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38 Missionaries, Associates
Appointed by Home Mission Board

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ATLANTA (BP)--Eight missionaries and 30 missionary associates were appointed for service in 10 states by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here in September.

The board also changed the status of four missionary associates to career missionary and accepted the resignations of two staff members.

The resignations were from James W. Kelly who is retiring after three years as director of the Division of Chaplaincy and from N. Larry Bryson, director of rural-urban missions for the Division of Associational Services, who has been named state director of missions for South Carolina.

The board's Executive Director Arthur B. Rutledge reported Annie Armstrong Easter Offering receipts through Sept. 12 had exceeded \$7,692,000, an increase of 18 per cent over 1973. He said both the special offering receipts and Cooperative Program allocations for the board were up 12.6 per cent.

"The support of our people through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and the Cooperative Program has been outstanding," Rutledge said. "The remarkable way our people are supporting the churches and mission causes is giving us an opportunity to make significant advances that we have not been able to make the last five years."

Missionaries appointed included two each for service in Louisiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Nebraska.

John Howard and Shirley Campbell of Louisville, Ky., were appointed by the department of Christian social ministries as directors of weekday ministries in New Orleans.

Tommy L. and Linda Fewell of Huntsville, Tex., were also appointed by the Christian social ministries department for service in North Carolina, a joint appointment with the state convention. Fewell will be director of Christian social ministries for New South River Baptist Association.

The other four missionaries were appointed by the church extension department. Richard G. and Nancy Heaney of Chalfont, Pa., will serve in Hatfield, Pa., where he will be pastor-director. William E. Tritten and Rose Ann Tritten of Scottsbluff, Neb., will continue to serve in that city where he will be pastor-director.

The status of Mavo A. and Omega Hernandez of Arvin, Calif., and Efrain and Evangelina Flores of Glendale, Ariz., was changed from missionary associate to missionary.

Missionary associates appointed included the following: Jack and Elizabeth Boggs of New Orleans as assistant director of the Baptist Center; Reva Burnett of Schenectady, N.Y., for weekday ministries in Albany, N.Y.; Harlan and Connie Capps of Houston, Tex., for language missions in El Paso; Elinor Ann Daniel of Fayetteville, Ga., for social work in the New Orleans Baptist Center; Manuel and Herlinda Davila of Houston for language missions in that city; Donald Keith and Patrice Elaine Fillingim of Fort Worth, Tex., to the mission pastorate at Rochester Baptist Church, Rochester, N.Y.

Also, Carlos and Elizabeth Godinez of Combes, Tex., to the pastorate at Combes Baptist Mission; Herman and Lydia Martinez of Dalhart, Tex., to pastorate of Spanish Baptist Mission at Dalhart; Earnest and Anita McCollum of El Paso, Tex., for language missions in El Paso area; George and Amal Shabaz of Chicago to the pastorate of the Arabic fellowship there and to assist language churches in the Chicago area; Josef Solc of Fort Worth, Tex., to a ministry to internationals in Chicago; David and Rebecca Waugh of Louisville, Ky., to the pastorate of Montpelier (Vermont) Baptist Chapel.

Donna Pittman of San Francisco, Calif., is being appointed missionary associate. She recently was married to Jim Pittman already under appointment as pastor-director of Valley Baptist Church in San Francisco.

Eight persons were appointed missionary associates to serve as student interns in Texas, Kentucky, and California. Francisco and Delfina Rodriguez, natives of Mexico, will serve in language work while students at Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in Harlingen, Tex., Judy Lambeth of Indianapolis, Ind., will work in Christian social ministries while a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., Marsha Lee Hitzing of Ft. Meyers, Fla., Rosalyn Brandt of New Orleans, La., and Murdena Faulkenberry of Athens, Ala.

Patricia Leigh Gatling of Richmond, Va., will serve in CSM while a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex., and Laura Lee Fry will also work in CSM while studying at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Mill Valley, Calif.

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Retired IRS Official Directs
Bicentennial Projects

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ATLANTA (BP)--T. R. Parlier Jr., retired program manager for the Atlanta Service Center of the Internal Revenue Service, will coordinate Southern Baptist Home Mission Board projects in connection with the nation's Bicentennial observance.

Parlier will serve without salary as a Christian service corps volunteer for 18 months beginning January 1, 1975, according to Robert Bingham, chairman of the board's Bicentennial committee.

Several projects to illustrate the home missions heritage in connection with the 200th birthday celebration of the United States are being considered, Bingham said. They include spot announcements for television, drama and musical groups, art-photo exhibits, motor caravans relating the Baptist national heritage and production of a travel guide.

A native of North Wilkesboro, N.C., Parlier retired Dec. 31, 1973, after more than 30 years' service with the IRS.

"I feel that this opportunity to help relate our home mission heritage to the nation's Bicentennial celebration is an answer to prayer," Parlier said.

"I have been retired for nine months and have already done all the things I had planned to do and everything my wife had asked me to do," he joked.

The Parliers are members of Atlanta's Wieuca Road Baptist Church. He is a deacon and a director of the eighth grade Sunday School department. Mrs. Parlier is active in Atlanta's West End Baptist Center.

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"Giants" Evident in SBC
Leadership, Reed Asserts

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--There are more "giants" among Southern Baptist leaders today than ever, a retired denominational official said here.

R. Alton Reed, Dallas, president emeritus of the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board, said "there may be 100 men under 40 years of age in the denomination just as great a job as Scarborough and Truett."

He referred to Lee R. Scarborough (1870-1945) and George W. Truett (1867-1944). Both men served as president of the SBC, Truett three consecutive terms ending in 1929, and Scarborough for two straight years, 1939-1940.

Truett served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas from 1897 until his death, and it became the largest Baptist church in the world. Scarborough was president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, from 1914 until his death.

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"There were few giants in the days in which those men lived," Reed pointed out. "They were conspicuous. Also, Southern Baptists were much fewer in number then."

Today, the "caliber of leadership is more widespread than it was two generations ago," Reed continued. "Those who are our great leaders today are less conscious of their role as were those in the past."

"More responsibility fell on fewer persons in earlier generations," he added, "while today responsibility is distributed around more widely. However, today's leaders are not as well-known."

Reed made his remarks while in Glorieta leading Bible study periods at a Conference for Annuitants, sponsored by the Annuity Board. More than 100 retired Baptist ministers and denominational workers, or their widows, who draw retirement benefits from the board, attended.

He attributed the caliber of leadership, and the greater number of leaders today to "the excellence of our (Baptist) colleges and seminaries. You don't have great people without great schools."

He observed also "you can't compare generations."

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Texas Baptists Seek State
Offering of \$1.1 Million

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DALLAS (BP)--Texas Baptists are seeking to raise more than \$1 million--\$1,111,111.11 to be exact--through the Mary Hill Davis State Mission Offering, conducted among 2-million Texas Baptists in 4,200 churches and missions around the state.

The money will be re-invested in areas of human need from the Rio Grande River to the teeming, impersonalized metropolitan areas.

Of the \$1-million-plus goal, \$553,111 will be spent in the cities while another \$145,000 will be used to minister to two million people who live along the 890-mile Rio Grande River.

Last year, Texas Baptists raised a little over \$1 million for the first time in the history of the offering.

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Alabama Baptists Asked to
Miss a Meal for World Hunger

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. (BP)--As a tangible means of showing concern for the starving and hungry people of the world, Alabama Baptists are being asked to forego one meal a week beginning September 22, and to send the cost of the meal through Southern Baptist Convention channels.

The recommendation was made here by Dotson M. Nelson Jr., president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention; George E. Bagley, executive secretary of the convention, and by members of the convention's administration committee.

Nelson and Bagley have sent a letter to Baptist pastors across the state which encourages their endorsement of the hunger relief effort. They hope other states will join in the effort.

The appeal from Alabama Baptist officials is similar to that being made by religious leaders of several denominations who met in Birmingham recently to adopt a statement calling on their church members to send the cost of a meal a week for a one year period for disbursement through their respective denominational relief agencies. The amount of \$1.50 to \$2.00 per week has been suggested.

In response to the effort which calls on religious, political and social leaders to promote the program, Alabama Governor George C. Wallace is expected to sign a proclamation designating a Week of Concern for World Hunger.

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