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Foreign Mission Gifts  
 Reach Over \$6 Million

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptists' 1957 gifts to their Foreign Mission Board through Mar. 31 reached \$6,774,006, Convention Treasurer Porter Routh reported here.

The total includes \$471,813 in Cooperative Program and \$757,669 in designated off rings disbursed to the Foreign Mission Board during March.

The next largest disbursement for the year has been to the Home Mission Board, a total through Mar. 31 of \$555,536.

Routh said that total receipts at the Convention's treasurer's office in March reached \$1,924,581. This included \$1,140,748 from the Cooperative Program (non-designated) gifts and \$788,833 in designations.

Monthly receipts at the Convention's treasurer's office do not include funds used in local church activities and funds provided for work of state Baptist conventions.

Through Mar. 31, Southern Baptists gave \$3,637,389 through the Cooperative Program to support Convention-wide objectives, up 12.02 per cent over 1956. During the same three months, they gave \$5,337,558 in designated offerings, 13.95 per cent higher than last year.

Total gifts are running \$1,043,562 higher than for the first three months of 1956, Routh continued.

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 \$ . This placed the state among those co-operating  
 with the Southern Baptist Convention.

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New Chapel Dedicated  
 For Needy Children

ROUND ROCK, Tex.--(BP)--An \$80,000 chapel for 170 needy children was dedicated here on the campus of Texas Baptist Children's Home. It will be called the Hankamer-Fleming Chapel.

The building was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Hankamer, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hankamer, Houston; and Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming, Fort Worth.

W. R. White, president of Baylor University, four-year Baptist college in Waco, delivered the dedicatory address.

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