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Home Mission Board
Appoints 18 Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP)--Eighteen men and women including a Las Vegas strip minister, were recently appointed by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board as career missionaries.

Most of the 18 have already begun working in locations from Maine to Nevada, and are joint appointees of state Baptist conventions in three areas.

Appointed by the department of Christian social ministries were; Gayle Dollar, Albuquerque, N.M.; Brenda Forlines, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carl and Julia Holden, Worcester, Mass.; Melva Lightsey, Des Moines, Iowa; Roy and Sara Nickell, Atlanta, Ga.; and Ruby Otto, Lewiston, Me.

During the past summer these missionaries participated in the first Christian social ministries training program in the Atlanta Home Mission Board office. The program consisted of lecture sessions each morning and field work in mission spots throughout the area in the afternoons.

Serving under the department of metropolitan missions are; Wesley and June Johnson, Baltimore, Md.; and Wayne and Carole Randolph, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sponsored by the department of pioneer missions are: John and Bertie Davis, Central New York; Duane and Fay Ivey, Chelsea, Mass.; and James and Janice Reid, Las Vega, Nev.

Miss Dollar, a native of Pulaski County, Ga., is working in a Baptist community center in Albuquerque, N.M., a member of the Central Baptist Association of New Mexico. She was a student summer worker in New Mexico in 1965. In addition to her seminary degree she earned an undergraduate degree from Tift College, Forsyth, Ga.

Another Southwestern graduate, Brenda Forlines is directing weekday ministries at Frankford Avenue Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. She is originally from South Boston, Va., and received her baccalaureate degree from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Holden are directing weekday ministries in Worcester, Mass. They will work with missionary Bob Tremaine at Worcester Baptist Church. The Holdens were appointed jointly with the Massachusetts Baptist Association.

Holden is a native of Orlando, Fla., and graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss. An ordained clergyman he also holds a master of divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Holden, is also a Florida native, from Monte Verde. She is a registered nurse and has attended Mississippi College. The Holdens have two daughters, ages six and one.

Miss Lightsey is directing Christian social ministries at Crestwood Baptist Church, Des Moines, Iowa. She was appointed jointly by the board and the Iowa Southern Baptist Association. The Pidcoke, Tex., native has been a public school teacher since 1959. She graduated from the University of Texas and Southwestern seminary.

Sponsored jointly by the board and the Atlanta Baptist Association, Roy and Sara Nickell are directing the Capital Avenue Baptist Center in Atlanta, Ga. A native of Denton, Tex., Nickell graduated from Baylor University and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He studied an extra year at New Orleans specializing in education.

Mrs. Nickell attended San Antonio Junior College and Baylor. She is a native of San Antonio. The Nickells have one son, Brian.

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Miss Otto is now regional director of Christian social ministries in Lewiston, Me. She serves through the Upper New England Baptist Association. A native of Lexington, Tex. She was missionary associate at the Broadway Baptist Center, Fort Worth, Texas, while she attended Southwestern Seminary. She holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex., and an MRE from Southwestern.

Wesley Johnson is now superintendent of Southern Baptist mission efforts in Baltimore, Md. He was appointed jointly by the board and the Baltimore Baptist Association. A native of Girdletree, Md., Johnson is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was student pastor during his seminary years and since then has pastored three other churches in Maryland, the most recent being the Watersedge Church, Baltimore.

Mrs. Johnson is originally from Ashville, Ala. She graduated from Blue Mountain College and Southwestern Seminary. She has been a secretary and a public school teachers. The couple has two children.

Randolph is superintendent of missions in Colorado Springs, Colo., appointed jointly with the Colorado Baptist Convention and the Southeast Colorado Baptist Association. A native of Lueders, Tex., he graduated from Texas Technological College, Lubbock, and Southwestern Seminary. He has also attended the University of Colorado. He pastored churches in Texas and Colorado and his most recent was the Fountain Valley Church, Fountain, Colo.

Mrs. Randolph is a public school teacher. She attended Texas Tech and graduated from Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo, Colo. She is a native of Olney, Ill. The couple has three sons: Keith, David and Timothy.

Davis is now pastor-director of Capital City ministries in the Albany-Schenectady-Troy areas of New York state. He was appointed jointly by the board and the Central New York Baptist Association.

A native of Bienville, La., Davis graduated from Louisiana College, Pineville, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Louisiana and New York.

Mrs. Davis, an Arkansas native, also attended Louisiana College. She has been employed in secular work. The couple has four children.

Ivey is a pastoral missionary at Chelsea Baptist Chapel, Chelsea, Mass. He was appointed jointly by the board and the Massachusetts Baptist Association. The Carthage, Miss., native graduated from Mississippi College and holds bachelor and master's degrees from New Orleans Seminary. Ivey's most recent pastorate was Cape Cod Baptist Church, Falmouth, Mass.

Mrs. Ivey is a native of Brookhaven, Miss. She is a Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary grad also and has been a teacher in the public schools of Mississippi and Massachusetts. The couple has one son, Randal.

Missouri native James Reid is pastor-director of the Las Vegas ministries. Appointed jointly with the Lake Mead Baptist Association, his work includes ministering to show people on Las Vegas' strip. He is a graduate of Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Arizona and Henderson, Nev.

Mrs. Reid recently graduated from the University of Nevada where she was class Valedictorian. Also a St. Louis native she and her husband are parents of six children: James, Joseph, Judith, Jean, Janet and Janelle.

Betty Jo Corum,
WMU Leader, Dies

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Betty Jo Corum, director of editorial services, Woman's Missionary Union, died today in a hospital here following a lengthy illness.

Miss Corum joined the WMU staff in 1965, supervising curriculum development and the editing of publications. Prior to that she edited Intermediate Training Union materials for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, for five years; served as director of Junior Training Union work for the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and as educational director for Robertsville Baptist Church, Oakridge, Tenn.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Miss Corum wrote A Corner of Today, a book of poetry, and was co-author of Hello, World, a youth musical premiered last December at "Mission 70," a youth meeting in Atlanta, Ga. In addition she wrote numerous lesson materials, articles, and poems for Baptist publications.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. W. W. Corum; a sister, Mrs. Carl Huskinson; a brother, W. Clayton Corum; and an aunt, Mrs. Thomas Corum; all of Knoxville.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday at Mountain Brook Baptist Church, here, where Miss Corum was a member. Graveside services will be held Friday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Knoxville, Tenn.



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