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SBC LifeWay Christian ResourcesRIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—
"Here Lies Our Dearly Departed
Class" might well be the sign on the
doors of some Sunday school class-
rooms across the country.Like people, Sunday school class-
es can die due to lack of nourishment
or stimulation, according to Mackie
McCollister.A consultant in median and senior
adult work for the Baptist General
Convention of Texas, McCollister told
a Sunday school leadership training
class that dead or dying classes should
not be left alone."Sometimes there is a time to bury
a dead class," McCollister said. "But
hopefully that is a last resort."Reasons classes die include a lack
of caring and ministry by members for
each other, he said. Additional factors
may include lack of lesson prepara-
tion by the teacher, once-a-year fel-
lowships, unmet needs, no visitation,
burned out teachers who do all the
work, no new members and viewing
Sunday school as a time to get togeth-
er with friends rather than a time of
Bible study.Some classes that are not at the point
of burial can be returned to health, he
said. Citing suggestions from Randy
Millwood, a professor at New Orleans
Baptist Theological Seminary, McCol-
lister encouraged teachers to resuscitate
"paper classes," those that exist only on
a printed class roster.

Among the pointers:

■ **Evaluate.** "Are we doing what
we're supposed to be doing?" McCol-
lister asked. "Am I contributing what
I'm supposed to be contributing? Are
the lessons effective?"■ **Build relationships.** "People some-
times come to Sunday school as much
for the relationships as for the study
time," he noted. "Fellowship and min-
istry are important. For some, the only
hug they get all week is in that class."■ **Change the atmosphere.** Get cre-
ative, consider more informality, do dif-
ferent activities and be enthusiastic, he
suggested. "It's a privilege to teach
God's Word. Let them see you are com-
mitted to it."■ **Move Bible teaching to Bible
study.** Input from members who find
the answers themselves can be more
meaningful than spoon-fed teaching.■ **Become equippers, not doers.**
"Give everyone a responsibility—min-
istry, telephone calling, note writing,"
he suggested. "Equip people so they feel
responsibility."■ **Evangelize.** "We rarely visit any-
one who is not a Christian," McCollis-
ter said. "And we rarely have anyone in
class who is not a Christian. Yet Sun-
day school is a church organization that
is designed to have unsaved persons as
members. Sunday school is where peo-
ple meet Christ."**TENT DISTRIBUTION** A Southern Baptist volunteer hands out tents to residents of Adapazari, Turkey, who lost their homes in the Aug. 17 earthquake. Baptists also have set up field kitchens and started other ministries for survivors of the earthquake that killed at least 14,000 people and left 600,000 people homeless. (BP photo)**Baptists send food & supplies to Turkey**By Mark Kelly
SBC International Mission BoardISTANBUL, Turkey (BP)—Bap-
tists have set up two field kitchens to
minister to survivors of an Aug. 17
earthquake in Turkey that killed at
least 14,000 people and left 600,000
people homeless.Two five-man teams staffed by
volunteers from Texas Baptist Men
are supervising the operation of the
kitchens in tent cities in Adapazari and
Golcuk. Approval also has been re-
ceived to set up feeding operations in
Izmit and Yalova.The kitchens can serve up to 5,000
meals twice a day to residents of the
tent cities. Evangelicals in Turkey
hope to set up community center min-
istries near the kitchens to offer chil-
dren's programs and basic medical
services.A team of 15 Baptist volunteers
from Georgia arrived in Turkey Aug.
29 to join the effort. A five-memberteam from Ohio arrived the following
day. Both teams will be working in the
feeding operation, distributing relief
supplies and helping with medical and
media work, according to coordina-
tors of the Southern Baptist relief
effort.During the last week of August, a
team of more than 200 Christian vol-
unteers from nine countries delivered
relief supplies—including diapers, toi-
let paper, antiseptics and toys—to
families in Izmit and Adapazari whose
homes were destroyed in the earth-
quake.In addition, the group hand-manu-
factured and set up more than 1,000
six-person tents for the homeless. A
shoe drive has been launched to col-
lect footwear from Istanbul residents
for people in areas struck hardest by
the earthquake.With the help of Southern Baptist
relief funds, Hope International
Church in Istanbul purchased a water
truck to deliver clean drinking waterto needy cities. Baptist workers also
have made water purification units
available to the Turkish government,
if the need for those becomes appar-
ent.Southern Baptist relief officials
immediately dispatched \$100,000 to
workers in the area when news of the
catastrophe broke.When people are suffering so bad-
ly, Christians are compelled to follow
the example and teachings of Jesus
and share the hope of the gospel by
ministering to human needs, said one
of the Texas Baptist volunteers."Jesus always met people's physi-
cal needs, but He also ministered to
them," said Mel Goodwin, who leads
the kitchen team in Golcuk. "He
showed concern and love. Just show-
ing these people that someone out
there still cares about them after they
lost so many of their family members
and everything they own, it'll lift them
up."

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Will Fido make it to that big doghouse in the sky?MISSION VIEJO, Calif. (RNS)
—Does a big fire hydrant in the sky
await Fido if he's good on Earth?Employing more serious language,
Dog Fancy magazine's September is-
sue put that question to a Roman Cath-
olic priest, Jewish rabbi, Buddhist
leader, Southern Baptist spokesman
and others in what it termed an exten-
sion of the "animal theology" debate.Herb Hollinger, a spokesman for
the Southern Baptist Convention, said
"the vast majority" of Southern Bap-
tists believe only humans have souls,
which most likely precludes dogs
from reaching heaven.But Hollinger also noted that the
Bible states that some day the lamb
will lie down with the lion, "whichwould lead you to believe that heaven
may be somewhat like it is here, and
there may be animals."Brian McSweeney, vice chancel-
lor of the New York Roman Catholic
archdiocese, told the magazine "heav-
en was designed for humans. The rea-
son dogs may be there is for us, not
for themselves. Dogs will go to heav-
en perhaps because of our relationship
with them. I would think a loving God
wants us to be happy and allows us to
have animals that shared love with
us."Authorities from other religions
gave a variety of answers for why
dogs should make it to heaven.Rabbi Gershon Winkler, an expo-
nent of mystical Judaism who lives inCuba, N.M., said he believes "every-
thing, humans and animals, every
blade of grass, all are endowed with a
spirit and every spirit returns to its cre-
ator. ... Every animal based on how it
lives in this world will reap its reward,
its divine bliss in the world to come."Lama Pema Wangak, director of
New York's Tibetan Buddhist Center,
noted the Buddhist belief in the rein-
carnation of "consciousness," which
is present in all living entities. Dogs
are subject to reincarnation as well,
said Wangak, as well as the law of
karma, which determines the form of
the reincarnation. "Dogs can go to
heaven or dogs can go to hell. Dog's
actions decide where it goes, like
human's actions."

BAPTISTS

BAPTIST BITS

■ **Arizona Foundation leaders dismissed.** The top three executives of the troubled Baptist Foundation of Arizona were fired Aug. 26 by the board of directors. The three officers—President Bill Crotts, General Counsel Tom Grabinski and Controller Don Deardoff—had been on administrative leave since voluntarily stepping down from their duties July 22. The dismissals follow an investigation by the Arizona Corporation Commission that found the agency violated state securities law by failing to reveal its true financial condition to prospective investors.

■ **Seminary Extension reaches milestone.** For the first time, Seminary Extension has 500 extension centers in operation. Tryon Evergreen Baptist Association's Institute for Learning in Conroe, Texas, became the record-setting 500th center. Extension centers, located in 46 states, Canada and Mexico, as well as overseas, offer training in a local classroom setting for students unable to relocate to a college or seminary. Seminary Extension courses also are available by correspondence from the ministry's offices in Nashville, Tenn.

■ **Warren elected Arkansas editor.** Charlie Warren has been named editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine effective Oct. 5. Warren, director of public relations at Oklahoma Baptist University, will succeed former Newsmagazine editor Trennis Henderson who is now editor of the Western Recorder. Warren previously was editor of Home Life magazine produced by LifeWay Christian Resources and associate editor of the Tennessee Baptist and Reflector. A graduate of OBU and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, he also has worked in editorial positions at the former Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, the Southern Baptist International Mission Board and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

■ **Fund honors Eleanor Terry.** A major contribution to Woman's Missionary Union Foundation is the lead gift toward establishing the Eleanor Terry Chair for Christian Women's Leadership at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala. The gift was made by Bob Terry in memory of his wife who died last year from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Terry, editor of the Alabama Baptist, is a former associate editor of the Western Recorder. The chair in Christian women's leadership is part of a joint effort between WMU and Samford to create a center of study to help women prepare in a Christian context for leadership roles in church, social institutions, government and the general marketplace.

■ **Former seminary president dies.** Olin T. Binkley, the second president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., died Aug. 27 at age 91. Binkley served as president of Southeastern from 1963-74. Under his leadership, the seminary built and paid for 13 new buildings. He also led the seminary to add the master of religious education and doctor of ministry degrees and expand the bachelor of divinity degree to the master of divinity. The seminary's Binkley Chapel is named in his honor. Binkley is survived by his wife of 66 years, Pauline; two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

■ **Texas conservatives release report.** In its first public report on membership, the Southern Baptist Convention of Texas said 209 churches have become affiliated with the new conservative state convention. To affiliate with the SBCT, a church must take an official vote in a business meeting, financially support the convention and affirm agreement with its "foundational beliefs," according to the SBCT newsletter, the Plumline. The conservative convention was organized last fall by founders who claimed the 6,000-church Baptist General Convention of Texas was unresponsive to their concerns.

■ **Ouachita receives \$4.5 million pledge.** Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., will receive \$4.5 million from frozen-yogurt magnate Frank Hickingbotham, according to school officials. The pledge kicks off a \$10 million fundraising campaign for Ouachita's Hickingbotham School of Business. Hickingbotham is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of TCBY Inc., the world's largest manufacturer and franchiser of frozen yogurt.

Mohler, Navratilova volley over gay issue

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Homosexuality is a moral problem with destructive possibilities, but one that may be overcome by God's grace, said Al Mohler, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, on CNN's "Larry King Live" television show Aug. 30.

"I believe that homosexuality is one of the greatest moral challenges facing this nation," Mohler said. "... We will either order our society by God's law, or contravene that law and face the consequences.

"But the last word has to be that in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ there is the means of overcoming all sin, including the sin of homosexuality," Mohler said.

The specific topic for the show was homosexuals in the military. Steve May, a first lieutenant in the Army Reserves who also is a Republican in the Arizona House of Representatives, was King's studio guest.

May, an outspoken homosexual,

came under investigation by the U.S. Army for violating the "don't ask, don't tell" policy concerning homosexuals in the military after he argued for the adoption of domestic partner benefits on the floor of the Arizona House.

Other guests included Tammy Baldwin, a Wisconsin Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives and a lesbian; Bob Barr, a Georgia Republican in the U.S. House; and tennis legend Martina Navratilova, also a lesbian.

While May, Baldwin and Navratilova argued that homosexuals should be allowed to serve in the military, Mohler and Barr disagreed. "There is widespread belief among Americans that (homosexuality) is fundamentally wrong and has no place in the military," Mohler said. "It is sound military policy. It is sound moral policy that homosexuals should not serve in the military."

Moving to discussion of homosexuality in general, Mohler told King, "I don't believe anyone is born a homosexual. I believe that God's creative in-

vention was that we be created man and woman and to be related to each other in a heterosexual fashion."

Navratilova took exception to Mohler's remarks. "How do you know? How do you know?" she asked. "I didn't choose this." She said she acted on "feelings," and that her feelings made her homosexuality right.

"I believe feelings are the result also of a sinful inclination," Mohler responded. "And that's something I know that some persons have to really struggle to overcome. But I also believe in God's grace, that can (be) and is overcome."

Navratilova asked Mohler how it could be sinful to love another individual and have that love be returned. "What is wrong with that?" she asked.

Mohler said the first issue is God's revelation that homosexuality is wrong.

"The result of embracing the homosexual lifestyle is cultural chaos, the breakdown of our entire moral order," he said. "It may be popular, but it is not going to work."

Lineberger nominated to lead Texas Baptist convention

DALLAS (ABP)—Phil Lineberger, a former president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been nominated to become the BGCT's next executive director.

Lineberger, 53, is pastor of Williams Trace Baptist Church in Sugar Land, Texas. If elected Sept. 14 by the BGCT Executive Board, he will succeed Bill Pinson who retires Jan. 31.

Search committee chairman Bill Brian of Amarillo said the committee received more than 30 recommendations and invited five candidates for interviews.

He said the committee was drawn to Lineberger's "known leadership in the convention—as a convention officer, an Executive Board member and a trustee of Texas Baptist institutions. We are excited that a man of Phil's energy, love for Texas Baptist people and willingness to serve will come to this position."

Although Texas Baptists have been divided politically, Brian expressed confidence Lineberger can work with people who might take an adversarial stance toward him or the convention.

"Even those with whom Phil has disagreed would say he's fair," Brian said. "As (BGCT) president, he was inclusive in platform roles. Persons who were known to differ were allowed to participate on the platform at the convention's annual meeting."

In addition to his current pastorate, Lineberger has been pastor of other churches in Texas, Kansas and Arkansas.

Lineberger was president of the BGCT from 1989 to 1991 and vice president in 1988-89. He is a member of the BGCT Executive Board and a director of Associated Baptist Press. He also was a co-chairman of Texas Baptists Committed in 1994.

Coppenger cites true love traits in convocation

WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)—What is the true definition of love? It involves forgetting about self in the service of others, according to Mark Coppenger, the embattled president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

Coppenger, who will be the subject of a called meeting of his seminary's board of directors next week, delivered the fall convocation address Aug. 24 at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.

Coppenger recently confessed a problem with "misappropriation of anger" following a two-month investigation by trustee leaders. Other trustees have responded by calling for a full board meeting to be held Sept. 13-14.

Coppenger told students at Southeastern that love requires the patience of a St. Bernard that endures seemingly incessant pulling and tugging of playful little children. In the same way, Coppenger said, "we are to let people swing on our ears and grab us by the cheeks, hang on the back and then not snap at them."

Preaching from 1 Corinthians 13, Coppenger acknowledged the "love chapter" is a "difficult chapter to read because I find myself wanting ... (to grow) to the measure of this standard."

Coppenger echoed the Apostle Paul's admonition that preoccupation with self-advancement, boasting, envy and delighting in evil are the antithesis of love.

He said people often are so full of themselves they really don't have time to think of other people. "We have to be very careful not to trample on each other's feelings," he added. "It's so easy to do, and when you're self-absorbed you forget this."



"'Fighting the good fight' does not mean you get to beat up our pastor's kids."

Bad girls don't have to stay that way, Higgs tells women

By Joyce Sweeney Martin
Partnership Editions Editor

LEXINGTON—Liz Curtis Higgs knows the difference between bad girls and good girls. She's been both.

Speaking at the Time Out for Women conference at Rupp Arena in Lexington on Aug. 28, Higgs used the theme of her latest book, "Bad Girls of the Bible," to offer advice to women with sinful pasts as well as to women who have lived morally upright lives.

The non-denominational, day-long conference drew more than 4,000 women. Among the speakers were Jan Dravecky, wife of former baseball pitcher Dave Dravecky, and Patricia Ashley, who has been featured on Focus on the Family. Singer Kathy Troccoli presented a concert as well.

Higgs said her book grew out of hearing a conference speaker talk about the "good girls of the Bible." They were faithful, courageous and innocent—all things with which Higgs did not identify. That set her

to studying the other women in the Bible. "Honey, Jezebel I got," she said.

Claiming the promise in 2 Timothy 3:16 that every word of Scripture is good for teaching, Higgs, who lives in Middletown, wrote the book.

She began with Eve. Like Eve—and Adam, "We are all sinners," she said.

As Higgs studied, three categories of bad women emerged:

■ **Bad to the bone.** These women showed no remorse or desire to change, Higgs said. She pointed to Potiphar's wife, who loved men; Delilah, who loved money; and Jezebel, who loved power.

■ **Bad for the moment.** These women, when forced to make a choice, chose "disastrously," Higgs said. She mentioned Sapphira, who, with her husband, lied about selling their possessions; Mical, the first wife of King David, who despised him because he worshipped God more than her; and Lot's wife. "The one thing God asked her to do, she could not do," Higgs said. "She

clung to her past even when she knew it was sinful."

■ **Bad for a season, but not forever.** These women had plenty of sin in their past, but were willing to change. They are the woman at the well, Rahab the harlot and the sinful woman who anointed Jesus' feet with her tears.

It's the third category Higgs said she loves the most. "Yes, I was bad for a season ... but not forever."

For a "good girl" who grew up in a moral environment in a small Pennsylvania town, Higgs' downward spiral into sin was swift.

Intelligent, witty and blessed with a radio-quality speaking voice, she pursued a career as a radio talk show host.

But as her career path soared, drugs, sex, alcohol, power, money and rock 'n' roll consumed her personal life.

"I was a smart woman who made stupid choices," she said.

And she flaunted those choices. "I was proud to be a bad girl. I sinned boldly."

When her mother died when

Higgs was 23, any reason Higgs had not to sin was gone, she said.

All along, though, God knew she was a "potential Proverbs 31 (godly) woman," Higgs said.

A move to Louisville more than 17 years ago unleashed that potential. Through the loving care of two Christians at the Louisville radio station where she worked, Higgs became a Christian.

Since then she has married and has two children. She left her radio career to become a Christian motivational speaker and humorist. She has presented more than 1,300 programs in 49 states and Europe and has written 13 books which have sold more than 800,000 copies.

Her advice to "good girls"? "Be careful, lest you fall; judge not, lest you be judged."

Her advice to "bad girls"? "You may ask, 'Can God forgive me?'" Remember, Higgs said, "You can never be outside the grace of God."

At age 45, Higgs says she is at peace with her past. "Every invoice (of past sins) is stamped 'paid in full,'" she said.

"You can never be outside the grace of God."

Author Liz Curtis Higgs

Kentucky WMU develops resource kit on violence for churches

Amid a growing national concern about violence, Kentucky Woman's Missionary Union has released a resource kit to help congregations teach peacemaking.

As part of the national WMU focus, Project Help: Violence, the kit contains information and activities for people of every age, said Brina Stephens, Project Help: Violence coordinator for Kentucky WMU.

A 10-person task force adapted the resource kit from a kit produced by national WMU. The Kentucky version contains more material for each age group, includes state and community resources available to Kentuckians and lists statistics on violence in Kentucky, Stephens said.

"As Christians we don't have to sit idly by and say there is nothing to do," Stephens said. "If we add peace to one person's life then we

are fulfilling God's mission."

The kit's introduction notes violence is more than murder, rape or aggravated assault.

It defines violence as "force or the threat of force used to harm another person."

Therefore, verbal abuse, hate crimes against minorities and mistreatment of the very young or the very old also are violent acts, the resource kit says.

The kit recommends churches begin the yearlong focus on violence with a service of commitment and end the focus with a celebration of peace.

The kit's activities include some that are specific to age groups and others that involve the entire congregation.

Prayer walks, prayer vigils, safety education and bulletin inserts are among the suggestions for broad

congregational involvement.

"The whole emphasis is that as Christians we are to be peacemakers and through living our lives we fulfill that mandate," Stephens said.

After talking with Baptists throughout Kentucky, Stephens said she became convinced of the pervasiveness of violence in the state. However, she added that many people are reluctant to talk about violence and its impact.

Churches do not need to have a WMU organization to implement the anti-violence initiative, she said. Any interested group in a congregation, she explained, could plan and implement the focus.

The resource kits cost \$5 each and can be obtained from Kentucky WMU.

For more information, call Kentucky WMU toll-free at (888) 254-5726.

Violence in Kentucky 1997

- 27,758 temporary protective orders and 18,252 protective orders were issued.
 - 5,400 women and children sought refuge in state-funded shelters.
 - 125,366 serious crimes were committed.
 - A serious crime was committed every 4 minutes and 11 seconds.
 - A rape was committed every 7 hours and 36 minutes.
 - A murder was committed every 34 hours and 37 minutes.
 - 71 percent of all murder victims were white; 72 percent were male.
 - 35,337 people were arrested for drunken driving.
 - 22,329 arrests were made for drug violations.
- Information obtained from Kentucky State Police and other sources by the Kentucky Project Help: Violence Task Force*

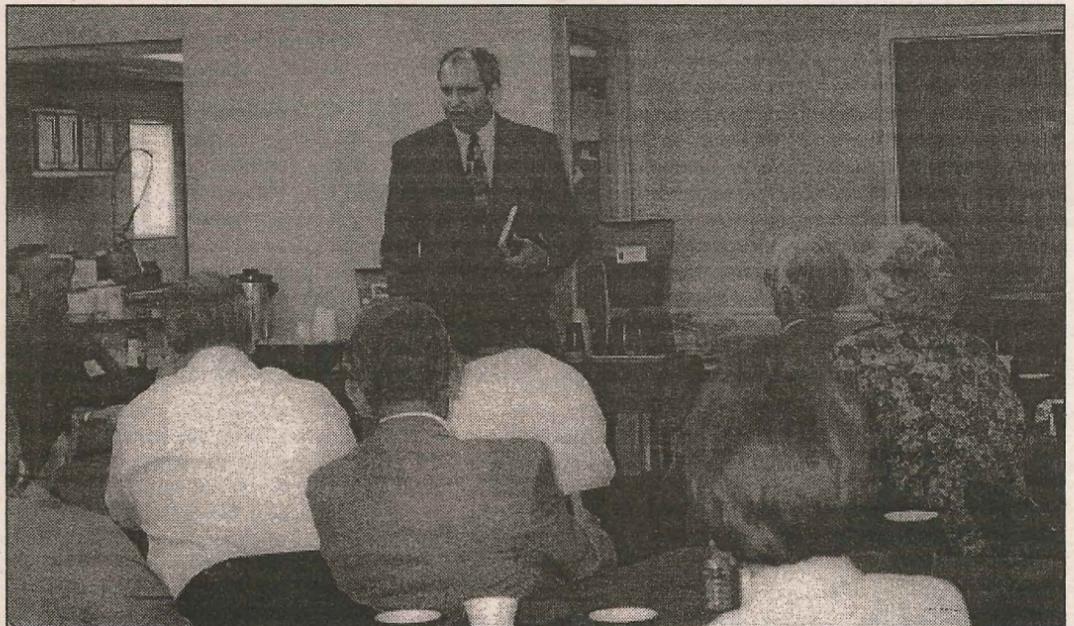
BLUEGRASS BURGEO

■ **Georgetown hosts youth night.** Georgetown College will host "Youth on Mission Night" Sept. 10-11 for students in grades 7-12. The program will include missions education seminars and testimonies by missionaries. Registration cost is \$20. For more information, call Kentucky WMU Youth/College Associate LaRaine Dail at (502) 244-6485, ext. 280.

■ **KBHC Food Roundup begins.** Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has started its annual September Food Roundup. Churches are asked to collect donations of canned goods and nonperishable staples this month, to be picked up in October and distributed to KBHC's eight residential facilities and other programs. For information, call (800) 456-1386.

■ **Midkiff elected chairman.** Charles Midkiff, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville, was elected chairman of the Western Recorder's board of directors during its meeting Aug. 31. Also elected during the meeting were Vice Chairman Barry Howard, pastor of First Baptist Church of Corbin, and Secretary Jim Abernathy, pastor of Latonia Baptist Church in Covington.

■ **Campbellsville vice president named.** Frank Cheatham, professor of mathematics and computer science at Campbellsville University since 1973, has been named vice president for academic affairs for the school. Cheatham has been serving as acting vice president since Jan. 1 after the retirement of Robert Clark.



EDITOR'S ADDRESS Trennis Henderson, editor of the Western Recorder, leads a dialogue with Northern Kentucky pastors Aug. 31 at First Baptist Church of the Spring. The dialogue, which followed the Western Recorder board of directors' meeting, was cosponsored by the church and Northern Kentucky Baptist Association.

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'Do nothing ... or take a risk'

By Robby Green

ISTANBUL, Turkey (BP)—On Wednesday, Aug. 18, the day after the earthquake occurred, I worked with other Southern Baptists living in Turkey to organize visiting volunteers into small groups to distribute bread, water and literature in a small town near Istanbul. Most people there either had lost their homes or were afraid to re-enter them because of damage the quake had caused, especially with the threat of aftershocks.

As a Turkish friend named Peter and I sought other ways to help, we met a CNN news crew that needed someone to translate for them the next day when they traveled to Izmit, the epicenter of the quake. Peter agreed, but only if I could tag along with him.

When I made it home that night, I learned that Hyati, one of my good Turkish friends who is a Muslim, had attended a funeral service that afternoon for his college-age sister. A couple of friends and I went to his house to comfort Hyati and his family.

His sister apparently was sleeping during the quake when one of the minarets of a nearby mosque toppled, crashed through the ceiling and killed her immediately. No one else in her building was even injured. Her father arrived the morning of the quake and pulled her body from the rubble himself.

After breakfast I joined Peter to meet the CNN crew at their hotel and went with them to Izmit, about an hour south of Istanbul. We arrived at the scene of a collapsed building where workers were pulling bodies out from the debris as they looked for survivors. Apparently there were none, but several lifeless limbs protruded from the collapsed structure.

Around 11:30 a.m., we moved to the site of a collapsed multi-story apartment building where search dogs had just located possible survivors. The CNN

team decided to camp out for a while, so I opted to join in the rescue attempt. Initially we removed a lot of rubble surrounding the base of the mountain. We then began to tunnel down. The people there were tired and appeared to be moving in slow motion, so I moved to the front to help speed things along.

Eventually we broke through into what was formerly a bedroom where a couple of dead bodies protruded from beneath the concrete.

As we kept digging, we heard noises from a trapped quake survivor. We found a crack in the rubble and were able to give him water using a water hose, bottles of water and a funnel.

People on the outside handed us tools and water to help with our work, and soon a man with a Swiss demolition team joined those of us in the chamber. He told us where to cut and where not to cut to avoid getting crushed to death. Despite the obvious risk, we knew this might be the only chance the trapped victim had.

After about three hours of work, we were able to penetrate the wall that separated us from the Turkish teenager, about 19 years old. He was pinned on his left side between his mattress and several pounds of concrete. He could move his arm, so we tossed him some tools, allowing us to work from both sides. He told us he was hearing voices from other people in other parts of the building, so the Swiss team began drilling in those areas up on the surface.

About half an hour later, we managed to pull him through into the chamber. He was a little banged up and had a huge scrape behind his ear, but otherwise seemed fine.

As we emerged from the rubble, we were welcomed by several clapping spectators, medics who rushed the young man to the hospital, and media people who crowded around. I was immediately interviewed by a couple of newspaper reporters who were glad I spoke English.

COMMENTARY

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Wedding anniversaries celebrate commitment

One of the most significant occasions for a married couple is a wedding anniversary. I think they are great occasions for celebration. Some couples celebrate monthly anniversaries until they reach the first year. Most couples will have special celebrations for the 25th and 50th year anniversaries.

I would like to see churches plan meaningful celebrations for couples on five-year anniversaries. It would encourage some to make it to the 25th anniversary.

Recently Kay and I made a weekend trip to South Carolina for the 40th wedding anniversary of our best friends from high school. They were married the summer after graduation. I had been their best man and Kay was the maid of honor.

This couple had been instrumental in getting Kay and me together for our first date. It was something of a new venture for me at age 16. That summer

I had surrendered to God's call to a career in ministry. Kay knew something of the direction that my life would take, but neither of us could have imagined at that time moving to Louisville for seminary and serving churches in Kentucky for 13 years. Our two daughters were born in Kentucky and our first 13 wedding anniversaries were celebrated with friends in Kentucky.

Our daughters planned our 25th wedding anniversary at our home in Columbia, S.C. We expressed our commitments to each other for the future. They also planned a special celebration for the 30th anniversary. Some of our most meaningful celebrations, however, have featured quiet dinners or cards with notes of love and appreciation.

My parents will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary in November. It is their great joy to live in the familiar surrounding of home and receive visits from their great-grandchildren.



Bill Mackey

I was a little overwhelmed as they asked how I felt and why I did it. As I considered just how dangerous what we were doing really was, I realized it was either do nothing and people die for sure, or risk a little for the chance of seeing a person saved. I thought, as did the others, it was a risk worth taking.

After reuniting with Peter and the CNN crew, we headed east to the town of Gocuk where a naval base had collapsed, killing hundreds. Traffic was awful, turning what normally would be a one-hour trip into four hours.

When we finally arrived in the city, the devastation was widespread and the odor of decay strong. ... I soon found a makeshift emergency room and asked if they needed any help. They said the most immediate need was for people to help with the recovery of bodies at the naval base barracks that had collapsed. As workers searched for survivors, the bodies of the dead needed to be removed as well. Not exactly the work I had hoped for, but I agreed.

Following a mandatory tetanus shot, I was escorted into the restricted-access area on the base and met the extraction team. During a brief rest time, the area was hit by a 10-second tremor. As everything went quiet, it was clear that people were not sure how to respond. The extraction efforts were halted a short while later as it was announced there were no survivors in the building. The smell was growing increasingly bad, and we were advised to leave the area since staying longer would only put us at increased risk for disease.

The devastation and loss I have seen have been tremendous. Although several people have been rescued from collapsed buildings, even several days after the quake there were many collapsed structures possibly entombing survivors that appear to have not been touched. There simply is not enough manpower to excavate them all. I would encourage Christians back home in the States to continue to pray for the overwhelming needs among the quake survivors and those in grief.

Robby Green is a Southern Baptist from Texas who currently lives in Turkey

ANNUITY

Remember the 'PIG' principle when investing

By Don Spencer

Remember the "PIG" principle. No, I'm not referring to hoarding things or being stingy.



Mentally draw a triangle and label the points with the letters P, I and G. Each of these points

represents an element to be remembered in investing.

■ *P represents protecting principal.* For many people, it is important for them to reduce the possibility of losing some of their principal. They are very uncomfortable with market volatility. The extreme of this view is the person who doesn't trust banks and keeps money in a secret hiding place. No risk. No loss. No gain.

■ *I represents income.* This can be in the form of interest payments or dividends.

■ *G represents growth.* This typically involves investing in stocks, but it also can refer to other types of investments.

Now, combine these three elements together in the very simple "PIG" principle represented on the triangle. The key concept to remember is that the more you move toward any one point of the triangle, the more you move away from the other two points.

If protecting principal is of maximum importance to you, you will not realize significant income or growth.

If you want maximum growth in investing, you must move away from protecting principal and income-oriented investments.

If having a steady income stream is important, then you must move away from growth-oriented investments. Also, as you increase the level of income to be generated, the more you move away from protecting principal.

As you select various investments, whether in a retirement plan or elsewhere, always remember that you cannot have maximum protection, income and growth in the same investment. You must be willing to move away from two of these to maximize the third. If your investments are well diversified, you will have some in each, but that's a topic for another column.

Don Spencer is a certified financial planner and directs the Kentucky Baptist Convention's annuity department

Celebrate honesty to help kids understand cheating is wrong

Q: How can I teach my child that cheating is wrong?

Recent surveys point to "an absolute erosion of the American character," says Michael Josephson, president of the Josephson Institute of Ethics. The studies reflect an increasing willingness on the part of many people to lie, steal or cheat to gain an advantage or to get what they want. In such a context, how can we teach our children that cheating is wrong?

Set a good example. Make sure your children never see you cheating or taking advantage of someone else. Be especially mindful of little things, like the cashier who gives you too much change or the grocer who forgets to look in the bottom of the cart.

Celebrate honesty. Reward your children when they act with integrity. Call attention to people who choose not to cheat, even when an opportunity presents itself.

Punish cheating. Make the experience of cheating a painful one with consequences that will be remembered.

Explain cheating in terms of not being fair. Children are consumed with the concept of fairness. Use games to show how cheating ruins the fun. Tie cheating to trust, and explain how difficult it becomes to trust a person who cheats. Help an older child find synonyms for cheating. Ask, "Do you want these words to describe you?"

Help children see cheating as a form of lying. Read Matthew 7:12 together. Remind children that when they cheat, they are not treating others like they want to be treated. Ask them to think and talk about how they feel when someone cheats them.

Make sure your child knows that even though the majority cheats, it is still wrong. Do not equivocate. Use conversations about cheating as opportunities to teach the importance of character and to show how belief and behavior go hand in hand.—David Garrard

Q: Every time I bring up a problem I'm having, my husband tries to tell me what to do about it. Sometimes I don't need him to fix it, I just want him to listen. What should I do?

Although this problem does not always follow gender lines, this is not an uncommon complaint among women about men. I often hear women say their husband or boyfriend seems to think they must have an answer for every problem that arises, even to the point of getting upset when their wife or girlfriend brings up a problem, because they feel pressured to do something to make it right.

Some of this may be due to the differences in how males and females are treated in our society. It appears that from a rather early age, males are more likely to be taught to be independent. This may lead men to feel compelled to have the answers, not only for their own problems, but for others' problems as well. This is rather unfortunate, since having answers for everyone's problems is too much of a burden to place on anyone. What I often hear women say is that they would like someone to just listen without jumping in to "fix" the problem. The process of talking through a problem is often what she needs in order to find her own solution.

Sometimes it is beneficial for the woman who just wants to talk to state that at the beginning. (For instance, "I have a problem I'm trying to decide how to address. I don't expect you to have an answer, I just need to discuss it with someone.") This can let the man know that he isn't expected to "fix" anything and makes it much more likely that the woman will get what she needs—a listening ear, rather than a "fix-it man."—Susan Howell

Family Forum writers are David Garrard, minister to children at St. Matthews Baptist Church in Louisville; James Stillwell, minister to singles at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lexington; Susan Howell, assistant professor of psychology at Campbellsville University; Jon Rainbow, a clinical gerontologist and professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Wade Rowatt, director of the St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center in Louisville. Send questions for Family Forum to Western Recorder, Box 43969, Louisville, KY 40253 or e-mail us at wesrec@ntr.net.



A call to go, see & do: Why, how & who?

September is state missions season in Kentucky. That means hundreds of churches throughout the state will highlight the 1999 Eliza Broadus State Missions Offering theme, "Transformed to Go, See & Do God's Will in Kentucky." Many also will observe the Sept. 12-19 State Missions Week of Prayer and contribute toward this year's offering challenge goal of \$800,000.

But what about after the annual missions emphasis is over? How will exposure to the challenges and opportunities of state missions impact individuals and congregations across the state? Does state missions merely involve attending a missions study, voicing a brief prayer and stuffing a few dollars into an offering envelope—or is there more to it?

Much of the answer can be found in this year's theme verse, Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

What does it mean to be transformed? The dictionary defines transformation as "a change in character or condition." From a Christian perspective, individuals are transformed when they become "new creatures" in Christ.

Yet the Apostle Paul was writing to fellow believers in Rome who already were transformed spiritually. Pointing beyond Christian conversion, he calls on Christ's followers to pursue "spiritual service" by fulfilling the "good and acceptable and perfect" will of God. Sounds kind of weighty for a state missions theme, huh?

The point, of course, is that transformation for Christian service *should* be a weighty matter. Missions offering allocations for migrant ministries, disaster relief, student summer missionaries, language missions, interfaith witness and other urgent projects often make an eternal difference in the lives of those touched by such efforts.

That's why it's important for Kentucky Baptists to personalize our commitment to "go, see & do." We must also be willing to go a step further and explore the questions, "Why, how & who?" For those who truly are

transformed in Christ, answers to such concerns are crucial.

■ Why? Because state mission efforts are essential in Kentucky Baptists' commitment to help reach the world with the gospel. The fact is that state missions does not always receive the attention and support it needs and deserves. Southern Baptists have a tendency to glamorize international missions and even North American missions, sometimes at the expense of adequate state missions support. As essential as national and international ministry efforts are, state missions plays an equally significant role. Without a strong foundation at home, it is difficult to sustain and strengthen missions support throughout the nation and world.

■ How? In addition to studying about, praying for and giving to state missions, there are widespread opportunities for personal ministry involvement. Such projects as Friendship International, Hope Unlimited Pregnancy Care Center, Jefferson Street Baptist Center, Volunteers on Missions and Christian Women's Job Corps—all of which receive state missions offering funds—also need Kentucky Baptists willing to share personal involvement. It's not a matter of simply writing a check for a need halfway around the world and feeling like you've done your part; it's a matter of personally reaching out to people in your community, county and state who desperately need to experience the life-changing love of Christ.

■ Who? You! There are far too many needs to expect our pastors, church staff and Woman's Missionary Union members to do it all. What about deacons, Sunday school teachers and youth leaders? For that matter, how about teens and children themselves? We also ought to include senior adults, choir members, church committee members—and even those folks in the pews who show up only on Sunday mornings but still convincingly sing, "I Surrender All."

The point is that all Christians are called to "go, see & do God's will. ..." It's a matter of living transformed lives—not just for a few days in September, but all year long.

STRAIGHT FROM THE EDITOR



Trennis Henderson

Who can be against us?

By Patrick Wren

"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

God is for us! I think this is one of the most exciting passages in Scripture.

Very few Christians I meet understand what grace is all about and what God has promised to do in our lives because of grace. Paul gives us the clearest description in the entire New Testament of what it means to live by grace. You can summarize grace in this one sentence: God is for us. I challenge you to meditate on that truth all next week. I think it can revolutionize your life.

Because of the fact that God is for us, who can be against us? In Greek this isn't a condition but a statement: "Since God is for us," who can be against us?

The first thing we need to learn is that grace means I always can count on God's power. If God is for me, who can be against me? One plus God equals a

majority. Nothing should discourage us when we recognize the fact that God is on our side.

I remember as a kid, playing Little League or touch football, we'd choose teams. We always wanted to get the biggest kid or the best athlete. We always thought if we could just get that guy on our side. ... Often I've thought this verse is similar to that. If I can just get God on my side, who cares who else is against me? The power of God is so overwhelming that no enemy can stand against it.

1 John 4:4 says, "You, dear children, are from God and overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." What is it in your life that is overwhelming you? Financial problems? Physical problems? Somebody at work? A relationship?

The Bible declares that greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. God's power is part of God's grace. Grace means I always can count on God's power and nothing can overwhelm me. Nothing can devastate my

life when I've put it into the hands of the Lord.

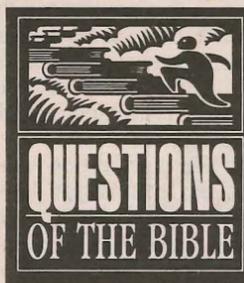
We do have people who are against us. The Bible says the devil is against us; he wants to attack us, get us down, destroy us. The Christian never needs to be intimidated. If God is for us, who can be against us?

Philippians 4:13 notes, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Grace is the fact that I always can count on God's power.

According to 1 John 5:18, "We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin." He doesn't make sin a continuous practice. A person who lives in continuous sin, knowing that what he's doing is against God's will and yet not obeying God, has a right to question whether he is a real believer.

Scripture declares that "the one who was born of God keeps him safe and the evil one does not touch him." You are off limits to the devil if you're living in the center of God's will. Nothing can come into your life without His permission. God will not allow the devil to mess up your life and destroy your life. The devil does not have that power without God's permission. Grace means I can always count on God's power.

Patrick Wren is pastor of Nicholasville Baptist Church





How to help

The following groups are collecting money for relief work in Turkey. Checks earmarked for "Turkey earthquake relief" can be sent to:

■ SBC International Mission Board Baptist World Relief, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230. Donations made at Kentucky Baptist churches for Turkey relief will be forwarded to the International Mission Board.

■ Baptist World Aid, 6733 Curran St., McLean, VA 22101.

■ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Box 101699, Atlanta, GA 30392.

■ Samaritan's Purse, Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.



WHAT'S LEFT? An estimated 600,000 Turks were left homeless by an Aug. 17 earthquake that killed at least 14,000 people. A team of more than 200 Christian volunteers hand-manufactured and set up more than 1,000 six-person tents for the homeless. In addition, Baptist volunteers from Georgia and Ohio joined two teams from Texas in field kitchens at Golcuk and Adapazari, Turkey. (BP photos by Donald Martin)

Moldovan, U.S. Christians minister together

By Tobin Perry
SBC International Mission Board

IZMIT, Turkey (BP)—Miskakit Ozpolat looked down through a hole in what had been the second floor of his home. He stared at a spot of his wife's blood on the bed.

No tears, no anger, no emotion.

Ozpolat scratched a scraggly, untrimmed beard. He grabbed a piece of what used to be the frame of his house and, in a flurry of short swings, he hit the plaster around the hole.

"Bad construction," he said with a quiver in his voice.

The massive earthquake that shook his hometown of Izmit, Turkey, Aug. 17 knocked loose a piece of his bedroom ceiling that hit his wife in the head and killed her. His son and sister died in the next room. Now Ozpolat, his mother and his month-old daughter live in a small tent near his home.

Ozpolat, a Turkish Muslim, gathered outside with three American Christians and a Moldovan Baptist, who had been on a ministry trip to Turkey organized by International Interns when the earthquake hit. They joined hands, bowed their heads and prayed.

This wasn't supposed to be a disaster relief trip for the group of Moldovan Baptists and evangelicals from California praying with Ozpolat. Originally they were planning to help a Turkish pastor. But the massive earthquake changed a lot of plans.

"My Turkish friend woke up first, then he woke me up," said Vladimir Richter, a teacher at Moldova College of Theology and Education. "At that moment, I wasn't really afraid. We went outside and spent the rest of the night there."

From that moment on, they became a disaster relief team.

The Moldovans and the Californians joined Southern Baptists and Christians from around the world in meeting the massive needs of the Turkish community.

The day after the earthquake, they handed out packets of food, supplies and offered copies of the New Testament to



those who wanted them.

Then they took on the project of making and distributing tents for the hundreds of thousands of people left homeless by the earthquake. By the end of the second week after the earthquake, they had helped other Protestants in Turkey produce and distribute nearly 1,000 tents.

International Interns, the organization that coordinated the joint trip between the Californians and Moldovans, is an evangelical ministry based in California that focuses on connecting American churches with overseas congregations.

In coordination with Southern Baptists, International Interns helped put together a joint ministry trip between several California evangelical churches and a group of Moldovan Baptist pastors and students.

International Interns has been working with Moldovan Baptists since the late 1980s to help start churches in their own country. Recently, International Interns has begun trying to mobilize the country's Baptists to reach out in new directions.

The Gagauz, an ethnic group in Moldova, are the only Turkish people group not predominantly Muslim. Their language is an older version of Turkish, like old English compared to con-

temporary English. But as the only non-Muslim, ethnically Turkish group, the 15,000 ethnic Gagauz Baptists provide an important link among the Turkish people.

"There are 200 million Turkish speakers in the world," said Walt Shearer, president of International Interns. "Moldova is a very strategic country."

Most Moldavian Baptist work has been focused internally or in Russia, but the recent trip to Turkey was one of the first steps to reaching into the wider world.

The love of Jesus Christ should be known everywhere, said Richter. "It is the commandment of Jesus Christ."

One of the major purposes of the trip was to introduce the evangelicals from California to the Moldovan Baptists so the churches could better support each other. Working together to help the devastated communities in Turkey provided opportunities for both groups to learn about the other.

As Stephan Stauchan, general secretary of the Moldovan Baptist Convention, prayed for Ozpolat, the recently widowed father stiffened and stared at the rubble that a week and a half earlier was his home.

There's a long road ahead for both Ozpolat and the Turkish people, but for a time they didn't have to walk it alone.

Georgia Baptist family loses four children in Turkey tragedy

MARIETTA, Ga. (BP)—Four children in a Georgia Baptist family were among the thousands killed in the Turkey earthquake.

Babur and Jan Kilic buried both their two oldest and two youngest children, ages 6 to nine months, in Marietta, Ga., near Atlanta, Aug. 27.

The Kilic family except for Babur Kilic were on vacation with grandparents Nizam and Turkan Kilic, both from Atlanta, who had a second home in the resort city of Yalova, Turkey, 90 miles southwest of Istanbul.

Kilic, an anesthesiologist at Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, was hoping to join his family the weekend of Aug. 20 for the rest of the vacation. Instead, he had to leave that weekend to make funeral arrangements for his father and four of his children, as well as hospitalization for his injured wife and mother.

The Kilics' lone surviving child, 3-and-a-half-year-old Natalie, suffered only one black eye after being trapped in rubble for 36 hours.

Later, more than 800 mourners attended the memorial service held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Sandy Springs, a neighborhood northwest of Atlanta, where Jan Kilic and her children attended. Mrs. Kilic has been a member of the church for six years.

Mrs. Kilic, who still was recovering in the hospital from injuries to her head, neck and back, arrived at the church by ambulance. Her husband brought her into the sanctuary in a wheelchair.

The grandmother, in critical condition and with head injuries, could not attend the Aug. 27 funeral. She died Aug. 29.

Mrs. Kilic had taken her children to Turkey with their paternal grandparents "to encourage her children to celebrate their Turkish culture," her brother, Billy Kemp, was quoted as saying in USA Today Aug. 20. They were staying in her in-laws' second home in a five-story condominium, which collapsed during the earthquake.

The Associated Press has reported that the four Kilic children were the only Americans known to have died in the earthquake.

Sam Boyd, senior pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, preached on "Purpose in Tragedy" in the funeral sermon. While God is drawing His people unto Himself, Boyd said, "He molds us into His likeness," often using circumstances "to accomplish His purposes." During his prayer, Boyd asked God to "give us understanding and give us hope."

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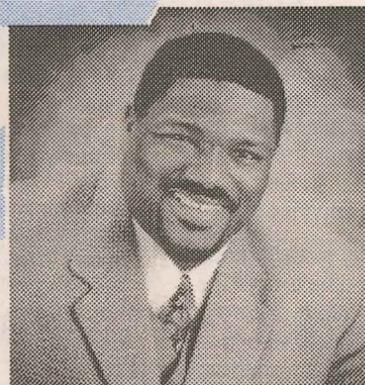


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WORLD VIEW

■ **The AIDS epidemic** sweeping southern Africa has intensified the sense of urgency with which missionaries work. Nearly two-thirds of the estimated 33.4 million people infected with AIDS worldwide live in sub-Saharan Africa, according to the World Health Organization. The region accounted for 70 percent of 1998's 5.8 million new infections. "Southern Africa is plagued by AIDS," said Southern Baptist missionary Ray Davis. "Urgency is the climate in which our missionaries work."

■ **Only three months** before the turn of the millennium, there are still rooms at the inn in Jerusalem, says the city's mayor, Ehud Olmert. But Olmert predicted the number of visitors to the city during the year 2000 would exceed current Israeli Tourism Ministry projections of 2.6 million to 3 million tourists. Roughly \$10 million has been spent so far to prepare Jerusalem for the millennium, he said, and the city is stepping up its efforts to cooperate with the 42 Christian churches involved in Year 2000 events.

■ **Leaders in the Messianic Jewish** movement are reporting a "significant increase" in the number of Messianic Jews during the last three decades. The growth of the movement was discussed at a recent meeting of the Lausanne Consultation on Jewish Evangelism, attended by 130 participants from 16 countries. Tuvya Zaretsky said the number of Messianic congregations in Israel has grown from "six or eight" in the early 1970s to more than 35. Zaretsky, the Southern California director of Jews for Jesus, said the number of Messianic congregations in America has grown to about 80.

Baptist workers minister to Bolivian wildfire victims

By Wally Poor
SBC International Mission Board

ASCENSION DE GUARAYOS, Bolivia (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries and Bolivian Baptists are witnessing and ministering to at least 3,000 people left homeless by wildfires.

The fires, usually set in August by farmers and ranchers clearing land for cultivation, got out of hand because of drier-than-usual weather and a shift in wind direction. About 700 homes were destroyed or damaged in the fires.

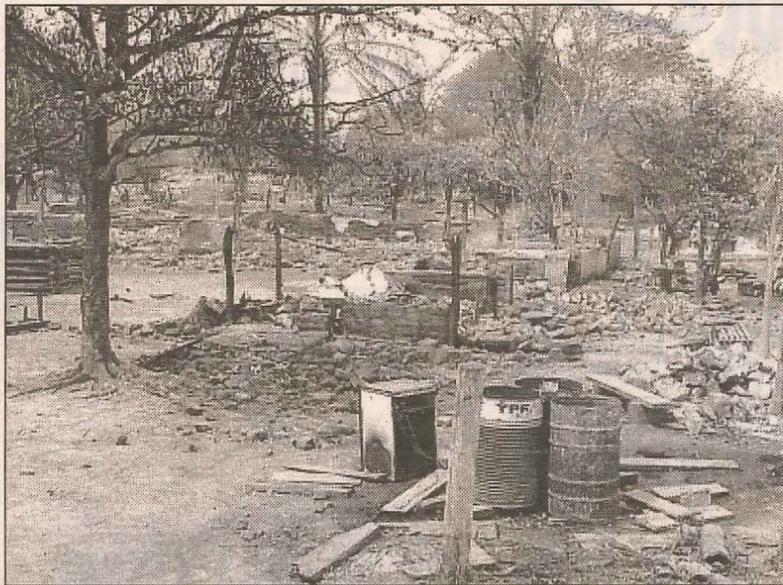
"Families that have lost everything have taken refuge in the six school buildings in Ascension," reported IMB missionary Tom Martin. "In order to be able to restart classes, the government has set up tents in three places in the city."

One camp, housing 400 to 600 people, is across the street from a Baptist church. The civic official in charge of organizing relief efforts asked Baptists to supervise it.

Baptists loaded a truck with food and other goods purchased by Southern Baptist disaster relief funds. Also on the truck were clothes donated by evangelicals of many denominations from the town of Montero.

The Bolivian Baptist Convention sent a later shipment of 5,000 tracts and several hundred Bibles.

Martin and journeyman missionary Trey Wooten, along with eight Bolivian



BURNED OUT At least 3,000 people were left homeless by wildfires that swept Ascension de Guarayos, Bolivia, in August. Southern Baptist missionaries and their Bolivian Baptist co-workers are ministering and witnessing to families who lost their homes in the fire. (BP photo)

volunteers, distributed tarps, mattresses and care packages to the 26 evangelical families who lost their homes.

Teresa Sandoval, a Bolivian Baptist who came to help with medicines, Martin said. "As people left her services, pastor Lauro Choque from Santa Cruz talked with each patient about the Lord."

Martin and a Bolivian Baptist missionary also met with representatives of the different evangelical churches in Ascension. "There was a great spirit of unity in the room as we talked about the future and how we would cooperate to meet needs," he said.

One man came from La Chonta, a village 16 kilometers from Ascension. Martin said the man turned down relief goods and said he needed Bibles.

"Many people in my village think this is the end of the world," the man said. "They are asking how to become believers. I need Bibles." Martin led him through a marked New Testament in Spanish.

Then the man introduced Martin to a 14-year-old named Fernando and said, "He wants to accept Christ as his Savior." Martin led the youth through the same Scriptures he had shown the man and the teenager prayed to accept Christ.

The team of Southern Baptist missionaries seeking to reach the Guarayo people group are planning a six-month human needs project that will include not only administration of the camp but also projects for buying seed and tools for the coming planting season.

Six to eight U.S. volunteer teams of nine to 15 people each also will be requested.

"These teams will do a variety of jobs—medicine, cooking, carpentry and building, prayer walking and children, youth and women's activities," Martin explained. "Our team hopes to take advantage of the opportunity to witness to those in the camp about the love of God."

Martin requested prayer for the people affected by the fire. "The trauma is in their eyes. They have been hit."

"I am working to get people in the area who can primarily love folks," he added. "As much as anything else, they need to be loved. Pray that Christ's love will shine through."

2,000 Cambodians led to Christ through regional literacy classes

By Julie McGowan
SBC International Mission Board

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (BP)—Some days, 74 Cambodian children cram into a simple 15-by-20-foot hut, built on stilts with a palm-leaf roof, to learn to read and write their own language.

On this particular humid, cloudy day, while thunder rumbles in the distance, only 58 children and seven adults crowd in to learn about words—and to learn about Jesus.

A breeze cuts the thick air, but more refreshing is the sound of dozens of young voices reading and singing.

They are just a handful of the almost 4,000 Cambodians enrolled in 176 rural Cambodia adult literacy classes nationwide who are learning to read and write the Khmer language using curriculum that emphasizes Bible stories.

More than 2,000 students have taken to heart the simple stories about Jesus' life and have accepted Him as their personal Savior.

At this class, mostly children study during the day, with the help of a 19-year-old native teacher, while parents eke out an existence in nearby fields.

Come nightfall, 54 adults will fight fatigue and sometimes hunger in this same hut to learn the same lessons by candlelight.

The literacy program was developed and implemented in 1998 by Southern Baptist workers in Southeast

Asia, the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Cambodia and Literacy Evangelism International in Tulsa, Okla. The team developed three primers to be used in Cambodian communities to teach local people how to read and write the Khmer language—meeting the overwhelming literacy needs of 40 percent of rural Cambodians and 15 percent of the city dwellers.

A Southern Baptist worker trained Sin Maneth, the Cambodian national Baptist coordinator, and several regional coordinators to use the literacy resources. He meets with class leaders twice a year to help them upgrade their knowledge, discuss the development of new resources, hear reports from regional leaders and map areas of work in the country.

The leaders hope to have 5,000 students enrolled in literacy classes in all of Cambodia's 21 provinces by January 2000—but the number could grow much higher, depending on fiscal resources. Many of the teachers volunteer their services, but resources still are limited for the program, which is supported mostly by outside donations.

For Sin Maneth, the possibilities reach beyond each person to the entire nation.

"If we want people to come to Jesus, they've got to be able to read," she said. "This is the time for Christians in Cambodia. This is our time to make Cambodia a Christian place. And if people can read and write, this is the way to peace for this country. It is also the way to better health."

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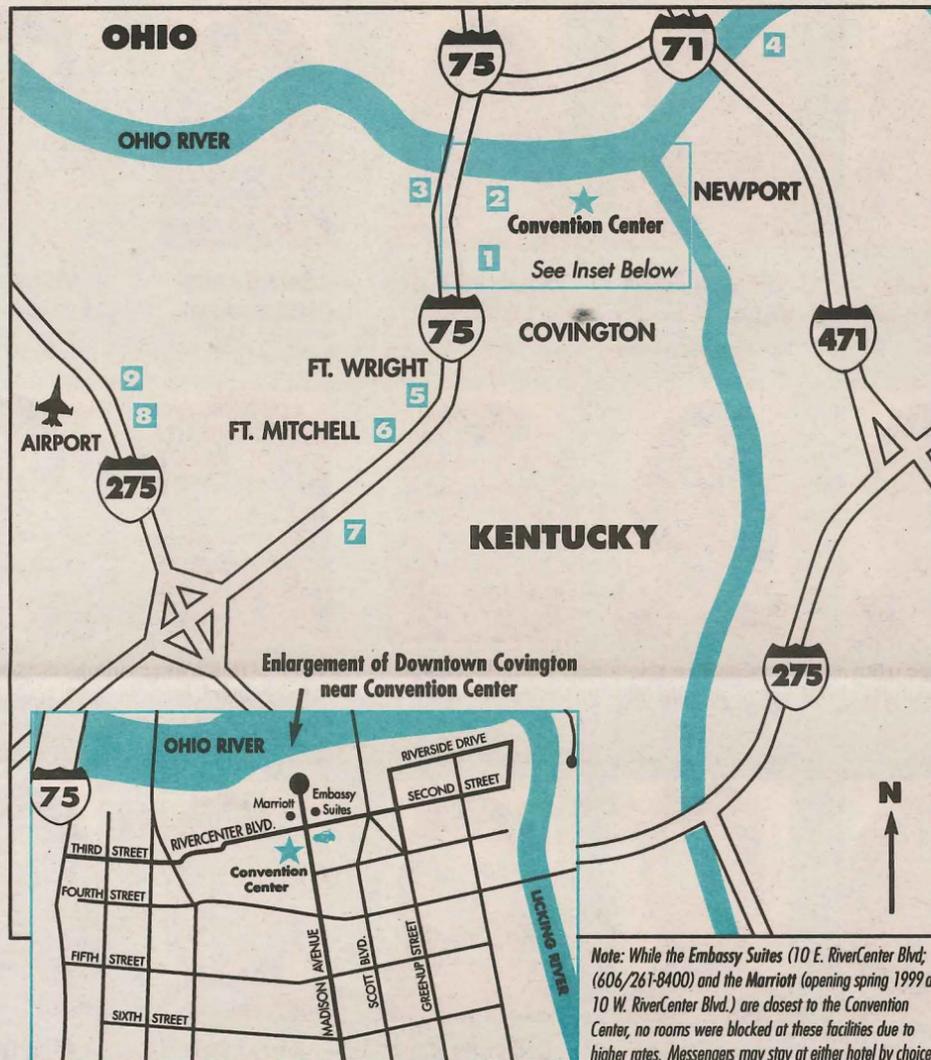
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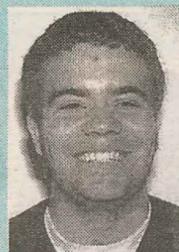
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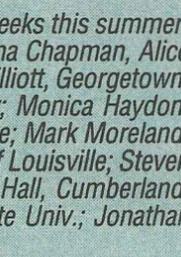
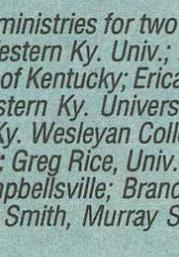
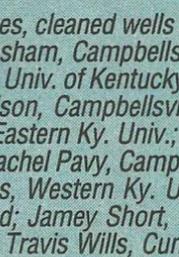
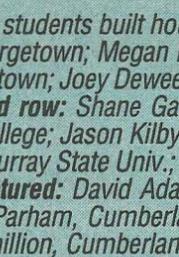
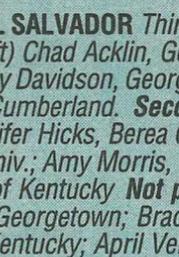
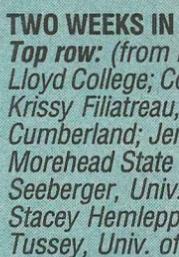


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TAIWAN TEAM Thirteen students traveled to Taiwan, where they helped teach English and performed other ministry projects for two weeks. Pictured (from left) are: Lori Grigsby, Cumberland; Alicia Kleid, Northern Ky. Univ.; Brook Andrew, Cumberland; Jodi Norman, Georgetown; Emily Bolin, Georgetown; Dana Jenkins, Campbellsville; Whitney Robertson, Campbellsville; Lisa Mullins (kissing stone), Georgetown; Sarah Preston, Hopkinsville Community College; Angela Carter, Univ. of Kentucky; Rachael Powell, Georgetown; Keith Richter, Northern Ky. Univ.; campus minister Mel Doughty; and Bryan Cobb, Northern Ky. Univ.



TWO WEEKS IN EL SALVADOR Thirty students built houses, cleaned wells and performed other ministries for two weeks this summer. **Top row:** (from left) Chad Acklin, Georgetown; Megan Basham, Campbellsville; Janet Brown, Western Ky. Univ.; Lina Chapman, Alice Lloyd College; Cody Davidson, Georgetown; Joey Dewees, Univ. of Kentucky; B.J. Donahue, Univ. of Kentucky; Erica Elliott, Georgetown; Krissy Filatreau, Cumberland. **Second row:** Shane Garrison, Campbellsville; Jennifer Hale, Eastern Ky. University; Monica Haydon, Cumberland; Jennifer Hicks, Berea College; Jason Kilby, Eastern Ky. Univ.; Karissa Krahwinkel, Ky. Wesleyan College; Mark Moreland, Morehead State Univ.; Amy Morris, Murray State Univ.; Rachel Pavy, Campbellsville. **Bottom row:** Greg Rice, Univ. of Louisville; Steven Seeberger, Univ. of Kentucky. **Not pictured:** David Adams, Western Ky. Univ.; Steve Blan, Campbellsville; Brandy Hall, Cumberland; Stacey Hemlepp, Georgetown; Brad Parham, Cumberland; Jamey Short, Cumberland; Nanette Smith, Murray State Univ.; Jonathan Tussey, Univ. of Kentucky; April Vermillion, Cumberland; Travis Wills, Cumberland.

Parents, church help teens avoid drugs

By Tom Strode
SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty
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WASHINGTON (BP)—Close relationships with both parents, regular attendance at religious services and drug-free schools are factors that result in teenagers being far less likely to use drugs, according to a new survey.

The fifth annual report by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse showed the teens who are safest from the risk of using drugs "are those living in two-parent homes who have an excellent or very good relationship with both parents, eat dinner and attend religious services regularly as a family, go to 'both parents equally' when they have important decisions to make, have discussed illegal drugs with both parents and report their mom and dad are 'equally' demanding of the teen in terms of grades, homework and personal behavior."

The survey of young people ages 12 to 17 also found those who attend

schools where drugs are used or sold are twice as likely to abuse drugs, including alcohol, as students in drug-free schools. They are three times as likely to smoke cigarettes and three times as likely to have tried marijuana. According to the results, 75 percent of young people in religious schools say their schools are drug-free, contrasted with 40 percent of those in public schools.

In its research on attendance at religious services, the report showed 53 percent of young people say they attend such services at least four times a month. The contrast with those who attend less than once a month included:

- Only 10 percent of youth who attend religious services at least four times a month have smoked marijuana, while 25 percent of those who attend less than once a month have smoked marijuana.

- 7 percent of those who attend at least four times a month have smoked cigarettes, contrasted with 16 percent who attend less than once a month.

- 9 percent of regular attenders drink alcohol in a typical week, while 21 per-

cent of irregular attenders drink in a typical week.

- More than half, 56 percent, of youth who attend at least four times a month say they will never use an illegal drug in the future, while only 15 percent of those who attend less than once a month say they will abstain.

CASA President Joseph Califano said in a written release, "This survey clearly indicates that an active religious life can make an enormous difference in the likelihood that the teen will be drug-free."

The survey especially showed the importance of a child's relationship with his father in a two-parent home.

Children living in two-parent families and who have only a fair or poor relationship with their fathers are 68 percent more likely to smoke, drink and use drugs in contrast with all young people living in two-parent homes, according to the survey.

In addition, children in a single-parent home who have an excellent relationship with the mother heading that family are at a 62 percent lower risk of abusing drugs than children in a two-parent home who have only a fair or poor relationship with their father.

The average young person living in a home headed by a single mother, however, is at a 30 percent higher risk than all teens in a two-parent household, the survey found.

The survey also found 42 percent of young people who do not use marijuana credit their parents with their decision. That was higher than any other influence in a child's life.

NATIONAL NOTES

■ **Judge modifies voucher ruling.** A federal judge has reversed his own decision, allowing most of the students in Cleveland's publicly funded school voucher program to attend private—including religious—schools this year. U.S. District Judge Solomon Oliver Jr. ruled Aug. 27 that elementary school children who participated in the program last year may receive tuition vouchers again this semester. About 3,400 of the 4,000 kindergarten through sixth-grade students in the program were involved in the program last year. Oliver had previously ruled that because most of the schools participating in the program are religious, the program appeared to have the "primary effect of advancing religion."

■ **Court OKs abortion for 14-year-old.** The Arizona State Supreme Court, by a divided 3-2 vote, has cleared the way for a 14-year-old girl to obtain a late-term abortion. In a rare Sunday ruling, the court reversed a decision by an appeals judge that had blocked the girl—believed to be 24 weeks pregnant—from being taken to Kansas for the procedure. A ward of the state since she was 5 and a ward of Maricopa County Superior Court, the girl first requested an abortion when she was 14 weeks pregnant, saying she had been raped. But she then ran away and returned only recently.

■ **Religious groups oppose ruling.** A coalition of Protestant and Jewish groups has asked the Texas Court of Appeals to overturn a lower court ruling that a child of divorced parents could attend only a "mainline" church. At issue is the divorce of a Christian mother and Jewish father who both agreed to provide religious training for their daughter. The mother took her daughter to Metropolitan Community Church in Wichita Falls, Texas, a Protestant church whose ministry focuses on homosexuals. When the father objected, the lower court ruled that only "mainline churches" were acceptable. It said "mainline churches" include Methodist, Baptist, Episcopalian, Roman Catholic and a "Jewish synagogue" but not Metropolitan Community Church.



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Ten Commandments judge not guilty of state ethics charges

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (RNS)—An Alabama judge who displays the Ten Commandments in his courtroom credited his faith after he was cleared of possible ethical wrongdoing regarding a legal defense fund.

"I feel like today we've been delivered by His righteousness," Circuit Judge Roy Moore said Sept. 1.

Moore commented on the decision to a courtroom filled with supporters after St. Clair County District Attorney Van Davis said there was no evidence to support an Alabama Ethics Commission complaint that alleged the judge may have broken state law.

Davis concluded that Moore neither controlled the defense fund nor solicited donations himself, Associated Press reported.

"Our investigation revealed no evidence that Judge Roy Moore used his office for personal gain," said Davis.

In June, commissioners voted 5-0 that there was probable cause that Moore illegally profited from the defense fund, created by friends who supported his legal fight to keep the Ten Commandments on display in his courtroom.

More than \$100,000 was donated to the fund during his fight against the American Civil Liberties Union, which challenged his display and his practice of beginning court sessions with prayer.

Moore said the ethics case was prompted by the highly publicized court fight against the ACLU.

"This is not about ethics," he said. "This was an effort to stop the message that the acknowledgment of God ... is not now nor has ever been nor ever will be a violation of the First Amendment."

The ACLU contends the judge's religious expression in the courtroom violates the doctrine of separation of church and state. The Alabama Supreme Court dismissed the ACLU's case without ruling on the merits.

Evangelical Navy chaplain resigns in dispute

WASHINGTON (RNS)—An evangelical Navy chaplain says he resigned under pressure after he and his Catholic commander disagreed over whether his preaching was sufficiently pluralistic.

Lt. Cmdr. Philip Veitch said he was charged with five criminal offenses by the Naval Support Activity, a command in Naples, Italy. The charges were dropped when he agreed to resign.

Veitch told the Washington Times he is working to rescind his resignation letter and has persuaded the Pentagon inspector general to investigate the matter.

Veitch said he has been forbidden by the Navy from conducting any religious activity and believes

he is the victim of religious discrimination.

"We have a sense of repression here," Veitch said.

"I am ordained by the Reformed Episcopal Church, and I will not have a Roman Catholic priest tell me what I can and cannot say," he added. "It won't happen. I can't have the government telling me what my denomination can or cannot say."

The Navy described the situation as a case of an officer violating regulations.

A Navy charging document said Veitch's e-mails to the command chaplain, asking him to explain why he could not preach on certain topics, "showed marked disdain, insolence and contempt."

Veitch denies the formal charges, which were showing disrespect to Capt. Ronald Buchmiller, the senior chaplain, and failing to go to appointed places of duty.

After he refused to attend a disciplinary hearing, Veitch said he was given the options of quitting or facing trial.

But a Navy spokesman said Veitch chose the court-martial and later decided to resign instead.

The Navy then dropped the five charges. "There was no ultimatum," said Lt. j.g. Fred Kuebler. "It wasn't 'you resign or you will be court-martialed.' They can't do that, nor would they."

Kuebler also denied Veitch's charge of religious discrimination.

Christian 'survival kits' distributed to college students

ORLANDO, Fla. (RNS)—As they hit the books and adjust to dormitory life, some college freshmen will receive a gospel-oriented gift from Campus Crusade for Christ.

The evangelical ministry plans to dole out 111,000 "Freshman Survival Kits" to 250 campuses across the country.

Each kit includes a Bible, a Christian music compact disk, an evangelistic video that addresses drinking on campus and other inspirational items.

"Students are surviving many life issues as they enter college," said Dan Hardaway, national coordinator for the kits for the Orlando, Fla.-

based ministry. "We want to provide the freshmen with a gift that will speak to them in their world and help them address their spiritual needs."

Hardaway said the kits were available the past two years, but there has been an increase in the demand for this school year.

"The demand for the kits nationwide this year is far exceeding our supply," he said.

The project is funded through national and local contributions. Some individual campus ministries raise the money to provide the kits and churches and local business also pay for the kits to be distributed at universities in their local areas.

The ministry estimates that about \$1 million will be spent on providing the kits during the 1999-2000 school year.

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whether or not you need more than a will, provisions for children and other dependents, incapacity planning, etc.

The Christian financial planning seminar is designed primarily for young adults and includes help with family spending plans, managing debt, savings and investments, retirement planning, insurance, etc.

The charitable giving ideas seminar focuses on ways to make "tax-wise gifts" other than cash to your church and other Baptist causes. It also includes information on life income giving arrangements whereby you and your family receive income for your lifetimes.

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PRAYER

Faithful prayer helps open Albania to the gospel

By Mark Wingfield
Texas Baptist Standard

DALLAS (ABP)—What some people call coincidence, others attribute to the power of prayer.

Albania once was considered the most-closed, most-atheistic nation in the world but now has gained access to the gospel.

Minette Drumwright, retired prayer strategy coordinator for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, told the following story at the recent Glorieta Prayer Conference in New Mexico about how God worked through a group of Christians committed to praying for nations of the world.

In the mid-1980s, Sheila Everett and her pastor-husband were serving First Baptist Church of Benton, Ark. A young woman preparing to go to Hungary as a missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ spoke in Everett's Sunday school class one week.

"She mentioned Albania at the time and said it's the only totally atheistic country in the world," Everett recalled in an interview. "From that time on, God put it on my heart to start praying. I started praying that God would break down the walls of Albania."

About that same time, Drumwright began her work as a prayer strategist at the mission board in Richmond, Va. She and other missionary leaders began asking churches to "adopt" unreached people groups for intensive prayer.

The Everetts' church was among the first to sign up for the new program, and

IMB staffers randomly assigned the congregation a people group.

Everett recalls exactly where she was sitting in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church on a particular Wednesday night more than 10 years ago. With the rest of the congregation, she heard for the first time her husband announce the church had received its prayer assignment. She was overwhelmed to learn their church had been assigned to pray for the people of Albania.

"I almost shouted," she said. "Some would say this was a random assignment, but I wouldn't."

A year later, the Everetts moved to Fort Worth, Texas. He became pastor of University Baptist Church. She brought her concern for Albania, and the Fort Worth church ultimately also adopted a prayer focus on Albania.

About the same time, a family in Brownwood, Texas, also felt led by God to begin praying for Albania.

David and Mary Carpenter were successful professionals, both active in their Baptist church. During the mid-1980s, they were members of First Baptist Church of Brownwood and helped start a new mission church. The two congregations applied separately to Drumwright's office for an unreached people group, and both were assigned Albania.

The Carpenters and their 4-year-old son began praying that the people of Albania would gain access to the gospel. Before long, the Carpenters sensed God was calling them to go as missionaries to Albania. They contacted the IMB but were told mission-

aries could not go to Albania.

"They were nice but not real encouraging," Carpenter recalled. "It was a closed country."

But the Carpenters proceeded with the missionary appointment process over about a five-year period. Eventually, they sold their law practice, real estate investments and luxurious home and moved to an apartment in Fort Worth for seminary training.

Even though Albania was a closed country, they proceeded on faith, convinced God would open a way for them to reach the people of Albania.

"Our call to Albania was very specific," Carpenter said. "It almost wasn't a call to missions as much as a call to Albania."

Their first week in Fort Worth, the Carpenters picked a nearby Baptist church to visit on Wednesday night. That church was University Baptist, where the Everetts and the entire congregation were praying for Albania.

"We met the pastor and told him our story," Carpenter recalled. "We met Sheila, and she turned white. She was in tears. When we stood there in front of her, she saw that as an answer to her prayers."

During the next months, the two couples became good friends, and members of University Baptist added prayers for the Carpenters to their other prayers for Albania.

Just as the Carpenters completed the amount of seminary work required for missionaries, the nation of Albania opened enough for them to go there as language students.

They arrived in September 1992 and were among the first Christian missionaries in Albania. Soon they were followed by a flood of more than 600 missionaries. These missionaries from different countries and backgrounds were able to work together in an array of projects.

The Carpenters served in Albania for four years. Today, they live in Waco, Texas, where they work with an international mission organization called All Peoples. David Carpenter also practices law part-time and serves on the staff of First Baptist Church of Woodway, Texas.

The Everetts now live in metropolitan Washington, D.C., where Randel Everett is pastor of Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Va., and Sheila Everett is administrator of the John Leland Center for Theological Studies.

Yet the story continues. "There are now churches in Albania," Drumwright noted. "There are Albanians preaching the gospel. The beginning of this story for Southern Baptists, so far I as know, was when God reached down and touched Sheila Everett in Benton, Ark. Can one young woman's prayer make a difference? Definitely. Can one church's prayers make a difference? Definitely."

But ultimately, both Everett and Drumwright point to God as the impetus for prayers that change the world.

"I definitely believe God uses prayer to open up the hearts of people, to open up countries that haven't been opened or ethnic groups that haven't been opened," Everett said.

Prayer called ultimate tool to reach nations

GLORIETA, N.M. (ABP)—Prayer reaches where missionaries can't, Minette Drumwright told participants in the Glorieta Prayer Conference.

Drumwright, who now lives in Fort Worth, Texas, is a retired director of prayer strategy for the Southern Baptist International Mission Board.

Praying for the nations is the ultimate expression of prayer, she said. "The biblical basis for praying for the nations is the Bible—all of it. It runs throughout the Bible."

She listed seven points to be understood about praying for the nations:

■ Prayer begins with God. "Prayer is His idea," she said. "Everything we say about prayer needs to begin with God's concern that all the people of the nations be saved."

■ Prayer is powerful and effective. God "has made a holy decision to give us this awesome role of partnership with Him," she said.

■ The reach of prayer is total. "Prayer can reach into every home in your neighborhood and all 237 nations of the world."

■ Prayer is something every believer can do with great impact.

■ Prayer enters the realm of spiritual warfare. "As we lift God's concerns to Him, that breaks Satan's power."

■ Prayer calls forth laborers to go to the nations. Christians ought to pray that more believers will respond to God's call as missionaries, Drumwright said.

■ Prayer is the most crucial work Christians can do. "It is work," she said. "Praying for the nations requires our attention, our focus."

Building for Christ

By Robert Dunston

This summer, student summer missionaries and church volunteers continued to minister through Cumberland College's Mountain Outreach program.

Kentucky supplied most of our summer missionaries with Jami Craiger Benning from Partridge, Amanda Cain from Florence, Nina Hall from McKee, Allene Hayes from London, Terry Lewis from Williamsburg and Tracy Welsh from Corbin. Brent Benning from Aurora, Ind.; Jennifer Morgan from Cincinnati; and Lee Ann Ruf from Connersville, Ind., rounded out the team.

Volunteer groups from 14 churches provided willing and expert assistance. Churches represented were Buffat Heights Baptist in Knoxville, Tenn.; Calvary Baptist in Glasgow; Central Christian in Beloit, Wis.; Cleary Baptist in Florence, Miss.; College Park Baptist in Winston-Salem, N.C.; Danbury Baptist in Danbury, N.C.; Ebenezer Baptist in Toccoa, Ga.; First Baptist of Moultrie, Ga.; First Presbyterian of Greenville, Ohio; Head of Tennessee Baptist in Dillard, Ga.; Lake Highlands Baptist in Dallas;

Morning Side Baptist in Spartanburg, S.C.; Seaford Baptist in Seaford, Va.; and Weatherly Heights Baptist in Huntsville, Ala.

An Elderhostel group also invested a week in ministering through building.

The physical result of all these workers' efforts was the construction of three new homes and the renovation of a fourth home. A total of 88 homes have been built since 1982.

The spiritual results were even greater. During a day camp held on the Cumberland College campus, 11 children came to faith in Jesus Christ.

One of the most touching stories of the summer involved a man for whom a house was being built. A church volunteer led him to Christ while the volunteer and man both worked on the roof. The man now has a new home on Earth and in heaven.

We praise God for His great work this summer through Mountain Outreach.

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Why we work

The story of Susan and Lee (not their real names) is shared in the latest issue of our agency newsletter. But, like so many of the children and families in our care, there's a story within the story.

Susan gave birth to Lee while she was in prison. The baby was placed with foster parents, but when they announced plans to leave the state, Susan was frantic to keep Lee in Kentucky so she could develop a relationship with him after her release. Her social worker called Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, and Lee was placed with a couple we'll call the Scotts. With four grandchildren of their own, the Scotts were God's perfect choice to take care of Lee and also minister to Susan.

Cultivating a mother-son relationship across several county lines is not easy. It takes commitment by Susan, her KBHC foster care worker, Michelle Sanborn, and the Scotts. Susan is in a probationary program, has a job and is contributing to her son's care. Michelle takes Lee to visit his mom every week. The Scotts faithfully document Lee's babyhood to share with Susan. All the things I've mentioned are just part of the picture. Susan realizes that. She wrote to

Michelle: "In all reality, you are the best person that has happened in mine and my son's lives, and I am truly, truly grateful. I want to thank you for all your hard work, planning, visits and mostly for bringing my son to see me every week. You are a very special person and I love you. If it wasn't for you none of this would be happening or possible."

"This is why we work," Michelle said after reading the note. She doesn't mean being thanked, although that is nice icing for the cake. It's about giving Susan opportunities to prevent one mistake from ruining her life. It's about showing compassion and dedication to a person as well as to a principle. When Susan says "without you none of this would be happening," she's speaking to Michelle, but, whether she knows it or not, she also refers to everyone who contributes to Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children. On her behalf, thank you.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN



Bill Smithwick

Bill Smithwick is president of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Road, Middletown, KY 40243. Call (800) 456-1386. KBHC's Internet address is: <http://www.iglou.com/kbhc/>

5,000 Baptists expected for Sydney Olympics ministry

By Marv Knox
Texas Baptist Standard

HURST, Texas (ABP)—Thousands of athletes and fans will travel to the Olympics next year worshipping sports and return home following Christ, predict leaders of a ministry to the Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, Sept. 15-Oct. 1, 2000.

About 5,000 Baptists are expected to volunteer for the Olympics ministry, which will begin in June and carry through the Olympic Games themselves, said Sam Mings, executive director of Reach-Out 2000.

The ministry is a joint venture between United States-based Lay Witnesses for Christ International, which Mings leads as president, and the Baptist Union of New South Wales, in the

Australian state where the Olympics will be held. It's part of the Olympics Task Force, a ministry partnership embracing a multinational array of denominations and Christian groups.

Reach-Out 2000 will share the gospel with sports fans from around the world, present the Christian message to secular Australians and strengthen Australian Baptist churches, said Phil Skinner, general superintendent, the Baptist Union of New South Wales, who recently visited the United States.

"We're hoping to reach young people from around the world," Skinner said. "This will be a trans-national missions experience. Because of the Olympics and the multiculturalness of Australia, there will be a number of nationalities there. People will come (to the Olympics) as unbelievers and return as believers to countries that are closed to the gospel."

The effort is bigger than Baptists, he added. "This is a kingdom matter—not a Baptist thing, an Anglican thing or an Episcopal thing—that starts something we desire to see happen," he explained. "We're praying for this to happen."

"We'll use sports as a mechanism to reach people with the gospel. But evangelistic passion and enthusiasm will be reignited and enhanced. We will equip people in evangelism. The temperature will go up; the bar for evangelism will go up."

Not only will that atmosphere fuel evangelism, but it also will encourage Australian churches, Skinner noted. "It will give the local church a creative opportunity for the gospel to be pro-

claimed in its community. It will reignite evangelistic flames for some churches and enhance it in others."

Reach-Out 2000 volunteers will serve churches and minister in communities, even in rural areas, across New South Wales, Mings reported.

The ministry will include large rallies, such as Evening with the Olympians, and Nighting current Olympic athletes, and Fearing of Champions, which also will feature former athletic stars, Mings said. Multi-gold medalist Carl Lewis, the most decorated Olympic athlete of the century, will present his Christian testimony, even electronically in sites where he cannot attend.

The ministry also will feature sports clinics, beginning several months before the Olympics, if enough qualified volunteers step forward, Skinner said. Volunteers will branch out from Sydney, a city of more than 4 million people, and also minister in small towns throughout the region.

"Australia is a sports-mad nation," he added, explaining the desire to conduct the sports clinics in as many places as possible. "This is a tool to reach people."

In addition to the sports clinics, volunteers will be involved in hospitality ministry to athletes and fans at the games, and provide witness training in Australian churches, where they also will help with worship on Sundays, Mings said.

"We're not just looking for people to grab people on the street and hand out the Four Spiritual Laws," Skinner said. "We're looking for people who

want to participate in a mission experience. They will go home—to the United States, Japan, Britain or wherever—and be changed. It's a two-way street. They will change others, and they will be changed."

"We're stressing accountability" in ministry relationships, Mings said of the partnership between U.S. Baptists and Australian Baptists. "We want to utilize our spiritual gifts. And we want them to want us to come back. This is the Australians' Olympics. We want to proclaim Christ to the world. We also want to build up the Baptist churches."

Lay Witnesses for Christ has participated in four previous Olympics ministries, but planners think the 2000 Games will be the best opportunity so far, said David Preston, the organization's senior vice president.

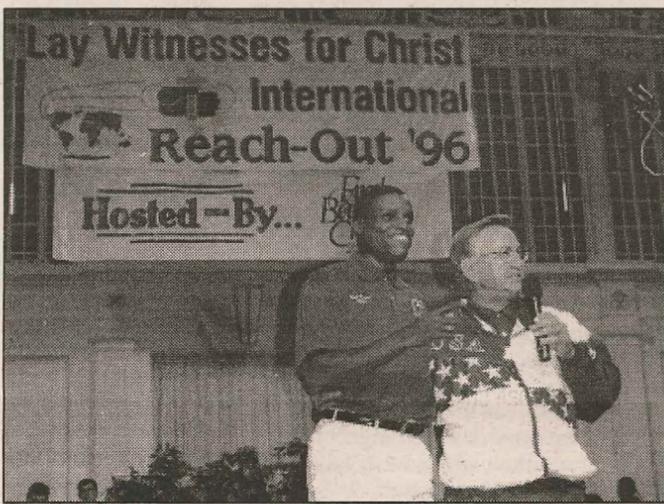
"We've never had the support we'll have in Australia," he said. "Being able to serve alongside Australian Baptists will help us."

Tony Woods, a missionary with the Southern Baptist International Mission Board who spent 20 years in Japan and worked in ministry at the Nagano Olympics, is coordinating ministry efforts. He's assisted by a missionary journeyman and eight "international directors" who are overseeing various phases of the ministry.

Volunteers are encouraged to participate for at least 10 days or more, Mings said.

For more information about Lay Witnesses for Christ, contact Mings at (817) 284-3594 or e-mail lwfc@msn.com.

OLYMPIC MINISTRY
Olympic track and field star Carl Lewis (left), shown here with Sam Mings at the Atlanta Olympics, is expected to be involved in Christian outreach work next year at the Sydney Summer Games. Mings, executive director for Lay Witnesses for Christ International, predicts 5,000 Baptists will volunteer for the Olympics ministry. (file photo)



'Nothing can replace the love ...'

After our spring play, "Moriah Morning," a play depicting the founding of our school, I received this letter:

"I am writing to let you know that I so enjoyed the play this past weekend. I attended with my husband, daughter and another couple from church. They were all very pleased with the performance, but I think they really would have had to go to Oneida to understand how touching the play was. I attended Oneida Baptist Institute from 1988 to 1990, and nothing can ever replace the love I have in my heart for that wonderful place. I learned so much while I was there. Not just about the Lord, but about life. The play brought back so many fond memories. Things really haven't changed much at Oneida since the time of (founder) James Anderson Burns.

"The whole point of him starting OBI was to give children a chance to learn about Christ and also to get an education. No children were sent away because of lack of funds. That is all still true today. I came from a somewhat poor, one-parent family, and there is no way my mother could have paid the tuition to OBI. ... But you didn't turn me away. Instead, I worked in the grill and summers on the farm to pay for my schooling. This not only allowed funds for my room, board and education, it also gave me a sense of responsibility. OBI taught me right from wrong when there wasn't anyone else who cared enough to do that. For all this, I want to say thank you! I would not be the person I am today if it were not for the wonderful caring staff at OBI.

"Please accept a small token of my appreciation. It's not much, but it comes with love and prayers wrapped around it."

THIS IS ONEIDA



W.F. Underwood

One of the most challenging situations we face each day is deciding how to stretch each dollar to meet the needs of our students. Oneida has always had a disproportionate number of low-income students. This past year, 34 percent of our total student body paid \$1.50 per day or less to attend our school.

Oneida is one of the lowest-priced boarding schools in America. The average boarding school in the U.S. charges about \$20,000 per year. The room and board we charge is far less than average.

Every day we get requests for additional scholarship funds. The cost to care for each boarding student is about \$1,500 per month. Last year, the average OBI student paid less than \$250 per month.

We often say that no child is turned away who has "legitimate" financial needs, and we believe this is true. Many times we get requests from families who say they cannot pay the modest fees we ask, but their lifestyle indicates otherwise. Their income is many times higher than that of our faculty and staff. Often our staff make more sacrifices than many parents are willing to make.

Recently, a parent was upset with me when a request for additional financial assistance was denied. I explained that the family income was more than \$90,000 a year and surely they could afford our modest fees. The mother told me \$40,000 of their annual income was set aside for retirement, and I should not consider that as income. Other requests, though not this extreme, are made every day. I believe stewardship is required of the families as well as of Oneida.

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Faith to see the possibility of growth

It was in 1993 that Darrell Fletcher pondered a change in pastorates. "I didn't want to go to a church of older people and do funerals. My wife, Jeannette, said I needed more faith to see the growth possibilities," Darrell recalled.

Last year, Green Valley Baptist Church in Lebanon, Va., received 144 members. The congregation

now worships in a 600,000 worshipers in a seats 600 and considers building more educational space. In six years, worship attendance has grown from 80 people to more than 400. The 1895 auditorium houses a family life center, gym and other recreational facilities. "Many people in the community thought we were a crazy, small country church with a plan we couldn't accomplish. The Lord has been good to us," Darrell said. Most of the construction labor for the new facilities came from volunteers and church members. The church debt is only \$20,000.

"You have to love and care for people. Green Valley is a caring church," he stated. Community weddings and funerals frequently use the auditorium without charge. About 50 youth enjoy the family life center on weekends. A benevolence program helps meet other

needs. The church gives 5 percent of its budget through the Cooperative Program and 3 percent to association work. The church helped build and equip four other churches in the area. Several members have participated in partnership mission trips to Mexico, Africa and Panama.

"I owe so much to Clear Creek. I remember Claude Fox saying, 'Clear Creek are the ones hoeing corn.' I believe that when we work the fields, God will bless with growth. I'm grateful for my time at Clear Creek, and I want to help the school stay strong. I encourage alumni to give personally and to lead their churches to become a partner in equipping God-called leaders," Darrell said.

Green Valley Baptist Church recently gave \$1,000 to help support Clear Creek, above its 8 percent giving to missions. That decision was encouraged by a group of Green Valley members who visited the campus. Darrell and Jeannette personally gave \$100 in addition to the church gift. He offers this example to other alumni.

Bill Whittaker is president of Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Pineville, KY 40977

CLEAR CREEK CHRONICLE



Bill Whittaker

Southern secession movement splits church

By Mary Orndorff
Religion News Service

YORK, Ala. (RNS)—The click of a tape recorder in the fourth pew on the left turns heads. Aubrey Green flips the tape and hits the record button, a mid-sermon ritual for someone collecting evidence against his preacher.

The old guard, led by Green, is losing its grip on the 120-year-old Sumter County church to a pastor backed by an influx of Southern secessionists, but the fight rages on.

Green and a handful of elders have launched religious and legal quests to remove Pastor Martin Murphy from the pulpit of York Presbyterian Church. Murphy, an Associate Reformed Presbyterian who intertwines theology and politics, defends his power base as nothing more than fellow conservatives.

Meanwhile, most of the flock has scattered. A church gutter dangles and other maintenance goes undone because the church's bank accounts are frozen by a court. Even monthly communion was put on a brief hiatus.

"It's a pathetic situation, but that's what sin does," said Kimett Geist, who, like three others he knows of, has pulled his family from the church and supports neither side of the feud.

Any remaining fellowship at Sunday services emanates from the middle and right-side pews, where the bulk of the congregation—which has dwindled from about 50 to about 20 regulars—sits. Most are related to Murphy, or they are members of the secessionist League of the South, or they are both.

To the left is Green, in his favorite pew a few feet from where he and his wife, Ellen, a boycott of the worship service, were married 40 years ago. Two rows back is Everette Cobb, a third-generation church member and Green's ally against Murphy's teachings.

"Look, I'm a combat veteran of World War II," Green said. "I was horrified that my minister wanted me to participate in an organization advocating secession from the U.S.A. by the Southern states. It's one nation under God, and we take an oath to that nation."

The League of the South is a national organization based in Tuscaloosa that promotes Southern independence and culture, and Christian values. The league's national president is one of the newer members of York Presbyterian Church, as is the state president and the Sumter County chapter officers.

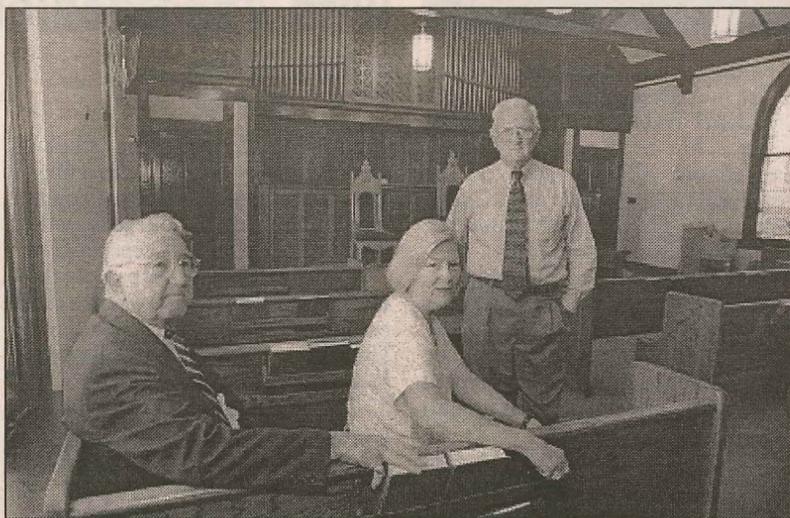
Green calls them "invaders." He and Cobb skip Sunday school, and they are the first to leave the sanctuary at noon. No one speaks to them.

Murphy's followers are chatty and cordial. Some have driven two hours from Birmingham or an hour from Tuscaloosa. Murphy looks fondly at his small but loyal brood and laments that so many others have left.

"We're a conservative church, that's all," Murphy said, shaking his head.

York Presbyterian Church is one of four predominantly white churches in this small but economically healthy rural town less than 10 miles from the Mississippi line.

Murphy, 52, arrived at York Presbyterian in 1992, after the previous pastor recommended him for the job. He received a master's degree in divinity



CHURCH SPLIT Aubrey Green (left), his wife Ellen and Everette Cobb sit in the chapel of York Presbyterian Church in Alabama. Longtime members, they are trying to remove Pastor Martin Murphy, who as pastor has drawn an influx of Southern secessionists to the church. "I was horrified that my minister wanted me to participate in an organization advocating secession from the U.S.A. by the Southern states," Green said. "It's one nation under God, and we take an oath to that nation." (RNS photo by Philip Barr)

from the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Fla.

Even before Murphy ever mentioned the league, Green and some other older members said they had grown tired of his sermons, including a recent message challenging the public pledge of indivisibility.

"He's very puritanical in his views. I think he would be delighted to turn the clock back to the 1700s," Green said. "But it was the League of the South stuff that drove most of us over the edge."

Murphy joined the league in late 1997, and Green said Murphy tried to recruit him soon after. Murphy explained that he joined because he "was particularly impressed with their pledge to defend the historic Christian faith of the South and return the regulation of religion and morals to the jurisdiction of states and local communities."

He wasn't preaching secession from the pulpit, but his sermons were sprinkled with references to government, confederacy and returning to simpler times, worshippers said. Green said he was shocked at the new decor in the pastor's study: a portrait of Gen. Robert E. Lee and "little miniature Confederate flags flying all around his desk."

Cobb's parents and grandparents grew up in the church. He is a deacon and, now, a plaintiff. Murphy asked him to join the league about the same time as Green, he said.

"I told him we fought the war once and that I didn't think we ought to fight it again. That ended that conversation," Cobb said.

Cobb and Green confronted their minister, and Murphy resigned from the league. "I hope this settles any question in anyone's mind about my seriousness in keeping my vows to maintain peace and purity in the church," he told them.

The resignation, effective a year ago, did not keep the peace. Murphy still attended league conferences to hear scholars speak, league members continued to join the congregation and church members—including the men who married Murphy's two daughters—were joining the league.

By the end of the year, church officers ordered him to vacate the pulpit and the church-owned pastor's home. In a controversial meeting a few days later,

Murphy called for a vote and the group agreed—in a lopsided vote—to keep the pastor. Green claims the meeting was stacked with Murphy's followers and not a true representation of the church.

Then the officers tried another route. They pled their case to the church's governing bodies, the Tennessee-Alabama Associate Reformed Presbytery and the General Synod. A committee investigated and the Presbytery decided against removing Murphy. An appeal to the General Synod sent the issue back to the Presbytery, where it is pending.

After the two failures, the men took their case to state court in January. They contend Murphy is trying to use the property and resources of York Presbyterian to propagate the doctrines of the League of the South, a violation of the church's corporate charter.

Murphy's lawyer, Bill Poole, wouldn't allow his client to be interviewed. Poole said the allegations about a takeover by the League of the South are "irrelevant and baseless."

"Those older members are outvoted and they don't like it," Poole said. Murphy, according to his lawyer, has done what any small-town preacher should do—recruit new members. Whether those new members are active in the League of the South is not the issue, Poole said.

There was a chance for reconciliation in the fall of 1998. "But Mr. Green snubbed his nose and puffed in some air and said there was no possibility for reconciliation," said Israel Contreras, a student at the academy Murphy runs.

Green confirms the statement. It's a serious one in religious circles and Murphy's followers are pursuing charges against him through the presbytery.

The church elders are pressing on. They've issued another order for Murphy to step down. In a more creative move, their wives incorporated the new York Independent Presbyterian Church and are trying to lease the facilities away from Murphy.

Neither side claims the other is being financially greedy. There's only \$20,000 in a church checking account and another \$20,000 in certificates of deposit, according to court records. Trial is set for Sept. 30.

Foster parents' ministry shows love to 178 youngsters in need

By Diana Lerma
Baptist Press

LONGVIEW, Wash. (BP)—Jesus' words, "Let the little children come unto me," spring to life when Gene and Carol Anglin relate some of the 178 stories of their 16-year ministry as foster parents.

The couple said they felt called by God in 1978 to share their love and home with children in crisis. At the time, their oldest of three children was a senior in high school, the youngest was in eighth grade.

The Anglins requested boys from the foster home agency because their home had more room available for boys, but soon their family was increased by a set of twin girls. Placing two 5-year-old girls in their daughter's small room was no small adjustment.

The Anglins hold especially fond memories for the twins. While enjoying lunch at a local cafe, one of the twins asked if they were going to pray out loud in this public place with so many people around. Gene Anglin promptly answered, "Yes, that is what we do."

The girls hung their heads in embarrassment, but the next time that situation presented itself, the same twin asked loudly if she could be the one to say the blessing. When she was finished praying, she promptly reprimanded the people at the next table saying, "Aren't you going to pray for your food?"

Later, the Anglins saw the twins and their mother reunited and become Christians.

Not all the stories are as happy. Numerous times the Anglins were awakened in the wee hours of the morning to be handed small children. One Saturday at 2 a.m., two children with lice-filled hair were turned over to them.

Another time they were quickly and unceremoniously told, "Here are two girls and a boy." As they proceeded to bathe the children, they discovered two boys and a girl. The children had to be removed from their situation so hastily no one knew.

One 3-year-old asked to smoke. Some suffered from fetal alcohol syndrome. Others were so defiant the Anglins had to ask for them to be reassigned. Many had emotional problems, and some had physical handicaps.

At one point in their ministry, the Anglins had 11 children under the age of 11. They were licensed for three.

One handicapped child was placed in their home as a baby. They were told, "He has spina bifida, which means he has a hole in his back." Not knowing what that meant, they handled him like he might break at any moment. Later they were told, "He is already broken. You cannot do any more damage."

When the child was to be adopted from their home, Mrs. Anglin was heartbroken. They assumed the adoption was final. But three months later the family gave him back and the Anglins decided to adopt him. Tom is still living with them today.

Children were taught to do chores appropriate for their ages. Picking up clothes, making beds and doing dishes were all part of the daily routine. All children were expected to attend church. Only one teenage girl ever objected.

One of the highest points of the ministry, Anglin said, was getting involved with people they wouldn't have met in church.

A child asking for his or her own Bible or getting excited about going through the clothes box to choose clothes to wear on Sunday were some of the highlights of foster care for Mrs. Anglin. She also enjoyed the training she received to be fully licensed to care for children.

They continued caring for children until 1994, when they realized their adopted son Tom's handicaps were requiring all their time.

The Anglins encourage people to seek God's guidance in becoming foster parents. "It is not an easy ministry," Anglin said. "But it is rewarding."

PEOPLE

PRAYER PARTNERS

Please pray for these people and projects, which are part of Kentucky Baptists' partnership with Baptist in Poland, Tanzania and New England:

■ Missionaries who serve at the Baptist seminary in Tanzania offer thanks for the completion of the school's library and for the volunteers who worked to make it possible.

■ Students from across East Africa who will arrive at the Baptist seminary in Tanzania this week to begin the fall school term.

■ Kentucky partnership missions director Calvin Wilkins.

■ Leaders of Boston 2001, the Southern Baptist North American Mission Board's initiative to focus evangelism and ministry efforts on major U.S. cities.

■ Allyson Clark, Baptist Convention of New England youth ministry consultant, as she plans discipleship events for youth.

■ Volunteer construction workers as they continue work on a new Baptist Convention of New England office and training center in Northborough, Mass.

Mountains to the Mississippi

Compiled by Shirley Wooton

■ **CADIZ**—Rock Front Church will host revival services Sept. 17-21. **Harold Greenfield** will be the evangelist. **Billy Hart** is pastor.

■ **CAMPBELLSVILLE**—The Central Kentucky Christian Celebration with evangelist **Bill Glass** will be Sept. 12-19, 7:30 p.m. at Taylor County High School football stadium. For information, call (502) 465-8115.

■ **PALESTINE** Church will host "Transformed," a women's event, Oct. 15-16. **Retreat** leaders will be authors **Judy Pata** and **Darien Cooper**. Musician will be **Julie Eaton**. Registration cost is \$15. For information, call (270) 789-2523.

■ **HOPKINSVILLE**—Casky Church will host homecoming services Sept. 12, 11 a.m. **Ted Cadle** will be the guest speaker. Dinner will follow. For information, call (520) 885-0546. **Bob Morgan** is pastor.

■ **LOUISVILLE**—Beechmont Church will host **David Livingston** in concert Sept. 12, 6:30 p.m. **James Ward** is pastor.

■ **EASTERN AREA** Community Ministries will sponsor a festival of resources Sept. 16, 5 p.m. in the EACM office fellowship hall, 11700 Main St., Middletown. For information, call (502) 245-0779.

■ **SOUTH JEFFERSON** Church will celebrate homecoming Sept. 12, 10:40 a.m. **Karl Babb**, family ministries director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, will be the speaker. The event will include lunch and a 2 p.m. concert by **The Masters Quartet**. For information, call (520) 937-2404. **Mark Tannery** is pastor.

■ **SPRING MEADOWS** Children's Home will host Family Day Sept. 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be cottage tours, games, entertainment and lunch. For information, call (800) 456-1386.

■ **VALLEY STATION** Church called **Tim Wuester** of Galletin, Tenn., as associate pastor and minister of music. **Don Zuberer** is pastor.

■ **NORTONVILLE**—Nortonville Church will host homecoming Sept. 19, 11 a.m. Former pastor **Ken Bolin**, will be the speaker. The event will include lunch and an afternoon singing service. For information, call (270) 676-3437.

■ **PADUCAH**—Lone Oak First Church will host a woman's conference, "Celebrate: All That I Am" Sept. 24-25. Conference leaders will be speaker **Kay DeKalb Smith** and praise/worship team **Living Proof**. Registration cost is \$35. For information, call (270) 554-1441. **Willis Henson** is pastor.

Christian Ministry Corps works with Appalachian Ministries

By Brenna Brosseau
Cumberland College

■ **CUMBERLAND**—Six students from Kentucky Baptists' three liberal arts colleges worked together this summer at Cumberland College as part of the Christian Ministry Corps program.

■ **CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CORPS** is the ministry branch of Partnership 2000, a fund-raising campaign of Campbellsville University, Cumberland College and Georgetown College.

■ **STUDENTS** spent June 6-July 30 working with Cumberland's Appalachian Ministries group conducting backyard Bible clubs, leading day camps and renovating churches.

■ **SIX STUDENTS** involved were Chris Thornsberry and Dawn Yates of Campbellsville; Keely Kyle of Georgetown; and Carrie Keener, Eric Wren and April Vermillion of Cumberland.

■ **DEAN WHITAKER**, Cumberland College campus minister, served as supervisor of the ministry team. "Part of missions is being able to get out of your comfort zone to do something for and with other people. Bringing students together who didn't know each other before this project really gave them a chance to feel like they were making out," Whitaker stated.

■ **YATES** said the summer was especially educational for her. "This is the first

time I've worked on a project where I could actually see the whole picture and I saw that I still have so much to learn about ministry."

■ **BETH PERKINS**, missionary in residence at Georgetown and coordinator of the group, said the Christian Ministry Corps program gave students a common bond. "It gave the students a new excitement about ministry."

■ **THIS WAS** the second project for Christian Ministry Corps, which enlists students from the three schools to foster community among Kentucky Baptists through ministry projects.

■ **IN THE FIRST** project, students worked in Northern Kentucky at a shelter that keeps families intact while they search for permanent housing.

■ **THE THIRD** part of the project will be completed when another group of students will minister at a correctional facility in LaGrange.

■ **THIS SUMMER** 26 campers made spiritual decisions, but they weren't the only ones who went away from the summer with new knowledge and ideas. Christian Ministry Corps volunteers said their experiences offered new insights they plan to use on their own campuses.

■ **YATES** said she was impressed by how Cumberland students reach out to their community. "It made me realize that there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to do that on our own campus."

CLASSIFIED ADS

■ **SEEKING:** Dry Ridge Baptist Church is seeking a part-time minister of music. This position would consist of 10 to 15 hours per week. Dry Ridge is a growing church in a growing area. If interested you may send your resumé to: Rev. Willie Ailstock, Dry Ridge Baptist Church, PO Box 14, Dry Ridge, KY 41035.

■ **SEEKING:** Blackjack Baptist Church, Franklin, Ky., a rural church with approximately 100 in Sunday school, is prayerfully seeking a full-time pastor. Please contact: Weston Smith, 220 Turnertown Road, Franklin, KY 42134; (270) 586-7466.

■ **SEEKING:** A growing church in a fast-growing, rural-suburban community is seeking a minister of music. Will accept either part-time or full-time applicants. Located near Elizabethtown. Send resumé to: PO Box 197, Rineyville, KY 40162, or call (270) 737-7361 or e-mail to rineyvillebaptist@email.msn.com.

■ **SEEKING:** Full-time minister of youth and children. Minimum education and experience required. Send resumé to: Calhoun Baptist Church, PO Box 283, Calhoun, KY 42327. Deadline is Sept. 30.

■ **SEEKING:** Part-time youth minister. Send resumé to: Lee Randall, Fairlane Baptist Church, 5913 South Herringer Road, Alexandria, KY 41001.

■ **SEEKING:** United Christian Academy in Oldham County is seeking a principal and part-time high school teachers. Call (502) 241-6682.

■ **SEEKING:** Part-time worship leader for Allen First Baptist Church to lead the choir and congregation in active praise and worship. Send resumé to: Worship Leader, First Baptist Church, PO Box 541, Allen, KY 41601.

■ **SEEKING:** Farmdale Baptist Church at 5610 US Highway 127 South, Frankfort, Ky., is seeking a part-time children and youth minister. If you feel God calling you to this area to work with children, send resumé to: Ms. Bryan, 530 Alfa Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.

■ **SEEKING:** Full-time associate minister. Primary duties are youth and music; additional duties included. Resumés must be received by Sept. 18. Send to Pete Kendrick, 175 Robin Drive, Stanford, KY 40484, or fax: (606) 854-0507.

■ **SEEKING:** Full-time minister of music/youth for First Baptist Church, Earlington, Ky. Send resumé to: Search Committee, First Baptist Church, PO Box 155, Earlington, KY 42410.

■ **SEEKING:** Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center is looking for a teacher for the three-year-old preschool program. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Requirements: College degree preferred; high school diploma required; experience working with preschool children a plus; love for children; ability to be flexible. Benefits: Competitive hourly wage; paid holidays; free tuition for children; state-certified training provided; pleasant, positive work environment; possibility of additional hours, if desired. It is the goal of this child development center to provide the community of Fern Creek with a quality program at a reasonable cost to families. The center is certified by the Kentucky Cabinet of Human Resources. Interested people should contact Debbie Grobandt, (502) 239-0316, or send resumé to: Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center, PO Box 91146, Louisville, KY 40291.

■ **SEEKING:** Director of recreation and family ministry at a fast-growing contemporary church with developing recreation ministry and the nation's largest Upward Basketball league in 1999. A heart for evangelism is a must. Send resumé to: Bellevue Baptist Church, 519 W Byers Ave., Owensboro, KY 42303, Attn: Dr. Greg Faulls.

■ **SEEKING:** Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking a part-time minister of youth and children, and a part-time bookkeeper. Send resumé to: Search Committee, Fern Creek Baptist Church, PO Box 91146, Louisville, KY 40291.

■ **SEEKING:** Full-time minister of music and senior adults. Send resumé to: Minister of Music Search Committee, Burlington Baptist Church, PO Box 48, Burlington, KY 41005. (606) 586-6529.

■ **SEEKING:** Part-time minister of music to lead worship services, adult and children's choirs. Send resumé to: South Elkhorn Baptist Church, 4867 Versailles Road, Lexington, KY 40510.

■ **SEEKING:** Keyboardist for Sunday morning and evening worship services and Wednesday evening prayer services and choir rehearsals. Send resumé to: Personnel Committee, Parkway Baptist Church, 1915 N Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505.

■ **SEEKING:** Orville Baptist Church, Henry County, is seeking a bivocational pastor. Seminary students considered. Send resumé with references to: Robbie O'Brien, 6929 Gest Road, Pleasureville, KY 40057.

■ **SEEKING:** Full-time minister of youth and children. Please send resumé to: Personnel Committee, First Baptist Church, PO Box 239, LaCenter, KY 42056.

■ **SEEKING:** Historic Fee Fee Baptist Church is seeking God's person to serve as minister of education with the additional responsibility of developing ministries to singles in this suburban St. Louis, Mo., community. Prior singles ministry considered a plus. Fee Fee is a strong traditional Southern Baptist church averaging over 500 in Sunday school. Forward resumé or referrals to: Minister of Education and Singles Search Committee, Fee Fee Baptist Church, 11330 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044. Fax: (314) 739-1302.

■ **SEEKING:** Church secretary/receptionist needed for Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville. Full benefits, 37.5-hour work week, vacation. Experience with Microsoft Word and PageMaker preferred. Call the church office at (502) 426-2444 for further information or application.

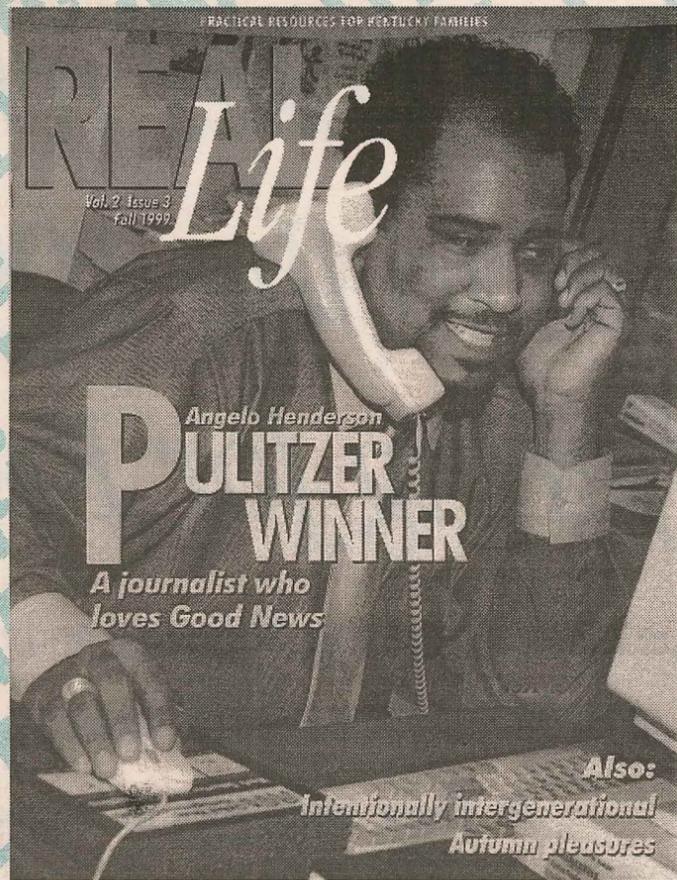
■ **SEEKING:** The Albermarle Baptist Association of Virginia is seeking an associational director of missions. Interested persons should send inquiries and resumés to: Flora Greene, RT 2, Box 1425, Troy, VA 22974. Review of resumés will begin Sept. 30, 1999.

■ **FOR LEASE:** 1999 Ford 15-passenger van: \$450/month. Available from September to May. Call David at (502) 899-9313.

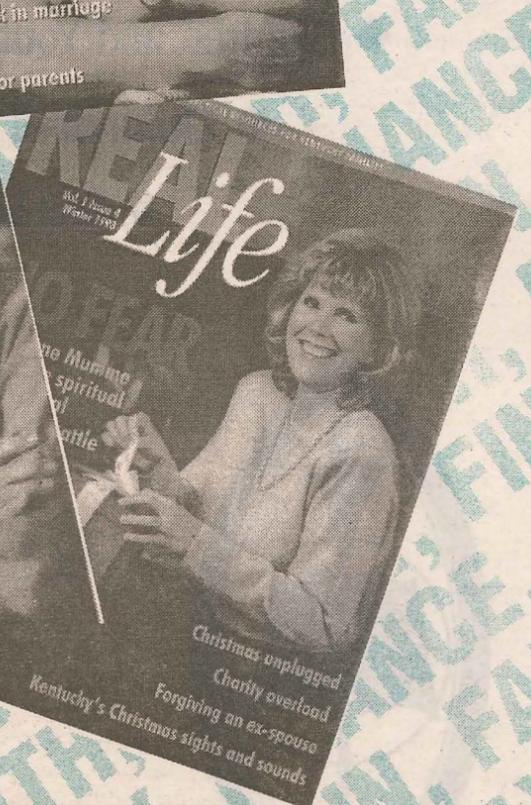
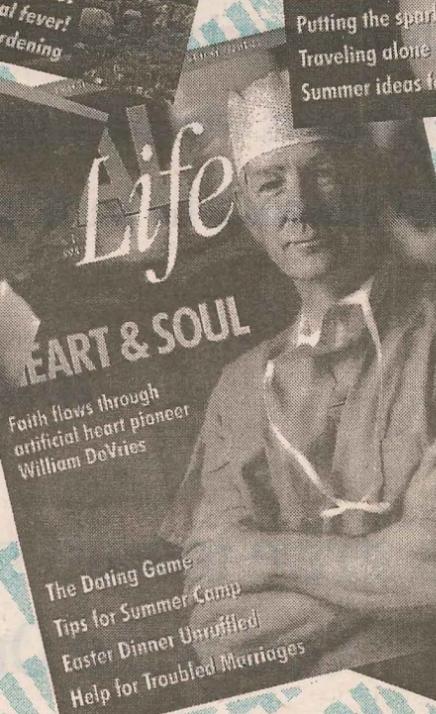
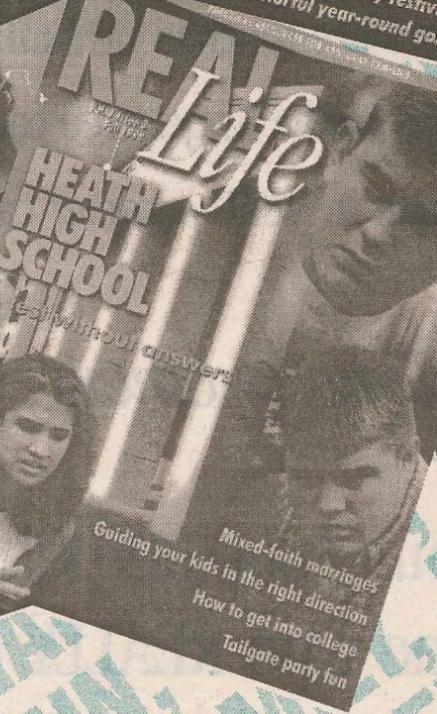
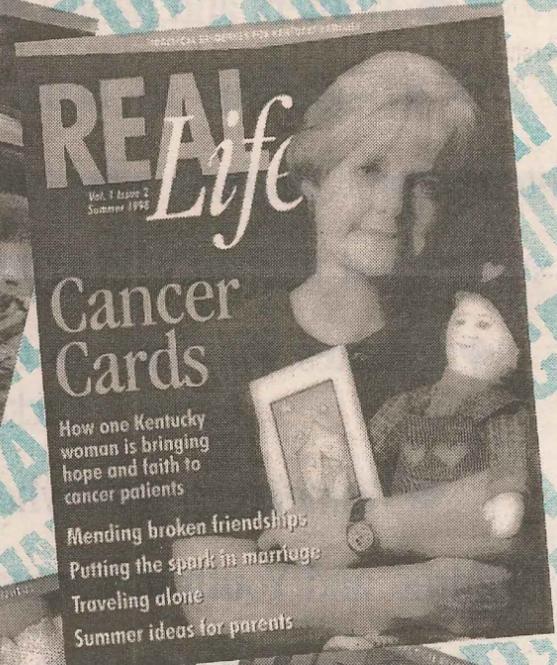
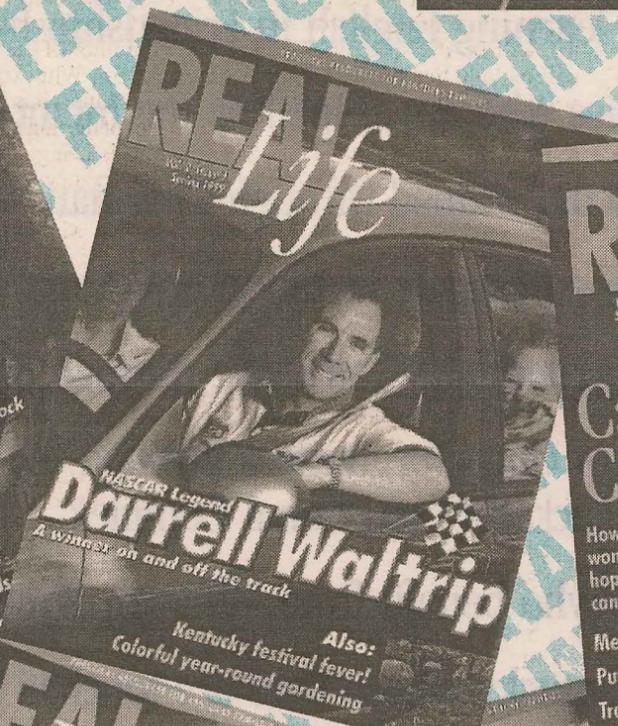
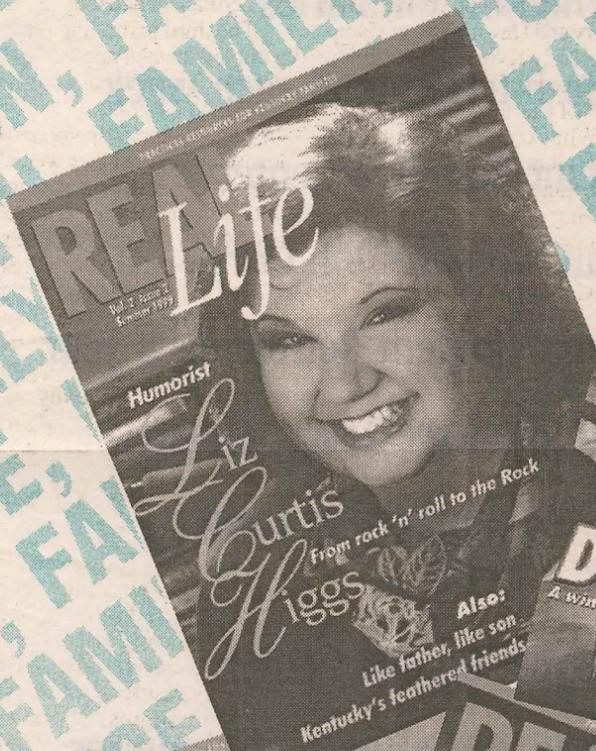
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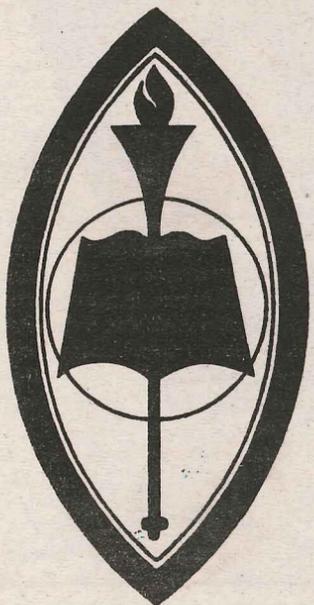
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