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HMB Directors OK Title Changes,
Support Center, Approve Goals

By Marv Knox

ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors changed titles of the board's officers and top staff members, voted to support a broad-based Urban Church Studies Center and approved program goals for the coming year.

The actions occurred during the board's fall meeting, when directors also created two new staff positions to emphasize direct evangelism and named a director of missionary personnel.

The switch changed title of the executive director-treasurer, the board's top administrator, to president and chief financial officer. The associate executive director-treasurer was titled associate to the president. Directors of the board's four sections were renamed vice presidents for their respective sections.

The move also caused the president of the board of directors to be renamed chairman of the board. First and second vice president titles were changed to first and second vice chairmen. The recording secretary was titled secretary of the board, and the assistant recording secretary was named assistant secretary of the board.

"Other Southern Baptist Convention agencies have made similar moves" with titles of their officers and administrators, said Howard Cockrum of Knoxville, Tenn., who became chairman rather than president. He said it was to make titles reflect the common conceptions of job responsibilities.

In other action, the board joined four SBC agencies and the six SBC seminaries in supporting the Center for Urban Church Studies.

The center will be planned to enable Southern Baptists to more effectively reach people for Christ and bring them into churches, according to a report proposing the venture, presented by director Frank Holladay of Carrollton, Ga.

The center will be managed by a governing board of representatives from the agencies and the seminaries and operated by a director hired by the governing board.

It will conduct studies of urban areas around the world and provide data useful in program development. It also will initiate and assist in applied research, serve as a repository for information and provide consultation and training for staffs of SBC agencies and institutions.

"We're losing ground in our urban areas," said William G. Tanner, board president. "Creation of this center is an effort to turn things around and start gaining ground."

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The center will be located at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn. The Foreign Mission Board, Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union will participate with the seminaries, Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board.

Robert Deneen of Darlington, S.C., outlined more than 290 stated goals of the board for 1981. Among those goals are plans to recruit 450 missions personnel, to acquaint one million Baptists with biblical and historical understanding of spiritual awakening, to enlist 800 Mission Service Corps volunteers, to provide at least \$20 million for new church construction and to maintain 60 US-2 missionaries on fields of service.

"These goals have a definite effect on Home Mission Board planning and strategy," Cockrum said. "They make a difference in what the board will be doing."

In response to requests from the field, the board added associate director positions in mass evangelism and in personal evangelism, effective Jan. 1, 1981.

"We're delighted, simply because the field has given us the demand for these positions," said C.B. Hogue, vice president for evangelism. "In order to fulfill our first objective (evangelizing the United States) and to equip state directors of evangelism, we need these staff positions. One man working at each task is not enough."

Irvin Dawson, formerly associate director of missionary personnel, was named director of the missionary personnel department. He will give leadership, supervision and correlation to recruitment and screening of all candidates for missionary appointment by the board.

He has been pastor in North Carolina and mission pastor in California. He also has been director of language missions for the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention and assistant secretary and associate director of the Home Mission Board Language Missions Division. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dawson replaces Don Rhymes, who resigned to become pastor of Prays Mill Baptist Church in Douglasville, Ga.

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Christian Lifestylers Say
God's People on Poores' Side

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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (BP)--"The people of God, if they are really the people of God, are on the side of the poor," said author-educator Ron Sider who addressed a Baptist conference on Developing a Responsible Christian Lifestyle.

Speakers at the three-day meeting, sponsored by the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, repeatedly called for simplified lifestyles and closer identification with the poor and hungry. The 200 conference participants also took part in workshops on issues such as housing for the poor, hunger, energy use and preaching on Christian lifestyles.

Sider, author of "Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger," warned against adopting legalistic definitions of "simple lifestyle" but said Christians must confront the Bible's "clear teaching" about responsibility toward the poor and hungry in the world.

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Sider said the "desperate poverty of hundreds of millions," coupled with "billions who have never heard of Jesus Christ," are two compelling reasons for American Christians—the "rich minority"—to live more simply.

Though conference participants declined, after long discussion, to recommend a series of "simple lifestyle guidelines," Sider listed six thoughts Christians should keep in mind as they "study the Bible hand in hand with the newspaper." These include: a move toward a lifestyle that could be maintained by everyone in the world; distinguishing between luxury and need; avoiding the hype of "keeping up with the Joneses;" distinguishing between individual's gifts and things that are needed for everyone; distinguishing between occasional celebration and routine living; learning there is no necessary connection between what Christians earn and their lifestyle.

World evangelization, he said, will never be possible until Christians live more simply in order to channel more financial resources into global missions. At the same time, Sider added, Christians must work for "economic justice" in the world.

Sider and other conference speakers emphasized that individual lifestyle commitments should find support and corporate expression in the local church.

Glenn Hinson, professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, pointed out that "history shows that mainline churches, like people, choose a lifestyle they can afford or would like to maintain." He said throughout history churches have had a tendency to "drift the way of culture." He urged churches to reexamine their budgets in light of scriptural teachings about priorities.

Sider said churches and individuals should consider lifestyle questions from the perspective of "our poor brothers and sisters in the body of Christ," particularly those of the Third World. "Think how your family's discussion about a vacation would be affected if it were done in the context of a poor family from Brazil," he said. He urged churches to match building funds with funds for Third World justice and evangelism.

Speakers also challenged seminar participants to ground their lifestyle commitments in prayer and Bible study. "Our starting point and modifying corporate lifestyles rest not in external considerations, but in internal considerations," said Hinson. "We need to see the world through God's eyes."

Cecil Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, noted that Christians are "under relentless pressure" to adopt society's materialistic standards. He said more effective leadership is needed to help resist this pressure.

"Baptist people have in their very beings a capacity to respond to lifestyle commitments," he said. "But we have not been asked to be much. There are people in the pews of every one of our churches who want to be challenged to live a life that is noble, joyous and distinctively Christian."

Baptist Faith and Message
Group Hits Georgia Editor

By Dan Martin

BUCHANAN, Ga. (BP)--Directors of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship will decline a Georgia Baptist Convention request that the words "Southern Baptist" be removed from their publication, Southern Baptist Journal.

"Our directors voted not to comply with the request," said William A. Powell Sr., executive vice president of the fellowship and editor of the publication.

"They also asked me to write to the Georgia Baptist executive committee telling them our decision and requesting that they instruct the editor of the Christian Index (Jack Harwell) to state in each issue of the publication that he denies the Bible is the infallible word of God," Powell said.

The request for the removal of the words from the Journal logo was officially relayed to him by Searcy S. Garrison, executive secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, Powell said.

Garrison was instructed last fall by messengers to the 1979 Georgia Baptist Convention to "make a formal announcement to the press stating that the Southern Baptist Journal is not affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention" and to formally request removal of the words "Southern Baptist" from the publication.

"We received his letter in May," Powell said, adding the "first time we could deal with it" was during a meeting attended by "10 or 12" BFMF directors at a cabin owned by director Bill Chapman near Sylva, N.C., in late August.

He said notification of the response was delayed because he "just received the names and addresses" of the members of the GBC executive committee in mid-October. The names, he explained, are on record "but it was very hard to obtain their addresses."

Powell will send a letter "sometime next week" to all members of the executive committee, which includes "between 120 and 130 people," informing them of the decision not to comply with the request and making their own counter request.

"We voted not to comply with their request and the main reason we did so is that one Baptist organization cannot tell another Baptist organization what to do. The Georgia Baptist Convention does not answer to us and we do not answer to them," Powell said.

Although an attempt is being made to force Harwell to include in the Christian Index a statement that "he denies the Bible is the infallible word of God," Powell said no concerted effort will be made at the 1980 Georgia Baptist Convention to get Harwell fired.

Harwell, who has been Christian Index editor 14 years, survived a heated attempt to have him ousted over alleged liberal views toward the infallibility of the Bible at the 1979 meeting in Savannah.

Powell did say, however, that "a move is underway to elect a conservative as GBC president who will follow in the tracks of (Adrian) Rogers and (Bailey) Smith. I did not head the move up, nor did I start it, but I will do all I can to help it along," he said.

Informed Georgia sources indicate a movement has been launched to turn out 2,000 laymen to elect Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, and a well-known religious and political conservative.

He added his letter to executive committee members is being timed so "they will have the opportunity to deal with it" when the committee meets immediately before the convention begins" and report to the messengers "if they so desire."

"I do not know what they will do," he admitted, "but I will be a little surprised if they comply and instruct the editor."

The Georgia Baptist Convention meets Nov. 10-12 in Tucker, Ga., an Atlanta suburb.

Powell, a former staffer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, also said BFMF directors elected Walter M. Fowler, pastor of Oak Level Baptist Church in Winter Garden, Fla., as president and chairman of the board of directors during the August get-together.

Fowler was elected to replace M.O. Owen of Gastonia, N.C., who resigned in June during a director's meeting at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo.

Owen, a member of the fellowship when it was formed in 1973, told Baptist Press at the time of his resignation "a split" had occurred within the ranks of the organization during a dispute over the editorship of Southern Baptist Journal.

Owen at the time told Baptist Press directors voted 9-7 in favor of removing Russell Kaemmerling as editor and restoring Powell to the job. Powell, however, said minutes of the meeting reflect the vote was 9-2 in his favor.

Kaemmerling since has resigned the pastorate of First Baptist Church of West Columbia, S.C., and started a new publication, Southern Baptist Advocate, in Dallas.

Owen also said at least five directors of BFMF resigned during the dispute. Powell disagrees: "I do not see how it could rightfully be called a split. We had 24 directors and two resigned at that meeting. It was not a split; we are alive and well and growing and back on schedule each month with the Journal."

The Journal, he said, is mailed to 10,530 persons, including "between 50 and 100 churches" who send it to their membership.

The membership of Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship is a "relatively small number," he said. "The major function is the publication of Southern Baptist Journal. We are not promoting an organization or trying to build membership. Our task is to try to inform Southern Baptists...to alert people of the cancer of liberalism existing in our Southern Baptist Convention colleges and seminaries and portions of the SBC establishment."

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Three New Positions Filled
At Foreign Board Meeting

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Three key positions were filled in October as the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board continued its staffing for the reorganization plan announced earlier this year.

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Named were Samuel M. James, associate to the director for east Asia, who will be director of orientation and development; Mell R. Plunk, a missionary to Argentina, who will become candidate consultant for central Texas; and Roy L. Lyon, who will be regional consultant on evangelism and church growth for Latin America. Two new administrative assistants to area directors also were announced.

James, 48, was a missionary to Vietnam for 13 years, beginning there as director of theological education. When the country fell to the communists in 1975, he was president of the Vietnam Baptist Theological Seminary, Saigon.

In his new role in the Office of Human Resources, James will be responsible for shaping the orientation and missionary development program at the Missionary Orientation Center to be constructed near Richmond in Rockville, Va. The center is scheduled to open in 1983. W. David Lockard will continue as manager of the career missionary orientation program.

James and his wife, the former Rachel Kerr, both of North Carolina, have four children.

Plunk, 42, a Texas native, has been serving in Mendoza, Argentina, as coordinator of the Mendoza Association and directing the association's extension program. He previously was director of Baptist student work in La Plata, Argentina, serving more than 55,000 students at the University of La Plata. He also was pastor of First Baptist Church, La Plata, and of two churches in Mendoza.

Plunk will begin work as candidate consultant for the central Texas region, which includes Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, effective Dec. 15. Under the new department structure, Plunk will work with missionary applicants from initial contact through the appointment process.

He and his wife, the former Sue Briggs of Odessa, Texas, have three children.

Plunk is the second candidate consultant to be announced by the personnel selection department, one of four departments in the Office of Human Resources. Don A. Reavis has been named to serve the western region, including Golden Gate and Midwestern Baptist Seminaries. Three other candidate consultants will be named later.

From 1975 until he assumed his new position Aug. 1, Reavis was an associate secretary for missionary personnel with responsibility for Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

A Texas native, Reavis is married to the former Barbara Walker of Shreveport, La. They have two children.

As part of the board's added emphasis on evangelism, Lyon was named regional consultant on evangelism and church growth for Latin America. Serving under the board's consultant, Ervin Hastey, Lyon will assist missionaries and nationals in on-the-field mission planning. He is the third of four such regional consultants to be named by the Office of Overseas Operations.

Lyon, 62, a native of Waco, Texas, has been director of the evangelism department at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. Appointed as a missionary to Mexico in 1952, he directed the department of city missions for the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, with headquarters in Mexico City. He also taught at the Mexican Baptist Theological Seminary in Torreon (now in Mexico City) and did general evangelistic work until 1966 when he transferred to Venezuela. He became president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Venezuela when it opened in 1970, and served there until moving to the publishing house in 1979.

Lyon and his wife, the former Alma Ruth Madden of San Antonio, have six children.

The two new administrative assistants join five others already on the staff.

Lloyd H. Atkinson, 39, was named administrative assistant to Bryan Brasington, area director for western South America. A former missionary to Chile, Atkinson has been pastor of Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Va., for the past three and a half years. A Miami, Fla., native, Atkinson and his wife, the former Sue Jones of Cleburne, Texas, have two children.

J. Murphy Terry, 43, former missionary to Laos, Thailand, and Sri Lanka, will become administrative assistant to William R. Wakefield, area director for South and Southeast Asia. Since August 1979, Terry, an Illinois native, has been the board's regional personnel representative for Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and the Texas Gulf Coast. He and his wife, the former Linda Oakes of Fairfield, Texas, have three sons.

Five administrative assistants already have been named to assist area directors in the daily operation of their offices.

Joy Neal, a native Mississippian and former journeyman in Zambia and Kenya, is administrative assistant to Davis Saunders, area director for eastern and southern Africa. Elise Bridges, a 12-year employee of the board, is administrative assistant for J.D. Hughey, area director for Europe and the Middle East. Thelma Bryant, who came to the board in 1948 as a stenographer in the office of the late M. Theron Rankin, former executive director, is administrative assistant for the area director of western South America, Thurmon Bryant, no relation.

Trudy English, who has worked in the office of middle America and the Caribbean since 1974, is the administrative assistant to area director Don Kammerdiener. Betty Kay Abell, who grew up in Nigeria, where her parents are still Southern Baptist missionaries, is administrative assistant to John Mills, area director for west Africa. She was a missionary journeyman in Ivory Coast.

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**New Home Missionaries Include
Veterans of Foreign Fields**

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ATLANTA (BP)--Seven former foreign missionaries were among 35 persons appointed to mission service by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during their fall meeting.

The former Foreign Mission Board-appointed missionaries are Urban and Loretta Green, who served in Nigeria and Ghana from 1963 to 1978; James Kellum Jr. and Paulette Kellum, who worked in Vietnam and the Philippines from 1971 to 1980; Gordon Robinson, who served in Nigeria from 1955 to 1980; Wade Akins, an FMB journeyman in South Vietnam from 1968 to 1970, and Sherry Akins, a journeyman in Nigeria from 1968 to 1970. All seven persons were appointed to missionary status.

"The appointment by the Home Mission Board of seven former Southern Baptist foreign missionaries emphasizes the reciprocal nature of mission personnel today and underscores Southern Baptists' world mission efforts," said board President William G. Tanner, of the appointments, which raised the total home mission force to 3,016.

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Other appointments included four missionaries, 10 missionary associates, two mission pastor interns and 12 persons who will receive church pastoral assistance.

The Greens will work in Tulsa, Okla., where he will be director of the Baptist Educational Center, working in cooperation with the board's black church relations department. Before going to Nigeria and Ghana, he was a school teacher in Colorado and pastor of churches in Colorado and Oklahoma. Since returning to the United States, he has taught school in Tulsa. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Texas Wesleyan College.

The Kellums will live in Memphis, Tenn., and he will be a language missions consultant for Shelby Baptist Association. Before his service in the Far East, he was pastor of churches in Mississippi and Washington. After his return, he was minister of youth and education in Mississippi. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Robinson will live in Talent, Ore., where he will be director of missions for Douglas-Siskiyou Baptist Associations. Before going to Nigeria, he was minister of music and youth and pastor of churches in California. He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Akins couple will work in Landover Hills, Md. He will be director of missions for Prince Georges Baptist Association. Before becoming a journeyman, he was pastor of churches in Louisiana. Since his return, he has been pastor of churches in Louisiana and a vocational evangelist, based in Maryland. He is a graduate of Louisiana College and Southwestern and New Orleans Seminaries.

Other missionaries appointed were George and Leona Davis of Fairfield, Ill., and Don and Barbara Wells of Deer Park, Texas.

Named missionary associates were Frank and Maria Archer of Louisville, Ky.; William and Evelyn Foote of Memphis, Tenn.; Farrell and Judy Carol Hamilton of Fort Worth, Texas; Steve and Deldra Morse of New Orleans, La.; and Chris and Candy Ray of Ellensburg, Wash.

The Davis couple will work in Champaign, Ill., where he will be director of missions for East Central Illinois Baptist Association. He has been pastor of churches in Illinois and most recently was director of missions for Greater Wabash Baptist Association in Illinois. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Wells couple will work in Houston, Texas, where he is chaplain at the International Seamen's Center at the Port of Houston. He has been pastor of churches in Texas, and he is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

The Archers will live in Detroit, Mich., where he will be a church planter apprentice. He is a native of Guyana, South America, where he was a pastor. He is a graduate of Boyce Bible School.

The Footes will work in Southfield, Mich. He will be a church starter. He has been pastor of churches in Kentucky and Tennessee and has served as director of annual giving and alumni affairs for Union University. He is a graduate of Union University and Southern Seminary.

The Hamiltons will move to Denver, Colo., and he will be a church starter. He has been pastor of churches in Oklahoma and Texas, and is a graduate of Dallas Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary.

The Morse couple will relocate in Clovis, Calif., where he will be a church planter apprentice. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and New Orleans Seminary, and has been a youth minister and a student assistant in the seminary's field education office.

The Rays will work in Seattle, Wash., where he will be a church planter apprentice. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and Southwestern Seminary.

Appointed mission pastor interns were Pat and Linda Alvey of Springfield, Colo.

Approved for church pastoral assistance were L.E. and Linda Boydston of Portland, Ore.; Paul and Linda Donaldson of Chester, W.Va.; Bob and Eva Mae McGraw of Glenwood, Ill.; Jack and Arminda Stricklan of Albuquerque, N.M.; Bill and Chris Walker of Wake Forest, N.C.; and Lee and Janice Wallenmeyer of Topock, Ariz.

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Board Hones 'Spearhead'
Of Global Evangelism

By Robert O'Brien

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board honed the "spearhead" of global evangelism and church growth at its October meeting, voting a \$90.4 million budget for 1981, appointing 36 missionaries, filling five staff positions, and voting to enter a new country.

In planning its Bold Mission Thrust agenda to proclaim Christ to the world by A.D. 2000, the board reflected on its past--honoring 18 emeritus missionaries with 610 years of combined service and celebrating 50 years of service to the board by treasurer Everett L. Deane, who retires Dec. 31.

"Evangelism must be the spearhead of missions," declared Charles Bryan, vice president for overseas operations, as he reviewed current efforts and future strategy for expansion of evangelism and church growth.

"It's the straightforward effort to seek to reconcile men and women to God through Christ Jesus," Bryan continued. "Behind the point of the spear and still on its cutting edge is the concrete expression of God's compassionate caring and other aspects of mission. Ultimately behind even the head of the spear stands the shaft which is the support system that Baptists lend to mission."

The board took steps to strengthen "the shaft," by approving a budget of \$90,448,366 in one of more than 200 actions taken at its annual meeting.

The budget anticipates \$36,148,366 in funds from the SBC Cooperative Program and its Bold Advance portion, \$45 million from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions, and the balance from miscellaneous sources.

In a separate action, the board approved formation of a 20-person development council to seek new sources of revenue from individuals who will respond to the challenge to help offset the declining buying power of the dollar.

The board also voted to join with Spanish Baptists and possibly Brazilian Baptists, both products of Southern Baptist missions, to open work in the small west African nation of Equatorial Guinea. It will mark the first time Southern Baptist missionaries and missionaries of another country have joined in a single mission effort--and the first time the Spanish Baptist Union has sent missionaries.

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In an address to the board at Deane's retirement luncheon, Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, emphasized the need for Southern Baptists "to walk together as a family" to build a strong base, through evangelism and church growth and planting in the United States, to develop the resources for reaching the rest of the world for Christ.

Looking back over the past 20 years, Bennett noted that Southern Baptist churches have received \$18.9 billion, of which the total Cooperative Program, both state and national, has received \$1.76 billion. Of the \$1.76 billion, he said, \$610.7 million has gone to Southern Baptist Convention causes and \$295.4 million (48.36 percent) to the Foreign Mission Board.

"We have not done poorly, although we could note that only 1.56 percent of the \$18.9 billion has gone to foreign missions," Bennett said. "But I don't look at it negatively. Southern Baptists will respond. The needed new missionaries will come and the support will come. God is looking for men and women all over the world to whom he may demonstrate his power."

In moves designed to strengthen abilities of the home office staff to respond to overseas missions needs, the Foreign Mission Board added five new staffers.

They are Samuel M. James, associate to the area director for east Asia, as director of the board's orientation and development department; Mell R. Plunk, missionary to Argentina, as missionary candidate consultant for central Texas; Roy L. Lyon, director of evangelism for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, as regional consultant for evangelism and church growth for Latin America; Lloyd Atkinson, former missionary and currently a pastor in Chesapeake, Va., as administrative assistant to Bryan Brasington, area director for western South America; and J. Murphy Terry, former missionary and now regional personnel representative for five states, as administrative assistant to William R. Wakefield, area director for south and southeast Asia.

Faced with escalating world needs, the board appropriated \$456,100 for relief around the world—almost half targeted for relief of flood and drought victims in Africa and South America. Relief contributions through September totaled \$3,205,686, almost double the amount given in the same period last year.

John R. Cheyne, consultant for relief ministries, presented a position paper to the Foreign Mission Board's overseas council, suggesting ways to fit immediate and long range hunger and relief response into the context of the total missions program.

The 36 new appointees, who gave testimonies at a special service at Richmond's New Bridge Baptist Church, included four children of missionaries and two former missionary journeymen.

Career missionary appointees were Mark and Susan Bro Andrews of Massachusetts and Wisconsin, respectively, assigned to Chile; Tom and Phyllis Smith Baker, Kansas and Kentucky, to Spain; Ed and Judy Saunders Barnes, Georgia and Tennessee, to Malawi; David and Carolyn Greenway Bishop, South Carolina and Georgia, to Korea; Richard and Marilyn Haas Curtis, Texas and Kentucky, to Japan; Fred and Laura McCarty Dallas, North Carolina and Texas, to Spain; Dennis and Judi Synco Folds, Louisiana and Arkansas, to Japan; and Jim and Dorothy Fletcher Foster, Texas, to Upper Volta.

Also appointed were Judy Honbarrier, North Carolina, to Ghana; Al and Edna Hughes Lindholm, California and Kentucky, to Yemen; Victor and Lucinda Shelton Lyons, Virginia and Uruguay, to Chile; Janet McDowell, Missouri, to Tanzania; David and Barbara Magee Murray,

Mississippi and Louisiana, to French West Indies; Van and Mary Hancock Thompson, Kentucky, to Malawi; Dale and Pam Miles Warton, Ohio and Indiana, to Taiwan; and Tom and Jennifer Jones Wells, New York and Florida, to Korea.

Employed as missionary associates were Houston and Charla Hallock Greenhaw, Oklahoma and Brazil, to Brazil; David and Darlene Anderson Sorley, Minnesota, to Uganda; and I.D. and Marie Hollimon Walker, Oklahoma and Alabama, to West Germany.

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New Albany Revival
Ends, Spirit Continues

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NEW ALBANY, Ind. (BP)—Nightly meetings stopped after 120 days but the revival spirit continues at Graceland Baptist Church in New Albany.

The church received national attention when an originally planned four-day meeting stretched into three months with reports of healings, deliverance and a move of the Holy Spirit unprecedented in its experience.

"God just continues to move in our congregation in the same kind of way," said Jeff Barbour, associate pastor.

There are no more nightly meetings, but attendance at regular weekly meetings has swelled, filling both Sunday morning services in the 1,200-seat auditorium. The church has added a regular Thursday morning prayer service, Thursday night cottage prayer meetings and a Saturday morning visitation program.

The 3,000-member church had over 500 additions for the year, including 268 during the revival that began May 18. It baptized 317 persons, nearly triple the number last year, and weekly gifts increased about \$3,000 to between \$11,000 and \$12,000, statistics Barbour says are attributable to the revival.

Regular Vacation Bible Schools were the only thing cancelled because of the revival meetings. A summer camp program saw over 300 children make decisions for Christ. The summer recreational program continued after the nightly meetings, with softball games on the lighted church fields sometimes going until midnight.

The meeting became a topic of study for evangelism students from nearby Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Evangelist James Hylton, who led most of the meetings, presented a paper on the meetings at an awakening conference at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

More astounding testimonies of healings occurred, including a man sent home from a Houston cancer research center told there was no hope for his collapsed lung that had a tumor in it. He attended the Graceland meeting, was prayed for, and a week later called to say doctors were astounded when new check-ups showed his lung was reinflated.

"I've always believed those things, read about them in the Bible, but had never seen them in practice," said Barbour.

"Still, after all that's happened, it's so little compared to what we believe the Lord wants to do by sweeping revival across the country," he said. "There's so much more to happen."

Maybe it will begin when evangelist Manley Beasley leads revival meetings at Graceland in March.

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