

## FOR THE RECORD

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Effective evangelism in churches requires planning relevant events and involving as many people as possible in them, speakers said at a mass evangelism conference held in Mount Washington last week. *See page 3.*

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Many of the college students serving as summer missionaries in Kentucky this year are featured in a series of articles on pages 1, 6, 7, 8 & 9.

## Kentucky Baptist volunteers respond to flooding

QUINCY, Ill.—Kentucky Baptists are on the scene in the flood-stricken Midwest, offering hot meals to flood victims and waiting for the water to recede so cleanup can begin.

Thirty-five Kentucky Baptist volunteers were on hand at First Baptist Church of Quincy, Ill., over the July 24-25 weekend, said John Lott, associate in the Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood office. Another 18 Kentuckians were scheduled to arrive there July 27. Others will follow.

The Kentuckians were serving from 1,000 to 1,500 meals per day, based at a location 10 blocks from the levee, Lott said. Cleanup work could not begin in the Quincy area since the Mississippi River was still rising.

On-site coordinator C.A. Easterling said the Kentucky crews anticipate preparing 15,000 meals a day for the Red Cross to deliver in a three-county area. The group also brought chainsaws, pumps, waders and other cleanup supplies for what will be a

massive "mud-out" once water begins receding.

"We hear the water is not going down," he said. "We'll put our boots on and go out there to serve meals if we have to."

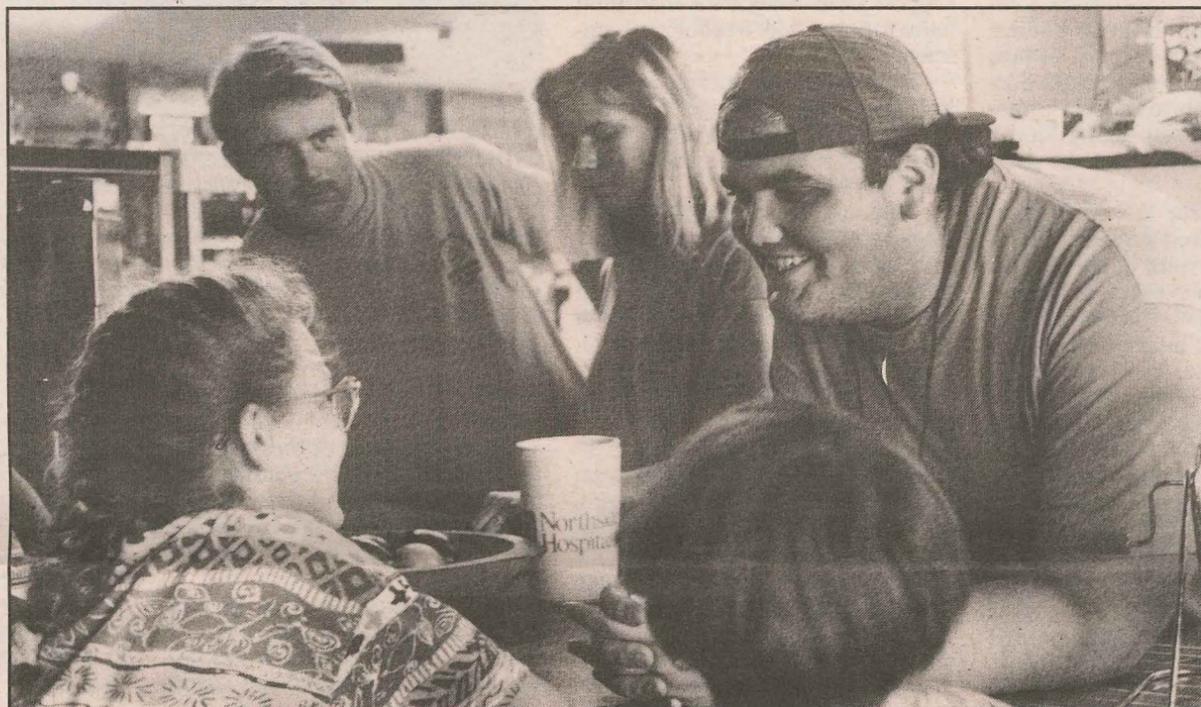
Lott said Kentucky volunteers likely will be working along the flooded Mississippi for another three weeks to two months.

"This kind of disaster response starts out slowly and builds as people are able to go back to their homes af-

ter the water goes down," explained Douglas Beggs, vice president of program services for the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission. "This will get worse—much worse—before it gets better."

Kentucky Baptists were among five state conventions sending disaster relief units into the flood zone last week.

Missouri Baptists' disaster relief units already had served more than 100,000 people. *See Kentucky Baptist ..., page 3*



**RANGER RICK** Summer missionary Rick Hidalgo (right) talks with campers and staff at Jellystone campground's ranger station in Cave City. Hidalgo said he spends up to 10 hours a day at the station building relationships, helping with camp operations and encouraging campers to attend weekly worship services he leads at the pavilion.

## He checked 'anywhere' and ended up here

By Melanie Childers  
Staff Writer

CAVE CITY—Rick Hidalgo discovered what can happen when student missionaries mark the "anywhere" box as their location preference for summer mission work.

It means an "inner city guy" from Orange Park, Fla., could be sent to minister in one of Kentucky's remote but popular resort areas, Mammoth Cave National Park, he said.

"I thought I would probably be sent to the Southwest, or to do inner city work," Hidalgo said, admitting he had experienced some culture shock in Kentucky.

Serving through Liberty Baptist Association, Hidalgo lives and works at Jellystone Campground in Cave City.

In addition to planning and leading worship services for the campground each Sunday, he volunteers as a staff member at the camp's ranger station during the week.

Hidalgo also helps churches in Liberty Association as they conduct vacation Bible schools during the summer.

Having served on a music performance mission team of 22 in Charleston, S.C., last summer, Hidalgo agreed he had to make some adjustments for this year.

"Cave City is not as exciting as

Charleston," he said. "But it has its own brand of adventure."

Liberty Association had requested two summer missionaries, but the student chosen as Hidalgo's partner was unable to serve. So part of the adventure for Hidalgo has been finding creative ways to lead the worship services by himself.

"I'm not a preacher, I'm a musician," he explained. "So I don't just get up there and preach."

Hidalgo said he uses music to draw the campers to the pavilion on Sunday mornings and to lead them in praise and worship.

Also, rather than preaching a traditional sermon, he said he prefers to speak in ways that actively involve the audience.

Beyond Sunday services, Hidalgo said he ministers mostly by building relationships with the 20 staff members and 150 or more families camping at Jellystone each week.

"I believe in making opportunities," he said. He has cleaned parrot cages, been a lifeguard at the pool,

operated the ranger station and picked up trash.

"Ministry with the staff has been one of the most positive aspects of the summer," he added.

Helping churches with vacation Bible school also has called for versatility, Hidalgo said. At one church, he was director of the youth department; another week, he helped provide recreation; and he directed the entire event at a church that does not currently have a pastor.

Hidalgo, a church music student at Florida Baptist Theological College in Graceville, Fla., said his experience with resort missions has changed his

understanding of ministry. "I think I had a pretty good concept of ministry as a church-related thing," he said. "Now I see it in a much broader perspective."

"This is the first in a package of stories written and photographed by Staff Writer Melanie Childers. See additional stories on pages 6, 7, 8 and 9.

**"You did what on your summer vacation?"**

**The amazing, real-life stories of student summer missionaries**

## Opposition voiced over Russian law

By Marty Croll  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

MOSCOW (BP)—A Russian Orthodox ploy to backpeddle from bold advances in religious freedom has brought forth a resounding shout of opposition from human rights groups on both sides of the Atlantic.

A measure awaiting President Boris Yeltsin's approval would give the government new authority to say what religions can legally operate on Russian soil. It also would ban foreigners from mission work in Russia without special accreditation, unless they are attached to a registered religion.

Passed by Parliament July 14, the measure is a backlash against the proliferation of groups from the West sharing a wide range of beliefs in Russia. It amends the 1990 law on religious freedom that swept away seven decades of repression under communists.

The organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Russia—now numbering about 20—recently received "legal person" status from the Russian government, clearing the way to buy and sell property, hire people and bring supplies into the country.

Exactly how the new law would impact Southern Baptist work in Russia—and the new partnership between Kentucky Baptists and Russian Baptists—is not known.

Yeltsin must sign the measure by July 29 for it to become law. As the Western Recorder went to press July 26, no action had been reported from Yeltsin.

Knowing Western reaction could sway him, Russian supporters of the measure had urged Yeltsin to return home from vacation and sign the bill before international reaction hit.

Many in Moscow believe the only hope to keep Yeltsin from signing the bill is for President Bill Clinton or former President Jimmy Carter to intervene by contacting Yeltsin, said Norman Lytle, chairman of the organization. *See Baptists & others ..., page 2*

# BAPTISTS

## Baptists & others oppose Russian law's passage

**"There's nothing the Russian government could do to more clearly undercut support from Americans than limit human rights and freedom of conscience."**

*Richard Land, executive director of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission*

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tion of Southern Baptist representatives in Russia.

"The greater majority ... feel (that with) the pressure of the Orthodox leadership and Yeltsin's need of their support ... that he will probably be inclined to sign," Lytle explained.

Clinton referred the matter to his National Security Council July 19, according to a White House source. Carter was in Canada and unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, Baptists and other religious-liberty advocates have spoken out harshly against the proposed law.

The Baptist World Alliance, a coalition of world Baptist bodies, launched an offensive against the law, including a letter from General Secretary Denton Lotz to Russian Orthodox Patriarch Alexei asking him to reconsider his support for the measure.

"In the long run this amendment will be counterproductive because it goes against the spirit of the Gospels and against human desire of all people to have religious freedom without indoctrination or hindrance from the state," Lotz wrote. "Can we really return to the 19th century state church mentality where only one church controls the religious life of the people?"

The law finds strong backing from Patriarch Alexei and from hardliners left over from communist days. It was introduced under the leadership of Vyacheslav Polosin, an Orthodox priest and chairman of Parliament's Committee on Freedom of Conscience.

Some Baptists in Russia say the

Orthodox Church restricted religious freedom even more oppressively than the communist regime that succeeded it in 1917. Since the fall of communism, evangelicals have feared the return of Orthodox domination in politics.

"I'm not surprised at the attempt by the Orthodox Church to do this," said Richard Land, executive director of Southern Baptists' Christian Life Commission. "But I'm a little surprised at the timing, while Russia is trying to get Western aid. There's nothing the Russian government could do to more clearly undercut support from Americans than limit human rights and freedom of conscience."

In a July 19 letter to Yeltsin, Land strongly protested passage of the law. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board released a similar statement July 20.

"This law is a flagrant violation against norms of international law," said James Wood Jr., president of the International Academy for Freedom of Religion and Belief, and director of church-state studies for Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

In March, Wood and the Russian parliamentary committee that later authored the law co-sponsored an international conference in Moscow on religious freedom. Without dissent, conferees adopted a statement urging efforts to bring national laws in line with international norms and agreeing all religions should work to foster religious liberty on the basis of mutual equality, he said.

"The July 14 action taken by the



**ORTHODOX INFLUENCE** Despite religious freedoms currently allowed in Russia, Baptist churches there must live within restrictions imposed by government regulations on buildings. These rules sometimes force them to build larger, more elaborate buildings than they can afford and prevent them from having things the way they want. This new building, which members of Krasnoyarsk Baptist Church in Siberia hope to dedicate this fall, illustrates the problem. Architects would only permit the baptistry to be installed in the basement, not in the worship hall. (Photo by Stanley Crabb, European Baptist Press Service)

Russian Parliament came as a great surprise," Wood said. "The law is substantially more oppressive than the draft that was under consideration in March or anything we could have anticipated in light of our conference. I'm trying to determine how this thing happened."

Wood will ask the U.S. government to review its decision to send money to Russia in light of this law, which, he says, discriminates against

Americans.

Also opposing the law is the U.S. delegation of the Helsinki Commission, a joint committee of representatives from the U.S. Congress and the executive branch that monitors implementation of the Helsinki accords. Among other things, the Helsinki accords guarantee the exchange of beliefs across international boundaries. Russians have supported such efforts since 1976.

### BAPTIST BITS

■ **Policy on gays opposed.** The announcement July 19 of President Clinton's compromise policy on homosexuals serving in the military has drawn criticism from the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission. The policy makes conduct, not sexual orientation, the basis for judgment on who is fit to serve in the U.S. military.

"We felt the best policy was the one that was in place prior to Jan. 29," said Richard Land, CLC executive director, referring to the date Clinton first moved to lift a ban on homosexuals serving in the military. "We feel the changes proposed by President Clinton weaken that policy and, while they are not as disastrous as his original proposals, we still oppose his policy as counterproductive and detrimental."

■ **NRA protest called.** The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America is organizing a vigil at the National Rifle Association building in Washington Aug. 27 to protest the epidemic of gun violence in urban areas.

"We are planning this public demonstration to highlight the powerful lobbying role played by the NRA in opposing even the most modest gun-control legislation," said Ken Sehested, executive director of the Peace Fellowship. "Our concern is not simply with the NRA

but with the larger issue of violence. But the NRA is the most visible, and most powerful, force opposing gun-control legislation."

■ **CP down.** Receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget dropped 18 percent in June over receipts for the same month last year. June gifts this year totalled \$10.43 million, compared to \$12.79 million last June.

■ **Miami says thanks.** The Miami Baptist Association has sent an open letter to say thank you to Southern Baptists who have helped restore their community in the wake of Hurricane Andrew. "God's people have made all this possible by their donations of funds, materials and—perhaps most of all—by the back-breaking work they have done as volunteers," said Doyle Wetherington, associational director of missions.

■ **Missionaries survive attacks.** Four armed men beat and robbed Southern Baptist missionaries Ed and Linda Ables at their home in Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 15. The couple suffered lacerations and bruises and lost at least \$500 in the robbery. But they easily could have been killed, Mrs. Ables said afterward.

"In the midst of everything, we really

saw how the Lord was protecting us," said the missionary.

The robbers were scared away when the couple's 17-year-old son heard the commotion from a separate building behind the house and broke a window trying to get inside to rescue them.

Meanwhile, two other missionaries were assaulted during an attempted car robbery in Lilongwe, Malawi, July 4.

Missionary Lloyd Farmer was shot in the right calf, and missionary Walter Ford received less-serious injuries.

■ **Gang ministry manual available.** A manual on ministries to gang members is now available to churches and associations from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. The manual includes information on deciphering gang graffiti and hand signals, warning signs of gang involvement and models for ministering to gang members. The manual is available for \$19.95 from the HMB's customer service center by calling (800) 634-2462.

■ **Witnessing women ready.** Women in 32 state Baptist conventions and Canada have formed a network of coordinators to teach a new seminar called "Lifestyle Witnessing for Women." The three- to six-hour seminar was written by Esther Burroughs of the Southern Baptist Home

Mission Board staff. Coordinator in Kentucky is Mary Lou Crutcher, consultant in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's evangelism office.

■ **Relief goes on.** Southern Baptist volunteers continue to minister to the people of Somalia, both inside and outside the capital of Mogadishu. Southern Baptists are working with other agencies to help Somalis in three countries in the Horn of Africa, reports the Foreign Mission Board. Two volunteers continue aid programs inside Mogadishu. However, feeding and medical clinic programs staffed and funded by Southern Baptists in Mogadishu now operate at about 10 percent of the level they reached before the June 5 attack on United Nations soldiers.

■ **Reading club slated.** As summer reading clubs wind down across the country, "Buffy Bookworm" will be ready to step in and take their places. The Buffy Bookworm Reading Club for girls in elementary school will be introduced to members of Girls in Action this fall. Members of the reading club who complete their suggested number of books will receive a certificate from Woman's Missionary Union. Information about the reading program will be provided in Girls in Action publications produced by WMU.

## For best evangelism, plan ahead & involve people

By Mark Wingfield  
News Director

MOUNT WASHINGTON—Effective evangelism in churches requires careful planning of relevant events and involving as many members as possible in them, speakers said during a mass evangelism conference at First Baptist Church of Mount Washington July 23-24.

The event was co-sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to train pastors and other church leaders.

While special events are important in a total evangelism program, there is no substitute for the "day by day" witnessing of laypeople who are equipped to share their faith in the marketplace, said Richard Harris, HMB director of mass evangelism.

In a message titled "Let's Go Fishing," Harris said the "key to fishing is to keep the hook in the water."

"A lot of churches aren't reaching people today because they're not keeping hooks in the water," he said, noting it takes a combination of personal evangelism and mass evangelism events for a church to do its best in outreach.

Revival meetings still can be a rel-

evant means of evangelism in churches, Harris asserted.

"I've been preaching 22 years, and the best revivals I've had have been in the last three years," he said. "Boring, non-interesting, dull meetings are what don't work today."

Planning and the involvement of many members are two often-overlooked keys to success, he advised.

"You get what you plan for," Harris warned. However, the best planning is not done by the pastor or staff alone, he added.

"Pastors have gotten so accustomed to doing revivals ... that the laypeople never get ownership," he said. But the fewer people involved in the event, the smaller the crowd.

In revivals and other church events, for every person given some role to play, another four or five people will be added in attendance, Harris said. "Give a lot of people a few things to do, not a few people a lot to do."

Another way to involve people in the ongoing evangelism work of the church is by using trained counselors in every worship service, said Bill Jagers, director of the KBC's evangelism office.

Jagers said training laypeople to help with decision counseling allows

the pastor to handle more than one person coming forward during an invitation and keeps people from holding back because the pastor appears too busy to help them.

An added benefit is that laypeople trained as worship counselors are "much more likely to share their faith with others in the marketplace" once they are comfortable talking to people at church, Jagers said.

To make sure these counselors have someone to counsel, churches must be skillful "fishers of men," Harris said. "You've gotta find the fish. They're not coming to your doors."

He cited the telephone, direct mail and door-to-door surveys as effective ways to bringing people into the church. Also, relationships built with Christians, offering Christian ministry, the use of special events and appealing to special interests are important, he added.

Evangelistic preaching must be done with courage and conviction, said Claude Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church in Euleuss, Texas. Without courage and conviction, the message has no vitality, he said.

Relevant preaching "comes out of Scripture and relates to what is going on in our time," he said.

"People are on the edge of desper-

ation and despair and are asking significant questions. Evangelistic preaching says we have an answer."

Further, evangelistic preaching must not just explain what's going on but also must give hope in the midst of that explanation, Thomas said. "People need more than an explanation; they need a solution."

Music also can be a powerful tool for evangelism if understood correctly, said Tom McEachin, HMB associate director of mass evangelism.

"Music has got to have a focus," he advised. "The priority ought to be on communicating the gospel."

This can be done with traditional music or contemporary music, McEachin said. However, the music must match the setting and what will attract people in the target group to the gospel.

Finally, pastors must be willing to close the deal, Harris said. "Preaching is not enough if not put with a good evangelistic invitation."

Jerry Passmore, evangelism director for the Florida Baptist Convention, offered a list of 25 tips for evangelistic invitations.

It is important to realize that extending an invitation is "more than just something to do," he said. "The destiny of souls hangs in the balance."

**FOOD SERVICE** Mike Klein (left), a Baptist volunteer from Henderson, prepares food in Quincy, Ill., where the Kentucky Baptist Convention's disaster relief unit is ministering to flood victims. (Photo by Bill Webb)

## Kentucky Baptist volunteers offer help to flood victims

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60,000 meals since the emergency began, while the Illinois unit had reached a rate of 10,000 meals per day.

Bob Nowlin, church and community ministries director for St. Louis Baptist Association, said volunteers at Edmundson Road Baptist Church are preparing all the food for Red Cross vans to deliver over a 50-mile radius in the St. Louis metro area.

Jim Furgerson, disaster relief coordinator for the Brotherhood Commission, said this disaster is different from Hurricane Andrew, which clobbered southern Florida last year.

"The floods have 25,000 families displaced, and they are displaced over 1,000 miles," he said. "Andrew displaced 100,000 families over 30 miles. This is a major, widespread disaster."

North Carolina Baptists are working at Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Mo. Most of the business district and residential areas of the northern Missouri town are not damaged by floodwaters, but the rural areas and small surrounding towns are inundated.

Water levels rose to 32 feet in Hannibal—two feet above the height predicted for a 500-year flood. The

town's bridge link across the Mississippi River into Illinois has been out almost a month.

A Tennessee team was dispatched to First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau, Mo., where the Mississippi has risen 12-15 feet over flood stage in some areas. Red Cross emergency response vehicles are delivering hot meals along a 100-mile stretch from Chester, Ill., to Cairo, Ill.

At least 14 Missouri Baptist church buildings have been damaged by the worst flooding ever recorded in the state.

Compiled from Baptist Press reports and staff reporting



### Here's how to help flood victims

■ **Volunteer.** Volunteers are needed in a number of areas, both on the trained work crews of disaster relief units and on the volunteer clean-up crews being organized by various churches and associations.

Volunteers should be prepared to sleep on a church floor and bring sleeping bags and air mattresses. Items needed for clean-up work include disinfectant, bleach, detergent, mops and extra mopheads, brooms, heavy-duty squeegees, square-nosed shovels, rubber boots and heavy-duty rubber gloves. Also needed are chainsaws, sump pumps, heavy-duty hoses, high-pressure nozzles, hammers, saws, sheetrock, lumber and nails.

Relief work organizers emphasize the importance of calling ahead to see where the needs are greatest before traveling to a location to help.

■ Trained disaster relief volunteers should contact the Kentucky Brotherhood office at (502) 245-4101 for possible assignment. Untrained volunteers should contact one of the following sites directly.

■ In Davenport, Iowa, volunteers are needed at Central Park Baptist Church, 3400 West Central Park. Call Bobby Blackman at (319) 386-1895.

■ In Des Moines, Iowa, volunteers are needed at Ashworth Road Baptist Church, 5300 Prairie Drive. Contact Steve Melvin at (515) 278-1566.

■ **Give money.** Donations may be sent through several channels to help Baptist work in feeding, clean-up and emergency assistance. Officials stress it is much better to send money than to send goods.

■ Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood office. Gifts to the KBC will be used to pay for water pumps and radios used by the Kentucky disaster relief teams, as well as for other supplies and equipment they use. Send to KBC Brotherhood, Box 43433, Louisville, Ky. 40253-0433.

■ SBC Brotherhood Commission. Gifts will help purchase purifying units and support initial relief efforts. Send to Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

■ SBC Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30367-5601.

■ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The Fellowship is working to support the relief efforts of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Donations will be used in part to assist flooded families with financial needs and to offer counseling ministries for flood victims. Send donations to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Box 450329, Atlanta, Ga. 30345.

### Helping hands needed

■ **Volunteers** to teach standard first aid and CPR classes to older teens who are part of the Independent Living Skills training program are needed by Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children in Louisville. Call Scott Shouse at (502) 585-1452.

■ **Personal items** are needed to help female students living in dormitories at Cumberland College. Needs include single sheets and blankets, towels, wash cloths, pillows, toiletries and laundry supplies. Contact Linda Carter at (606) 549-2200, ext. 4230.

■ **School supplies** are needed to be given to needy children through Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville. Requested supplies include crayons, safety scissors, glue, fat pencils, folders, first grade tablets, second grade tablets, third grade tablets, rulers, ink pens and pencils. The give-away is scheduled for early August, so supplies must be received as soon as possible. Contact Micki Davis Robison at (502) 774-2734.

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## Remember summer

For some reason, most of my childhood memories that aren't clustered around Christmas are related to summer. I enjoy each season of the year, but summer is my favorite.

I remember selling Kool-Aid in the front yard and playing in the plastic swimming pool in the back yard. I recall Mom cooking breakfast to eat on the back porch in the clean summer sun and Dad coaching my Little League base-

ball team in the hot afternoon sun.

There was the family vacation where—as a small boy—I was so impressed with the motel room that I came home, cleaned up my room, and to my parents' horror (humor?) put a sign in the front yard that said, "Motel room for rent." Fortunately, the small, childlike handwriting was difficult to see from the road.

I can still smell the ribs on the grill and rolls in the oven at Grandma and Pop's house. One summer we went to

Six Flags, and I swore that's where I would take my wife on our honeymoon. Sorry, Cheryl!

Surely you have equally "impressive" memories. My question is, how will you remember this summer? Will the way you spend the hot days through September make any difference in your life, the life of your family or church? For your sake, for your family's sake, for your church's sake, for God's sake, make this a summer to remember.

Mark Waters, pastor  
Ballardsville Baptist Church  
Crestwood

## MINISTERIALLY SPEAKING

## Call to community

It is wonderful the way our country's people become community when natural disasters strike. Last summer it was Hurricane Andrew; this year it is flooding in the Midwest.

Rain falls on and disasters strike the just and the unjust.

Sadly, once we have weathered the storms, we forget what compassionate community accomplished. The cooperative spirit that moved people to help and comfort last year's hurricane victims is alive again in those who minister to the needs of today's Mississippi Valley flood victims.

Natural disasters always move us to act compassionately. If a national caring spirit prevailed year-round, we could achieve a fair health care plan and eliminate the effects of poverty, hunger and homelessness.

God calls us to community and continues to remind us that the Creator still controls the universe.

Paul Whiteley Sr.  
Louisville

## Recorder fails

My heart goes out to the gentleman who requested his subscription be dropped because he could no longer deal with the pain and frustration caused by the way the Western Re-

corded treats gay and lesbian issues.

It is hurtful to Kentucky Baptists who are gay and lesbian, as well as our friends and families, to be subjected to letters and articles which talk about us but not to us. This unwillingness to dialogue is a failure on the part

of all Kentucky Baptists and the Western Recorder. The Recorder could facilitate such a dialogue through a series of articles, interviews and guest editorials.

There are people in this state lined up on both sides of this issue. There are pastors who preach against gays, but there also are pastors who affirm us. There are church and associations who condemn gays and lesbians, but there also are those which support us in our struggle for equality. There are Kentucky Baptists who are homophobic, but there also are many of us who are gay or lesbian.

We are tired of being ignored while people who know nothing about us are allowed to rant and rave. This silence on the part of the Western Recorder does nothing to shed the light and love of Christ in a world where gay-bashing is on the rise.

The time has come for Christians to sit down together and listen to each other. Western Recorder, will you help us?

Eddie Mitchell  
Louisville

## BAPTIST FORUM

## On a journey toward hope

Nearly always our sharpest religious differences and disputations are about questions that no one can answer with perfect finality. Such less-than-perfectly-clear issues should not be made tests of fellowship or determine eligibility for denominational service. Some doors have to be left open (at least ajar) to await further light. We should not close and lock doors on final "truth" until and unless we know for certain it is truth. We preachers must not allow the public's clamor for religious leaders who know all the answers to push us into presumed omniscience that none of us have.

Some biblical teachings seem perfectly clear. Others seem to leave room for honest, God-fearing Christians to differ. There is doctrine and there is doctrinal opinion. When there is a clearly stated, or very clearly implied "thou shalt" or "thou shalt not," then I consider it doctrine. When a

conclusion has to be reached through inference or is otherwise less than perfectly clear (various Scriptures not quite clearly agreeing, moral answer not fully obvious, figures of speech, parables, etc.), I come out with what I call doctrinal opinion.

My position on a doctrinal opinion should be more humbly held and more gently passed on to others than clearly stated doctrine, or very clearly implied doctrine.

In other years, we Southern Baptists allowed each other wider tolerance

of doctrinal opinions than we do nowadays. Doctrines have always mattered, but doctrinal opinions formerly had little effect on our sense of unity and little to do with our selection of elected or appointed leaders in our programs and institutional life.

Crossing Europe in World War II as the only Christian minister serving a battalion of 800 men, I learned (rather confirmed) something my heart

## What choice?

I am utterly amazed at the large percentage of people that approve the Roe vs. Wade decision by the Supreme Court, that allows a woman to have an abortion.

Many people that are for abortion use slick phrases like "pro-choice" or "the right to eliminate an unwanted pregnancy" or "a woman has the right to use her reproductive organs as she sees fit." They never get around to explain what these phrases mean. They mean that a woman can have the choice of whether they want to have their unborn child killed or not.

There are laypeople and politicians who make the ridiculous statement that life does not begin at conception. How can any activity not begin at the start?

Our nation is founded on the belief in God. According to the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments were handed down to Moses on Mount Sinai. The sixth commandment states, "Thou shall not kill."

What bothers me most is that many clergy and religious people use the same line as stated above. I often wonder what choice these people would make if when their mother was carrying them, they had the opportunity to choose whether their mother should have an abortion or not.

Louis G. Bossmeyer  
Louisville

## ON MISSION TOGETHER



Franklin Owen

had always felt; namely, that believing Christians, if they wanted to, could worship, sing and pray and serve Christ together despite some differing doctrinal opinions. Surely we don't all have to dot all the same "I's" and cross all the same "T's" to stay in the same Christian fellowship, honoring and using each other's wisdom and talents toward continued Christian achievements in our collective efforts.

If there is to be any hope for reunification of our great, but now fractured, Southern Baptist Convention, both parties must become willing to work with broader parameters (both ways). We are heirs to a great tradition. We've built great institutions and a huge worldwide mission program. We owe a loyalty to such history, if possible. In striving to live that loyalty, one could choose to apply our most cherished traditions and beliefs as narrowly as our heritage seems to allow, or as broadly as our previously held principles seem to permit. I, for one, choose the latter.

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## FAMILY FORUM: CHILDREN

### Child care rights

By Jewell Nelson

**Q.** I need to put my child in day care, and I'm scared. What rights do I have to check out just what kind of place it is. It may look good up front, but how do I know it's a good day care?

**A.** Following is the state of Kentucky's "Child Care Bill of Rights" (adopted March 1992, Senate Bill 211).

Read it and realize that you and your child have specific rights to be expected from a Kentucky weekday program:

1. The right to be free from physical or mental abuse.

2. The right not to be subjected to abusive language or abusive punishment.

3. The right to be in the care of adults who shall meet the children's health, safety and developmental needs.

4. Parents, custodians or guardians of children shall have the following rights:

a. The right to have access to their children at all times the child is in care and access to the provider caring for their children during normal hours of provider operation and whenever the children are in the care of the provider.

b. The right to be provided with information about child care regulatory standards, if applicable; where to direct questions about regulatory standards; and how to file a complaint.

c. The right to file a complaint against a child care provider without any retribution against the parent, custodian, guardian or child.

d. The right to review and discuss with the provider any state reports and deficiencies revealed by such reports.

Before you place your child in a weekday program, get references from other parents.

Select parents who have expectations much like your own.

Jewell Nelson is associate director of the KBC's Sunday school department.

Send your questions about children, teens, marriage, singles or aging to "Family Forum," Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, Ky. 40253.

## New lottery audit shouldn't be all that surprising

7-21-93 turned out to be an unlucky set of numbers for the Kentucky Lottery Corp.

It represents the month-date-year that state Auditor Ben Chandler released a report documenting sleazy spending, messy management and questionable contracting over at the Bluegrass numbers game. The news spread across the state faster than you can say "scratch and win."

If you were surprised by Chandler's audit, you probably still believe you have an excellent chance of winning \$110 million on a \$2 "investment."

Here's what news reports of the audit revealed:

- The lottery allows retailers to hold onto sales receipts for extended periods of time—effectively robbing the state of the use of the money and \$20 million in interest last year alone. Those retailers currently owe the lottery more than \$37 million.

- Partly because of that poor practice, the lottery had to borrow \$10 million at commercial rates to hit its target of transferring \$100 million to the state.

- Lottery executives were paid a total of \$500,000 in bonuses the same day the \$10 million was borrowed.

- The lottery currently returns only 21 percent of receipts to the state—far below the 35 percent mark set when the lottery was created in 1988.

- BABN Technologies of Canada was paid \$1.3 million to supply lottery tickets without ever submitting a bid for the deal.

- The lottery maintains a fleet of 74 vehicles and gives 17 other employees automobile allowances of \$500 per month without enforcing documentation requirements.

- Lottery President Brian Potter racked up more than \$12,000 in expenses on his lottery credit card in just seven months and provided very

little documentation.

- Interlott and American Wood Products, companies closely affiliated with former state Finance Secretary Rogers Wells, hold lottery contracts totalling almost \$5 million.

- GTECH Corp. of Rhode Island, a vendor that has received more than \$26 million from the lottery, provided goods and services for the lottery for two years without a contract. Its current relationship with the lottery is so convoluted that Chandler's audit requested the company be the subject of a separate audit.

We really shouldn't be surprised. Lottery is built on the something-for-next-to-nothing premise. And if individuals, companies and state governments didn't think they could get rich off other people's greed, we wouldn't have a single outlet in this state. What's worse, we got a lottery because thousands of people who never will buy a ticket decided they'd vote for lottery and let other folks pay their "taxes" for them.

According to reports, 3,560 lottery outlets took in a total of \$486.5 million in fiscal year 1993. That's more than enough cash, spread over a huge area, to provide ample opportunity for profiteering, if not outright graft.

Shortly after the audit was released, lottery officials were barraged with a cry for their ouster, and within two days they were headed for the door and the governor was talking about successors. That's a start, but we need to think more broadly. Let's junk the lottery altogether. It's built on a premise of greed and will breed sleaze and corruption. And it hasn't begun to do what its promoters promised—solve state budget woes.

Lawmakers who think they can "clean up" the lottery with a new board probably think they can pick tonight's winning numbers.

Marv Knox

**Lottery, an idea conceived in greed, can only be expected to produce corruption.**

## First and foremost, continue in prayer for world peace

"There is nothing we can do now—but pray."

Have you ever said that? When we have tried everything else, without success, then we reluctantly resign ourselves to pray about it. Why is prayer considered the least thing we can do instead of the greatest? Why is turning to God our last resort instead of our first?

War is one of those problems that seems "too big" for Christians to do anything to solve. Some people may feel that warfare is "too big" even for God. But the Bible teaches that, with God, nothing is impossible. Southern Baptists have set aside this Sunday, Aug. 1, as the Day of Prayer for World Peace to remind us of the tremendous power of God which can

only be appropriated by prayer. And it makes a difference if we pray believing that God hears us and that he will answer our prayers when we pray according to his will (1 John 5:14-15). He has called us to be peacemakers.

If we pray, believing that God will use us in peacemaking, he will.

James 4:1 asks

and answers: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? ... (From) your lusts that war in your members?" Humanity's sinful, selfish nature has made the loving, holy God its enemy. The result in the family of nations is war.

God's plan makes it possible for every enemy to be reconciled to God. "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ. ... For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:1,10).

Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Peace is something Jesus the Peacemaker and the Peacegiver imparts. No one can achieve it merely by striving for it. It is a free gift that you receive when you invite the Giver to come into your life as personal Savior and Lord. Peace is more than the absence of conflict; it is a positive spiritual value, experienced by the believer even in the midst of great conflict.

What is the greatest thing Chris-

tians can do for world peace? Pray. Pray to receive the Prince of Peace yourself. Pray for family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers, that you would have boldness and opportunity to share the Giver of peace with them.

Pray and work to model the peacemaking life of the Prince of Peace every day before a watching world. Pray for world leaders and for suffering people in war-torn nations. And pray for more "laborers" to join our home and foreign missionaries in the "fields white unto harvest" here and abroad, working on Bold Mission Thrust to present the gospel to every person by the year 2000.

Richard Land, executive director  
Michael Whitehead, general counsel  
SBC Christian Life Commission  
Nashville & Washington

**"Pray and work to model the peacemaking life of the Prince of Peace every day before a watching world."**

### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Forget the emperor's new clothes; what about Daddy's naked lip?

How many times have I prayed that my children will grow up "healthy, happy, honest and wise"? Thousands, at least.

But now I'm thinking about dropping the "honest" part.

That's because kids can be too honest sometimes. Brutally honest. In a situation where an adult usually would at least add a layer of niceness to a comment, a child will deliver the unvarnished truth.

You remember the story of the emperor's new clothes. All the adults, accommodating and eager to please, went along with the fraudulent tailors' nasty ploy to dress the king in thin air.

"Splendid garments, your majesty," they flattered. "The finest wardrobe in the world."

Only a small child had the courage and honesty to tell the muddled monarch he was walking around in his altogether.

I think I know how he felt at that moment.

Just awhile back, on the first day of a week of vacation, I decided to alter my looks. Maybe I could've gotten a permanent, but that seemed hair-brained. Or perhaps I could've traded my glasses for contact lenses, but I couldn't envision it. No, I decided to try something slick, simple and cheap. I

shaved off my moustache.

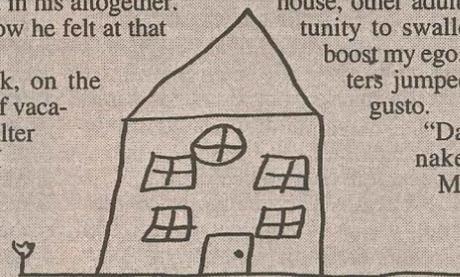
Since I was too chicken to leave the house, other adults didn't get the opportunity to swallow their integrity and boost my ego. But my darling daughters jumped into their role. With gusto.

"Daddy, your face looks naked," Lindsay chirped.

Molly didn't say anything; she was laughing too hard.

(In the spirit of honesty, I should tell you my dear wife chimed in with her

children. "Honey, you look like you don't have a lip," she told me to my bald face.)



down home

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## Five students discover 'joy' of summer camping

BROWNSVILLE—Amanda Gruner said she never thought of herself as a Reba McEntire look-alike.

Yet several boys who met the red-headed summer missionary at Camp Joy were convinced Gruner looked just like the popular country music singer, and delighted in telling her so.

Gruner and her four teammates agreed that handling the "overwhelming" admiration of children who attend camp is a challenge they've each had to face this summer.

Gruner, from Fort Thomas, serves alongside Jeff McAdams, from Louisville, Jewell Habermehl, from Waynesburg, Carl Willoughby, from Alexandria and Michelyn Wilson, from Fordsville. These five summer missionaries serve as staff members

and camp counselors at Camp Joy in Brownsville.

The camp, supported by 11 Baptist associations in south central Kentucky, sponsors Girls in Action weeks for girls, Royal Ambassador weeks for boys, a youth week, a music week and a kids' camp during the summer.

"We've had some big admirers," Gruner admitted, adding that Willoughby and McAdams both received marriage proposals during one of the girls' camps. They graciously declined, of course.

But the missionaries said the children's admiration is easier to handle than the more serious underlying problem: their critical need for love.

"They're starved for attention," Willoughby said. "We're told to be careful putting our arms around them, but the hurt is so great you have to find ways to show the children they are loved.

Wilson said hearing some of the children's problems reminded her that she has had a "fairy tale life."

"I've learned how to be a listener," she said. "You kind of hurt with them."

At the beginning of the summer, before children began to consume their time, the missionaries made getting acquainted with each other a priority.

Together, they did maintenance work around the camp, began preparations for the summer's activities and shared team devotions.

"The five of us on the team are different in a lot of ways," McAdams said. "I like to wing it; Michelyn is detail-oriented."

"I learned that I can't leave my feelings out on my sleeve," Habermehl added.

While they admit to becoming frustrated occasionally and needing to learn more from one another, the team members agreed that they are encouraging and supportive of each other most of the time.

Every week at Camp Joy is different, the students said. Most often, their time is spent leading Bible studies, crafts, creative arts, recreation and



**SIGNING IN** Missionaries welcome Royal Ambassadors to another day at Camp Joy in Brownsville by signing the words to a song during morning worship. Amanda Gruner, Michelyn Wilson, Carl Willoughby, Jewell Habermehl and Jeff McAdams agreed they've grown to appreciate the rustic simplicity offered by the camp.

worship services—including music, testimonies and interpretive sketches.

Team members admitted they harbored varying degrees of uncertainty when they first arrived at their assigned location for the summer.

"I wasn't expecting to dip animals out of the pool" before cleaning it, said Gruner, who said her idea of summer camp was more like the Sunday School Board's well-polished Centrifuge camps.

Despite their first impressions, however, the summer missionaries agreed they've learned to appreciate Camp Joy.

"It's kind of like a sense of ownership," Wilson said. "I was hesitant at first, but Camp Joy has become my home for the summer.

"The kids make it come alive," she added, explaining that the children

don't even seem to notice how rustic the camp is: "It's amazing how kids just love it."

Willoughby said there is an advantage to the camp's rustic simplicity: "It's set up so the Holy Spirit can get in without a lot of pomp and circumstance. "A lot of times we get caught up in 'show,' but God doesn't need 'things' for ministry."

Although their time is limited with the children at camp, the missionaries said, they hope they are making a positive impact.

"I'd love to think I'm contributing to what these kids will become—to change their life in some way," Gruner said.

"We're only going to see them for a week, but we can offer Jesus, who will be with them forever," Willoughby added.

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## Missionaries help infants

LOUISVILLE—When Baptists work to feed and clothe the nation's poor, they should remember the ones wearing bibs, two summer missionaries say.

Through their summer missions appointment to Clifton Baptist Church and East Baptist Ministries in Louisville, Wendi Robishaw and Gretchen Dorff have provided both spiritual and physical nourishment to children.

In addition to backyard Bible clubs, vacation Bible school and Big A clubs, the two missionaries' chief assignment this summer has been assisting with the Infant Resource Project.

An inner city aid program of East Baptist Ministries, the Infant Resource Project provides clothing, cribs, bottles, formula, diapers and other items for infants in low-income families.

The students spend much of their time sorting clothes and filling requests that have been made. They also have visited in the homes of families who benefit from the service.

The Infant Resource Project assists about 90 families each month, said Bonnie Ginter, the center's director.

"One of the things about these missionaries is they are so motivated," Ginter said. "They get things

done as fast as I can find things for them to do. They've poured themselves into (their work)."

Summer missions is a first for both Robishaw and Dorff.

"I've wanted to do (summer missions) every summer," said Robishaw, a senior Cumberland College student from Akron, Ohio. "But I was afraid not to make money. This year, I decided just to trust God for the money."

Dorff, from Mount Vernon, Ill., is a junior English major at Western Kentucky University. She said she decided to apply for summer missions only one week before the applications were due.

"A BSU mission trip to Mexico inspired me," she said.

While the students said they enjoyed most of their work, low attendance at their first backyard Bible club was one of their most disappointing moments.

"We passed out fliers for three hours" in preparation for the club, Robishaw said.

The first day, no one came.

"It makes you realize that everything we do is not going to be 100 percent successful in our terms," Dorff said. "We've learned that sometimes, reaching one is enough."

By the end of the week, however, Robishaw and Dorff had found several children to attend the club. Some of them have started coming to the church since then, they reported.

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## Math major counts on youth

WILLIAMSTOWN—He may be a math major at Murray State University, but Scott Walters is counting on a career in youth ministry.

Working as a summer missionary at Williamstown Baptist Church in Williamstown was an opportunity for him to find out what youth ministry is all about, he said.

While Walters said he feels God has called him to full-time Christian ministry, he compared his mathematics education to the Apostle Paul's tent-making skills.

"I think it's wise to have a second trade," he said.

Walters said he never tires of being around teen-agers, although he admitted that "sometimes, you've got to be as wild as them to make it."

Unlike many summer missionaries, Walters has his own office at the church. He has lived with two church families during the summer, and regularly eats meals with other members, he said, explaining that the arrangement is a good way to get acquainted with the church.

Walters said he was given a great deal of freedom in planning most of the summer schedule for the youth.

In June, he took a group to Centrifuge in Jefferson City, Tenn.

"That helped get the ball rolling," he said.

Other events have included attending YouthFest, leading a backyard Bible club, participating in a "bike hike" and taking trips to an amusement park and to baseball games. And there have been plenty of local activities to keep the group busy, too, Walters explained.

In addition, Walters started a Wednesday night Bible study dealing with contemporary issues. On Sunday nights, he leads the youth in a study of the book of Philippians, he said.

Youth need to be reminded that "a relationship with God can be exciting" and that "they are not on a performance basis with God," he said. "God's love is unconditional."

Walters said he is not one who likes to settle for surface relationships: "I don't want kids to look at me and (just) say 'that's my youth minister.' I want to build (strong) relationships that last."

That's part of the reason some of Walters' free time also is spent with the teen-agers.

Still, the missionary admitted, working with youth takes patience.

"You have to focus on what youth can become," not necessarily on their behavior at any given time, he said. "You have to look at their potential."

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**BACK FOR MORE** Even after an all-night lock-in with neighborhood children, summer missionaries Sheadrick Cure and Michelle Johnson greet those who are back at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel the next morning, ready for more attention. "Giving hugs is one of my favorite things in the world," Johnson said.

## Inner city teaches lessons

LOUISVILLE—If summer missionaries could go to language school, Michelle Johnson would have taken a course in "inner city lingo."

Johnson's assignment to minister in Louisville's inner city was a "total culture shock" at first.

The Carson-Newman College student from Calhoun, Ga., said she "couldn't understand anything they said" when she first arrived at Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel at Liberty for the summer.

Now she knows that "don't sweat me" means leave me alone, "grill" is a word for mouth and "fat" means good, she said.

"I grew up in a country town—I had never been exposed to the inner city," she said.

But after a summer of building relationships with homeless and low-income people, she said, she not only learned some of the inner city lingo, but also was able to teach her new friends to speak a little Georgian.

Jefferson Street Baptist Chapel at Liberty is a congregation committed to ministry, said Johnson's partner, Sheadrick Cure. The church's facilities—actually a renovated garage—are used not only on Sundays, but throughout the week to help meet the needs of the city's homeless and poor.

Cure, who is from Baltimore, said he didn't struggle with the culture shock as much as Johnson did, but he did have to adjust to a different style of worship.

"My experience in worship is to have more praise and worship where the whole congregation is involved," said Cure, who grew up in an African-American environment.

"I'm used to church being louder," he added. "I miss the self-expression." But Cure said he liked worship at Jefferson Street Chapel, which he described as being "more laid back" but "not too traditional."

Johnson and Cure work directly with Trevor Barton, the church's minister to children and youth. Most of their afternoons are spent leading clubs for children and teen-agers.

"Sometimes we get so frustrated, but we can see how we're making a difference in their lives in a positive way," Cure said.

Johnson agreed: "The kids frus-

trate me sometimes, but they're great. ... They want attention and love, and I love giving it."

The missionaries also teach Sunday school on Sunday mornings and said they were looking forward to Aug. 1, when they will be responsible for leading the worship service.

Meanwhile, down the street at the Jefferson Street Baptist Center, two other missionaries also have been immersed in inner city ministries.

Noah Cooksey, a junior at Georgetown College, and Nicole Mason, a May graduate of the University of Arkansas in Pine Bluff, Ark., said they are working to build relationships with the homeless and poor who benefit from the center.

Jefferson Street Center, sponsored by Long Run Baptist Association, operates a transitional housing program for homeless men, serves meals for the homeless on weekends and provides social services and activities for residents of Louisville's Clarksdale and Phoenix Hill neighborhoods.

Cooksey said he usually arrives at the center around 7:15 a.m. and greets the men who come in to drink coffee, store their personal items and take hot showers.

Throughout the day, he and Mason distribute mail, assist with referrals, sort clothing, distribute personal care items and work in the social service office. Also, they participate in worship on Wednesdays.

"I like to think of this as more than a service," Cooksey said. "Here I think we try to work with people, not just for them."

Mason described her summer with carefully-chosen words.

"I'm not sure I would use the word 'enjoy,'" she said. "It's not like an amusement park. But it's rewarding ... to get in there and help people."

"I've definitely learned more than I've taught this summer," said Johnson, of Jefferson Street Chapel. "You can learn some amazing stuff from ordinary people."

Johnson said she has developed a deep appreciation for a church like Jefferson Street Chapel that welcomes people of all cultural and economic backgrounds: "It's great that people without shoes feel comfortable coming (to church) here."

## 'Flexibility' is watchword for summer missionaries

What could be better than aerobics or gymnastics for increasing a person's flexibility?

Try serving for 10 rigorous weeks in an unfamiliar environment as a summer missionary.

Summer missions helps Christian students stretch and bend in many directions and do things they never thought they would do, said Don Blaylock, Kentucky Baptist Convention student department director.

"Students will live in homes they never thought they would live in, they will eat things they never thought they would eat," Blaylock said. "Summer missions will change their lives."

Summer missions is an intense 10-week program which offers college students an opportunity to minister in a variety of fields under supervision of trained Baptist leaders. Some work in their own hometowns, but most are assigned other cities or states. Kentucky also sends several groups to minister overseas each summer.

"Summer missions is a great teacher of flexibility," said Ralph Hopkins, associate director of the student ministries department.

Flexibility has become a watchword for summer missionaries because of the adaptability, versatility and ingenuity required of them to minister effectively in new and sometimes unexpected circumstances, he said.

This year, 80 students from Kentucky campuses were selected by the state's student department to serve as summer missionaries.

Fifty-six students, including eight from states other than Kentucky, are serving in Kentucky this summer.

That includes 27 students who are on the "Son" teams—auditioned groups of four to seven students each who help staff youth camps and travel across the state to local churches.

"Son" teams include the Son Bound sports team, SonBurst creative ministries team, Son Share Players drama team, Son Celebration music team and Son Praise revival team.

As a separate program, the student department has sent three teams overseas for the summer or part of the summer.

A Son Life team of six students serves in Brazil; Son Life team of four serves in Botswana; and another group of students is serving for five weeks in Durban, South Africa.

Kentucky's student missions program is second only to Texas in number of students involved, Hopkins said.

None of the money used to operate the summer missions program comes through the Cooperative Program, Blaylock said.

Yet for this year, Baptist Student Unions in Kentucky raised \$90,500 to support the summer missions

program, Hopkins added.

Although missionaries serving in Kentucky are considered volunteers, they are given \$400 for expenses they incur.

Hopkins said students selected for the program must have completed 30 hours of college credit. Preference is given to students who have not graduated and who have not served previously.

Beyond that, Hopkins looks for several important qualities in a prospective summer missionary.

"Number one is that they have a commitment to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and that they show evidence of an ongoing ... devotional life," he said. "We also look for different gifts and skills" to fit the positions that need to be filled.

Once on the field, students make a far-reaching impact, both in Christian ministry and as an effective recruiting tool for the Kentucky BSU program.

"It's a win-win situation," Hopkins said. "There are things summer missionaries can accomplish that couldn't get done otherwise."

And while they certainly are agents of change, the missionaries themselves become changed people, Hopkins said.

"I've been listening to summer missionaries' testimonies for 19 years now, and virtually without exception, they will say summer missions has changed their life," he said.

"They learn to depend on God because they're out there, away from supporting families, youth directors and campus ministers."

Students also learn new skills, sensitivity to other cultures and an openness to change, Hopkins said.

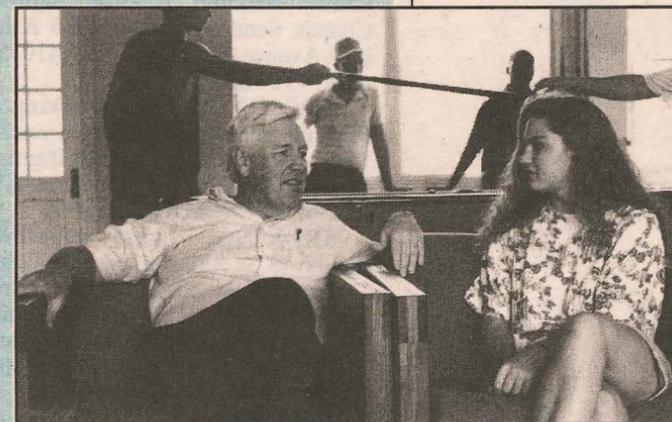
And many times, Blaylock said, students make career decisions based on summer missions.

"According to a survey done by the Foreign Mission Board, around 50-60 percent of the career missions personnel once were student missionaries," he said.

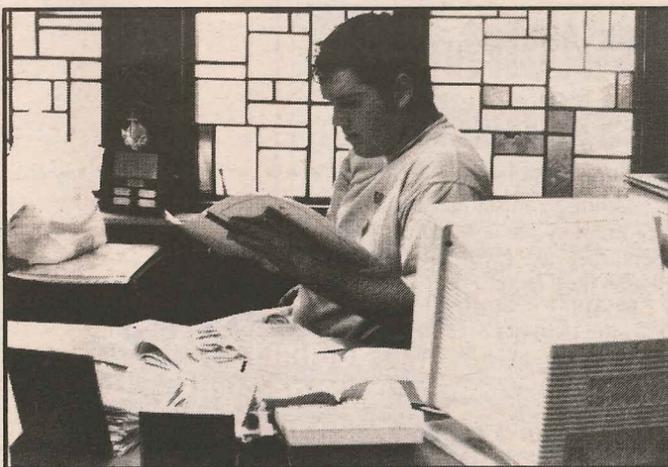
**"Summer missions will change lives."**

*The amazing, real-life stories of student summer missionaries*

**CHECKING IN** Ralph Hopkins, state coordinator of Kentucky's summer missions program, chats with Heather Uguhart at the Glen Dale children's home activities building, where Uguhart serves as a summer missionary. By the end of the summer, Hopkins said, he hopes to have visited each of the 56 students serving in the state, to check on their arrangements and their progress. "I've been able to live out a lot of my own mission by having a part in sending students," he said. "I wish I could go with every one of them."



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**IN A DAY'S WORK** Summer Missionaries learn to balance their time between personal preparation and interpersonal interaction.

■ **Top:** Scott Walters prepares to lead a youth Bible study at Williamstown Baptist Church in Williamstown. ■ **Above:** Duane Berry (left) and Miguel Glover take time for a youngster outside Louisville's Baptist Fellowship Center, where they have conducted six weeks of day camps.

## Students won't give up despite difficulties

LOUISVILLE—Leading rowdy children at day camp is harder to do than Miguel Glover expected.

"Sticking to the subject of a Bible story gets challenging when kids are kicking each other," Glover said.

Duane Berry, from Muldraugh, and Glover, from El Reno, Okla., are serving as day camp coordinators at the Baptist Fellowship Center in Louisville this summer.

Their workday is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and includes day camps every morning, as well as secretarial work, home visits, field trips with children

and other activities.

On Sundays, the students visit in local Baptist churches to talk about the work of the Fellowship Center.

The center was established in 1914 as a joint effort between the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, to address physical, spiritual, emotional, social and educational needs.

"Our main thing is, of course, the day camps," Berry said.

He and Glover agreed that one of the reasons working with inner city children is challenging is that behavior problems often surface.

"We try to just keep in mind that most of them are not disciplined," Berry said. Many have had great difficulties early in life, including abuse and neglect, Glover added.

"Most of them don't expect to live beyond their 20s," Berry said. That's why the missionaries have tried more than anything else to be positive.

"Sometimes we think we're not

getting through to them, but we have to trust the Lord" that they are hearing the message, Glover said.

Berry added that although results are hard to see, they know they have to be faithful: "We're not giving up ... we're trying to stay consistent."



### Where the student missionaries serve

56 student missionaries serve in Kentucky this summer

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### The power of prayer

This past week I was in Dallas for a conference. I visited a couple I had not seen since we moved to Kentucky but had known through Buckner Baptist Benevolences. He has served on the board there since the late '40s. He retired a few years ago from practicing medicine.

As I drove out to their home, I recalled the times we had been together and the ways they had encouraged me over the years. I also thought of the news I learned this spring that he has inoperable cancer. She fell in June and broke a hip. I wondered what I could say to encourage them as they had encouraged me before. I tried to put myself in their place and imagined I would be depressed and feeling sorry for myself.

We had a great visit, but instead of me encouraging them, they once again encouraged and strengthened me. We talked about the difficult times this year and they both admitted to being down and discouraged for a while. But it seems that within the difficulties, something very special had happened. He received word that people he didn't even know were praying for him. I had written that he was on our prayer

list here and many others had done the same. He told me that the news of those prayers and the power he felt from them gave him an incredible lift.

As a physician, he knows the reality of his situation and is prepared for what will be. As Christians, they both have felt the undergirding of support and love from the prayers of others. He is organizing an intercessory prayer ministry so that others can feel that power and strength.

We concluded our visit with prayer and they thanked me for coming. As I drove away, I realized that they had just taught me one of the great lessons in life. No matter what our circumstance, God is still with us, and the prayers of others on our behalf serve to remind us of that unending love. Perhaps II Corinthians 9:14-15 says it best: "And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift."

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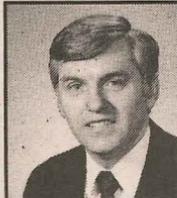
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# MISSIONS

## Women are modern-day circuit riders

BARDSTOWN—They may not be itinerant preachers, exactly, but Becky Mishler and Tabitha Wright serve as modern-day circuit riders.

These summer missionaries' 10-week circuit is the Nelson Baptist Association, where they travel from church to church helping conduct vacation Bible schools.

Each week, the team greets a new host family and new ministry opportunities in a different church setting.

On Sundays, the students arrive for worship at the church where they will serve that week. During the week, they join other workers in the school by teaching, coordinating, leading recreation, directing music or assisting wherever they are needed most.

Wright, a Paducah native and psychology major at Paducah Community College, said she never had lived away from home before and wasn't sure what to expect from the summer.

"I'm still learning from week to week," she said. "But the Lord has put me here; he has a purpose for me."

The traveling team said their personalities and abilities complement each other well. Wright enjoys leading through music, while Mishler often uses her speaking gifts.

Mishler is from Dunnville and is pursuing a social science major at Campbellsville College.

Being on the road all summer has both advantages and disadvantages, they said.

Mishler said that although it is tiring to move every week, she has enjoyed the opportunity to meet so many new people.

"Physically, it wears on you," Wright added, "And it's hard being at everyone's traveling mercies. But we have not suffered for food." The two depend on church families who invite them for noon and evening meals.

Wright said adjusting to the tight schedule was difficult. Although she used to stay busy at home, she has had trouble even finding enough time for personal Bible study this summer.

"I feel like a hose," she said. "I'm the hose, and God is the faucet; hopefully, God is pouring out through me."

And the two agreed they have seen some positive results of their work, including one week when five children in their class made professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

Still, they acknowledge that their schedule doesn't permit much time for ongoing ministry.

"What we're doing is more like evangelism," Wright said. "We have to do our thing, then leave it with them."

## Missionary makes dramatic impression

GLENDALE—Heather Urquhart is making a dramatic impression during her first summer missions experience.

In addition to her other responsibilities at the Glen Dale campus of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, Urquhart is leading three seminars: drama, interpretive movement and puppets.

"Interpretive movement is my passion," said Urquhart, a Louisville native who will be director of her BSU drama team at University of Louisville this fall.

Urquhart wasn't sure whether she would have an opportunity to use those gifts in her work at the children's home. But her supervisor, Activities Director Tim Isaacs, wanted her to be able to bring her unique abilities to the summer position.

As a result, Urquhart has had an opportunity to introduce others to a creative skill she uses as a ministry.

She said she appreciated having a supervisor like Isaacs.

"I have the freedom ... to discover what I need to be doing," she said. "Tim and I work really well together. I can talk to him about anything."

But Urquhart also is learning to talk with residents of the children's

home about many things.

As supervisor of the activities building, she said she has many opportunities to develop relationships with the youth at Glen Dale.

"The way to reach kids is to establish relationships and build families," she said. "The main thing I'm accomplishing is building trust with them. Also, I'm trying to show them that being a Christian is OK—that God's going to love them no matter what."

The rapport Urquhart has developed with Glen Dale residents has resulted in lively discussions during the weekly Bible study she leads.

"They ask some tough questions," she said. For example, one youth asked her to explain why she wears a cross. Another resident said, "Heather, I'm a new Christian, but I don't know where to go from here," Urquhart said.

"It's so neat to know that they're hearing me, ... asking questions and taking (the Bible studies) to heart," she added.

After a four-week Bible study on making good decisions, she began a study about overcoming insecurities—a topic Urquhart could relate to personally.

At the beginning of the summer,

Urquhart said, she thought her assignment to the children's home must have been "some mistake."

Urquhart had auditioned for a position on one of the "Son" teams, hoping to fulfill a dream from earlier years when she came to summer camps led by the teams.

Instead, she was offered the placement at the children's home.

"Not making the team was total devastation," she said, adding that at first she had many reservations about going to Glen Dale. "But now I see God using me here. I wake up every morning excited."

Urquhart said the summer at Glen Dale has been "just as beneficial to me as to the kids."

She said her spiritual life had grown significantly during her months as a summer missionary. Also, it has made her more sensitive to others and more dependent on God.

"It's kind of hard not having a partner here," she said, referring to periods of loneliness. "But I'm learning to let God be my partner."

"Now I see God using me. I wake up every morning excited."

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## KENTUCKY KERNELS

The first Kentucky revival is considered to have begun in 1784 in a settlement on Clear Creek in Woodford County. That revival spread throughout the Kentucky wilderness, resulting in the formation of 18 churches. Source: "Baptists in Kentucky"

## Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Ann Tatum

■ **BEECHMONT**—Beechmont Church called **John Galyen** as pastor.

■ **BURLINGTON**—Bullittsburg Church will ordain **Jeffrey Perkins** to the ministry Aug. 1. Perkins has been called as pastor of North Canton Church in Canton, N.C.

■ **DANVILLE**—South District Baptist Association's Executive Board recently passed a resolution of appreciation and affirmation for the contribution of **Bill Hall** to the association on the event of his retirement as pastor of Gethsemane Church. Hall has served in many associational offices, including moderator.

■ **FRANKFORT**—Immanuel Church called **Greg Brooks** as pastor. He previously served as pastor of Lewisburg Church.

■ **LEBANON**—**Kevin Lee** resigned as pastor of Lebanon Church to to serve as pastor of First Church in Arkadelphia, Ark.

■ **LEXINGTON**—**Phil Brannan** resigned as minister of single adults at Calvary Church to accept the position of single adult specialist at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

■ **LONDON**—Swiss Colony Church called **Michael Bryant** as music and youth director.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Cloverleaf Church will hold a revival service Aug. 8-11 at 7 p.m., with Angel Martinez as guest evangelist.

**Joel Jones** has resigned as pastor of Jeffersontown Church to become pastor of First Church in Hawkinsville, Ga.

## Williams elected Historical Society president

**RICHMOND**—Joe Priest Williams was elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society during its annual meeting in Richmond July 16.

Joining Williams, a retired pastor from Louisville, as the society's officers are Chester Young, a retired missionary from Williamsburg, vice president; and Barry Allen, director of the Kentucky

Baptist business division from Louisville, secretary-treasurer.

Join the officers on the society's executive committee are George Ramey, an administrator at Cumberland College in Williamsburg; Eugene Enlow, a retired pastor from Louisville; and Charles Blair, director of missions for West Kentucky Baptist Association from Clinton.



**SINGING TEENS** Todd Dowdy, consultant in the Kentucky Baptist Convention's church music department, leads a rehearsal for the Kentucky Baptist All State Youth Choir during their retreat at Campbellsville College July 11-15. After preparing at Campbellsville, the youth choir toured portions of the state presenting concerts. (Photo by Jamie Mings)

## Kentucky native Pat Lockwood dies July 21

**NORTH SYRACUSE, N.Y.** (BP)—Hopkinsville native Patricia Ann "Pat" Towler Lockwood, 45, of North Syracuse, N.Y., died July 21 at St. Joseph's Hospital after a lengthy battle with cancer. She is the wife of Quentin "Chip" Lockwood Jr., editor of the New York Baptist newsjournal.

Mrs. Lockwood taught ninth-grade social studies.

She was a member and deacon of North Syracuse's Bellewood Baptist Church, where she served on committees, taught Sunday school and led Woman's Missionary Union.

"This has been a three-year struggle," her husband, Chip, said July 22, "and we've almost been overwhelmed with the support of people

across the convention."

In addition to her husband, survivors include three sons, Quentin III of Washington, D.C., Daniel of Georgetown, and Benjamin at home; her parents, Grover and Beuton Towler of Elizabethtown; and a brother, Grover Towler III of Newburgh, Ind.

Services were held July 24 in Bellewood Baptist Church and July 26 at Severns Valley Baptist Church in Elizabethtown, her home church.

Severns Valley Baptist is where the Lockwoods first met during a Baptist Student Union convention. He was the state president and a student at Georgetown College and she was president of the BSU at Elizabethtown Community College.

## Why is Tuesday a special day?

I'm beginning to think of Tuesday as a special day. Let me share a few reasons why.

Last autumn it was just an ordinary Tuesday schoolday, no special occasion of any sort. We were anticipating 35 guests that day. By 1:30 p.m. we had fed 165 visitors, the majority seeing Oneida for the first time. A similar number visited us several Tuesdays before graduation in May. Again it was no special occasion, but folks from 23 different Baptist churches, three Catholic churches, one Methodist and one Lutheran church worshipped with us in our daily chapel service and ate afterward.

This growing influx of people curious about our work is very welcome. I hired a full-time assistant last fall to help me show everyone around.

Just last week an active Methodist layman from Boise, Ida., came to see why Oneida is growing so much, and has such a vigorous ministry while most church boarding schools are in decline and many have closed during the past decade? This man had never heard of OBI until he came to eastern Kentucky on church mission. He spent hours looking and asking questions and then brought his wife the next morning in time to attend our morning worship, and then looked some more.

On a recent Tuesday I had one visitor scheduled. That one is a dear Christian lady who has just retired after 30 years of teaching in the public schools of these Kentucky mountains. Mother of four, grandmother of another four, recently widowed, she shared with me 10 years ago her intentions of teaching full time at OBI without salary when she retired. She came to make good on that promise, and we had a delightful visit preparatory to her moving here to begin service. Her father came to Oneida nearly 80 years ago, graduated,

served as a Baptist minister nearly 70 years, a postmaster and teacher many other years.

On the same day, unexpected visitors included four former OBI teachers—each a dedicated servant of Christ and a dear friend. First to arrive were O.W. and Billie Conrad. They came 20 years ago with me to teach and stayed five years. O.W. had just completed his masters in biology; Billie was a music major and started our band program that continues today. Both of them also did a wonderful work with our high school Baptist Student Union those five years. O.W.'s high school biology teacher retired in 1978, and he returned to his home county to teach as has Billie these 15 years. Twelve years ago they helped organize a new Baptist church, meeting in a house, and that church recently dedicated a 400-seat building.

Following them were another wonderful OBI couple, Bill and Peggy Morgan Smith who met in high school here and were married after their first year at college. They returned to the Oneida church for their wedding. Schoolmates here, they and I came back to OBI after our college years, and worked two years together. Bill taught the sciences and coached, Peggy was our home economics teacher, and I was assistant to the president as well as having charge of a boys' dorm.

After years of college teaching in Kentucky, they moved to Florida where Bill has been a physics professor. Peggy got a master's in library science and has been a school librarian. Their daughter, Shari, has since taught here at Oneida for five years and is now doing graduate study. Their only son, named for me, has a doctorate in marine biology and lives in San Diego.

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## ONEIDA JOURNAL



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## 45th wedding anniversary celebration

During a summer break from Clear Creek, Albert Evans went for supper at Williams Restaurant in Scottsburg, Ind. "Ruth was a waitress, and I had a date before I left. We knew each other seven weeks and were married July 11, 1948." The following September the couple moved to a Kelly Hall apartment. Both worked in the campus kitchen for their board. "We didn't have a car. The Lord met our needs. I had never been in the mountains. I felt it was the next thing to heaven," Ruth remembers.

Evans was part of Clear Creek's big enrollment jump after World War II as servicemen sought training with benefits from the GI Bill. He had completed 34 months in the Navy, and after running from the Lord for a few months, entered Clear Creek in 1947. He had quit school after the seventh grade and joined the Navy at age 17. Mrs. Aldridge and Mrs. Kelly helped him secure a GED, and he completed the diploma program in 19 months. He recalls the wonderful inspiration of Dr. T.D. Brown who taught preaching.

After graduation Evans was a pastor in Indiana for 12 years. Kentucky pastorates include New Union, Logan County; Vertress, Elizabethtown; and Christian

County churches: Casky, Pleasant Hill, Trinity (12 and one half years as associate pastor), Shiloh. He recently returned to Shiloh as interim.

In 1964 Evans received a B.S. in elementary education from Austin Peay University. An M.A. at Indiana University was completed in 1969. For 23 years he taught fifth-sixth grade and retired from North Drive Elementary School in 1991. He occasionally substitute teaches.

The Evanses have three children and a foster son. Six grandchildren are a special joy.

Two days before their wedding anniversary the Evanses were back at Clear Creek with Constructors for Christ. The volunteers built six student apartments. Evans was on the vinyl siding crew; Ruth worked in the kitchen. During the Wednesday

fellowship night Evans had a Johnny Mathis song played in honor of his wife and their 45th anniversary. She must have spotted his romantic side that day in the restaurant. He later heard that when he came in she nudged a co-worker and said, "This is the man I'm going to marry." I hope I'm around to celebrate their 50th anniversary. I know it will be quite special.

*Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, Ky. 40977*

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## Volleyball serves God's purpose for Harriet Sugg

By Lounette Templeton  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

SHANGHAI, China (BP)—Harriet Sugg knows people watch her in China.

Her long blond hair and wholesome girl-next-door face are only part of the reason.

When Sugg steps onto a volleyball court, thousands of Chinese eyes watch—especially when the announcer tells them they're about to see if the American girl can play Chinese volleyball.

"When I heard him say that at my first game, I prayed I wouldn't mess up," the Southern Baptist student said. "I played really well. And when I got off some good hits, the crowd cheered."

Cooperative Services International, the Southern Baptist aid organization, arranged for the Mississippi College graduate from Ridgeland, Miss., to study at a major Chinese university. But Sugg earned the spot on the school's volleyball team herself.

"I'm amazed at my audacity to ask if I could be on the team," Sugg said. "At the time, I didn't know they had the No. 1 team in China. They won national last year."

Sugg isn't a starter, but she says

her place on the team is "the chance of a lifetime" to see Chinese sports from the inside. In fact, she came to China to get firsthand information about sports in the country. It fits perfectly with her plans to study sports medicine when she returns to the United States in 1994—and with her hopes to practice sports medicine in China someday.

Her playing has improved since the Chinese coaches began making major changes in her style.

"When I first started, everything I did, I heard them yelling 'Bu dui, bu dui' which means 'It's not right,'" she admitted. "The only thing they didn't change was my serve. But it has more power now."

Sugg learned to play volleyball at a school in Taiwan, where her parents are Southern Baptist missionaries. She played whatever sports the school offered.

"I even played soccer with the guys when they let me," she said. "I love sports, but whenever it ceases to be fun, I'll quit playing."

Sugg went through soul-searching to bring her love of sports, Asia and God into line. During her first year at Mississippi College in Clinton, a Southern Baptist-affiliated school, she heard a businessman tell how he

touched the lives of others through his profession.

"It clicked," she recalled. "I realized, 'Hey, I can do that with sports.'" That's when she decided on a sports medicine career. But she still hadn't found a way to satisfy her love for Asia.

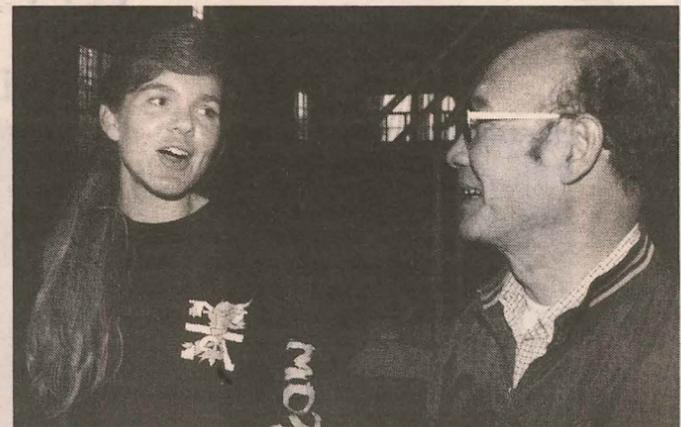
"I thought sports medicine could only be done in the United States. I didn't want to live in the States, but I decided if God wants it that way, it's OK," she said.

Later she heard another Christian businessman talk about his work in China and began wondering if someone with a career in sports medicine could be used there. The businessman encouraged her to "go for it." Sugg took the next logical step: she came to China for language study.

Growing up in Taiwan gave Sugg a head start with language, but becoming fluent in Chinese is just one goal. Her place on the volleyball team has met the next goal of checking out sports medicine in China.

As a Christian, Sugg also wants to develop good relationships with the Chinese. She's encouraged by the friendships she has made.

"My Chinese isn't that good and my teammates don't speak English, but we manage to communicate," she



said. "When I missed volleyball practice at Thanksgiving, they all asked where I'd been and said they'd missed me."

Sugg doesn't force her faith on others, but people know she's a Christian.

"I haven't volunteered that I'm a Christian, but everybody knows," she said. "It just comes up naturally. I wear a cross and people have asked about it. Team members asked what my father does and I explained that he's a pastor. They ask things like how I celebrate Christmas. If you're a Christian, it will come out. You can't help it."

**COACHING POINTERS**  
Southern Baptist student Harriet Sugg gets some volleyball pointers from her Chinese coach at the university she attends in Shanghai. She stands out there because of her blond hair and Christian faith. (BP photo by Lounette Templeton)

## Movies opening some eyes to gospel in Middle East

By Mike Creswell  
SBC Foreign Mission Board

LARNACA, Cyprus (BP)—Can movies help reach the Middle East for Christ?

High hopes ride on a new series of Christian films now being shot in the region. Southern Baptists are helping plan and produce the series in cooperation with several other evangelistic Christian groups.

Producers say the three-film series will complement the Campus Crusade film "Jesus," widely used by Baptists and one of the most effective films ever produced for Christian outreach. Christians will use the series in evangelism and church-planting efforts throughout the Middle East.

A survey by the British Broadcasting Corp. showed more than 90 percent of those surveyed in Egypt have a television set. Videocassette players also are common. Even in the more "closed" countries of the Middle East, satellite television makes reception of Christian programming possible.

A rapid rise in illiteracy across the Middle East has increased the importance of telling the gospel message in nonwritten form—especially highly visual media such as videos and films, video specialists point out.

"God Is Love," the first 90-minute video production in the series, went into distribution recently.

"The response was fantastic," said Pete Dunn, executive director of mass communications in the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Dunn and John Dorr, a video specialist also with the FMB, provided technical help on the production.

"God is Love" opens with an old man in traditional Middle Eastern

clothing introducing the Old Testament's story of God's dealing with man. He speaks Egyptian Arabic, which is enough to win the attention of an Egyptian audience.

"I've never seen the love of God portrayed so powerfully," a Coptic Christian priest told Dunn.

Producers will dub the film into other languages for wider use. As a historical film, it's essentially undated and not tied to any particular culture, other than the biblical one it portrays.

The film breaks new ground because it's one of the first feature-length Christian productions shot on location in the region with evangelism in mind, Dunn said.

Within a month of its release producers had distributed 2,500 copies of the film in Egypt. It's also widely copied for home use. The film aired on Kurdish public television in the "no-fly" zone of northern Iraq and will run on several television networks in the Middle East with an audience of between 6 million and 7 million people, many of whom never have heard the gospel.

Dunn and Dorr represent Southern Baptists in a consortium of Christian agencies producing films for distribution in the Middle East. Other participants include Far East Broadcasting Company, Middle Eastern Ministries, Christian Broadcasting Network, Arab World Ministries and Middle East Christian Outreach.

Consortium members hope to begin a second film, "The Prodigal Son," which will retell the parable found in Luke 15 in a contemporary setting. Member organizations are working to raise the money needed for the production.

Southern Baptists also will join

with Arab World Ministries and Middle East Christian Outreach to prepare a separate television series in Lebanon. The three organizations will join forces with Lebanese Baptists to produce 26 half-hour programs. All three television stations in the country have agreed to carry the series.

The programs will explore the many problems that have afflicted Lebanon since its civil war ended—and how God wants those problems solved. It will feature, for example, Christian psychiatrists discussing family life, death and other problems the Lebanese people face.

## Correspondence course crosses Middle East borders

LARNACA, Cyprus (BP)—A Baptist correspondence program operated from Cyprus continues to cross borders with the gospel throughout the Middle East.

The program received 1,532 responses during 1992. Between 500 and 700 people are taking the five Bible courses, reported Southern Baptist representative Hugh Provost and Lebanese Baptist pastor Samuel Kharrat.

Increased responses have come in recent months from Algeria, perhaps reflecting a widespread Christian revival taking place there, Provost and Kharrat said.

Kharrat works from the program's office in Beirut, Lebanon, while Provost works from Cyprus. The two communicate by mail delivered via boats that ferry between Lebanon and the Mediterranean island. Kharrat also makes periodic visits to Cyprus.

Other high-response locations include Sudan, Syria and Saudi Arabia. Provost and Kharrat even get some responses from Arabic speakers in the United States and other countries outside the Middle East, usually immigrants.

"Our correspondence program goes where missionaries cannot go," said Provost. "It's private and allows people to ask questions they cannot ask in their own countries."

The numbers may seem small, but they represent residents of some of the most closed

countries in the world. Often the Baptists correspond with Muslims who are considering accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and being disowned by their families for doing so.

Kharrat flipped through a stack of handwritten letters and read aloud:

"I want to know about Christ even though I am a Muslim," wrote a girl in Algeria. "I don't think that will stop me from studying these courses, especially since they are not found in Algeria."

A man from Saudi Arabia wrote, "Your kindness will help me take off the veil from my eyes."

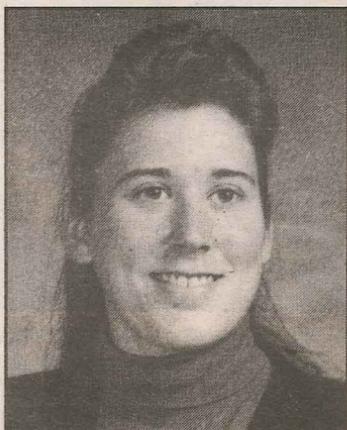
Beyond just sending out lessons, Provost and Kharrat correspond personally with those who send in questions. "I write out the letters by hand to make them more personal," said Kharrat, who often counsels people who ask about marriage, family or Christian beliefs.

"They have no idea who Jesus is or they have ideas about him that are totally false," Provost added. "The program is intended to teach them who Jesus is and then ask them what they're going to do about him."

Most lessons used in the program were written by native Arabic speakers living in the area. The material is brief, printed front and back on a single sheet of paper, and contains no artwork both for economic reasons and to avoid offending Muslims.

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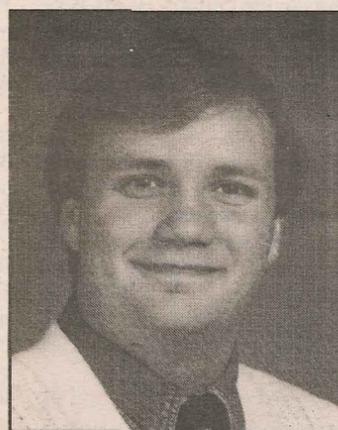
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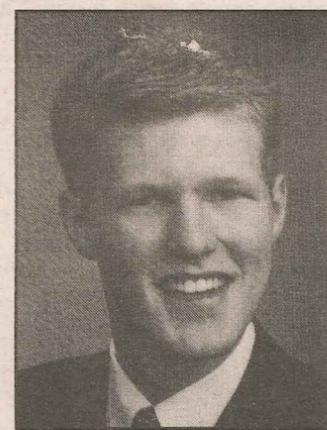
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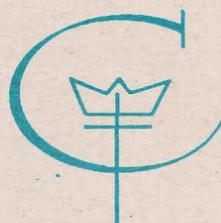
**Lisa Farrish**, a mathematics major, was graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science degree. At graduation she was named the Outstanding Female Graduate in recognition of her leadership in and service to the college community and the larger community as a whole. Additionally, she was awarded the prestigious Mary Mildred Sullivan Award, an award reflecting significant contributions to college life and demonstrating spiritual values. She found Cumberland's Appalachian Ministries program to be a rewarding avenue for service and leadership where she worked diligently with Love-in-Action and Mountain Outreach in the local community as well as on mission trips to Baltimore and New York. While a student, Lisa was also a member of the Cumberland College Softball Team; the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; the Math Club, where she served as Vice-President; the Campus Baptist Young Women, where she served as President; and "Abundance", the college singing promotional group.

**Linda Greene** is a Cumberland College senior with a chemistry major and a minor in biology. She plans to attend graduate school where she will study pre-med. Linda serves as a Teaching Assistant in the college's Chemistry Department, is a cheerleader, is active in the American Chemical Society and in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is a member of the Baptist Student Union Revival Teams and the college volleyball team. Linda was the 1992 Miss Cumberland Falls pageant winner, was the Cumberland College representative in Pineville's Mountain Laurel Festival and was a candidate for the Miss Kentucky Pageant.

When **John Siler** was graduated in May he was named the Outstanding Male Graduate. Prior to graduation at Honor's Day Convocation, he was named to Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities and received the P. R. Jones Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Chemistry. As an active member of the Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society, John served as a volunteer tutor and was selected by the chemistry faculty as a teaching assistant for chemistry classes and labs. When the chemistry department organized a community service project "Turn On To Science", John was one of a six-member team of students who went into the local elementary schools to demonstrate chemistry experiments in an effort to nurture the children's interest in science. His academic achievements include scientific research which he presented at the National American Chemical Society meeting in March, 1993, and at a regional meeting of the ACS Student Affiliates in April. Additionally, he was involved in a wide variety of activities outside the chemistry department including a role in the musical, Carnival; a tour of England with the Cumberland College Chorale; and a student assistant in the Freshman Insights Program. John has enrolled at Vanderbilt University where he will pursue the Ph.D. in chemistry.

**Dale Winkler** is a junior business major with an area in accounting. He is president of the state chapter of *Phi Beta Lambda*, having previously served as state treasurer and as president of the college's chapter. He is a charter member of the college's organization of Students in Free Enterprise. He studied for six weeks at the Yantai University in Hong Kong, China, during the summer of 1992. On campus, Dale is active in the college's chapter of the Baptist Student Union. Dale spent the past summer working for the Madison County Court System. He plans to be a Certified Public Accountant following graduation from college.

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