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**65-Year-Old Volunteer  
Serves In Summer Work**

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--She was 65 and wanted to be a summer worker. So she contacted a staff member of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"My children are grown," she said, "and I've given liberally to the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions, but I want to give more. I want to invest my life in things that really matter."

Not that she hadn't been busy in serving for 42 years in Woman's Missionary Union organizations. I've been everything but a Sunbeam director, and no one ever asked me to do that," she said.

She told the mission staff member, "If you can find a place for me to serve, I'll take care of my expenses. I can work in camps, vacation Bible schools, just anywhere."

And so Mrs. G. C. Illingworth of the Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham began a summer adventure that carried her throughout the states of Colorado, Montana, North and South Dakota and Wyoming.

In that time this tireless spirit of 65 years contacted between 55 and 60 loc 1 churches in 12 of the 17 associations of churches, including teaching a mission study book at a Girls' Auxiliary camp in the Colorado Baptist General Convention.

She left behind her a wake of amazed mission and church workers and a call for more dedicated people to come help and inspire.

"If other women in similar circumstances should be led to serve in our convention, they would be most welcome," said Nicy Murphy of Denver, executive secretary of the Colorado Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Illingworth started with the bravery of a pioneer but with "boundless expectations and yet I am scared to death."

"She has been able to give us not only methods in Woman's Missionary Union work and ideas, but the inspiration for carrying them out," Miss Murphy said.

And the people responded to her work.

"She told of her soul-winning experiences," wrote a pastoral missionary. "It was certainly a blessing to hear her and get a glimpse of the tremendous burden which she has for the multitudes without Christ."

One woman accepted the position of Girls' Auxiliary leader after hearing Mrs. Illingworth. "Before her visit I would not have given thought to this matter. Thanks for sending her our way."

Then Mrs. Illingworth said, after getting home from her two and one-half months out West, "I have never known such completely dedicated Christians. In each of the states they all have the same and yet different problems.

"They all ask for and need prayer, knowledge and understanding of their situations, Christian fellowship and love. There are no words to express my feelings about the sacrifices that they make and yet one never feels they count their efforts as anything but a loving service in winning the lost in the West."

Newsweek Features  
SBC Pioneer Work

ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptists' northward advance into New England was publicized in the Aug. 28 issue of Newsweek magazine.

"The last area of the U. S. to resist the zeal of the Southern Baptists, fastest-growing major Protestant denomination in America, has finally succumbed," the article states.

There are now missions and churches of the denomination in all 50 of the United States.

The article was given two columns in the religion section of the magazine and is titled "Northward Ho."

It is a brief history of the denomination's Northeastern work and a personality sketch of A. B. Cash of Atlanta, secretary of the pioneer missions department of the Convention's Home Mission Board.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Darty F. Stowe, secretary of missions for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, will become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Trion, Ga., Oct. 22. Stowe has been directing Southern Baptist mission extension work in Ohio, western Pennsylvania and New York since 1954. (BP)

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.....Carl J. Giers, pastor of the Tremont Baptist Temple in Boston, Mass., for two years, will become pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. Giers formerly served First Church of Chattanooga, Tenn. (BP)

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.....Hugh A. Brimm, working toward a master of arts degree with a major in anthropology, wrote a thesis "Social Change at Santa Clara: a Study of Culture Conflict and Accommodation Leading to the Establishment of a Baptist Mission." Santa Clara is an Indian pueblo in the Rio Grande River valley of New Mexico. Brimm, on the staff of Carver School of Missions and Social Work (Baptist), Louisville, will get the master's degree from University of North Carolina. (BP)

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.....Patricia Dale of Knoxville, Tenn., was named editorial assistant of Home Missions magazine, official publication of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Dale, a Vanderbilt University graduate, was employed in the advertising department of Miller's Department Store in Knoxville. She replaces Mrs. Jay (Jacqueline) Durham of Atlanta, who resigned to devote her time to her family. (BP)

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.....Robert S. Alley of Richmond, Va., has been appointed assistant professor of religion at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. He is the son of Reuben E. Alley of Richmond, editor of the Baptist weekly state paper, Religious Herald. (BP)

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August Sees Apparent  
Death Of Aid Measure

By the Baptist Press

The combination of several forces appeared in August to have forestalled for 1961 any hope Congress would pass a general aid to education bill.

Washington observers, however, predicted hot debate on the controversial issue when Congress resumes business in 1962.

Baptists have watched carefully as bills were talked about and introduced in the House and Senate. They were concerned about efforts to write in tax aid for parochial schools.

Opposition of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to any general bill leaving their schools out was one of the factors wrecking the federal aid bill. The hierarchy insisted on dynamiting any bill if they were not heeded.

Washington observers did not give these church leaders full credit, or blame, for the failure of a bill to pass. Sharing the cause were organized education associations and conservative businessmen and legislators.

Education associations wanted salary provisions included as well as classroom construction. Conservatives opposed federal aid generally.

Again, as it has in several past months, the federal aid bill on Capitol Hill took the center of the stage in news interest among Southern Baptists.

Baptists also had other important events, closer to home. They learned the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions topped its goal. They were saddened by the first travel death of a field worker in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board.

They rejoiced at word nearly 13,000 churches or missions have been established toward the 1964 goal of 30,000 new churches and missions. They wondered if there were any leftovers in New Orleans when a church there baked a 12-ton cake to commemorate the pastor's 18th anniversary in its pulpit.

A pastor's conference in Raleigh, N. C., voted confidence in the doctrinal soundness of the Convention's six seminaries and opposed the action of a sister conference of ministers in Oklahoma City.

On the same subject, several Baptist leaders criticized a Redbook magazine article which, on the basis of a survey, said ministers of the future would not adhere to many doctrines taught today.

The Home Mission Board reported the Annie Armstrong Offering had reached nearly \$2.5 million this year, exceeding its goal by \$8000. Executive Secretary Courts Redford of Atlanta said money still was coming in, that final receipts may exceed the goal by \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A field worker of the same board, 45-year-old James C. Peck of Atlanta, was only 30 miles from home after a 1500-mile automobile drive when he lost control of his car and was fatally injured in the wreck.

Peck was pioneering the board's new work in industrial and institutional chaplaincy.

C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., director of the Convention's 30,000 Movement, reported at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly that 12,796 churches or missions have been established toward that goal.

The movement is to establish 30,000 churches or missions between 1956 and 1964.

In New Orleans, Mid-City Baptist Church baked a jawbreaker cake--12 tons. As an indication of what the recipe called for, the cake required 4300 pounds of sugar. The cake was baked in the shape of the church plant, which includes a Baptist high school and a book store.

The church served it one Sunday as the pastor marked his anniversary.

In Raleigh, Baptist pastors affirmed their "continued confidence" in Convention-operated seminaries "to seek and to teach scriptural truth within the structure both of academic freedom and of our Baptist witness."

They counterattacked their fellow ministers in Oklahoma City who "have in their zeal to defend the faith undertaken to declare what is and what is not Baptist beliefs, practice and polity" on certain doctrines.

The Oklahomans had called on seminaries to purge any heresy in their classroom instruction.

Baptists who were angered by the Redbook survey said the survey was a hoax, not scientifically carried out and unrepresentative. The surveyors, according to Redbook, polled 10 students at one SBC seminary.

In a survey of his own, the seminary president said he found no trend on campus evident away from "the Bible-centered, warm-hearted, evangelistic proclamation of the gospel" characteristic of Southern Baptist preachers.

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Check Arrives Late,  
Gifts Under Year Ago

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program gifts, after a few months of upturn, have again fallen below 1960 level.

Treasurer Porter Routh in Nashville said the eight-month total for 1961 has reached \$11,420,810, a little more than \$3000 shy of the total on Aug. 31, 1960.

Contributions for the month of August reached \$1,312,063. These were forwarded from state Baptist convention offices.

A check from Mississippi Baptist Convention containing over \$78,000 for the Cooperative Program--which would have caused it to exceed the 1960 sum--arrived too late to be deposited in the bank before Sept. 1 and thus be counted in August.

It was the only state failing to have any funds reported for the month of August.

Designations meantime reached \$205,993 for the month of August and \$11,726,022 for the year to date. They are \$808,239--or 7.4 per cent--ahead of the 1960 eight-month amount.

The combined total for 1961 is \$23,146,832 compared with \$22,341,664 at the corresponding 1960 date. This is a gain of 3.6 per cent, or \$805,167.

Gifts reported by the SBC treasurer do not include sums kept by local churches for their own programs, nor the Cooperative Program percentages retained by state Baptist offices for statewide work.

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War Scars Don't Break  
Baptist Togetherness

Editor's note: The third in a feature series on SBC agencies.

By C. E. Bryant  
for Baptist Press

Baptist representatives from 12 European nations were gathering at Regents Park College, Oxford University, England, in a conference called by the Baptist World Alliance.

Half a world way, 250 Baptist youth from 13 countries across the length and breadth of Asia were at the same time winging their ways to Tokyo, Japan for the Second Asian Baptist Youth Conference, another Alliance project.

The conference in Europe had been called to encourage greater fellowship, service and cooperation among Baptists in that part of the world. Their homes, and consequently their posts of Christian service, extended from Spain to the Soviet, from Italy to Norway.

Such Baptist advance is not easy on a continent dominated by state churches and plagued by wars, but the Alliance strengthens and encourages European Baptists as they plan for the future.

"This is a miracle," A. B. Masalamani of India told the Asian youth delegates at their opening session. "In the name of Jesus Christ we gather from many countries. We meet in the oneness that is in Christ--the children of Christian missions, the fruit of the labors of those who have gone on before, the hope of the church in Asia."

The scars of two world wars, in which many of the nations from which they came had been aligned militarily against one another, could not spoil their fellowship together in Christ.

Baptists of the world through the Alliance were at work in still other parts of the world on a score of simultaneous projects. In Angola and Congo, Baptist dollars were being converted to food and shelter.

In Ceylon, meager Baptist strength sought proudly to continue its identity despite nationalization moves by the government, because Baptist leadership there found encouragement in its identity with the larger world Baptist fellowship. In Nigeria and Burma, Baptist women prepared mission study lessons with the help of The Baptist World magazine, published monthly by the Alliance.

In Brazil and Uruguay, Baptist evangelists reminded potential converts that Catholicism is not the only world-wide religion and that the Baptist interpretation of the scriptures is practiced by 24-million fellow believers around the earth.

The Alliance, representing Baptists in 110 countries, is not fenced in by national borders or by geographical and language barriers. Its organization is voluntary and fraternal, "showing the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ." It has no administrative authority over them.

In fellowship, the Baptist World Alliance exemplifies in fact the words of Paul in Ephesians 4:5 "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

The Southern Baptist Convention is one of approximately 100 Baptist conventions and unions affiliated with the Alliance. Because of its size in comparison with other groups, the SBC through its budget contributes a lion's share, \$60,000, of the Alliance's \$114,000 operating budget for 1961.

Many Southern Baptists have held offices in the Alliance. Southern Baptists thus extend their influence still more to every area of the world.

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Joseph Nordenhaug of Washington, general secretary of the Alliance, told European Baptist Leaders in Oxford that since the Baptist World Alliance was organized in London in 1905, Baptist membership had quadrupled. Baptists witness now in five times as many countries.

"Now is the time to quit bragging and get to work," he declared. "We must bring ourselves to a greater commitment to Christ. Nominal Christianity is not enough. We must be doers rather than spectators."

Four study commissions, composed of Baptist leaders of many nations, work by correspondence and in annual meetings to promote understanding and cooperative witness for those Great Commission objectives Baptists of all nationalities hold dear.

They are the commission on religious liberty and human rights, the commission on Baptist doctrines, the commission on evangelism and missions and the commission on Bible study and membership training.

Not least in the world Baptist fellowship program are Baptist World Congresses, held every five years, and Baptist Youth World Conferences, also every five years.

Thirteen thousand Baptists from 70 countries attended the Congress at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1960 making a lasting impact for Christ. The next Congress will meet at Miami Beach, Fla., June 25-29, 1965. Baptist youth of the world will next meet at Beirut, Lebanon in July, 1963. They last met in Toronto, Canada.

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Editors: Hold, if desired, for forthcoming picture.