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Social-Spiritual Needs
Met By Baptist Dentist

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HARLINGEN, Tex. (BP)--A special team of Texas Baptists are "sweating out" the summer in their initial efforts to provide both a medical and spiritual ministry to Latin Americans along the sprawling Rio Grande River in the Harlingen-Brownsville area.

They are sweating as a result of the uncertainty of the acceptance of their new ministry and secondly, because temperatures are often soaring in their converted bus which serves as a mobile dental clinic.

The heart of the medical ministry is an old bus intermingled with the love of several dentists, physicians and two student nurses, who utilize opportunities to minister to the spiritual needs of the people.

Staffed by volunteers, some are in training, another is a June graduate, and others are professional doctors of dentistry and medicine who are giving their vacations in Christian service.

The dental team officially got off the ground when Dr. Dan White, a Fort Worth dentist, and John Lanoue Sr., East Texas Area Baptist Student Union director, combined their efforts.

White provided the initial medical thrust for the first week of operation and Lanoue provided the means for obtaining the bus.

During its first week in service, many blisters and sore fingers revealed the team's biggest problem.

"Our biggest need is cleaning teeth," said Dr. White, whose wife Ann did most of the cleaning. She is a dental hygienist, and served the first week with her husband.

Dr. White said he hopes to obtain an ultra-sonic cleaner valued nearly \$800 to be placed in the mobile unit. He added that such a piece of equipment would greatly enhance the unit's role.

Uncertainty as to acceptance, however, is fast disappearing. During the first week, Dr. White extracted 78 teeth and team members examined 142 adults and children. In addition, student nurses cleaned and treated many minor infections.

Dr. White said the unit's second greatest need is more volunteers including dentists, physicians and dental hygienists. These personnel rotate their services spending a week on the field.

Permanent members of the crew who will spend a full 10 weeks in the area include Dr. Tom David, a June graduate of Baylor Medical School who will open practice in Fort Worth at the end of his tour, and Janice King of Kingsville and Pat Eaker of Dallas, senior student nurses at Baylor's School of Nursing, Dallas.

Dentists and physicians are presently coming from various parts of Texas to serve in the Harlingen-Brownsville areas, according to Dr. White, who coordinates the professional staff.

Others have had a big part in this joint endeavor to minister to Latin Americans. The State Missions Commission as well as the Baptist Student Union and Brotherhood of the Baptist General Convention of Texas are assisting in the summer program with the spiritual ministry provided primarily through Vacation Bible Schools in the South Texas area.

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"New Morality"
Called Pagan

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--The "new morality" was described by A. V. Washburn of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board as nothing more than a return to pagan philosophy.

Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department at the board's office in Nashville, made the remark to 1,460 Southern Baptists attending the first of three Sunday School Leadership Conferences at Glorieta Baptist Assembly June 22-28.

"Never has the need for the Christian gospel been more acute than it is today," Washburn said.

"Churches have never had greater opportunities for Christian advance than provided by these crises years which are upon us."

Washburn told conferees that teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ as found in the Bible is the answer to man's deepest problems.

The theme of the conference, sponsored by the Sunday School department was "A Leadership Committed...."

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Baptist Schools Receive
National Science Funds

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Twelve Baptist schools are among 142 church-related colleges and universities awarded funds to help strengthen their science programs, according to announcement by the National Science Foundation (NSF) here.

A spokesman for NSF said institutional grants, totaling \$15,152,000, were made to a total of 517 schools.

Institutional grants are intended to help maintain a strong academic base for American science by permitting the colleges and universities to follow their own plans and priorities in using the funds for direct costs of their science activities, according to NSF officials.

Of the 12 Baptist schools receiving the grants, five are affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, six are American Baptist Convention institutions, and one is affiliated with both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions.

The Southern Baptist schools are: Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.; and Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C.

William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is the school affiliated with both conventions receiving the aid.

American Baptist institutions receiving the grants are Colorado Woman's College, Denver; Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.; Ricker College, Houston, Maine; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif.

Eligibility for the 1967 institutional grants was based on the receipt of other grants from the foundation during the period April 1, 1966 through March 31, 1967. To be eligible, an institution must have received during this period a grant for basic research or for certain programs of research participation and must have applied for an institutional grant.

According to the NSF, college and university administrators report that the grants have enabled them to quickly and effectively in meeting local needs of scientific instruction and research, to fill gaps in important but relatively unsupported areas of science and to start new science and engineering programs.

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More Lay Involvement
Urged In Latin Missions

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex (BP)--The 57th annual Mexican Baptist Department Convention ended here with a plea for a strong missionary thrust into Texas Latin-American communities with a major emphasis placed on personal involvement.

Nearly 1,000 messengers attending the four-day meeting were urged to pray for and participate in a 850-mile Rio Grande River ministry which is already underway in South and West Texas. It is estimated two million Latins live along the border between Texas and Mexico.

A series of speakers throughout the convention asked for improved witnessing and more laymen participation in local missionary activities.

Rudy Camacho, a layman from Fort Worth emphasized his own need to minister in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and urged other laymen to give serious consideration to becoming personally involved in their own communities.

Camacho recently ended a tour of needed mission work in his immediate vicinity feeling he could not go to other mission areas of the state. He urged others to do the same.

Jose Rivas was re-elected to a third term as president of the convention. He is professor at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., and pastor of Brownwood's First Latin American Baptist Church.

The 1968 Mexican Baptist Departmental Convention will be held in the First Mexican Baptist Church in Dallas the week of June 17, 1968. The convention is sponsored by the language missions department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

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Baptist Schools Get
Grants For Libraries

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The libraries of 38 Baptist schools are being strengthened through the purchase of books and other educational materials made possible by federal grants, according to announcement by the U.S. Office of Education here.

The Baptist schools are among 562 church-related schools in a list of nearly 2,000 colleges and universities to receive funds for library materials.

The grants, totaling more than \$24.5 million for the year ending June 30, are administered by the U. S. Office Of Education under Title II-A of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Fifteen of the 38 Baptist schools are Southern Baptist, 16 are American Baptist and one school is related to both the Southern and American Baptist Convention.

In addition, there is one each General Baptist, Baptist General Conference, Free Will and Seventh Day Baptist. The remaining two are Independent Baptist schools affiliated with groups of local churches.

All but one of the Baptist colleges received the basic grant of \$5,000, awarded on a dollar-for-dollar matching fund basis. In addition, most of the schools received supplemental funds of \$10 for each full-time student. The supplemental grants did not require matching funds.

All grants require the institutions to maintain their expenditures for library resources while using federal funds for additional purchases.

The Southern Baptist colleges and universities receiving the library grants are:

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.; and Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; Norman College, Norman Park, Ga.; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.; William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Furman University, Greenville, S.C.; North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S.C.; Houston Baptist College, Houston, Tex.; Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex.; Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex.; and the University of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, Tex.

William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is affiliated with both Southern and American Baptist Conventions.

Of the 562 church-related schools receiving the funds for library materials, 260 are Roman Catholic, 79 are Methodist, 59 are Presbyterian and 37 are Lutheran.

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