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Baptists Help Launch
Hay Express in Drouth

By Orville Scott

HOUSTON (BP)--A Houston Baptist layman and his fellow workers helped extend a lifeline to a drouth-stricken family in South Carolina and opened the floodgates of aid to other suffering farmers.

The saga of people helping people began in mid-July when dairy farmer Tom Trantham appeared on ABC Nightly News to explain he and others in the Southeast were facing bankruptcy because of lack of feed. Trantham and his family are members of Washington Baptist Church at Pelzer, S.C., near Greenville.

Robert Polley, a farmer in Atlanta, Ill., saw Trantham on television and called to offer several hundred bales of hay free, if transportation could be provided.

That is when Archie Dunham, executive vice president of Conoco in Houston, and his subordinates stepped in to bridge the gap. Under the coordination of Dunham, a deacon at Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston, and Conoco employees, arrangements were made for two 45-foot vans and four drivers to move the hay as fast as possible to the Trantham farm in South Carolina.

Neighboring farmers gathered at the Trantham farm, and when the trucks came into view amid their cheers, Trantham said softly, "It's answered prayer."

As the sweet green alfalfa spilled onto the parched earth, Trantham held up a handful for his friends to see. "We'll have to get some Rolaids for my cows...they're not used to having such a delicacy," he joked.

"It was an opportunity to provide the leadership to get a lot of people involved in doing something about some serious needs. We as Baptist laypersons have a responsibility to demonstrate our concern for people," Dunham said.

Conoco flew the Tranthams to Illinois to thank Polley personally for his donation of hay. About the same time that Polley was calling from Illinois, Peter Owenson, a farmer in Iowa called to offer hay.

As events caught the attention of media and spread across the country, calls began pouring in from drouth-stricken farmers needing help and from other farmers offering to donate hay. President Reagan announced he would send two giant cargo planes loaded with hay.

The Trantham farm became the emergency station for the "hay express" with the designation as Farmer to Farmer, Route 2, Box 244, Pelzer, SC 29669. One of the great needs is for more trucks to transport the hay that is given.

Among the flood of calls that have poured in from across the nation, the Tranthams said they were touched deeply by a man who called from New York to say he didn't have any money to give but pledged his prayers.

Despite serving as the center for the "hay express" the Tranthams are managing to keep their dairy going with the help of their daughters, Tammi, 25; Traci, 22; and their son, Tom III, 14, who is active in Royal Ambassadors.

Another drouth in 1983 cost the Tranthams \$72,000.

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"I know we're not supposed to question the Lord," said Trantham, "but a couple of weeks ago, we were telling another couple that we couldn't understand why the Lord put the drouth on us."

"Now we understand. It's restored our faith in the American people, and the Lord has used this to call attention to the plight of the family farmer."

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Baptist Council Acts On
Hunger, Homeless, Peace

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SINGAPORE (BP)—The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) General Council concluded its annual sessions in Singapore with strongly-worded resolutions on world issues of peace with justice, action on International Year of Shelter for the Homeless 1987 and commitments to pray and work toward resolving the continuing world hunger crisis.

The General Council also approved resolutions dealing with current conditions in Afghanistan, Nicaragua and South Africa, and urged release of prisoners of conscience by governments holding them as well as calling upon Baptists "to remember such prisoners constantly in their prayers and to take whatever action is appropriate in their behalf."

Some 300 persons from all major continents attended the Singapore meetings, hosted by the Singapore Baptist Convention, whose 20 affiliated churches have 5,000 baptized believers.

In other action, the council held to its earlier decision to hold its 1987 sessions in Amman, Jordan, although recommendation of an alternate site in Nassau, the Bahamas, had been proposed. The General Council meets yearly and BWA Congresses are held every five years, with the next congress scheduled for Seoul, Korea, July 10-15, 1990.

Baptists of the United Kingdom already have invited the BWA to hold its 2005 Congress, celebrating its 100th anniversary, in London where the world body was founded in the year 1905.

A major action of the council was the approval of a "Baptist Fund for World Evangelization" proposed by the BWA Division of Evangelism and Education. The fund, to be used especially by Baptist unions and conventions in developing or currency-controlled countries for domestic efforts in evangelism and missions, would help to support national evangelism workers' ministries where there is no other available resource.

Further actions included approval of a new logo for use by the Baptist World Alliance and in relationships with it by constituent bodies, and provisional approval of new guidelines for the operations of the Division of Baptist World Aid. World Baptists contributed more than \$2,200,000 (U.S.) through BWAid in the past year for relief efforts in countries stricken by natural disaster or catastrophic occurrence and for Baptist church or institutional building and other help.

G. Noel Vose of Perth, Australia, international president of the BWA until 1990, chaired the Singapore sessions.

In an address to some 100 youth leaders from 25 countries in advance of the General Council, Vose, a school principal, said the way of the willful, isolated loner is not the way to real strength of leadership.

Vose, who warned that the "my way, my affair" attitude fails to demonstrate a priority of leadership, cited the Old Testament story of Samson and his great strength and potential and said even in personal concerns no person today can afford to be a loner.

"Great natural gifts do not guarantee great careers," said Vose, who was elected to head the world Baptist organization last year at the 15th Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles. The first Australian to hold the post, he is principal of the Baptist Theological College (seminary) of Western Australia.

Two new member unions were received into the BWA, bringing the total of its constituent conventions and unions around the world to 136 in 94 countries. Membership in the union is 34 million Baptists.

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Upon recommendation of its membership committee, the international organization's deliberative body approved applications from the 48th Autonomous Baptist Community of Wamba-Bakali in Zaire and from the Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi.

These groups come in addition to existing BWA members in both countries.

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Eloise Cauthen
Going Home To China

By Erich Bridges

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—At long last, Eloise Glass Cauthen is going home to China.

The widow of longtime Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board leader Baker James Cauthen will begin teaching English in China this fall at the invitation of Yantai University. The university is located in Yantai, once known as Chefoo, a coastal port in the northeastern province of Shandong.

The one-year teaching invitation comes from the very city where Cauthen, now 76, spent her early years in boarding school. She was born in 1909 in nearby Hwanghsien to Southern Baptist missionaries Wiley and Funice Glass.

She spent her childhood in the midst of war and revolution, famine and starvation, religious revival and heroic Christian sacrifice. Her parents knew legendary Southern Baptist missionary Lottie Moon well. Moon lived and worked in Penglai, formerly Tengchow, only 20 miles from Hwanghsien.

Cauthen's mother, who died of tuberculosis in 1914, was buried in Yantai. So were two infant brothers. Her father later married missionary nurse Jesse Pettigrew and kept teaching and preaching until the two were imprisoned and deported by Japanese forces during World War II. Her older sister, Lois, also worked in Shandong as a missionary. But few foreigners—and no Southern Baptist missionaries—got back into the Yantai area after the war.

Cauthen came back to China as a missionary, too. She worked with her husband in the southern city of Guilin (Kweilin) and in Shanghai in the 1940s and early '50s, until the new communist regime forced out all missionaries. After Cauthen retired as executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, the Cauthens revisited Guilin and several other cities in 1980. But she hasn't seen the places of her youth in nearly half a century.

"I keep telling myself it won't be home," she admits. "It's all different now, I'm sure. But it's where my roots are, where I spent all my growing up years. I love the hills at Chefoo and the long bluffs beyond the harbor and the islands and beaches. It's all so much a part of me that it will thrill me to pieces to get to go back."

She discovered the opening at Yantai University on a list of work opportunities for foreigners in China. In their intensive drive to modernize, the Chinese are welcoming foreigners who can help the nation progress in education, science, technology and other areas. Teachers of English, the most international of languages, are high on the wanted list.

At first Cauthen assumed she was too old to be eligible. "I was sighing, 'Oh, if I were just young enough, I'd go in a minute,'" she says. After learning there was no specific age limit, she immediately decided to apply. An invitation from the university's foreign language department arrived in June.

Yantai University is a new school. The first academic year ended in June with an enrollment of about 1,000 students, Cauthen said. She says school administrators anticipate possible growth to 5,000 students during the coming year. She is not sure how large her own classes will be.

What is her goal for the coming year? "To do a good job," she answers without hesitation. "I think a Christian should do a good job when they take a job, and without being offensive, to live as a Christian in a way that will speak—not in the words I say, but in the life I want to live."

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Cauthen admits her Chinese is "very rusty." But in preparation for the assignment, she has studied intensively the teaching of English as a second language in several workshops. She will concentrate on helping her students develop conversational skills.

She looks forward to communicating and developing friendships with young Chinese students at Yantai. They are part of a new generation eager to take advantage of opportunities for education and advancement.

She also hopes to see what has become of all the people in the region, where Christians like her parents invested "such a tremendous expenditure of life." For many years, she says, only "rumors and sad stories" of Christians in the area reached the outside world. Few people she knew personally remain alive after so long. But she has heard of one woman she knew well, now in her 80s, who still lives in Hwanghsien. "I would love to see her," she says.

Christian congregations now meet in both Yantai and Hwanghsien, and a new church building recently has replaced the old one destroyed long ago in Hwanghsien. Chinese Christian leader Wang Sunyuan reported 60 open churches and 2,000 home meeting places in Shandong Province in 1985, with an estimated 250,000 believers.

Cauthen has one other hope--to recover her father's diaries of nearly 40 years as a missionary, if they still exist. He left them in the attic of a house in Hwanghsien where he was kept under guard by Japanese forces in China after the Pearl Harbor attack. He later was taken to an internment camp and eventually repatriated to the United States. The house in Hwanghsien still stands, according to recent visitors.

"My brothers and sisters have a great desire to see if we can't get the privilege of investigating if those things are still there," she says.

Cauthen departs for China in August.

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Texas Churches Battle Effects
Of Energy Crunch, Farm Crisis

By Ken Camp

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DALLAS (BP)—In the midst of an energy industry crunch and a farm crisis that have plunged Texas into its worst economic slump since the Great Depression, Southern Baptists in the state are seeking to minister to the unemployed and economically distressed.

In March, the Baptist General Convention of Texas created a rural economic crisis task force to gather and disseminate information, recommend action by the state convention and study participation in interdenominational responses to the crisis. The task force now is collecting materials for a resource packet that will help churches minister to people in economic crisis.

The Texas Christian Life Commission is working with other religious groups to organize a series of city-wide forums to be held across the state this fall. The forums will examine the economic crisis in Texas and are designed to inform the religious community and social service providers of possible cuts to human services programs.

At its June meeting, the Texas convention's executive board adopted a resolution expressing concern for victims of economic crises and support for those involved in ministering to them.

"We can be inspired and led by the innovative and effective ministries of churches which are already involved in responding to economic crises in meeting physical and emotional as well as spiritual need," the resolution said. "We applaud churches, associations and others for the various kinds of help provided to those harmed by the crisis and encourage other churches and associations as well as the staff of the executive board and of the institutions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas to engage in such ministry."

Throughout the state, Texas Baptists are rising to the challenge of meeting human need in tough economic times.

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In East Texas, a Baptist university professor has developed a seminar to help the unemployed of that region who have suffered from the declines in agribusiness and in energy-related industries. Thomas Watson, chairman of the speech communication department at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, created a three-hour course called "Project Job Search."

The course is designed to teach to persons seeking jobs techniques such as assessing their skills, writing employment briefs and preparing for an interview. Unlike similar programs offered by corporate consultants for as much as \$350 per participant, Watson charges no more than \$10 per person, and in some instances churches have agreed to underwrite half that cost.

About 500 miles west, First Baptist Church of Lamesa is seeking to minister in a community hit hard both by the farm crisis and the oil and gas collapse.

In March, the church offered its own version of "FarmAid" by sponsoring the West Texas Farm Family Weekend. About 600 High Plains farmers and their families attended the conference which included sessions on money management, bankruptcy and foreclosure as well as Bible study and gospel singing.

After the weekend event, the church set up a support group for farm families. The group met together for about six weeks, and one-on-one personal support continues. In the near future, the church will sponsor a breakfast meeting for business leaders in the Lamesa area who depend upon agribusiness or oil and gas.

"We want to be able to offer them a time of encouragement and have a chance to deal with them on a spiritual basis," said Pastor C.H. Murphy. An "Oilpatch Family Weekend" similar to the Farm Family Weekend also is being discussed.

A few miles to the southwest in Permian Baptist Association, the economic problems are almost exclusively related to oil and gas. In a town where unemployment is epidemic and local retailers are reporting current 30 to 50 percent losses, First Baptist Church of Andrews is postponing the fulfillment of its dreams for the good of those who have lost all hope of fulfilling theirs.

The church recently voted to set aside \$10,000 from its building fund and take all of its fifth Sunday undesignated offering which traditionally has gone to the building fund and devote those funds to community benevolence. Of the \$19,000 in the fund, First Baptist Church already has distributed about \$5,000, mostly to unemployed persons outside the church fellowship.

In the nearby Midland-Odessa area, several churches are reaching out in ministry to the unemployed. Central Baptist Church of Odessa is putting unemployed church members to work at the church facility. In preparation for a homecoming service, the church is remodeling its buildings using labor provided by otherwise unemployed church members. The members are paid hourly wages for their labor, said Pastor Von Dell Drinkard.

Crestview Baptist Church in Midland works with sister churches in the city to fund and staff a community crisis center. Crestview also operates a job placement service through the pastor's office, matching job opening leads with unemployed potential workers.

First Baptist Church of Midland operates two funds to aid the needy--a family assistance fund created for church members and an ongoing benevolence fund for persons outside the church. Pastor Dan Vestal also is chairman of the Midland Community Crisis Center committee, and the church actively participates in that ministry.

Of course, economic woes are not limited to rural parts of the state. In the economically depressed Houston area, a number of churches are responding to the crisis. Union Baptist Association leaders have met with 15 churches to help them develop their ministries to the unemployed. Another 30 churches have contacted the associational office and expressed interest in beginning such a ministry.

At least two churches in or near Houston are using technology to help people.

In San Felipe Baptist Association, First Baptist Church of Katy is using spot announcements on its 24-hour-a-day ACTS cable station to help the unemployed.

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Unemployed people are encouraged to contact "Katy Job Seekers" and fill out forms indicating their qualifications and type of job sought. The church then develops a 60-second spot containing that information and giving a phone number for employers to contact. The spots are rotated throughout the schedule, running about 10 times a day for one week.

In addition to "Katy Job Seekers," First Baptist Church also offers an economic crisis ministry specifically to its own members, many of whom commuted to nearby Houston to jobs in energy-related industries. Pastor Charles Wisdom led the church to create the "First Family Fund" for church members in need. About \$9,000 already has been collected.

Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston began in May to offer a computerized job placement service. By mid-July, 42 applicants had been entered into the computer's database.

The computerized placement service is being made available to anyone in the community who needs it. Logan Atrip, minister of pastoral care, estimated half of the members of Tallowood are—or were—employed in oil- and gas-related industries.

"I would hesitate to guess how many of our church are unemployed. I have no idea," he said. "It's such an emotional experience, some don't want to discuss it."

Billy Bob Moore, associate director of missions for Union Association, noted the association hopes to work with Tallowood to expand the computerized service.

Job placement is just one of a number of ministries put into place by a seven-member economic crisis committee at Tallowood since May 1. The church also sponsored an all-day out-placement seminar which they plan to expand into a two-week conference, and it offers a weekly Monday morning support group meeting for the unemployed.

"There are so many people hurting today," said Atrip. "Reaching out to them as brothers and sisters in the Lord. That's what it's all about."

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More Worldly Temptations
Demand Stronger Parenting

By Terri Lackey

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Being a parent in today's world is not easy, a Southern Baptist counselor acknowledged.

Society hands children of 10 a plate of maturity before they have even finished the first course of childhood. When most young people should be deciding which pair of tennis shoes to wear, some instead are deciding which brand of cigarettes to smoke.

"Christian parents are struggling with issues and how to impart a strong sense of values," said Dean Clifford, an elementary school guidance counselor from Winston-Salem, N.C.

"The world offers children so many choices," said Clifford, leader of a parenting course at Church Training Leadership Conference sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Christian parents can prevent their children from being exposed to so much decadence by monitoring which television shows they may watch, as well as which books they may read, Clifford said, stressing, "Without being book burners, parents must study the literature that is available to their children."

Parents also must face the modern-day problem of substance abuse among their children, she added. It is not at all uncommon to find grade school-aged children addicted to cigarettes, she said. Nor is it rare to find junior high and high school students using alcohol and drugs.

"And we must deal with the fact that what we knew about sex when we were in high school is nothing compared to what kids know today," Clifford said. "It's not rare to see fourth-, fifth- or sixth-graders who are not only knowledgeable about sex, but who are also active."

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Gary Hauk, supervisor of the family enrichment section of the Sunday School Board's family ministry department, agreed. "Statistics show that about 125,000 junior high students will get pregnant this year," Hauk said.

The family ministry department trained church, state and associational leaders during the church training sessions to teach a new parenting course.

Parenting by Grace, a course designed to help parents integrate Christian ideals into their parenting techniques, will be released to churches in October. During the National Parent Enrichment Leadership Training Workshop, family ministry leaders spent an entire week at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Centers training 180 Christians to teach the course, Hauk said.

Meanwhile, Clifford insisted instilling Christian values in children must begin at birth. "If a child feels love and security, good self-esteem is usually the result," she said. "With a good self-concept, children are usually less vulnerable to all that worldly stuff."

She said encouraging "God-given talents and abilities" in children is also a way of building self-esteem. But giving children the attention they require can pose a problem to parents.

"Parents today are just so overextended with their time," she said. "Sixty percent of all mothers work, and with both parents working, there is little energy for the children."

Clifford suggested parents be "extremely careful" when setting their priorities. She said each parent should budget time to spend with the family, as well as allow him or herself private quiet time.

Clifford also advised parents to allow time for family recreation, creating a natural, open, spontaneous atmosphere with their children.

"Slow down. Spend time with your spouse, your children and yourself," she said. "The best thing parents can do for their children is to have a loving relationship with their spouse."

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Home Board
Honors Yong

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—Yun Yong, director of seamen's ministry for South Jersey and Greater Philadelphia Baptist associations, was honored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for his contribution to ministry among international seamen.

Yong began a volunteer ministry among seamen in 1965 and later left his position as director of the department of medical arts at Temple University Medical School in Philadelphia to become a missionary associate in 1976.

Yong has contributed "insights to the concept of networking seamen's ministry on a national plane and connecting these ministries to their families in home ports on a global plane and has demonstrated evangelistic zeal by using creative and ingenious methods of communicating the gospel," said Oscar Romo, Home Mission Board language missions director, during the presentation at Home Missions Week at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center.

Before his missionary appointment, Yong worked with seamen in Camden, N.J.; Cherry Hill, N.J.; and Philadelphia.

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Christian Girls Camp Director
Adds To Crestridge History

By Terri Lackey

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)—The Korean War recently had ended. Sen. Joe McCarthy was making headlines. And Rosa Parks' refusal to give her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., helped spark a reformation of the nation's civil rights laws.

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History was in the making, and to an isolated group of girls at a Christian girls' camp near Ridgecrest, N.C., Johnnie Armstrong was to become part of that history.

It was 1955, and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board had just opened Camp Crestridge for girls. Nestled in the rolling mountains the camp was founded on a portion of the 1,900 acres which made up Southern Baptist Assembly, now known as Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Armstrong, a recent graduate of Blue Mountain Baptist College in Blue Mountain, Miss., had just accepted a summer position at the camp as land sports director. Little did she know when she walked on the rustic grounds of Camp Crestridge 32 years ago that she would be back every summer thereafter.

The camp director with the distinguished head of salt-and-pepper hair, yet blue-jeans-and-tennis-shoes accessibility says her philosophy is simple—"I'll be here as long as the Lord wants me to be here."

Armstrong has become a staple of Camp Crestridge. She wittily acknowledges she even outdates some of the buildings.

Slender and spunky, Armstrong, camp director for the past eight years, has found in Crestridge a second home. Her first home is Blue Mountain, where she is chairman of the department of health and physical education and athletic director at the college she attended as a young woman.

Armstrong's life is a creative blend of two similar careers, and she says she is proud of both. But she notes she especially is proud of the atmosphere of love Camp Crestridge offers to girls whose lives are sometimes lacking in that area.

"Crestridge has something no other camp has," she explains. "I think we offer here the love of God. Even the kids who have been really rebellious leave here feeling good."

Crestridge offers much more than just a Christian atmosphere. The girls can choose among such activities as horseback riding, backpacking, camping, drama, basketball, archery, water sports, music and crafts. But chapel services and regular worship times serve as the backbone of the camp's ministry, she says.

"There's always a need for a place like this," Armstrong insists. "We try to teach practical Christianity here. But we want our girls to grow mentally, socially, physically and spiritually."

Armstrong acknowledges she is a workaholic, working with a staff of 54 from sunup to sundown. Her one day off a week during the summer is spent on the golf course.

Armstrong says time has not permitted her to marry: "I'm afraid there has not been time. It almost happened once, but it just didn't work out."

And although Armstrong has no children of her own, that does not stop her from claiming a large family.

"I have thousands of kids all over the world," she beams.

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Marsh Builds Foundations
With 20,000 Seminarians

By Scott Collins

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—"He reads Cicero in Latin, Plato in Greek and Montesquieu in French. Yet his closest friend is an illiterate, or almost so," says a colleague of Leon Marsh.

Marsh, distinguished professor of foundations of education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and his wife, Ruth, are retiring to his native home in the mountains of northeast Alabama.

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For 30 years, students have known him as a talented professor and faithful friend. He has been concerned equally with academic excellence and personal relationships. Sitting in a lawn chair in front of his South Fort Worth home, Marsh recalls his experiences at Southwestern, beginning as a student in 1946. He assisted J.M. Price, founder of the school of religious education.

After five years at Hardin-Simmons University, Marsh joined Southwestern's faculty in 1956. He developed the foundations division in the school of religious education. That division has grown from four courses and four seminars to 16 master's level courses and 19 doctoral courses.

Marsh also helped develop the doctor of education program. From his experiences in religious education, Marsh wrote the first textbook on educational psychology from a Christian perspective.

Marsh traces his philosophy of teaching to his roots in Arab, Ala. His forefathers homesteaded near there in 1880. From his family of seven preachers and 13 deacons, Marsh learned to "stay close to people," he says. Because of this love for people, Marsh found his greatest joys in the classroom.

"My philosophy of teaching is that you're not going to teach any student spiritual things unless first you have a personal relationship with that student," Marsh says. Each semester, Marsh has held a personal conference of at least 20 minutes with each of his students. Last fall he had 329 students and knew every name by the end of the second week.

For the past 15 years, Marsh has begun every class period with students singing "Victory in Jesus." During the previous 15 years they sang "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship."

Marsh's love for the students creates trust for them. "I give the students all the views and facts and let them decide," he says. Former students return that love and trust, he notes, "I get at least one letter every day from some student."

Some would call Marsh only an educator or "methods man," but he sees it differently. "I am an evangelist," he insists. Stressing people come to Jesus Christ not through methods but through contagion: "Christianity is spread more by witness than promotion. The world sees in us something they want. We don't need a neon sign."

While at Southwestern, Marsh has been interim pastor at 37 churches and conducted more than 400 revivals. Doctoral student Greg Lawson has worked with Marsh for the past three years and is currently doing research on the professor's life. "Throughout his ministry, he has maintained a number of non-Christian friends to minister to," Lawson says. "He will point people to Jesus."

Although Marsh was named distinguished professor last year, he says: "It is not the title which makes you distinguished. I'm just average."

"I've always had a sense of gratitude that God took an ignorant mountain boy and placed him in the stewardship of over 20,000 students. That's my greatest honor."

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