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**Third Largest Missionary  
Appointments Predicted**

**RICHMOND (BP)**--Four couples were appointed missionaries and one couple was re-appointed during the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's November meeting here, with mission officials predicting that the number of additions to the mission staff would be the third largest in the board's history.

The November additions to the overseas staff bring the total for 1971 to 216 new missionaries, according to Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for missionary personnel for the board.

The new missionaries are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Hasenmyer of Louisville; appointed to Japan; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby T. Hood of Raleigh, Miss., to Argentina; Mr. and Mrs. Gail P. Joule of Fort Worth, to Paraguay; and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Moseley of Byhalia, Miss., to Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Tope of Biloxi, Miss., were reappointed to Uganda. Tope, now pastor of First Baptist Church in Biloxi, and his wife were appointed missionaries in 1959, and were stationed in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda until returning to the states in 1969.

In his report to the board, Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, said that the United Nation's admission of Communist China, and the expulsion of Taiwan, coupled with the U. S. Senate's rejection of the foreign aid bill could mark "a dividing line between the rehabilitation period of World War II and a new era in process of emerging."

Cauthen said also that President Nixon's visits to Red China and the Soviet Union, in addition to the far-reaching effects of the new economic policies, will be highly significant in U. S. and world affairs.

Amid these circumstances, Americans should cultivate a continuing concern for the whole world, he said, adding that "a development of isolationism on the part of the American public would be a serious loss both to our country and to the world."

Cauthen called upon his listeners to pray for God's blessings upon the missionaries and Christian workers in Taiwan, that they not become discouraged as a result of recent events.

He also called for prayer for missionaries in Vietnam who face radically changed conditions under the withdrawal of U. S. forces; for the small group of missionaries in East Pakistan who are surrounded by an overwhelming amount of human need; and for those in the Middle East which continues to be an area of crisis.

Looking over the past four decades, Cauthen said that Southern Baptists have shown a "remarkable spirit of advance."

While 1948 was the year in which the board's program advance was formally launched, 1933 was the year when "the tide began to turn from the defeatism of the depression...to better days of wider service in the master's name."

The worst thing that could happen in Southern Baptist life would be for foreign missions to stalemate, Cauthen told the board members. "That is not happening, and it won't happen," he declared.

Board members were told that "there is nothing new to report" on the July 7 murder of missionaries Paul and Nancy Potter in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

Charles W. Bryan, Foreign Mission Board secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, said that while everyone concerned hopes the crime will be solved and justice done, the missionaries in the Dominican Republic feel it is best "not to push local authorities."

Meanwhile, members of First Baptist Church in Santiago and missions of that church are urgently requesting that another missionary couple be assigned to that area, Bryan said. Young ministers who Potter trained are carrying on ministries in the interim, but they need additional training and the congregations need missionary assistance, said Bryan.

Contributions totalling \$4,345 by 89 people and organizations for the two Potter children have been sent to their grandparents and guardians, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Roper of Marshfield, Mo. Most of the money was given by people in Santiago who knew the missionary family, Bryan said.

"This reflects the general esteem and respect held for Paul and Nancy Potter by friends in the area where they labored for Christ," Bryan told members of the board.

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#### SBC Cooperative Program Giving Increases 5.39 %

NASHVILLE (BP)--Contributions to world missions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program leveled off during the month of October, but mission gifts for the year are still 5.39 per cent more than Cooperative Program contributions for the same period last year, the denomination's Executive Committee reported here.

During the first 10 months of 1971, gifts through the denomination's unified budget plan reached \$24.8 million, an increase of \$1.2 million over contributions for the first 10 months of 1970, the report said.

In addition, \$23.2 million has been given to designated specific mission causes during the first 10 months of the year. Designations are up \$1.5 million, or 6.9 per cent.

Combined Cooperative Program and designated contributions reached a total of \$48 million, an increase of \$2.7 million or 6.14 per cent over the same period of 1970.

Cooperative Program contributions for the month of October were at virtually the same level as October, 1970 gifts, said John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee. Several Baptist state conventions did not mail their checks in time to be counted before the books closed for the month, he said.

During October, Cooperative Program gifts were \$2.49 million, a decrease of .74 per cent from the \$2.51 million given in October, 1971, the report indicated.

Amounts reflected in the monthly financial report include only contributions to nationwide Southern Baptist Convention causes, and do not include funds given to local and state Baptist mission efforts.

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