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Med Students Told Of Medical  
Mission Needs Around World

RICHMOND (BP)--"We need...a surgeon...nurses...a hospital administrator...medical technologists...."

These pleas resounded again and again during a Medical Missions Conference at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters here.

Board officials and medical missionaries stationed at hospitals in Nigeria, Gaza and Indonesia met with students and practitioners in medicine, nursing and auxiliary services. There were 112 participants.

The students came from 21 institutions in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Kentucky and Virginia for the two-day meeting.

Speakers on the program told about medical missions work and conveyed visual and verbal pictures of the scope of medical missions at a personal level of challenge and frustration. The theme of the conference was "Here Is My Life."

David Akande, a Nigerian who has been studying at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., spoke on the contribution of medical missions in his country.

Akande and his wife will return to Nigeria in June and he will work with the Nigerian Baptist Convention, serving at the Baptist Medical Centre, Ogbomosho. He will be the first administrator at a Baptist Hospital in Nigeria to hold a master's degree in hospital administration.

Dr. Martha Hagood, missionary physician stationed at the Eku (Nigeria) Baptist Hospital, told why she will return to Nigeria: "I want to go back to help the Nigerians build a bridge across the Niger River--a bridge of love and understanding."

Small groups met to discuss mission opportunities for persons in their particular area of work.

A student from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C., said after the program, "I feel like I've had a spiritual transfusion."

This conference was one of several scheduled for this spring. Subsequent programs will be held in Atlanta, on April 6, in Dallas, April 24-25, and in Oklahoma City, April 26.

The conferences are directed by Miss Edna Frances Dawkins, associate secretary for missionary personnel for the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

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Staples Elected Second  
Time As Arizona Editor

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--James R. Staples, pastor of Royal Palms Baptist Church here for four years, has for the second time been elected editor of the Baptist Beacon, weekly newspaper of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, effective April 1.

Staples served as editor of the Beacon from 1960-62, when he resigned to become executive vice president for Grand Canyon College, Phoenix.

He succeeds M. Frank Gillham, editor of the Beacon for the past two years, who resigned to become pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, Fla. Gillham is a former missionary to Japan.

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Staples will serve as director of communications for the convention in addition to his duties as editor of the state paper, according to Charles L. McKay, executive secretary.

For the past 20 years, Staples has been a pastor or denominational worker in Arizona. He was pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church for 10 years before his election in 1960 as editor of the Baptist Beacon.

Active in denominational affairs, he is a former president of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention; former member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; former president of the Executive Board of the Arizona Convention; and former trustee for Grand Canyon College. He was a member of the state Convention Executive Board at the time of his election.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Staples holds a doctorate in education from Arizona State University, Tempe.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photo of Staples, and photo of Julian Pentecost (new Virginia editor reported 3/24/70) to be mailed to Baptist state papers.

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Ekus Baptist Hospital Revamps  
To Meet Government Standards

3/25/70

RICHMOND (BP)--Lack of enough trained nurses could be a problem for the Baptist Hospital and Nursing School in Eku, Nigeria, as the government of that country has adopted new regulations to upgrade facilities and teaching institutions.

Miss Mary Evelyn Fredenburg, Southern Baptist missionary and director of nursing education in the affiliated nursing school at Eku, said in an interview here that the hospital will be able to meet most of the new standards but may have a shortage of nurses when furloughs for missionary nurses come due next summer.

Bed capacity of the hospital must increase from 120 to 150 according to the new ruling. Already under way are additions to the operating room and a central supply unit.

A small kitchen which serves patients who are on special diets and those who request its services must now be enlarged to accommodate all patients at the hospital, added Miss Ruth Kube, missionary director of nursing service at Eku.

However, because of the varied cultural backgrounds of the patients and their diets they may continue to have their meals brought to them by relatives and friends, Miss Fredenburg said.

The School of Nursing has also felt repercussions of the new government regulations. Previously, only about a ninth grade education was required for entrance to the school, and the student was not required to have any scientific training. Now students must have a high school education and preferably some background in science.

In the past, Miss Fredenburg, said, men comprised about two-thirds of the student body. However, an increasing number of women are going on to higher education, and the school hopes to have a nearly equal ratio of men to women students.

The school, which has dormitory facilities for 80 students, currently accepts about 20 per year. Applicants must be professing Christians and must be recommended by their pastor to qualify.

The school will soon be able to fill the needs for nurses but not for physicians at the hospital, Miss Fredenburg pointed out. Physicians who have participated in the medical volunteer program, "have certainly been a blessing," she said, in alleviating personnel shortages of a short duration in the past.

She added that the new government regulations were good in that they will help bring nursing in Nigeria up to the level of international standards of nursing education.

Five hospitals and two clinics related to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board are located in Nigeria.

However, three of the five hospitals are severely crippled or closed. The hospital in Kontagora, in Northern Nigeria, has no missionary physician and is now being run on a limited scale. Also, the hospitals in Shaki and Joinkrama have been closed for lack of medical personnel.

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In February, 1970, the board reported a total of 21 hospitals and 83 clinics, mobile units and dispensaries in 23 countries.

Miss Fredenburg and Miss Kube spoke during a medical missions conference at Foreign Mission Board headquarters here.

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Arkansas Convention President  
Elected Outstanding Young Man

3/25/70

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--Tal D. Bonham, pastor of South Side Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Ark., and president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, has been named along with two others as Arkansas' Outstanding Young Men for 1969.

Bonham, Coy Austin Clark, elementary school principal in North Little Rock, and Dr. Frederick T. Fraunfelder, ophthalmology professor here, were honored at an awards banquet here by the Arkansas Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The three men were chosen by a committee of three businessmen from among 36 nominations submitted by Junior Chamber of Commerce chapters in the state. The Pine Bluff chapter of Jaycees earlier had conferred on Bonham its Distinguished Service Award.

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Seminary Names Three  
Outstanding Alumni

3/25/70

FORT WORTH (BP)--Three graduates of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here have been named distinguished alumni for 1970, and will be presented the awards at the seminary's annual luncheon in Denver during the Southern Baptist Convention, June 1-4.

The three are Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Frank Patterson, El Paso, Tex., general director of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, and Homer Lindsay Sr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Valentine, who has headed the denomination's social action agency since 1960, earned the doctor of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1949, and was director of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission before moving to Nashville in 1960. He attended Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and received an honorary doctorate from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

Patterson, a missionary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, received the master of theology degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1932. He also attended the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Baptist University, the National University of Mexico and Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

Lindsay is past president of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, and received the master of theology degree from Southwestern in 1930. He has also been pastor of churches in Texas and Tennessee, and received degrees from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; and Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

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Community Health Considered  
As Foreign Mission Approach

3/25/70

by Susan S. Cahen

RICHMOND (BP)--Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials are considering an approach to medical ministries which focuses upon overall community health. Traditionally, medical missions have emphasized treatment centers in communities.

The community health plan, as a team ministry, does not neglect the curative center but rather emphasizes health education and preventive medicine. A community's team would probably include doctors, dentists, hygienists, social workers, home economists, teachers, etc.

A report outlining the new plan cites the major premise of such an approach:

"The resultant diseases that an individual has is not just the invasion of the body by bacteria, or the deficiency of the body to digest adequate food, but rather is the product of the total community health--or lack of it."

A number of factors, including poor hygiene, poor nutrition, poor economic and social environment or poor educational background of the parents and community, may cause the disease of a child, the report said.

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However, it continued, many times the child is cured at a treatment center and then sent back to the same environment which originally caused his illness.

This type of plan has been instituted at the Baptist Medical Centre, Ogbomosho, Nigeria and seems to be getting good results, but the plan per se has not gone into effect, Foreign Mission Board officials said.

The community plan calls for three structural divisions: first, a central health unit which will be the coordinating center for purchasing, personnel, accounting and supervision of work in all divisions.

Within the central unit an outpatient department or clinic will dispense curative and preventive medicine and will possibly include a small hospital for acute cases.

Laboratory and X-ray facilities to serve the local community and outlying rural health stations will also be parts of the central unit. A pharmacist located there will oversee the storage and distribution of drugs and equipment.

Schools for training public health and sanitation workers, home nurses and midwives' aides, and a Bible and lay training center for nationals will be instituted. Also, agricultural and nutritional programs will be run from the central unit.

An arm of this unit, and the second structural division, will be the rural health station, located in an outlying village, possibly in a church, reasonably near the central unit.

A permanent installation, the rural unit will be staffed by national personnel, including the doctor in charge. Various health workers, home visitation nurses, agriculturists, etc., will work with him.

Likely to be included in the rural station would be a clinic for outpatients and midwifery service with a few beds, although emphasis will be on home delivery. Also erected at this point might be a pre-and-postpartum clinic and possibly one for newborns.

The rural health station might also conduct health education and family planning programs, and it might be an immunization point and screening point for tuberculosis, leprosy, etc. Nutritional, agricultural and dental services are other possibilities.

The third division of the community plan would come into existence only when workers from the rural health station periodically visited surrounding communities to render curative, preventive and educational services.

The report of the community health plan outlined several advantages to this new approach:

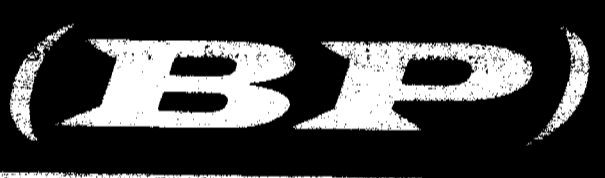
--A community health project would involve fewer Foreign Mission Board personnel and would cost less than maintaining strictly curative centers.

--Such a project is by nature a teaching device, useful for training health workers, social workers, hygienists, nutritionists, agriculturists, etc.

--Evangelistic opportunities would be endless, Many villages could probably be entered through the health project.

--The community approach emphasizes the well-being of people, not buildings or institutions, budgets, costs, or equipment.

--The team plan is adaptable and flexible to local situations, expanding or shrinking according to availability of personnel.



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