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### Second in a Series

Drama of Human Contrasts

Unfolds in Dominican Republic

By Norman Jameson

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (BP)--Catastrophe sets the perimeters that measure men.

Hurricane David pulled the plug on the Dominican Republic--what radio announcers here are calling "the beautiful island that was"--and set the stage for a human drama in contrasts: heroism and cowardice.

Self-serving, cowardly villains taking advantage of post-hurricane conditions, were:

--Some merchants who raised the price of foodstuffs, capitalizing on shortages. Platenos, a banana-like staple, rose from 5 cents each to 20 immediately after the storm. Authorities jailed 118 merchants one day for price speculating;

--Workers who stole part of the relief goods donated by other countries to resell them. The army promised to investigate;

--Hospital administrators in Bani, where there are 19 refugee camps, who closed their doors at 1:30 p.m. and told those standing in line for treatment to go home;

--In some instances, political hacks who carried donated food to local political leaders' homes where it was distributed as a gift to them;

--A crowd which stopped and robbed a food truck headed for the interior where shortages are critical.

Southern Baptist missionary Ronald B. Wilson expressed concern over price-gougers. "They're just taking advantage of their own people," he said.

Wilson is among the heroes, the selfless who gave what they have materially and more than they had physically; those like:

--Wilson and missionaries Arthur R. Haylock and Ken H. Stephens, who worked from dawn until midnight to buy food and deliver it to neglected areas of the interior;

--Members of Templo Bautista Central, the first and strongest Baptist church in the Dominican Republic, who sacrificed their vehicles to the mountain roads to take food to "camposinos" starving in the interior. One small Fiat station wagon carried six adult men and a half-ton of food over roads that claimed every muffler that passed over them.

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--Merchants who offered to sell their food at cost so that Baptist relief dollars could be stretched further.

--Mission wives and church members who spent long days packing beans and rice into individual packets for distribution;

--A dozen Southern Baptist medical missions volunteers who entered the country fully prepared and self-sustaining with their own medicine. They distributed food and medicine in 19 refugee centers in Bani. In one center, they found 1,100 people who had not eaten in eight days.

--Missionary Charles E. Purtle, who used Southern Baptist relief funds to provide medicine to all civil service hospitals and refugee centers in Bonao. He walked seven miles each way to help people clean mud out of their houses when the gasoline ran out and built a raft from inner tubes to float a missionary car across a swollen river so they could return to help their church members;

--Missionaries Ray M. Douglas and Larry E. Oldham, who accomplished the inglorious but important design and construction of latrines for camps in Santiago.

--Missionaries and ham radio operators like Paul C. Siebenmann who warned civil defense people in Puerto Plata that Hurricane David had turned toward instead of away from the Dominican Republic, as their information had indicated, so they could evacuate.

The combined callousness of the villains outweighs the heroic efforts of the few. The poor and university students in San Pedro de Macoris, which escaped the wind of David but not the floods, are starving because those with money immediately bought and hoarded all the food in the city. No food relief is in sight because the area was not devastated.

But food and medicine purchased by local missionaries with Southern Baptist disaster funds are saving lives. In the whole devastated country, these relief items are only a rivulet in the flood of need, but local authorities recognize them as a tremendous contribution.

Santo Domingo Baptist missionaries have safe conduct passes from the police that allow them to be out after the 10 p.m. curfew; special access to precious and scarce gasoline supplies; permits to buy food in bulk; and access to ham radio waves reserved for official disaster relief coordination.

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Home Mission Board Names  
73 Missions Personnel

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ATLANTA (BP)--Directors of the Southern Baptist Mission Board approved 73 persons for mission service during their September meeting. They include 11 missionaries, 14 missionary associates and 48 persons to receive church pastoral aid or language pastoral assistance.

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Named as missionaries were J. D. and Ann Judith Ellis of Orlando, Fla.; Ron and Janice Johnson of Nashville, Tenn.; Arnold and Beth Becker of Dalzell, S.C.; Peter and Hanna Kung of Chicago, Ill.; Deborah Lynn Wohler of Olympic Valley, Calif.; and Joseph and Yoshico Yu of Berkeley, Mo.

Named missionary associate-church planters were Derald and Frankie Adams, Steven and Linda Moorhouse and Daniel and Martha Moseley, all of Fort Worth, Texas.

Named missionary associates were Joe and Debbie Bagwell of Atlanta, Ga.; Kay Hardage of Kansas City, Mo.; Jo Ann Fisher of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Judy Koger of Richmond, Va.; Francisco and Olga Rivero of Clarkston, Ga.; and Craig Wilson of Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Ellises and the Johnsons will serve in Atlanta, where Ellis and Johnson will be national consultants with the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board. Ellis will be national consultant for evangelism with blacks and Johnson will fill a new post as national consultant for evangelism with young families.

The Beckers will continue to live and work in Dalzell, where he will be director of missions for the Santee Baptist Association. Prior to appointment, Becker was pastor of Dalzell Baptist Church. He is a graduate of North Greenville Junior College, Carson-Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor in Tigertown, Texas, and has been a staff member of churches in Greenville, S.C. and Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Becker, the former Mary Beth Green of Greenville, S.C., also is a graduate of North Greenville Junior College and Carson-Newman College. They have two children.

The Kungs will continue to live and work in Chicago, where he will be catalytic language missionary with the Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association. Kung, 33, is a native of Kwangsei, China, and was Chinese church extension consultant with the Illinois Baptist State Association before appointment to the Chicago post. He is a graduate of Hong Kong Baptist College, Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary and Southwestern Seminary. He has been pastor in San Diego, Calif., Dallas, Texas, and Hong Kong. He also was an editor with United Press International in Hong Kong. Mrs. Kung, a native of Canton, China, has been a social worker and piano tutor. They have one child.

Ms. Wohler, 23, will live and work in Olympic Valley, Calif., where she will be missionary at the Olympic training center. She has been involved in ministries in the Lake Tahoe area for several years. A native of Fairfield, Ill., she is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Yus will live and work in St. Louis, Mo., where he will be catalytic language missionary to Asians with the St. Louis Metropolitan Baptist Association. Yu, 52, is a native of China, and was an officer in the army of the Republic of China. He is a graduate of the University of Nanking, Taiwan Baptist Seminary, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Park College in Kansas City, Mo. He has been a missionary in Clay-Platte Association in Kansas City, and a pastor and a campus minister in Taiwan. Mrs. Yu, a native of Taiwan, is a graduate of the Taiwan seminary. They have four sons, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Directors of the Home Mission Board named the first missionary associates-church planters in the Adams, Moorhouses and Moseleys.

The Adams will work in Greenfield, Ohio. He is a recent graduate of Southwestern Seminary. Adams, 37, also is a graduate of Concordia Lutheran College in Milwaukee, Wisc. He has worked as a house painter and owned his own vending company prior to attending seminary.

The Moorhouses will live and work in Crested Butte and Gunnison, Colo. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to appointment, he worked as a relief houseparent for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Retardation, as a truck driver and with the National Park Service.

The Moseleys will live and work in Hanover, N.H. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to appointment, he worked as a house painter, cabinet maker and salesman.

The Bagwells, from Atlanta, Ga., will live and work in Chelsea, Mass., where he will direct Christian social ministries and serve as pastor/director of Chelsea Chapel. He is a graduate of Samford University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment, he worked in Stewart Baptist Center in Atlanta, and in Bethlehem Children's Treatment Center in New Orleans. He also was a new work starter in Lacey, Wash. Mrs. Bagwell, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., is a graduate of Berry College and New Orleans Seminary.

Ms. Fisher, a native of Danville, Va., will live and work in Denver, Colo., where she will be director of weekday ministries at the Brentwood Baptist Center. She is a graduate of Averett College and Asbury College. Since 1975, she has been director of the pre-school and day care center of First Baptist Church of Security, Colo. She also has been director of weekday ministries at First Southern Baptist Church in Denver and Southgate Church of the Nazarene, Colorado Springs. She is a former US-2 missionary for the Home Mission Board, serving in Colorado Springs.

Ms. Hardage, a native of Arkansas, will live and work in the Columbia, Jefferson City, Mo., area where she will be director of Christian social ministries. She is a graduate of Missouri Southern State College and Midwestern Seminary. Prior to appointment, she was a student intern in Christian social ministries at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Kansas City.

Ms. Koger, a native of Martinsville, Va., will live and work in Salem, Va., where she will be director of Christian social ministries at the Salem Baptist Center. She is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Averett College. She has been a secretary and an apartment manager prior to appointment.

The Riveros will live and work in Clarkston, Ga. He will work with Spanish-language churches in the northern area of Georgia. Rivero, 50, recently came to the United States from Cuba. He was imprisoned along with 69 other Baptist pastors and missionaries in 1965, and was released only this year. His wife and family have lived in the United States for several years. Prior to imprisonment, he was pastor of churches in Matanzas, Havana and Las Villas.

Wilson, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., will live and work in Baltimore, Md., where he will be pastor/director of Canton Baptist Center. He is a graduate of the University of South Florida and New Orleans Seminary. Prior to appointment, he was a seminary student and associate pastor of Vieux Carre Baptist Church in New Orleans.

## Phillipine Crusade: What A Difference A Year Makes

BISLIG, Philippines (BP)--When a Southern Baptist medical-evangelistic team arrived in the Philippines, they were one year late.

They postponed their plans because James I. (Boe) Stanley, one of the missionaries planning the 1978 crusade, was wounded during crossfire between the New People's Army, a rebel group, and the Philippine military. He recovered completely.

The delayed crusade resulted in 2,355 decisions, including more than 1,600 decisions to accept Christ as savior, according to Southern Baptist missionary Marge (Mrs. Howard D.) Olive. Of that number, 124 people have been baptized and another 44 expect to be baptized soon. One baptism was held at 5:30 a.m. so that the five candidates could get to school by 6:30.

The results, which one volunteer compared to the biblical Pentecost, have led missionaries and participants in the 1979 crusade to believe God was in the postponement.

The evangelistic team, made up of 10 preachers, three musicians, three doctors, three dentists and four nurses, was coordinated through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's office of evangelism and church development.

They worked with 20 Filipino pastors and interpreters and 10 missionaries and one missionary child. In the 16-day effort, they held 96 services in churches and 98 services in other places such as schools, markets, clinics and parks. The dentists saw more than 1,800 patients and extracted more than 4,500 teeth. The doctors treated more than 4,400 patients and performed both minor and major surgery.

"This is another example of how Southern Baptists can be used in special projects through the board and the missionaries on the field to ensure the most enduring fruits," said Joseph B. Underwood, the board's consultant on evangelism and church development.

The results were due, in part, to the year's delay. Many of the decisions were among members of the Manobo Tribe. Even though work among this tribe in the Bislig area actually started two years ago, a breakthrough came during the past year. A tribal leader accepted Christ and was baptized by Stanley. Realizing the needs for improved farming techniques, Stanley invited this chief and his subchiefs to visit the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center earlier this year. Twenty-five of the subchiefs accepted Christ during the three-day visit.

One of the dentists said he was especially impressed with the response of the Manobos as many of them heard the gospel for the first time. "Having seen this, I can envision Pentecost," Russell Snow of Marietta, Ga., exclaimed.

Besides the crusade results, special travel arrangements enhanced the volunteers' feelings that the year's postponement was a part of God's plan, Mrs. Olive said. Philippine Air Lines carried free of charge more than 600 pounds of excess baggage all the way from San Francisco.

Then at the airport in Cebu, Philippines, eight other passengers were asked to wait for another flight so that the excess luggage could be accommodated. This baggage included 1,600 pounds of medicine that the doctors and dentists distributed during the crusade effort.

Now that the visiting evangelistic team has returned to the United States, the missionaries and Filipinos are working on the final stages of the crusade effort, the follow-up.

"You've had the joy of seeing these people come into the fold--our job is to keep them there," Stanley told the departing volunteers. The day the team left, 30 pastors and workers gathered in the Stanleys' home for follow-up training led by Southern Baptist missionary Billy B. Tisdale, director of church planting for missionaries in the Philippines.

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#### Commission Expands Hunger, TV and Morality Efforts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, meeting in annual session, voted to expand the agency's work in world hunger, television and morality, and other areas. It also approved plans for a slate of conferences for 1979-80 and authorized its staff to seek additional funding for projects related to Christian ethics.

The commission approved a record budget for 1979-80, adopted an upgraded retirement policy for its 12-member staff, and responded to actions taken by the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention which were referred to the agency.

The \$562,000 budget, an increase of \$31,000 over the 1978-79 budget, includes a seven percent cost of living increase for staff salaries.

Commission members also approved several revisions in the agency's bylaws, including a change in title for its chief executive from executive secretary to executive director and the establishment of an executive committee to act for the commission ad interim between annual meetings.

James M. Dunn was presented the social ethics agency's 1979 Distinguished Service Award for outstanding contributions in the field of applied Christianity. Dunn is director of the Christian Life Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., was reelected chairman for 1979-80.

In addition to its national seminar, held annually, the commission approved plans for four new conferences for 1979-80. Two specialized conferences will address the issues of economics, inflation, and energy and moral issues surfaced in the 1980 general election campaigns. Two small consultations will deal with television and morality and peace with justice.

In a step toward generating increased funding for specific projects, the commission voted to employ Robert Cargill Associates of Dallas at a cost of \$12,000 for one year to act as consultant in the area of development. The commission also voted to seek to secure funds for a 1980 World Hunger Day packet to be provided to Southern Baptist pastors.

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The commission expressed support for a motion approved by the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention which asked the agency "to seek to establish...a broadly based national committee" to develop a system to evaluate television programs, noting that such an evaluating system would be a "useful extension" of the commission's "Help for Television Viewers" program. Since the motion also asked the SBC Executive Committee "to study needs for providing reasonable pro rata funds for the expenses incurred in such a program," the commission also voted to ask the Executive Committee to furnish the agency with the results of its study so that the commission "may respond to the convention accordingly."

The commission also authorized its staff to prepare a response to another 1979 SBC motion related to a study of the effects of pornography and abortion.

The meeting's final session included an impromptu discussion about the need for increased staff and programs to provide leadership for Southern Baptists in dealing with Hispanic issues, a concern voiced by commission member Daniel Sotelo of California. Commission Executive Director Foy Valentine expressed appreciation for Sotelo's remarks and outlined some of the agency's hopes for "new initiatives" in addressing the unique problems confronting ethnic groups.

The commission also commended David R. Currie for his work as special projects coordinator under joint sponsorship of the Home Mission Board and the Christian Life Commission. Currie coordinates Christian social ministries and social action under a special two-year project. The commission voted to seek to continue a similar arrangement with the Home Mission Board after Currie's assignment ends June 1, 1980.

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Southeastern Seminary Gets  
\$100,000 Kresge Grant

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--A \$100,000 challenge grant has been awarded to Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Funds will be used to renovate Lea Laboratory, an historic building on the seminary campus. Built in 1888, Lea Laboratory was the first building devoted exclusively to the study of science on a college campus in the southeastern United States. Located on the former campus of Wake Forest College, it is regarded as an unusually early and scholarly example of Colonial Revival architecture and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

While serving the college and seminary in a variety of ways, the building, because of disrepair, is currently unused. Renovation is expected to cost \$500,000. In addition to the Kresge grant, the seminary presently has more than \$200,000 on hand for the project, and it is included in a \$3.5 million campaign presently under way at the Southern Baptist Convention school.

Renovation will provide a spacious meeting room for trustees and faculty, an office suite and conference rooms for the seminary's Formation in Ministry program, offices for alumni affairs, and a home for its museum/archive.

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