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Relocated Missionaries  
Had Vietnam 'Calling'

By Leland Webb

RICHMOND (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries who served in Vietnam are scattered now. Six were reassigned to Indonesia, eight to the Philippines, four to Hong Kong, two to Malaysia, two to the Ivory Coast. One is a field representative for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and more were still not assigned a permanent field at last report.

Relocation has not been easy in every case. The missionaries felt a "calling" to Vietnam. And the Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) there was like a family.

"We heard about the Vietnam Mission before we got to the field," says missionary H. Earl Bengs Jr., now in Sarawak, Malaysia: "We were told, 'You are going to one of the most unique fellowships that exists.' I think the tensions and pressures drove them together. There was no time for pettiness. Tomorrow might be the last day. The Lord welded that missionary family together," he adds.

William T. (Bill) Roberson, now in the Philippines, agrees, "In Vietnam, survival in a war-torn country brought the missionaries together."

Problems of adjustment to new fields not only involved grief but also the usual barriers of a new culture. In studying the Tagalog language in Manila, for example, Roberson says he often found himself unconsciously using Vietnamese words instead of Tagalog.

One experience linked the old field with the new for Roberson. In Manila, he was helping a Vietnamese doctor and his wife make their way to the United States. One day the doctor asked, "Would you tell me what it means to be a Christian?"

Roberson, delighted, told him and shared some Christian literature with the man. At Tagalog language study that afternoon, Roberson related the incident to his teacher. "What does it mean to be a Christian?" the teacher asked.

Before Herman and Dottie Hayes went to Vietnam, they had considered serving in Indonesia. Thus, when Vietnam closed to Southern Baptist work, they felt privileged to move to Indonesia.

But, Hayes admits, "It hasn't been easy." Leaving Vietnam for them was one of the "most difficult things we've ever done."

Missionaries in other potential hot spots of the world are learning from the Vietnam experience. In some locations, contingency plans are already in effect.

But a missionary cannot work effectively with a constant fear of leaving, cautions J. Winston Crawley, the Foreign Mission Board's overseas division director, so a practical balance must be sought.

Missionaries must hold to high hopes, notes J. Murphy Terry, who served in Laos, but at the same time they should realize there might be tribulation. "We might as well face reality," he advises.

In living with constant tension in Vietnam, says Bengs, "We had to come to realize that we might live out our lives in Vietnam but also that the work might end quickly. I couldn't live with the pressure of fearing every shell or knowing that tomorrow I might have to run for my life, or that a satchel charge might be delivered to our door.

"Instead," Bengs recalls, "I had to come to the point that I said, 'Lord, it's up to you. I'll stay here as long as you want me to stay.'"

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Baptist Leader Defends  
Role of Public Schools

WASHINGTON (BP)--A Baptist executive here has branded as a myth the charge that the public schools of the nation teach a religion of "secular humanism."

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, made that statement in a major address to the annual meeting of the National Coalition for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) on "Secular Humanism and the Public Schools: Myth or Reality."

"The myth of 'secular humanism' in the public schools must be rejected as dangerous, unfounded and unjustified," Wood declared.

The problem of the false charge that secular humanism is taught in public schools is illustrated by four recent developments, he pointed out. The first is the attack on "Macos: Man: A Course of Study," which has been used widely in both public and private and parochial schools.

Wood said that the Macos course "has been strongly opposed by many political and religious fundamentalists who have maintained that 'Macos teaches children that nothing is sacred.' This has been used as support of the charge that public schools are dominated by secular humanism," he said.

However, he said, "Little attention has been given to the fact that Macos is used in private and parochial schools throughout the nation. Our own Baptist Joint Committee polling of these schools failed to unearth any criticism of the Macos program with regard to its contents."

The other recent developments cited by Wood were: Efforts by former Congressman John Conlan of Arizona to cut off federal funds purportedly used to support secular humanism; an unsuccessful attack by a citizens group against the Montgomery County School Board in Maryland, charging that the religion of secular humanism had been established in the Montgomery County schools; and another attack by a group of citizens in the city and county of St. Louis, Mo., making similar charges against the public schools there.

Such charges are dangerous, Wood declared, because secular humanism remains largely undefined. The myth says that a non-religious humanism requires the rejection of all Judeo-Christian religious and moral values, and it is a gross distortion, if not pure fabrication, to say that secular humanism declares there is no good, no values, no right, no wrong and no moral or religious principles, he said.

Further, Wood said that the charges of secular humanism in public schools are unfounded and unjustified because the evidence does not show that Judeo-Christian values are being denounced or denied in public schools. On the other hand, he pointed out, there are more courses and units in public school curricula teaching about religion than at any time in American history.

"The reality is that those who charge that the 'religion of secular humanism' is taught in public schools also champion public funds for parochial schools and/or seek to have the state provide an education which is rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition, although both of these options are clearly in conflict with the guarantees of the First Amendment," Wood concluded.

PEARL is a national coalition of organizations dedicated to the principle of religious liberty in the public schools. Joanne Goldsmith is the executive director, and the offices are located in the building of the National Education Association. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is one of the participating members.

The three-year old coalition has engaged in a number of court cases to deny public funds to church related schools. Leo Pfeffer, noted constitutional church-state lawyer, is legal counsel for PEARL.

## Scientist Says Criminals Should Face Their Guilt

By Carol Franklin

WASHINGTON (BP)--- Preaching to and teaching criminals should emphasize guilt instead of forgiveness, according to a clinical psychologist here.

Stanton E. Samenow, clinical research psychologist at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, a mental hospital in the nation's capital, said that the now-popular "human potential movement" may be useful in reaching most people ministers deal with because it emphasizes persons' good points.

Criminals, however, need to see that they are guilty of injuring others, Samenow told ministers studying at the Washington-based Center for Urban Studies sponsored by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Alan Neely, professor of missions at Southeastern, leads the seminar which met with Samenow.

Samenow based his observations of criminal behavior on 16 years of research begun by psychiatrist Samuel Yochelson, director of the Program for the Investigation of Criminal Behavior at Saint Elizabeths Hospital before his death last November.

Yochelson discovered that the criminals he was supposed to be treating were using the psychological jargon they learned in therapy to get out of prison sentences and other difficulties. Instead of changing, they simply used what they had learned as excuses to avoid the consequences of their crimes, Samenow told the students.

The two researchers found that they had not learned the causes of crime after several years of study. They then began to study how criminals think. They discovered that the criminal mind differs from the non-criminal mind and that the thinking of all criminals is remarkably similar despite differences in race, education, social background or even the type of crimes committed.

Some traits which criminals have in common are lying, seeking power, denying fear, feeling anger, and believing themselves unique, Samenow said. He also noted that the 255 criminals they had interviewed all saw themselves as good people.

"The criminal has a conscience but he can turn it off completely. He can drop a coin in a beggar's cup on his way to commit a violent crime," Samenow said. "He also experiences severe self-disgust which is sincere but short-lived. If you're going to change a criminal you must catch him when he feels this self-disgust and use it to help him want to change."

The program for change that Yochelson and Samenow developed is "unapologetically moralistic." Samenow said that his work is religious "in the sense that we're trying to help people and society."

While Samenow did not suggest using religion as a way of changing criminals, he agreed that it is important after change "as a life enricher." He said that religion is one aspect of a responsible life and helps the criminal continue in a new way of life.

Samenow said that the task of changing people is "monumental" and should be done only by people who are "compassionate and willing to work hard without looking for batting averages." Samenow also told the ministers that compassion is shown by the time put in with the criminal rather than sentimental words about love and goodness.

"The criminal thinks he's good already," Samenow said. "He may go to church, say he loves his mother and like animals. He needs to face the fact that he has injured people, even the mother he says he loves."

Samenow admitted that mental health workers have ignored his work but law enforcement officials and the clergy have shown interest, as well as citizens who saw him on the television show "60 Minutes" earlier this year. He said that one letter he received said, "The only source that compares well with your findings is the Bible."

'Who'll Stop  
The Rain?'

By Maynard Head

PINEVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Radio stations in southeastern Kentucky almost prophetically predicted the 24-hour rainy onslaught and ravaging flood waters which recently battered 15 counties in the southeastern states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

One of the songs still popular in the Appalachian Mountains was almost a plea, "Who'll Stop the Rain?"

An announcer on radio station WMIK, Middlesboro, Ky., kept listeners informed as the U. S. Weather Service reported the possibility of flash flooding in that town while he played songs like "Listen To the Rhythm of The Falling Rain," "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," and "I Hear Laughter in The Rain."

The "laughter" soon turned into concern when flood waters rushed into the AM station's transmitter and forced it off the air.

The rising water soon flooded the town, and announcers at WMIK bravely continued broadcasting reports on the station's FM facility.

Songs, played almost daily on the station, ominously warned of the danger the town faced, as the worried residents piled sandbags around their homes and businesses.

"High Swimmer," a popular song, was followed by "Walking in the Rain and Snow."

By early evening the floodgates in nearby Pineville, Ky., were closed and the flooding Cumberland River forced WMIK FM and Pineville's two radio stations off the air.

One remaining station, WFXY in Middlesboro, which usually signed off at 7:15 p.m. arranged to remain on the air to broadcast emergency messages to area residents, many of whom were listening to transistor radios.

WFXY played songs still in the top 100--among them: "Walk on Water," and a song that typified the feeling of almost everyone, "Crazy Water."

It's doubtful that many adults take note of the words or titles to the songs heard everyday, but maybe in the future, songs will take on added meaning, especially when the rain is falling.

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Maynard Head is director of public relations for Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky.

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Church Debt Tops  
\$1 Billion Mark

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist church debt passed the \$1 billion mark for the first time in history, directors of the denomination's Home Mission Board were told here.

"It's taking more and more to do less and less," said Robert Kilgore, director of the board's division of church loans. "Passing the \$1 billion mark is a milepoint for us," he added. "I don't know if that's good or bad."

According to figures, Kilgore distributed during the monthly meeting of the board's executive committee, 16,563 churches, which reported church debt, reflected an aggregate debt of \$1,025,762,663 during 1976, an average of \$61,931. The denomination has a total of 35,073 churches, according to 1976 statistics.

Comparisons indicate that more reporting churches--16,995--had less debt in 1972. Then, total church debt was \$871,757,011, an average of \$51,295. The denomination had 34,534 churches in 1972.

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The figures were prepared by the department of research services of the Baptist Sunday School Board from information contained in the uniform church letters submitted by affiliated churches each October.

Total receipts increased, Kilgore said, in 1972. The 33,125 churches reporting had receipts of \$1,645,959,837.

Kilgore, whose division deals with mission churches as well as constituted bodies, noted some concern over comparative figures on mission churches. In 1972, he said, some 1,237 churches spent \$4,353,290, to support their missions. By 1976, 750 churches reported spending \$4,783,321 for the mission support.

"This appears to be a trend. Fewer and fewer churches sponsor missions, but the cost for the sponsoring church continues to rise," he said.

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#### 16 US-2 Missionaries Named By Board

ATLANTA (BP)--Sixteen college graduates have been appointed as US-2 missionaries by the executive committee of the directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during the April meeting here.

Appointed were: Richard Brackett of Arkadelphia, Ark.; Robin Bridges of Gadsden, Ala.; Susan Brock of Bradenton, Fla.; Judy Chin of Jonestown, Miss.; Beth Dunn of Franklin, Ky.; Michael Duval of Keysville, Va.; James and Orenda Hearn of Clinton, Miss.; Charles Hines of Natchez, Miss.; and Bev Lewis of Mesquite, Tex.

Also, Robert Mayfield of Vista, Calif.; Janie Selvy of Topeka, Kan.; Paul Sopper of Winchester, Mass.; Jean St. John of Richmond, Va.; Sharon Wolf of Scottsboro, Ala.; and Richard Wyatt of Tampa, Fla.

Brackett, an Arkansas native, will serve at the Highland Avenue Baptist Church in Jamaica, N.Y. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University.

Bridges, a graduate of Mobile College, will serve in Des Moines, Iowa.

Brock, a native of Florida, will serve in Buffalo, N.Y. She is a graduate of William Jewell College.

Chin, a Mississippi native, will serve in the Metro Baptist Association in New York City. She will be a 1977 graduate of Baylor University.

Dunn, a Kentucky native, will serve in apartment house ministries in Birmingham, Ala. She is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.

Duval, a Virginia native, will serve in the Memphis (Tenn.) Correctional Center. He is a 1977 graduate of the University of Richmond.

Hearn and his wife, Brenda, both graduates of Mississippi College, will serve in the Fairview Baptist Center and at Grandview Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. He is a Mississippi native and she is from Bogalusa, La.

Hines, a Mississippi native, will serve in Jacksonville, Fla. He is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Lewis, a Texas native will serve in Grant City, N.M. She is a graduate of Dallas Baptist College.

Mayfield, a California native, will serve in Mobile, Ala. He is a graduate of Long Beach State University.

Selvy, a Kansas native, will serve in the Carver Baptist Center in New Orleans. She is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College.

Sopper, a Massachusetts native, will serve in Gary, Ind. He is a graduate of Bates College.

St. John, a native of Virginia, will serve at Central Baptist Church, Burbank, Calif. She is a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Wolf, an Alabama native, will serve in a project in Southern Appalachia based in North Carolina. She is a graduate of Samford University. Wyatt, a Florida native, will serve in Detroit, Mich. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida.

A. C. Queen Accepts  
Evangelism Post

HARRISBURG, Pa. (BP)--A. C. Queen, editor of the Penn.-Jersey Baptist, publication of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, will become regional director of evangelism in Carson City, Nev., May 1.

Queen, 63, a veteran of 34 years of pastoral and denominational service, will serve under appointment as a missionary associate of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He will work in Nevada, Utah and Idaho, cooperating with the evangelism departments of the Arizona and California Baptist Conventions.

He joined the staff of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Convention, Jan. 1, 1974, where he directed the division of communication and promotion and served as editor of one of the 33 state Baptist news publications. He also had responsibility for several other areas, including evangelism, stewardship and Brotherhood work.

A native of St. Louis, Queen was superintendent of missions in southern Oregon for the Northwest Baptist Convention before joining the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Convention.

He has also directed student work for the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Illinois Baptist State Association and also directed stewardship and promotion for the Illinois convention.

He has served as a pastor in Missouri, Texas, California, Illinois and Cuba, where he was a Southern Baptist home missionary, 1950-53, and started the first Baptist student work.

Before entering the ministry, Queen was an elementary school teacher and principal and high school principal for 10 years.

After returning from Cuba, he served as a pastor in Champaign, Ill., and taught Bible at the University of Illinois. He served as president and Bible professor at what was then Southern Illinois College of Bible, Carbondale, while directing student work for the Illinois convention. He also taught English at East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex.

Queen has attended Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and is a graduate of both William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

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47 Home Missions  
Personnel Appointed

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ATLANTA (BP)--Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have appointed 47 persons to mission service during the April meeting of the executive committee here.

The board appointed six persons as missionaries and four persons as missionary associates and approved 16 college graduates as US-2 missionaries (to serve two year terms) and 21 persons as mission pastors to receive aid. Seventeen of the 21 will receive church pastoral aid (CPA) and four will receive language pastoral aid (LPA).

Named missionaries were: Joe and Gloria De Leon of Tucson, Ariz.; Ray and Joyce Slaughter of Lewisburg, W. Va.; and Linda and Mike Roberts of Blockton, Iowa.

Appointed as missionary associates were: T. B. and Lorene Smith of Clio, Mich.; A. C. Queen of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; and Michael Hawkins of Fort Worth, Tex.

The De Leons will continue to live in Tucson, where he will serve as a pastoral missionary for the Home Mission Board's language missions department and the Arizona Baptist Convention. Prior to appointment he was pastor of the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Tucson and formerly served as pastor in McKinney and Weatherford, Tex. A native of Monterrey, Mexico, he is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Corpus Christi. Gloria Gibson De Leon, a native of Amarillo, Tex., is also a graduate of the University of Corpus Christi and has taught in the McKinney area.

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The Slaughters will continue to live in southern West Virginia, where he will be an area missionary for the board's rural-urban department and the West Virginia Convention. Prior to appointment, Slaughter, a native of Todd County, Ky., was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairlea, W. Va., and has served as pastor in Franklin and Sparta, Ky. He is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Belmont College. His wife, Joyce Barks Slaughter, is a native of Butler County, Ky.

The Roberts will continue to live in Iowa, where he will serve as a catalytic language missionary in Des Moines. Prior to appointment, Roberts, a native of St. Louis, Mo., was pastor of the Blockton Baptist Chapel. He is a graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and California Baptist College.

Linda Lloyd Roberts, a native of Hornersville, Mo., is also a graduate of California Baptist College and has taught school in Grant City and Kansas City, Mo., and Riverside, Calif.

The Smiths will continue to live in Michigan, where he will serve as director of associational missions in the Northland area of Michigan, an appointment by the board's rural-urban missions department and the Michigan Baptist Convention. A native of Arkansas, he has served as pastor in Mt. Morris, Flushing and Flint, Mich., and Black Oak and Paragould, Ark. He is a graduate of Michigan Baptist Bible Institute. His wife, Lorene Maxwell Smith, is a Missouri native.

Queen will work out of Carson City, Nev., as regional director of evangelism. His work will cover Nevada, Utah and Idaho, in cooperation with the Arizona and California Baptist Conventions. A native of St. Louis, Queen has served on the staff of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, where he directed the division of communication and promotion, edited the Penn-Jersey Baptist and had other responsibilities, including evangelism, stewardship and Brotherhood.

A veteran of pastoral and denominational work, Queen has held executive positions with the Missouri, Illinois and Northwest Baptist Conventions, among other positions, and has served as a pastor in Missouri, Texas, California, Illinois and Cuba, where he was a Southern Baptist home missionary, 1950-53, and started the first Baptist student work. He is a graduate of William Jewell College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hawkins, a student at Southwestern Seminary, will serve as a Christian social ministries student intern in the Forth Worth area. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and a native of Pecos, Tex.