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McDaniel Credits Recovery
From Fall as 'God's Protection'

By Lynn P. Clayton

ZACHARY, La. (BP)—Max McDaniel volunteered for a mission trip to Honduras to help construct a church building. He returned to Zachary, La. with a broken back, paralyzed from his waist down.

But McDaniel's retelling of the experience is not a morbid dwelling on the tragedy last March; it is his testimony of God's love and protective grace.

Mission tours had long been part of McDaniel's life. He took groups of 10 people to Rochester, N.Y., for 12 years to conduct Vacation Bible Schools and participated in other such jaunts.

McDaniel, 62, took early retirement last year with his wife Wilma, bought a new self-contained camper so they could go wherever the mission call led. It was only natural he would volunteer when his church, Zachary First Baptist, began organizing the construction trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

"It was the last day we were to work," McDaniel recalled. "There were four men on the roof. We were taping across the roof to make sure it was straight, and I reached over the edge to get the end of the tape. "I was familiar with the roofing material (they were using to cover the roof) and knew not to trust it too much. But I guess I was in a hurry and put too much weight on it."

The whole outer edge of the long tile broke, plunging him 18 feet to the ground smashing his back onto a concrete block. "Initially I couldn't feel anything and couldn't move my legs. I knew my back was hurt, but I didn't know how bad," he said.

It was from that minute he could see God's care for him.

"We were about four miles out of town. We only had two trucks and 10 minutes later they would have been gone. The Lord was looking after me all along," he said.

He was placed in the back of a truck and the drive began. McDaniel said the men, none of whom spoke Spanish, knew one of three hospitals in the city was superior in its staff and care, but they did not know which one. "We just finally had to choose one, and it turned out to be the best."

When they arrived at the hospital, there was an excellent neuro-surgeon there, "and in a few minutes his associates were there and an anesthesiologist. Within an hour after I was hurt I was in surgery," McDaniel said.

McDaniel has only praise for the hospital staff. "The surgeon, Dr. Dias, charged only half a normal fee, because, he said, 'you were down here helping my people.'"

Even then McDaniel's concern was with the project. "I was upset that it would stop the work. But they kept working and stopped every 30 minutes to pray for me."

In addition, many groups of Honduran Baptists came to the hospital to show prayerful concern. "One group didn't know what to do because they couldn't speak English, so they sang for me," he remembered with a smile.

Mrs. McDaniel, who had stayed in Zachary, shares the testimony of God's care. She was able to have an emergency passport only four hours after receiving word of his accident. The next day she was beside her husband in Honduras.

In spite of what McDaniel considers his excellent care in Honduras, where he stayed for eight days, he continued to lose ground physically. "The pain was so great I couldn't eat," McDaniel explained.

Again God's provision became apparent. Zachary FBC pastor Wayne Barnes had also gone to be with McDaniel. They worked to get tickets on a "sold out" airliner, have a stretcher sent from Zachary and get moved from the hospital to the plane. The seemingly impossible was accomplished with people working on the project in Louisiana and Honduras.

Incredibly, when McDaniel and Mrs. McDaniel boarded the plane to New Orleans, 25 doctors and nurses returning from a South American mission tour were on board. One doctor, an Episcopalian from Kalamazoo, Mich., just took over," Mrs. McDaniel recalled.

When the plane landed in New Orleans, John Womack, a member of FBC and mayor of Zachary, met the McDaniels with a neuro-surgeon. McDaniel was taken immediately to Oschner's Clinic where he had surgery to replace the two 10-inch steel rods in support of the broken spinal column and to protect the spinal cord. That greatly relieved the excruciating pain.

Doctors predicted McDaniel would remain in Oschner's for four to six weeks. Ten days later he was moved to the Hebert Rehabilitation Center. He spent April 5 - July 11 there "learning a new way of life."

He also continued missionary endeavors. He soon started a Bible study among the patients and points to a number of spiritual, emotional and physical improvements in patients as further signs of God's provision.

McDaniel is home now, slowly building a new approach to life. The camper bought to go on mission trips is for sale and he talks about the new tool sharpening equipment he has just bought. But there is no bitterness in his soft-spoken, precise voice. His gentle smile seldom leaves his lips.

He refuses to blame God in any way for the accident. "He took care of me so well afterward. It was my own carelessness that caused it," he pointed out. McDaniel and his wife say simply that they are glad the accident, if it had to occur, did not happen to one of the younger men on the work crew.

He shows visitors a letter from the Honduran pastor of the congregation on whose building McDaniel was working: "Your efforts and sacrifice will not have been in vain, dear brother and I promise to preach until we have brought the Lord to the whole community."

As for the future, McDaniel says, "From now on, I'm leaning on the Lord."

His church is raising money for a specially equipped van for him and the community of Zachary has joined the effort with a Catholic lady contributing \$1,000. "We couldn't have made it without the love and prayers of our church. We owe so much to them," the couple insisted.

One thing is sure. McDaniel and Mrs. McDaniel's strong faith will guide them. As he stated with conviction, "We realize we really can trust God to keep us—physically and spiritually."

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CORRECTION—In BP mailed 10/11/82, "New Sunday Schools Top 1,000 Last Year" in last paragraph the figures for 1977-78 (1,174) were omitted.

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High Court Hears Arguments
In Race Bias Tax Dispute

By Stan Hasteley

WASHINGTON (BP)—Does a religious institution possess a constitutionally guaranteed right to discriminate on the basis of race and still keep its tax exemption or does the Internal Revenue Service possess legal authority over religious institutions to revoke or deny tax exemption for race discrimination?

Those are the questions the U.S. Supreme Court must weigh following oral arguments Oct. 12 in the long-awaited case of Bob Jones University and Goldsboro (N.C.) Christian Schools against the United States.

In what may be the most important church-state case of its current term, the high court heard prominent attorney William B. Ball argue that the Internal Revenue Service does not have authority under present tax law to decide that "federal public policy" demands denial or revocation of tax exemption to religious schools that practice racial bias.

By imposing such a regulation on religious institutions, Ball said, IRS on its own initiative fabricated a "superlaw." Furthermore, he charged, to allow the IRS policy to stand would pose a threat to the freedom of all religious institutions.

William Bradford Reynolds, assistant attorney general in the civil rights division of the Justice Department, also attacked the IRS regulation, declaring that nothing in the legislative history of current tax laws shows that the powerful tax collecting agency was given such "broad, unfettered authority" based on its "notion" of federal public policy.

But veteran civil rights attorney William T. Coleman Jr. dismissed such claims, saying that no one who has read the history of civil rights laws can conclude that Congress did not intend to deny tax exemption to racially discriminatory institutions, religious or nonsectarian.

Asked by associate justice Sandra Day O'Connor if the IRS would have similar authority to revoke or deny tax exemption to a church whose membership policies excluded persons for racial reasons, Coleman said it would not.

Another justice, Lewis F. Powell Jr., asked if the IRS could likewise penalize educational institutions that admit only applicants of one sex. Coleman replied, "We didn't fight a civil war over sex discrimination."

That one statement may suggest the pivotal consideration facing the justices, all nine of whom heard oral arguments in the case. When their decision will be rendered can only be guessed, with many court observers believing it will not come until next spring.

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Board Allocates Record Amount
For Relief Ministries In 1982

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)— A record \$5,969,163 in hunger and relief funds has been released by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board through Oct. 12, more than double the amount allocated during the comparable period in 1981.

The total is running far ahead of receipts, which amounted to \$3,086,397 through Sept. 30, the latest figure available. Receipts for 1982 are up 35 percent over receipts in the first nine months of 1981.

Greatly increased relief spending this year validates the Foreign Mission Board's commitment to long-range planning which caused an earlier accumulation of unspent relief funds, says John R. Cheyney, senior human needs consultant for the board.

Although the Foreign Mission Board lagged in spending during years when Southern Baptist giving to hunger relief surged, it has allocated all money received so far in 1982 plus more than \$22 million accumulated in earlier years.

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The Foreign Mission Board has been able to emphasize long-range projects which seek to deal with the underlying causes of hunger and which are integrated with other Baptist ministries without crippling its ability to respond to emergencies such as recent fighting in Lebanon and Hurricane Paul in Mexico, said Cheyne.

Allocations during September totaled \$987,666 and went to 10 different countries. From that, \$25,000 went to repair Beirut (Lebanon) Baptist School which was damaged and vandalized during the recent military conflict and \$5,000 went to help refugees in El Salvador.

Countries receiving the largest allocations for long-range development projects were the Philippines, Upper Volta, Argentina and Kenya.

More than two-thirds of the \$248,412 to the Philippines will go to two vocational training projects. An \$85,000 sum will be used to expand the carpentry training program for Indochinese refugees in Morong, Bataan, and \$80,000 will be used to train school dropouts in food production in Zamboanga Del Sur province of Mindanao.

The \$190,000 set aside for Upper Volta will be used to continue a three-year development project which is improving lifestyles in a group of villages in the Diabo Circle region where frequent droughts make life precarious. Tennessee Baptist volunteers, Southern Baptist missionaries and Voltaics already have completed a dam which provided a lake for irrigation.

Other phases of the project—water resource development, evangelism, public health and training in agriculture, nutrition and literacy—are now moving into full swing. Revivals last spring in 17 villages resulted in more than 1,000 people making decisions to become Christians.

The \$130,667 going to Argentina is aimed at meeting needs that existed before the recent armed conflict with Great Britain deepened Argentina's economic problems. The money will be used for milk distribution in some of the country's poorest areas, for publication of a nutrition training booklet and for vocational training in La Paz, Buenos Aires and Neuquen.

Much of the \$125,956 allocated for Kenya will be used to provide pure drinking water or water for irrigation in several areas, but a \$45,246 allocation will help establish an agricultural training program on land owned by Brackenhurst Baptist International Conference Center in Limuru.

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Home Mission Board
Names 72 Missionaries

By Jim Newton

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ATLANTA (BP)—Seventy-two new missionaries were appointed or approved by the Board of Directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during its October meeting for mission work in 20 states.

Included among the 72 missionaries were five career missionaries, 22 missionary associates, 34 mission pastors, and 13 to receive language pastoral assistance.

Three couples were appointed for associational missions work: LeRoy and Stella Bearce, director of missions for Northeastern and Tucumcari Associations in New Mexico; Charles and Fay Chilton, director of missions for Prince George's Association, Oxon Hill, Md.; and Bob and Fonda Stout, director of rural-urban missions for three associations in Southern Illinois, named as missionary associates.

Since 1974, Bearce has been a clinical chaplain at the state hospital in Las Vegas, N.M. Chilton has been pastor of Berwyn Baptist Church, College Park, Md., and Stout has been pastor of Gilman Baptist Mission, Gilman, Ill., for three years.

Pam Kleisch was appointed Christian Social Ministries day care worker to Friendship House in New Orleans, La., where her husband Milton is pre-school director of the center. She is a recent graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Two couples were appointed for language missions work in Texas: Raul and Mirta Vazquez, pastor of Templo South Houston, named hispanic missions consultant, Houston; and Manuel and Ester Galindo, as teachers in Valley Baptist Academy, Harlingen.

Two couples were named to church extension work in Michigan, both as church planter apprentices. Brad and Susan Bankhead, will serve in Petosky, Mich.; and Terry and Deborah Tomlinson will work in Coldwater, Mich., in starting new missions.

Bankhead is a former teacher at Wayne State University, Detroit, where he received a master's degree in counseling. Tomlinson is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth where he has since worked as a Fort Worth Star Telegram carrier.

Named as director of the Inter-Baptist Fellowship in black church relations, Birmingham, Ala., was Rick Armstrong and his wife, Tobi. A graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, he is former associate minister of Mount Olive Baptist Church, Arlington, Tex.

Two couples were named church starters in Nebraska and New Mexico: Dennis and Elaine Hampton, former missionaries to Costa Rica, named to start new churches in Eastern Nebraska; and Horace and Kathy Kennedy, pastor of First Baptist Church, Logan, N.M. since 1975, to do church extension work in Playas, N.M. Kennedy has been chairman of the missions committee for Tucumcari Association, and member of the state convention's Executive Board for the last two years.

Three other couples were named church planter apprentices by the HMB: Tim and Mary Gentry, to work in Roseville, Calif.; and Albert and Vicki Woods, to Owatonna, Minn. Both are recent graduates of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Bruce and Ruth Johnson, recent graduates of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., were named church planter apprentices in Seattle, Wash.

HMB directors also approved financial aid to 32 pastors involved in church extension, and 13 language missions pastors, all serving in 13 states.

Approved for language pastoral assistance were Gregorio and Mercedes Aceituno, Redlands, Ca.; Andres and Rafaela Garcia, Hialeah, Fla.; Young and Seong Jin, Topeka, Kan.; Thomas and Teresa Mendez, Fort Hall, Idaho; Teofil and Deborah Talpesh, Hollywood, Fla.; Bounchan and Souan Vongsurith, Oklahoma City; and Woo Young Yun, Aurora, Colo.

Six others were approved for church extension work in California: Eric and Lynn Lake, Orange; Frank and Billie Veatch, Rancho Palos Verdes; and Johnny Lee and Susan Wilson, Redondo Beach.

Three couples were approved for Indiana: William and Martha Carrell, Noblesville; Norman and Louise Lockwood, Jeffersonville; and Harold and Wenomi Sears, Brownsburg, Ind.

Two couples each were approved for New York, Colorado and West Virginia: Robert and Beverly Bonsee, New York City; Wilbert and Cathleen Martin, Buffalo, N.Y.; Edward and Emily Clark, Hayden, Col., and William and Linda Davis, Denver; Jim and June McClung, Prociuous, W. Va.; and Jack and Diane Self, Belmont, W. Va.

Others approved for pastoral assistance were Jonnie and Linda Alter, Park City, Kans.; Marion and Marie Boyd, Jackson, Mich.; C. O. and Wilma Creel, West Olympia, Wash.; and Jack and Lois Fox, Dewey, Ariz.

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CORRECTION--In BP mailed 10/13/82, "Missionary Recognition Service Has China Flavor", in paragraph 19, five names were omitted. The paragraph should read:

Other retirees present for the service were Ed and Jean Engstrom, 14 years, Philippines; Jenell Greer, 39 years, China and Thailand; Thelma Moorhead (whose husband Marion is recovering from a heart attack and was not present), 36 years, Japan; Tom and Marcellie Hollingsworth, 32 years, Argentina; Minnie Lou Lanier, 37 years, Brazil; James and Edith Crane, 36 years, Mexico; Hoyt and Marie Eudaly, 34 years, Mexico, Baptist Spanish Publishing House, Nicaragua and El Salvador, and Wayne and Dorothy Logan, 30 years, Nigeria.

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