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**Successful Kidney Machine Drive
Leads To Helping Alcatraz Indians**

by James Lee Young

RICHMOND, Calif. (BP)--A few months ago, 12-year-old Eben (Buddy) Giese was the object of a nationwide coupon drive to obtain a life-saving kidney machine. Now Buddy has a new kidney and a "love" project of his own--helping the Indians living on the former federal prison island of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

Members of the Balboa Park Baptist Church here were so successful in their campaign to obtain a kidney machine for Buddy that they were inspired to look for other ways they could help people in need.

In December, Mrs. Jean Grigsby and Mrs. Eben Giese Sr., Buddy's mother, initiated a campaign through the church to try to obtain 800,000 Betty Crocker coupons to exchange for a kidney machine for Buddy.

More than 1 1/2 million coupons were collected in the drive, and the extra coupons were made available to other kidney patients.

In January, Buddy not only got his kidney machine, but was the recipient of a kidney transplant from an unidentified donor.

The machine was promptly returned to the Northern California Kidney Foundation and made available to another needy patient.

The coupon drive had been so successful that enthused Mrs. Grigsby began looking for another way to minister to the needs of others. She discovered that about 60 Indians occupying Alcatraz Island were badly in need of supplies--food, bedding and clothing.

Aided by Mrs. Giese and 15 young people from the Baptist church here, they immediately launched another drive. The last tally showed 15 boxes and bags of clothing, two or three boxes of canned goods, cereals, and other staple foods. Women of the church went door-to-door asking for clothing and supplies.

The Indian's claim to the island, versus the government's refusal to turn title to the island over to the Indians, does not bother Mrs. Grigsby.

"It's not up to us to judge whether the Indians should be there or not," she said. "All we know is that they need help and we should give it to them if we can."

Meanwhile, Buddy spent six weeks in the hospital recovering from the kidney transplant surgery. The day after he was released from the hospital, he was at the church helping on the Alcatraz project.

Though he was rather weak and limited to distributing handbills advertising the project, Buddy has been "feeling good so far," and said he hasn't needed a machine since the transplant.

Mrs. Giese said she and the family were "flabbergasted" by the response to the campaign for Buddy. "All kinds of people helped."

Buddy added that "it made me feel good to know that so many people cared."

Apparently, the concern for Buddy has sparked a deeper involvement on the part of the people of the church, according to the pastor.

The coupon and the later clothing drive mark a first for the church in becoming involved in the community, said Jan Thomas, pastor of the church and a third-year master of divinity student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Thomas said he had been preaching inner-city evangelism to the church members, but "they were afraid before.

"Our members are becoming awake to what's going on in the city around them," he observed. They're not saying that there is a way to reach people for Christ, Thomas said.

The church's next project is to open a teen center and to hold a "Jesus Rally" on the church property within the next two months.

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Baptist Woman Gives \$100,000
To Build Cottage For Home

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MONROE, La. (BP)--Mrs. W. C. Feazel, a member of the West Monroe First Baptist Church, has given the Louisiana Children's Home \$100,000 to be used for building a new cottage here.

Mrs. Feazel said that she saw an article in the Children's Home newspaper pointing out the need for several new cottages to be built at a cost of \$100,000 each.

When she presented her check for the new cottage to Wade B. East, superintendent of the Baptist children's home, Mrs. Feazel expressed hope that someone else would also see the need and give a cottage.

Trustees of the Baptist home for children, established in 1899 and located here since 1925, have approved long-range plans calling for the construction of five new cottages during the decade of the 1970's to replace older buildings.

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SBC Associational Missionaries
To Discuss Role of Association

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ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)--Meeting for a one-day annual session, the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Superintendents of Missions will feature addresses on the role and importance of Baptist associations and their superintendents of missions.

Major speakers for the meeting, to be held Monday, May 31, at Third Baptist Church here prior to the Southern Baptist Convention slated June 1-3, were announced by William M. Osborne, president of the organization and superintendent of missions for the Metropolitan Peoria Baptist Association, Peoria, Ill.

Major addresses will be brought by J. Woodrow Fuller, director of missions for the Florida Baptist Convention; by G. Allen West Jr., superintendent of missions for the Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, Ky; , and by Osborne.

Fuller will speak on "The Importance and Role of the Associational Superintendent of Missions and Some Logical Implications." West's will address the group on "The Importance and Place of the Association in Baptist Life and Some Logical Implications."

Osborne, delivering the annual president's address, will have a similar topic: "The Importance and Purpose of our Organization and Some Logical Implications."

A symposium led by three associational missionaries will delve into "How to Improve our Conference."

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Symposium participants are D. E. Strahan, superintendent of missions for East Central Baptist Association, Champaign, Ill.; Mercer C. Irwin, superintendent of missions for the New Orleans Baptist Association; and Paul D. Jackson, associational missionary for the Polk County-Haralson Baptist Association, Cedartown, Ga.

The one-day meeting will begin with a Bible Study led by Herman E. Wooten, metropolitan missionary for the Sacramento Baptist Association, Sacramento, Calif. The opening session starts at 10:00 a.m.

Host for the convention, St. Louis Baptist Association missions superintendent Homer E. Delozier will give a visual presentation on the program and progress of the St. Louis Baptist Association during the opening session.

The conference is scheduled to adjourn at 3:15 p.m., Monday, May 31.

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