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Missionary Baptizes 4,000  
 By Multiplying Efforts

By Robert O'Brien

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**KYELA, Tanzania (BP)**--Doug Knapp, 57-year-old agricultural missionary turned-church planter, has discovered persistent cultivation causes churches and baptisms to sprout faster than seeds in the fertile soil of Tanzania's Kyela district.

Knapp and African evangelists have started more than 160 churches since 1975 and baptized at least 11,400 since 1978 in increasing numbers each year in the 1,000-square-mile district. They began with 476 baptisms in 1978 and topped 5,000 last year.

The gains keep coming despite a severe fuel crisis in Tanzania which caused either statistical decreases or no gain in 13 of the country's 22 associations of Baptist churches last year because of decreased mobility of Southern Baptist missionaries.

The 5,000 baptisms in 1983 grew mainly out of simultaneous crusades in 1982, led by Knapp and 10 preachers from Florida. The Kyela district has had growing results in five similar crusades every two years since 1976.

This year, a 19-day crusade featuring Knapp and five Tennessee pastors netted 4,119 professions of faith. It came after nearly 1,000 persons accepted Christ in Bukoba, Tanzania, in a shorter crusade led by missionaries David and Betty Ann Whitson and volunteers from Texas and North Carolina.

The latest evangelistic effort in Kyela should yield another bumper crop of baptisms in 1984 for Knapp, who personally immersed 4,000 of the 5,000 persons baptized there last year.

"If Doug Knapp lived in the U.S., he'd have led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms last year," one observer quipped.

Knapp himself takes a more low-key approach in analyzing the results.

"I'll have to admit that's a lot of people when you stand there in the water and have them go by one by one," he said. "But I can't take credit for all that myself. I multiply myself and my efforts through the lives of other men.

"I do a lot of preaching and personal witnessing, but I obviously can't get around and start all those churches and win all those people myself," he continued. "I feel like my gift is more in planning, leading and feeding Christians than in evangelism."

Knapp's work really began to grow when he selected and trained five successful Tanzanian pastors to evangelize and plant churches in five natural divisions of Kyela district.

He had noticed each of the five bivocational farmer-pastors had built large congregations and planted a number of other churches as far as they could reach in their home areas.

That got him to wondering if they could do the same thing in more distant places if they could give full time and had the necessary mobility and resources.

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They could, and they did. Now the five fan out through their areas on motorcycles Knapp was able to provide. Their work has even overflowed the banks of the Songwe River which separates Tanzania's Kyela district from the neighboring country of Malawi.

African evangelist Simoni Mwambi, who could probably qualify as Tanzania Baptists' first "foreign" missionary, crossed the Songwe and started six churches in Malawi. He expects soon to add seven more and eventually form an association.

The Malawi churches, distant from the nearest Southern Baptist mission work in the country, will result in a new growth point to boost the work of Malawi Baptists.

Doug and Evelyn Knapp live in a converted barn at the Baptist Demonstration Farm in Kyela district, which still serves as a hub of agricultural ministries. But now they place more emphasis on evangelism, church planting and construction, follow-up and leadership training. The district recently counted its 200th church, topping a goal the Knapps set to achieve before going on furlough later this year.

Overwhelming need in evangelism and church development has caused a variety of missionary specialists in many countries to turn in that direction. They see the need, realize pastors in the States aren't responding to it in large enough numbers, and get permission to shift their emphasis.

"We realized after awhile we were sowing a lot of spiritual seed but not reaping it effectively," Knapp said. "Many people were just waiting for someone to come and tell them about the Lord. So that's where Evelyn and I now concentrate our efforts."

Knapp feels he and his wife gained entree into the lives of Tanzanians through their 20-year record in the country and their agricultural specialty, which helped improve the quality of lives.

Now they use that background and recognition factor to record greater gains in evangelism and church development.

"We're not coming to them cold," Knapp said. "They'll listen to Baptists because they know us and trust us."

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ACTS Adds Two More  
Volunteers To Staff

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FORT WORTH, Texas (FP)--The American Christian Television System (ACTS) has added Gary Fately and Charles Whitecotton to its roster of Mission Service Corps volunteers helping with the network's development.

Fately, vice-president of marketing and administration for Siboney Communications, Inc., Irving, Texas, will be the ACTS national cable affiliate consultant for the northeastern United States, working with local churches of the region and assisting them in their negotiations with cable systems in their communities.

Whitecotton, a contract cable engineer in Whitesboro, Texas, will be the ACTS national cable engineering consultant, assisting churches and cable systems in acquiring the necessary equipment to receive the satellite signal and to transmit the signal to the cable subscribers.

The men will volunteer their time on an on-call basis.

Fately was both regional sales manager and executive director of operations for Siboney before accepting his present position with the company in December 1982. Also he has worked in media education with several public school systems in Arizona and has taught graduate courses in television production for both Arizona State and Northern Arizona universities.

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Whitecotton has been involved in all aspects of cable television, from engineering and management to ownership of two cable franchises in Texas and Oklahoma, during his more than 17 years of work in the field.

With the addition of Fadely and Whitecotton, there are currently four Mission Service Corps volunteers working for ACTS. Retired Air Force Colonel George Feather of Aurora, Colo., and Karnath Corp. President William Karnes of Dallas are the other two volunteers. Both are working as cable consultants for ACTS.

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Pastors Warned:  
Deal With Stress

By Charles Willis

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Some preachers bring stress on themselves because they think they have to have an answer for everything, according to Brooks Faulkner, supervisor of the Baptist Sunday School Board's career guidance section.

"Frequently we give an answer, even when we don't have one," he told participants in the Bible-Preaching Conference. "We need to learn to say 'I don't know.' To deal with stress you have to learn to live with ambiguity."

Observing that stress is directly related to physiological problems, Faulkner warned conferees "you either deal with stress or it will make you deal with it. Inability to cope may weaken the body's immune system."

In suggesting means to manage life's stresses, Faulkner urged using I Thess. 5, as a frame of reference for living. "Live in peace with one another," he said. "Admonish the unruly, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all persons."

Establishing personal priorities is valuable, Faulkner said. "Know what is important-- family, church, friends, vocation. Don't let greed, gluttony or vindictiveness destroy your priorities."

Be approachable, he said, but don't become a doormat. "Be able to say 'No,'" he encouraged. "You are not less than anyone else, but you're not better either. Don't be used by neurotics. Tattletales will use you to propagate their gossip," he said, "and chronic whiners may use the pastor to complain about everything."

"Make sure your feedback and support system knows you well enough to be honest," he said. "Don't disguise sin to yourself. Power, fame and visibility can be the gods that can get in the way of God."

Taking on stress from external sources causes persons to become aggressive toward others, to engage in self-destructive behavior, to distort unpleasant realities, to withdraw or to engage in compulsive conformity to convince themselves stress isn't taking its toll, Faulkner concluded.

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London Church Opens Front  
Door Wider Than Back Door

By Jim Newton

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LONDON (BP)--For years, Clapham Park Baptist Church, in a depressed area just south of the Thames River, has struggled for survival because its back door has been open wider than its front door.

Les Ball, pastor of the church for 10 years, has been caught in a "Catch 22" dilemma. New Christians who join his church often quit drinking and living a rebellious life, but they frequently are no longer happy living in the squalor of the inner city, Ball explained. So they move to the suburbs where life is more comfortable, Christianity easier.

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Consequently, suburban churches located in what Ball describes as "the Bible Belt" around London are much stronger than those in the inner city, following the same pattern as Baptist churches in the United States.

Although Ball said he had not been a strong supporter of mass evangelism previously, the bearded British pastor has changed his mind as a result of what has happened through the church's participation in the Luis Palau "Mission to London" campaign.

Palau, an articulate Argentine evangelist based in Portland, Ore., preached last year in South London to more than 5,000 persons each night in a tent on "Clapham Common" (public square), where the great Charles Hadden Spurgeon had once preached to 40,000.

The Sunday the Palau crusade ended, Clapham Park Baptist Church had so many visitors they began holding two Sunday morning worship services.

Fifty new members out of 60 prospects joined the church last year as a result. This summer, the congregation has reached 35 additional new believers as a result of Palau's city-wide crusade in Queens Park Rangers football (soccer) stadium in the western part of London.

Ball said there were 120 church members before the crusade, and 140 members now—a net gain of only 20 during the year because of the wide-open back door. But the church has the largest number of new converts in its new member orientation program ever.

Clapham Park Baptist is one of the few congregations in London which rented a bus every night of the 40-day Palau crusade to transport people 22 miles to the stadium. Ball estimated a cumulative total of 2,500 persons rode the bus rented by the church to hear Palau.

Riding the bus from the church to the stadium with about 40 other area residents, Ball explained how participation in the Palau crusade has affected his congregation.

In September, the church plans to begin construction of a new building which Ball hopes will enable them to accommodate the whole congregation in one worship service.

Ball hopes to avoid a pitfall faced by some inner-city churches in the United States which have built buildings to accommodate peak crowds, discovering later many members move to the suburbs leaving the remnant a huge indebtedness and few prospects for paying off the mortgage.

"I don't think that will happen to us," he said. "Our people are committed to staying in the inner city and ministering to people in need." He added about half the congregation is black, and many are unemployed. In addition to its ministry to social needs, the church is also committed to an on-going program of evangelism that does not hinge on a crusade, but on the people themselves.

Palau's "Mission to London" has proven to the members that evangelism is effective even in the inner city of London, and has given them hope for the future, Ball said.

Mass evangelism is the only way to speak to an entire city like London, Ball said. "I'm committed to Mission to London because we need to speak to London as a whole," he said.

Ball laments that the stronger Baptist churches in suburban London are not committed to mass evangelism to the degree Clapham Park is.

"They feel they are doing all right, thank you, and that the 'Mission to London' is an option to take if you like that sort of thing. For us, however, it is a matter of survival," Ball asserted.

Although Ball said the strongest support for the Palau crusade has come from Baptist and from Church of England (Anglican) congregations, he felt there were only 300-400 congregations which have been deeply involved out of the 1,900 "supporting" the campaign.

"Mission to London has not been as effective as I had hoped and prayed," Ball observed. "But if the churches in the suburbs had really been involved, we could shake London for God."

Family Life Center  
Spurs Church Growth

By Linda Lawson

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TUCSON, Ariz. (BP)--Emmanuel Baptist Church in Tucson, Ariz., opened a family life center in November 1983 with the number one priority of touching the lives of people not actively involved in any church.

The fact that more than 1,000 persons outside the church participated in activities at the center during its first six months of operation is evidence the priority is being achieved, according to church leaders.

"The church's ministry is outreach," said Wayne North, pastor of the 2,000-member congregation for 15 years. "While we do support one another and bear one another's burdens, the Great Commission is still out there. Anything we do must have a first priority of outreach."

The recreation facility, a first among Southern Baptist churches in Arizona, includes a gymnasium, racquetball court, weight, games and crafts rooms, a multi-purpose room and smaller seminar rooms.

The center and its program is built around four priorities, listed in order of importance: reach the lost, encourage family life and build up the family, strengthen the church family and build up the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual dimensions of people.

Activities and guidelines for participation are carefully structured to achieve the outreach priority, according to Phil Irby, family life minister. "Whenever we program something, our goal is to enlist new people," he said.

For example, a requirement of the intramural Sunday school volleyball program is that each team include at least three persons from outside the church. Among the 12 teams were 50 persons who were not church members but who became prospects for Bible study.

Also, children are encouraged to bring friends to roller skating sessions. "They have brought as many as 40 new children to one session," said Irby, who noted that six to seven children are enrolled in Sunday school each month from among those who first came to skate.

"Like many churches our biggest problem in outreach was having enough prospects to visit," said North. "Since the family life center opened we have as many as we can handle. Almost all of our Sunday school enrollment increase is a direct result of the family life center."

The names and addresses of first-time visitors to the family life center are immediately turned over to the appropriate Sunday school departments for follow-up visits in the homes.

An average of 35 first-time visitors register at the center each week. During the first seven months the center was open, Sunday school enrollment increased from 803 to 991. Also, the church began having two Sunday morning worship services to accommodate the growth.

"Our Sunday school workers are thrilled with these visible results from our family life ministry," said North. "They can see things are happening. We have a fresh list of prospects to visit every week."

Irby also has directed a Maximum Marriage Weekend attended by 70 couples, including 12 couples from outside the church. A family counseling center is staffed by volunteers who offer assistance in stress management, career guidance and other concerns. Weekly suggestions are provided to families for Monday night activities at home.

"We're learning a lot this first year," said Irby. Continuing attention must be given to conducting follow-up visits with prospects discovered through the center, along with continued leadership training.

However, Irby said he remains extremely satisfied with the initial results of the family life ministry program. "I'm very pleased with the number of prospects who have come through our doors. I feel we're accomplishing our number one priority."

Pastor, Staff Need  
To Support Each Other

By Nancy Barcus

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WACO, Texas (BP)--Pastors should take responsibility publicly for the mistakes of their staffs--whether the mistakes are typographical errors, dust in the corners of the building, or anything else, says Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas.

"Then, go back to the individual staff member privately and request cooperation in correcting these problems."

Smith recently offered that tip, along with other advice, to church leaders during a Baylor University conference for ministers and staff leaders.

He has learned during his 24 years at Hyde Park that "an understanding saves a misunderstanding," Smith said. It's a management philosophy he has come to live by.

Clarifying individual church staff responsibilities is crucial for successful pastoring, Smith said. To prevent misunderstandings, the pastor must see that every staff member understands his or her specific duties. A detailed job description is a must.

His church issues a booklet which spells out the details of each position. The gifted staff member then will seek ways to fit his or her individual gifts to the requirements of a specific staff position, he said.

Every new staff member is likely to make mistakes, but the pastor who is an effective administrator must stand behind that person, Smith said. "An effective minister must be secure enough to allow others to succeed," he said.

"Give staff members a job to be done, and then trust them to do it. Don't try to control everything or to control the staff. In fact, anytime a staff member can take a job away from you, let it happen."

If a pastor cannot establish good working relationships with the staff, then he or she should limit church membership to about 80-100 people, "because that is all you can take care of," Smith said.

Beware especially of blaming the staff for your own failings, Smith warned the pastors. Combat this temptation and prefer instead for the staff to be well-loved by the congregation.

Smith's success in church-staff relations is attested to by the long tenures of his own church staff. His education director has been at Hyde Park for 17 years, the music director for 11 years and the custodian for 20 of Smith's 24 years as pastor.

Al Parks, professor of education administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, also addressed participants from a layman's viewpoint.

"I never felt I was second best because I wasn't a pastor," he said. Parks has held interim staff positions continuously during his teaching career at the seminary.

"I believe that each of us is called of God. We accept that calling in pastors, but staff persons have just as deep a calling. It's not, 'I'm called and you're hired.' Every staff member is called to meet the needs of others in the name of Christ."

He said he has never doubted his calling. "Without that calling, staff persons drop out of the ministry every 18-22 months. Their bag of tricks has run out."

Staff members must be careful to avoid stress, Parks said. "If you sometimes feel you have more burden than you can stand, get away for a while," he advised. "We're all human. I'd rather be used by the Lord for 60 years than be burned out at 40."

'Country Crossroads,' 'On Track'  
Score In Radio Festival

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—"Country Crossroads" and "On Track," nationally syndicated radio programs produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission (RTVC), have added another jewel to their crown of accomplishments.

"Country Crossroads," hosted by Jerry Clower and Bill Mack, has been awarded the first-place Gold Medal in the prestigious International Radio Festival of New York. "On Track" was a finalist in the same competition, which had 1,100 entries from around the world.

The festival is the counterpart of the International Film and TV Festival of New York, one of the top media award programs in the world. The radio festival is in its third year of existence.

"Country Crossroads'" Gold Medal marks the second noteworthy award received this year by the program, which also won the 1984 Silver Angel from Religion in Media (RIM).

Stan Knowles, producer of "Country Crossroads," said this year's entry into the festival was much different from the show's regular format.

"We did a special program on the 4-H Club of America because of Jerry Clower's involvement with 4-H as a kid and as a leader," Knowles said. "This show fit into the farm category more than the entertainment category, so that's how we entered it."

The program's normal format combines country music with interviews of prominent country entertainers to convey a spiritual message.

Currently "Country Crossroads" is heard on approximately 1,300 stations nationwide, along with more than 300 stations in 19 foreign countries on the Armed Forces Radio Network.

"On Track" producer Jack Norris said he was pleased with the show's finalist status in the festival's entertainment category. "We're very excited about our progress over the short two-and-a-half years the program has been on the air," Norris said.

A finalist in the previous year's festival as well, "On Track" is heard on 550 stations nationwide, Norris said, making the program "the largest contemporary Christian music show in the world."

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Developing Believers  
Called Training Focus

By Gail Rothwell

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Developing believers—from helping new Christians begin their journey of faith to equipping leaders for their ministry—is the task of the Sunday School Board's church training department, according to director Roy Edgemon.

Edgemon said the purpose of the department's varied resources and programs is to take Christians from the point of conversion through a process of growth and develop them into leaders capable of equipping others. "Our goals are to help Christians develop a lifestyle of obedience to God, help them mature into spiritual leaders, define their ministry potential and develop leadership skills," he noted.

"We must help Southern Baptists grow in faith through the Bible and train them for ministry," said Edgemon. "I believe the most important thing a Christian can do after leading someone to Jesus is to help them grow in discipleship. It is this growth that makes the seeds we have planted multiply."

Edgemon believes the steady growth in the denomination's church training enrollment indicates "a desire on the part of Southern Baptists to know more about our heritage and faith." Over the past four years statistics for the denomination's training program have shown a total growth of more than 235,000. The current enrollment figure is 1,987,390.

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The church training department's emphasis on developing believers is one part of the Southern Baptist Convention's three-fold Bold Mission Thrust effort. The SBC strategies for 1982-85 are reaching people, developing believers and strengthening families. Bold Mission Thrust is the denomination's effort to reach the world with the gospel of Christ by the year 2000.

The five projects designed to support the 1984-85 emphasis on developing believers include: Believer's Ministry Covenant, Dynamic Doctrines, a curriculum emphasis on evangelism and missions, pastor's seminar and Baptist Doctrine Study.

The Believer's Ministry Covenant seeks to develop a relationship of mutual support between pastors and congregations. Edgemon said the "agreement" can be significant in restoring relationships, building bridges and mending fences because it is an agreement based on faith and commitment.

Dynamic Doctrines, a three-month study beginning in October, will focus on the doctrines of Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church and last things.

Beginning January 1985 the ongoing curriculum materials will begin a nine-month study on bringing together evangelism and missions. According to Edgemon, the study will give participants an opportunity to experience New Testament evangelism, understand practical missions, identify Baptist distinctives in missions and evangelism and provide foundations for personal evangelism.

During the year, youth and children's curriculum will support the emphasis on evangelism and missions.

The pastor's seminar, suggested for February, May and July, is a time for the pastor to lead the church in training and growth. The short-term Equipping Center modules are the suggested resources with selected topics based upon the needs of the congregation.

Presently, 45 short-term courses are available in the subject areas of family life, evangelism and missions, Christian doctrine, Christian growth, leadership, and church and community.

The fifth project supporting the 1984-85 emphasis is the annual doctrine study, set for April 22-26, 1985. The adult textbook, The Doctrine of Christ, written by Frank Staff, will give an in-depth look at the person of Christ. The youth textbook is Youth Affirm: The Doctrine of Christ by Morris Chapman.

Edgemon said the department is giving attention to the basic doctrines of the Christian faith through dynamic doctrines and the annual study because "Christians cannot be expected to live out a faith they do not understand."

In addition to the five developing believers projects, support materials to aid in Christian development include the Survival Kit for New Christians, MasterLife and DiscipleYouth.

The Survival Kit for New Christians, which helps establish daily patterns of Bible study and prayer, has been one of the most popular training resources. The book, now available in 15 languages, has sold more than 1.5 million copies since it was released in 1979. Survival Kit II: The Journey Continues was released this past April.

Two in-depth discipleship courses, MasterLife for adults and DiscipleYouth for youth, help Christians develop disciplines for daily living.

MasterLife, a 26-week course, is already being used in 100 countries around the world. The discipleship process equips participants with a strong spiritual foundation and basic training in church leadership.

A sequel to MasterLife, MasterBuilder, will be released in January 1985. The sequel is a 12-unit study for MasterLife alumni to help develop their leadership qualities and skills.



Nearly 100,000 Southern Baptist youth have been introduced to the discipleship/evangelism study, DiscipleYouth. For youth grades 7-12, the course helps participants incorporate the disciplines of the Christian faith into their daily lives.

DiscipleYouth is a joint project of the youth section of the church training department and the evangelism section of the Home Mission Board.

Bigemon said the church training department is seeking to fulfill the Great Commission through their developing believers emphasis.

"Discipleship training is not an option if we would follow and obey Jesus," he noted. "Discipleship training is a lasting memorial to those who will give themselves, their time and energy to help others grow."

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WMU, SBC Employee To Become  
Kentucky WMU Executive

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)—Delores "Dee" Gilliland, marketing communication specialist at Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will become Kentucky WMU executive director-treasurer Oct. 1. Gilliland will succeed Kathryn Akridge, who will retire Sept. 30.

Prior to coming to WMU, SBC, Gilliland was executive director at the Northern Plains Baptist Convention in Rapid City, S.D.

As new executive director-treasurer, she will lead the almost 59,000 WMU members in the state of Kentucky.

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Bible Way in Zimbabwe  
Shows Explosive Growth

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BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe (BP)—Bible Way Correspondence School enrollment in the African nation of Zimbabwe has soared from about 40 to more than 21,000 in a little more than two years.

When Gene and Pe Milby, Southern Baptist missionaries from Kentucky, took Bible Way responsibilities in May 1982, they already had full responsibilities as church planters in Plumtree, 65 miles from Bulawayo. They juggled their two jobs by pulling a camping trailer to offices in Bulawayo and devoting two days a week to directing the school.

But within three months, enrollment jumped 100 percent. They found themselves working three or more days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The trailer became too much trouble. They left it home and slept on the Bible Way office floor.

They prayed God would direct them in choosing between their two ministries. Their prayer was answered when Zimbabwean Baptists took leadership posts in the Plumtree church. The Milbys moved to Bulawayo in July 1983.

Today, there are 14,155 students enrolled in the English course, 6,957 in the Shona course and 533 enrolled in Nichele. Zimbabwean pastor Brighton Khokha and his wife have joined the staff, and the Milbys have delayed their furlough until early 1985, hoping for a volunteer couple to work with Bible Way during their furlough.

"The Lord is busily working here in Zimbabwe and through Bible Way in Africa," said Milby. "So we don't mind being busy either."

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NBaptists Invited to Tell  
Of Faith in Classrooms

By Maxine Stewart

CHACHEUNGSAO, Thailand (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries and Thai Baptist church leaders are being invited into schools in this officially Buddhist nation to tell about Jesus Christ.

Alarmed at rising crime and unemployment among their young people, Thai school officials this year began special social studies classes on comparative religions, which include the study of Christianity.

The state religion is Buddhism, but many people practice Islam and the Hindu faith.

"I have prayed for a long time for opportunities to share the gospel with Thai people, and this is a great answer to my prayer," said Dorothy Dietrich, Southern Baptist missionary from Alabama. Dietrich has spoken in several one-hour sessions in a large government school in Rayong Province.

Monta Jeerapon, a young person of the Chacheungsao Baptist Church, was asked to explain her faith in a religion course in the largest high school in Chacheungsao Province. She spoke for two hours, and when time ran out the teacher commented, "We have a real Christian in our class."

The social studies course is being taught this semester to all students in what would be the 12th grade in the United States. In some cases, students are requesting resource information from Christians for writing term papers.

Speakers, students and teachers have access to a paper written by Southern Baptist missionary Robert R. Stewart of Nebraska. In his paper, Stewart points out Christianity is not a religion in the Thai sense of the word, that is "keeping certain teachings" (rules, generally more ceremonial than moral). Christianity, he explains, is a relationship with God based on heart-felt repentance, faith and worship—not self-righteousness.

Chacheungsao Baptist Church asked Stewart to be its spokesman after a teacher came to a Sunday service and asked if someone would talk two hours on Christianity at her school.

After reading the school's textbook material on Christianity, Stewart began writing his paper in the Thai language to clarify several points. At the school he gave several teachers and more than 50 students a tract explaining the meaning of Christmas and enrollment cards for the Baptist Correspondence Course.

While he was at the school, Stewart had opportunity to speak to a combined English class. Many students asked very open questions during the time.

The visit closed with a conversation between Stewart, the teacher and an assistant headmaster. Stewart took the opportunity to emphasize some basics of Christianity and to point out several necessary corrections in the textbook. He and two members of the church council presented the school with a Thai Bible and several Thai books on Christianity for its library.

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