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Evangelism Meeting
Outdraws Rock Concert

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--More than 15,500 teenagers and sponsors overflowed the Tarrant County Convention Center for the Texas Baptist youth evangelism conference.

Comedian Jerry Clower of Mississippi noted that a concert by the world famous Bee Gees in the same auditorium the night before had drawn 14,000 and said that when a Christian meeting outdraws a rock concert, the public should realize that teenagers are eager to live for Christ.

Clower, a comedian on the Grand Ole Opry, said the public has a narrow view of young people. "The two percent of young people who are sorry have gotten all the publicity," he said. "The 98 percent who are good, ain't nobody saying nothing about them."

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Baptists Must Serve
People, Missionary Says

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GLORIETA, N. M. (BP)--Southern Baptists need to get back into the business of serving people, says a home missionary in the Chicago ghetto.

James Queen, a 42-year-old church planter on Chicago's north side, says he hates government programs because they're so impersonal.

"We (Southern Baptists) should be running the clinics, half-way houses, and the hospitals and providing the emergency housing," Queen told more than 1,900 persons attending the Bold Mission Leadership Conference at the Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center. "If you do these services, the people will listen to the gospel."

The Queens reported they have been trying for more than three years, with limited success, to start a church in what the Chicago Tribune called the "psychiatric ghetto of the world."

The two-mile-long and three-quarters-of-a-mile wide area, in the shadow of the luxurious apartments on Chicago's "Gold Coast," contains 144,000 people, including 25,000 mentally and emotionally disturbed persons living in half-way houses.

"We started with five house churches in black, Indian, Laotian and Hispanic homes and have moved to a store front chapel for 125 persons," Queen explained. Funds for the chapel come from a sponsoring church 30 miles away, and the leadership is imported.

Queen, who has been working in the Chicago ghettos for 15 years with time out to earn a masters degree in theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, said he tried to train his best candidate for a leadership role, but she tried to punch a Sunday School pupil the first time her class met.

After that experience, Queen said he felt the toothless, tatoed woman with the biceps of a weight lifter needed more training before she tried teaching again.

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Persons attending Queen's store front church wander in off the street and don't know how to act. He used a bouncer to remove those street persons who want to run the worship services.

The Queens acknowledged their concern for their four children--aged ten, eight, four and five weeks--growing up in that environment, but insist they're determined to stay. "My little eight-year-old boy is infatuated with those uptown gangs and thinks they are the neatest thing around," Queen said. "Two boys from one of the gangs were shot two weeks ago for being in the wrong part."

Mrs. Queen said she doesn't like Chicago and constantly fears for her husband's safety, "but I wouldn't have it any other way." The pastor's wife said she makes her best contribution to the ministry by providing a place her husband looks forward to coming home to.

Despite the meager success thus far, Queen said, he hopes to buy property and build a multi-purpose facility which would house a medical clinic, tutoring program and recreational activities.

In the meantime, he's trying desperately to hold on to the family's possessions. His son's bicycle was pilfered from his front porch and the church van was stolen twice during the last six months.

"At times, you feel like you are a foreign missionary to Chicago," Queen said.

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Cooperative Program Exceeds
1977-78 Pace by 10.88 Percent

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The Cooperative Program portion of the national giving of Southern Baptists exceeds last year's contributions by nearly 11 percent at the 9-month point of the 1978-79 fiscal year, according to figures compiled by the denomination's Executive Committee.

Through June, Southern Baptist state conventions have relayed \$47,520,083 in undesignated Cooperative contributions from Southern Baptist churches to the Executive Committee for distribution through the denomination's world wide missions programs.

That exceeds the 1977-78 figure of \$42,856,390 by \$4,663,693, or 10.88 percent.

Total giving for the first 10 months on a national level, including the Cooperative Program amount and another \$51,416,337 in designated gifts, amounts to \$98,936,420. That represents an increase of \$10,588,055--or 11.98 percent--over the total gifts at the same point last year.

The Cooperative Program portion of the total giving represents about one third of what state conventions receive from churches.

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Belew Named Head
Of Mission Society

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ATLANTA (BP)--M. Wendell Belew, director of the missions ministries division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has been named president of the American Society of Missiology.

Belew, believed to be first Southern Baptist to head the organization, has been with the Home Mission Board since 1956.

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"The American Society of Missiology is made up of about 600 members in the United States and Canada," said Belew, a missions strategist. "To my knowledge, there have been no other mission strategists who have served as president.

Belew succeeded professor John T. Boberg of the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, Ill., as president. Last year Belew served as first vice president.

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Claud O'Shields Retires
From Radio-TV Commission

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WILMINGTON, N.C. (BP)--Claud O'Shields, eastern representative for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission's special projects department, has retired early according to W. C. Woody, manager of the department.

Although the commission's office in Wilmington, N. C., closed June 30, with O'Shields' retirement, the commission is considering relocating the office in Atlanta, said Harold E. Martin, executive vice president.

Atlanta's easy accessibility to Baptist work is one factor in the city's consideration. "The Radio and Television Commission is in the process of expanding media related service to churches and agencies," Martin said.

Woody said O'Shields, age 64, who has high blood pressure, notified the commission recently that his doctor had requested his blood pressure to be checked daily before deciding whether or not to work that day.

"This presented a dangerous situation for a person who spends the majority of his time traveling," said Woody, who added that O'Shields will receive full salary until age 65 (March 1980).

"Since Claud had a lot of sick pay time built up over the years, the commission supplemented the months between sick pay coverage and his retirement age of 65 with full salary," Woody said.

"The Radio and Television Commission appreciates Mr. O'Shields' work," Woody continued. "He has been very effective and has done a fine job of projecting the commission's services and image to outlets in the east."

In retirement, O'Shields, who will continue to live in Wilmington, is considering the possibility of serving as a consultant in some area of religious broadcasting, the commission said.

He has also been interested in ministry to the blind for several years. In 1977, at the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, he presented a resolution to involve the denomination in a ministry to the blind. It was referred to the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards for study.

Before joining the Radio and Television Commission staff, O'Shields was secretary of the commission's board of trustees. His experience includes 15 years as manager of Atlantic Telecasting Corporation's WECT-TV in Wilmington.

In his duties as eastern representative for the special projects department, O'Shields has assisted churches, state conventions, agencies and institutions with their broadcasting needs since 1965.

His responsibilities have also included marketing Baptist programs to radio and television stations in his area, assisting in production, and in coordinating the purchase of air time.

Some of his most recent activities include spearheading plans for communications workshops in various states. He was also involved in the massive "Good News Alabama" media campaign for the commission's special projects department and the Alabama Baptist Convention.

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**Seeds Sent By Baptists
To Volcano-Damaged Island**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Almost 2,000 packages of vegetable seeds, together with flower seeds, have been flown to the volcano damaged island of St. Vincent in the West Indies, as a gift from Baptists of the world.

Baptist World Alliance officials said that the seed, valued at \$4,450, was flown to St. Vincent by Eastern Airlines, in a joint effort by the BWA and Eastern to help restore crops and beauty to the 150 square mile island inundated by lava.

The BWA also is at work in St. Vincent as one of four current projects in its Year of the Child immunization crusade. The work began in May, and 175,000 immunizations had been given to 45,000 children by June 10. This touches almost half the island's 100,000 population.

Rotary International and Brother's Brother Foundation are BWA's partners in the immunization program in St. Vincent. Other projects are underway in Grenada and Honduras in the Middle Americas and in Liberia, West Africa, all directed by Robert A. Hingson, founder-director of the Brother's Brother program.

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**Hayes Will Head Development
At Radio-TV Commission**

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Carlyle B. Hayes will move from director of management services to director of development at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, according to Harold E. Martin, executive vice president.

Hayes, also a senior vice president at the commission, will develop endowment gifts to undergird the commission's operating and capital needs programs.

His management services duties will be transferred to the commission's accounting department, Martin said.

"We must secure 15 to 20 percent in additional funds to underwrite our program costs over and above our Cooperative Program support," said Hayes, a commission staff member for 22 years.

Last year the commission received more than \$623,000 in contributions for its operating needs. The agency received almost \$3 million from the denominations' Cooperative Program unified budget.

Hayes added that a growing interest in the denomination to purchase air time would require more funds than are now available to the agency. Currently the Radio and Television Commission's programs are broadcast on public service time.

Hayes said that personal contacts and estate planning seminars would be major thrusts of his development program.

"We're seeking discretionary funds over and above a person's regular tithes and offerings," said Hayes.

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