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### Missionaries Head To Grenada; Volunteer Dentists To Follow

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Two Southern Baptist missionaries who evacuated Grenada in the wake of the international invasion Oct. 25 returned to the Caribbean island less than two weeks later knowing more help was on the way.

Charlotte Davis and Robin Eberhardt will rejoin their husbands for continued ministry on the Caribbean island to be followed soon by two volunteer dentists from Knoxville, Tenn.

Davis, Eberhardt and 11-year-old David Eberhardt left the United States Nov. 9 to fly to Barbados where missionaries Bill and Elba Womack were trying to make arrangements for them to return to Grenada.

The Womacks reported the Grenadian commercial airline resumed flights Nov. 7, but were serving customers only on a first-come, first-served basis, said Davis. The airline would not take reservations because so many people were trying to get to the island, she added.

Davis had talked briefly by ham radio with her husband Nov. 5 for the first time since the women left. He reported the U.S. State Department had supplied emergency food to people within 24 hours after the women left the island, and water and electricity had been restored.

"He said the people, our church people, were around and their spirits were good and he felt optimistic things for Grenada," she said.

But Davis did report the Cuban exit had left the island of 110,000 people with very little medical care. He and a Grenadian in private practice had been the only non-Cuban dentists on the island, he said.

Davis requested volunteer dentists immediately and expects to request physicians as soon as he can work out arrangements with medical officials in Grenada.

Jack Fuson, an oral surgeon who had worked with Davis before, and William Davis, a dentist, expected to go to Grenada as soon as they could make arrangements, possibly as soon as Nov. 12, said Fuson.

Fuson has made 11 previous volunteer trips to the Caribbean for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, working twice in Grenada.

Carter Davis expects the two to work in Grenadian government clinics that were formerly staffed by Cubans. In addition to operating the Baptist dental clinic, Davis works one day a week in a government clinic. He has requested other volunteers follow Fuson and Davis.

Although Davis had talked only once with her husband while in the States, she did read an article in the Knoxville News-Sentinel reporting American paratroopers had stayed in the Baptist dental clinic at night and Davis and Eberhardt had bought a three-day supply of rice, milk, flour and sugar for 35 homeless families.

Charlotte Davis said she knew nothing about that purchase, but did know the men had been asked by the State Department to help distribute food it provided on the island.

HMB Names Six  
To Mission Posts

ATLANTA (BP)--Six persons were appointed to mission service by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in November. The appointments were enacted by the personnel committee of the HMB Board of Directors since the directors do not meet in November.

The new missionaries are Jesse and Margaret Hawkins of Port Orchard, Wash.; Norman and Susie Langston of Champaign, Ill. and James and Nancy Worth of Kings Mountain, N.C.

The Hawkinses will move to Oregon where he will be director of associational missions for the Juniper and Klamath Baptist Associations.

He is a graduate of North Alabama State University in Florence, Ala., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has been pastor of churches in the Northwest Baptist Convention since 1975 and is former pastor of churches in Tennessee and Alabama. He was an executive board member of the Northwest Baptist Convention, 1977-81.

Mrs. Hawkins works as a homemaker and has led Sunday school and Vacation Bible School conferences in Oregon and Tennessee.

The Langstons will relocate to Atlanta, Ga., where he will be regional director of interfaith witness. He holds degrees from the University of Oregon in Eugene and Southern seminary. Since 1979, he has been pastor of Garden Hills Baptist Church in Champaign and served as an HMB-appointed US-2 campus minister in Eugene, Ore., 1976-78.

She is a graduate of East Tennessee State University in Johnson City, Tenn., and Southern seminary. She has worked as a secretary since 1981 and worked as a US-2er with her husband.

The Worths will move to Baltimore, Md., where he will serve through Christian social ministries as director of Mallory Center. He is a graduate of Bloomsburg (Pa.) State College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

He was a Christian social ministries intern in Fort Worth, 1981-82 and an HMB Mission Service Corps volunteer in Columbus, Ga., and Cleveland, Ohio, from 1978 to 1980. He taught school in Berwyn, Pa., from 1968-1978.

Nancy Worth is a graduate of Bloomsburg (Pa.) State College and has worked as a social worker in Fort Worth. She was a Mission Service Corps volunteer 1978-80 and taught school in DeVault, Pa., 1971-78.

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Religious Educator To Develop  
Telephone Counseling For ACTS

By Greg Warner

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Fred R. Neyland, 48, minister of education and outreach at Plymouth Park Baptist Church, Irving, Texas, will fill the new position of director of telephone counseling at the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission (RTVC).

The move, effective Nov. 28, will put Neyland in charge of developing a telephone counseling ministry to people who respond to broadcasts on the American Christian Television System (ACTS), the national Southern Baptist TV network scheduled to begin next May.

The counseling strategy will be used primarily with ACTS' evangelistic programs, such as "Invitation to Life." Viewers will be able to call a telephone number in their local areas and receive counseling for spiritual decisions. Neyland will coordinate the program and develop training materials for counselors.

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Before joining the staff of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in 1977, Neyland served in similar positions at First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas (1974-77), First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn. (1967-74), First Baptist Church, Hobbs, N.M. (1963-67), and First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Texas (1961-63).

The Monroe, La., native received a bachelor's degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, in 1958 and a M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, in 1961. He frequently has written for denominational publications.

Neyland and his wife, Martha, have two grown children.

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Couples Told Commitment  
Basis For Good Marriage

By Gail Rothwell

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--Commitment between husband and wife--to strengthen th relationship and solve inevitable problems--is the most important ingredient in a healthy marriage, say three family experts.

Approximately 550 couples attended the weekend Fall Festival of Marriage at Ridgecrest, N.C., sponsored by the family ministry department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Sessions were led by Brian Harbour, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.; Wade Rowatt, associate professor of psychology of religion, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Otis Andrews, marriage and family counselor and clinical chaplain, Youth Development Center, Macon, Ga.

Harbour said the "till death do us part" clause has been forgotten in many relationships. "Today divorce is seen as the first alternative, instead of the last, to solving marital problems," he charged.

Admonishing couples not to give up on each other, Harbour said, "One key to growth in marriage is forgiveness. The question is not whether there will be times when you get hurt, but how you will respond."

Harbour said every couple enters a marriage relationship with unresolved expectations of what they think a marriage should be. Conflicts arise in the process of moving from "my" expectations to "our" expectations, but couples must be willing to work with each other to find a common ground of understanding.

According to Harbour, the tragedy in many relationships is a lack of communication. "In most marriages you have two ongoing monologues with neither mate taking time to listen. Improving communication should be on the minds of every couple here," he challenged.

Speaking on the transforming power of love, Rowatt said, "If you are concerned about your marriage growing in oneness, then you are going to have to be concerned about your mate's growth." He emphasized there should be no power struggle in a marriage. "You are both subject to God. Stop asking how much should I be giving and start giving 100 percent," Rowatt said.

He cautioned couples to remember "Christian love isn't always going to be ideal, but Christ has the power to transform your capacity to love each other. In a Christian relationship there is hope because Christ died on the cross for your mate.

"Grace is free," Rowatt concluded. "Commitment and discipleship are costly, but in reverence for Christ you can have the power to walk in a daily commitment."

Andrews and his wife, Deigie, led sessions on sexuality, conflict management and trust during the three-day conference. Andrews challenged couples to clarify their commitment to each other to allow for open communication of feelings. "It's scary when you don't know your mate's level of commitment," he explained.

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He told couples conflicts will arise in any relationship but "to think of each resolved conflict as an opportunity for celebration. The issue is not who is wrong or right, but how do we resolve this problem."

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California Baptist College  
Fights \$500,000 Deficit

By Herb Hollinger

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RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--Trustees of California Baptist College, struggling with a half million dollar current fund deficit, will ask the state convention next week for \$150,000 in an emergency grant.

Trustees also have begun a search for a new president following a decision to create a position of chancellor for President James R. Staples. When the trustee meet in February, Staples will be relieved of responsibilities as president and an acting president named.

California Baptist College, with 678 students, is owned by the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. The annual meeting of the state convention of California is Nov. 15-17 in Oakland.

The position of chancellor was explained as primarily a fund-raising position. Staples has been president of the college for nearly 14 years and it had been generally known he planned to retire at the end of 1984. He will be 65 in January 1985.

He will continue to be responsible to the trustees, and at his current salary, until a another president is elected.

The \$551,000 current fund deficit, revealed in September by an audit, has been the focus of a special trustee meeting Oct. 6-7 and Nov. 4-5.

In calling for the \$151,000 grant from the convention, trustees also directed the college to raise an equal amount, although trustees backed away from requiring the college portion as a condition of the convention request.

Earlier, Trustee Chairman James Morton, Livermore pastor, said more than \$90,000 had already been cut from the present budget to prevent further deficits.

Trustees also will ask a local bank to increase the college's line of credit from \$300,000 to \$500,000, although Staples told the board the bank is waiting to see what the state convention does. The college will also explore the possibility of allowing commercial development on the portion of the 75-acre campus now not being utilized.

The trustees also approved more than 10 percent increases for tuition and dormitory fees beginning with the next school year.

California Baptist College's budget for 1983 is approximately \$4,500,000, of which the state convention Cooperative Program portion for 1983 is \$1,012,353.

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Alabama Chaplain Is  
One-Man Army Of Concern

By Beverly R. Scheland

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ANNISTON, Ala. (BP)--The problems and needs of thousands of civilians and 60 military personnel at Anniston Army Depot (ANAD) could keep a battery of psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, social workers and clergy busy for a lifetime.

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Instead, they turn to Chaplain Lt. Col. Jerry Holland, "an organization of one taking care of 5,000 people," according to Major Henry Raburn, Anniston Army Depot's executive officer.

The Alabama depot is the United States Army's tank-rebuilding center of the world. It sprawls over 15,000 acres of land and is the largest civilian employer in the 13th congressional district of Alabama.

It is also the Army's largest small arms rebuilding facility. Sprinkled over acres of restricted land are 14,000 "igloos"--sod-covered cement buildings--which store the ammunition. ANAD also refurbishes various military vehicles and houses a missile maintenance program.

Holland's approach to such large-scale ministry is teamwork. Depot employees trained as members of Holland's ministry task force lead Bible studies, worship services and prayer and share groups in each directorate.

His hospital visitation program also includes a training course for task force members in counseling the ill and the mourning.

Local clergy are also part of Holland's team because he believes together they can better serve the needs of the depot employees. He builds relationships with them by attending local ministerial meetings and guest preaching at churches.

When disaster strikes in the life of any depot employee, Holland's "army within th army" is on the move responding to needs for money, clothing, food or furniture with split-second timing. "They say government workers don't work," Holland remarked. "That's not true."

"The people of this depot are the 'volunteeringest' people I know," said ANAD's commander, Col. Leo J. Pigaty, at a recent Chaplain Appreciation Day Luncheon. "Whether it's giving blood, helping people in the hospital, volunteering your time or money, you get satisfaction out of helping your fellow employees.

"There is a piece of your chaplain in each of you," Pigaty observed, "for when it comes time to help, Chaplain Holland is first in line."

Holland's counseling program covers pre-marital, marital, family and financial problems, as well as drug and alcohol abuse.

Debbie McCormick, an accounting technician at the depot, was stunned when her four-year-old son Mark's illness was diagnosed as leukemia. "We had so many burdens," she said, "with Mark in and out of hospitals. But the chaplain spearheaded fund-raising and even arranged for a state jet to fly us to the hospital in Seattle."

"I'm divorced and have two children," added Martha Pruitt, a depot supply clerk, "and I felt like I was drowning--all alone. But Chaplain Holland has helped me turn my life around. He doesn't judge you, he doesn't take away your dignity, he helps. When it comes Christmas time and he feeds your children, what can you say about that?"

The recent Chaplain Appreciation Day was a result of the depot workers' desire to express their thanks to their chaplain. "He's touched so many lives on the depot, the folks just wanted to show how much they appreciated him," explained Phyllis Harman, the chaplain's secretary. "I've watched him from behind the scenes and I've never seen one man so dedicated to his people," she concluded.

But Holland refuses to accept the glory for the successful ministry he coordinates throughout this huge facility. "I'm not always the leader," he maintained. "Sometimes I'm a follower. Sometimes a team member. But a man is only part of himself. His friends make him a whole."

John Carter, who works in the office machine repair shop and is chairperson of the ministry task force, summed up the sentiments of Holland's friends: "We ar proud to be your flock."