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**Missionary As Proud Of Boys
As He Is Of Hospital He Founded**

ASUNCION, Paraguay (BP)--Six grown men stood before the congregation singing children's choruses in a moving testimony of their changed lives and a tribute to the man who had taught them the songs almost 25 years ago.

That man is Franklin T. Fowler, now the medical consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He and his wife Dorcas returned here in January to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of Baptist Hospital, which they founded in 1953 while serving as medical missionaries to Paraguay.

But founding the hospital had not been enough for the doctor-nurse team. So they started a church in the first completed building of the hospital complex--the laundry room. A Vacation Bible School was started but so many adults attended that the Fowlers began evening Bible studies. Now the doctor was a preacher, too.

Among the congregation were six boys who became part of a Royal Ambassador (mission group for boys) chapter led by the preacher-doctor.

It was those six boys, 25 years later, who formed the choir to sing their Royal Ambassador (RA) choruses again. One of them now leads singing for the church, which has long since outgrown its laundry-room beginnings. Another is a doctor, following in the footsteps of his RA leader from long ago. Several of the men are deacons; all are active Christians.

The visit to Paraguay may well have been, Fowler said, the highlight of his 30 years of medical missions service.

"The biggest thrill was seeing the people, seeing what has happened in the lives of individuals," he said after his return to the states. "Remembering the beginning with the hospital and everything, maybe, just maybe, that RA chapter was the most important thing I did."

The hospital and church have both grown. The first open-heart surgery in Paraguay was performed at the Baptist Hospital and the church now supports a 500-student school. Both have been the difference in many changed lives.

Two hospital patients told how their lives had been saved, both physically and spiritually. A young man who had worked for the Fowlers now owns a publicity firm. His business is named Dorcas Publicidad. Mrs. Fowler is the former Dorcas Hawk.

During the Fowlers' visit they were part of a delegation from the hospital which had an audience with Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, president of Paraguay. The president paid tribute to the hospital and thanked its staff for the work of the hospital in his country.

Looking back, Fowler says there is nothing he would change about his ministry, which now includes the whole world. He wouldn't go back to serving in Paraguay because his service is not needed there now, he says, smiling with pride that the work he began has outgrown him. Last year the hospital treated 2,400 inpatients and 39,000 outpatients. Ninety-three men and women have graduated from the hospital's nursing school.

But in a speech to the people assembled to celebrate the hospital's anniversary, it was not the growth, nor the changed lives, nor the laundry-room church that Fowler spoke of.

He reminded them instead of the original purposes of the hospital--to treat each person as an integral being with equal emphasis on the spiritual and the physical, and to do it all in the name of Christ.

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Autrey Leaves Memphis
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MEMPHIS (BP)--C. E. Autrey, long-time Southern Baptist leader, has moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he will serve as pastor of University Southern Baptist Church and as professor in the chair of religion connected with the University of Utah.

The chair of religion is being financed by the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board.

Since his retirement, Autrey has taught at the independent Mid-America Baptist Seminary in Memphis. Autrey said that he was pleased that the opportunity had opened for him to move to the pioneer mission project in Utah. "Having spent my life supporting the (Southern Baptist) Cooperative Program (unified budget for world missions), I did not want to spend my last years of ministry teaching in an institution that is not supported by the Cooperative Program," Autrey said.

Autrey previously was director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board and taught evangelism at two Southern Baptist owned seminaries, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary.

Midwestern Seminary Names
Director of Denominational Services

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Paul M. Lambert, general superintendent of the Kansas City Baptist Association for the past 18½ years, has been named director of denominational services at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the first person to hold such a position in the seminary's 20-year history.

Lambert, 62, has served two terms as a trustee on the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission and has also been active in the Missouri Baptist Convention, serving on the state's Christian Life Commission, nominating committee, and associational advisory committee.

He will work in the area of ministries resource services, which includes counseling and assisting students who wish to serve in church staff positions, according to Milton Ferguson, Midwestern president.

Lambert has been an active participant in Kansas City civic affairs in addition to serving as general chairman of the 1967 Billy Graham Crusade and as first vice-chairman of the 1978 Billy Graham Crusade, scheduled here late this summer. He has also served as a trustee of Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Lambert graduated from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kan. Prior to his tenure with the Kansas City Baptist Association, Lambert, a Wichita, Kan., native, served as pastor of two Kansas City churches.

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(BP) Photo mailed to Baptist state papers by Midwestern Seminary.

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'Religious' Radio Station
Loses Final Court Appeal

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP)--The U. S. Supreme Court will not review a challenge by a religious broadcasting company against the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for refusing to renew its license.

United Broadcasting Co., which operated radio station WOOK in Washington, D. C., had its application for license renewal denied two years ago for advertising that items such as roots, incense, and spiritual baths provided spiritual and financial benefits. The FCC also ruled that some WOOK preachers ran a "numbers" game in violation of federal anti-gambling laws by announcing three-digit "scripture citations" on the air. By sending in donations, listeners would receive from the ministers "tips" in the form of "scriptural citations."

WOOK, which has not operated since the FCC action, argued in a written brief submitted to the high court that the FCC violated the First Amendment's ban on an establishment of religion by judging its religious programming. The broadcasting company cited previous Supreme Court decisions holding that the popularity of religious beliefs is not a constitutional issue.

The FCC, on the other hand, argued that while it agreed "that the truth of a sincerely held religious belief may not be questioned," limits may be set on "activities which may be carried on in the name of religion" and that "conduct which is in violation of social duties or law may be prohibited."

In denying the renewal application, the FCC had also cited numerous ongoing "technical violations" by WOOK. Despite repeated warnings and the imposition of lesser penalties, these were not corrected, the FCC said.

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House Approves Child
Pornography Statute

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The U. S. House of Representatives has given final approval to a bill to protect children from sexual exploitation. The measure now goes to President Carter for his signature.

The bill finally passed was introduced into the U. S. Senate on May 23, 1977, by U. S. Senators John C. Culver (D.-Iowa) and Charles McC. Mathias (R.-Md.). Several other bills dealing with child prostitution and child pornography were introduced in Congress last year.

Culver noted that the new law, if signed by the President, will make three changes in the United States code. It will make it a federal crime to use any child under 16 in the production of pornographic material; ban the sale and distribution of obscene material that depicts any child in sexually explicit conduct; and prohibit the interstate transportation of any child for the purpose of prostitution or other commercial exploitation.

The measure provides penalties of up to 10 years in prison with a \$10,000 fine for first offenders, and up to 15 years in prison with a \$15,000 fine for second offenders.

U. S. Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D.-Mich.), who managed the bill in the House voting, noted the difficulties in writing a bill that would stand up to challenges in court. "I feel both houses of Congress acted carefully to avoid unnecessary infringement on First Amendment rights," Conyers said. "None of us wished to present to the country a law which we knew was in danger of being declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court."

The House accepted Senate language which inserted the word "obscene" in the portion of the bill prohibiting sale and distribution of pornographic material. This is to meet the Supreme Court test which protects the freedom of speech and the press.

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Conyers asserted that the measure was "a necessary and responsible piece of legislation that represents a suitable compromise between the bills passed by the Senate and the House. In addition, it is the bill that will give the Department of Justice a constitutional tool to employ against the evils of child pornography and child prostitution."

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Martin Bradley's
Mother Dies

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Mrs. Gladys Cleo Bradley, mother of Martin Bradley, recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, died here Jan. 22 after a brief illness. She was 75.

A funeral service was held at First Baptist Church where she was a member. She is survived by five daughters, her son Martin, 13 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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Golden Gate Growth Up
90 Percent in Decade

By Mark Smith

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--If the enrollment count at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary serves as any indicator, it appears that Southern Baptist Convention work is beginning to grow at a more rapid pace on the West Coast.

In the past 10 years, enrollment at the denomination's only seminary west of Texas has surged 90 percent from 256 students in Fall 1967 to 484 last Fall. Since 1970 it has shown an 80 percent increase. And, last Fall (1977) Golden Gate led all other Southern Baptist seminaries in enrollment increase, climbing 18 percent ahead of the Fall 1976 figure.

New students make up 34 percent of the present student body at Golden Gate. The new student rate increase in 1977 was 69 percent more than the number of new students who enrolled in 1970.

A breakdown of enrollment shows that 58 percent of the students are majoring in theology, 22 percent in religious education, five percent in church music, 10 percent in the doctor of ministry program, and five percent in continuing education.

In addition, all growth records at the seminary were broken last year. It was the first time in the history of the school that more than 500 students were served. A total of 517 non-duplicating credit students were enrolled.

In the past 10 years, the faculty of Golden Gate has nearly doubled, from 20 to 39. Six new faculty members have been added in the past six months. Presently, the seminary's only doctoral program, (doctor of ministry), has 47 students enrolled, the largest number to ever seek the D. Min. degree on the Strawberry Point campus.

The Golden Gate placement office, directed by Stanton H. Nash, vice president for development, is having trouble supplying the demand for additional staff members to help in the growing churches of the West.

William M. Pinson, Jr., president of the seminary, believes the increased interest in Golden Gate and the West is due largely to Southern Baptists' emphasis on Bold Mission Thrust to proclaim the message to all the world by the end of the century.

"Golden Gate is a unique part of Bold Missions," Pinson said. "Students are evidently more and more service and mission oriented. Golden Gate provides the opportunity to obtain a quality seminary education in the midst of a mission laboratory, a place to learn by doing. Sitting in the midst of millions of persons who have made no commitment to Christ in an area in need of thousands of new churches, students with a heart for evangelism and missions are attracted to Golden Gate."

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