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Kirkland and Groce are now looking into the possibility of reentering the rural areas of Ethiopia but will remain in Addis Ababa while awaiting developments. Kirkland expects to be joined by his family within a few days to be joined soon by his family.

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Board Names 2nd Urban
Director, Appoints 60

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ATLANTA (BP)--A second urban training director, who will assist churches in implementing Christian social ministries, was among the 60 persons named to missions service during the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's directors.

Peggy Latham of Dallas, Texas, will work alongside David Coleman, also a missionary serving the board's Christian social ministries department and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The board appointed 11 career missionaries, including Mrs. Latham; 12 missionary associates; 18 US-2 missionaries and 19 pastors to receive aid.

Other career missionaries appointed were Donald and Sharon Anders of Kansas City, Mo.; Bob and Harriet Davis of Lowell, N. C.; Fred and Annalu Hill of Oak Grove, Ky.; Roy and Janice Hill of New Lenox, Ill.; and Joe and Teresa Vasquez of Norfolk, Va.

Named missionary associates were Larry and Patricia Beard of Big Bear Lake, Calif.; Willie and Evelyn Berry of Richmond, Va.; Thomas Butler of Mill Valley, Calif.; Samuel Hawkins of New Orleans, La.; Jane Jackson of Richmond, Va.; Al Mortenson of Louisville, Ky.; Carolyn Roberts of Richmond, Va.; Lehman and Virginia Webb of Little Rock, Ark.; and Tommy Williams of Fort Worth, Texas.

Appointed as US-2 missionaries (college graduates who serve for two years) were Bill and Diane Anderson of Campbellsville, Ky., to serve in Portland, Ore.; Terry Bunton of Merritt Island, Fla., to serve in Waterburg, Conn.; Phillip and Sheila Duncan of Murray, Ky., to serve in Montgomery, Ala.; Mitzi Ellington of La France, S. C., to serve in Columbia, S. C.; Karen Grantham of Tampa, Fla., to serve in Baltimore; Beverly Howard of Indianapolis, to serve in Denver; James Lackey of Appleton City, Mo., to serve in Baltimore; Sarah Mackey of Sumter, S. C., to serve in Rapid City, S. D.; Stanley Pigue of Memphis, Tenn., to serve in Charleston, S. C.; James Holland of Marshall, Texas, to serve in Tulsa, Okla.; Mary Moschella of York, Pa., to serve in Newport, Ky.; Timothy Russell of Port Charlotte, Fla., to serve in Oklahoma City; Kathy Whitson of Bismarck, Mo., to serve in New Orleans; Janette Williamson of Newton, Texas, to serve in Miami Beach, Fla.; Daniel Bullock of Ocala, Fla., to serve in East St. Louis, Ill.; and Wanda Campbell of Robbinsville, N. C., to serve in Rochester, Ill.

Anders will serve as director of the Baptist center in Springfield, Mo. A Missouri native, Anders is a graduate of William Jewell College and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment he was pastor of the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., and also has served as pastor for Kansas City's Valley Memorial Baptist Church.

Sharon Loar Anders, a St. Joseph, Mo., native, works as an administrative assistant at Midwestern Seminary. The Anders have four children.

The Davises will serve in Shelby, N. C., where he will direct Christian social ministries for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. Davis, a native of Batesville, Miss., is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds master of religious education and master of divinity degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lowell, N. C., before appointment and has served churches in Colington, Va., Ceredon, W. Va., Dupont, Ind., and Shelbyville, Ky.

Harriett Black Davis, a Columbia, S. C., native, is a graduate of Limestone College in Gaffney, S. C., and holds a master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary. She is school teacher in Lowell and also served the Lowell First Baptist Church as youth director, 1974-76.

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The Fred Hills will serve in Wisconsin, where he will direct missions for the Central Baptist Association. Hill, a native of Kentucky, is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oak Grove, Ky., and has served as pastor in churches in Pomery, Englewood and Grove City, Ohio, and in Anchorage, Ky.

Annalu Boatwright Hill, a native of Jameson, Mo., is also a Georgetown Baptist College graduate and has taught school in Ohio and Kentucky.

The Roy Hills will serve in Joliet, Ill., where he will direct church extension for the Three Rivers Baptist Association. Hill, a native of Ramsey, Ill., is a graduate of Hannibal-LaGrange College and Oklahoma Baptist University, and holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Lenox, Ill.

Janic Bromeland Hill, a native of Aurora, Ill., is also an Oklahoma Baptist University graduate. She teaches school in New Lenox and has also taught in Texas and Oklahoma.

Ms. Latham will serve as urban training director in Christian social ministries in Dallas, Texas. She is an El Paso, Texas, native and a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso and holds a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary. Prior to appointment, she was minister to internationals for the First Baptist Church of Wichita Falls, Texas, and has served as youth director for the El Paso First Baptist Church.

Th Vasquez will serve in Newport News, Va., where he will be regional language missionary. Vasquez, a Mercedes, Texas, native, is a graduate of the University of Washington and holds a master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Virgo, Spain; Union City, Albany and San Francisco, Calif.; and Seattle, Wash.

Teresa Nunez Dominquez Vasquez, a native of Spain, is a graduate of Tyler Junior College in Tyler, Texas, and has applied for U. S. citizenship.

The Beards will serve in Big Bear, Calif., as pastoral missionaries for the church extension department; the Berrys as directors for the Oregon Hill Baptist Center in Richmond; Butler as an intern for the Fillmore Baptist Center in San Francisco; Hawkins as an intern at the Carver Baptist Center in New Orleans; Ms. Jackson as director of the Hillside Center in Richmond; Mortenson as a student intern at the 23rd and Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky; Ms. Roberts as director of the South Richmond Baptist Center in Richmond; The Webbs in Little Rock, where he will be director of church extension for Arkansas; and Williams as an intern for the Tarrant Baptist Association at the Juvenile Detention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Bill In Congress Seeks
Human Rights Institute

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Too much emphasis on the diplomacy of human rights is damaging because it tends to become a series of tradeoffs, a witness told the Committee on International Relations of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Speaking in favor of a bill which would establish an Institute for Human Rights and Freedom, Frank Newman, justice of the Supreme Court of California and board member of two similar human rights organizations, stressed that efforts to aid human rights around the world have often bogged down in negotiating rather than concentrating on specific problems.

"This subject has been conferenced and seminar-ed to the point of exhaustion," Newman told the committee. He emphasized the need to move on to actually helping people.

The bill would establish the institute which would provide loans and grants to support victims of political persecution and their families. Money would also be used for legal defense of human rights; publication and display of creative works suppressed for political reasons; and studies on human rights and fundamental freedoms in foreign countries.

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Domestic human rights violations should be acknowledged in the measure also, according to Alan U. Schwartz, counsel for the International Freedom to Publish Committee, and Stephen I. Schlossberg, director of government and public affairs, United Auto Workers. "The credibility of the institute overseas will be increased if domestic situations are recognized in the bill," Schlossberg asserted. "It might even be helpful to give the institute some responsibility in that area."

Schwartz recommended that standards for making grants by the institute be established. "A small amount of money can go a long way," he told the committee. "What you need is travel money for people to get to a place where they can have some freedom, maybe some support money until they are settled."

Jan Nowak, former director of Polish Broadcasting for Radio Free Europe, now living in this country, noted the symbolic value of the bill. "You are sending a message to the world that this issue will not be forgotten when the administration changes. This is the will of the American people and of Congress," Nowak said.

U. S. Rep. Dante Fascell, D.-Fla., introduced the measure to establish the institute in the House. Identical legislation has been introduced in the Senate by U. S. Sen. Claiborne Pell, D.-R.I.

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Lottie Moon Total
Reaches \$30,744,311

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Receipts from the 1977 Southern Baptist Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions now stand at \$30,744,311, latest reports indicate.

This figure is more than \$3 million above the total for the 1976 offering at the same time last year. The contributions received through April 13 constitute 90.4 percent of the \$34 million goal. The offering will remain open until the end of May.

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1,000 Religious Communicators
Aim Nashville in 1980

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--More than 1,000 religious journalists, broadcasters, publishers and film makers are expected to attend a Religious Communications Congress, known as "RCC/80," and headquartered at Nashville's new Opryland Hotel, May 12-16, 1980.

"This will be the first time in a decade and the second time in this century such a gathering has been held," said Curtis Chambers, Dayton, Oh., chairman of the interfaith committee planning the event. A similar event was held in Chicago in 1970.

Thirty-five Protestant, Jewish and Catholic groups are participating in the planning and as sponsors, said Chambers, general secretary of United Methodist Communications.

Many will hold their 1980 annual meetings in conjunction with the congress. At this point four organizations, Baptist Public Relations Association, Associated Church Press, Religious Public Relations Council and Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, have voted officially to hold annual meetings in conjunction with RCC/80. Other organizations are in the process of voting official approval.

Wilmer C. Fields of Nashville, director of public relations for Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, is congress coordinator. Other officers of the planning committee include John F. Fink, president of Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., and Judith Herschlag Muffs, director of research and curriculum of the Anti-Defamation League.

Chambers said RCC/80 will examine the role of religious communications in the 1980's, update participants on new technology in communications, provide insights from the most seminal thinkers in communications, and share information between participating groups.

The program will also give participants a chance to discuss communications issues such as professional ethics, the free flow of information, access to media, investigative reporting and advocacy roles for religious communicators, Chambers added.

Fields said Nashville was chosen as the site for the congress, because it has become a major national communications center and because technical facilities in the city are "truly outstanding." "We will also be participating in Nashville's bicentennial celebration that year," Fields added.

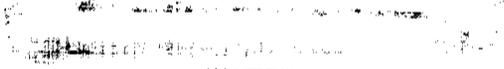
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