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Accident Fails to Sever  
Boones' Ties to Africa

By Mary Jane Welch

ALEXANDRIA, LA. (BP)—When Dr. Hal Browning Boone went to Kenya in 1976 to accompany his injured father back to the United States, he expected to spend a couple of days with him and return home, assured his father would recover.

But, says Boone, things didn't work out that way at all. His father, a missionary physician in Kenya, had every conceivable complication following the auto accident which crushed a vertebra and left him paralyzed. Four years later he still cannot walk and experiences daily pain.

That accident ended his parents' career as Southern Baptist missionaries, but it didn't sever close family ties developed over the years and it didn't end the Boone family's missions commitment to east Africa.

Boone recounted the story of his family's experience the day before he and his wife Linnea were approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to serve one year as special project medical workers in Uganda. There Boone's parents, Hal and Pat Boone, opened Southern Baptist mission work. Linnea's parents were also medical missionaries in Africa.

Although Hal is the oldest of the six Boone children, he is not the first to feel the missions call. Cathy, a registered nurse, has been a missionary in Kenya since 1973. Today she and her husband, Dan Schellenberg, also an MK (missionary kid) who grew up in east Africa, work with the same tribe her parents were working with when her father's accident occurred.

Last November, another daughter, Susan, and her husband Rick Goodgame, a physician, were appointed missionaries to Uganda, where he will teach in medical school. Last summer the youngest Boone, James, was a volunteer in Uganda, where he helped distribute medicine in the aftermath of the war which ousted former president Idi Amin.

Medicine seems to be an integral part of the Boone family, too. James plans to enter medical school this fall, Dan is completing medical school, and Paul, who is completing his residency, will handle Hal's private practice in Friendswood, Texas, while Hal is in Uganda. Hal says Paul and his wife, also a physician, plan to apply for missionary service after that year.

Though many think of Africa as a turbulent continent, Hal says that growing up in safari country was a delightful experience—an adventure for a teen-age boy. Although life there included going to boarding school far from home, his parents made special efforts to maintain strong relationships with each child. In fact, for the entire Boone family, life was remarkably free of trauma until his father's accident.

Even after the accident, when Hal left for Kenya to accompany his father home, he felt sure that everything would soon be all right. "We were praying for a miraculous recovery for God's glory and for my Dad's well-being and we continue to pray for that," says Hal.

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But as time passed it looked less and less like that would happen. For the first time in his 34 years, Hal was faced with the suffering of persons close to him who he felt shouldn't have to suffer. "Why do the righteous suffer? I personally was very aware of the power of Satan in this world," he says. But he says he also came to realize that all things will work ultimately to God's glory. Earlier, spiritual growth had come for him and Linnea through their church involvement. Now it came in dealing with this family tragedy and in watching his parents deal with it.

As his parents cope with the physical and psychological effects of disability, Hal says his father's continuing statement has been that God has given him victory over all and has strengthened him and brought him into a deeper relationship as a result of the accident. Although he no longer practices medicine and is confined to a wheelchair, he has served as interim pastor of a church and is now minister of missions at Sagemont Baptist Church in Houston, Texas.

Watching how Hal's mother has responded to the situation has also been a rewarding experience for the family, says Linnea. Although many people become bitter when they have to care for someone who is sick, Linnea says, "I think with her it's just been an increase of love for her husband even though she has to spend hours daily taking care of him."

Although his parents cannot return to Africa as missionaries, Hal says they have been supportive of their children going there. In fact, with so many children living there, they're considering a visit to the countries where they invested so many years.

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Mountain, Photo Linked  
By Sheer Coincidence

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--On the same day Mount St. Helens erupted into international consciousness, a more serene view of the mountain graced the covers of 1.4 million bulletins in Southern Baptist churches.

By the sheerest of coincidences, Baptist Bulletin Service, which plans its product a year in advance, had a picture of snowcapped Mount St. Helens above glistening Spirit Lake on its May 18 cover, the same day the long dormant volcano erupted, killing scores of people.

Charlotte Ruble, a member of Eastmont Baptist Church in East Wenatchee, Wash., noticed the picture and brought it to the attention of Leonard Hill, director of the bulletin service, who verified with photographer Fred Sieb that it was the infamous mountain. The bulletin service provides color covers and devotional thoughts for use by churches.

"Mount St. Helens was beautiful but she sure created a lot of destruction and heartache for those who lived around her," said Mrs. Ruble in her letter to Hill.

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## Los Angeles Deadline For SBC Housing Nears

LOS ANGELES (BP)--Block reservations for individuals, organizations and groups wishing to reserve a block of rooms for the 1981 Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles must have their request in by July 1, according to Tim Hedquist, convention manager.

The Los Angeles Convention Bureau will be accepting requests for individual hotel accommodations Oct. 1. As in the past several years, all requests must be made in writing using a special form prepared by the bureau.

The form will be available in Baptist state offices in September and will be printed in the Baptist Program before Oct. 1. All individual requests must be mailed to the housing bureau.

Requests for block reservations must be sent to: Block Reservations, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tenn., 37219. Under convention policies block reservations are limited to 50 rooms per group, and no more than 40 percent of the rooms in any one hotel may be reserved. Priority will be given to the block requests by a random draw of the requests received.

In Los Angeles, all but two of the hotels are within 10 blocks of the convention center and no hotel is more than two miles away. The center has 3,000 parking spaces reserved for the convention.

The Pastors' Conference, Woman's Missionary Union meeting and the SBC annual meeting will all be held in the Los Angeles Convention-Exhibition Center.

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## Mike Livingston to Join Foreign Board News Team

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Mike Livingston, associate editor of Probe magazine at the Brotherhood Commission, will become senior staff writer for news and information services at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board late in July.

Livingston, who has traveled across the United States since 1976 doing articles for the pioneer Royal Ambassadors boys magazine, will turn his attention to special feature and news coverage on foreign missions.

A journalism graduate of Memphis State University, Livingston edited and published his own magazine before working as a newspaper reporter for the Commercial Appeal in Memphis, Tenn.

He later taught journalism and was public information officer at Northwest Mississippi Junior College, Senatobia, Miss. He also has done newspaper layout and edited two trade publications.

Livingston, 40, is an experienced photographer. He is a member of the Memphis Professional Photography Guild, Professional Photographers of America and the Tennessee Professional Photographers Association. He is also a member of the Baptist Public Relations Association.

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Born in Crowder, Miss., Livingston grew up in Memphis, Tenn. He is married to the former Sheril Chipman of Memphis. They have a daughter, Sheri, who will be 4 in August.

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Hamblin Joins New Orleans  
Baptist Seminary Faculty

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Robert Hamblin, pastor of the Harrisburg Baptist Church of Tupelo, Miss., since 1958, has been elected as associate professor of evangelism at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, effective Aug. 1.

A native of Hamilton, Ohio, Hamblin earned his bachelor's degree from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and his bachelor of divinity, doctor of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also done doctoral work with the Cobb Institute of Archaeology, and Mississippi State University.

Hamblin has been pastor of churches in Ripley, Covington, and Memphis, Tenn., and Garner, Texas.

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Kids' SBC Perspective  
Different from Adults

By Randy Wyrick

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Children see things from a different perspective than adults.

For example, the main attractions for most Southern Baptists under four-and-a-half feet tall who attended the annual convention in St. Louis were the gateway "golden" arch and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Others, like Dennis Cooper, 14, of Port Boone, La., were aware of the biblical inerrancy question that was prevalent in the convention, but they weren't too concerned about it.

"Things like this come and go all the time," said Cooper, who was attending his fourth convention. "I wouldn't get too worried about it."

The youngsters have an equally unique outlook on biblical inerrancy itself. They don't know what it is.

"I've never heard of it," said Cooper.

Dale Collier of Canton, Mo., however, was adamant about the issue. "The Bible talks about Jesus as the only begotten Son. God inspired the people who wrote it. Everyone knows that. You find that out in movies," he said.

Della Rivera just hadn't had enough time to study the question.

"I'm only nine and a half years old," she said. "How could I have studied enough to decide something like that? I'm not old enough. I'm not sure anyone else is either."

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Nine-year-old David Bryant of Forsyth, Ill., explained inerrancy of the Bible this way: "I think that it is true from cover to cover. My dad told me so, and I believe in my dad."

Bruce Ingle of Denton, Texas, doesn't think the Bible has any mistakes. "I read it," he said. "It tells how God told them to write it, like James, and John, and all those guys."

Steve Smith, 11-year-old son of newly-elected SBC President Bailey Smith of Del City, Okla., summed it all up in this fashion: "I enjoy coming to these conventions because of the people I get to meet, like Adrian Rogers, and W.A. Criswell (former SBC president)."

"Sometimes we get out and do things as a family when we can," he said. "We were supposed to go up into the arch today. I hope we'll have time now that dad is the president."

On the biblical inerrancy question he declared:

"I don't think that it is worth watching or worrying about. I'm not really sure what it is and I've heard a lot of different people say a lot of different things about it. I don't think they are sure about it either. I'm not sure anybody is."

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Wyrick is a recent graduate of Cumberland College and worked in the newsroom at the Southern Baptist Convention.

Making Money  
Not Seen 'Evil'

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MARION, Ill. (BP)--Two vice presidents of Days Inn of America, Inc., told Baptist professionals there's nothing "evil" about the material universe.

D. Perry Ginn and Bobby G. Dollar are ordained Baptist ministers who have also had successful business careers. They said at seminars in Marion and Urbana, Ill., that wealth ill-gotten is a sin, not wealth itself.

Ginn said sometimes people heap guilt on those who are successful, and that some ministers even feel guilty about accepting a salary for their services. "It's right for man to have things and use them; it's not right for things to have the man," he explained. "In the final analysis, what counts is how wealth is used. To do nothing with wealth is wicked, as Jesus told in the parable of the talents."

Dollar cited the late Cecil Day as an example of how a dedicated Christian can be successful and also a good steward. "When Cecil Day finished college, he had exactly \$36 in the bank," he said. "By the time he was 26, he was worth \$1 million. He started Days Inn, Inc. in 1970, and at his death in 1978, he was worth \$70 million."

Dollar said that Day left half of his estate to Christian work, and that a tithe of all Days Inn profits are given to good causes.

Dollar said though you can't take it with you, it can beat you there. "What you do is convert wealth into treasures that can get into heaven, and send it on ahead," he said.

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CORRECTION: In (BP) story mailed June 17, entitled "Walsh, Kimball See Iran Trip as Ministry," please change the third paragraph on page four to read: They condemned the attempt as further evidence of American willingness to kill other human beings to save Americans, a concept inconsistent with universal human worth. (the word Americans had been left out) Also, near the end of the story, Walsh graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, not UCLA Berkeley. Thanks, BP