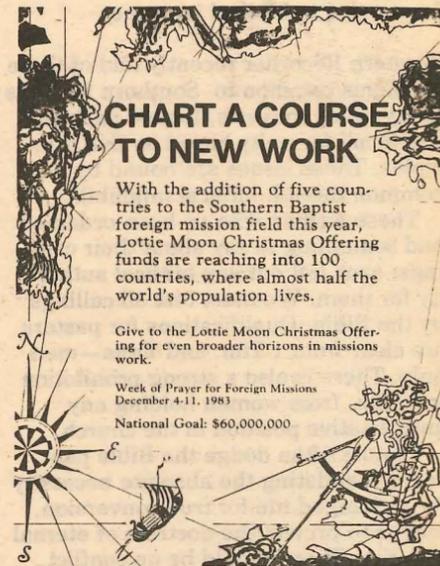
After Senate opponents of the measure put on a show of strength in a two-day filibuster, they agreed to allow the tuition tax credit bill to come to a vote. They won, 59-38.

The proposal, pushed by Reagan since the 1980 presidential election campaign, would have made partial reimbursement for tuition expenses to parents who send their children to private and parochial schools. Of these, approximately 85 percent are church-related. The benefit would have amounted to a \$100 credit for tax year 1983, \$200 for 1984 and \$300 when fully implemented in 1985.

The tax credit would have gone only to families with taxable income under \$50,000 and would have been denied to parents whose children attend racially discriminatory schools. But estimates of its potential three-year cost to the federal treasury ran as high as \$3 billion.

Debate on the politically volatile proposal focused on public policy questions as well as on church-state implications. Baptist bodies, including the Southern Baptist Convention and several state conventions, have repeatedly opposed tuition tax credits for both church-state and public policy reasons.

Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs executive director James M. Dunn hailed the Senate vote as "a victory for the constitutional principle of church-state separation, for common sense in shaping public policy and for the consensus long held by Americans that public monies should not support private and parochial schools."



## Journeyman application deadline is Jan. 15, 1984

The deadline for the Foreign Mission Board's 1984 journeyman program is Jan. 15. Applications should be post-marked by that date.

Those selected will comprise the first group trained at the new Baker James and Eloise Cauthen Missionary Learning Center near Richmond, Va. Their training will begin next June and they will go overseas in August.

A second application deadline next year is Aug. 15. Journeymen selected then will be trained beginning in January 1985 and go overseas in March.

The journeyman program seeks Southern Baptists age 26 and under who have four-year college degrees. They must be single or married at least a year with no children. They must be U. S. citizens and qualified for specific mission tasks.

Requests from overseas for journeymen include teachers, youth and student workers, music workers, nurses, secretaries, Bible correspondence workers and many others. The 150 requests come from 46 countries. Terms for journeymen are two years.

Those interested should contact the Foreign Mission Board immediately. Call or write Everett Burnette or Judy Brummett, Personnel Selection Department, at (804) 353-0151 or Foreign Mission Board, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230.

## Congress keeps non-profit postal rates at current level

Congress has agreed to funding that will preserve current non-profit postal rates through Sept. 30, 1984.

In the continuing resolution passed Nov. 12 to keep most government agencies running at the start of fiscal 1984, both the House and Senate approved a conference report which maintains funding at \$879 million. That is the amount the Postal Service estimates necessary to preserve the subsidy to non-profit mailers through the next fiscal year.

President Reagan signed the bill Nov. 14.

The continuing resolution, a stopgap measure which Congress has repeatedly used in recent years, keeps government programs operating when regular funding bills are not passed in time.

Although a regular appropriations bill could change the amount of funding in this continuing resolution, House appropriations committee sources said it is unlikely one will clear Congress before the end of this year's session.



# sunday school lessons

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LESSONS FOR DEC. 4, 1983

## Life and Work Series SINFULNESS

David's indulgence in adultery is an example of how the Bible describes frankly and fully the failures of God's children. Concerning his sins of adultery and murder, God's Word says: "The thing that David hath done displeased the Lord."

When his children fall into sin, God will not leave them alone, but will deal with them that they may be forgiven and restored to fellowship with him. **2 Samuel 12:1-5** To David God sent his faithful prophet, Nathan, to declare unto him his terrible personal guilt and the intense divine displeasure because of his dastardly conduct.

Nathan did not decline the unwelcome and difficult assignment, but promptly proceeded to perform the task to the best of his ability. Nathan's approach to David was very tactful. Courageously and skillfully Nathan told David one of the most touching parables in all literature. It was the story of the injustice of one man to another, an account of a man who possessed great flocks of sheep who stole the only ewe lamb which a poor man owned. That parable was so graphic it caused David to vow that as certainly as God permitted him to live he would see to it that the guilty rich man paid the penalty for his transgression.

**2 Samuel 12:7, 9** As soon as David demonstrated that it is so much easier to go into a rage over the sins of others than it is to be indignant about one's

own sins, courageous Nathan fearlessly and dramatically looked into the face of lust-smear and blood-stained David and said: "Thou art the man." That accusation or indictment was a terrible shock to David. The prophet's blunt announcement, that the seeds sown by the king would bring forth a harvest of adultery and murder among his descendants, aroused David's slumbering conscience.

**2 Samuel 12:13-14** Nathan's disclosure of the ugliness of David's sin and the enormity of his guilt caused the king to abhor himself and the sins which he had willfully committed. Instead of pleading any mitigating circumstances, or attempting to blame someone else for his sins, or trying to justify himself, in genuine repentance David acknowledged his sins against God and others, and sobbed out his prayer to God for forgiveness and restoration. As soon as David made his frank confession and truly repented of his sins, and earnestly prayed for forgiveness, God forgave and restored him.

## International Series A NEW DAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

**Isaiah 2:2-4** With dark war clouds as a background, God enabled Isaiah to look into the future and see the time of universal peace in the latter days. The prophet visualized the time when Christ shall return and set up his reign in Jerusalem, whose kingdom shall extend to the uttermost parts of the earth.

When the King returns to this earth

and begins his reign, he will arbitrate all disputes that may arise and give equitable decisions in all matters. Any problems beyond man's ability to solve will be unraveled by him who has perfect wisdom. Implements of warfare will be converted into those of agriculture, and the art of war will be forgotten. But these delightful and ideal conditions are not to be expected until the Prince of Peace returns to reign. Peace will not be achieved through political manipulation, but through yielding to the Lord's will and walking in his ways. **Isaiah 62:1-3** Through the centuries God has been ceaseless in his work for and with his people. As an expression of his great love for them, through his word he has protested against their iniquities, instructed them in the truth and sought to prepare them for greater

usefulness in the future. At the same time he has conferred numerous blessings upon them and exercised great care over them.

For the encouragement and benefit of the devout Jews, who were so fond of Jerusalem and Mt. Zion, God let it be known the time was coming when there was going to be a great and welcome change from the existing state of affairs under which they were living. He let the Jews know they could not any longer be the objects of contempt and persecution, but that the righteousness which he had imputed to them would be displayed in their lives to such an extent it would be seen and admired by their onlookers. They were divinely assured that his future work with and through them would show forth his grace and glory.



## on mission together

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### LAUGHTER AS THERAPY

Any time one makes a new start, there are probably some new things you want to do that you haven't done before.

Getting an old house with a big yard enabled us to have our first "outdoor" dog. A friend of ours gave our son a full blooded, black labrador pup about two weeks before we left Richmond. Now six months old, "Strock," (a contraction of the words "strong" and "rock"), weighs in the neighborhood of 60 pounds.

Having been broken into three times in Richmond we were encouraged to believe that a dog of this size might discourage some would-be thieves.

Labs, they say, are very intelligent animals. We have discovered that to be true. Until his next door lady friend, a beautiful Doberman pinscher, finally became as friendly with me as with him, every time she approached me in the yard he would step in front of her as though he were insisting she be nice to me. I appreciated that! In addition, the other day as I was loading some wood for our Buck stove, Strock got the idea and began carrying in whatever size wood he could get in his mouth. Nice dog, Strock! Alice will especially like that on these cold mornings when I'm

out on the road somewhere. Now if we can only get him to do it without having to set the example each time!

But perhaps the most clever of all his tricks is his taking our other, small dog for a walk. (Yes, we have two dogs, but that's not my idea!) Kelluv (which is the Hebrew word for dog) is a white, male poodle, also a gift(?) of a neighbor in Richmond. To be as intelligent as poodles are supposed to be, this surely must be the dumbest. He never comes when you call him! However, our big black lab, Strock, will take the leash of Kelluv and walk him all around the yard and then bring him back to us. It is probably one of the funniest sights you'll ever see; that is, if you're a friend of dogs and can imagine all the funny things dogs do in a yard.

I know that some of you must be wondering what possible religious connotations I could have in mind in writing such an article as this. Well, I guess the most religious thing I can say about it is that this event happened after a "long, day's work" and I was strung pretty tight. But the laughter that Strock and Kelluv unleashed in me reminded me that I need to laugh more often. It is good for my soul!

Incidentally, have you had a good laugh lately?

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## WAITING IN FAITH

Thanksgiving has come and gone. The Thanksgiving offering for Baptist Homes for Children has been taken in most Kentucky Baptist churches. This offering of love and care was mostly received on the Sundays of Nov. 20 and 27. It has now been counted by the churches; and although some is already being received, most of it will come to us in December and January. Some will even come as late as February and a little in March. So now we are in the waiting period—trusting God and his people for this much-needed support.

From the beginning this ministry to children has been a work of faith. Not much of our support is guaranteed. The Kentucky Baptist Convention makes a commitment from Cooperative Program funds, but even that is a faith commitment dependent on the funds coming in. The Cooperative Program monies received will run our program one month. Income from trusts can be depended on with some fluctuation in the earnings. This income will carry our operation costs for almost three months. That leaves eight months or two-thirds of the budget year to be funded. And, believe me, it is a walk by faith.

That walk by faith does lead us through the Thanksgiving offering, and what a blessing it is! Although we never know how much that offering will be, we trust it will be enough to keep us going for about four months. The doors of Kentucky Baptists have been opened wide to us all during this past year. Those of us who are able to be in churches and associational meetings have had more calls than we could fill. In every instance, whether in the annual meeting of an association or an individual church, the people have been anxious to hear about our ministry to children and have shown concern and love for children.

The story has been told . . . the prayers have been offered . . . the offering has been taken. Just as we have walked and worked by faith, now we wait by faith. In a little while we will know what God has done through his people. As soon as we know, we will report the results to you.

Occasionally, word is heard that Baptist Homes for Children does not need any money because they have all they need. I can tell you the truth. Such statements and assumptions are not true. Without your continued support we could not continue long. We walk and wait in faith.



# clear creek comments

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## I WILL NOT HURRY

By nature I am an impatient man. The holiday season only accelerates my pace. So I often take time to preach to myself. Rom. 15:5 recently caught my attention when Paul mentioned ". . . the God of patience." The writer of Hebrews reminded his readers they needed patience (10:36), and I feel at times I need a similar exhortation.

I need to be reminded God is not in a hurry. It is his universe and his world. God is in control and doing his work in his way. His ways are higher than my ways. It is not for me to judge or doubt him but to trust him.

If God is not in a hurry and I am, maybe I should change. The Christian life is more like a marathon than a 100-yard dash. Patience (or endurance) is required.

I will not hurry through this day;  
I will take time to think and pray;  
I will look up into the sky,  
Where fleecy clouds and swallows fly;  
And somewhere in the day, maybe  
I will catch whispers, Lord, from Thee!

R. S. Cushman

Most of our students at Clear Creek are older. God has moved in their lives and they are zealous to plunge into the harvest field. They sometimes chafe at the three (or four) years of training at Clear Creek. Their families are under extreme financial hardship and the holiday season may serve only to remind them of their dire need.

They need to be reminded of the patience of God. It will encourage them to continue with the Lord slowly when they are impatient.

To talk with God,  
No breath is lost  
Talk on!

To walk with God,  
No strength is lost  
Walk on!

To wait on God,  
No time is lost  
Wait on!

They (along with me) can learn to say,  
"I will not hurry—God is in control."



# oneida journal

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## NO DEVIL'S WORKSHOP

Weekends are very important in a boarding school. Though we have many commuting students, approximately 440 live in our dorms at the present time. They must be kept busy in useful activities. Idle minds are the devil's workshop.

We have a tremendous range of activities both on and off the campus each weekend.

Consider the off-campus activities of two recent weekends.

Nov. 11-13: 45 of our students and staff chaperones left after school Friday afternoon for Jackson First Baptist Church. In the group were many of our choir and other students especially active in BSU. A number of our students are in both. They had an all night "lock in" at the church with the local youth. They saw films, shared testimonies, ate, had sing-alongs and drama type presentations. They slept a few hours Saturday morning and were then off to

Natural Bridge for an afternoon of hiking. A campfire was built in the evening. They ate, sang and otherwise shared before spending the night in various homes of the Jackson church family. The choir sang at morning worship and then were served a delicious noon meal by the church.

The choir then traveled to Somerset where they were fed in the evening by Campground Baptist Church and sang an evening concert.

On Saturday, students from our Spanish, French and German (we also teach Latin) classes attended the 14th International Folk Festival held at Cincinnati. Forty differing countries and 33 language groups were represented there. Each had three booths as a sampling of their culture, food and souvenirs. Each of our students had to interview 10 people as a part of a class assignment.

Our 12-girl cheerleading squad was also in Ohio that weekend at Miami University. Our girls were there to par-

ticipate in a Regional sectional for the National Cheerleading championship. Hundreds competed from four differing states. Our girls won one of the higher awards, a "superior" blue ribbon.

In the meantime, 33 of our seventh graders and three teachers spent the day at Frankfort seeing the Capitol, the old Capitol, the Kentucky Military Museum and Daniel Boone's grave. Of course, Kentucky history is one of the seventh grade subjects.

While all this was going on, my assistant and I were greeting and touring many guests including a group from Grafenburg Baptist Church. Also, we toured and interviewed five prospective students and their families. In early evening, pastor Rackley and I left for Cadiz where we shared on Sunday with Liberty Point Church, visited a dear friend in Hopkinsville, Mrs. Kay Hunt Smith, and were with Mt. Olivet Baptist Church that evening in Paducah. In both services, Bro. Rackley sang and I spoke.

Guests of the Melvin Hopwoods, Bro. Rackley and I returned from the Convention (also the George Reddings) to our busy life here. Two days here and then off to Carter Caves to speak to the deacons and their wives of Ashland First Baptist. Then a drive from there to Shelbyville and on to Mt. Washington the next morning to speak at King's Baptist.

Again, Oneida students were having a busy weekend. Our boys varsity basketball team was in Virginia playing Oak Hill Baptist Academy, a boarding school like ourselves, and our girls varsity was at Lexington Catholic.

Our drama class, having presented "A Man Called Peter" a month ago and preparing another major production for Christmas, attended a workshop at Middlesboro.

Our foreign students went to take the TOFEL exam at University of Kentucky. This is a "must" for entrance into most colleges and universities. Nearly all our foreign graduates go on to higher training as do an average of 60 percent of our graduates.

Six of our boys went with our home economics teacher to visit the fabric shop at London. They are in four family living courses and each bought material for their upcoming sewing projects.

The choir was on the road again, this time singing at the Greenland church at Corbin. Five of them went on to the Regional Choir and Band Festival held on Monday and Tuesday at Cumberland College. A number of our students and staff then went on Tuesday evening to hear our students and others in concert.

The cheerleaders were away again in Lexington, and will be in another competition at Frankfort Dec. 3. And so it goes—lively weekends.

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# Despair to hope

## Literacy ministry holds key to evangelism

by Jennifer Anderson

Traveling through the rural and mountain regions of the Philippines, Paul Johnson hears a distinct cry—a plea to learn to read.

Since the mid-70s, Johnson, a Southern Baptist missionary, has attempted to turn despair into hope through teaching others to read and write. And he believes the simple act of reading is an open door to the gospel. He calls his ministry literacy evangelism.

In an age which depends so heavily on the printed word, it's difficult to realize nearly half the adult population of the world cannot read or write. For Johnson, however, this fact is a driving force to find teaching methods which draw non-readers into the literate circle.

The Mississippi native has concentrated his literacy work in the major languages of Cebuano and Ilonggo, developing a unique teaching procedure. "One of the secrets to the program is, it is on a one-to-one basis,

not a classroom approach," says the 47-year-old missionary. "The one-to-one approach is not only the best educational technique, but it's also the most effective evangelistic technique."

Johnson conducts training seminars for literate people who learn the one-on-one method. Once they are trained they can teach their friends and neighbors to read.

Many illiterate and non-Christian adults would not respond to a direct witness from another Christian, says Johnson.

"But (if) you offer to help them improve themselves educationally and improve their situation in life, very few would turn down an offer like that. While the friend teaches his unbelieving neighbor to read, he is able to witness to him and tell him, day by day, about Christ."

Johnson's major responsibilities are to direct a Baptist conference center on Mindanao and consult with the Mindanao Convention of Southern Baptist churches. His literacy work

comes purely from personal interest in linguistics.

Johnson collaborates on much of his program with an organization called Literacy and Evangelism International, a non-denominational service ministry based in Tulsa, Okla. Johnson has also integrated into his program some of the ideas originated by Christian linguist Frank C. Laubach.

In his work, Johnson has developed Bible content primers with evangelistic suggestions in the teacher's guide concerning how to use the lessons as witnessing tools for Christ.

"The program has two target groups," explains Johnson. "The first is believers who are members of Baptist churches, who have not learned to read. The idea is they cannot grow spiritually as they should unless they can read the Bible themselves. Secondly, are the lost adults who don't know how to read."

Lessons are an hour every day, five days a week for two months. Johnson guarantees if each step is followed, the student will be able to read in two months. A follow-up series of 19 lessons has simple Bible stories using the literacy technique called the picture-word-syllable method.

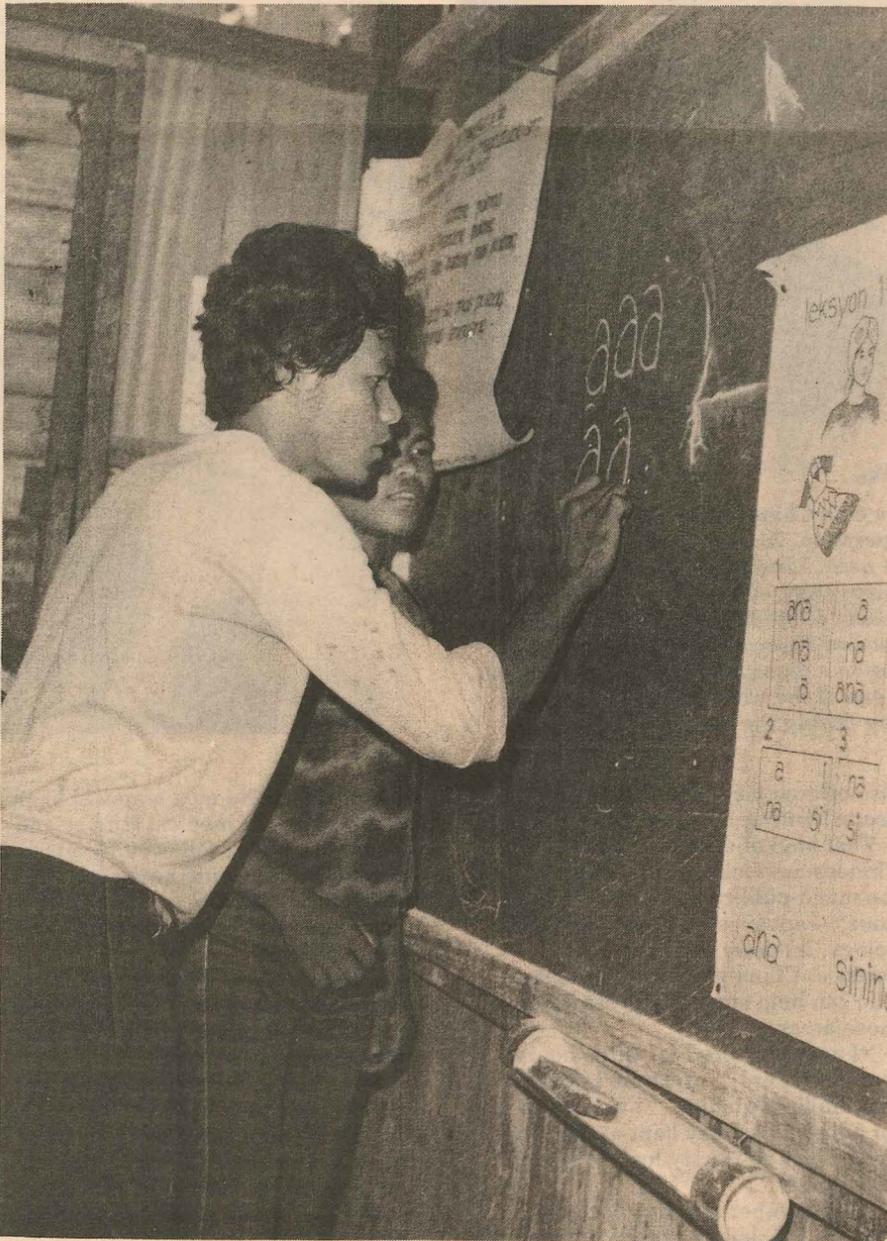
Johnson sees literacy evangelism as aiding the Philippine Baptist convention in achieving its goal of 1085 churches by 1985 on Mindanao and the Visayan Islands. "We feel that literacy evangelism can be a key method in reaching this goal," he says.

Many of the urban areas of the Philippines have a literacy rate of 80 to 85 percent, but Johnson works largely with tribal minority groups living in the mountainous areas. Those places "not only have people who cannot read and write, but also have a group very responsive to the gospel. It's probably the most responsive of all the groups in the Philippines."

Literacy evangelism also goes inside Philippine prison walls. Johnson has conducted several literacy training classes in the maximum security area at the massive New Bilibid Prison near Manila. Previous literacy programs have failed primarily because of conventional teaching methods. But the one-to-one approach designed for adults has succeeded. Johnson adds "the success of the program rests upon concerned Christian inmates in the prison itself."

Johnson is obviously challenged by literacy evangelism. "I feel we (Southern Baptists) are seeing such things as literacy evangelism as not just a social ministry, but as evidence of our concern for the whole man, the whole person."

He believes literacy evangelism is a way to show concern and interest in uplifting people while opening doors to witness. "This is why it's not just called a literacy program. It's a literacy evangelism program. We believe the evangelism is central in all we do."



A unique literacy evangelism program established by Southern Baptist missionary Paul Johnson involves a one-to-one method where a friend can teach a friend how to read and write. Here Jimmy Betil [foreground] tries his hand at lettering following the instruction of Dennis Epal. Johnson's program also emphasizes evangelism and personal need for Jesus Christ.

### Women in ministry:

## It's not anything new

by Leisa Hammett

"The presence of women deacons is not something new in our denomination, says Lynn E. May, executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

Leon McBeth, professor of church history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., pointed out, "Minutes, diaries and literature show women have historically exercised leadership roles in the church.

"Women have testified, exhorted, led prayer meetings and preached," he said. Church minutes show some early churches in the South had elders and elderesses, deacons and deaconesses.

Baptist conflict over women's role emerged in the early 1600s and intruded into the United States by the mid 1700s. Southern Baptists brought the twin traditions of ordaining women and fussing about it with them when they organized in 1845.

Two groups making up Southern Baptists held differing views on the role of women. The Regular Baptists were stricter about women's roles while the Separate Baptists allowed women more participation in churches, including teaching and preaching.

The conflict emerged in recent associational meetings, as at least two associations refused to seat messengers from churches which had ordained women.

Capital Baptist Association declined to seat messengers from First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, which recently ordained three women as deacons. Redwood Empire Baptist Association in Marin County, Cal., rejected messengers from a church with two women deacons and from two other churches which had ordained women to the gospel ministry.

The Chicago Baptist Association also had a long debate about a congregation which has called a woman pastor, but voted to seat messengers from Cornell Baptist Church.

Professor McBeth said the newer movement in the SBC is not the ordination of women deacons, but the ordination of women to the pastoral ministry.

The Free Will Baptists, according to McBeth, were the first to ordain women as ministers. The Northern Baptists, by the 1890s, were ordaining a few women and the first Southern Baptist woman ordained to the ministry was in 1964.

Presently, 17-18 percent of enrolment in Southern Baptist seminaries is female.

"Most of these women are preparing for the more traditional women's roles in the church—children's workers or church secretaries. I do not demean these roles. But, as a seminary professor, I can testify there are hundreds of these (seminary) women who feel in their hearts God has called them to ministry. We have no checks and balances. If a young man says he is called, we accept that.

"Southern Baptists are being less than honest with these women."

To be admitted into seminary, prospective students have to be endorsed by their churches. The same churches that endorse women members for seminary training, said McBeth, will not provide them a place to serve.

## Wake Forest doctors ease Chinese thirst for knowledge

by Erich Bridges

The typical Chinese surgeon earns less than \$100 a month, rides to the hospital on a bicycle and boils water in a tea kettle to sterilize surgical instruments.

But he does "just as good a job as we could with far less equipment," and often with another operation going on in the same room, says American physician Robert Cooper.

Cooper and five other doctors from Bowman Gray School of Medicine, part of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N. C., returned in October from a two-week stay in China.

The Bowman Gray doctors, accompanied by their wives, lectured and observed life at Zhongshan Medical College in Guangzhou (Canton), a southeastern Chinese metropolis near Hong Kong. One of China's top five medical schools, Zhongshan boasts five teaching hospitals with 2000 beds, three research institutes, hundreds of faculty members and nearly 3000 students.

The Chinese invitation came to Bowman Gray surgeon Timothy Pennell through Bill Swan, Bowman Gray's medical consultant for Asia. Swan runs a clinic in the tiny Portuguese colony of Macao on the Chinese coast.

Pennell is a long time activist for international health care and consultant to Christian hospitals overseas. He said he "handpicked" his Bowman Gray colleagues—two surgeons, a cancer specialist, radiologist and physiologist—for their expertise, commitment to Christian service and ability to make friends.

A "buddy" system paired Chinese and American specialists—surgeon to surgeon, radiologist to radiologist, and so on—for making rounds on wards together, discussing mutual problems and trading stories of memorable cases.

"The most significant thing was the personal relationships, one on one with each other," Pennell explained. "Now we know who they are, what their needs and capabilities are, and they know the same about us."

The Americans got to know doctors like Huang Jie-fu, 37, general surgeon. Huang grew up in a small village and decided to become a doctor after his father died from poor treatment of acute hepatitis.

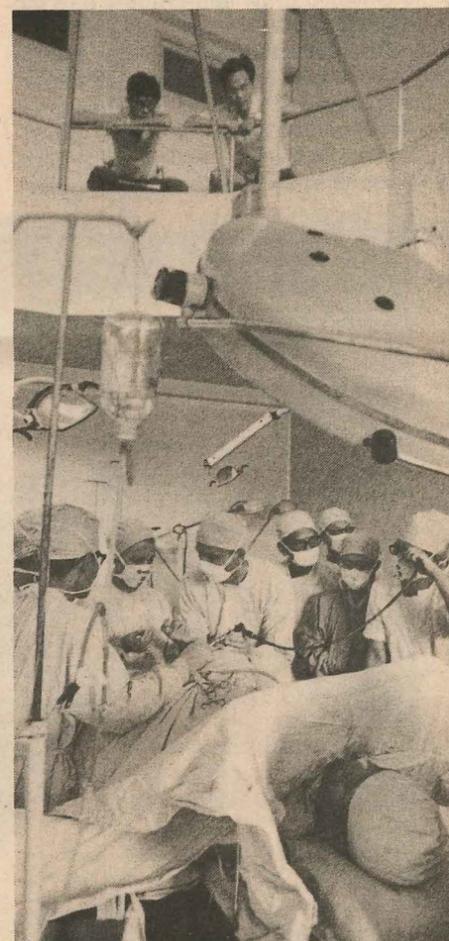
"Before he died he asked me to study medicine," Huang said. "As a doctor I feel I can save many people from the agony of death. So I will do my best to become a good surgeon."

During the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, a time of near chaos in China, Zhongshan Medical College closed for three years and many teachers and students were sent to work in the countryside. Huang went to a mine clinic in the mountains of southwest China where he found desperately poor peasants dying of maladies such as appendicitis and ulcers.

"I had no professor to consult. I was responsible alone," Huang related.



At top, American doctors swap surgery stories with Chinese surgeon David Fong [r] after watching Fong perform an open-heart operation. Above, Chinese physician Wu Xiu Jin applies acupuncture to a patient's neck. Zhongshan Medical College operates a research center for the study of acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine. The visitors, from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N. C., spent two weeks in China at the invitation of Zhongshan officials. At right, Orthopedic surgeon Gary Poehling [c, l] operates on a damaged knee as Chinese doctors and students watch. Carolyn Myers [c, l] one of the wives in the N. C. group and an operating room nurse, assisted Poehling during the operation.



"But I could do my best to serve the patients in hard-working conditions. A surgeon must have confidence and make decisions quickly. Perhaps in this respect I am now superior to some classmates in the school." He eagerly awaits the chance for advanced study in the United States.

Though the Americans saw equipment in use that one surgeon said appeared to have come "off Noah's Ark," they unanimously praised both the Chinese doctors' medical skills and their openness about shortcomings. "They desperately need Western technology and they're aware of it," observed cancer specialist Cooper. "But was surprised at how open they were to show us their facilities and all we wanted to see."

Cooper hopes to exchange information regularly with researchers at Zhongshan's cancer institute, particularly about a type of nasal cancer very common in and around Guangzhou. He

also offered his home to any Chinese doctor visiting Bowman Gray.

That kind of exchange is what the Chinese are looking for as they pursue the much-publicized "Four Moderations"—advance in science and technology, industry, agriculture and defense. China welcomes foreigners who can help speed progress in any of those areas.

"I never lectured for three hours straight before," exclaimed physiologist Phillip Hutchins. "I wanted to stop for a break but they kept asking questions. They're thirsty for knowledge, very thirsty."

After another overflow lecture Chinese specialists eagerly surrounded Pennell, showering him with questions about study opportunities at Bowman Gray.

The Bowman Gray group wants to play a role, however modest, in China's unfolding future by establishing an on-going relationship with colleagues at

Zhongshan. The next step will likely be an exchange of medical studies and treatment plans, followed by a possible second trip to China next year. Then, both sides hope one or more Chinese physicians will be able to study at Winston-Salem.

Through it all, Cooper said, the North Carolina doctors feel "an opportunity to be ambassadors for Christ" through friendship and service.

Several of the Chinese guides and doctors said they noticed "something different" about the Bowman Gray team that set it apart from other visiting groups. As they said farewell at one airport, a female guide brushed away tears.

Pennell summarized the group's hopes: "If our institution can make a contribution, then well and good. If we all can find some means of developing a peaceful coexistence with a quarter of the world's population, then that's worth keeping in mind, too."