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COLLEGE STUDENTS PLAN SIX MISSIONARY TOURS THIS SUMMER

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Six missionary groups of Baptist students from Southern colleges will tour various sections of the world this summer in evangelistic and teaching ministry.

William Hall Preston, associate secretary of the Department of Southern Baptist Student Work, said that the student groups will spend six to eight weeks each in Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, the San Andres Islands, and California.

It is the third summer that Preston has led college students in overseas mission activity during their summer vacation periods. "The tours serve the double purpose of taking Christ to mission fields and of giving the students experience in actual mission work," Preston said.

Largest group in the 1949 student mission program will go to Europe, with 25 students participating. Leaving New York, July 6 by air, the group will visit England, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Preston said that the itinerary calls for the students to lead in evangelistic and teaching services, to associate closely with European youth, and to actually live in the homes of Baptists in some of the countries. They will return August 15 after attending sessions of the World Baptist Youth Congress at Stockholm, August 3-9.

A dozen students, six boys and six girls, will make the trip to Hawaii, leaving Los Angeles June 10. Six boys will go to the San Andres Islands, off the coast of Colombia, and other groups will go to Alaska and Mexico. Some 15 or 20 students will work with Baptist mission forces in California.

Preston said that the students making the trips are selected by Baptist student organizations in the various states on the basis of their own devotion and ability in Christian service in their home churches and on the college campuses. Expenses are paid by gifts from other students in the organization. In the overseas countries, the groups work under the direction of Baptist mission forces in each area.