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Baptist Team Departs
For Managua Relief

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DALLAS (BP)--An 11-man team, recruited in Texas for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has left for Managua, Nicaragua, to construct temporary buildings to house Baptist congregations evicted by earthquakes last December.

The team, including three Oklahomans and eight Texans, was recruited by Robert E. Dixon, executive secretary-treasurer of Texas Baptist Men, the Texas Baptist statewide Brotherhood organization.

The men will construct seven buildings which will serve until the Nicaraguan government erects a new city.

Eugene Grubbs, the Foreign Mission Board's consultant for laymen overseas, is coordinating the project, which will be directed on the spot by Leslie Keyes, a Southern Baptist missionary to Honduras. Southern Baptists have no missionary work in Nicaragua, but do in neighboring Honduras.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board has received contributions designated for relief in Managua which will cover the \$10,500 needed for construction materials.

The American Baptist hospital in Nicaragua is furnishing a large tent for the men to live in during a two-week stay. Most Baptist mission work in Nicaragua is sponsored by American Baptists.

Texas Baptist Men provided money for Nicaraguan Baptist laymen to construct beds for the work crew to use. The crew is traveling at its own expense, although some assistance is coming from their local churches in the states.

The crew includes John Tripp Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Muldoon, Texas, and two of his laymen, Henry Russ and Wayne Null; John Gandy of Tyler, Tex.; Edgar H. (Tex) Powell of Baytown, Tex.; Mike Hufstедler of Austin, Tex.; Don Harville of Winters, Tex.; and O.O. Richardson of Beaumont, Tex.

The three Oklahomans on the trip are Larry Wallace, minister of youth at First Baptist Church, Tahlequah, Okla., and two laymen from that church, Dale Welch and Tom Brinkley.

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Southern Baptists to Produce
"Dale Evans Show" for TV

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Dale Evans, known as "Queen of the West" and wife of movie star Roy Rogers, will be the host on a new television talk show to be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Filming on "The Dale Evans Show" is slated to begin in Hollywood in May, using a home-like setting, similar to the one in which Dale Evans and Roy Rogers live in Apple Valley, Calif.

"I've been thinking about such a show ever since I did the Mike Douglas Show about three years ago," Miss Evans said. "I enjoy meeting people, getting to know them and exchanging ideas with them. So I was thrilled when the Radio-TV Commission approached me."

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Plans call for the show to seek to appeal to believers and non-believers alike in "essentially a Christian talk show," Miss Evans said. "This show will be an excellent opportunity to bring the whole spectrum of the American way of life into spiritual focus.

"We plan to present guests who may be sometimes controversial, who will have very definite opinions, and who will be able to express these opinions clearly," she said.

"We will deal with serious subjects which can stand in-depth probing," including such topics as law and order, marriage, welfare, racial discrimination, obscenity, abortion, sports, etc.

"I expect to have guests from the medical profession, lawyers, writers, politicians, athletes, and possibly even people who are not celebrities but who have given unselfishly of themselves to other people," she added.

"I believe such a talk show will be successful because I feel the spiritual life in America must catch up to the scientific life in America," she continued.

"The fact that Disney productions are highly successful, and that several religiously-oriented films have done so well encourages me," she stated. "The public wants realism, but it also wants entertainment. People recognize that some things are innately right and that wrong must not be glorified."

Aside from a planned musical opening expected to involve scenes from Miss Evans' movie and television career, "The Dale Evans Show" will have an unstructured format to allow for interesting dialogue and discussion. One portion of the show will feature Miss Evans' opening mail from listeners who ask her opinion on subjects, or make observations.

Paul M. Stevens, president of the SBC Radio-TV Commission, described Miss Evans as an ideal host, saying "she is a woman of great charm and warmth, whose compassion and deep Christian convictions are known to everyone who has ever met her or read her books. We feel deeply confident that she is the best possible choice for this show and that she will make it one with which we will be pleased to be associated."

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\$221,287 Gift Given
To Southeastern Seminary

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--The largest gift from an individual in the 23-year history of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary has been presented to the school by a Richmond, Virginia Baptist layman.

Harwood Cochrane, chairman of the board of Overnite Transportation Co., has given \$221,287.50 to the Southern Baptist institution.

The money will go into the Harwood Cochrane Endowment Fund established by the seminary trustees in their annual meeting here.

Income from this gift will be used to supplement salaries of three distinguished professors and to inaugurate a scholarship program for students who will be designated as Cochrane Scholars.

Students will be selected from the scholarships on the basis of excellence in character, scholarship, commitment, and promise in Christian ministry.

In other major actions the trustees confirmed the election of Thorwald Lorenzen as assistant professor of New Testament and named J. Colin Harris to the faculty as assistant professor of Christian education. Harris is a member of the instructional staff of Meredith College.

Trustees were told that student enrollment for the fall semester was 581, the largest in the past ten years.

The trustees also approved the renovation and enlargement of the seminary library building in the coming year at a cost of \$650,000. This construction has been planned to accommodate the growing collection of books and to provide expanded library services, seminary officials said.

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In another action the trustees voted to permit persons holding the bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to exchange that degree for the master of divinity degree upon payment of a fee set for processing the exchange of degrees.

Sabbatic leaves for the 1973-74 academic year were granted to Donald E. Cook, professor of New Testament; Ellis W. Hollon, Jr., professor of philosophy of religion and Max G. Rogers professor of Old Testament.

Twent-eight members of the Board of Trustees coming from twenty-one states were present for the annual meeting.

Claud B. Bowen, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. was re-elected president of the board.

J. Nixon Daniel, an attorney in Pensacola, Florida, was re-elected vice-president. Henry Bridges, state auditor of North Carolina, is secretary and Nash H. Underwood, a dentist in Wake Forest, N.C., is treasurer of the board.

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CORRECTION

On BP story dated 3-16-73, headlined "J.M. Crowe Elected President of PCPA," in the first line change "executive president" to "executive vice president."

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