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**Japan Mission Investment
Brings American Dividends**

RICHMOND, VA. (BP)—C. K. Dozier never dreamed his tiny Japanese middle school would one day send students to evangelize American college kids.

Dozier, a pioneer Southern Baptist missionary to Japan, started Seinan Gakuin (Southwest rn Academy) in 1916 to educate young boys in the city of Fukuoka in southern Japan.

Sixty-five years later, Seinan Gakuin University is widely regarded as one of Japan's best educational institutions. It is also one of the largest Baptist institutions in the world, boasting 10,000 students in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, a prestigious college and seminary, and an international division that sends students to schools in the United States and France.

University Chancellor-President Toraji Murakami visited the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond recently to thank Southern Baptists for decades of support. He was accompanied by Haruo Furukawa, director of the university's international division.

"Southern Baptist missionaries laid the foundation for what we have today," Murakami told board staffers. "Pray for our institution, and for Japan, as we work to spread the gospel."

Both Murakami and Furukawa became Christians while attending Seinan Gakuin. Murakami went on to teach at the university's junior high school and college for 43 years, becoming president in 1976.

Furukawa came to the United States following graduation, studying at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., and leading several Japanese Baptist congregations in California. He returned to Japan eight years ago to spearhead Seinan Gakuin's international program.

That program exchanges students with a number of American schools, including Southern Baptist-related Baylor University in Texas, William Jewell College in Missouri, and Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas.

"Some of our exchange students become Christians in the United States," Furukawa said. "And the ones who are already Christian become stronger. And some of our students even tell about the gospel of Jesus to American students. They are our missionaries to America!"

Seinan Gakuin students who stay at home have more than enough mission challenges of their own; barely two percent of the university's student body is Christian, reflecting the overall ratio of Christians to the general population in Japan.

Southern Baptists still provide some financial support for Seinan Gakuin, and seven Southern Baptist missionaries are on the faculty. Japanese Baptists, however, now fill most leadership positions at the school which operates with the guidance of the Japan Baptist Convention.

Hatfield Seeks Improved Delivery of U.S. Food Aid

WASHINGTON (BP)--A bipartisan group of senators, led by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., has introduced legislation which would revamp the U.S. foreign aid program in an effort to help eliminate world hunger and promote global security.

The "Hunger Elimination and Global Security Act," S. 1675, would "streamline and toughen" U.S. aid programs to prevent inefficiency and foreign government misuse of funds, according to Hatfield.

He was joined at a press conference to announce the bill's introduction by three other sponsors--Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., Sen. John C. Danforth, R-Mo., and Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Ver., as well as by Art Simon, executive director of Bread for the World.

Hatfield cited as an example of the misuse of foreign aid the bill is designed to correct, statistics showing that only one-third of the food aid to Bangladesh reaches rural areas where 85-90 percent of the impoverished residents live while two-thirds of that aid goes to police, military, civil services and middle class cardholders in six major cities.

The bill would require recipient nations to target food aid and self-help measures to the most needy.

Besides sharper targeting of U.S. humanitarian aid, the bill's sponsors emphasized the linkage between hunger and global security.

"The growing specter of world hunger poses a fundamental danger to world stability," Hatfield declared.

Upon learning of the sponsors' intentions, the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board's consultant for relief ministries, John R. Cheyne, called the bill's introduction "encouraging."

Cheyne specifically praised the bill's targeting of development aid toward "the absolutely needy."

"The theory behind it (the bill) is something I support very strongly," he said.

The strong bipartisan support and the fact that the bill would not cost additional tax dollars at a time when Congress is budget conscious contribute to its chances of enactment.

The sponsoring senators are "in a position to do something about it," said Dole, who pointed out that he and Leahy serve as chairman and ranking minority member of the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Nutrition.

In addition, four of the 21 sponsoring senators are members of the Foreign Relations Committee which has jurisdiction over the bill.

In a related action, Simon issued a statement endorsed by influential political and religious leaders proposing that "the elimination of hunger and its causes be in the forefront of United States relations with developing countries."

Among the statement's endorsers were former president Gerald R. Ford, Hatfield, Dole, Billy Graham and three former secretaries of defense.

Son Succeeds
Pastor Father

ONTARIO, Calif. (BP)--Jon Allen of Grand Canyon, Ariz., has succeeded his father, who retired as pastor of the Whispering Lakes Community Church of Ontario, Calif.

Milton Allen, pastor of the church for 18 years, will remain as pastor emeritus.

Father and son serving the same church is not unique, but it is unusual. The most noted pair is Homer G. Lindsay Sr. and Jr. who led First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., as co-pastors from 1969 to 1973, when Lindsay Sr. became pastor emeritus.

Allen Jr. was a home mission pastor in the Grand Canyon National Park. He is a graduate of Golden Gate and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminaries.

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Southwestern Receives
Anonymous \$500,000 Gift

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--A \$500,000 gift from an unnamed donor has been received by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The gift is in the form of a trust with the Baptist Foundation of Texas, "the income from which is to be used for maintenance and operation of the seminary."

The gift is one of the largest in the history of the seminary, which has a \$9 million operating budget, and will be used in Vision/85, a current program to raise \$25 million for capital needs and endowment.

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Francisco Impersonator
Arrested, Held In Jail

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JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. (BP)--An itinerant singer, who visited Southern Baptist churches seeking to solicit money by claiming to be the son of a noted Bible scholar, has been arrested in this Louisville, Ky., suburb.

The man, who police identified as William E. Franks Jr., 29, also known as Benjamin J. Francisco, from Waynesburg, Ky., allegedly visited churches claiming to be the son of the late Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, an Old Testament professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, and the brother of noted gospel singer-songwriter Don Francisco.

Franks was arrested Sunday (Sept. 27) after services at Rolling Fields Baptist Church, in which he performed, gave a testimony, took a love offering and attempted to sell record albums.

He entered a guilty plea to a charge of criminal conversion in Jeffersonville City Court.

Jeffersonville City Court Judge Duard B. Avery Jr. ordered a presentencing investigation, but told Baptist Press he intends to give Franks the maximum sentence allowed, a year in the Indiana State Farm in Putnamville.

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"This is one of the most shameless incidents I have ever heard of," Avery said. "He has taken advantage of people and I think the level of deceit deserves this level of punishment."

Franks' appearance at the 500-member congregation just across the Ohio River from Louisville, is only the latest in a string of such incidents. He attempted to arrange a concert at Red Bank Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 23 and did appear in late June at First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, Ga.

James R. Schaub, pastor of the Jeffersonville church, said he was telephoned about 11:30 p.m. Saturday by a man who identified himself as the son of Dr. Clyde T. Francisco.

"He told me he was scheduled to appear in another church in our area but difficulties caused a cancellation," Schaub recalled. "He said he needed expense money and wondered if he could come to our church and have a free will offering."

Schaub, who received a doctor of ministries degree from Southern Seminary, said he inquired about the late Francisco's wife, who lives in Louisville and teaches at Boyce Bible School.

"He told me she was out of town," Schaub said, revealing he became suspicious and put the man off until the following morning. "I called Mrs. (Nancy Lee) Francisco and she told me they had had trouble with a man claiming to be Dr. Francisco's son for several years."

Schaub telephoned Jeffersonville police, who sent out John Monihon, a patrolman who also is a member of the congregation.

Schaub allowed Franks to sing, give his testimony and to take a love offering. "He became very emotional in the testimony, relating that he was with his father when he died and that he had written a song which was his father's favorite. He said he wanted to perform it for the congregation," Schaub said.

Francisco died Aug. 21, after suffering an apparent heart attack while conducting a Bible conference at Helena (Ga.) Baptist Church. The pastor, Gene Fore, said Francisco was not accompanied by any family member.

Schaub said Franks claimed to be fulfilling Francisco's engagements, and asked the church to donate funds to help him do so.

The offering, according to Jeffersonville Police Chief Jack Whittinghill, netted \$38.25. Franks was not able to sell any of his records, which he offered for \$5 each, police said.

Of the performance, Schaub said it was "just terrible. It embarrassed me; it embarrassed my people. Many of them were wondering what was going on."

The man, who was identified as Franks through a driver's license, was arrested outside the church after services had concluded. His wife, Vicky, 23, also was arrested, but police did not press charges against the woman, who is about six months pregnant.

Judge Avery complimented Schaub for "being very alert to protect his people from this kind of deception."

The judge, who has been on the bench for six years, said the incident "is absolutely terrible. I just can't imagine someone having the nerve to do this."

Summer Conference Attendance
Registers Slight Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Attendance at Southern Baptists' two national conference centers registered a slight increase as more than 58,000 persons attending summer sessions at Ridgecrest (N.C.) and Glorieta (N.M.)

Some 58,884 persons attended the week-long conferences, representing a gain of 840 over last year's attendance of 58,044.

Bill Cox, supervisor of the conference center program and promotion section at the Baptist Sunday School Board, said conferences have been filled to capacity for the past several years, which leaves room for only slight gain. "There are only a few conferences that do not reach capacity registration," he explained.

Single week high attendance was 3,418 at Glorieta student week in August.

More than 15,680 persons participated in the six Sunday School weeks, three at each conference center, up 444 over last year.

The fall and winter conference center schedule began with the simultaneous Single Adult Labor Day conference. For the first time, combined attendance at Ridgecrest and Glorieta topped 5,000.

The 10th anniversary of the senior adult Chautauquas was launched when the first of nine conferences opened Sept. 21 at Glorieta. Combined conference attendance is expected to reach nearly 8,000.

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Pastor Reaches,
Picks From Porches

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ROSELAND, Va. (BP)--Dennis Hester is not a typical pastor. But, then, Jonesboro Baptist Church in Roseland isn't a typical church.

Membership in the small church is scattered over 500 square miles.

To get better acquainted with his far flung members and their neighbors, Hester writes an inspirational column, "The Daily Walk," for the county weekly newspaper.

He also goes to some of the half dozen or so grocery stores that dot the countryside to play his guitar and sing.

"I just sit down on the porch, or on a bench inside the store, and start singing. It's amazing how many people you can meet that way," he said.

"If we reach the unchurched," says Hester, "I'm convinced we've got to get out and rub shoulders with the everyday world."

Hester, a native of Kernersville, N.C., graduated from Gardner Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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