

February 27, 1958

Nashville, Tennessee--The Southern Baptist Convention received a record \$14,260,301 last year on its Cooperative Program budget which supports denomination-wide educational and missionary work. This was \$1,050,022 over the 1956 budget income. Designated gifts for 1957 was \$8,589,117 against \$7,732,267 given in 1956. The year's total of Cooperative Program (budget) receipts and special designations reached a new high of \$22,849,418, topping the 1956 total of \$20,942,547.

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Kansas City, Missouri--Trustees of the new Midwestern Baptist Seminary have bought 99 acres here for a campus. Midwestern plans to begin classes next fall in Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, with an expected enrolment of 100 to 150 students.

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Nashville, Tennessee--The top SBC news story of 1957, according to Baptist editors, was continued development of the denomination's program to establish 30,000 new churches and missions in America by 1964. The most important development in the "30,000 movement" was the appointment of former Convention president C. C. Warren as director of the church extension program.

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Fort Worth, Texas--Three Southern Baptist Convention leaders made a 26,000 mile world tour to gather material for an expanded foreign mission program. Making the trip were Rogers Smith, Richmond, Virginia, associate secretary for promotion, Foreign Mission Board; J. Woodrow Fuller, Dallas, Texas, associate executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas; and G. Allen West, Jr., pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Seoul, Korea--Baptist women in South Korea have given \$129 to the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Missionary John A. Abernathy of the Southern Baptist Convention said the Korean Woman's Missionary Union "wanted me to send it so they would have a part in sending the Gospel to the whole world."

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Glorieta, New Mexico--Southern Baptist ^{editors} petitioned the U. S. State Department about matters of religious liberty in Spain, Colombia, and other countries. The State Department will be urged to "continue and accelerate its efforts" to secure "fundamental religious freedom" in countries where that freedom has been curtailed.

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Nashville, Tennessee--Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention recently signed the largest check ever sent to an agency of the Convention--\$2,692,147 to the Foreign Mission Board. Treasurer Routh said "The wonderful thing about this achievement is that millions of people had a part in it. They gave because they cared." The money was from February monthly receipts at the treasurer's office.

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