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Editorial Comment

THE Lisala Baptist Church Ladies' Choir have returned home to Zaire to great rejoicing. They were hailed at Kinshasa airport by the singing of those members of the choir who had not been able to join the tour and by the music of the church band. They were then taken to a reception at the headquarters of the Baptist Community of the River Zaire where they met General Secretary Pastor Koli.

It is obvious that the choir and the leaders of the CBFZ regard the tour as being very successful. British Baptists seem to have been equally enthusiastic. 'It was one of the six most memorable services in my life,' said one retired minister after hearing the choir. 'The tour has done more good than my 30 years on the mission field,' commented a former missionary.

The latter may have been an exaggeration but it does indicate that there is no substitution for first hand experience. Deputation speakers equipped with slides, artifacts and stories often do a good job in describing the overseas church. But listening to the choir, British Baptists were confronted with real people with a living and vibrant faith. There may have been a language barrier, but there was no doubting the reality of their Christian commitment and there was an immediate sense of kinship, Zairian and British Baptist belonging together in one Christian family.

What was also evident was the fact that their worship was no pale imitation of European practice. The Christian faith has taken hold within an African setting and they were expressing that faith with African rhythm and culture.

Yes it has done us all good to receive them, to know that what missionaries have been saying for years is real, to know that all that prayer and support by Baptist Churches in Britain does have results. But most of all, it has been good to experience the reality of 'reverse flow'. The overseas churches have a great deal to offer us. Let's hope that we are humble enough to receive and learn.

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THAILAND— WHERE THE CHURCH is SMALL

... and where Christians are 'foreign'

THAILAND'S reputation as a country of great beauty, populated by people of charm and attractiveness, is accurate. Most visitors to the country fall under its spell and talk of the magical and mysterious pull of Siam, as Thailand used to be called.

Whether it is one of the famous beaches and its fringe of palm trees, or the distant tribal villages nestling in a fold of the tree-covered hills, or the laden colourful stalls in a Bangkok street market, there is a constant beckoning to the visitor to stay on and see more.

Country and people

Thailand is a kingdom of 52 million people ruled by a constitutional monarch and a government which has known frequent coup d'etats since the 1930's. The King and Queen are popular and have made use of their wealth and influence to initiate many worthwhile development projects throughout the country.

Economically, the country depends on its agricultural industry, making it one of the wealthiest nations of South East Asia. There are strenuous efforts being made to

stamp out the illegal growing of poppies for opium in the Thailand sector of the infamous 'Golden Triangle'.

The People

The vast majority of the people are Thais. They make up 47 to 48 million of the population. Chinese number around three or four million and tribal peoples about half a million. The tribal peoples tend to be in the North of the country, although significant numbers of Karen tribes-people are to be found stretching South along the Burma/Thailand border.

The country is predominantly Buddhist, apart from the animistic tribes-people and a relatively small number of Christians who constitute about 0.75 per cent of the population.

The Church

There is a great diversity of Protestant churches and mission agencies in Thailand. There are something like 50-60 mission agencies at work in the country. Some are associated with the Church of Christ in Thailand (CCT) and others, the

majority, with the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand (EFT). Between the CCT and the EFT, provision has been made by the government for the presence of 700 foreign missionaries. This is the maximum number of visas and work permits which the government is willing to grant.

The CCT is a church which has emerged from Presbyterians, Lutherans, Disciples of Christ and a small input of Baptists. It has a membership of 35,000, largely made up of Thai people. It is divided up into 15 associations, or Pahks, which cover most of the country.

The General Secretary, based in Bangkok, is Dr Boonratna Boayen. Apart from co-ordinating congregational life, he is involved in some of the institutional work which CCT inherited from its founding mission partners. As a reminder, immediately opposite the CCT offices stands the Bangkok Christian College, with its excellent facilities for Secondary School education.

However, Dr Boonratna believes that the CCT needs to shake itself free from an unbalanced pre-occupation with its institu-

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tions and apply itself more energetically to the nurture and growth of congregational life.

The EFT is a loose-knit body which came into existence to help various mission organizations to co-ordinate their relationships with the Government and to act as a forum for sharing and discussion on aspects of mission. It includes small groups like The Stream of Blessing and larger bodies like OMF, with a considerable range of church traditions represented amongst its members.

There are other church groups which do not belong to CCT or EFT like the Lahu Baptist Churches and the Karen Baptist Convention, with a combined membership of 15,000. Then there are the churches of the Thailand Baptist Mission which is the name under which the Southern Baptists of the USA function in Thailand.

An interesting article appeared in the Bangkok Post in May 1986 entitled, 'The Missionaries — Why have they failed so miserably?' The article is provocative, but it highlights the fact that for all the activity of missionaries over the last 300 years, the

Christian Church, in whatever form, is still small and regarded by the average Thai as foreign.

'To be a Christian in Thailand is to be looked upon as being less a Thai than other people,' said the Rev Baw Tananone, the Ecumenical Relations Officer of the CCT. The predominant Buddhism and its associated spirit worship still bars the road to a wide acceptance of the Christian Gospel.

The Missionaries

There are a large number of missionaries in Thailand, most of them linked with EFT. The Thailand Baptist Missionary Fellowship (TBMF) is affiliated to the CCT and has 61 missionaries serving in Thailand. They come from America, Australia, Sweden and the Philippines.

The American Baptist Mission began work in Thailand in 1833 and American missionaries served there until 1900. From 1900 to 1950 there were no American missionaries from the American Baptist Mission in the country. A resumption of

missionary activity began in 1951 when a couple went to work amongst the Karens of North Thailand and in 1952 when work amongst the Chinese in Thailand was reopened.

In 1972 Australian missionaries joined the Americans and in 1974 the Thailand Baptist Missionary Fellowship was established. In 1976 the TBMF was joined by missionaries from the Baptist Union of Sweden. Now the BMS has been invited to send two couples to work in Thailand in the areas of evangelism, church planting and lay-training.

The Society is actively searching for candidates to serve in Thailand, but since the decision last year to accept the invitation to share in the work of the church in Thailand no one has yet been found. 'Who will go for us?'



TALK

BACK

From Ian Thomas

IN this month's *Herald* (March) two things particularly struck me. The first was the useless and the misleading comment of the liberation theologians feature in 'Eye Openers'. Mine boggled. Surely those engaged in 'liberation theology' will have to liberate God *from* the situations of which they speak before they can think about liberating anyone else *in* those situations?

The second thing to strike me was the interesting and practicable suggestion of A M Flint in 'Talkback'. The benefits of twinning British with French churches should be obvious. And though the reply to his letter hinted that it is not directly the business of the BMS to create such twinning links, I see no valid reason why individual churches shouldn't go about this themselves. From the Society's own point of view it may be worthwhile bearing in mind that the experience which twinning would generate would foster, rather than hinder, a wider missionary interest.

Brussels, Belgium.

From M C Brown

I am disturbed and puzzled by your insertion in the April issue of the *Herald* headed, 'China. New Amity Foundation Guidelines.'

While it may be desirable that the BMS be involved in assisting cultural, educational and social service programmes, does it not realize that the TSPM is a government department — a government doing nothing to encourage the free expression of Christian belief or the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

I understand that there are far from enough copies of the Bible, for instance, to supply the demands of the six million Christian believers in China, many of whom are forced, still, to meet secretly because of local party pressure. In some communities, even the Pastor has no Bible — there is none in the whole congregation.

It disturbs me that BMS should align itself with a foundation that is in sympathy with Communist principles.

As a supporter of the BMS, I would applaud and endorse any effort made to supply Christian literature, raise church buildings and train pastors and leaders.

Yours in the fellowship of the Church of Jesus Christ and in the outreach to extend His Kingdom. The Lord bless you in your work and witness.

Trenewydd Park,
Risca, Gwent

Both the General and Overseas Secretaries of the BMS have visited China fairly recently. They have had the opportunity of meeting church leaders at national and at local levels. They report growing, lively and sincere churches which are pleased to meet Christians from the wider world, but which believe that in China, as it is today, the responsibility for outreach must be in the hands of Chinese Christians. The BMS believes that this point of view should be respected especially since any 'interference' from outside China might cause problems for the church there.

However a way has been opened up for Christians in Britain to work in China through the Amity Christian Foundation. As we have reported in past months, the BMS is supporting the sending of Christian teachers to China. As we receive accounts of their work and publish them in the *HERALD* we shall no doubt discover that some of M C Brown's fears are groundless.

THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Society is seeking a *REPRESENTATIVE FOR WALES*

to serve in the place of the Rev Carey Garnon, who is retiring. The role will be to secure grass-roots support from local Baptist Churches, encouraging and assisting ministers, missionary secretaries and other key workers in world mission and the support of the BMS.

The person will be expected to have previously demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to the Baptist Denomination and the Baptist Missionary Society.

The task will involve personal visitation of local churches and leaders, conduct of meetings of varied types, leading of training conferences, participation in the general promotion and deputation programme of the Society, etc. A competence in the Welsh language as well as in English is preferred. It is anticipated that the person appointed will be resident in Mid or North Wales. Applicants may apply direct, giving full curriculum vitae and details of relevant experience. Applications should be received by 31 August 1987.

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NEW APPOINTMENT

THE Promotion team at Mission House has been strengthened by the appointment of Sian Williams as Promotion Secretary with particular responsibility for children's work.

After graduating with an honours degree from Sussex University, Sian spent three years in the United States with her parents, while her father was at the British Embassy in Washington. For two and half of those years she worked for the Baptist World Alliance at the Washington headquarters – a year and a half for Dr Archie Goldie in the division of Baptist World Aid and a year for the General Secretary, Dr Gerhard Claas.

'This was a tremendous experience and it gave me an invaluable insight into the Church in the world,' says Sian.

'The opportunity of meeting people from all over Europe – East and West, Africa, Asia, North and South America was a rare privilege and I am so grateful for it.

'Worshipping in a Southern Baptist Church in Northern Virginia also broadened my experience of church life and taught me some valuable lessons.

'I knew in my heart that I wanted to get involved in British Baptist life in some way, and through my BWA experience met and talked with Reg Harvey during the BWA General Council meeting in Berlin. Those discussions eventually led to my being appointed Promotion Assistant for the BMS, which I took up on return from the United States in 1985. My college training was in English and Education, so I was pleased to be able to put these skills to use for the BMS.

'As Promotion Assistant I was involved in the origination of materials for leaflets, slide set scripts and other BMS publications. Although I felt a great sense of trepidation, I thoroughly enjoyed the work.

'For some time, work with children and young teens has been left on "hold" by the BMS because of lack of staff. So with my new appointment I am looking forward to putting more energy into revitalizing BMS work with children and young teens through literature, slide sets and using the Ropeholders' Club (the BMS Club for children) in a new way.

'I feel a bit apprehensive about it, but there is a good team working here at Mission House and I couldn't want for any more support than I already have, so the apprehension is mixed with a real sense of excitement for the future.

'I believe strongly that we have to make Mission relevant for children and we have to find new and imaginative ways of bridging the gap between children at home and children overseas.

'My time at the BWA and now the BMS brings home to me so forcefully the tremendous privilege of being part of a worldwide family and of having real brothers and sisters in every country. I want to work to make that experience of feeling part of a worldwide church a reality in the lives of children and young teens in our churches.'

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CAREY GARNON



INJURIES sustained in a motoring accident have forced the early retirement of BMS Representative in Wales, the Rev Carey Garnon.

The accident occurred in 1985 when a heavily laden van went out of control on a bend and veered across the road colliding head-on with Mr Garnon's car. He received massive injuries and was on the 'critically ill' list for weeks. In spite of being so ill, recovery has come, though slowly.

The longest lasting damage has been to

Carey Garnon's right hip. A hip replacement operation took place just after Christmas, but the most recent medical opinion is that he will not be mobile and fit for work in the foreseeable future.

Mr Garnon has just two years to go to normal retirement age, so the BMS has reluctantly had to accept that he should take early retirement.

'The Society is very sad indeed,' said Reg Harvey, BMS General Secretary. 'We had high hopes of Carey Garnon being able to return to work and continue his extremely able ministry. Just before his accident, Mr Garnon had been responsible for a missionary presentation to the Assembly of the Baptist Union of Wales which was described by many as "Quite outstanding".

'His active participation in the Society's work will be greatly missed by the Society and by the Union and churches in Wales.

I must say, though, that all of us rejoice

that Carey has made the recovery he has, for he was desperately ill.

'Now he and his wife Marion,' said Reg Harvey, 'will be able to settle down to a continued convalescence which, with no pressures to return to work, we trust will make for a very happy retirement.'

Carey Garnon was born in Wales and spent virtually all his years there. He brought to the BMS his experience as a minister and commitment to the churches, associations and Union in Wales. His great ability as a preacher, his acquired art of communication as a frequent broadcaster, and a long history of commitment to the tasks of overseas mission through the BMS have been invaluable to the Society.

During his years of service he has not only been able to build on the patterns of speaking and conference leading established by previous BMS Representatives in Wales, but he has also taken initiatives in setting up new annual district focuses on missionary work.

The Rev Gareth Hutchinson was recently appointed as the other BMS Representative in Wales. He began his service for the Society in February. Only recently the BMS affirmed its view that there should continue to be two Representatives to cover the whole of Wales. So advertisements for Mr Garnon's successor are being placed immediately with the hope of a new appointment being made by the November General Committee meetings.

Mission 87 in the West Midlands

The film *Adventures in Unity* tells the story of the first 15 years of the Church of North India. It was used at a residential conference held recently at St Edward's Conference Centre at Malvern.

Its portrayal of hearts at worship and hands at work in a different cultural setting from our own stimulated thought on mission in general. Problems of the inner city church were presented by Bill Dixon of Small Heath, Birmingham, and strategy for community witness was in the hands of David Taylor from Stafford.

Another session was devoted to dipping into and discussing books on mission. Mission in worship was presented by the Rev Elsie Martin of Droitwich and issues and dynamics were introduced by Neil Hall, the Area Superintendent, and David Allenby, the adviser in youth work.

A practical exercise in co-operation based on Romans 12 was led by Peter Briggs, BMS Area Representative.

This was the second conference aimed at helping church leaders to consider the issues and the design strategies for local churches committing themselves to mission in depth and breadth. 24 churches from three associations were represented.

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LISTENING FOR A CHANGE

TODAY the Rev Ntoni-Nzinga, an Angolan, is living in Manchester and studying at the University . . . but in January 1976 he was living in Damba (Uige), Angola, where he was Superintendent and Executive Secretary of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Evangelical Baptist Church in Angola . . .

Because of the civil war, which was devastating our country, and the danger of being killed, a friend offered my family transport so that we could leave Angola. But both Catholic and Protestant colleagues had previously agreed that we could not leave and abandon the people whose 'shepherds' we were thought to be. So we all stayed to face the trouble together.

In May I decided to visit the Bembe and Kayipemba regions of our Church. After waiting a week for transport, I managed to get a place in a small pick-up belonging to a young businessman from Bembe and arrived unannounced.

After a joyful reunion with the Rev Pedro M Timoteo he decided to take me with him on a pastoral tour of the villages. We came back the next day and after two days of talks with church leaders at Bembe I proceeded on my journey to Kayipemba via Toto, where I waited two days for transport.

On the third day I decided to walk. The journey took 36 hours. The folk at Kayipemba and the church in particular were amazed to see me among them at a time when nobody wanted to risk life and limb in travelling, unless he was involved in the army, politics or business.

After three days of meetings with the leaders of the church I got a lift in a Land-Rover, which was passing through, and

went back to Uige. A day later, Kayipemba was attacked by rebels, the town was sacked and hundreds of people, including the Rev Hollandes and many other leading figures of the church, were taken into the bush.

worked together with me to reorganize and establish the Central Office of IEBA in Luanda. The team was later joined by Evangelist Avelino Sampio and the Rev Joao Makondekwa.

From July 1976 the Co-ordinating Committee became the real bridge and opened up the way for dialogue and contacts with the people and Government of Angola, the Evangelical (Protestant) and Catholic Churches in Angola, the Churches around the world through denominational and ecumenical organizations like the Baptist Missionary Society in Britain, the Baptist World Alliance, the All Africa Conference of Churches, the World Council of Churches and the Swedish Council of Free Churches.

Building bridges

These visits were aimed at rebuilding the bridges between the regions of our church destroyed by the civil war.

Because of the attacks on Kayipemba and Bembe the delegation from Kayipemba was missing from the Co-ordinating Committee which was planned during my tour. A delegation from Bembe did come to Uige, but they could not get back. They were forced to remain at Uige just as their families were being taken into the bush or went in hiding.

These courageous servants, joined by the Rev Josias, who was living in Mbanza Kongo, and the Rev Sengele plus Lourenco in Kobokolo/Beu, formed a team which

Challenging

This new experience was very challenging because we still had strong divisions within the country and very limited knowledge about each other as individuals, social

groups and churches. The combined effects of the civil war and the previous 'divide and rule' policy of the colonial power meant that mistrust was an obvious phenomenon in all social relationships. People were afraid of those from different tribes, languages and political background.

The challenge became harder when the Party declared that 'religion' should be considered as an enemy of the people because it served as an instrument of Colonialism against the interests of the people in their struggle for justice and prosperity. How could we respond to this challenge when we could not as Christians and citizens, stand united in our analysis of the causes of the situation facing our country?

As we wondered about all this, leaders of the churches continued with their consultations to build up a structure which could serve as a bridge between them and co-ordinate the relations of the churches with the State and the worldwide Church.



Devastation during colonial war

My church was deeply involved with this process, initiated by the leaders of the united Methodist and Evangelical Congregational Churches in Angola. We were all delighted when, in February 1977, eight evangelical churches, including the Kimbanguist Church, formed the Angolan Council of Evangelical Churches. This time the emphasis was on evangelism, service and unity as living expressions of our faith in Jesus Christ.

The gathering, organized by the Council from 1977 to 1985, widened our horizons. Now I have come to realize that my local, regional, denominational church could not claim to be marching in the steps of Jesus Christ without being with Christians of other places, regions and traditions (denominations), tribes and languages. I also learned that we were all facing the same challenges, but responded according to our respective circumstances.

The gatherings helped us to build up a new understanding of our problems and encouraged Christians to participate effectively in the building of a new society in Angola. It then became clear to all of us

that Christian unity was a crucial achievement for the churches if they were to witness to Jesus in our country and respond to the challenges of our time.

The effects of war

However, the war was still going on. Every day people were being killed in guerilla attacks as part of the South African incursions into Angola. Everybody tried to find a way to live in peace, but we could not enjoy peace.

The effects of war were everywhere, north, south, east and west. Those whose lives were not threatened by guns had to face shortages of essential goods – food, clothes, medicines, soap and so on.

Alongside the Government efforts, the churches tried desperately hard to bring relief to people affected by war, shortages and disease. We came to realise that decisions made outside our country were affecting us and we could not solve our problems without extending our dialogue to friends in other countries.

We also learned that peace is not simply an absence of war (armed struggle), but what Jesus calls 'life in abundance'. Quite apart from the incursions of South Africa and its destabilizing process through UNITA, which grew to alarming proportions in August 1981, the moral support given to groups, institutions and policies involved in the de-stabilization process in Angola was undermining our work.

As part of the dialogue with the worldwide Church, the churches in Angola developed programmes of visits and material aid, which were co-ordinated inside the country by the Angolan Council of Evangelical Churches and boosted by the exchange of information and other material through regular consultation and international conferences organized by the All Africa Conference of Churches, the World Council of Churches, the Christian Peace Conference and by other National Councils of Churches.

As General Secretary of the Council I became heavily involved in this process and came to learn that the struggle for peace was a major concern of the churches in Europe (east and west) and in America as it is in the South (the Third World).

'Peace'

However, listening to them, I noticed some differences in our understanding of certain notions like 'peace' and 'human rights'. When friends and colleagues from the 'North' talk about peace and the absence of war they are talking principally about nuclear arms. Although I support fully their struggle against the nuclear arms race, I am often disappointed when people fail to realise that what is called 'peace' in the North is war in the South. For us in the South, the disarmament needs to be global, immediate and focused on all sorts of arms, including the ones which are right now killing our people.

Recent service in half-built church



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The new experience helped me to discover the basis of the ethnocentric attitude of certain people, who think that there is peace in the North because of the existing deposit of nuclear arms stocked everywhere in our world today.

My personal view, also shared by many people in the 'South', is that the transfer of war from the 'North' to the 'South' is the source of tranquility which people in the 'North' enjoy.

There is no doubt that Nazism, which generated the Second World War, in which Africans fought alongside British, French, Belgian, American and Russian soldiers, is still alive today in Southern Africa. A minority of people have inherited Hitler's ideas and ambitions and have declared war against black (non white) people and nations. They have only changed the name from Nazism to Apartheid.

Unfortunately for us this war is not seen as directed against the world. That is why there are some people in the 'North' who

claim to be living in peace and consider the struggle for peace in the 'South' as a matter for the oppressed people of the 'South' alone.

Human rights

The second notion with which I have difficulty is that of 'human rights'. From the beginning of the Angolan people's struggle for independence and national identity foreign interference in any internal conflict had been the major obstacle to be overcome.

Some, if not most of the conflicts were initiated by foreigners, who wanted to maximise their benefits at the expense of

the Angolan people. To cover their real aims, they claimed to be working for, or helping, our people to establish a system which respects 'human rights'. When friends in the 'North' talk about 'human rights' they mainly talk about individual rights and disregard the 'right of a people to exist as a nation'.

I then understood that we were singing the same song, but using two different tunes. Because we could not think of 'individual rights' separately from collective rights – the right of a people to exist as a nation and adopt the policy they consider suitable to their life and problems.

As we (people in the South in general and in Southern Africa in particular) are fighting for our identity, the right to be a nation against invasions and interference of outsiders, there are people in the 'North' who hardly understand why collective rights should be related to individual rights.

Listening to people helped me to discover the differences that exist between our understanding of human life, rights, peace and problems. I also learnt that we all depend on each other and there is no lasting peace when other people's homes are burning.

As long as people in the 'South' are fighting for their identities, their right to exist as nations, it will be difficult to speak of peace on this earth. Tranquility there may be in some parts of the world, but it must not be confused with that peace of which Jesus Christ is Prince. In other words, a Christian should not believe he has peace because of the existing deposits of nuclear arms and furthermore when people in other parts of this planet are starving or dying as they try to emerge as a nation.

Throughout my work I have learnt that dialogue, meeting with people of different tribes, races, languages, societies, nations, faiths and ideologies is the best hope for change in our lives and ministries.



Typical market scene, Angola

Honourably Wounded

by Dr Marjory F Foyle,
published by MARC Europe, price £3.95

ABOUT 18 months ago I was privileged to attend a series of seminars dealing with the problem of missionary stress and strain. The speaker was Marjory Foyle, herself a former medical missionary and Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. Dr Foyle now writes extensively, continues to make periodic lecture tours in several Asian countries, and is a Consultant Psychiatrist to many missionary societies.

When I originally listened to her lectures I found myself wishing fervently that others, concerned with recruitment, support and training of missionaries, could benefit from her invaluable counsel. Now that wish has been realized with the publication of this book.

Although it is written primarily for overseas workers, it also tackles problems only too familiar to all full-time Christian workers, including ministers. Stress affects every area of life. Dr Foyle covers, among other topics, missionary marriages, children's needs, adolescents, the single missionary, staff selection, culture shock, etc. In this very practical and non-technical book, Dr Foyle

explains what stress is, why Christian workers can be vulnerable to it, how they can cope with it, and in what ways they can avoid unnecessary stress.

This is really an excellent book which meets a real need and should be read by every serving missionary, by candidates in training and those concerned with recruiting and supporting missionaries. Besides being a practical book, it is also a thoroughly spiritual book written with great insight, sensitivity and compassion, as the title would suggest.

Ron Armstrong



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Make a date for '88



TWO students from Bristol Baptist College, the oldest Baptist college in the world, Ruth Bottoms and Hazel Collins, have sent some recent preaching fees to the BWA Youth Scholarship Fund.

Both attended the last world youth conference in Argentina.



MUSIC plans for the conference are in the hands of David Peacock from Torbay Christian Ministries.

Leroy Yarbrough from New Orleans Baptist Seminary will be providing the link with the USA music scene.



BAPTISTS in North East India have already decided to send delegates to Glasgow, as too have the young Baptists from Sri Lanka.

GLASGOW is to host the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference in the summer of 1988.

Ten thousand delegates from over 100 countries are expected to "Make a date for '88", and head for Scotland.

It is the first time that the conference — held every five years — has come to Britain.

And now — with just over a year to go to the Glasgow event, to be staged at the magnificent Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre on the banks of the River Clyde — plans are being finalised for the most exciting programme ever for a Baptist youth world conference.

The five-day conference will run from 27 July to 31 July, and looks set to be one of the most challenging Christian conferences ever held in the UK.

The delegates, ranging in age from 15 to 35, will gather in the Garden Festival City to explore our conference theme — "Jesus Christ Rules".

Major Christian speakers will lead ★ Bible Studies ★ Seminars ★ Lunchtime Festivals ★ Evening Celebrations ★ The Conference Fringe.

And the Conference music will come from the very best Christian musicians and artistes. Already booked are: Adrian Snell, Graham Kendrick, Lovelight and Martyn Joseph, John Pantry and Ben Okafor.

From the USA will come some of the most exciting Christian sounds.

And from the rest of the world will come musicians who will give the conference a truly international flavour.

Already bookings have started arriving at the Conference Office, and news has reached us of groups from every continent preparing to come to Glasgow.

The conference, which is being sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance, will explore how Jesus Christ rules In our life In the church In our world.

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George Square, at the heart of Glasgow

FRIENDLY 'VIKING' INVASION

GLASGOW'S world-famous River Clyde, birthplace of the giant ocean-going liners Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth looks set to experience a Viking invasion . . .

. . . over 800 years after the last attempted Viking invasion of Scotland was defeated.

This time it promises to be a friendly affair, for up to 500 young Scandinavian Baptists — from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland — are planning to sail to Glasgow during the summer of 1988.

And joining them in the friendly invasion will be a German fleet with almost 1,000 young folk.

They plan to berth their floating hotels close to the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre.

The sea invasion will be part of the biggest international gathering the city has played host to — the 11th Baptist World Alliance Youth Conference — due to be held at the SECC from 27-31 July 1988.

"No doubt the young folk will enjoy the excitement of the sea crossing, but there is a more serious side to the invasion," said local conference committee co-chairman Douglas Inglis.

"Most of the young invaders will be giving up their beds to stay in hotels, while young people from Third World countries who would find it difficult to pay for hotel accommodation will take over their bunks for the five-day stay."

BIGGEST SINCE WORLD WAR II

CONFERENCE organisers are expecting up to 5,000 delegates from North America.

Most of them are expected to stay in Scotland for up to three weeks.

It is believed that the group will represent the biggest single influx of Americans to come to Scotland since the Second World War.

Glasgow set to flourish by preaching of the Word

GLASGOW is set to flourish by the preaching of the Word.

For the city's original motto — "Let Glasgow Flourish through the preaching of Thy Word and praising Thy name" — will be seen in the 800-year-old city for only the second time in almost 200 years.

The once-famous motto was shortened by the Victorians to "Let Glasgow Flourish", but now the "real thing" is about to make a comeback as one of the central themes of the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference.

The last time the full text of the motto was used was during the Billy Graham campaign in the early 1950s.

It is the first time that the Baptist conference — held every five years — has come to Britain. Previous venues have been in Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Sweden, Brazil, Canada, Lebanon, America, the Philippines and Argentina.

A delighted Lord Provost Robert Gray said that this must surely rank as one of the most cosmopolitan conferences the city has ever staged.

To help the small full-time staff of the Baptist Union of Scotland to cope with the logistics of handling the conference a committee of local Baptists under the co-chairmanship of Glasgow chartered surveyor Douglas Inglis and landscape architect Rodney Beaumont has been set up.

It is they who have been handed the task of making all the local arrangements for the conference.

Theme

The conference will have as its theme "Jesus Christ Rules", explained Douglas Inglis.

"The fundamental questions we see the conference tackling are: man's reconciliation to God; man's reconciliation to man; and man's reconciliation to nature."

Among the points it is expected the young Baptists will concentrate on is the fact that Christians are to be peacemakers.

by
Staff reporter

And they may well be asked whether within their own countries they should be taking a stronger stand, in fellowship with one another, for nuclear disarmament.

One question that is bound to strike a chord is whether Christians are doing enough to



promote genuine support for Third World needs.

"It's also likely that the delegates will be looking at areas such as the huge problems of the misuse of the earth's resources and the pollution of the environment," said Rodney Beaumont.

"The fact is that we believe Jesus Christ is the Lord of creation, and part of our submission to his Lordship will be seen in our care of the environment.

"It's also a fact that to be a disciple means following Christ's example — and delegates will probably be challenged to take a look at their lifestyle — and asked if they are truly living for others," added Mr Beaumont.

GETTING IN THE PICTURE

THE finishing touches have just been put to a colourful video that's set to sell the Glasgow conference to the world.

Called "The '88 Video Show", it's part of the promotional build-up to spread the good news that Glasgow is the place for Baptists to be in 1988.

The film shows just what Scotland and Glasgow have to offer, and highlights how Scottish Baptists are getting ready to give delegates from over 140 countries a truly Scottish welcome.

The video is available on 14-day free loan from the Conference Office, Baptist Union of Scotland, 14 Aytoun Road, Glasgow G41 5RT.

Did you know?

BRITISH Baptists will have the opportunity of entertaining young Baptists from around the world in their homes and their churches before and after the conference. Offers of hospitality should be made to the Glasgow '88 offices in either Glasgow or London.

Did you know?

SUNDAY, June 14 is the Baptist Youth World Day of Prayer. Join with young Baptists around the world in a great chain of prayer. Pray for mission and evangelism amongst the youth of the world. Pray for the planning for the Glasgow '88 Youth Conference.



Rodney Beaumont — Co-chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Douglas Inglis — Co-chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee.

THE SOUND OF THE WORLD...

WHEN the 10,000 delegates arrive in Glasgow for the 11th Baptist World Alliance Youth Conference they will have come from over 100 countries and from every continent.

"Just how many languages and dialects we will be hearing is impossible to say at the moment," said local committee co-chairman Rodney Beaumont.

Certain

"One thing I am certain of, the city will never have heard as many at the one time."

In fact it has been estimated that over 50 different languages and dialects will be spoken at the conference.

"When you realise that we will have folk coming from the whole of the Far East, including China, Japan and Burma, from numerous African countries, the Middle East, India, and from practically every Western European country, then you begin to get an idea of the scale of the event."

Officials

Conference officials are also confident that there will be a considerable representation from the seven Eastern European countries which have strong Baptist churches.

The USSR, with over 500,000 members, has more Baptists than any other country with the exception of America, where there are a staggering 27 million Baptist church members.

CITY TO ENJOY BIG PARADE

GLASWEGIANS are to get a chance to experience the colour of the biggest-ever international gathering to come to the city.

For it is planned to have the biggest parade of national dress ever seen in the city.

The international "happening" is to take place as part of the multi-million pound Glasgow Garden Festival, which is being staged just across the Clyde from our conference venue.

THE BAPTIST WORLD FAMILY

THE 11th Baptist Youth World Conference is being sponsored by the youth department of the Baptist World Alliance.

The BWA is the family organisation of over 35 million Baptists from over 134 member bodies working in over 143 countries.

FACT

JESUS Christ Rules, the theme of the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference, is the dominant and immediately recognisable message of the conference logo.

But for some folk the logo design might not be so readily understandable.

It is based on the Scottish thistle, the plant emblem of the Scots which plays a significant part in the heraldic traditions of Scotland.



Each year the Queen comes to Scotland and as part of her official summer visit stays at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, and each year magnificent thistles are grown in the gardens of the Palace to celebrate the visit.

The thistle, then, is a royal symbol . . . a symbol fit for a king — our King.

The first time thistles appeared in Scotland as a

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royal symbol was around 1470, when two thistles were stamped on a silver coin issued by James III.

King James knew of other countries which had plants as symbols, so he decided Scotland should also have a symbolic plant and chose the thistle.

Some assume James thought the hardy nature of the thistle, coupled with its spiky protection, reflected the national characteristics of his fellow Scots.

Did you know?

THE Baptist Leadership Education Centre at Whitby, Ontario, Canada is bringing a team of 24 young people to Glasgow. Each will be trained in creative youth ministry, and drawn from the first four-year graduates of this new work. They look forward to touring the U.K.

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Asbjorn Bakkevoll

THE Glasgow '88 conference programme is being drawn up by an International Programme Committee chaired by Norwegian Baptist Youth Secretary, Asbjorn Bakkevoll.

The IPC has members drawn from each of the BWA's six regional fellowships.



Paul Montacute

PAUL Montacute's first BWA Youth Conference was Beirut, Lebanon in 1963.

Now, in addition to his work as National Youth Officer for the British Baptist Union, he is Chairman of the BWA Youth Department.



Samson Mathangani

SAMSON Mathangani, from Nairobi, Kenya, has worked for the last five years as BWA Assistant Youth Director.

As well as helping to arrange this conference he is spearheading the BWA Youth Leadership Training programme around the world.

Look who's coming to Glasgow

WITH just over a year to go to Glasgow '88, the list of those coming to the Big Event already reads like a Who's Who of World Baptists.

There will be: David COFFEY, U.K.; Douglas WARUTA, East Africa; Johnson LIM, Singapore; Tomas MACKEY, Argentina...

... Franklin POLLARD, U.S.A.; Marsha SPRADLIN, U.S.A.; Bonny RESU, India; Yang Jyan-SHENG, Republic of China...

... Caroline PULLMAN, U.K.; Regina CLAAS, West Germany; I. A. AKANLE, Nigeria; Lillian JONGA, Kenya; Booker BANDA, Malawi; Aow Kwong BU, Singapore; Tadao WATANABE, Japan; Sven JANSSON, Sweden; Willie WRIGHT, Scotland...

... Ian LEITCH, Scotland; Daltro KEIDANN, Argentina; Leroy YARBROUGH, U.S.A.; Lewis PETTIT, U.S.A.; Jim CLARKE, Scotland.

"In every way Glasgow '88 will reflect the world," said Asbjorn Bakkevoll, the Norwegian Baptist youth leader who is chairman of the Glasgow '88 International Programme Committee.

Asbjorn said that the conference would provide enrichment, renewal, inspiration and vision so that those who come to Glasgow may return to their countries and churches and do something about the fact that Jesus Christ rules their lives.

The planning committee itself reflects the world, as there is a wide spread of Baptist youth leaders and representatives from almost every continent.

The committee's meeting in the Netherlands earlier this year brought youth leaders from Asia, Africa, South and North America and all parts of Europe.

Asbjorn pointed out that one of the major obstacles to widespread representation was money — or the lack of it!

Many young people from countries where there are currency restrictions, or from countries that don't enjoy the financial benefits we do would

like to come to Glasgow.

To help to overcome this problem the Baptist World Alliance Youth Department has established a Scholarship Fund to help young people to attend the conference.

The Fund will provide help for qualified young people and it is hoped to raise £75,000.

At the meeting in the Netherlands a Baptist youth leader from Zimbabwe expressed appreciation for the scholarship help he received in 1984 enabling him to attend the 10th Baptist World Youth Conference in Argentina.

Because of his attendance at the conference this leader in the remote area of his country received the necessary training which enabled him to strengthen the ministry of his local church.

Speaking of his experience, Chamunorwa Henry Chiroma said that on his return to Africa from the encouraging experience in the Argentine Youth Conference he met with Baptist leaders in a rural area of his country.

"I shared with them my visit to Argentina and what I had learned, especially in the area of leadership training," he recounted.

"I left one of them a book I had received during the conference and some months later learned that it was the only book he had ever had in his life."

PICTURED here are just some of those who will be taking part in Glasgow '88.

They are, left to right, David COFFEY, U.K.; Douglas WARUTA, East Africa; Johnson LIM, Singapore; Tomas MACKEY, Argentina...

Franklin POLLARD, USA; Marsha SPRADLIN, USA; Bonny RESU, India; Yang Jyan-SHENG, Republic of China.

Caroline PULLMAN, UK; Regina CLAAS, West Germany; I. A. AKANLE, Nigeria; Aow Kwong BU, Singapore; Tadao WATANABE, Japan; Sven JANSSON, Sweden; Willie WRIGHT, Scotland.

Ian LEITCH, Scotland; Daltro KEIDANN, Argentina; Leroy YARBROUGH, USA.



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You can help in Pam's big search

TWO years before the first of the 10,000 delegates at the biggest-ever international conference to come to Scotland set foot in the country, the 11th Baptist World Alliance Youth Conference has already booked practically every hotel bedroom in the city for the week-long event.

"But even that still leaves us a lot of beds to find," said Glasgow man Douglas Inglis, co-chairman along with Queen's Park Baptist Church member Rodney Beaumont of the local committee set up to help administer the conference.

"We have, in fact, been booking hotels and boarding houses up to 35 miles outside the city," explained Mr Inglis.

"Universities will also be used for the event, and we have so far negotiated 2,000 rooms in halls of residence."

The massive find-a-bed campaign is being masterminded by a young Edinburgh lawyer — 27-year-old Pam Lyall, a member of the Morningside Baptist Church.

It is Pam who has been given the task of "putting up" the 10,000 delegates — "not literally, of course," she said. "But it is my job to make sure we have enough rooms to cope with the anticipated numbers.

"My one recurring nightmare at the moment is that I'll wake up to find 10,000 people at my door looking for a bed," laughed Pam.



Pam Lyall — looking for 10,000 beds.

In fact every spare moment Pam has is taken up with an operation that seems more military than legal, even to the extent that when she got married last year, she didn't leave the problem behind.

She took paperwork on her honeymoon!

Pam said that to make sure every delegate will have somewhere to sleep, the local committee are hoping many of the city's Christian families will open their homes to the young folk.

"We also hope to make use of church halls throughout the city," she added.

ONE group of Baptists who will definitely be heading for Glasgow in 1988 is from Argentina.

Three years ago Argentina hosted the 10th international conference in Buenos Aires — at a time the country was still suffering from the aftermath of the Falklands war.

"Not surprisingly, not too many young folk from the UK came," said Hugo Marquez, leader of Argentina's Baptist youth movement.

"I think we had about 35 youngsters from Britain, and we appreciated them coming during such trying times," said Mr Marquez.

Hugo and a party of Argentinian Baptists came to Scotland last year to see the conference venue... and went away not only full of praise for the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, but overwhelmed by the friendliness of the Scots they met.

Now Hugo has set off on a five country tour of South America selling the Scottish conference.

"Our message is 'Go to Scotland'. There are of course still problems between our two countries, and that is why as Argentinian Christians we would urge both governments to move to solve these problems.

"I know that will take time. But one thing I am certain of, and that is the Baptists who come from Argentina in 1988 will get a true Scottish welcome."

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Denton Lotz, director of the BWA's youth department, said that delegates will be challenged to explore the meaning for both their lives and for the world of the conference theme, "Jesus Christ Rules".

Each day will begin with Bible study, followed by discussion in small "family groups". Afternoons will see practical workshops, and in the evening massive worship and teaching sessions will bring all 10,000 delegates together.

Dr Lotz said that this was a tremendous opportunity, the chance of a lifetime, really, for



Denton Lotz, Director of the BWA Youth Department.

British Baptists to meet other Baptists from all over the world.

"There will never be another opportunity for British Baptists to attend

a world conference so near to home..

"This will be an event you must not miss!

"I urge you to make a Date for '88."

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Your chance to bring-a-Baptist to Glasgow '88

BRITISH Baptists are being given the chance to bring-a-Baptist to Glasgow for the '88 conference.

To help pay for young people from India, Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe, a Scholarship Fund has been set up.

And churches, youth fellowships and individuals are being asked to support it.

Already a number of youth fellowships and churches in Scotland have started fund raising activities to bring-a-Baptist to Glasgow.

At Bellshill, near Glasgow, the youth fellowship hope to raise hundreds of pounds to bring young Christians from Eastern Europe to Scotland.

The Bellshill youngsters have raised over £250 in just two months, and it looks as if their original target of £500 could be doubled.

Two Bellshill youth fellowship members have already made contact with young Baptists in Eastern Europe.

Fifteen-year-old Victoria Mair writes to a teenager in Warsaw, Poland, while 23-year-old Fiona McLuckie corresponds with a young Hungarian Christian.

EXCITEMENT BUILDS IN SCOTLAND...

WITH just over a year to go to the big Baptist Youth Conference, churches in Scotland seem at last to be catching the excitement of the build-up to the biggest international conference ever to come to the country.

The Mossspark church in Glasgow for instance, has decided to give £450 to their youth fellowship. The money means that each of the 18 members of the church's YF will only have to save £25 towards the Registration Fee.

And the Glenrothes church in Fife is to pay for 12 of their youngsters to go to the 1988 Glasgow conference.

The Glenrothes youth fellowship did in fact notch up something of a world first, for when the conference was announced early last year, they were in touch with the Conference Office to say they were coming... even before they had thought about the cash.

That's faith for you!

Fiona's sister Irene, secretary of the youth fellowship, explained that when the Bellshill youngsters heard the 1988 conference was to be held in Scotland, "we decided to help finance the trip to Glasgow for young Baptists from Eastern Europe.

"We know that currency restrictions make it difficult for folks from countries like Poland and Hungary to come to the West.

"And with two of our own young folk already writing to Baptists in Eastern Europe, it didn't take much to persuade us.

"But when we heard about the special Scholarship Fund which had been set up to help bring Baptist young people from Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America to the Glasgow conference, that finally convinced us."

The Bellshill youngsters have been given the support of the church in their venture. In fact Irene said that they have "signed up" 80 of the members to pay between 10p and £1 a week for a year towards their fund raising.

Their most unusual venture to raise cash saw them losing pounds to gain them... in a sponsored diet, with one of the Bellshill YF members shedding 14 pounds, but gaining £80 towards their target.



TV records part of the contract launch ceremony at the Scottish Conference and Exhibition Centre.

'88 Music plans

MUSIC will play an important role in the conference, a fact reflected by the appointment of David Peacock of Torbay Christian Ministries to look after the Glasgow '88 music plans.

Providing the link with the U.S.A. music scene will be Leroy Yarbrough from New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Already a number of major Christian artistes have been "signed up" for '88.

These include: Adrian SNELL, Graham KENDRICK, LOVELIGHT, Andy SCARCLIFFE, Martyn

JOSEPH, Ben OKAFOR and John PANTRY.

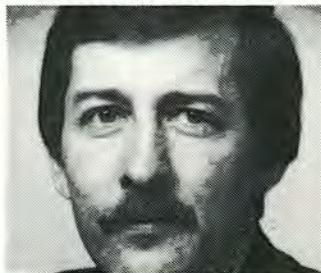
And negotiations are under way which look like bringing some of the best Christian sounds from the United States.

"Undoubtedly the conference will bring together Christian musicians from every continent," said David Peacock.

"I'm sure that the U.K. will never have seen a conference with such an international music programme."

And Glasgow is to get a chance to experience much of our music, for many of the artistes and groups at Glasgow '88

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Russell Griffin

THE Conference day will begin with Bible study, with "Community Groups" of around 500 exploring the theme "Jesus Christ Rules".

The groups will meet in the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre and in churches close to the SECC, and, led by well-known speakers, will share in worship and the exploration of God's word.

Following these explorations, each community group will divide into "family groups" of between 12 and 20,



A look at the

programme. There will be music, drama, busking, and opportunities to experience cultural demonstrations of faith and lifestyle.

Workshops and seminars will take place in the afternoon until 4.30pm. These will explore topics and issues of the contemporary world.

Leading speakers will introduce subjects with spiritual and practical application for young people to demonstrate that Jesus Christ does rule,

led by hundreds of young leaders from around the world. These smaller groups will share and discuss the rulership of Christ In the world, In the Church, In individual lives.

Lunch will be from 12 noon until 2pm and will be an opportunity to enjoy a whole variety of events from the "Festival"



Baptist Union of Scotland General Secretary, Peter Barber — waiting to welcome you.

sound in tune

will also appear at the Glasgow Garden Festival, being staged just across the River Clyde from our conference venue.

In fact the 800-year-old city that is to be the 1990 European City of Culture will enjoy culture from over 140 countries in 1988.

For Glaswegians are to experience the colour of our unique international gathering.

Local arrangements committee co-chairman Rodney Beaumont revealed that it is planned to have the biggest parade of National Dress ever seen in the city.



Adrian SNELL

And the international "Happening" is to take place as part of the Glasgow Garden Festival.

"We know that our delegates want to let Glasgow see and hear them," said Mr Beaumont, "and it seemed like a good idea that we should link up with the Garden Festival."

Publicity groups' bid to sign-up 4000 delegates

PLANS are well under way in England to bring 4,000 young Baptists to the Glasgow conference.

Twelve area conference co-ordinators have been appointed to publicise the event.

They will head "publicity teams" linked to local associations, and whose job will be to visit youth groups and churches promoting the challenge of Glasgow '88.

The co-ordinators' target is to "sign up" two young people from every church in their area to attend the conference.

The network of Glasgow '88 co-ordinators has been set up through a Commission of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland youth affairs office, and is seen as a practical way of gaining support from churches throughout the country for the conference.

The area co-ordinators are:

NORTH WESTERN
Geoff Evans, 41 Parklands Drive, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.
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NORTH EASTERN
Gerard Liston, 117 Prospect Road, Sheffield S17 4HW.
Tel: 0742-364043

EAST MIDLANDS
Martin Pearce, 64 Branston Rd, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.
Tel: 0283-63779

WEST MIDLANDS
Paul Edwards, 103 Springcroft Road, Birmingham B11 3EP.
Tel: 021-778 4180.

CENTRAL
Nick Lingard, 55 Browning Crescent, Bletchley, Milton Keynes.
Tel: 0908-76829

SOUTH EAST
Kay McPherson, 109 Reculver Rd, Beltinge, Herne Bay, Kent.
Tel: 0227-373870

METROPOLITAN (London)
Alison Shapton, Jackie Ballard, 67 Southwell Road, London SE5 9PF.
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SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION
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BERKSHIRE
Vic Pizzey, 88 Wykeham, Earley, Reading, Berks.

OXON & EAST GLOUCS
Stephen Heap, 58 Blackbird Leys Rd, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, OX4 5HR.
Tel: 0865-774187

SOUTH WEST
Ben Keenan, 12 Wreford Drive, Cowley Park, Exeter.
Tel: 0392-31097

EASTERN & WESTERN are still to be named.

UK launch for the '88 Savers Club

AN '88 Savers Club has been launched to help young Baptists in the UK to save on a regular basis towards the big event of '88 — the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference.

With the Registration Fee for the five-day event expected to be about £50, the Club is the ideal way for thousands of young Baptists to make sure they will be in Glasgow in 1988.

An explanatory leaflet has been produced which spells out how youth fellowships, churches and individuals can join and save towards the Conference Registration.

The '88 Savers Club will keep members informed through regular newsletters, and also give them the chance to tune in to a cassette magazine with conference news, views and interviews with personalities who will be coming to the Glasgow event.

The '88 Savers Club leaflets are available from the Conference Office.

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Lewis Pettit

THIS is the first time that the Baptist Youth World Conference has been held in the United Kingdom.

This colourful world event is preceded by conferences in Prague, Czechoslovakia, 1981; Zurich, Switzerland, 1937; Stockholm, Sweden, 1949; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1953; Toronto, Canada, 1958; Beirut, Lebanon, 1963; Berne, Switzerland, 1968; Portland, Oregon, USA, 1974; Manila, Philippines, 1978; and Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1984.

and will seek to answer questions raised by young people anxious to live for Jesus Christ.

After an interval which will give opportunity for the delegates to explore Glasgow, and to discover the city's restaurants, the main "Celebration" event will take place between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

Exciting and challenging ministry from major Christian musicians and well-known speakers from around

the world will enable delegates to celebrate our theme, "Jesus Christ Rules".

Our "Celebrations" will be memorable evenings of praise and worship to the one who is Lord.

The "Fringe" programme of special events and concerts into the late evening will be a chance to hear and learn from many participants in the Conference, allowing all kinds of Christian celebration and music to be presented.

programme



SCOTLAND '88

THE '88 VIDEO SHOW

Take "The 88 Video Show" on a 14-day free loan. It's a colourful look at Scotland and its Christian heritage, and shows how Scottish Baptists are getting ready to give you a truly Scottish welcome.

THE 88 VIDEO SHOW



● Glasgow, Scotland will play host to the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference...

● ...From 27 July – 31 July, 1988.

● It will be the biggest international gathering ever held in Scotland.



The Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre



Glasgow – The city that's Miles Better and venue for the 1988 Garden Festival – will play host to the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference.

LOOK WHO'S COMING

David COFFEY, UK; Douglas WARUTA, East Africa; Johnson LIM, Singapore; Thomas MACKEY, Argentina; Franklin POLLARD, USA; Marsha SPRADLIN, USA; Bonny RESU, India; Yang Jyan-Sheng, Republic of China; Caroline PULLMAN, UK; Regina CLAAS, West Germany; I. A. AKANLE, Nigeria;

Lillian JONGA, Kenya; Booker BANDA, Malawi; A. K. BU, Singapore; Tadao WATANABE, Japan; Sven JANSSON, Sweden; Willie WRIGHT, Scotland; Ian LEITCH, Scotland; Daltro KEIDANN, Argentina; Leroy YARBROUGH, USA; Jim CLARKE, Scotland.

THE 11TH BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE

The 88 Savers Club

Here's your chance to save on a regular basis towards the Big Event of 88 – the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference. Send now for details of "The 88 Savers Club": Club members will be kept informed through regular newsletters of planning for the 1988 conference.



- Glasgow will be the venue for one of the most exciting and challenging Christian conferences ever to be held in the UK.
- From over 140 countries, representing every continent, 10,000 young people from 15 to 35 will gather for five days in the Garden Festival City.
- Here, in the magnificent Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, we will explore our conference theme – "Jesus Christ Rules".
- Major Christian Speakers will lead:
 - Bible Studies · Seminars · Lunchtime Festivals
 - Evening Celebrations · The Conference Fringe.
- And the conference music will come from the very best Christian musicians and artistes.
- The Baptist Youth Conference is held every five years. It has never before been to the UK.
- Don't miss it – it will be a truly unique experience.

HEAR

MUSIC will play an important role in the Conference, a fact reflected in the number of major Christian artistes who are coming to Glasgow . . .

... Adrian SNELL, Graham KENDRICK, LOVELIGHT, Steve FLASHMAN, Dave POPE, SALTMINE, Martyn JOSEPH, Ben OKAFOR, John PANTRY, and the top names in Christian music from every continent.

Free colour leaflet

To: Rev Ian Mundie, 1988 World Youth Conference, Baptist Union of Scotland, 14 Aytoun Road, Glasgow G41 5RT or Paul Montacute, National Youth Officer, Baptist Church House, 4 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4AB.

Please send _____ brochure(s) and _____ registration form(s)

Please send me details of The 88 Savers Club

Please send me a copy of "The 88 Video Show".
Tick Box VHS BETA

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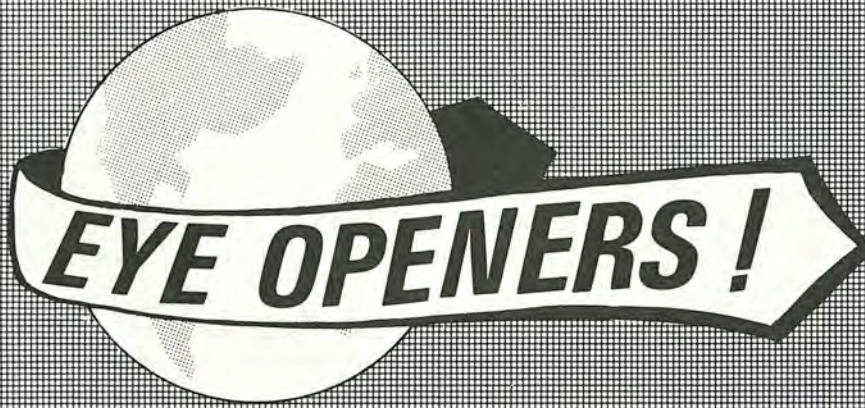
Phone now for details

It's the big event of 1988 – the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference. So get the dates into your diary – 27 July-31 July 1988.

01-405 9803
041-423 6169



Why not make a date for 88?



EUROPEAN BAPTIST MISSION

THE European Baptist Mission accepted 13 new missionaries when it met at Rushlikon in March for its annual meeting. Some 82 people, 52 of them delegates from 12 European countries, took part.

This year's meeting was organized around the theme 'Co-operation in an International Mission'. The General Secretary, Horst Niesen, developed the theme saying: 'Doing mission together was one of the most important ideas of those who founded the EBM.'

Speaking about the growing mission co-operation among European nations, he said, 'The EBM is the link between the European unions and those overseas.' EBM works in three African, three South American and one European 'partner nations'.

At the moment EBM has 24 missionary candidates in preparation for service in Africa.

GOOD NEWS FOR RUSSIA

IN 1988 the Russian Orthodox Church will be celebrating 1,000 years of history. Special services and conferences are being planned to mark the anniversary. Although Baptists do not have the same recorded history they will also celebrate the event.

The Baptist World Alliance has made an offer of 100,000 Bibles to the All Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists in the USSR to be distributed as part of the celebrations.

The good news is that permission has been granted to import the Bibles into the Soviet Union.

The shipment will provide Bibles for new converts and for families who have never

owned a Bible before. Individual Bibles are costing \$10 to print and distribute.

Permission has also be granted to import 5,000 complete sets of a Russian language version of the Commentary on the New Testament by William Barclay. There are 17 volumes in each set. This means a total of 85,000 books, commentaries on the New Testament can now be shipped to the Soviet Union. Plans are underway to complete the printing.

Five thousand volumes, 1,000 each of the first five books printed were received in Moscow in December 1985. The project is a joint effort between the Mennonites and the Baptist World Alliance. Baptist World Aid is looking for \$100,000 to complete the project.

Justice and peace in Africa

A CONSULTATION on 'justice, peace and the integrity of creation' was held in the Central African Republic in March. Participants from churches in eight African countries, including Zaire, were present.

The consultation examined some conditions which block justice and peace in Africa. Various ways in which injustice shows itself were outlined, including the inequality of women, the monopolization of power through regionalism and nepotism, the exploitation of natural resources, international financial policies, unsatisfactory family relationships, church divisions (due to tribalism, nepotism and power-struggles), cultural inequalities, indifference to others' suffering, and interference by other powers, including the use of Africa as a testing ground for armaments.

The group urged for more in-depth analysis of the causes of poverty/wealth, productive use of church land, solidarity with the destitute and church self-reliance.

Jamaican churches and South Africa

AN ecumenical coalition of Jamaican church representatives has asked 24 local firms with links to South Africa through parent companies to cut them.

The coalition includes churches belonging to the Jamaican Council of Churches (Methodist, Baptist, Anglican, Moravian, RC, Quaker, etc). The group said it would urge a boycott of products sold by the companies if the South African ties were not severed.

Lisala Baptist Church Ladies Choir

THEY arrived at Gatwick Airport on 3 April. Ruth Clinch was there, with others, to meet them – the 30 members of the Lisala Women's choir from Kinshasa, Zaire. She was their courier for the first five days of their month's tour of Britain.

THEY came through customs at Gatwick, subdued and in single file. Each one holding her passport and ticket. Each woman had on a light coat, some of which were obviously family treasures and had seen much wear. Each had contributed £100, about one year's salary, but the trip would cost much more than that.

What drive and imagination they had needed to get from their primitive region of Kinshasa to Britain! They had no English, a few could speak French, but most of them spoke only the tribal languages of Kikongo and Lingala. I could speak some French. The French word *courier* was best translated 'odd job man'.

While they were waiting for the coach they asked if they could pray and prayer inevitably included song.

I was constantly to be confronted by paradox during the trip. Here was one: sounds of Zairian Christian worship superimposed on an airport arrival area – drums and passports, bean-shakers and three star coach.

The busy bustle of Gatwick stopped as people paused to share the experience, then, after applause from around and from the balcony above, the travel activity started up again.

Lisala women outside coach



Getting kitted out

Our first visit was to the Church of the New Life, Durrington, one of the Baptist churches in Worthing. We arrived quickly and safely, escorted by the considerate and helpful Christian driver.

Cartons of warm woollies and coats were ready for the women, contributed by many churches.

'Try this one, Mama. O no, it won't button round will it?'

'How about this one?'

I soon learned how to say, 'Moko, moko,' – one each. Coats were tried on and snuggled into, or laid back over the pew for someone else. I nearly lost my own jacket that way. Jumpers too.

'Look, Mama, this one is the same colour as your cloth.'



Mama being kitted out

'No, that really is too big for you, we'll find another one.'

So it continued until all were satisfactorily wrapped – except one! No coats measured 54 inches around, but someone lovingly toured the charity shops and returned with one which was just right. It had cost £1.

The gifts continued to come – bobble hats, gloves, shoes, scarves. Did you realize how normal it is to match a glove to your right hand, then take it and put it on your left? And how difficult, when you've never seen a glove before, to allocate your fingers to those of the glove?

Gradually the fun of outfitting subsided as the members of the choir disappeared

between the pew backs to catch up on lost sleep.

Infectious affluence

As the carrier bags of clothing continued to appear, only to be whisked away immediately, it became apparent that the infection of the affluent society was imposing itself on the mamas. One coat had seemed unimaginable luxury at first, but why stop at one if you can have two or three.

The women were at first no better equipped than I am to deal with this, but after a slightly undignified scramble, Mama President took everything in hand. I couldn't understand a word she said, but the incident had a lot to say to me in my greed.

I felt provoked by this situation and the property/affluence confrontation to try to explain my own greed.

'You see, Mama, that I have so much. I know that I should share. I know that I don't need half of that which I have, but I am weak. As you travel round, pray for me that I might learn to share more readily.'

Preparation and planning

That the women managed so quickly to marry their accustomed life to life on the road in Britain was, to some extent, due to the planning and preparation which had been carried out for months before they arrived. Their needs had been anticipated and met in advance. The incredible ease with which my days with them passed was due also to that forethought and to the great support and generous help given by the members of each church at which we stayed.

Former Zaire Missionary, Phyl Gilbert, helped me a lot. They kept asking her if they could wash, but 'wash' was not the accurate description of what they required. 'Washing,' it turned out, was crouching while you flung water over your soapy body. It was as essential to their comfort as a bath, or shower, would be to us.

Happily the church hall had two tiled cloakrooms. Large plastic bowls had been provided and the cloakrooms soon resembled the shore of the River Zaire, with tributaries occasionally appearing under the doors.



A visit to the chemist

I went in several times with a little mop and bucket. But modern science came to the rescue. The church had a vacuum cleaner which sucked up water in no time. The church hall radiators were soon festooned with undies drying.

The evening meal was, by this time, ready for us, and after the tables were cleared the air-beds and sleeping bags were distributed. Soon all around the edge of the hall were bundles of resting bodies as we sat to give final thanks to the Lord for the blessings of the day. Then the women, still wearing overcoats and hats, zipped themselves into sleeping bags.

Jam and pilchard rolls

I woke at 5.30 a.m. Although several women were moving about, there was virtually no sound. I sat quietly for a while



and then got up to prepare the breakfast – bread rolls, margarine, pilchards, jam and tea. The rolls became jam and pilchard rolls and sugar disappeared into tea at an incredible rate. When the breakfast, which I'd prepared and laid out, was finished, the women came and took over the washing up, leaving everything spotless.

During all this time we had no language or communication problem. Someone in Kinshasa had instructed the women very extensively about the kind of life they would be living and had made a very good job of it. Thank you, whoever it was.

Everyone stopped or was shushed to stop whenever I stepped into the middle of the room.

'Bamamas,' I would say, and start to speak in French. Almost simultaneously the translations would take place into Lingala and Kikongo, the gist of the instruction quickly understood, readily accepted and followed.

I would ask in French, 'Do you find that acceptable?' and we easily discussed any queries.

Thirty women, in a country and culture absolutely foreign to them, with a courier who couldn't speak easily to anyone, yet no problems, no unhappiness. Truly the Lord blessed us!

Pocket money

The BMS had made some pocket money available to each one. How could I give this value? I got two tins of sardines, which they told me was worth 90 zaires. I explained that this was 1 *livre*, a pound, and showed them the pound coin. Immediately there was comprehension with many quickly grasping that there were 100 pennies to the pound. They called them *makutas* (a tiny, almost valueless Zairian coin) and the significance of tens, twenties and fifties was soon understood. Great!

Later that morning I took them to wander round the local supermarket-cum-chemist. Prices were quickly recognized and evaluated. Hair dye to make grey hair black, skin oil and baby clothes excited most interest. The last group to visit the shop sang their gratitude to the incredibly patient chemists.

Singing

On Sunday morning the choir was divided into two groups and during the day four

CHOIR ON TOUR

THE choir's British tour got off to a tumultuous start at the Baptist Assembly in Bradford. They sang at the Women's Rally and later at the BMS Rally and Valediction service. The African rhythms and the infectious enthusiasm of the ladies soon got delegate feet tapping and bodies swaying.

'Would you like them to sing again at the end of the meeting?' asked Reg Harvey.

'Yes,' came back the reply and you could hardly move at the front of the St George's Hall as people came forward to see them.

And so it has been throughout the tour. In Scotland, Wales and throughout England the Lisala Baptist Church Ladies have been received with great warmth and excitement. One song they sang at each engagement was one of thanksgiving for the missionaries who went to Zaire from Britain and who toiled, with the sweat of their brow, to share the Gospel news.

'Will all missionaries, past and present, please stand up,' was the request made at one church. The applause this time came from the choir.

It was a gruelling tour for the Ladies, singing as they did each night for four weeks. But in that time they were able not only to thank Baptists in Britain for sharing the Gospel with them, they themselves were able to show how that Gospel has come alive in the African culture. They brought something back to us of the vitality, the freshness, the joy that is at the heart of the Christian faith and worship.

Whilst travelling in the South of England some of the Ladies asked the coach driver to stop at the next toilets. Just ahead was a lay-by and some toilets. As the ladies got off the coach so there emerged from the toilet block some workmen, with tools, brushes and paint.

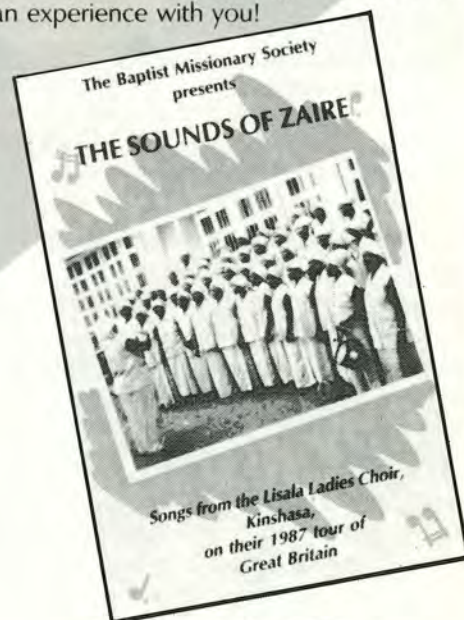
churches in Worthing were visited. Cars rolled up after dinner to pick up small groups of women, and take them to the sea-shore for a walk in the warm sun.

On Monday, the women of the choir were scheduled to visit Broadwater Church to record a cassette for sale. They sang a few songs through to establish the recording level, and then started to record. They might have been professionals. They discussed which songs they would sing, and then started recording. It took three long sessions to get the songs onto the tape and it was 4.30 p.m. when they stopped for dinner.

Tuesday morning we had to be up and packed by 9 o'clock. I explained this to Mama President. There would be no problem. At 4.30 a.m. I slowly came to. Some were already showered, some still asleep. After breakfast I rolled up my bed and then demonstrated to one or two how to roll the air out of an air bed, and then distributed string for tying beds and bags into bundles. By 8.15 we were ready

with all the cases and bedrolls stacked in the doorway. Excellent time-keeping.

Thank you ladies for letting me share such an experience with you!



Cassettes of the Choir are available from 93 Gloucester Place priced £3.00

'We've only just finished building this,' they said. 'You are our first clients.'

'Isn't God good,' the ladies said and promptly began to sing to the workmen.

'This has made our day,' they said.

They ended the tour in London, at BMS Headquarters. It was a bit of a crush in the Committee Room, where once again they sang their song of 'thankyou'. They'd also composed one for the coach driver, 'Papa Johnnie', and swayed to the left and the right as if winding along a Scottish mountain road.

They presented the BMS with some Zairian plaques and shirts. In return Reg Harvey presented Mama President with a set of tambourines and a certificate expressing the appreciation of the BMS and the churches in Britain for all that choir had contributed during their visit.

the Rev Paul Martin, reflected the oneness, the partnership, between Zairian and British Baptists. The prayers that followed the opening hymn were in Lingala, then English. The Scripture was read, first in one language, then the other.

The preaching, for such it was, came in dramatic form as the ladies acted out their own version of the parable of the Prodigal Son. This included the inevitable and inimitable African verve and humour, but there was no questioning the challenge of the final appeal. The Choir inspired those present by their singing; the congregation's singing stirred the Choir by its warmth and devotion. The Choir, and the minister and congregation in turn, ministered and were ministered to by the varied contributions to the Worship.

Shared Communion was the climax of the fellowship. Choir members, deacons in their home church, were seated among the church's own deacons. The prayers of thanksgiving were shared, then, black and white together, the deacons served the congregation. The eating and drinking in remembrance, thanksgiving and dedication were communion with a common Saviour God.

The family prayers for healing and help were not only for the Watford church's concerns, but also the families and the church of the Ladies' Choir. The closing hymn, known by the ladies and sung by them in Lingala as the other members of the congregation sang in English, was a joyful celebration of what had been discovered together in Christ.

What better comment could have been offered on the service and on the whole exciting and stimulating visit by the Choir, than what they sang after the Benediction – 'Hallelujah, Amen!'

Having been heard by many thousands of people, the Choir made a safe journey home on Wednesday, 6 May. For British Baptists this has been a memorable and challenging visit. The hope and prayer of those who have benefited must surely be that as God has given us such partners in the tasks of the Gospel, so we shall discover the right paths of continuing partnership and give ourselves together to the tasks of our Lord.



One of the exuberant choir members

Choir members singing a hymn: 'Hold tightly onto Jesus like you hold onto your boat paddle'

HALLELUJAH, AMEN!

THE organ voluntary ended. The congregation was still and quiet. Through the open vestry door there was the sound of a distant voice, singing. Then the music multiplied and percussion backing vibrated into the church. The singing, swaying file of African women wended its way into the building, the blue clad ladies already aglow with their joy in singing praise to God. When they had taken their places, the Call to Worship was issued, first in Lingala, then in English. The congregation, Zairian and British together, responded in a hymn of praise to their one Lord and Saviour.

The ladies' Choir of Lisala Baptist Church, Kinshasa, was sharing in its last Sunday's worship before returning to Zaire. For the morning, they had formed two separate choirs to lead worship in Hemel Hempstead and Bushey Baptist Churches. Now they were united again, this time with the congregation of Leavesden Road

Baptist Church, Watford.


Earlier in the Choir's tour, during an interview in a concert, former missionary Charles Couldridge had asked one of the ladies the question, 'What will be the lasting memories you take back from this tour?'

She thought for a moment, then put her brown arm against Charles Couldridge's white arm.

'Really, the only difference between us is the colour of our skin,' she replied.

The Choir, like the many thousands who heard them, had been discovering their oneness – oneness with the British people in the human family, but especially oneness with British Christians in the family of God.

In unique fashion, that final service, led by



'THERE'S NO ANSWER TO THAT!'

by
Fred Stainthorpe

This was one of Eric Morecambe's frequent quips. It could also be said of many of Oswald Smith's sayings. He was a Canadian Presbyterian who by his writing, preaching and travelling challenged Christians to become more involved in world mission. He had also been baptized by immersion as a believer!

He was gripped by the need of a world without Christ and the sight of a church which largely ignored that need. 'Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?' he asked. There is no answer to this question. Yet some people have heard it many times and millions have never heard it at all. A thousand million of them live in China yet where the need is greatest the effort is often least. The Western world has thousands of preachers, while the rest has few. We are swamped with Christian literature, while they suffer drought. Churches dominate our streets, but we are absent from many foreign sky-lines. We

feast every day, while millions like Lazarus lie around us.

Who is responsible for this state of affairs? We are. Lazarus cannot be blamed because he has never heard the Gospel. How can he hear it unless there is a preacher? They are mostly here, servicing a community which is sated with spiritual food. Had the apostles fed the first row of the 5,000, then turned back and fed them again, the rest would have raised howls of protest and rightly so. Smith saw that the modern church was acting in this way and he urged people to go. Scores of missionaries went abroad from his People's Church in Toronto.

He asked similar unanswerable questions about giving. Why should so few Christians at home absorb so much money while

those abroad had so little? A commercial firm which heard of a vast untapped field would allocate large sums of money and its best personnel to exploit it. So he urged his church to give. 'A live church will give more to outside causes than it raises for itself,' he taught, and for years his church has done this. In fact it gave more to foreign missions than did all the Roman Catholic churches from Ontario to the coast put together. They even quoted the example of this Protestant church to their own members as one to emulate!

Nor did this impoverish his own congregation. 'You can't beat God at giving!' he declared. 'Give and it shall be given unto you. The light that shines farthest shines brightest nearest home.' The church in which he ministered was deeply in debt when he began his work there. He paid the debt by preaching missions and by holding missionary conventions. People came to hear him out of curiosity, remained out of conviction and gave generously when they were converted. Later his countrywide conventions stirred other churches to do the same.

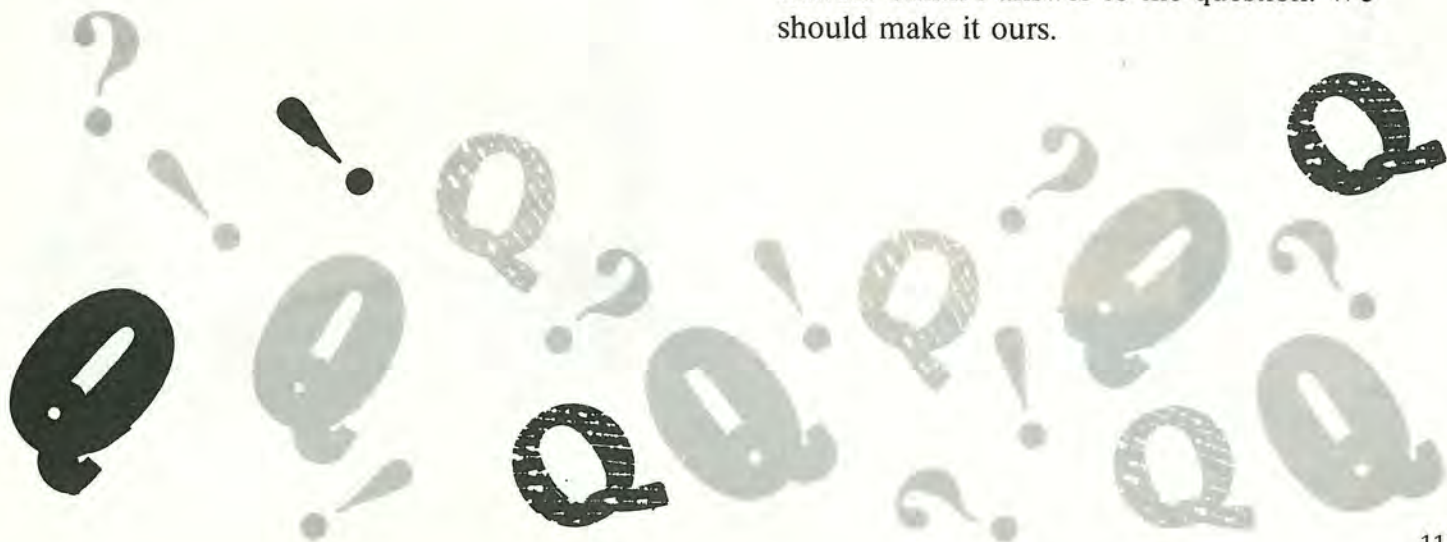
'The supreme task of the church,' he used to say, 'is to obey the simple word of Jesus and to go and tell everybody. Everybody is called and sent. If you cannot go yourself you must send a substitute.' His numerous evangelistic campaigns throughout the world always ended with the challenge of world missions. Hundreds of men and

women responded to the call. This is surely the right way to crown evangelistic outreach.

It is impossible to read his books *The challenge of missions* and *The passion for souls* without being deeply stirred. One need not agree with every word of his theology to catch the infectious spirit of his faith and ask, 'Why should this not happen here also?' Are his words those of a fanatic or the exception which proves the rule? Is the present pattern of our giving and going more akin to the teaching of the New Testament or less? How many people would be impressed by our own church's track record? Some fellowships have existed for decades and never sent a missionary abroad.

In Matthew 22 someone got into a feast without wedding clothes. When the king asked him why, he was speechless. There was no answer to that question. We may well share his embarrassment at the Last Day. Millions of people might say to us, 'Why did you not tell us the Gospel? If it was such good news why did you delay or never come?' What sort of answer can we give to this question?

The Society's bi-centenary looms five years ahead. Many are debating how we should best celebrate it. Thanks for the past are right and proper, but if they do not lead to expansion they will degenerate into nostalgia. There would be no doubt about Oswald Smith's answer to the question. We should make it ours.



**DEVELOPMENT AND
COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT IN INDIA
7-13 June**

At Balliguda in the Kond Hills, Orissa, there is a boys' hostel – originally started to provide basic education and teach a trade. Some of the lads wanted to go on for more formal education so the hostel became dual purpose. As well as an agricultural project other skills are also taught, eg carpentry, tailoring, etc. Charan and Bhabybati Naik live in Udayagiri. Charan is responsible for co-ordinating all money matters in the Phulbani district. Bhagyini is the only woman theology graduate in the area. She is in charge of all the women's work and helps generally with Bible classes for leaders. Remember the Boys' Hostel at Balangir, with warden Mr Bhanja K Nag, and the Boys' and Girls' Hostel at Balurghat. Pray for Miss K K Singh and Miss L Dip who lead teams for women's work throughout the Sambalpur District in Orissa.

**EDUCATION IN AFRICA –
ZAIRE**

14-20 June

Pat Woolhouse, home from Kimpese, where she teaches in the Secondary School, stresses the continuing need for teachers in Zaire. The church has a vital role to play through the education system, and witnessing to the growing generation. Pray that the teachers may be firm in their faith and withstand all temptations to bribery.

Remember the CECO Secondary School in Kimpese and Cits Mpembele and Babantikidi who lead the Kimpese Secondary Schools; also Cits Mbulu, Lubelo and Massiala, headteachers of the three primary schools at CECO.

After special evangelistic meetings some of the students at Upoto have become Christians and want to know more about the Gospel. Pray that they may grow to become mature Christians, and for the newly formed Scripture Union Group.

MEDICAL WORK IN NEPAL

21-27 June

Tansen, Nepal. The 100 bedded hospital in Tansen, which is run by the United Mission to Nepal continues to get busier each year. Recent building programmes should be completed by now and this will help in coping with the flow of patients in the out-patient department. The Community Health Programme based in Tansen seeks to reach out to communities in the surrounding district at Palpa. The programme is directed towards village health volunteers with training seminars in their own villages. Pray that the Christian staff in the hospital and Community Health Programme will have opportunities to witness to their faith through their work. Pray for Stuart and Pirjo Little, together with young son, Jonathan, who have just returned to Tansen after a furlough, to continue as a dentist and nurse, respectively.

**CHURCH WORK IN
AFRICA – ANGOLA**

28 June-4 July

In a country ravaged by civil war, the Christian Church seeks to unite. The Council of Churches, under the guidance of the General Secretary, the Rev Chipenda, represents every area of the country and seeks to be an agent of reconciliation. The Evangelical Baptist Church (IEBA) worked mainly in the north of the country among the Bakongo people, but since the troubles it has also established a growing work in the capital, Luanda, whose population is swollen by refugees from the Interior. The General Secretary of IEBA is the Rev Alvaro Rodrigues and the President, the Rev João Makondekwa, who is also the Secretary of the Bible Society.

The Bible School at Kibokolo continues with the Rev Armando as Principal. There are many young people and young adults in the church. Christian education enables them to understand their faith and to relate it to their situation.

MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Mr and Mrs J Passmore on 7 April from Dhaka, Bangladesh.
Mrs. J. Kerrigan on 11 April from Chandraghona, Bangladesh.
Miss R. Giboney on 24 April from Tondo, Zaire.

Departures

Rev and Mrs A Ferreira on 14 April to Curitiba, Brazil.
Mr and Mrs D Calder on 16 April to Mbanza-Ngungu, Zaire.
Mr and Mrs M Cranefield on 16 April to IME, Kimpese, Zaire.
Miss B Earl on 16 April to Pimu, Zaire.
Mr and Mrs G McBain on 29 April to Kinshasa, Zaire.

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