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State Penitentiary Names
 Woman to Chaplain Post

RICHMOND (BP)--Marjorie Lee Bailey, the first woman ordained to the ministry by a Southern Baptist church in Virginia, has added another "first" to her ministerial calling. She has been appointed senior chaplain for the Virginia State Penitentiary.

According to George F. Ricketts, executive director of the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia, Inc., Miss Bailey is the nation's first female chaplain assigned to an adult male maximum security prison.

Chaplain Bailey, 54, who has served inmates of the Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland, Va., since 1966, will be assisted by another Southern Baptist, Russell A. Ford.

While the appointment is officially classified as "interim," Ricketts said, "Chaplain Bailey is excited about her appointment. We initially suggested a permanent appointment but Marjorie preferred an interim because she feels a strong commitment to the ministry at Goochland (where she will still devote half her time). We expect the present appointment to be not less than six months and perhaps a year. We are interviewing now to provide her some help in Goochland."

Ricketts continued, "If, after the interim period, Chaplain Bailey wants a transfer, she could have it."

She received the bachelor of science degree from Blue Mountain College, attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has completed four quarters of clinical pastoral education in the Health Sciences Division at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Before assuming the work of chaplain she was a mission center director for Richmond Baptist Association and a Home Mission Board Baptist Center worker in New Orleans.

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Volunteer Program Wins
 200 to Christ in Brazil

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SAO PAULO, Brazil (BP)--An elderly woman, a Moslem and a follower of Spiritism were among some 200 persons led to Christ through a two-week door-to-door witnessing program here.

More than 200 volunteers participated in the endeavor, which aimed to saturate a large urban-industrial region of this city of five million with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The project--dubbed Trans-ABC--was the "most exciting spiritual happening we have experienced on the mission field," reported Mr. and Mrs. Bill R. Frazier, Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil since 1962. The ABC Baptist Association, made up of churches in the communities of Sao Paulo, sponsored the project.

Between March and June, Christians were asked in various young people's meetings whether they would consider volunteering two weeks to be "urban missionaries." About 200, mostly young people ages 15 to 30, responded. Months of preparation preceded Trans-ABC.

Some volunteers took vacation time from their jobs; a few quit jobs to devote full energies.

Five teams of students from South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro

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led the project into five unevangelized areas of Sao Paulo, said the Fraziers, "offering scriptures, Bible correspondence courses, and especially, Jesus Christ."

Among those accepting Christ were an elderly woman whose family thought she had "gone crazy" when she took down all her images and crucifixes after becoming a Christian; a Moslem woman who showed such a strong desire to hear about Jesus that missionaries could not tell her enough; and a middle-aged follower of Spiritism who said for five years he had sought something and finally found it in Christ. Spiritism or Spiritualism is a pagan form of worship and belief that spirits exist in a spirit world and can be contacted through various mediums.

During the two week period, Bible clubs or story times for children were held in homes, churches and outdoors. Evangelistic services were held in homes.

"In one very small house, 35 neighbors crowded in to sing and hear the gospel," the Fraziers reported. "Another family set up crude homemade benches in their dirt yard and invited neighbors. That night was clear and cold and one could sense the Holy Spirit even as the people gathered, sitting, standing, leaning on the cement walls around the yard. An evangelistic service was even held in a Spiritism center, where the devils are usually worshipped."

Eleven weekly neighborhood Bible studies have grown out of the two-week project, and the Fraziers envision these groups some day forming churches.

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Southern Baptists Gear Up
For Disaster Relief

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DALLAS (BP)--Southern Baptists are gearing up as never before to offer quick disaster relief as the season's first hurricanes, Anita and Babe, which came ashore recently in Mexico and Louisiana, forewarn potential destruction.

As Anita huffed and puffed her way toward the Texas Gulf Coast, the disaster relief mobile unit of the Baptist General Convention of Texas stood by just outside the target area with emergency supplies and a trained crew ready to minister in the storm's aftermath.

Almost miraculously, little damage resulted from the 300-mile wide storm which appeared headed for Brownsville, Tex., but veered southward into a sparsely populated area of Mexico.

Southern Baptist representative Van Gladen in Monterrey said his investigation revealed damage in two small fishing villages. He said Baptists are ready to help in reconstruction of the villages which are 135 miles south of Brownsville.

Louisiana and Oklahoma Baptists are nearing completion of disaster relief mobile units similar to Texas Baptists. They are large tractor-trailer units equipped with freeze dried food, blankets, first aid supplies, communications equipment and large generators that could power hospitals.

Where an area's communications equipment is knocked out by a disaster, the crews will use short wave radio systems to report needs to Baptist churches and associations.

The Texas unit has been used to aid victims of a flash flood and a tornado in Texas, and in 1975, journeyed over land and sea to Honduras where it was used to feed as many as 7,000 meals a day to homeless victims of Hurricane Fifi.

Louisiana Baptist leaders said their disaster relief mobile unit wasn't quite complete when Hurricane Babe struck a few days after Anita. It wasn't needed, but they hope to be ready when the next storm threatens.

In the wake of Hurricane Anita, Gladen was instructed by Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials to proceed with the purchase of necessary supplies to take to victims if he received word that the supplies are needed. The Baptist General Convention of Texas medical van stood by.

Gladen later telephoned the governor of the state of Tamaulipas in the capitol city of Ciudad Victoria to convey concern and Southern Baptists' willingness to help. The governor

expressed appreciation and noted that the Mexican government and military had been able to meet the needs.

The governor noted, however, that it might be possible for Southern Baptists to participate in some reconstruction, said Gladen, who has already begun to contact Baptists in the adjacent areas about the possibility of aiding in reconstruction efforts.

Even as Anita changed her course, and possibly saved thousands of lives, Baptists stood by in Texas and Mexico with refugee centers and communications networks.

Charles McLaughlin, Texas Baptist state mission commission director, coordinated a network of communication among Baptists of Texas and the Foreign and Home Mission Board.

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29 US-2 Missionaries Appointed By Board

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ATLANTA (BP)--Twenty-nine college graduates--including six married couples--recently underwent orientation following their selection as US-2 missionaries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here.

The US-2 program is a Peace Corps-like plan for young people interested in giving two years of their lives to home mission work throughout a wide area in the U.S.

Four of the missionaries will do student work. Seven will work in resort areas, six in language missions, four in church extension and eight in Christian social ministries.

Among the 1977 US-2ers are six each from Alabama and Mississippi, two each from Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana, and one each from Massachusetts, Arkansas, Kentucky, Texas, New Mexico, Missouri, Arizona, California and Kansas.

The Alabamians are Joanie and Stan Albright, Roberta Newell, Robin Bridges, Sharon Wolf and Jim Hearn.

The Albrights will work in Gatlinburg, Tenn., doing resort ministries in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park area. Albright, from Oxford, and Mrs. Albright, from Albertville, both are graduates of Auburn University.

Mrs. Newell, whose husband James, a Pascagoula, Miss. native, also was appointed, is the former Roberta Turner of Mobile. Both are graduates of William Carey College. They will do resort ministries in Orlando, Fla.

Bridges, from Gadsden, will work in Des Moines, Iowa, doing inner city ministries. He is a graduate of Mobile College. Wolf, of Mansel, will work with three rural associations in North Carolina, living in Franklin. She is a graduate of Samford University.

Hearn, from Cullman, whose wife, Brenda, was also appointed, will work in Christian social ministries in Anchorage, Alaska. He is a graduate of Mississippi College.

The Mississippians are James Newell, Judy Chin, Charles Hines, Rose Alldridge, Walter Ferrell and Kathy Ferrell.

Chin, from Jonestown, will do Christian social ministries work in New York City. She is a graduate of Baylor University.

Hines, from Natchez, will do seaman's ministry work in Jacksonville, Fla. His wife, Pauline, who is from Biloxi, will serve with him following her graduation from college. She was not appointed to the program. Hines is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Alldridge, from Grenada, will direct the Baptist Student Union at the University of Cincinnati. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

The Ferrills will be recreation directors at a hotel for senior citizens in St. Petersburg, Fla. Ferrill, from Greenville, and Mrs. Ferrill, from Terry, are graduates of Mississippi College.

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The Virginians are Bill Berry and Mike DuVal.

Berry, from Richmond, will do resort ministries at Navajo Lake, and Indian ministries at the Navajo Indian Mission in Farmington, N.M. He is a graduate of Bluefield College and Virginia Commonwealth University.

DuVal, from Keysville, will do chaplaincy work with the Memphis (Tenn.) Correctional Center. He is a graduate of Bluefield College and the University of Richmond.

The Floridians are Rick Wyatt and Susan Brock.

Wyatt, from Tampa, will do seaman's ministry and international student ministries in Detroit. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida.

Brock, from Brandenton, will do church extension work in Buffalo, N.Y. She is a graduate of William Jewell College.

The North Carolinians are Mike Perry and Merry Lou Burgess.

Perry, from Apex, will direct Baptist Student Union work at the State University of New York, and Clarkson College of Technology, both in Pottsdam, N.Y. He is a graduate of Campbell College.

Burgess, whose father and mother recently retired to Buie's Creek, will do student work at Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo. She is a graduate of South Dakota State University.

The Louisianans are Brenda Hearn and Sam Gentry.

Hearn, whose husband Jim also was appointed, is from Bogalusa. She and her husband will do Christian social ministries work in Anchorage. She is a graduate of Mississippi College.

Gentry, whose wife Myra also was appointed, will do resort and church extension ministries in Bridgeport, Calif. He is from Shreveport and a graduate of Louisiana College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Janie Selvy, of Topeka, Kans., will work in the Carver Baptist Center in New Orleans. She is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College.

Robert Mayfield, of Vista, Calif., will work in seaman's ministries in Mobile, Ala. He is a graduate of Cerritos Community College and Long Beach State University.

Gayle Prettyman, from Phoenix, Ariz., is working in Spanish language missions in Yuma, Ariz. She is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and Southwestern Seminary.

Myra Gentry, whose husband Sam was appointed, will work in resort and church extension ministries in Bridgeport, Calif. She is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College and Southern Seminary and a native of St. Louis.

Glenn Prescott, who calls New Mexico home, will work as a Baptist Student Union director at Portland State University and the Oregon College of Education in Portland, Ore. He is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange College and Eastern New Mexico University. His parents live in Troy, Mich.

Bev Lewis Mesquite, Tex., is working in a Spanish-language center in Silver City, N.M. She is a graduate of Dallas Baptist College.

Richard Brackett, from Arkadelphia, Ark., will work on a church extension project in Jamaica, N.Y. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University.

Frank Sopper, from Winchester, Mass., will do seaman's and international ministry work at Gary, Ind. He is a graduate of Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.

Beth Dunn, of Franklin, Ky., will do apartment ministries in Birmingham, Ala. She is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University.