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Love of foreign lands

innate in Carey family blood

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CHELTENHAM, England (BP)--To a Carey, there is something about the call of a foreign land that is stronger than the ties to home.

William Carey, the man credited with beginning the modern missions movement from England almost 200 years ago, was known as an avid student of the world, although his travel only took him from England to India, where he worked as a missionary for 41 years.

Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring tours of "William Carey's England" beginning this fall and continuing for a year in commemoration of Carey's 200th anniversary of founding the modern missions movement.

As a child, William Carey's interest in countries around the world was so intense, he earned the nickname "Columbus" from schoolmates.

Today, Michael Carey is carrying on that same love affair with the world. He is William Carey's great-great-grandson and is a retired geography professor who lives in Herefordshire, England.

"One of the penalties of being a geographer is that I made it my business to travel," Carey said. He and his wife, Kay, also a retired teacher, have traveled to several continents -- North America, Africa, Southeast Asia, Europe and Australia. This past year found them floating down the Amazon -- something he had always wanted to do.

"One of the main reasons we both enjoy travel is that you meet extraordinarily interesting people," he said. "After all, people are more important than things."

People were at the focal point of William Carey's interest in the world, too. His main concern with the people of the world was that they have the opportunity to hear the gospel message.

In his soon-to-be-released biography of William Carey, "Faithful Witness," author Timothy George acknowledges Carey's interest in people.

"Where others looked for money and power, Carey saw men and women created in the image of God perishing without the knowledge of the Savior. That is why he could not teach geography as a mere matter of fact. The burden of those who had never heard weighed so heavy on his mind. What could be done? What could he do?"

Michael and Kay Carey personally have experienced the results of William Carey's love for people.

Several years ago the Careys were in India, visiting places where his ancestor had lived and worked. They boarded a ferry to cross a river to another town. Instead of joining her husband on the upper, uncovered deck, Kay chose to sit downstairs. A conversation began with the man seated next to her. After the exchange of names and hometowns, the Indian man asked, "You're not related to 'the' William Carey, are you?"

"I married a Carey," she told him. "My husband is the great-great-grandson of Dr. Carey."

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"I t meet him. I must meet him!" the man exclaimed.

After she had introduced the man to her husband, the Indian said, "Dr. Carey did more for education in India than anyone else ever has. I insist on paying for your taxi for you when we reach shore."

Time and time again, the Careys have found the people of the world accepting them and befriending them simply because of their tie with William Carey -- in India, in Australia, in the United States and at home in England.

"It is great fun being a Carey," Michael said.

Being a Carey also has carried with it the pressure of a forefather's reputation -- one who accomplished almost everything he ever tried. And as in any family, reputations aren't always easy to live up to.

"If William Carey were alive today, I think he might be a little full of chastisement in that I've had so many opportunities but have achieved so little compared to the one opportunity he fought tooth and nail to achieve -- and achieved so much," Michael said.

In his own way, however, Michael Carey is contributing to the work begun by his ancestor. William Carey founded Serampore College in Serampore, India, in 1818. Today the school is continuing that same work and laboring under some of the same conditions as in 1818. Michael Carey has taken to heart some of the needs of the school's William Carey Library. Fighting damage to books inflicted because of tropical heat, rain and bugs, Carey is doing what he can to help the school and is encouraging others to join him.

"I'm really humbled when I realize the legacy in the heritage we have in William Carey," he said. "However, I'm not so interested in the legacy of the heritage but the prospects for the future."

For Michael and Kay Carey, exploring the world will probably continue to be in their future.

"Every year, I say this is the last long trip," she said. "We're getting older."

With a wink, Michael leaned over to whisper, "China!"

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Author offers busy women
tips for managing time

By Karen Benson

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RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--Some things don't get done due to lack of interest, not lack of time.

In fact, "We do what we want to do," said popular speaker and author Barbara Joiner of Columbiana, Ala.

That tip, along with many others on managing time, drew standing-room-only crowds to Joiner's seminar, "Accountable for the Busy Woman," which was repeated several times and was one of the most popular seminars offered during Woman's Missionary Union Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center June 22-28.

Joiner is author of "Count It All Joy," just released by New Hope, a publishing division of WMU. She also has authored two other books for WMU -- "Yours For the Giving: Spiritual Gifts" and "The Dynamic Woman I Am: Decision-Making With God."

Among her time-managing tips:

-- Quit overcommitting. "We feel indispensable, but we're not," Joiner said. "The work will not stop if we're not doing it. We've not yet learned to delegate responsibility to responsible people."

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But women often find that they are trying to "do it all," Joiner said. "Not only are you hurting yourself, you're robbing someone else of the opportunity to serve."

In delegating some of the responsibilities, women need to be sure to "delegate the authority you have, as well," Joiner cautioned. "Make sure you enable the other person to actually do the work."

-- Learn to say "No." "We busy women just can't seem to say 'No!'" Joiner admonished. "The honest truth is, we have to say 'no' to some things. Now, that doesn't mean you can go home and resign your responsibilities in WMU!" she said, laughing. "Say 'no' to some other things that aren't so important."

Busy women should work on overcoming the guilt associated with saying "no," Joiner said. "We have a tremendous desire to please. We have our self-image to think about. We think it would ruin our spiritual status if we said 'no.' But we're confusing our activity with spirituality," she admonished.

-- Become goal-setters. A goal is simply a "statement of faith focusing on what could be in the future," Joiner said. "Goals motivate us to action. Goals save us from the tyranny of the urgent. Goals help us measure our success. And goals help you to control stress," Joiner said.

"The secret is to select goals that are worthy," she said.

Goals need to be set in every area of life, she advised. Physical goals are important for physical well-being and functioning, she said.

Spiritual goals are of ultimate importance, as well, she said, citing time with God as a must on any list of spiritual goals. "If you don't have a regular quiet time, you're robbing yourself of spiritual power," she said.

Financial, educational and social goals need to be developed, too, she said. "Maybe you need to cut your credit cards into tiny little bits," she suggested, amid groans from the audience.

No matter what category they fall within, the goals need to be specific (such as "I will walk one mile every day"); written down ("preferably in blood!"); scheduled, especially the date the effort will be started to reach the goal; and flexible, Joiner said.

Finally, busy women need to get organized, Joiner said. "If you organize things, you do not procrastinate."

Women procrastinate for a variety of reasons, she said, including: fear of failure; fear of the unknown; lack of direction; tendency toward perfection ("Don't aim for perfection; strive for excellence"); work overload; and so on.

Often, procrastination comes because "we're just lazy!" Joiner said. "If you have a real problem with laziness, I have a scripture for you," she said, quoting Proverbs 6:9-10.

Time, just like life itself, is "irreversible and irreplaceable," Joiner said. "When we use our time, we're choosing one activity over another. We can't save time up. We have to spend it one way or another.

"We should make each day count."

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Shorter College receives
\$1.5 million estate gift

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ROME, Ga. (BP)--Edward Swift Shorter, former trustee and long-time benefactor of Shorter College has given the college an estate gift of just over \$1.5 million. Shorter, a resident of Columbus, Ga., died in 1987.

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His wife, Mildred Watts Shorter, received income from the estate until her death in 1990, after which the entire estate went to Shorter's three favorite charities: Shorter College, Mercer University, and The Columbus Museum.

The gift is the largest received by Shorter College in its 118-year history.

"Edward Shorter will always have a prominent place in the history of Shorter College. During his lifetime, he gave of himself as a trustee and he gave of his means as a financial supporter of this institution. Through his record-setting bequest, he will continue his significant contribution not only to the college itself, but especially to our students. It is impossible to express in words the gratitude we feel toward Mr. Shorter," said Shorter President James D. Jordan.

During his lifetime, Shorter gave nearly \$200,000 to fund a number of projects and on-going operations. He served five five-year terms on the college's board of trustees.

Shorter was born in Macon, Ga. He attended Episcopal High School in Virginia, near Washington. There he had the opportunity to visit the Washington art galleries. His interest in art continued to increase through trips to Europe.

Shorter worked at the Corcoran art gallery, interned during the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg, Va., and worked at several New York design houses.

He was a connoisseur of fine art and built a private collection, some pieces of which are on display at the Columbus Museum.

He operated a painting workshop in Macon. Shorter was president of the Association of Georgia Artists, as well as Macon, Columbus, and Atlanta Art Associations.

He received the Gari Melcher Award presented to the person who has furthered the interests of the fine arts and culture in America.

Shorter's bequest is the largest gift ever received by Shorter College. The money will be directed toward endowment, capital improvement and current scholarships. Also many of the pieces of furniture selected by Shorter and his wife to furnish Folly Hill, their home in Columbus, are now permanent fixtures in High Acres, the Shorter College president's home.

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Belmont graduate uses nursing skills
to minister through clinic in Brazil By Mona Collett

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A Brazilian woman who never had known the love of Christ came to the clinic to get treatment for her physical ills. Because the clinic was staffed by Southern Baptist physicians and nurses, her spiritual needs did not go unattended.

When the woman handed her the doctor's prescription, Ginger Collier prepared the woman's medicine and responded to the note written by her attending physician. "I want to give my new sister in Christ a hug," the missionary told her.

The moving embrace is symbolic of the culmination of Collier's work in Brazil. Collier and her husband, Ken, are on furlough in Nashville, where they began their preparation for missions. The couple met while he was stationed in Alabama and attended Heritage Baptist Church in Montgomery where her father, Andrew Smith, was pastor. Smith presently works for the Sunday School Department of the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Originally from Kingsport, Tenn., Mr. Collier was minister of education and youth at Tusculum Hills Baptist Church and later was minister of education at Dalewood Baptist Church, both in Nashville. He is a religious education worker in Brazil.

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Collier talked about their entry into the mission field and their work in Brazil. "I had felt called to be a missionary since I was 9 years old," she recalled. The couple realized in 1981 they might be called into missions. She began Belmont College's nursing program in 1982 because she "wanted to have a skill (she) could use." Her daughters were 2 and 5 when she began her studies on a missions scholarship. She graduated with an associate's degree in 1984.

According to Collier, going through the nursing program with two children at home "was tough." She also said she "could not have been better prepared for the mission field." The family's final decision to seek an appointment from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was made while they were attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Now Jennifer and Amy are 14 and 10, respectively. "My girls are my two main translators," said Collier. "Brazil is home for them." Both speak fluent Portuguese.

The girls interpret the physical ails of the Brazilian patients to visiting American doctors and nurses. As part of her community outreach, Collier coordinates clinics that are set up through a partnership with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Monies given through the Kentucky partnership allow the clinics to distribute free medicine to Brazilians who would otherwise go untreated.

Last year four different medical teams worked in clinics like the one in Vitoria, Espirito Santo, where the Brazilian woman accepted Christ. More than 250 people became Christians through that ministry. Local Brazilian Baptist churches are involved in setting up the clinics and provide registration forms for the patients so that they can continue to minister to them. "We're going to have people walk through the doors of a Baptist church that would have never (without the clinic ministry)," said Collier.

Churches quickly see they can be open every day to meet the immediate needs of the people. And the need is great. The clinics are open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. At the end of a long day, the medical team is met with pleas from people waiting for them to return the next day. "Everyday," said Collier, by the time the clinic opened, there was a "line as far as you could see." People would have spent the night so their children could see the doctors.

The line at the Baptist-sponsored clinic is still a better investment of their time. The waits for medical attention at other clinics is much longer and patients are still not assured of getting the medical attention they need.

Diagnoses for the clinics' patients range from malnutrition to cataracts. "A lot of people who come in have more of a spiritual need than anything else," said Collier. And then others are so sick they can barely take care of themselves.

Whatever the condition of the Brazilian people's bodies, Collier and other clinic workers offer more than medicine for physical healing. "We try to teach that they can have control of their lives," said Collier. The Baptist workers' message is of hope through Christ.

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