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**Missionaries See Troops Land,
But Plan To Stay On Grenada**

HATO REY, Puerto Rico (BP)--A Southern Baptist missionary couple watched international forces land on the Caribbean island of Grenada Oct. 25 from their home about two miles away.

Like many Grenadians, Carter and Charlotte Davis saw paratroopers, large army helicopters and amphibious landings early that morning as international forces from the United States, Britain, and several Caribbean nations landed on the island following a coup and continuing unrest there. Davis is from Knoxville, Tenn., and his wife is from Nashville, Tenn.

A second Southern Baptist couple, Mike and Robin Eberhardt, from Elberton, Ga., also saw the troops land, but from the British consulate where they had taken refuge the day before.

Reports on the missionaries came from Fred Day, Foreign Mission Board associate to the director for the Caribbean, stationed in Puerto Rico. Day said the Davises had been unable to contact the Herwin Greens, Jamaican Baptist missionaries who live in the same part of the island but have no telephone.

In a news conference the day of the troop landing, President Ronald Reagan said U.S. troops participated in the invasion to insure the continuing safety of 800 to 1,000 Americans living on the island. Most of those are students, faculty and staff at St. George's University School of Medicine, a school catering to Americans.

The Grenadian army took over the island Oct. 16 and deposed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop, who died later in the week after supporters freed him and marched with him on military headquarters. Conflicting reports indicate he was either killed when soldiers fired on the crowd or injured then but executed later with other active and former cabinet ministers.

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**U.S. Sailor Finds Acquittal,
Salvation In Kenyan Case**

By Laura Lee Stewart

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MOMBASA, Kenya (BP)--James William Tyson was found innocent of the murder of a young Kenyan woman, but even more important was the experience he had with Jesus Christ during his confinement in jail.

A court in Mombasa acquitted Tyson, a seaman on the U.S.S. America, on July 14, about three months after police charged he had murdered the woman in the seaport city.

Tyson's life-changing experience came about two weeks after his arrest, according to Southern Baptist missionary Doug Van Devender of Texas.

Van Devender received a call from the U.S. Navy explaining a Navy regulation requires a prisoner have benefit of clergy. Since they had no chaplain in the area, they asked Van Devender to serve in that capacity.

Ironically, Van Devender had tried to visit Tyson, but Kenyan prison authorities refused.

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"We at the Nyali Baptist Church had felt strong leadership from the Holy Spirit to pray for Jim after we read of his arrest and to try to visit him," Van Devender said. "But we couldn't get in. The call from the Navy opened the door."

Tyson, from Riverdale, Md., was held in the Central Police Station in Mombasa for the first month after his arrest in early May. Van Devender visited him every day until he was moved out of town to Shimo la Tewa prison where Van Devender could visit only once a week.

The missionary gave the young man a Good News Bible and explained the plan of salvation to him. He accepted Christ as his Savior in mid-May.

"From that point on a real change took place in Jim's life," Van Devender said. "He confessed he was beginning to hate the Kenyans but he read his Bible, prayed, put away his bitterness and began to minister to people around him."

Van Devender said it wasn't easy to keep Tyson supplied with Bibles, because he kept giving them away to fellow prisoners. The missionary encouraged Tyson to keep sharing his faith and kept supplying him Bibles and other Christian literature.

For a time Tyson shared a cell with two young Asian men. They had nothing in the cell to read except the Good News Bible. They read it together and talked about it.

The two men were convicted of murder, sentenced to hang and moved from Tyson's cell. He doesn't know what further experiences they had with Jesus Christ.

When Tyson's trial began, the Kenyan press photographed him frequently. He decided he would not have a picture taken when he didn't have his Bible in his hand.

Photographers tried to take pictures without the Bible, but they complained later only the ones with the Bible were clear.

When the court handed down its not-guilty verdict on July 14, Tyson's ship had long since sailed. The Navy arranged for him to fly out on Saturday, July 16, but a special baptism service was held on July 15 at the Nyali Baptist Church, where Van Devender baptized him into its membership.

Tyson told Van Devender that in reality his trial was just beginning as he returned to live on board ship after a 30-day leave.

"Now the hard part begins," he told Van Devender as he contemplated establishing a new lifestyle in an old setting. My friends will expect me to do the things with them that I have done before. I can no longer do that because now I'm a Christian."

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Philosophy Statement, Speakout
Okayed By Brotherhood Commission

By Mike Davis

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)--Trustees of the Brotherhood Commission adopted a new Brotherhood statement of philosophy, approved a national speakout program for Royal Ambassadors and elected new officers during the Commission's semiannual meeting in Memphis Oct. 20-22.

The philosophy statement, the work of a select committee to study Brotherhood work through the year 2000, includes the purpose of Brotherhood and lists ways the purpose is accomplished.

Helping churches involve men and boys in missions is the purpose. It is expressed in missions activities, missions study, missions support, personal experience in witness and ministry and giving and praying to support persons involved in missions.

Southern Baptist comedian, Jerry Clower, has endorsed the RA speakout program. One RA each year will receive the RA missions speakout national Jerry Clower award. The award will be given to the RA judged to have written and presented the best RA speech of the year.

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The national winner will be given an expense paid trip to the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, a \$500 scholarship funded personally by Brotherhood Commission trustees, an expense paid trip to the Grand Ole Opry as a guest of Jerry Clower, a blazer with an RA emblem and a plaque.

The trustees elected nine new officers. Don Greene, attorney in Hickory, N.C., was elected chairman; Morris Stampley, engineer in Jackson, Miss., was elected vice chairman, and Dennis Daniel, pastor in Phoenix, Ariz., was elected recording secretary.

Others elected were: L.W. Brasington, Columbia, S.C., chairman, program services committee; Trent Grubbs, Crenshaw, Miss., vice chairman, program services committee; Tom McGuire, Fort Myers, Fla., chairman, support services committee; Richard Emmert, Morristown, Tenn., vice chairman, support services committee; Don Donalson, Oklahoma City, Okla., chairman business services committee, and Bill Summerlin, Gadsden, Ala., vice chairman, business support committee.

In other action the trustees voted to express disapproval of the use of Glorieta and Ridgecrest Conference Centers as a meeting place of Boy Scouts and asked a letter be written to Sunday School Board President-elect Lloyd Elder stating the Commission's disapproval of promoting or exposure of Boy Scouts through Southern Baptist literature.

Several trustees who have worked in both RA and Boy Scout programs gave strong endorsements for RAs saying RA's offer Southern Baptist boys all scouts have to offer plus missions education and involvement.

The trustees also heard a report on Brotherhood disaster relief efforts following hurricane Alicia in Texas. Henry Adrion, a trustee who is pastor of a church in Houston, praised Brotherhood leaders for their quick response to persons without homes or food.

Thousands of meals were served by Brotherhood crews from seven states. The laymen also helped clear downed trees and assisted families in cleaning up after the storm's damage.

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Mississippi, North Carolina
Baptists Visit Eastern Europe

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JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--Twelve Baptist leaders, ten from Mississippi and two from North Carolina recently returned from a three-week visit to seven Communist bloc countries in which Baptists are actively at work.

The unusual trip was made in response to an invitation from Baptist leaders in the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. A representative from the European Baptist Convention or one from the Baptist World Alliance accompanied the group at all times.

"Lengthy dialogues and inspiring worship services occupied most of the time," said Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, one of the participants.

"Perhaps the best way to describe what we saw and felt," said Kelly, "is to capsule in words the indelible sights and sounds we brought home with us." These included:

- 2,000 believers overflowing a building designed to accommodate fewer than half that number;

- 12 golden brown loaves of bread, broken by hand and served with "the fruit of the vine" in ancient gold and silver chalices to commemorate the Lord's Supper;

- Hundreds of believers standing in aisles and against the walls for two hours to receive the bread and cup from the deacons;

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● Eyes too filled with tears to focus on hundreds of handkerchiefs being waved as the worshippers sang "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again;"

● The classic beauty of the world's only Baptist Cathedral and the sight of a brand new structure added to another old and lovely church;

● Fellowship meals around the table with Christians who had stood in long lines and saved their food for weeks to share with their Western visitors;

● Radiant faces of people in joyous song without the aid of hymnbooks; choirs which sounded both ethereal and professional; the Hallelujah Chorus played by a large mandolin orchestra;

● The awesome silence which filled the building when an 80-year-old pastor knelt reverently behind his pulpit;

● Loving hands reaching through the masses to shake the hand of a Western Christian;

● Offering bags stuffed with gifts that were not tax-deductible;

● The oft-expressed need for fellowship with Baptists in the rest of the world and the haunting words of one pastor, "The church must exist in fellowship or it doesn't exist at all;"

● The prayer requests of numerous young people desiring educational opportunities beyond their reach;

● The conviction of some that their Christian growth is nurtured by adversity;

● The expression on the face of a lovely pastor's wife as she stood silently watching the visitors' bus drive out of sight, and

● Young people kneeling at the front of the church accepting Christ as Savior even though they fully understand the price of discipleship.

Owen Cooper, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and chairman of the Men's Division of the Baptist World Alliance, summed up the thoughts of the entire group. "Few people have had the intimate worship and sharing experiences that we had with our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe. None of us will ever be the same again."

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MKs Start Scholarship Fund
In Honor Of Dead Friend

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GWERU, Zimbabwe (BP)--Southern Baptist missionary kids (MKs) in Zimbabwe have established the Chip Corley Memorial Scholarship Fund to help students attending the Baptist Theological Seminary in Gweru, Zimbabwe.

Twelve-year-old Chip, son of missionaries Charles and Gayla Corley of Texas, was killed last February in a bicycle-car accident in Zimbabwe.

"Chip loved God's Word and we believe the scholarship would please him," missionary Pam Parker of Sanyati, Zimbabwe, wrote on behalf of Chip's MK friends. "The MKs felt this would be an excellent way to establish a living memorial in the land they all love so much."

The MKs raised funds for their initial contribution by selling popcorn at the Zimbabwe mission's annual meeting. They personally raised \$125 and received another \$395 in other contributions, according to missionary Rebecca McKinley.

Lyndon Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., where former Zimbabwe volunteers Margie and Paul Bowling maintain ties with the mission, donated \$250.

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Zimbabwe TV Picks Up SBC
'Jot' Television Series

By Steve Evans

HARARE, Zimbabwe (BP)--Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation (ZBC) has begun airing the Southern Baptist Convention-produced "Jot" television cartoon series.

"The films have been previewed and are good for children," said Job Johnera, head of ZBC television services. ZBC-TV is owned and operated by the Zimbabwean government.

Each "Jot" segment is 4-1/2 minutes of color animation, designed to entertain children 4 to 12 years old. Through this entertainment they are led to thoughts about themselves, God and others. Some themes are honesty, obedience, forgiveness and trust. A moral is emphasized at the end of each program.

Produced by the SBC Radio and Television Commission, the "Jot" series received financial support from the more than 36,000 churches of the Southern Baptist Convention in the United States. The airing in Zimbabwe is sponsored by the Baptist Mission of Zimbabwe and Baptist Convention of Zimbabwe.

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(Southern Baptist missionary Steve Evans is a mass communications specialist in Zimbabwe.)