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**Home Mission Board Elects
Staffer, 19 Associates**

ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors elected a new staff member and appointed 19 missionary associates at the November meeting of the board's executive committee.

Miss Margrette Stevenson of Dallas, Tex., was elected director of payroll and employee benefits services, effective December 1. Miss Stevenson has been associated with an insurance-services agency in Dallas since 1973 and was employed by the SBC Annuity Board, 1970-73.

She previously had been associated with the Dallas Baptist Association and with several Texas and Oklahoma churches as a religious education worker.

A native of Dallas, Miss Stevenson is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and has attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dallas Business College and Leonard's Training Center.

The payroll and employee benefits position formerly was held by Mrs. Hettie Johnson, who was named director of the division of business services in October.

In another personnel matter, the directors approved the transfer of Leonard O. Hinton Jr., research consultant in the board's planning section, to the new position of director of evangelism survey and analysis in the evangelism section.

Missionary associates appointed included the following:

--Salvador and Juanita Barrientes of San Antonio, Tex. He will serve as pastor of the Spanish department of Beacon Hill Baptist Church, San Antonio. The Barrientes recently graduated from Mexican Baptist Bible Institute. He is a native of San Antonio. She is from Coburn, Tex.

--Clarence and Jean Buie of Albuquerque, N. Mex. He will serve as pastor of First Indian Baptist Church, Gallup. Both are natives of Natchez, Miss. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Texas. For the last two years he has been pastor of Hermosa Baptist Church, Albuquerque. Mrs. Buie attended Tulane University.

--John and Barbara Davis of Spavinaw, Okla. He will serve as pastor at the Haskell, Kan., Indian Mission. The Davises are Oklahoma natives. He has a certificate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has been serving an interim pastorate in Langley, Okla. He was pastor of Ribbon Indian Baptist Church, Spavinaw, 1970-75.

--Erasmus and Fina Del Bosque of Junction, Tex. He will serve as pastor of Goodwill Baptist Mission, Junction, while attending Mexican Baptist Bible Institute. He is a native of Alice, Tex., and previously served churches in Walla Walla, Wash., and Wellington, Tex. Mrs. Del Bosque is a native of Weslaco, Tex.

--John Thomas and Shirley Everett. He will serve as pastor-director of the Baptist Center in Knoxville, Tenn. Both are Knoxville natives. From 1971-75, he was pastor of Lonsdale Baptist Church, Knoxville, and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and has a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

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--Joe and Jere Hawn of Albuquerque, N. Mex., to serve as missionaries to the deaf in Albuquerque. Hawn is a native of Amarillo, Tex., and is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex. He has served as pastor of several Texas churches and from 1969-73 was director of special ministries for First Baptist Church, Houston.

Since 1973 he has been pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Albuquerque. He is president of the New Mexico Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Mrs. Hawn is a native of Cleburne, Tex., and attended Amarillo College and Wayland Baptist College.

--Mary Dan Kuhnle of Louisville, Ky., to serve as director of Sellers Home in New Orleans. A native of Louisville, Miss Kuhnle has been associated with the Kentucky Baptist Board of Child Care since 1968 and since 1974 has been director of intake and community services. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and has a master's degree in social work from the University of Louisville.

--Peter and Hanna Kung. He will serve as pastor of the First Southern Baptist Chinese Mission in San Diego. Both are natives of China. He is a graduate of Hong Kong Baptist College and Hong Kong Baptist Seminary and attended Southwestern Seminary. After coming to the United States in 1973, he served as associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, working with the Chinese Sunday School.

--Daniel and Peggy Portillo to serve in the Spanish department of First Baptist Church, San Antonio. He is a native of Mexico and is a graduate of the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been serving as associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, San Antonio. Mrs. Portillo, a native of Dallas, Tex., is a graduate of North Texas State University and is head of the music department of Mexican Baptist Bible Institute.

--Robert and Melida Salinas. He will serve as pastor of Good Shepherd Mission Comanche, Tex. Both are native Texans. He is from Mathis; she is from Cotulla. Both have attended Howard Payne University. He was pastor of Mision Bautista Mexicana in Ballinger, Tex., 1972-75.

The directors also changed the status of four missionary associates to missionary. They are Tom and Carol Prevost in Phoenix, Ariz., where he is director of Christian social ministries, and Eugene and Karion Krieger of Topeka, Kan., where he is pastor-director of Christian social ministries.

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Brazilian Baptists Growing
Faster Than Population Rate

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP)--Recent statistics compiled by the Jornal Batista, weekly Brazilian Baptist newspaper, show that Baptist growth in Brazil is far exceeding the population growth.

The first Brazilian Baptist church, organized on Oct. 15, 1882, had five members. Today there are 2,800 Baptist churches with about 450,000 members.

The 1975 population of Brazil, 105,000,000, is more than six times the 17,984,000 people in the country in 1900, while the number of Baptists is more than 230 times the 1,932 Baptists in Brazil then.

In 1900, one out of every 9,308 Brazilians was a Baptist. Today one out of every 233 Brazilians is a Baptist.

The statistics were compiled as part of the celebration of "Baptist Day" commemorating 93 years of Baptist work in Brazil.

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Year	Population of Brazil	Number of Baptists	Proportion
1900	17,984,000	1,932	1 Baptist for 9,308 Brazilians
1910	22,216,000	9,939	1 Baptist for 2,235 Brazilians
1920	27,904,000	20,135	1 Baptist for 1,371 Brazilians
1930	33,568,000	34,351	1 Baptist for 977 Brazilians
1940	41,236,315	54,319	1 Baptist for 759 Brazilians
1950	51,944,397	104,019	1 Baptist for 419 Brazilians
1960	70,967,185	185,539	1 Baptist for 382 Brazilians
1970	93,600,000	350,000	1 Baptist for 267 Brazilians
1975	105,000,000	450,000	1 Baptist for 233 Brazilians

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New Mexico Baptists Elect
Bowe; Set Annual Budget

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TUCUMCARI, N. M. (BP)--Registered "messengers" to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico annual session voted a record \$888,207 budget and re-elected C. L. Bowe Jr., a San Jon, N. M., rancher, as president.

The convention also voted to change the name of its state mission board to state executive board. E. J. Bradshaw, a Los Alamos, N. M., pastor, was elected president of the board.

The messengers earmarked \$248,698 of their budget to go for worldwide mission causes through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget.

Next year, the convention will meet, Nov. 9-11, in Carlsbad, N. M.

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Home Board Allocates
\$1,200 to Reunite Family

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors approved a \$1,200 allocation here to reunite two stranded Vietnamese girls now in France with their refugee family in California.

The money will be used for air fare to bring Nyuyen Phuong Anh, 20, and Nguyen Phuong Chi, 18, to Glendora, Calif., where their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Nguyen Quynh Gia, and four other brothers and sisters are being sponsored by the First Baptist Church.

The \$1,200 allocation was requested by Joseph Krake, pastor of the Glendora church.

He explained that Dr. Gia was a prosperous physician in Vietnam before the fall of the country last spring and had sent his two daughters to France to obtain a medical education. But when the country fell to the Communists, Gia and his family left with little more than the clothes on their backs.

"The story of their escape is a miraculous one," Krake said, "and Dr. Gia gives God the credit."

Dr. Gia is attempting to obtain certification to practice medicine in the United States, Krake said, and the church has paid for expensive medical books and test fees, in addition to providing a home and furnishings for the family and junior college tuition for the eldest son of the family.

But they didn't have enough for the plane fare to bring the daughters from France, and turned to the Home Mission Board department of Christian social ministries for help.

The board's directors unanimously approved the allocation to reunite the family.

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