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President signs legislation forming gambling commission

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WASHINGTON (BP)--President Clinton has signed into law legislation establishing a panel to study the effects of gambling on American society.

Acting Aug. 3, Clinton signed the National Gambling Impact Study Commission Act, which provides for a nine-member commission to study the social and economic effects of gambling on government, communities, families, businesses and individuals.

"The commission will help draw attention to the growth of the gambling industry and its consequences," the president said in a prepared statement. "Too often, public officials view gambling as a quick and easy way to raise revenues, without focusing on gambling's hidden social, economic and political costs.

"Such a balanced study will be invaluable to public officials as they make policy decisions concerning this important issue."

The next step will be the appointment of the commission members. The panel will have three members appointed by the president, three by the Senate majority leader and three by the speaker of the House. The appointments must be made within 60 days after Clinton's signing.

"This is a very important piece of legislation which has been passed," said Will Dodson, the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's director of government relations. "Everyone knows that the impact of gambling has risen dramatically in this country. It is important now that the individuals appointed to the commission be of the highest credibility and character in order to withstand the many pressures they will face."

The law requires the commission to make its report no more than two years after its first meeting. The cost of the commission will be about \$5 million, according to a Congressional Budget Office estimate.

The last national study of gambling came in 1976, when few states had legalized gambling. Twenty years later, only a few states have no form of legal gambling.

The House of Representatives passed the bill July 22 by voice vote, following by only five days Senate approval. The House had passed a slightly different version in March but chose to OK the Senate's version rather than allow the different versions to go to potentially drawn-out negotiations in a House-Senate conference committee.

Sen. Paul Simon, D.-Ill., and Rep. Frank Wolf, R.-Va., were the chief sponsors of the legislation in their respective chambers.

The Christian Life Commission was among the many supporters of the legislation. Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in June approved a resolution endorsing a gambling commission.

Poll reports Disney boycott backed by 20% of Floridians

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP)--In a poll of Florida voters, 20 percent said they would support a Southern Baptist boycott of the Walt Disney Company, according to the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel.

The poll, commissioned by the newspaper and conducted by Mason-Dixon Political/Media Research Inc., was conducted June 21-23, after messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention approved a resolution threatening a boycott over Disney's "this antiChristian and antifamily trend."

Apart from the 20 percent who voiced support for a boycott, 73 percent were opposed and 7 percent were uncertain, according to the Sentinel poll.

The poll's results were based on responses by 807 Floridians who identified themselves as registered voters who cast ballots in most, if not all, statewide elections. They were not asked their religious affiliation.

In an unusual statement, a vice president for the polling company questioned the poll's accuracy.

"These figures overstate considerably the potential for any boycott," said Robert Joffe, of Mason-Dixon. "It is unlikely that a Disney boycott, if it goes into effect, will succeed in enlisting the participation of most, or even many, of the people who now claim to be willing to participate." Joffe explained "survey respondents who claim to be willing to change their behavior often end up clinging to old habits."

The newspaper reported support for the boycott was strongest in 19 Florida Panhandle counties -- 37 percent -- and weakest in nine central Florida counties, including the Orlando area -- 11 percent. Support for a boycott increased with age among those polled, but waned the more educated the respondents were, the Sentinel reported.

The day of the SBC's June 12 vote, 70 of 100 Southern Baptists said they would support a boycott in an informal Sentinel survey before and after Wednesday night services in 11 central Florida Southern Baptist churches; 16 were opposed and 14 were undecided.

In a June 23 editorial, the Orlando Sentinel acknowledged, "The Baptists' action may open the door for meaningful dialogue and constructive accommodation concerning Disney practices that many Baptists find offensive."

The SBC resolution adopted June 12 encourages Southern Baptists "to give serious and prayerful reconsideration" to whether to attend Disney theme parks and purchase Disney products -- and to boycott Disney if it continues "this antiChristian and antifamily trend."

The resolution cited five examples of Disney "corporate decisions, which have included but are not limited to:" 1) granting insurance benefits to partners of homosexual employees; 2) hosting homosexual "theme nights" at its parks; 3) a subsidiary's hiring of a convicted child molester to direct the movie, "Powder;" 4) a subsidiary's publication of a book aimed at homosexual teenagers; and 5) and "Priest," which "disparages Christian values and depicts Christian leaders as morally defective."

The SBC resolution asked the Christian Life Commission "to monitor Disney's progress in returning to its previous philosophy of producing enriching family entertainment."

Criticism of Disney practices also was voiced last fall by messengers to the Florida Baptist Convention.

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Compiled by Art Toalston.

Acteens Olympic ministry takes on a new 'twist'

By Traci Muller

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ROSWELL, Ga. (BP)--What do the Olympics, Chubby Checker and Acteens have in common?

All three came together this summer to give evidence God's plans are not always what Christians expect.

Acteens from Cambria Baptist Church, Christianburg, Va., were slated to volunteer during the Olympics at First Baptist Church, Roswell, Ga. The girls were prepared to help with the church's ministry during the Historic Roswell Festival, estimated to draw large crowds to the north Atlanta suburb.

A tent was set up for daily worship services as well as a place to sell crafts. The girls were excited about meeting visitors from across the country and around the world.

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But the crowds didn't come. Most visitors remained at Olympic venues or visited Centennial Olympic Park. New plans had to be made. That's when God took over.

Barbara Stepp and her Acteens instead visited a Roswell apartment complex with a largely Hispanic population. They held a Bible study for children, made crafts and sang songs. In attracting more than 60 children and their mothers, the week was a resounding success.

"The kids just kept coming," Acteen Stephanie Woolwine said. "And they were very well-behaved and completely open to it. It was a great mission field."

The girls also had a chance to enjoy the Olympics and the festival. Several musical guests were part of the celebration, including rock 'n' roll legend Chubby Checker. When he realized the Virginia Acteens were at his concert, he included them in his performance.

Kurt Alton, minister of students at the Roswell church, was amazed. "I went expecting to 'twist and shout.' Never did I anticipate what actually occurred."

An hour into the lively concert, Checker noticed the Acteens' T-shirts that said, "Jesus is ... Students Making a Difference for Christ." He told the crowd to wait for a moment while he and his band worked out an impromptu tune.

The entertainer then turned to the audience to lead them in an enthusiastic, inspiring tune that included the lyrics, "I just can't stop thinking about Jesus/He is the Lord of my life/The Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, This is why I just can't stop."

"For 10 minutes the crowd and Chubby Checker sang. People who came only expecting to 'twist and shout' found themselves praising and worshiping the name of Jesus," Alton said.

During the second week of the Olympics, Acteens from First Baptist Church, Farmerville, La., continued where their Virginia counterparts began. They visited the apartment complex to hold a Big A Club for the Hispanic children. In addition, they assisted with daily worship services in the tent by singing and staging skits.

"Our hearts were full," one of the girls said. "When we would leave each day, the children would run after the van, wanting us to stay. One little girl, Norma, told us she would see us in heaven someday."

Acteen leader Kay Shively said the girls were not disappointed their plans had been changed. "They were in tears, amazed at how privileged they were after seeing the children," she said. "God needed them there. It's also given us a vision for our own town and how we can help back home."

Roswell church member Luisa Lautsen assisted the girls with Spanish translation as they interacted with the children and their mothers. Glad the Acteens made such positive inroads at the apartment complex, she said she hopes to see their work continued through her church.

"Now we can continue where the girls began," she said.

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Muller is an editorial assistant in the Home Mission Board news office.

**Be specific in prayer,
former missionary asks**

By Traci Muller

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ROSWELL, Ga. (BP)--Former missionary Peggy Grossman knows about the power of prayer. It saved her life at least once.

She and her husband, Paul, were missionaries to the West African nation of Burkina Faso for 30 years. Now retired, the couple worked with Acteens who volunteered with First Baptist, Roswell, Ga., during the Olympic games in Atlanta.

"I had to take a flight to go to a missions meeting, and the small planes in Africa are not always reliable. My daughter was very worried and did not want me to go," she told the Acteens at a worship services during the Historic Roswell Festival. "But I had to go and I did."

During her flight the pilot announced the plane was experiencing mechanical problems and he was going to land at a nearby airport. The temperature in the plane became hot and the passengers learned one of the engines was smoking dangerously.

"The businessmen around me were very upset, but I managed to remain calm. I figured this might well be the end and, if so, it was my time to go," she said. "The pilot told us to prepare for a crash landing and the plane was slanted at an angle as it began to descend."

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But at the last minute, the plane evened out and the pilot landed safely. Grossman went on to her meeting. She did not find out until 10 days later she had been lifted up in prayer.

"A woman I had never met before or heard from called to tell me my name had been mentioned at a missions meeting she attended on the day of that flight," Grossman said. "She said my name had come up several times during the meeting, so the group had prayed for my safety a number of times. This woman knew something must have happened on that day and she was certainly right. God heard their prayers for me."

She asked the Acteens to be specific in their prayers for missionaries. Many times people simply ask God to "be with the missionaries today."

"If you know missionaries, pray for them by name," she said. "They experience problems and struggles just like you. Ask God to help them with particular difficulties they come up against in their work and personal lives."

Children of missionaries also need prayer, Grossman reminded them.

"Pray for the MKs, too. Many times they have to attend worship services they don't understand because it is being conducted in a different language than their own. Their parents are required to learn the language but the children are not. This can be very difficult for them."

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Arson ruled in burning of Mississippi church

By Carl M. White

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YAZOO CITY, Miss. (BP)--An intentionally set fire partially destroyed the educational building of Beacon Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Miss., in the early morning hours of Aug. 4, according to the Dennis Weaver, investigating agent with Federal Bureau of Investigation in Jackson.

The damaged building is one of two double-wide mobile chapel trailers at the church site owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Beacon Baptist is the sixth arson this year at a predominantly African American church in Mississippi, and the first involving a congregation directly related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The church's pastor, Charles Thomas, said he does not believe the burning is race-related, but rather the misdirected activities of neighborhood youth. Thomas' wife, Daisy, an emergency room physician, reported three distinct sets of small footprints were found in cleaning material spread on the floor.

"I hope when they find them they will give us a chance to witness to them. Just sending them to jail won't help," she said.

Beacon Baptist Church is a mission of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City. David Raddin, First Baptist's pastor, "We will not let this incident deter us in our effort to help Beacon Church have a permanent place in this community."

Beacon Baptist was started four years ago in response to the tragic murder of a young boy in Yazoo City.

"Community meetings raised the awareness of the spiritual needs of this community. I was asked to start a Bible study which grew into a church," Charles Thomas said.

Beacon Baptist Church has approximately 20 members and also runs a four-year-old kindergarten through grade twelve Christian school.

Churches in Yazoo and Warren Baptist associations have collected funds since May of this year to build a permanent brick structure on the Beacon property. Volunteers will construct the facility.

About \$17,000 of the \$75,000 needed to begin construction has been raised, according to Raddin.

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White is the new associate editor of The Baptist Record, Mississippi Baptists' newsjournal.

**Historical Commission to offer
'Baptists and the White House'**

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--With the presidential election just around the corner and a Southern Baptist in the White House, the Historical Commission will publish a special issue of the journal Baptist History and Heritage focusing on the contributions of Southern Baptists to the nation's highest office.

Former First Lady Rosalyn Carter has agreed to write the guest editorial for "Baptists and the White House," a special January 1997 issue of Baptist History and Heritage (BH&H).

The issue will look at Southern Baptist individuals who have influenced various levels of the federal government and includes: "Attitudes Toward the White House," written by Mel Hawkins, professor of religion at Carson-Newman College in Tennessee; "Presidential Politics and Church and State Issues," by Derek Davis, director of the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies at Baylor University in Texas; and "Baptist Presidents in the White House," a comparison of the four Baptists who have served as president, Warren Harding, Harry Truman, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, by Glen Stassen, professor of Christian ethics of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

BH&H managing editor Jim Taulman said he believes the issue will help Southern Baptists understand President Clinton and former Presidents Carter, Truman and Harding. "Baptists have influenced the world by the impact they made on the men who have served as president. Some of these presidents have implemented their faith more than others, but they have all carried their background with them into the White House," Taulman said.

BH&H staff asked former First Lady Rosalyn Carter to write the editorial for the issue, said Slayden Yarbrough, interim executive director of the Historical Commission and director of the Southern Baptist Historical Society. "Throughout their administration, President and Mrs. Carter have consistently demonstrated their very real and personal faith at many levels -- to name a few, their worship attendance, President Carter's teaching of his popular Sunday school class in Plains (Ga.), his commitment to human rights as a significant part of his foreign policy and the Carters' dedicated involvement in Habitat for Humanity," Yarbrough said. "We are indeed fortunate that Mrs. Carter will share her perspective with us in this issue of Baptist History and Heritage. I eagerly anticipate reading her observations and insights."

Although currently offered by the Historical Commission, Baptist History and Heritage will be produced by the Southern Baptist Historical Society following the closure of the commission in June 1997 as part of the Southern Baptist Convention "Covenant for a New Century" restructuring. Commission trustees and SBHS officers agreed to transfer BH&H copyright along with copyrights of the commission's other publications to the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

People wishing to purchase individual copies of "Baptists and the White House" may do so at the special pre-publication price of \$3.95 each if ordered before Dec. 1, 1996. Orders may be placed by calling the Historical Commission toll-free at 1-800-966-2278.

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**Former missionary to coordinate
programs for non-career workers**

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--A former missionary has been named as director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's international services department, coordinating programs for overseas workers who are not career missionaries.

The new director, Randy Rains of Mayfield, Ky., will oversee International Service Corps, a program for people serving between four months and two years; journeymen, a two-year program for young college graduates; and student summer missions and semester missions.

Most recently, he was a candidate consultant in the board's personnel selection department, helping future missionaries in 12 northern states prepare for appointment.

He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He and his wife, the former Betty Cope of Birmingham, Ala., were appointed missionaries to Bangladesh in 1983. Besides Bangladesh, they have worked in the Philippines, Australia and Singapore. She is an associate director in the board's missionary orientation department, overseeing education of missionary children.

The couple has three children.

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**He keeps responding to needs;
God provides the wherewithal**

By Karen L. Willoughby

TUSCON, Ariz. (BP)--Ross Hanna's secret to success is to keep on responding to needs and let God provide the resources.

Hanna was named as Arizona's first Christian social ministries director in 1970. His assignment: Friendship Center in central Tucson, a converted Goodwill agency.

Now, under the umbrella term "sharing ministries," there are five ethnic missions, four centers, four border ministries, two orphanages and a medical clinic, plus numerous ways of providing food for people and as many as 50 volunteer missionaries in the winter who live and work at Pascua Center headquarters compound.

The newest endeavor is providing retirement quarters for aged senior volunteers who do not have other family to care for them. Final inspection of an assisted-living house took place in early May.

"For us to take care of other people all these years and not take care of our own volunteer missionaries would be contrary to our Christian philosophy," Hanna said. "We must care for these elderly volunteer missionaries who have given the last years of their lives."

In his social ministries operation, programs are added as often as needs are identified.

He has no plans to retire or to curtail any of his activities, said Hanna, who has been with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for 39 years.

"The board keeps saying, 'Why don't you retire?' Why? I signed up for life.

"This is my life," Hanna said. "What would I do if I wasn't doing this? As long as I feel I'm able to direct my work, I'll do it."

"This" started when the people who came to Friendship Center asked for additional food for their friends and family who lived elsewhere in Tucson and in Mexico.

"The key is to recognize God's leadership. Then be willing to be used," Hanna said. "Every time you do one thing, that opens the need for another.

"If you hear about it and close your ears and eyes, you don't do anything.

"The key word is work," Hanna continued. "If you're willing to work, anything can be done."

Hanna, 69, was crippled in a childhood accident that in recent years resulted in two artificial knees and body-stiffening back and shoulder surgery. His wife, Betty, has lupus and has lost her hearing.

"Everybody suffers," Hanna said. "Everybody's got physical ailments. There's a lot of people suffering a lot more than I do. I just try to take my handicaps and let the Lord use them."

Varied food programs remain a key element of Hanna's organization, part of which has been incorporated for grant-seeking purposes as the nonsectarian Caring Ministries Inc.

In addition to providing food at each of the four Tucson-area centers, a truck and refrigerated trailer take food twice a week to Jorge Herrera, who ministers in Douglas, Ariz., as pastor of Iglesia Bautista del Sur Amistad and in Agua Prieta, Mexico.

"We've been doing this for 13 years," Hanna said. "We'll take 3,000-5,000 sandwiches, plus a truckload of bread as high as you can stack in a pickup with four-foot sideboards."

Amistad church in Douglas draws about 160 people to Sunday morning worship.

The food comes on Wednesday; members take what they need after church that night. About 300 people show up on Thursday for a worship service and food.

More food comes on Friday. On Saturday, about 300 people cross the border from Agua Prieta to attend worship and receive food and clothing at the Douglas church. In addition, Herrera leads a soup kitchen in Agua Prieta ministering to about 270 people a day, five days a week. He also provides food for an Agua Prieta orphanage where about 40 youngsters live.

"The thing that has grown and started all of that has been the food and clothing we've taken to them," Hanna said. "That's what feeds those (weekday) services. They come for the food. Then Jorge wins them and baptizes them. Then they grow into responsible church members."

Caring Ministries takes food to nearby Naco, Ariz., on Wednesdays. It also takes food to Nogales, which connects with an orphanage, and to Sasabe, which provides a free clinic when the food is delivered.

Where does all this food come from?

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Every morning, two volunteers pick up day-old bread from 17 area stores and stack it in refrigerated units in an 80-foot warehouse at Pascua Center before being distributed. Another bread run takes place in the afternoon for stores that prefer that time. Volunteers on Wednesdays and Fridays go to the Tucson Gospel Rescue Mission to retrieve their excess perishables.

The Tucson Community Food Bank also provides sandwiches, produce and bread.

In return, Caring Ministries volunteers once a month stack pallets of food for the food bank. But in return for that, Hanna's organization receives about 70 boxes of Food Partners food boxes each month -- staples valued at \$35 that are sold for \$14 plus two hours of community service.

"Operation Share" is another food program. Churches in the Catalina Baptist Association send contributions to Hanna's organization each month for food to be bought at wholesale that is boxed for a family of four to eat for three days. Some boxes (those filled with pull-tab items and ready-to-eat canned goods) are for families without access to a kitchen. Churches write referrals for families to receive a box. The families go to Operation Share's office, usually staffed by a WMU member, between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"When they come by, they can get a box, fresh bread and clothing," Hanna said. "We average a box a day in this program."

Caring Ministries also buys and sells food at wholesale through their food co-op to people in its programs and to the volunteers who minister through the programs. In addition to the food and clothing warehouse, four storage buildings at the headquarters compound hold furniture; another holds kitchen supplies and bed and bath linens. There also is a well-equipped mechanics' shop. An assortment of recreational vehicles and mobile homes provide housing for some volunteers. Others bring their own.

Programs at the centers include children, youth and adult clubs and classes in citizenship and English literacy. One reason he's been able to develop four centers is that he staffs programs, not centers, Hanna said.

In addition to its weekday programming, each center offers a mission church with Sunday school, Sunday worship and discipleship training. Last year 44 people were baptized at the centers and 70 the year before that.

Every Sunday people from a dozen ethnic groups gather for worship in four languages at the centers. Hispanics gather at Pascua Center, northwest of central Tucson. Vietnamese meet at Friendship Center in downtown Tucson.

Laotians go to Manzo Center, west of central Tucson. Hanna serves as pastor and preaches in English what is sentence-by-sentence translated for the language groups.

Guatemalans led by a national pastor and Anglos led by a layman meet at Caring Ministries' newest site, Lighthouse Center, which is located about four miles south of Tucson.

The Lighthouse property was a 1995 gift from Catalina Baptist Association, which earlier had given the property at Pascua Center to Caring Ministries.

"It's the nicest facility we have," Hanna said. "Four acres, beautiful chapel and an apartment that a Christian social ministries couple coming in June from Texas will live in."

No, this couple is not coming to replace him but to assist him, Hanna said.

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**These volunteers aim to work
for the rest of their lives**

By Karen L. Willoughby

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TUSCON, Ariz. (BP)--Volunteer missionaries come to Tucson, Ariz., for a season and stay for the rest of their lives.

They're a key element in the multifaceted Christian social ministries program in Tucson and across the U.S./Mexico border organized by veteran home missionary Ross Hanna.

Each week more than 70 volunteers assist in children, youth and adult informational and educational programming and in meeting physical needs for food, clothing and home furnishings.

Most of all, they reach out with arms of love that draw people close to Jesus.

The assistance of volunteers is a major reason Hanna's Sharing Ministries is able to exist with limited funding from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and Catalina Baptist Association.

Some volunteers are members of local churches; others are short-term Christian Service Corps and longer-term Mission Service Corps missionaries.

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Hanna considers ministry to these volunteers to be as important as ministry to all the other people under the Sharing Ministries umbrella, and he's had a growing burden for aged senior volunteers without family.

"I'm 69 now and I've had volunteers who have been working with me for many years," Hanna said. "For us to take care of other people all these years and not take care of our own volunteer missionaries would be contrary to our Christian philosophy."

So he figured out a way to provide for them. Hanna's daughter, Tama Gollihue, and her husband, Jerry, arrived in January 1993 to minister to aged seniors.

"My wife and I committed to come and take care of them until they needed full-time nursing home care, along with assisting Mr. Hanna to extend his service as well," said Jerry Gollihue, who took early retirement from Armco Steel Co. in Kentucky to become yet another volunteer at Sharing Ministries.

Caring Ministries Inc. -- the independent, nonsectarian arm of Sharing Ministries -- built a three-bedroom, two-bath house about a half mile from the headquarters compound at Pascua Center that received the first week of May its final clearance from city building officials. The house includes a handicap-accessible private bedroom and bath for two aged senior singles or a couple.

Longtime volunteers also live in a three-unit apartment complex next to another of the ministry's sites, Manzo Center, that was purchased about 10 years ago.

"At this point we could take care of eight volunteers," Hanna said. The apartment units will be for volunteers who have served for several years, he added.

Olive Waddell is one. She was a map maker for the U.S. government in Washington for 30 years. When she retired, she filled out a Mission Service Corps application and was assigned to Hanna. That was 15 years ago.

"I love it," Waddell said. "Mr. Hanna said come out for one year and I'm still here. I love serving the Lord."

Waddell serves as Hanna's secretary and is the hub who holds the wheel of Hanna's organization together, Gollihue said. She substitute teaches on an as-needed basis.

"Most of us love to serve the Lord," Waddell said. "I don't think any of them will quit and just enjoy life. We're going to work for the Lord until the Lord comes back or we're no longer able. It's not like a job. We came to volunteer and be useful, be physically and mentally active. And to serve the Lord."

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Four teachers needed in American Samoa

By Sarah Zimmerman

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ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP)--Four volunteer teachers are needed immediately at the Samoan Baptist Academy on the U.S. territory of American Samoa.

Four volunteers scheduled to teach at the school this fall had to cancel their plans in July, said Mike Riggins, associate director of the Home Mission Board Mission Service Corps department. "We thought we had this all lined up, but in two weeks it fell through."

Teachers are needed for fourth grade, fifth grade, language arts and social studies, Riggins said.

Founded in 1980, the school has 200 students in kindergarten through eighth grade. It is an outreach of Happy Valley Baptist Church in Pago Pago, the capital city on the island of Tutuila.

"I like school here," said 8-year-old Emma who had trouble learning in a crowded public school. "My teacher is so kind. Now I can ask questions if I don't understand."

The school is the only private Baptist school in American Samoa. The principal and all the teachers, except the computer instructor, are MSC volunteers. Using volunteers keeps tuition affordable for families on the islands where jobs are scarce and pay is low. The church provides some scholarships to students who cannot afford tuition.

Volunteer teachers must have been certified, but they can teach at the school if their certification has lapsed. Housing and utilities are provided, and half the volunteers' travel expenses are paid.

Located 2,300 miles south of Hawaii, American Samoa includes seven tropical islands where English and Samoan are spoken. Seven Baptist churches on the islands form the South Pacific Baptist Association which relates to the Hawaii Baptist Convention. The association's work include a seafarers' ministry at Pago Pago harbor, serving sailors from all over the world.

The Baptist work on American Samoa is featured in the July-August issue of "MissionsUSA" magazine. For more information or to apply for a teaching position, call 1-800-HMB-VOLS.

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**Broadman & Holman
receives 3 awards**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Broadman & Holman Publishers of the Baptist Sunday School Board has received three Impact awards from retailers attending the annual Christian Booksellers Association Convention in July in Anaheim, Calif.

B&H has been cited for three consecutive years with Impact awards, which are given annually for promotional materials and campaigns.

The B&H awards were: outstanding design in in-store poster display for the "Christy: The Sweetest Gift Video Poster;" outstanding design in a special sale campaign for a previously released product for the "UltraThin Bible Campaign;" and outstanding design in a product introduction piece for the "Spanish Bibles Educational Flip Chart."

"I am proud of the people who directed and created these products," Ken Stephens, B&H publisher, said. "The Impact awards are especially gratifying because they recognize excellence in graphic design. This underscores the advances B&H has made in this area in the past few years. They also demonstrate the commitment B&H has to help retailers display, demonstrate and sell our products. I look for the partnership with retailers to get even stronger in the future."

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CORRECTION: In (BP) story titled "Harley-riding seminarian starts church for bikers," dated 7/16/96, please substitute the following for the 10th paragraph:

Morgan said Phelps, 65, accepted Christ hours before dying of cancer.

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