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Southern Baptists Aid
Turkish 'Quake Survivors

VAN, Turkey (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has released \$10,000 of world relief funds to aid victims of the Nov. 24 earthquake here.

Clothing, food and tents are being distributed to survivors of the quake which registered 7.6 on the Richter Scale and left at least 3,600 dead, according to news reports immediately following the disaster. Thousands were homeless in driving snow and 10 degree temperatures.

The board received a call on Nov. 26 from Rupert Coleman, interim pastor of Galatian Baptist Church, an English-language church in Ankara. Money was immediately authorized by Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the board, and released by Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the board.

"This is our immediate contribution toward the emergency," said J. D. Hughey, the board's area secretary for the Middle East. "Other needs will be considered later."

W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, associate consultant for laymen overseas and disaster response, has been in contact with the U. S. State Department offices of disaster response. The U. S. government is also responding with financial aid.

Turkish officials say that everyone has temporary shelter now, but some of the homeless are housed three families per tent. Helicopters have been hampered in rescue operations in remote villages by heavy snow and low visibility.

The Foreign Mission Board and Coleman will continue to work with the American Embassy and the Turkish government to determine the best methods of distribution of relief supplies. Coleman has been serving as interim pastor of the Ankara church while Southern Baptist missionary pastor, James F. (Jim) Leeper, is on furlough. Coleman is a former member of the Foreign Mission Board's trustees and retired pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla.

Southern Baptist Schools
Count Half-Million Graduates

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Seventy-one Southern Baptist-related colleges, seminaries and schools across the nation passed the one half million mark in total graduates since the first one of them was founded in 1825, according to statistics compiled here.

The schools, which have continued to show enrollment increases, have recorded 502,683 graduates through the end of the 1975-76 school year, according to Ben C. Fisher, executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

The system of schools currently includes 43 senior colleges, with 352,675 graduates; 10 junior colleges, with 70,984 graduates; seven theological seminaries, with 40,321; seven academies, with 17,319; and four Bible schools, with 2,456.

The oldest institution on the list is Furman University, Greenville, S. C. founded in 1825 and showing 15,464 total graduates; and the newest is Palm Beach Atlantic College, West Palm Beach, Fla., founded in 1966 and showing 258 graduates, according to George Capps, the commission's associate executive director. Baylor University, Waco, Tex., founded in 1845, has the most graduates, with 53,235.

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Thirty-six of the institutions were founded in the 1800s, with 14 others beginning between 1904 and 1922.

Five-year enrollment comparisons, released earlier, indicate that the 71 institutions have shown overall increases in total enrollment, from 110,143 to 141,554 between the 1969-70 and 1975-76 school years. That represents a 28.52 percent increase.

Senior and junior colleges rose from 94,167 to 120,909 in that period, a 28.40 percent increase; seminaries, from 12,041 to 16,550, a 37.45 percent increase; Bible schools, 807 to 1,132, a 40.27 percent increase; and academies, 3,128 to 2,963, a 5.27 percent decrease.

"More important than numerical totals," said Fisher, commenting on the growth pattern of Southern Baptist schools, "is the need for our educational system to continue to emphasize the Christian values which will make a difference in the quality of life of the students we graduate.

"We want institutions where values make a difference," he continued. "Transmission of values was emphasized at our recent National Colloquium on Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools in Williamsburg, Va., and we will emphasize it again during our annual Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day next February 20."

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Sunday School Board Editor
Invited 'To Tell The Truth'

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NASHVILLE (BP)--During a recent trip to New York City, a Southern Baptist Sunday School Board employee met two men pretending to be him.

While that would disturb most people, Jack Gullledge, an editor in the board's church administration department, wasn't bothered at all. In fact, he was hoping that people would mistake the two imposters for the real Jack Gullledge.

Gullledge, editor of Proclaim magazine, was in New York as a guest on "To Tell the Truth," which is carried daily by more than 100 television stations across America.

The show's program director invited the Arkansas native to appear on the program after learning that Gullledge has recorded the accuracy record of the celebrity panelists for 50 different shows over a period of four months.

The results were slightly embarrassing for panelists Peggy Cass, Kitty Carlisle and Bill Cullen, who have been on the show for seven years.

According to Gullledge's survey, all of the panelists had accuracy records under 50 percent, and even more insulting, guest panelists chalked up the highest percentage of correct votes.

Ironically, when all the votes were in, only one was for the real Jack Gullledge. That vote was cast by a guest panelist, Alan Luden.

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