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**California Baptists seek
solutions to L.A. tensions**

By Terry Barone

LOS ANGELES (BP)--Warning of a "brewing crisis" in America, Los Angeles pastor Lonnie Dawson said education and training are needed to solve the problems that erupted into violence here early this month.

Dawson, pastor of New Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, voiced that concern as nearly 50 black, Korean, Hispanic and Anglo Baptist leaders gathered May 8, one week after the Los Angeles riots. The group, which included area pastors, directors of missions and California Southern Baptist Convention leaders, met to discuss ways of working together.

"In the inner cities there is a brewing crisis and government and churches are going to have to reason with it," Dawson said.

Scott Williamson, president of the CSBC and pastor of Rose Drive Baptist Church in Yorba Linda, said, "During a tragedy such as this disaster, we must pull together. This is not a south-central Los Angeles issue. This is something the whole state must deal with."

C.B. Hogue, executive director of the California Southern Baptist Convention, noted churches in south-central Los Angeles have been on the "front lines ... felt the pain" of the deadly disturbances. "Tell us what we can do. We can't do it for you but we can help you," he said.

Hogue said he believed this was the "finest opportunity believers have to make an impact. We need to let them (residents of south-central L.A.) know we are God's children, we love them and that we want to help them where they are, no matter their color or culture."

At least two pastors urged a black church extension coordinator be appointed for south-central Los Angeles. They voiced frustration that the position -- first requested in early 1991 -- still has not been approved.

"It is high time for the rhetoric to cease and for action to begin," said E.W. McCall, pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in La Puente.

Recalling the Watts riots of 1965, McCall said, "You asked us what we thought and we told you; you asked us what needed to be done and we told you. We do not expect you to do our work, but we do expect you to walk alongside to get things done."

McCall called on all present to "do away with the bureaucracy to get something done" so Southern Baptists have a vibrant presence in south-central L.A.

"We are committed to getting it done one way or another," McCall said.

Hogue told the group the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has been asked to make this request an immediate priority so funding can begin this year.

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"We are still where we were 27 years ago. Suggestions were given and nothing was done," said Willie Simmons, pastor of Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church in Los Angeles. "There is no sense in pointing fingers ... we all have failed. Our question is, 'What can we do now?'" Simmons reiterated the appeal for a coordinator to supervise church starters, short-term missionaries and other inner-city ministry in south-central L.A.

"We don't need this person in 1995, we need him now!" Simmons said.

Meanwhile, Southern Baptist directors of missions reported forming a Southern California Inter-Associational Coordinating Council. A spokesman said the purpose of the council, composed of the directors of missions of the 11 southern California Baptist associations, is to address issues such as crisis response.

"We don't want to let another crisis get hold of us and not know what to do," said Stan White, director of missions for Los Angeles Baptist Association.

"This council is not a solution. The solution is with churches on the front lines. All we (the associations) ever do is to help strengthen what our churches do," White said.

Russ Grelling, CSBC church and community consultant for southern California, was named crisis coordinator for the group.

Luther Keith, pastor of Central Baptist, called for social ministries to be brought to the forefront. "Social ministries have not been on the top burner but now they should be our top priority ... because the gospel is still number one in all that we do."

Several speakers complained of worsening economic problems in south-central L.A. and called for new industry to invest in the area. Dawson noted the growing homeless and jobless population in neighborhoods with 25 percent unemployment rates, more than three times the national figure.

Dawson also mentioned the influx of immigrants who have taken jobs from residents in south-central L.A. in the past decade.

Sung-Do Lim, pastor of Central Korean Baptist Church, asked the group to pray for Koreans affected by the rioting. More than 2,000 Korean businesses valued at nearly \$400 million were destroyed in the riots.

David Kim, Korean language church extension associate, apologized for the shooting of a black teen-age girl by a Korean grocer, an event which contributed to the riots. Kim said Koreans are frustrated because there has been no regret for what has been done in the burning and looting of their businesses.

"It appears that material possessions are more valuable than human life itself," Kim said. "This needs to be changed."

Franklin Williams, pastor of New Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Long Beach, accepted Kim's apology. In turn, Williams apologized for what happened during the riots.

"To our Korean brothers, we love you and are with you. But, when the veins erupted, they erupted in violence," Williams said.

In addition to Stan White of Los Angeles Association, other LA basin directors of missions attending the meeting were Doyle Braden, Orange County; Don Hall, Crescent Bay; Don Laing, Long Beach Harbor; Charles McClung, San Fernando Valley; and Gene Wilson, Calvary-Arrowhead.

Hogue said he hopes the dialogue "will initiate far greater relationships" among the participants. And while most of those involved expressed appreciation as the meeting ended, they also knew it wasn't over.

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"We are in a crisis and you can be sure something is going to happen if something is not done," said Charles Norman, director of Youth Gang Services in Los Angeles and a member of Central Baptist Church in Inglewood. Norman, who was on the streets during most of the rioting, added a warning: "This is not the end of it. When heavy law enforcement is removed, there is some unfinished business."

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Distributing food, faith in
Los Angeles riot aftermath

By Terry Barone

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LOS ANGELES (BP)--Less than a week after rioting in south-central Los Angeles, Southern Baptists moved in the area to distribute food and tell about Jesus.

At the request of Willie Simmons, pastor of Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church, the California Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief unit was set up on the church's parking lot. Workers began distributing groceries -- and the gospel -- to neighborhood families.

Don Hargis, director of CSBC Men's Ministries, said grocery stores in south-central Los Angeles are almost non-existent.

"It's not that residents can't cook food, they don't have anyplace to buy food," Hargis said.

Most grocery stores were either burned or looted during the riots sparked by a not guilty verdict in the Rodney King videotape beating trial of four white Los Angeles police officers two weeks ago.

More than 1,000 families were supplied with grocery bags containing food items such as flour, sugar, rice, beans, instant soup, powdered milk, and cereal. Evangelism tracts also are placed in the grocery bags.

Initially intended to be used in preparing hot meals, the 18-wheel, tractor-trailer rig has been used for a command post, food storage and food distribution point.

Hargis said about half the distributed food has been donated by churches in Los Angeles, the Salvation Army, L.A. Regional Food Bank, and Lighthouse Community Outreach. The rest of the food has been purchased.

Tom Hernandez, director of New Hope Ministries of Fresno who is supervising the operation, said about \$6,000 worth of food had been distributed through Monday, May 11.

In addition to distributing groceries, Greater Cornerstone is providing clothes to residents in the neighborhood.

Hernandez said he and other volunteers also present the plan of salvation to people who come to Greater Cornerstone for groceries.

"I had the opportunity of leading two Spanish-speaking women to the Lord while they were waiting for groceries," he said.

Volunteers have time to counsel with and witness to people as they wait. "We want them to know that the food is coming from Jesus and his people," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said everything has gone smoothly and that he is grateful for the opportunity of "planting seeds" in south-central L.A.

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Hargis said monetary donations are needed as food and clothing distribution continues. Persons wishing to contribute should designate their gifts for "Emergency Assistance -- Los Angeles." Checks should be made payable to California Southern Baptist Convention and mailed to CSBC, 678 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93710.

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EDITORS' NOTE: In the (BP) story dated May 11 titled "Information available on AIDS, ministry opportunities," please insert the following paragraphs after the lead:

-- The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has published five pamphlets on AIDS: "AIDS: A Deadly Disease," "AIDS: Biblical Insights," "People with AIDS," "Ministry to People with AIDS" and "Critical Issues: AIDS." Contact the GLC at (615) 244-2495 or write 901 Commerce St., Suite 550, Nashville, TN 37202 or FAX (615) 242-0065.

-- The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has produced two books on AIDS: "AIDS: A Christian's Response" and "AIDS: A Christian Student's Response." The books are available at Baptist Book Stores or by calling the Sunday School Board at 1-800-458-2772.

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EDITORS' NOTE: The (BP) story dated May 12 titled "Gay rights group confronts Anita Bryant at book store" was written by Chip Alford of (BP)'s Sunday School Board bureau.

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North Korean student seeks
religious asylum -- in Russia

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By Michael Chute & Dara Wakefield

SEOUL, South Korea (BP)--A North Korean student seeking asylum in Russia to obtain religious freedom is being sheltered in the Moscow apartment of South Korean Baptist pastor Lee Chul Soo.

Officials in communist North Korea reportedly ordered 31-year-old Kim Myung Seh, a doctoral student at Moscow University, to return home. Instead, Kim sought help from Lee, pastor of Han In Baptist Church in Moscow where Kim attends worship services.

A member of the ruling North Korean Workers' Party, Kim claims he has become a believer in Christianity. Since February he has served as Lee's Russian teacher and interpreter.

Shortly after Kim sought refuge at Lee's ninth-floor apartment in Moscow's Kacorinsky district, about 20 officials from the North Korean Embassy arrived. They requested Kim to accompany them. When he refused, they threatened to break in and forcibly apprehend the North Korean expatriate.

Kim contacted South Korea's embassy for help. South Korean officials then asked the Russian government to intervene. Russia's foreign minister sent a representative who dispatched two policemen to guard Lee's apartment.

Kim sent a petition for political asylum directly to Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Until government officials make a decision, Russian guards reportedly have instructions to keep Kim in -- and the North Koreans out of -- the apartment.

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The foreign ministry of South Korea has asked the Russian government to consider Kim's request on humanitarian grounds and not turn him over to North Korean authorities.

South Korea's "government has asked and will keep asking Russia not to return Kim Myung Seh to North Korea and to protect South Korean pastor Lee Chul Soo, who is protecting Kim in his apartment," a foreign ministry official told the Korea Times.

The North Korean's attempted defection also has been covered in Russia's "Dateline News" television reports.

North Korean officials contend Kim stole valuables from their embassy a year ago. They want Russia to extradite Kim to North Korea for indictment on those charges. The student apparently has evaded repatriation to North Korea since last October.

Lee works with ethnic Koreans living in Moscow. Under the sponsorship of his home church in South Korea, he has just started the Han In church, one of 17 Korean-speaking congregations in the Russian capital. Lee went to Moscow as an independent Baptist missionary last August to study the Russian language and lead Bible studies. He has been seeking a relationship with the newly established Foreign Mission Board of the Korea Baptist Convention.

In April Korean Baptist foreign mission leader Yu Byung Ki preached a sermon in Lee's church that Kim translated into Russian. Yu was visiting Russia to support the approximately 60 Korean-speaking churches started recently in central Asia.

"Kim is simple, unsophisticated, good-hearted, sincere and an excellent interpreter," said Yu, adding that Lee "has a great missionary vision."

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HMB trustees respond
to claims of racial exclusion

By Sarah Zimmerman

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ATLANTA (BP)--In response to charges that the Southern Baptist Convention is not inclusive of racial groups, Home Mission Board trustees adopted a resolution expressing admiration for ethnic and black congregations.

The resolution, approved during the trustees' May executive committee meeting, also called for the denomination to include non-Anglos in leadership roles.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, meeting earlier in May in Fort Worth, Texas, passed a resolution to reject the "racism which has persisted throughout our history as Southern Baptists, even to this present day."

"Their resolution created questions I had to answer as chairman of this board," said Ron Phillips, pastor of Central Baptist Church in Hixson, Tenn., and chairman of the HMB directors.

Phillips admitted, "We're not where we need to be but we're not where we were." He noted the SBC is the most ethnically diverse denomination in the United States other than the Catholic Church.

Phillips asked Oscar Romo, HMB director of language church extension, and Willie McPherson, HMB director of black church extension, to report on their work.

Romo noted the Southern Baptist Convention includes more than 6,000 ethnic churches which use 100 languages and serve 102 ethnic groups. He noted all American Indians are classified as one group so the figures do not reflect the variety of American Indian congregations.

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Last year, 466 language churches were started, Romo said. He also reported the Southern Baptist Convention is the largest Spanish-speaking evangelical religious group in the world.

McPherson reported it was 1951 before a black congregation petitioned its association to become part of the Southern Baptist Convention. He said the convention now has 1,400 predominantly black churches with 400,000 members.

Eighty predominantly black Southern Baptist churches are started yearly, McPherson said.

McPherson and Romo said blacks and people from various ethnic groups are represented on the staffs and boards of SBC agencies. McPherson noted, however, only California has a black person serving as the state convention's director of black church extension.

In response to the reports, board members approved a resolution to affirm ethnic and black churches and express "admiration for their spirit and numerical growth."

Nelson Price, pastor of Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., and author of the resolution, said the "spirit" he referred to in the resolution was the "spirituality, integrity and aggressiveness" he noted in McPherson's and Romo's reports.

The resolution also called on board members to work toward greater involvement for blacks and ethnics in denominational leadership.

Earlier in the meeting, board members passed a resolution in response to a request from Hispanic Baptists. The resolution called for the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies to recognize the heritage and contribution of Hispanic Southern Baptists.

It was noted Southern Baptists have worked with Hispanics for 111 years and that Hispanics are the largest ethnic group in the convention.

That resolution also called for the denomination to "work toward greater participation of Hispanic Southern Baptists into the total life of the denomination."

In other business, board members elected Bob Sena, pastor of First Spanish Baptist Church of metro Atlanta, to the position of assistant director of the language church extension division. He will assist churches, associations, state conventions and SBC agencies with ministries to Hispanics.

Sena, who is Hispanic, is a native of Roswell, N.M. He graduated from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He has previously worked for the HMB as a regional missionary and national consultant for ethnic evangelism.

Cynthia Marshall was elected planning and budgeting coordinator-elect, to become the coordinator Jan. 1, 1993. Marshall, a native of McKinney, Texas, has been a budget assistant for the HMB planning section since December 1978. She began her HMB career as a cash receipts clerk in 1975. Marshall is a graduate of South Florida Junior College in Avon Park, Fla., and Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

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Solemn assembly may broaden
repentance in U.S., Willis says

By Tom Strode

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The repercussions of a recent solemn assembly for national prayer leaders will include "broadening the base of repentance" in the United States, predicted a Southern Baptist who presided over the meeting.

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Avery Willis, who has been leading solemn assemblies since 1989, said the need to call Christians to repentance seemed to impact participants in the May 6 solemn assembly on the eve of National Day of Prayer.

Prayer leaders such as Willis and Henry Blackaby of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board have led in solemn assemblies throughout the Southern Baptist Convention during the last four years. An evening session of last year's annual SBC meeting was dedicated to a solemn assembly. Based on Joel 1, a solemn assembly is a gathering of Christians to repent of their sins and renew their covenant with God.

Denominational leaders involved in the Day of Prayer-related assembly said repentance has been "a missing element in prayer events they have had in the past," Willis said. "The sense of leaders of prayer in the United States is that they need to repent of not leading our people more in prayer and in repentance. Many leaders told me, 'This is a model for us. We've never done this before.' It was obvious the Lord was working and was in the service."

The solemn assembly brought together about 200 people, including prayer leaders from about 30 denominations, other denominational leaders, members of the National Prayer Committee, key youth leaders and pastors.

Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in suburban Memphis, preached and Wallace Williams, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, led in a "call to sacrifice."

During the assembly, at a Methodist church in Arlington, Va., there was a "real sense of this great need in America" and of the failure of Christians "in not having a more effective role in the nation," said Willis, manager of the adult section of the discipleship training department at the Sunday School Board.

"I think God has given us a wake-up call and is saying, 'You've gone much further than you realize,'" Willis said. "God has spoken that we're not pleasing to him. I really think we need a solemn assembly in America. We need to see where we are in history in God's sight -- and that is a precarious position."

Some of those who participated expressed "this is not only a Southern Baptist concern and we need to wake up as a body," Willis said. "I see this as a benchmark, that a lot of denominations are saying, 'We need this as a body.' I believe they're saying, 'If revival comes,' and I believe it will, 'it must come in all denominations.' If we have a national revival and awakening, we must have these types of relationships between denominations. I see the Lord laying a foundation for that."

Willis said at least three other denominations are planning solemn assemblies at their 1992 meetings. Blackaby and he will lead one for the Christian Missionary Alliance in September. The Evangelical Free Church and the Church of God based in Cleveland, Tenn., both are planning solemn assemblies in June.

While the Bible reveals a nation can reach a point where God will not grant requests for mercy, Willis said he does not believe the United States has reached that point. Although America is on a "collision course" with God's judgment, the prayer movements in the country indicate the Lord is still willing to bring revival, Willis said.

"People don't pray naturally," he said. "So anytime you see someone seeking God, you know he's at work."

"It's evident when God wants to do something: He gets people praying."

Blind nursing home resident
exemplifies teacher nominees

By Frank Wm. White

PALMYRA, Mo. (BP)--For the past 80 years, Alice Triplett has been teaching Sunday school. Now, 96 years old, blind and in a nursing home, her career continues.

Triplett's dedication to teaching the Bible to others is one example of the 2,059 people nominated for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Teacher Wall of Fame.

Triplett's photo will be among the Wall of Fame nominees who will be featured in a display at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis June 9-11.

Triplett began teaching a kindergarten class when she was 16. She has taught children, youth, young adults and other age groups in the past 80 years and now teaches fellow nursing home residents. A member of Providence Baptist Church in Palmyra, Mo., she is a resident of Maple Lawn Nursing Home.

When she was 70, the church gave her the Bible on cassette tape. As her eyesight failed, she used the tapes to study her Sunday school lesson.

Her husband, and later after his death, her daughter, read the weekly Sunday school material to her.

When she moved to the nursing home, she discovered there was no Bible study for residents. "It seemed like a waste of Sunday morning with no service whatsoever."

"Now I have a reader who comes and reads a lesson to me two or three times a week and she comes Sunday morning and reads the Scripture and the lesson and then we discuss it and are trying to serve the Lord here," Triplett said from her wheelchair.

Triplett insists recognition is not necessary for her teaching tenure.

"Now, I don't want any glory for myself. It's not what I've done, it's what God has done through me. And to him be the glory forever and ever," she said.

On the wall of fame displayed at Indianapolis, photos will be arranged alphabetically by state so people may find teachers from their church, Larry Ware, coordinator of the exhibit, said.

There are 1,793 photos included in the exhibit. Some nominations were provided without photos. Ware said a notebook in the exhibit display area will include each of the letters of nomination.

Participants in the nine Sunday school leadership conferences at Ridgecrest, N.C., Glorieta, N.M., and Greenlake, Wis., conference centers will see Triplett in a videotape tribute to the Wall of Fame nominees.

Triplett isn't the longest tenured nominee but "her continued dedication when she saw a need for adults to have Bible study and willingness to meet that need despite her situation" was the basis for her selection for the video tribute, Ware said.

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(BP) photos mailed to Baptist state newspapers by SSB bureau of Baptist Press.

Maryland/Delaware WMU weathers
debate over Hindu use of camp

By Bob Allen

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BALTIMORE (BP)--Maryland/Delaware Woman's Missionary Union has emerged from its "Hindu saga" with a number of plans for more effective witness to Hindus and other internationals.

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Controversy began last year when WMU leaders allowed a summer retreat for Hindu youth to be held at WMU's Camp WoMeTo.

The controversy marred an otherwise banner year for the WMU, said Willene Pierce, executive director of the 121-year-old women's organization for missions education and support. Gains in membership and new and expanded projects in 1991-92 were overshadowed by reaction to "what we have come to call the Hindu saga," Pierce said.

She offered a detailed explanation of the decision to Maryland/Delaware WMU members in their annual meeting in Baltimore in mid-April.

Camp WoMeTo, located near Rocks State Park in Harford County, is owned and operated by WMU. For many years, an "open door policy" has governed use of the camp. Several secular groups regularly use WoMeTo. When a request came in September 1990 from the Gaithersburg-based Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America to hold a youth camp, however, Pierce said she recognized granting the application would set a precedent of opening WoMeTo to an explicitly non-Christian religious group. She consulted with WMU's camp committee, which agreed unanimously to allow the camp to be held.

After the camp, attended by about 200 youth and leaders, was held in June 1991, Pierce said her office began to receive complaints. The sentiments of letters and phone calls varied. Some said only Christians should be allowed to use the camp. Others said it was OK to allow the camp but there should have been an attempt at an overt Christian witness. Some believed Hindu worship desecrated WoMeTo. Some said letting the Hindus use the camp could be construed by the community as an endorsement of Hinduism. Some suggested women should not have the authority to make such policy decisions. Some threatened to protest the decision by withholding funds or forbidding girls from their churches to attend WMU camps.

"We did not take lightly the understanding that by our action we offended a number of brothers and sisters in Christ," Pierce said. Because of that concern, in August the camp committee and WMU executive committee met in a joint session to reconsider the issue. They emerged with a consensus that granting the Hindus' application was consistent with the missionary mandate preached by WMU. "We have taught through our missions education we must seek every opportunity to share Jesus Christ," Pierce said. "It seemed to us the Lord had set 200 Hindus in our pathway."

In November the full WMU executive board "took a fresh look" at the issue and enacted a number of new policies on camp use: They extended the deadline allowing Maryland/Delaware Baptists first dibs on reserving camp dates, decreed that only Christian groups could have access to the camp chapel and that each use by a non-Christian group must be by specific approval of the executive committee.

The following month the new policies were tested. The Hindu group applied to hold its 1992 youth retreat at Camp WoMeTo in August. Polled by mail, executive committee members voted a tie.

Pierce contacted a representative of the Hindu group and explained the situation. She asked if he would allow time at the retreat for a discussion of Christianity led by a Baptist after which WMU representatives would listen to a presentation on Hindu beliefs. With that agreement, she said, she would ask the executive committee to vote again. He consented and the committee voted unanimously to proceed.

WMU leaders were guests at a Vishwa Hindu Parishad meeting in February of this year where planning for the dialogue was to take place. News of the discussion caught a national officer of the Hindu group by surprise. Saying the local group had overstepped its authority in agreeing to the compromise, she nixed the Baptist-Hindu dialogue. Pierce then withdrew the application and returned the group's deposit.

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While that closed the discussion on the youth camp this summer, Pierce has since met with another Hindu leader, the organization's Baltimore-Washington director, who remains open to a dialogue with Baptists for adults. "We are going to talk about the possibility for next fall," she said. "But they will not be using Camp WoMeTo this summer."

Pierce said WMU leaders felt stress over having to defend an unpopular decision but they have been encouraged by what they see as good things coming out of the situation.

"Throughout this process we have had numerous opportunities to give a positive witness for Jesus Christ that we pray might yet bear fruit," she said.

Also, because of the controversy, "Christianity has become a topic of discussion for this Hindu group," she said.

WMU leaders also feel God has been speaking to them during the struggle about witness opportunities to Hindu Americans right under their noses. In the midst of the discussion, a new Baptist congregation for immigrants from India began meeting at Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Howard County. "A coincidence?" Pierce asked. "I don't think so."

Through discussions with Hindu leaders, Pierce said she learned 15,000 Hindu families live in the Baltimore-Washington area. This year's national WMU foreign missions study, chosen several years ago, is on the country of India. Though the study book has not yet been released, the author's manuscript contained suggestions on how to witness to Hindus, Pierce said.

The dispute over the use of the camp also has "raised our consciousness" about finding ways to use Camp WoMeTo as a tool for intentional outreach, Pierce said. Despite frequent use by secular groups, "we really have not found ways to use the camp for intentional witnessing. We have plans to change that." Ideas include placing a tract rack and Christian plaques and symbols at the camp as well as Scripture distribution.

After Pierce's report at the April meeting, WMU member Lib Downing asked that a statement of affirmation for the WMU executive director and executive board be entered into the minutes of the meeting. "I think we need to go on record as affirming them," she said. No motion was offered but women greeted Downing's statement with applause.

WMU President Fran Olivier voiced appreciation for the affirmation. "You will never know how much sometimes we felt like we were standing very much alone," she said.

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Pre-registration underscored
for assuring SBC child care

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INDIANAPOLIS (BP)--Pre-registration for child care during the June 9-11 Southern Baptist Convention remains open, according to the coordinator, Shirley Bearce.

But, she cautioned, "If parents have not pre-registered their children and received their confirmation before arriving at the SBC in Indianapolis, preschool child care space may not be available" when the service opens June 9.

Child care is being offered for bed babies through kindergarten, to a capacity of 75 children, Bearce said. It will be available only during the six scheduled sessions of the SBC June 9-11, not during mealtimes, she said.

Parents needing child care should mail a pre-registration request immediately to Bearce at 164 Congress Court, Mooresville, IN 46158.

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