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HMB Fills Positions,
Names 44 to Missions

ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors appointed a director of hospital and business/industrial chaplaincy, assigned a refugee resettlement coordinator and approved 44 persons for mission service during their September meeting.

Directors also accepted the resignation of Don Rhymes, director of missionary personnel since January 1978, who will become pastor of Prays Mill Baptist Church in Douglasville, Ga.

Robert Wesley Duvall, a chaplain at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., was named to the chaplaincy post. Randy Cash, an HMB missionary to the deaf in Oklahoma, will assume the refugee resettlement position.

Duvall will be responsible for bringing Southern Baptist ministers into contact with chaplaincy opportunities in hospitals, health care agencies and institutions, as well as industry and business. He also will assist churches, associations and state conventions in providing spiritual ministry to hospital staff, patients and families of patients, in addition to employers and employees in industry and business.

Duvall is a graduate of Samford University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also has received training at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, Texas.

Cash will be responsible for making Southern Baptists aware of the worldwide refugee situation, enlisting refugee sponsors and leading in follow-up efforts after refugees are resettled. He also will develop a program of resettlement which can be implemented in case of emergencies similar to the recent Cuban exodus. Cash succeeds Gene V. Tunnell who resigned in June.

According to Oscar Romo, director of the language missions division, Cash will "work with refugees in a global dimension, helping whomever comes, from wherever they come, however they get here."

Cash is a graduate of Rockingham Community College, the University of North Carolina and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Previous to his assignment in Oklahoma, he was minister to the deaf in North Carolina and missionary to the deaf in New York, New Jersey, New England and Pennsylvania.

Mission appointments included nine missionaries, eight missionary associates, 11 mission pastor interns and 16 persons who will receive church pastoral assistance.

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Named missionaries were Wesley and June Johnson of Cambridge, Md.; Pamela McCoy of Hellier, Ky.; Bob and Gloria Moore of Clarksburg, Md.; Jim and Joyce Marie Swedenburg of Little Rock, Ark.; and Charles and Margie Wilson of Thomson, Ga.

Approved as missionary associates were Trudy and Lynwood Fox Johnson of Mt. Clemens, Minn.; Paul and Demaris Ann McNabb of Racine, Wis.; Bernie and Anita Moraga of Waco, Texas; and Guillermo and Maria Pichs of Lakeland, Fla.

Wesley and June Johnson will serve in Dover, Del., where he will be director of missions for Delaware Baptist Association. Johnson has been director of missions for Baltimore Baptist Association in Baltimore, Md., and he has been pastor of churches throughout Maryland. He is a graduate of Bluefield College, the University of Maryland and Southeastern Seminary.

McCoy will remain in Hellier, where she will be Baptist center director for Pike County Baptist Association. A graduate of Cumberland College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, she has been head resident/professor at Cumberland College and a nurses' aide, hospital chaplain and social worker.

The Moores will continue to serve in Maryland. He will be director of missions for Howard Baptist Association. He has been pastor of churches in Indiana and Maryland and is a graduate of Baltimore University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Swedenburgs will move to Cleveland, Ohio, where he will be director of missions for Greater Cleveland Baptist Association. They have been missionaries to Korea and Taiwan, and he has been pastor of churches in Texas and Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Marion Military Institute, Samford University and Southwestern Seminary.

The Wilsons will relocate in Toledo, Ohio, and he will be pastor/director of Christian social ministries for Western Avenue Baptist Church. Wilson, a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary, has been pastor of churches in Texas and Oklahoma.

Trudy and Lynwood Fox Johnson will remain in Michigan, where she will continue to be assistant director of Detroit's Baptist center. She is a graduate of Mercer University and Southern Seminary.

The McNabbs will stay in Racine. He will be a church planter apprentice for the Minnesota/Wisconsin Baptist Fellowship. McNabb has been a student pastor and assistant pastor of churches in Arkansas and Wisconsin, and he has been assistant chaplain and chaplain intern at hospitals in Texas. He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary.

The Moragas will continue to work in Waco, and he will be a catalytic missionary to Hispanics. A graduate of Howard Payne University, he has been director of church development for Waco Baptist Association and pastor of churches in Texas and California.

The Pichs couple will remain in Lakeland, where he will be missionary pastor of the Spanish Mission of Lakeside Baptist Church. They recently immigrated to the United States from Cuba, and he was pastor of churches in the western part of that country. He attended Baptist Theological Seminary in Havana.

Appointed mission pastor interns were Walter Enoch Copeland of Waianae, Hawaii; Vincent L. and Marilyn Inzerillo of Everett, Wash.; Paul P. and Pasty Joseph of Wake Forest, N.C.; David and Carolyn Sue Lovett of Knoxville, Tenn.; Michael R. and Andrea McCain of Fairburn, Ga.; and Marlon and Carol Rossitter of Cocoa, Fla.

Granted church pastoral assistance were Willie Edward Allstock III and Rebecca Elaine Allstock of Falmouth, Ky.; Jim and Diana Byington of Rome, N.Y.; Jerry and Sylvia DeOliveira of San Jose, Calif.; Larry and Donna Jean Henry of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Andy and Scharla Lynn Hollinger of Sylvester, Ga.; Eric Bruce and Barbara Faye Lawrence of Kansas City, Mo.; William and Evelyn Rorer of Bolingbrook, Ill.; and Gary and Elaine Williams of Rockingham, N.C.

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Church Growth Consultants
Selected for Two Areas

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--The wide scope of missions in the 1980s unfolded here as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board named two regional consultants on evangelism and church growth, voted more than \$190,000 for relief and hunger projects in nine countries, but still saved four hours to discuss global strategy with educator-analyst Ted Ward.

The board, at its September meeting, also authorized Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia to work with Indonesian Baptist leaders in negotiating an agreement with the government for relocation of the Bukittinggi Hospital. The hospital has been the target of strong Moslem opposition since its opening, and these pressures have built to the point where the government is insisting the hospital be relocated in a more favorable area.

Named to the new regional evangelism and church growth consultant posts were Farrell E. Runyan, a 29-year veteran of African missions work, who will be consultant for Africa; and William L. Wagner, fraternal representative to Austria, who will be consultant for Europe and the Middle East.

Two other regional evangelism and church growth consultants will be named later for Latin America and Asia. These four consultants will be part of a team led by Ervin E. Haste, the board's evangelism and church growth consultant in Richmond. They will assist missionaries and Baptist leaders in helping develop evangelism and church growth strategy in each country. Haste expects all four consultants to be at work in their new assignments by Jan. 1.

"We believe this concept is going to bring a whole new day to the planning that missionaries do," Haste said. "It's different from anything we've done in the past and we're excited about it."

The board appropriated a total of \$193,366 in general relief and hunger relief funds, much of which had already been released on an emergency basis to meet disaster needs following Hurricane Allen in the Caribbean and major floods in Bangladesh.

The total included another \$80,000 to aid victims of the hurricane and to repair damage to Baptist properties. Emergency release of \$44,400 was made in an immediate response to the needs in Barbados, Martinique, St. Lucia, Haiti and Jamaica.

Board members pushed rapidly through more routine items in order to save time for strategy discussion with Ward, a Michigan State University professor frequently called upon to critique the work of Christian mission groups. Ward, who travels widely in helping various governments develop their educational programs, urged board members and staff to be ready for those moments in history when God's opportunities call for new approaches.

The four-hour session was designed to fine tune perceptions of world realities and brainstorm ways the board can expand its repertoire of approaches to missions.

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"I'm not here to tell you what to do but to urge you to see our moment in history as a moment demanding new vision," said Ward.

One of the realities of missions emerged earlier in the board meeting as action was taken on the Immanuel Hospital at Bukittinggi, Indonesia.

Efforts to provide a medical facility in that part of Sumatra date back to the early 1960s. Despite repeated opposition from religious leaders in the heavily Moslem area, the hospital opened an outpatient clinic in 1975 and began inpatient service the following year.

But the hospital's location has become a political issue, and the government now indicates it must be relocated in an area where there would be less local opposition.

In other actions, the board paid tribute to G. Norman Price, who is retiring at the end of October after 17 years as associate secretary for publications. Board chairman John W. Patterson of Virginia gave Price a plaque of appreciation, and Travis Berry of Texas presented him a check on behalf of the board.

The board also raised the figure on its 1981 budget by \$500,000, bringing to \$90,448,366 the total being used to project next year's budget. A revised estimate of the total expected to be received next year in designated gifts made the increase possible.

Bob and Terri Brokering of Michigan and Virginia, respectively, were named special project medical workers for Mexico during the meeting.

The two new church growth consultants are both veteran missionaries. Runyan, a native of Simpsonville, S.C., and his wife, Libby, were appointed missionaries in 1946. They served in Nigeria 17 years, then returned to the United States, where he was an evangelist through 1968 and produced a radio program heard in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Reappointed in 1968, the Runyans opened work in Senegal, Africa's westernmost country.

Runyan is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S.C., and holds master and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of Barton Baptist Church, Lucedale, Miss., before appointment in 1946. His wife is the former Elizabeth Barnett of Campobello, S.C.

Wagner and his wife, Sally, were the first Southern Baptist missionaries to serve in Austria, where they have been fraternal representatives to Austrian Baptists. He also directs and teaches in a Baptist Bible school which was opened there in 1971.

He is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, and holds the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He also attended the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and received the doctor of missiology degree from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

Wagner served as pastor of Hermosa Drive Baptist Church in his native Albuquerque before their appointment to Austria in 1965. His wife is the former Sally Ann Crook of Monte Vista, Colo.

Baptists Urge House Panel
To Reject Prayer Proposal

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two long-time Baptist proponents of church-state separation joined other witnesses here in urging a House of Representatives subcommittee to reject the controversial Helms Amendment which would deny federal courts jurisdiction in school prayer cases.

R.G. Puckett, former editor of the Maryland Baptist and current executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, told the panel government has "no expertise" in "looking after our children's spiritual well being."

Puckett, also a member of the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, challenged the contention by some supporters of the Helms measure that moral decay in the public schools and the country was precipitated by the 1962 and 1963 Supreme Court decisions on school prayer.

"I contend that the modern classroom is a reflection of the modern living room," Puckett said.

Fred Schwengel, a former congressman from Iowa and also a Baptist, passionately warned the committee that "the greatest freedom we have should not be tampered with in any way—that is the freedom of religion."

Schwengel, who led the fight in the House against a proposed constitutional amendment to "put prayer back in school" in 1971, said, "A religious experience to be acceptable to God and be worthy of the name must be a voluntary response to God. The powers of government...must not be used in an attempt to force people to be religious."

Subcommittee member George E. Danielson, D-Calif., expressed concern that a pattern of limiting Supreme Court jurisdiction might be set by the Helms Amendment. "It is one of those viruses that tends to spread and grow," he said. "I can see where it has a lot of appeal for those people who wish to exert their will over others."

The only witnesses speaking in favor of the Helms proposal were Catherine B. Jolley, a teacher for 30 years in the District of Columbia public schools, and Mary Bull, president of the National Committee to Restore Voluntary School Prayer.

Jolley said that when she began teaching, a daily devotional period "made many problems of the day vanish," and "helped teachers cope with impossible discipline problems."