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'Immanuel' Has New Meaning
At Indonesian Hospital

By William N. McElrath

BUKITTINGGI, Indonesia (BP)--"Immanuel" is more than a biblical name to the people of western Sumatra.

It represents a thriving new hospital and a healthy young baby, both of which illustrate the word's meaning, "God is with us."

Immanuel Hospital is the Baptist institution which made headlines last year after it narrowly escaped destruction when a 34-stick TNT time bomb failed to go off.

Baby Immanuel is the first child born in the hospital. He was delivered by Caesarean section Feb. 10, and his parents, Indonesian Christians, gratefully named him "Immanuel."

"The story of baby Immanuel is not too different from that of this hospital," Dr. C. Winfield Applewhite, surgeon and hospital director, pointed out in his 1977 report to missionary colleagues. "It's the 'baby' institution of the Indonesian Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries). Its arrival and first years have been marked by 'labor pains' of struggle, 'changes' of growth, and 'joyous cries' of new life."

In the brief period since it was opened, the 50-bed Baptist hospital has already ministered to thousands of patients from a wide area in western Sumatra, sixth largest island in the world.

Baptists tried for 14 years to begin a ministry of healing in West Sumatra, which like other parts of Indonesia is predominantly Muslim. Local opposition caused repeated delays in permits to buy land, build a Christian hospital, and operate it.

The governor of West Sumatra gave the hospital its name. Feeling that "Baptist" had already become controversial in Bukittinggi, he suggested instead, "Immanuel."

He knew "Immanuel" as the name of a well-known Christian hospital on the island of Java. But Baptists in Bukittinggi are well aware of its biblical meaning as well. The promise, "God is with us," has been proved repeatedly by events surrounding Immanuel Hospital.

One such incident occurred in October, 1976, when someone planted the 34 sticks of TNT inside a hospital lavatory.

But the homemade time bomb failed to explode. Furthermore, when news of the attempted bombing made headlines all over Indonesia, a backlash came from fairminded people of many creeds. They reacted with revulsion at an attempted terrorist attack on an institution of mercy. And more patients than ever came to Immanuel Hospital.

And baby Immanuel's parents were also spared because they live in police housing across the street from the hospital. They might have died, along with everyone inside the hospital complex if the TNT had gone off.

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As Baptists in Indonesia and America have prayed, the ministry of the hospital has continued to grow. Its staff has been strengthened in the past year by the addition of both Indonesian and missionary personnel.

"Immanuel"--"God is With Us." In Bukittinggi, West Sumatra, Indonesia, that ancient Biblical name has a new, deeper meaning now.

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Seminary Sets Up Cauthen
Chair of World Missions

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--The Baker Cauthen Chair of World Missions will be a featured part of the newly approved World Mission Center at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, according to William M. Pinson Jr., seminary president.

In recent action, the seminary trustees approved the concept of the center and of the endowed chair, named in honor of the executive director of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The mission center is for all aspects of missions--home, foreign, state and associational, Pinson pointed out. "We have been working closely with the Home Mission Board and the state Baptist conventions of the west developing our missions emphasis, and the Baker James Cauthen Chair of World Missions will be one means of implementing the foreign mission aspect of the center," he said.

Concerning the seminary's decision, Bill Self, president of the Foreign Mission Board, said, "Such a visionary move is worthy of Dr. Cauthen and of the seminary and is in keeping with the new boldness in the missions that has gripped Southern Baptists" through the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust.

Francis DuBose, professor of missions at the seminary, said, "For Southern Baptists, the name Baker James Cauthen means missions. The seminary itself is in a mission setting, one aspect of which is numerous ethnic, religious and national groups in the area."

W. Morgan Patterson, dean of academic affairs at Golden Gate, indicated that the Baker James Cauthen Chair of World Missions was one part of an extensive program for expanding even more the missions emphasis of the seminary.

"Through a faculty and student body and in a setting international in scope, we intend to increase education and research programs for missionaries, mission volunteers, and church leaders in keeping with the Bold Mission Thrust of Southern Baptists," he said.

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CORRECTION

In Baptist Press story mailed 11/3/77, entitled "1,406 More Missionaries Sought For Overseas Posts," make the following corrections: In graph 11, beginning, "Overseas area secretaries..." change the meeting to read: a meeting here. In last graph, beginning "The 23 Southern Baptist missionaries..." delete the comma after Old Testament and insert the word: in... Also, delete the word workers after music.

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**Texas Baptists Spotlight
Bold Mission, Resolutions**

FORT WORTH (BP)--Efforts to share the gospel with the world through "Bold Missions" grabbed the spotlight at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas here, but human rights, television obscenity, child abuse and illegal aliens came in for their share of discussion.

Evangelist Billy Graham and Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) president, Jimmy Allen of San Antonio led a consistent chorus of challenges to support the new Mission Service Corps launched by the SBC as part of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust.

The messengers here accented involvement Bold Mission Thrust by adopting a record-breaking \$28 million Cooperative Program budget for world missions and by electing a former career missionary as their president.

The budget allocated \$9.6 million for world missions causes and the remainder for a statewide network of 23 educational and human welfare institutions and other state missions causes.

Texas Baptists' new president, Milton Cunningham, pastor of Westbury Baptist Church, Houston, was elected by acclamation. He had served in the position since the death of James Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, this summer.

Graham warned that time is short, even for the ambitious Bold Missions effort to reach the entire world with the gospel by 2000. He said the world is in the "last days mentioned in the Bible" and urged Texas Baptists to commit their personal gifts from God to the program.

Texas Baptist executive director James H. Landes said Texas Baptists already have met the challenge of 1,000 lay volunteers for the Mission Service Corps suggested for them by Jimmy Allen. A goal of recruiting 5,000 volunteer missionaries by 1982 for one or two years service was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

Cunningham said the Mission Service Corps should be developed carefully so that people who sign up to serve for one or two years at home or abroad can be used most effectively.

The convention further stressed its support of the program in a resolution to give financial support and "to pray and work for Bold Mission Thrust and the Mission Service Corps."

President Jimmy Carter and the U. S. government were commended for placing high priority on human rights in policy development. The convention expressed its concern for people oppressed by racism and urged responsible efforts to remedy racial injustice.

Other resolutions urged:

--Television producers and their sponsors to produce programs designed for the betterment of individuals and of society and urged Baptists "to protest to sponsors, producers and broadcasters about objectionable programs and commend them for wholesome programming."

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--Churches to deal with the "epidemic" of child abuse through community efforts, including parenting groups and "substitute" extended family programs for couples who need the support and friendship of mature parents.

--Churches to take advantage of a family life ministry being developed by a task force appointed by executive director Landes.

A recommendation by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission labeled welfare payments in Texas as "chinchy" and noted that only three states pay less than the \$32.16 per month which Texas provides for dependent children.

The issue of "illegal aliens" from Mexico into the U. S. drew considerable attention. Texas Baptists were urged to work for educational opportunity, to pay particular attention to the needs of farm workers in Texas, and to support efforts to decrease the flow of undocumented aliens into this country while seeking ways to minister to their needs.

Allen said the situation called for economic responsibility on both sides of the border. He called for helping Mexican people already living in the U. S. to improve their economic conditions.

The president of the Mexican Baptist Convention of Texas, Eliseo Aldape of Lubbock, said the church often doesn't know what to do concerning illegal aliens.

"Some of us do not see these people as illegal aliens or wetbacks, but as our own blood relatives."

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Churches Included In
Change of Retirement Age

By Carol Franklin

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Congress has voted to raise the mandatory retirement age from 65 to 70 years for most of the nation's employers who have 20 or more employees. This includes churches and their agencies, according to a Department of Labor spokesman.

The 1977 amendments to the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 have passed both houses of Congress but differences between the two versions must be resolved in conference committee. Both houses must then vote again before the measure goes to President Carter.

Churches and their agencies are included in the 1967 law, which prohibits mandatory retirement before age 65, according to Frank La Russo, administrator of the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. Therefore, he pointed out, under the 1977 amendments, churches and their agencies having 20 or more employees must adjust their personnel policies to allow employees to work until age 70.

The Senate bill would permit continued retirement at 65 for professors at private or public institutions of higher learning who have unlimited tenure and for highly paid executives whose pensions would exceed \$20,000. It would go into effect Jan. 1979.

The House version would take effect six months after President Carter signed it into law. It would not exempt professors and executives from the extended retirement age of 70.

The new law would allow employers to set a lower retirement age for certain fields, such as police work, where age is a bona fide occupational qualification.

The 1967 law prohibits employers from refusing to hire a person because of age or reducing pay or benefits because of age. It does allow the discharge of employees for good cause. These provisions are unchanged in the 1977 amendments.

La Russo said that the Department of Labor has not received any complaints of age discrimination from church employees who were forced to retire. They have received two complaints about age discrimination in hiring by churches.

Present age qualifications for receiving social Security benefits would not be affected by this law in any way.

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Belgrade Delegate Says
U. S. Firm on Human Rights

By W. Barry Garrett

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The United States of America is determined to make the Helsinki Accords of 1975 a reality in the world, even though progress may be slow and difficult, according to a U. S. delegate to the current Belgrade Conference.

U. S. Rep. John Buchanan (R.-Ala.), an ordained Southern Baptist minister and a member of the House Committee on International Relations, stressed that the United States will not abandon the repressed people of the world. He emphasized that the U. S. government is firmly committed to the provisions of Principle VII and Basket 3 of the Final Act, signed by 35 nations at Helsinki in 1975.

Buchanan spoke to the first Fall meeting of the Council of Washington Representatives on the United Nations Council of Organizations. He reported on the opening sessions of the Belgrade Conference, now meeting, which he attended as a member of the U. S. delegation.

James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, is chairman of the U. N. Washington Council and presided during the presentation by Buchanan and U. S. Rep. Millicent Fenwick (R.-N.J.), also a member of the U. S. delegation to Belgrade. Earlier this year, Wood represented the National Council of Churches in Montreux, Switzerland, at the colloquium of the churches from the 35 nations signing the Helsinki Accord. Sponsored by the World Council of Churches, the colloquium studied the extent to which the nations have complied with the 1975 agreement.

The signing of the Final Act was the climax of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe that began in Helsinki in July 1973, continued at Geneva from 1973 to 1975, and concluded at Helsinki in August of 1975. Among the 35 signatory nations are both the United States of America and the Soviet Union.

The current conference at Belgrade, mandated by the Final Act, is for the purpose of reviewing progress toward the objectives of the agreement. Similar meetings and the possibility of a new conference lie in the future.

Principle VII, to which Buchanan said the United States is unalterably committed, sets forth basic agreements in the areas of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief. Basket 3 outlines the basics of international cooperation in the fields of humanitarian, cultural, informational and scientific concerns.

During his report on Belgrade, Buchanan praised the U. S. leadership in the United Nations, especially U. N. Ambassador Andrew Young. He said that he testified in the Senate for the confirmation of Ambassador Young, and if called on he would do so again. He said that Young is among the best that this nation has to offer and that his rapport with the developing nations has a special significance and importance to the United States.

Buchanan warned about expecting too much both of the United Nations and of the Belgrade Conference. "If we do not make giant strides in achieving the objectives of Principle VII or of Basket 3, this does not mean that the Belgrade meeting or that Helsinki is meaningless," he said. He called attention to the fact that since the signing of the Final Act in 1975 "some things have happened." He said that the simple fact of the current Belgrade meeting is a sign of progress in human rights and international cooperation.

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In his list of things that have happened since 1975, Buchanan mentioned amnesty in Poland for imprisoned Workers Defense Committee members, amnesty in Romania for a few dissenters, increase of Jewish emigration from Russia, and raising the immigration rate by the Russians for ethnic Germans to the Federal Republic of Germany.

He said that since the 1975 accord "most countries have moved more rapidly than in previous years to resolve family reunification cases on the United States representation list."

Although Buchanan recognized the slowness of achieving many humanitarian and human rights objectives in all of the nations, he declared that the United States and the other signatory nations must persist until the words of the Helsinki Final Act have step by step become realities in the world.

Former Ambassador Arthur Goldberg heads the U. S. delegation at the Belgrade meeting. According to reports, he has already strongly presented the U. S. position on human rights and is prepared to acknowledge the shortcomings of his own country. However, he assures the world that America will pursue human rights within its own borders just as vigorously as it insists on them throughout the world.

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Kans.-Neb. Convention Picks
Lindsay as Chief Executive

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TOPEKA, Kan. (BP)--R. Rex "Peck" Lindsay, missions-student director for the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, was elected executive director of the bi-state convention, succeeding Pat McDaniel, who resigned to accept a position with the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board in Dallas.

Lindsay, 40, who had served as interim staff coordinator since McDaniel's resignation, July 1, began work in Kansas-Nebraska when he served as a summer missionary for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in 1957. He has also served as pastor of four churches--one in Russell, Kans., and three in Omaha, Neb.

In 1968, he began serving as the area missionary for the state of Nebraska under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He joined the state convention staff in 1971.

Lindsay, an Oklahoma native, is a graduate of Fort Hays (Kans.) State College and has attended Oklahoma Baptist University. He holds a master of divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., and is completing requirements for a doctorate in church growth from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

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Homosexuality 'Is Sin'
W.Va. Baptists Declare

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W.Va. (BP)--Registered "messengers" to the annual meeting of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists resolved here that "homosexual acts are clearly sin" and passed a series of resolutions on other social issues.

In other action, the convention voted a \$514,000 annual budget, re-elected Ron Dillon, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Parkersburg, W. Va., as president, voted to establish a West Virginia Baptist Foundation, and approved two constitutional changes.

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The resolution of homosexuality, noting that "abuse of sexuality has reached epidemic proportions," said the Bible clearly identifies homosexuality as sin and declared that "homosexuality is not an alternative Christian lifestyle." It further resolved that "extramarital sex relationships are also sinful and that deviant sexual behavior is against God's plan for joy in creation."

West Virginia Southern Baptists also commended the denomination's Christian Life Commission for its recent "Help for Television Viewers" packet and praised television stations, such as WOWK, Huntington, W. Va., which show "moral sensitivity toward the communities they serve."

The resolution encouraged individuals, families and churches to "exercise discipline under God in the use of television and radio, noting that the electronic media often abuse Christian principles and "are frequently degrading to humanity in general and indecent for Christians in particular."

Other resolutions condemned child pornography, child abuse and immoral and pagan materials aimed at children and spoke out against "irresponsible polluters, from people who lazily litter to industries which intentionally dump poisonous waste in the ground, in the waters or into the air."

The convention voted to give 23.5 percent of its annual budget to worldwide causes through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program unified budget.

The constitutional changes approved reduced the convention's executive board from 28 to 22 in number and deleted any reference to board members representing associations of Baptist churches.

The 1978 convention is set Nov. 3-4 at Westmoreland Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va.

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Pa.-Jersey Baptists Support
Mission Service Corps

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CONYNGHAM, Pa. (BP)--The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, in annual session here, elected a new president, voted a \$976,684 annual budget, and resolved to support the Southern Baptist Convention's new Mission Service Corps.

In a meeting centering around the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust effort to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world in this century, registered "messengers" to the convention elected C. Albert Ambrose, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cherry Hills, N.J., as president.

The new budget, supplemented by funds from the denomination's Sunday School and Home Mission Boards and other sources, anticipates \$230,000 in Cooperative Program unified budget gifts from convention churches. Twenty-five percent of the Cooperative Program figure will go to worldwide Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The resolution on the Mission Service Corps, which seeks 5,000 short-term mission volunteers for service at home and abroad by 1982, pledged support and urged "adequate training and preparation of volunteers" before assignment to a place of service. It encouraged churches and chapels of the convention to "prepare for volunteers by planning for the wisest use of their time and ability" during their one to two year terms of service.

In other developments, the convention welcomed a new staff member, Dan A. Ray, former director of missions for the Beaver Dam Baptist Association, Seneca, S.C., who has joined the staff as director of the division of evangelism and stewardship.

The 1978 convention is set for Nov. 2-4, in the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Baptist Church and will mark the 20th anniversary of the beginning of Southern Baptist work in the city of Pittsburgh. The Pennsylvania-South Jersey Convention, one of the newer "pioneer" areas of Southern Baptist work, officially constituted into a convention in 1970.

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