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Graham Associates
Report On Missions

NEW YORK CITY--(BP)-- Southern Baptist missionaries in Africa are doing a worthy job, but they are greatly hampered by a lack of personnel and funds, members of evangelist Billy Graham's revival team agreed here.

"The needs are still definitely ahead of the supply," said Grady Wilson, Minneapolis, Graham's public relations director. "Time after time we talked to doctors who were ready to open up new fields of work, but there is just no one to take their places," he added.

Wilson said the preparation work done by the missionaries had been largely responsible for the effectiveness of the 2½ month tour of Africa and the Middle East, which Graham has recently completed.

"Those people had really done a job for us and they were willing to drop everything and stay right with us when we were in their territory," he said.

Tom McMahan, correspondent for the State, daily newspaper published at Columbia, S. C., said that "man for man the Baptists gave the largest punch for us." McMahan, a Southern Baptist newspaperman, also made the trip with Graham.

"They're doing a good job with what they have--we were very encouraged--but it looks as if they could use about twice as many people," McMahan commented.

Graham is a member of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The evangelist was tired when he left New York after holding more than a dozen press conferences and television appearances in less than 48 hours. Graham maintained that he felt good although he was visibly thinner after losing 10 pounds on his trip.

Graham's African tour took him through Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Kenya, Tanganyika, Ruanda-Urundi, Ethiopia, and Egypt. He also visited Jordan and Israel.

The only protest demonstration against the meeting occurred in Northern Rhodesia when natives mistook his party for a British Colonial Commission.

At another point, three witch doctors circled a meeting in Kenya and rang ceremonial bells. "I went over and talked to them, but I don't think I made much of an impression," he chuckled.

While Graham was in New York he held a meeting with a delegation of Spanish-speaking ministers affiliated with the Protestant Council of New York. He said that he was planning a week-long crusade for Spanish-speaking people here in November.

Other crusades for this year have been planned for Washington, and cities in Germany and Switzerland, he said.

After his meeting with President Eisenhower Graham said he would take a few days off "to be with my family."

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Indiana Convention
Calls 2 Area Workers

(4-6-60)

PLAINFIELD, Ind.--(BP)--The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana has called two new area missionaries.

The new missionaries are Charles E. Smith of Chicago Heights, Ill., and Chaplain Francis J. Redford, Hammond, Ind. (This Redford is no relation to Courts Redford,

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executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.)

Smith has been pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Chicago Heights for four years. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Redford is currently serving as chaplain with the United States Army in northern Indiana. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary.

E. H. Moore, Plainfield, executive secretary of Indiana convention, said that Smith will begin his area missionary work on Apr. 15. and Redford on May 1.

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8-Day Indiana Revival
Entering Fourth Week

(4-6-60)

CLARKSVILLE, Ind.--(BP)--A revival at First Southern Baptist Church here was to last for eight days. Pastor Lyndon W. Collings reported the meeting entered its fourth week.

At the close of three weeks, he said, there have been 100 professions of faith in Christ, 13 additions by letter, and 10 young people surrendering for church-related service.

The church has engaged its fifth evangelist and its fourth song leader.

Among those serving have been seminary students and pastors as well as professors from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

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Mississippi Passes
Church Property Bill

(4-6-60)

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Gov. Ross R. Barnett of Mississippi has signed into law the controversial church property bill, a measure bitterly opposed by church leaders, particularly Protestants and Baptists.

The law will allow local congregations, on two-thirds vote, to retain church properties if they secede from their national denomination. Proponents have claimed it will prevent integration of churches.

The bill is frequently referred to as the "Methodist Bill." Baptist leaders fought the bill on the grounds that it is a violation of the principle of church and state. If the state could pass laws affecting The Methodist Church and other denominational groups with similar form of government, it could also pass legislation affecting churches that adhere to the local form of church government, Baptists argued.

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Local Option Liquor
Bill In Mississippi

(4-6-60)

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)-- A local option liquor legalization bill introduced into the Mississippi legislature has passed the state senate here but has not been voted upon in the state house of representatives.

Dry leaders claim that it is being held up because the wet forces lack sufficient strength to pass the bill.

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First Quarter Boosts
New Decade In Giving

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptists are opening the new decade with increased gifts to their Convention agencies, the Convention treasurer reported here.

Porter Routh of Nashville said receipts during March totaled \$2,893,407. Designations ran slightly ahead of Cooperative Program receipts, indicating that Lottie Moon Christmas Offering gifts to foreign missions are still coming in from the states.

Cooperative Program receipts were \$1,408,569. Designations amounted to \$1,484,837.

The first quarter of 1960 was 4.11 per cent ahead of the same quarter in 1959 in Cooperative Program receipts and 14.35 per cent ahead of the same period in designations.

Totals for the first quarter, 1960, were \$4,351,571 through the Cooperative Program and \$7,697,033 through designations. The total was \$12,048,605, contrasted with \$10,910,872 for 1959-- a 10.43 per cent increase.

The Convention's Foreign Mission Board received the heaviest support when March funds were disbursed here. This board's Cooperative Program allocation was \$609,488 and its designated receipts \$1,467,050. For the first quarter the Foreign Mission Board's total income through both sources was \$9,516,744.

The Home Mission Board got \$256,218 through the Cooperative Program and \$12,485 through designations in March. Its year-to-date income totaled \$835,149.

The Convention's six seminaries received over \$385,000 combined. Nearly all of it was through the Cooperative Program.

Funds reported by Treasurer Routh do not include gifts to support local churches' programs nor Cooperative Program funds withheld by state Baptist organizations to support their state agencies.