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Oklahoma Surgeon To Visit Nigeria

By Mrs. Madge Hammond

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--A surgeon who says he once couldn't see the need of spending money for missions will go to Nigeria at his own expense this summer to serve as a medical missionary for three months.

He's Dr. David D. Fried, 46, of Bethany, Okla., a suburb of Oklahoma City. Speaker at a Medical Missions Conference sponsored by the Baptist Student Union of the University of Oklahoma Medical Center, and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the doctor said:

"I'm too old to receive an assignment as a missionary from the Foreign Mission Board. I'm making this trip to Nigeria because I feel I just have to."

Fried told the group, made up of persons in medical fields or fields related to medicine and of students planning to enter this type work, of first impressions that led to his seeing the importance of missions.

Fried served three years in the Pacific as a flight surgeon with the Fifth Air Force during World War Two. Most of this time, he was in New Guinea.

"When I went overseas I was anti-missionary, didn't believe in spending money for missions," he said. "Then while in central New Guinea I saw the change in the natives with whom Christian (Lutheran) missionaries had worked. I did some medical work among the natives myself. And I changed my mind about missions."

Fried developed an illness while overseas that kept him from qualifying for work with the Foreign Mission Board when he came home. "And after I recovered I had passed the age limit," Fried said. "But I never lost my desire to help peoples of other lands."

Fried, who says he was in his junior year in medical school before he became a Christian, indicated he believed the Lord might have called him to become a medical missionary when young if his younger years had had a different pattern.

"I don't know," he said humbly. "All I know is, I feel I just have to go now."

Dr. Fried; his wife, Elsie, and their three children, Bruce, 13; Martha, 11, and Vance, 8, will leave on their journey May 12. "I'll be a temporary missionary in a hospital in Nigeria--I don't know which one yet," Fried said. "My wife, who has had some nursing training, will assist me."

"Yes, she wants to go too. And the children--well, they're real excited."

In addition to financing his trip, Fried will donate his medical services while in Nigeria.

The Nigerian Baptist Mission of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will let Dr. Fried know which of its five hospitals in Nigeria he will be assigned to.

Dr. Fried, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and the University's Medical School, is a native of Big Fork, Ark. He is a fellow of the International College of Surgeons. He is a Deacon in Putnam City Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

American Convention's
3rd Southern Staffer

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)--The American Baptist Convention will soon have its third worker in the Southland.

Clifford G. Hansen of Granville, Ohio, has been appointed general missionary for American Baptist churches in the South. His appointment was made by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies here.

Hansen comes to his new post July 1. Traditionally, American Baptist churches have been in Northern sections of the United States. Over a period of years, however, numerous American Baptists have moved into the South, the society said. Among Hansen's responsibilities will be:

--To discover groups of American Baptists now living in the South who desire an American Baptist church and to encourage the organization and development of such an American Baptist church.

--To respond to invitations from churches in the South who desire to become acquainted with the American Baptist Convention.

--To assist the American Baptist churches in the South with the development of their programs and relationships with the agencies of the American Baptist Convention.

Hansen's position is equivalent to that of an executive secretary of a Baptist state convention in the North.

Also under appointment by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies in the South are William B. Hill, formerly of Joliet, Ill., and J. C. Herrin of Chapel Hill, N. C. Hill's appointment was effective Mar. 1 to the newly-created position of church extension pastor in the South. His function is to organize new congregations and work with them for six months until they are established, before moving on to establish another church.

Herrin has been at work at Chapel Hill since June, 1959, as program associate in the executive division of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. His work is specifically related to students and colleges in a counseling capacity and in matters dealing with race relations.

Hansen has been executive secretary for the Ohio Baptist Convention (Co-operating with the American Convention) since January, 1958. Prior to that, he was on the staff of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies for 10 years, first as director of the denomination's juvenile protection program and then as secretary for public relations. In the latter position, he visited many home mission fields in the United States and Latin America.

A former pastor, he has served First Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; Knoxville Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; First Baptist Church, Beloit, Wis., and Lincoln Baptist Church, Lincoln, N. Y.

Hansen is a graduate of Eureka College, Eureka, Ill., and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y.

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Wayland's Old Jinx
Costa Championship

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ST. JOSEPH, MO.--(BP)--Wayland College of Plainview, Tex., fell before its old rival--Nashville, Tenn., Business College--in the final of the national Amateur Athletic Association (AAU) Basketball tournament for women here.

The score was 48-29.

The Flying Queens from the Baptist college on the Texas plains, who several years

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ago won more than 100 games in a row and several straight national championships here, always have their toughest time against the Tennesseans.

Two years ago, in the same tournament, it was the Nashville team which ended abruptly the Queens' long victory streak. Last year, however, the Queens played championship ball. They were the favorites again this year.

A cold first half in which they scored only four points, compared with Nashville's 25, told the story of the 1960 championship game.

Another Baptist college, Ouachita of Arkadelphia, Ark., won its opening game in this year's national tourney, beating Milwaukee, Wis., 56-32, but dropped their next game to Atlanta, Ga.

Coach Harley Redin, mentor of the "Flying Queens" from Wayland College, revealed in an interview here that he and his team have been invited by the Italian Basketball Federation to participate in two tournaments prior to the summer Olympics in Rome, Italy.

Clearance to participate has been granted the "Flying Queens" by the AAU. However, financial arrangements remain to be worked out.

Such a trip would boost chances of woman's basketball being included in the 1964 Olympics. Also it could do much to enhance the Baptist witness in Italy.

Wayland's Flying Queens have captured six national Woman's AAU Basketball championships in the past eight years.

Betty Perry, Atlanta, was crowned queen of the 1960 Women's National AAU Basketball Tournament. Among her attendants were Cindy Shelton, Wayland College, and Verna Westerman, Ouachita Baptist College.

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200,000 Seat Rio Stadium
Assured Baptist Congress

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RIO DE JANIERO, Brazil--(BP)--When it was first announced that Evangelist Billy Graham would preach at the closing meeting of the 10th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance here this summer, Rio Baptists were doubtful that the huge Maracanao Stadium could be secured for Sunday afternoon.

The reason: The first Sunday in July is usually opening day for the international soccer tournaments, and to the average Brazilian nothing comes ahead of "futebol."

Prayers were asked that this stadium be available. Evangelical political leaders were contacted. An appeal was made to the Brazilian Sports Federation. Fingers were kept crossed.

Recently stadium officials gave definite word that Baptists will be able to use the huge arena on Sunday afternoon as requested.

Maracanao Stadium will seat 200,000, and Brazilian Baptists hope to fill it to capacity, making this the biggest single evangelistic meeting in history.

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