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1951 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS
TOTAL OVER A MILLION A MONTH

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Southern Baptists of twenty-two states gave \$12,151,636, more than a million dollars a month, to the support of convention agencies and causes in 1951. The total is \$1,536,916 more than the 1950 total gifts -- or an increase of 14.48 per cent over the \$10,614,719 given last year. The information was released this week in Nashville by Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Texas was first among the states with a total of \$2,611,150. This included \$1,387,363 for the Cooperative Program and \$1,223,786 designated for special causes. North Carolina Baptists were second high in total gifts with \$1,089,949 while South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia were next in line, all giving more than \$900,000.

Of the total gifts by all states, \$8,101,421 was given through the Cooperative Program. This is a gain of 10.26 per cent over the 1950 offerings of \$7,347,544. A total of \$4,050,214 was designated, showing a gain of \$783,039 or 23.97 per cent over the \$3,267,174 designated in 1950.

All but three states showed gains in contributions to the Cooperative Program. Arkansas declined from \$284,793 in 1950 to \$247,170 in 1951, the District of Columbia from \$26,895 to \$23,118, and Florida from \$419,509 to \$418,323.

The five states contributing the largest amounts to the Cooperative Program were (1) Texas, \$1,387,363; (2) Tennessee, \$740,545; (3) South Carolina, \$724,528; (4) North Carolina, \$675,787; and (5) Virginia, \$606,868.

During the year, the Foreign Mission Board received through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts \$6,434,225, more than half of the total gifts coming through the Nashville office. This is more than one million over the \$5,420,308 received for foreign missions in 1950.

Home missions received \$1,974,383 in 1951 as compared with \$1,846,789 in 1950. The remainder of the receipts in the Nashville office were distributed among the various convention agencies and institutions according to percentages adopted by the convention.

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ADVANCE PROGRAM PROVIDES A THIRD
MORE FOR MISSIONS DURING 1951

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Contributions going to the Advance Program of the Foreign Mission Board in 1951 totaled \$901,421, or a gain of 33.54 per cent over the \$685,044 going to the Advance Program in 1950, according to Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Advance Program represents all Cooperative Program receipts exceeding the basic current operating and capital needs budget. The Program began November 14 when receipts passed the \$7,200,000 budget for 1951.

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