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Physician: 'We're Asking
For a Miracle of Healing'

By John Rutledge
For Baptist Press

Dr. Hal Boone tried to pull himself from his overturned truck and realized he had no feeling in his legs. His medical experience left him no doubt of the grim prognosis.

"I asked the Lord to take me home, because I didn't want to be a paraplegic," he said.

At times in the months since the accident in Kenya, where Boone was serving as missionary, he has been close to death. He is paralyzed from the waist down, but with the encouragement of his family's prayers and a few miracles along the way, he believes he will walk again.

Boone had completed the best two days of his 18-year missionary career before the accident, baptizing 74 persons in a mud hole in the famine area of Kenya. He and his son Dan were transporting grain to hungry villagers when the truck flipped over in a roadside ditch, in May, 1976.

The next few hours of pain and despair were a person hell for Boone, the hours stretching into days and then weeks.

Some passersby helped pull him from the truck and laid him on the ground, before driving him 80 miles to the nearest bush hospital. A vertebral fracture had caused the paralysis, but most of the pain came from eight fractured ribs.

The doctor at the hospital held back pain-killing drugs in the mistaken belief that Boone had suffered a head injury.

Dan, who had separated his shoulder in the wreck, hitched a ride back to the Boone's home, more than 100 miles from the scene, to tell his mother, Pat, about the accident. The Boones had no phone and the nearest neighbors were three miles away.

One neighbor offered to drive Mrs. Boone to the bush hospital. The neighbor's wife drove Dan 45 miles into Nairobi, to determine if there was a doctor at the bush hospital and, if not, to bring one back.

Mrs. Boone found her husband lying in a ward with about 20 other patients. There was nothing to do but pray.

Through the pain, Boone analyzed his position. There was no X-ray equipment and the ward was more than 200 miles from Nairobi. He was suffering from a collapsed lung caused by the rib fractures and a blood clot had broken loose in his leg and caused a pulmonary embolism, threatening his life.

Later, a bed sore on his hips became infected and sent him into shock.

"It's a terrible thing to be a doctor and a patient," he said. "It's hard to be on that side of the bed. I knew immediately after the accident what the prognosis was--poor."

After he was transferred to the Baptist hospital in Nairobi, he was unable to be flown to better facilities in the United States for three weeks because of his collapsed lung. During the time in the hospital Mrs. Boone read to him from "Pilgrim's Progress" and prayed. His son, Hal Browning Boone, flew in from Houston to arrange his transfer to the States.

Boone finally was able to fly to Hamburg, Germany, and then to the United States by Air Force air ambulance. He spent two months at the Texas Institute for Research and Rehabilitation in Houston learning how to sit up and move about in a wheel chair, before being allowed to go home to Friendswood near Houston.

During the months following the accident, the bed sore, or "presacral pressure ulcer," spread to the point that the doctors were afraid infection might force them to amputate Boone's legs at the hips, "a terrible procedure," Boone said.

To correct the sore, a plastic surgeon said surgery and skin grafts would be required. It would also mean two additional months in bed for Boone with no sitting or moving except on one side and abdomen.

"I thought God was putting more on us than we could bear," Boone said. "We got the family to really pray about it."

Three weeks later, the surgeon examined Boone and found the sore completely healed.

"He couldn't believe it," Boone said. "Well, we believed it." The doctor admitted Boone may have had some "inside" help.

With that encouragement, Boone and his family are taking life one day at a time, and their hope is growing. There has already been some restoration of sensation below the vertebral fracture, he noted.

"We're asking for a miracle of healing," Boone said, "and that's what it would take."

Boone said when he reads in Rom. 8:28 that "all things work together for good to them that love God," he follows it up with the explanation in the 29th verse "to become conform d to the image of his son."

"God is not capricious. He doesn't do things arbitrarily. He loves me," Boone says.

Boone is lifting weights for therapy, building up his upper body. His wife helps him with stretching the muscles of his legs, "getting me ready to walk." But he admits he is sometimes impatient.

"I haven't gotten to the point where I can praise him because I'm a paraplegic, but I can praise him in spite of it," Boone said.

"Maybe he'll reveal to me that I'm far better off and can serve him better in a wheel chair," he added.

Whatever happens, Boone plans to begin practicing medicine with his son and two brothers in Pasadena. He also will continue his ministry and has begun preaching again.

A symbol of hope rests on a bookshelf near his bed--a pair of green sports shoes. Boone laughed when they were noticed and said he used to wear them to play squash.

"I'm ready to run and jump," he said.

More importantly, he is ready to accept his dependence on God.

"There just aren't any other options." (BP)

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North Central Thrust
Reports New Churches

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INDIANAPOLIS (BP)--The seven states participating in the North Central Missions Thrust reported 78 new Southern Baptist churches in 1976, plus 50 new church-type missions or chapels.

E. Harmon Moore of Indiana, president of the 1976 phase of the missions thrust, said the goal of the 15-year emphasis is to double the number of Southern Baptist churches in seven states--Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

The new congregations formed in 1976 now bring the total in those seven states to 1,869 churches and 238 church-type missions.

Illinois and Ohio each reported 17 new churches in 1976. Indiana reported eight; Michigan, three; Minnesota-Wisconsin, five. New chapels reported were seven in Iowa, 27 in Illinois, nine in Indiana, 10 in Michigan, five in Minnesota-Wisconsin, and 20 in Ohio.

Leaders from each of the seven states will attend a Church Growth Conference in Springfield, Ill. on January 4-6 to launch the 1977 phase.



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Rules Issued for Federal
'Runaway Youth' Program

By Carol Franklin

WASHINGTON (BP)--Does a runaway have any rights? He or she has voluntarily left home, taken to the streets, maybe even committed a crime. Does he or she have any rights?

Yes. Newly published regulations from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) carefully spell out a runaway youth's right to privacy.

The Runaway Youth Act, passed by Congress as part of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, provided for runaway houses to give temporary shelter to juveniles who had left home. It also provided for counseling services for youth and their families.

The purposes of establishing runaway houses include helping solve the problems that caused the youth to run away, reuniting the family if that is in the best interests of the youth, encouraging stable living conditions, and helping the youth decide on a future course of action.

The Runaway Youth Act authorizes \$10 million over a three-year period. Grants are available to nonprofit private agencies, states, and localities to develop local facilities to deal with the needs of runaway youth. Priority will be given to grants smaller than \$75,000 and to applicants with budgets smaller than \$100,000.

The Office of Youth Development within HEW's Office of Human Development has the responsibility for administering the Runaway Youth Act.

Proposed guidelines for implementing the law were published by HEW April 22, 1975. Final regulations, which reflect revisions of the original proposals, were published Dec. 13, 1976 in the Federal Register.

Significant changes in the proposed rules occurred in the area of client records. The earlier rules proposed that records be released only with the written consent of parents or legal guardians. According to the new rules, the youth must give written permission before his records can be released, even to parents or legal guardians.

The only exceptions to this rule are the release of records which are not personally identifiable to another agency compiling statistics or to a court involved in settling criminal charges.

Another change in the rules allows a youth to view the records being maintained by the runaway house. He may correct errors or file a statement of disagreement. He may also know who has seen his records.

The need for secure storage of client records at the runaway house to protect sensitive information is also noted in the regulations.

Another change recognizes the right of youth to have a say in whether or not he participates in research or experimentation, other than routine testing or program evaluation. Consent must also be granted for medical, psychiatric or psychological treatment.

A suggested change to assure emergency medical and psychiatric treatment as well as legal counsel was rejected by HEW because the law does not give authority for such broad assurances.

Stanley to Direct Foreign
Board News Services

RICHMOND (BP)--Robert L. Stanley, former missionary and former journalism teacher and newspaper reporter and editor, has been elected director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's news and information services.

He will also serve as chief of the Richmond Bureau of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention. Richard M. Styles, public relations consultant, has been acting bureau chief. Charlie Warren will continue in his present role as senior editor of the Foreign Mission Board's press office.

Stanley, 47, has had a temporary assignment as press representative with the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas since his resignation from missionary service in the Philippines in August, 1976 after 10 years.

In the newly-created position as director of news and information services, Stanley will be responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, directing and evaluating the functions of the press and information offices.

In the Philippines, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley were stationed in Manila. He worked at the Baptist Publication Center which produces Sunday School materials and other church literature. He was also journalism secretary and press representative for the Philippine Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Stanley had assisted with evangelistic work throughout Rizal Province and he and his wife attended a small chapel in Muntinlupa where they assisted with various church programs.

When the Stanleys were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1966, he was a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and news director for the seminary.

Stanley previously taught journalism at North Texas State University, Denton, for five years and worked for the Dallas Times Herald for more than seven years as reporter and assistant city editor. He was a public information worker in the U. S. Navy for more than a year.

A native of Denton, Stanley was graduated from North Texas State University with the bachelor of arts degree and from the school of journalism at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., with the master of science in journalism degree.

Mrs. Stanley is the former Nora Blan of McCurtain, Okla. The Stanleys have two children.

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Two Records Set in 1976
By Foreign Mission Board

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RICHMOND (BP)--Missionary appointments and world relief appropriations by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reached record levels during the December meeting of the board here.

The appointment of 18 missionaries brought the total appointments for the year to 268, an all-time high. The appropriation of \$515,423 for world relief raises the total appropriations during 1976 to \$1,571,396, the highest since emergency relief efforts following World War II.

In other action, the board named a new staff member, appropriated \$66,670 for special evangelistic projects in Zambia, and approved the transfer of missionary couples to two countries where Southern Baptists have not had mission work.

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The Foreign Mission Board has reached a record number of missionary appointments for the second consecutive year. During 1975, 265 missionaries appointments topped the previous record of 261 set in 1969. The 1976 total includes 138 career missionaries, 32 missionary associates, 94 missionary journeymen, and four special project workers. Ten of the appointees were reappointments.

Robert L. Stanley, former Southern Baptist missionary to the Philippines and former newspaper reporter and editor, was elected to the newly-created position of director of news and information services, effective Jan. 1. He will be responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, directing and evaluating the functions of the press and information offices. He will also serve as bureau chief for the Richmond Bureau of Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Of December's relief appropriations, \$217,000 is for reconstruction efforts in Guatemala, \$100,000 for a famine prevention project in Ethiopia, \$47,000 for a two-year nutrition rehabilitation project in Bangalore, India, \$35,000 for reconstruction efforts following Italy's earthquake, \$25,597 to assist evacuees in Guadeloupe, and \$25,200 for a famine relief project in Kenya. Smaller relief appropriations went to Turkey, Israel, India, Portugal, Honduras, Philippines and Tanzania for special relief projects.

Relief receipts in 1976 and funds on hand at the beginning of the year for general appropriation total about \$2 million.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive director, reported that about \$300,000 remains available for appropriation for a natural disaster or some other emergency relief need.

"Who knows what will strike before we meet again next month," he said. "It's a good thing to administer relief dollars with the same integrity, care and conscientiousness that we administer any other mission money."

The board approved the temporary reassignment of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cullen of the Thailand Mission to Sri Lanka, a large island off the southeastern coast of India. The Cullens will assist the Baptist Union of that country in their program of church development and training for six months, beginning Jan. 1. After an evaluation of this period of service, the board will consider permanent transfer of the Cullens to Sri Lanka.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spaulding were transferred from Trinidad to Scotland at the request of and under the direction of the Baptist Union of Scotland. It is hoped they will establish a church made up of Americans and Scots which will be fully integrated in the Baptist Union of Scotland, according to J. D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East and South Asia.

Of the \$66,670 appropriated for evangelism in Zambia, \$26,670 will be for an evangelistic crusade there in September 1977, \$35,000 will purchase Bibles to be distributed during the crusade, and \$5,000 will be used to print copies of the biblical Book of Acts, which will also be distributed during the campaign.

The board also appropriated \$26,675 to help three missionary couples replace losses of personal property due to the war in Angola.

The 18 new missionaries appointed will serve in nine countries.

Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert (Bob) Covington from Kentucky, assigned to the Bahamas; Mr. and Mrs. Don E. McNeely, Texas, to Zambia; Mr. and Mrs. Gary R. Tallman, Wyoming and Iowa, to Rhodesia; Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. (Hal) Wheeler, Texas, to North Brazil. They were employed as missionary associates.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Phil J. Brewster, California and Missouri, to the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Collins, Tennessee, to Guatemala; L. David Groseclose, West Virginia, to Israel; Mr. and Mrs. George C. Jacques, Arizona and California, to Taiwan; Mr. and Mrs. T. Michael (Mickey) Searcy, Georgia, to the Bahamas; and Jess B. Thompson Jr., Texas, to Ghana. They were appointed as career missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. L. David Wigger, former missionaries to Vietnam, were reappointed to Indonesia.

Dean V. Rittmann Jr., currently a student at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, received a medical receptorship, a short-term program of overseas service for medical students.

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Over 8,000 Attended SBC
Seminaries in Fall, 1976

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Record enrollments at Southern Baptists' six theological seminaries came to more than 8,000 students this fall, according to updated reports.

The combined totals include degree and non-degree programs at the seminaries.

Earlier reports had indicated the combined fall 1976 enrollment to be over 7,000. Enrollment for fall 1975-76 at the seminaries was just over 7,000, a record last year, and the 1974-75 fall total was about 6,000.

While combined totals for all programs--degree and non-degree--brought the six seminaries' overall enrollment to over 8,000, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), received a combined 7,672 total fall enrollment figure of students enrolled in SBC seminary degree programs, as accredited by ATS.

The ATS total for SBC seminaries represents a 12 percent increase over fall 1975, an ATS spokesman told Baptist Press. The six seminaries showed the largest increase of any denominational body, even with 81 percent of 199 accredited seminaries in the United States reporting increased enrollments, he noted.

Southern Baptists this fall accounted for about 17 percent of enrollment from U. S. seminaries reporting to ATS. Total fall enrollment at the 199 reporting seminaries, the ATS spokesman said, was 43,467.

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary claimed the largest percentage increase among the six seminaries, with a first term record enrollment of 906 compared to 720 for the same period last year, a 26 percent increase. The school's second fall term enrollment pushed the overall enrollment figure to 979, a spokesman said.

The New Orleans seminary also reported a first term 51 percent increase in new students enrolling this fall and a 12 percent increase in returning students.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth again led the six schools in total enrollment with a record fall enrollment of 3,202, an 11 percent increase over last year's fall total, 2,892.

The Fort Worth-based seminary, said to be the world's largest, has had a record fall enrollment every year since 1966, according to L. L. Collins, Southwestern's director of admissions and registrar.

In that 10-year period, Collins noted, the fall enrollment at Southwestern has more than doubled from the 1,560 figure in 1966.

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville had an increase of almost nine percent over its fall enrollment last year, moving up to 2,124 students enrolled in Southern's schools of theology, religious education and church music, the Boyce Bible School and evening school programs. The fall 1976 total marks the 16th consecutive year that Southern has shown an enrollment increase, a spokesman at Southern said.

Southern is said to be the second largest theological seminary in the world, the largest in the eastern United States and the largest private college or graduate school in Kentucky.

A jump in enrollment at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., saw that school with a fall total of 997 students, with 896 in regular classes and 101 enrolled in special night classes. Degree programs enrollment at Southeastern were up more than 12 percent over last year at the same time.

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At Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., fall enrollment was a record 438 students, a 20 percent increase over 1975. The previous high, set in fall 1975 was 364, according to Nobel D. Brown, dean of students and director of admissions. A total of 400 were enrolled in regular programs this fall, with 38 attending evening classes.

At Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, which conducts its classes in blocks of four-week terms, 372 students were enrolled in regular programs for the first four of the terms, for a 10 percent increase over the same period last year.

Midwestern's evening school also had an increase of about 50 percent, with 92 students registered for the fall, in addition to regular program totals.

Two seminaries included branch or satellite programs totals in their overall fall enrollments. Southwestern had 113 students enrolled in its Houston center and 51 registered in its Oklahoma program; the latter is in its first year of operation. Golden Gate likewise reported branch program enrollments with its Southern California Center in Los Angeles reporting 52 students, and seven at its Grand Canyon Center in Phoenix, Ariz.

At New Orleans, Registrar George C. Herndon, reported an increase of 38 percent new enrollment in that seminary's off-campus doctor of ministry program, currently serving pastors and staff in three southern cities.

The New Orleans overall fall totals "represent an increase in every program category," Herndon noted.

Southeastern, Golden Gate and Midwestern, particularly, noted that their women's enrollment climbed again this year. At Southeastern, the women's total was 108, most of whom were single, with women making up 11 percent of the student population. Golden Gate had 54 women enrolled; 29 married and 25 single.

Midwestern Seminary had only nine female students in 1970, and five of those were student wives. This fall, 34 women enrolled, and more than half were single, according to Registrar Lavell Seats.

"The increasing number of single students coming directly to seminary out of college" and "the increased interest of women in serving in non-traditional roles in Baptist life," were cited by Seats as among reasons for increasing enrollment of women in seminary.

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Landes Accepts Texas
Retirement Extension

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DALLAS (BP)--James H. Landes, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas' executive board, has notified the board he will accept a two year extension of his retirement voted him by the board in early December.

Landes, who will be 65 in August 24, 1977, the current mandatory retirement age, will now retire at the end of 1979, rather than at the end of 1977. He became executive director in early 1974.

The executive board cited Landes "unique grasp of who we are and where we ought to be going" and said his leadership is needed to complete the massive "Good News Texas" evangelistic mass media campaign which he conceived.

The board especially noted that it reaffirmed the "wisdom of the board's policy regarding mandatory retirement at age 65" but that it wished to make an exception in Landes' case.

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