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What Southern Baptist
Missionaries 'Run Into'

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP)--Somehow or other missionaries always seem to be running--from one job to another or running to meet deadlines.

Running is an integral part of the life of a rapidly growing group of Southern Baptist missionaries in South Brazil.

When Kenneth Cooper's book, "Aerobics," was published in 1968, Southern Baptist missionary James E. Musgrave Jr. began his jogging program.

Running just didn't seem to be "the thing" in those first years and it was common to hear friendly jokes such as "Giddey up horsie," as the Volkswagens would zoom by. But something happened that made Brazilians "jogging conscious."

Captain Claudio Coutinho, trainer for the Brazilian All Star Soccer Team, used Cooper's method as a basis for the physical conditioning of the team which was preparing for the 1970 World Soccer Championship in Mexico City.

When Brazil won the world championship in 1970, virtually blowing the other teams off the field in the second half of their games, the names of Ken Cooper and his physical fitness program became household words in Brazil.

People of all ages and sizes began to be seen running in various parts of the city. Along the more than two-mile stretch of famous Copacabana Beach every 200 meters, signposts were erected saying "Cooper Test," 200 meters, 400 meters, 600 meters, etc." It became common to see men, women and young people running on the beautiful mosaic sidewalk that parallels the beach at all hours, day and night. "Cooper Test" signs also appeared in various other cities in Brazil.

In 1974, at the final session of the Billy Graham Greater Rio Evangelistic Crusade, Cooper gave his testimony on physical and spiritual fitness before 225,000 people present at Maracana Stadium and for millions who listened through live network television coverage.

The number of Southern Baptist missionaries who jogged regularly began to increase. Because of the missionaries' participation and interest, Brazil had one of the largest groups participating "in spirit" at the three Southern Baptist Convention joggers jubilees, held in Dallas, Tex., Miami Beach, Fla., and Norfolk, Va., 1974-75 and 76, respectively.

While others ran together at the convention cities, missionaries in South Brazil ran at the same time in their cities.

In October 1975 during (the U.S.) National Joggers Day, a promotion of the (U.S.) National Jogging Association, Ichter coordinated a Brazilian run. The 56 people who ran constituted one of the largest participating groups.

Then, on Feb. 9, 1976, as a result of the enthusiasm of Southern Baptist Missionary Edward G. Berry, a running club was organized among seven employees of the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board in Rio De Janeiro.

Southern Baptist missionary Edgar F. Hallock Jr., who served for many years as director of the publishing house, was named club president. Cooper was made an honorary founding member, and an official emblem was adopted. There were 49 members at last report.

Once a week, the Rio members run together and once a month they have a luncheon get-together. The missionaries feel the jogging program is a sound investment in their missionary careers.

Besides adding more years to their lives, they say, it also adds more life to their years.

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Foreign Board Appoints 28;
Record 2,715 Now Serving

RICHMOND (BP)--With the appointment of 28 new missionaries by the Foreign Mission Board here, Southern Baptists' foreign missionary force has exceeded the 2,700 mark.

A total of 2,715 missionaries now serve in 84 countries. A major goal in the board's total missions thrust for the next 25 years is to have a missionary force of 5,000. In the past 25 years, the number of missionaries has increased from 832 to the present 2,715.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, said in his report at the board's November meeting that the missionary personnel outlook is good.

"With the appointment of the large group of missionaries today and the prospect of another splendid group in December, the outlook is good for bringing 1976 to a close with more missionaries appointed than in any previous year," he said. The record year for appointments was 1975, when 265 missionaries were appointed.

Cauthen said that he is encouraged by the greatly increased seminary enrollments and a deepening concern on the part of college and university students for the needs of the world.

The increased number of volunteers for foreign missions and a simultaneous increase in support indicate the feeling that Southern Baptists have for the world missions program, said Louis R. Cobbs, secretary for the board's department of missionary personnel.

"This milestone is particularly important during this time of the year when Southern Baptists are praying for foreign missionaries and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions," Cobbs said.

The board also heard a report from Frank K. Means, secretary for Eastern South America. He reported that the South Brazil Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) has requested \$1,000,000 for church development and \$250,000 for mass media ministries to enable them to do their part in reaching Southern Baptists' goal of giving every person in the world the opportunity to hear the gospel by 2000 a.d.

Since Brazil has the largest number of overseas churches, he said, the mission feels it has the biggest job to do in multiplying its churches.

Medical receptorships, an arrangement in which the board provides short-term overseas opportunities for qualified medical students, were awarded to five persons. They are William R. Brown and Gerald A. Stagg, students at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, Shreveport; Cynthia R. Howard, a student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Hubert M. Landers Jr., a student at the University of Alabama Medical School, Birmingham; and Keith L. Morgan, a student at Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans.

The 28 missionary appointments included 25 career missionaries and three missionary associates.

Appointed as career missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Olan H. Burrow, from Texas and New Mexico, assigned to East Africa; Dr. and Mrs. D. Carter Davis II, Tennessee, to Windward Islands; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert T. Deaderick Jr., Tennessee and Alabama, to South Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Don T. Glenn, Alabama, to Togo; Mr. and Mrs. F. Keith Lathrop, Florida, to Liberia; and Dr. and Mrs. J. A. (Jason) Lee, Arkansas, to Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

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Also, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. McGill, Alabama, to Panama; Mr. and Mrs. Quinn P. Morgan Jr., Louisiana and New Jersey, to Rhodesia; Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. O'Dell, Virginia and Illinois, to the Leeward Islands; Dr. and Mrs. Levi W. Price Jr., Texas and Louisiana, to Mexico; Phyllis D. Thomas, North Carolina, to Chile; Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas (Tom) Wade Jr., Georgia and Oklahoma, to East Africa; and Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas (Tom) Warrington, Mississippi, to Costa Rica.

Employed as missionary associates were Oma Leitha (Mrs. Leslie) Edwards, Alabama, to Gaza; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hampton, Arkansas, to Ethiopia.

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Home Board Names
First Asian Staffer

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ATLANTA (BP)--The first Asian staff member has been elected by the directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Peter Chen of San Francisco was named assistant director of the department of language missions, effective December 1.

Directors also elected another staff member, accepted resignations from two others, appointed 12 missionaries, six missionary associates, 13 missionary associates-students, and granted church pastoral aid (CPA) to 12 mission pastors.

Besides Chen, directors elected Nelson Tilton, current pastor-director of Rochester (N.Y.) Baptist Church, as assistant director of the board's department of church extension.

Two other members of the staff resigned --Daniel Sanchez, assistant director of the language missions department, and Forrest (Woody) Watkins, a director of associational evangelism. Sanchez will become director of evangelism for the New York Baptist Convention, and Watkins will become director of associational missions for the Hamilton County Baptist Association in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chen has been associated with the Home Mission Board for 25 years and was pastor of the first Southern Baptist Chinese congregations in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Arthur B. Rutledge, the board's executive director-treasurer, said Chen is the "first Asian to serve in a staff capacity, although we have had Asians serving in other capacities for the board."

Oscar Romo, director of language missions, said Chen's ability to speak the 10 dialects of Chinese and to read Japanese are "assets as we work to enlarge our work with people of Asian descent."

Currently, Chen is pastor of Chinese Grace Baptist Church in San Francisco. He is a native of Shanghai, China, and graduated from two schools in China; Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Tex.; Furman University, Greenville, S. C., Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and San Francisco State University.

Tilton, a native of Elizabeth, La., has been working in Rochester since 1972. Previously, he was pastor in Gibsland, La., and Honey Grove, Tex.

He is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Missionary appointees are:

George and Betty Bullard of Louisville; Donald and Jeanette Gillis of Huron, Ohio; Lowell and Ann Lawson of Louisville; Arthur and Doris Nunn of Petaluma, Calif.; Jimmy and Donna Pittman of San Francisco; and Bill and Gwen Ryan of Whitney, Tex.

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Missionary associates named were:

William and Kay Barner, of Richmond, Ind.; Sang-Sueh and Han-Hee Lee of San Diego, Calif.; and Agapito and Josephine Quintero of Three Rivers, Tex.

Missionary associates-students named were Lee and Joanne Chappell of New Albany, Ind.; Alonzo and Susie Garcia of San Antonio; Sylvia Morris of Louisville; Deborah Rainwater of New Orleans; Robert and Becky Sumrall of Louisville; Felipe and Martha Ureno of Fresno, Calif.; John and Diane Worchester of Fort Worth; and David Arp of Fort Worth.

Approved to receive church pastoral aid (CPA) as mission pastors were:

Jackie E. Barling of Mill Valley, Calif., to serve in Calistoga, Calif.; John F. Berry of Sacramento, Calif., to serve in Sacramento; Charles W. Brunner, to serve in East Liverpool, Ohio; James P. Cooper of Salisbury, Md., to serve in Fruitland, Md.; David L. Johnson of Richmond, Ky., to serve in Shepherd, Mich.; Lonnie Jordan of Fort Worth, to serve in Meadville, Pa.;

Also, Coy Joyner of Isaban, W. Va., to serve in Isaban; John P. Mills of Durham, N.C., to serve in Sequim, Wash.; Jim Phillips of Buckhead, Ga., to serve in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Daniel B. Redmond of Fort Worth, to serve in Aumsville, Ore.; Barry Sherwood of Sandpoint, Idaho, to serve in Sandpoint; and Fred Shuffield of Port Orchard, Wash., to serve in Silverdale, Wash.

The Bullards will serve in Lutherville, Md., where he will be special consultant in metropolitan missions for the Maryland Baptist Convention.

Bullard, a native of North Carolina, is a graduate of Mars Hill (N.C.) College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. Mrs. Bullard is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Mars Hill College.

The Gillises will serve in Hamilton, Ohio, where he will be director of missions for the Miami Valley and Southwestern Baptist Associations. He is a native of Lexington, Ky., and a graduate of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., Southern Seminary and Lutheran Theological Seminary. Currently, he is pastor of First Baptist Church of Huron, Ohio. Mrs. Gillis is a native of Denver, Colo., and is a graduate of the Appalachian School of Nursing in Lexington.

The Lawsons will serve in Detroit, where he will be director of Christian social ministries at the Baptist Center. He is a native of Erie, Pa., and a graduate of Gannon College, Erie, Tulane University, New Orleans. Prior to his appointment, he was professor of social work at Boyce Bible School in Louisville. Mrs. Lawson, a native of Lodi, Miss., is a graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Nunns will serve in Carmichael, Calif., where he will be director of missions for the Sacramento Baptist Association. Nunn, a native of Amarillo, Tex., was pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Petaluma prior to his appointment. He served other churches in California, Texas and Idaho. Mrs. Nunn is a native of Wingate Tex.

The Pittmans will serve in San Francisco, where he will be pastor-director of weekday activities at Valley Baptist Church. He is a native of Florida and a graduate of Mississippi College and Golden Gate Seminary. Mrs. Pittman is a native of California.

The Ryans will serve in Kenwood, Calif., where he will be director of missions for the North Bay and Redwood Empire Baptist Associations. He is a native of Alabama and a graduate of California Baptist College, Riverside, and Southwestern Seminary.

Prior to appointment, he was a vocational evangelist in Whitney, Tex. Mrs. Ryan is a native of Estancia, Tex.

The Barners will serve in Sidney, Ohio, where he will be director of missions for the Buckeye Central Baptist Association.

The Lees will do Korean language work in San Diego, and the Quinteros will do Spanish language in Three Rivers.

Carter Resigns Brotherhood
Commission Trustee Post

MEMPHIS (BP)--The Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) has voted both to accept the resignation of its most famous trustee, President-elect Jimmy Carter, and to express appreciation for all the former Georgia governor has done to support the agency's work with Baptist men and boys across the nation.

Just two days after Carter's election as the nation's 39th President William E. Hardy, newly elected Brotherhood Commission chairman from Columbia, Miss., read the following handwritten letter of resignation from Carter to Glendon McCullough, commission executive director.

"Because of the continuing demands on my time outside of Georgia, I feel it necessary for me to resign from the Brotherhood Commission. Through your reports, I have stayed in close touch with our work this year, and have really been blessed by my service with you and with members from other states. Thank you for your kind assistance and friendship. Yours in Christ, Jimmy Carter."

Although Carter's letter was dated June 27, 1976, his resignation was not effective until after the action by the trustees to accept the resignation, a commission spokesman said.

McCullough said that Carter, as a trustee, "has been serious and honest in what he wanted to do to help the Brotherhood Commission and has stayed in touch and responded more promptly to correspondence than most commission members."

The commission's executive director explained that this is the third time Carter has tried to resign, but that on two previous occasions McCullough had persuaded him to reconsider and withdraw his letter of resignation.

"Each time he has done this (tried to resign) because he felt a deep conviction about fulfilling his responsibilities as a trustee," McCullough said, adding that Carter had regretted his inability to attend any of the trustee meetings since his presence four years ago.

"But we felt there were things he could do to help us without attending the meetings," McCullough said.

He pointed out that for two years, Carter gave a week of his time to speak at Baptist statewide conventions to promote Brotherhood work. Carter also spoke during the commission's annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1974 in Dallas, and shared the platform with then vice president Gerald Ford during a national prayer breakfast following the Dallas convention.

Carter introduced Ford, who delivered the major address at the Brotherhood Commission sponsored breakfast.

McCullough said that Carter had been a leader of Royal Ambassador boys at Plains Baptist Church and was active in statewide Brotherhood work in Georgia.

Carter also participated in laymen's evangelistic and missions projects in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts during the late 1960's.

Under SBC bylaws, Carter would have had to resign his Brotherhood Commission trusteeship anyway if he transfers his church membership outside Georgia, the state in which he was elected, to Washington, D. C., as he has indicated he will. His resignation leaves only two other James E. Carters serving on boards of SBC agencies. James E. Carter of Phoenix, Ariz., serves on the board of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and James E. Carter of Natchitoches, La., serves on the board of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

Wrapup

Resignation, Officer Election,
Speech Highlight Meeting

MEMPHIS (BP)--The resignation of Georgia trustee Jimmy Carter, the election of William E. Hardy Jr., of Columbus, Miss., as the new board chairman, and a keynote address by a national women's leader highlighted the two day meeting of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

U. S. President-elect Carter, who defeated Gerald Ford on November 2, listed the continuing demand for his time outside of Georgia as his reason for stepping down as Georgia Baptist representative on the commission.

Hardy was chosen chairman of the agency for a one-year term without opposition, moving up from recording secretary. He succeeds P. A. Stevens of Louisville, Ky., who served two terms as chairman. Hardy is minister of education at First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss.

Other new officers of the Brotherhood Commission include Everett Lemay, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill., vice chairman; and Ernie Castro, a Wichita, Kan., education consultant, recording secretary. Executive director Glendon McCullough was re-elected treasurer.

Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), delivered the main address at a dinner on the opening night.

Miss Weatherford lauded the Brotherhood leaders for the activity of Baptist Men in helping Guatemalans recover from a recent earthquake and the people of Honduras from a hurricane. "Personnel continues to be the way that we can make a response to the world," said Miss Weatherford. "I wish I could tell everybody about the things I saw in Guatemala and Honduras--the results of work that the Baptist men had done. "These Baptist men not only provided money but went themselves to drive the nails into the boards, to lay the brick and to do the building--proving to the people in those areas that they care."

Miss Weatherford cited four things that Brotherhood and WMU can "do with enthusiasm." She said the two organizations need to resell themselves on the importance of teaching Christian missions to Southern Baptists, teach missions more vigorously, teach people how to pray for missions and missionaries, and "to be optimistic in the Lord."

In another action, William Clemmons of Louisville was named Baptist Men's consultant in the program section of the agency, effective Nov. 15.

In a business session, the trustees approved a tentative budget of \$2.1 million for the 1977-78 fiscal year.

The funds will be used, in part, to train 10,000 Brotherhood leaders how to plan and conduct mission action projects, to confront college and high school seniors with mission career opportunities, to help enlist a minimum of 5,000 lay mission volunteers, and to present world missions at a national conference through "Missions Night Out" and prayer projects and through the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget.

The agency is requesting \$600,000 in Cooperative Program funds, up \$125,000 from 1976-77. The remainder of the budget would come from sales of periodicals and merchandise.

Other action included the authorization of a survey to identify attitudes about Brotherhood work and suggestions for improving mission activities among Baptist men and boys. It would be conducted by the research services department of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The trustees also approved 1977-78 agencies goals calling for increasing to 17,500 the number of churches with Brotherhood work, enlisting 1,450,000 persons in world mission conferences, involving 3,000 churches in lay renewal activities, raising total circulation of mission periodicals to 300,000, and increasing the number of men and boys in Brotherhood work to 575,000.

The trustees asked the agency staff to work with other SBC agencies in searching for solutions to world hunger, to develop a coordinated education approach to the problem, and to consider a specific time on the Baptist denominational calendar for focusing on world hunger.

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Bill Clemmons Elected
Baptist Men's Consultant

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MEMPHIS (BP)--William P. Clemmons, former director of the Vineyard Conference Center in Louisville, Ky., was elected Baptist Men's consultant for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here, effective Nov. 15.

Clemmons, a former foreign missionary to Italy, will be responsible for the commission's field service and leadership training programs for Baptist men.

In the newly created position under a reorganization plan approved last year by the commission's trustees, Clemmons will coordinate Baptist Men's work as a part of the Brotherhood Commission's program section directed by Bob Banks.

Active in renewal, Clemmons, 44, directed the Vineyard Conference Center established by Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor, Findley Edge, from 1973-76.

Previously, he was director of the program of family ministry and the program of vocational guidance for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, 1969-72.

He was minister of education for two churches in Louisville, Beechwood Baptist Church and Baptist Tabernacle, for five years.

Appointed as a missionary by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1959, he served for 10 years as a missionary to Italy. Previously he was pastor of Tusculum Hills Baptist Church, Nashville.

He is the author of three books, including the recently published "Discovering the Depths," "God's New People," and "Growth Through Groups," which he co-authored with Harvey A. Hester.

He earned the doctor of education and master of divinity and master of religious education degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He has also done post-doctoral studies at George Peabody College, Nashville.

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CORRECTION

In the BP story of 11/4/76, headlined, "Sullivan: 'Baptist Bloc for Carter Not a Bloc,'" transpose the fifth from last graph and fourth from last graph, so that the graph beginning, "This is the primary reason. . ." comes just before the graph beginning, "Sullivan said that as president of the Southern Baptist Convention . . ." The present order of the two graphs completely changes the meaning.

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