

## WE PROCLAIM LIBERTY

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The same commission of our Lord that directs a Christian to witness at home also directs him to witness through missionary endeavors in other fields. It is a simultaneous effort to be carried out in Jerusalem, in all Judea and in Samaria.

In their endeavor to carry out the commission Southern Baptists do their work in the areas of state missions, home missions and foreign missions. During this week many are giving their time, thought, prayers and contributions for the work of home missions. The goal for the Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions is \$3,500,000. For 1964 the total amount of the operating budget for the Home Mission Board was \$5,450,000, with the Annie Armstrong Offering providing \$2,900,000 of these operating funds. The remaining funds for this purpose come from the Home Mission Board.

At the close of the last convention year, the Home Mission Board had 2,078 missionaries, which was a gain of 117 over the previous year. In addition, there were 595 students who served in summer missions under the direction of the Board. The missionaries of the Board are now serving in every state of the United States and in Cuba, Panama and the Canal Zone.

The Home Mission Board is cooperating with all of the states in the support of mission work. In all except Florida and the District of Columbia, the Home Mission Board has written agreements whereby the missionaries in certain categories are considered Southern Baptist missionaries supported jointly by the two Boards and directly by the State Mission Board according to certain plans and policies upon which there has been mutual agreement by the two Boards. In Florida and the District of Columbia a part of the work is administered directly by the Home Mission Board but in close cooperation with the State Convention. Of the 1963 budget 66.5 per cent was appropriated for new areas and 33.5 per cent for sixteen southern states.

Never have Southern Baptists had a greater challenge for missions in the homeland than they have today. America cannot give to the world something which she does not have. Materialism, atheism and indifference are taking a tremendous toll from the spiritual life of our nation. The Home Mission Board is trying to stimulate a spiritual awakening.

I thought it might be interesting and helpful to you to explain the twelve areas in which the work of the Home Mission Board is done and the amount of money which is spent in these areas.

1. Language Missions - 28 per cent - \$1,507,000.
2. Metropolitan Missions - 15.9 per cent - \$860,000.
3. Mission Aids - Supporting Ministries - 10.4 per cent - \$561,500.
4. Pioneer Missions - 8.5 per cent - \$456,200.
5. Urban-Rural Missions - 7.2 per cent - \$389,500.
6. New Work and General Ministries - 6.9 per cent - \$375,000.
7. General Missions Ministries and Fringe Benefits - 6.3 per cent - \$339,000.

8. Work with National Baptists - 5.9 per cent - \$314,000.
9. Educational and Promotional Division - 4 per cent - \$217,200.
10. Evangelism Division - 3.9 per cent - \$207,000.
11. Chaplains Division - 1.9 per cent - \$193,500.
12. Appointments and Orientation - 1.1 per cent - \$60,000.

The Capital Needs Expenditures, those funds used for buildings and sites for churches, for 1964 are as follows:

Arizona	\$60,000
California	52,000
Florida	50,000
Michigan	30,000
New Mexico	20,000
New York City	50,000
Ohio	25,000
Oklahoma	25,000
Washington-Oregon	20,000
Panama	90,000
Puerto Rico	35,000
Miscellaneous Projects	<u>53,000</u>
Total	510,000

#### Metropolitan Missions

Baltimore	10,000
Cincinnati	75,000
St. Petersburg	20,000
Columbia	15,000
Detroit	20,000
Portland	50,000
New Orleans	<u>26,000</u>
Total	216,000

Pioneer Missions 22,000

Work with National Baptists 6,500  
 (Development of Camp Ferndale near Little Rock, Arkansas.  
 HMB to contribute \$6,500 in 1964 and \$6,500 in 1965,  
 with Arkansas Convention contributing \$13,000).

#### Urban-Rural Missions

Hawaii	10,000
(Furnishing for Baptist Center at Hilo).	

If the Annie Armstrong Offerings reach the goal of \$3,500,000, they will be divided as follows:

For Current Operational Budget	\$2,700,000
City Mission Projects	100,000

Additional Mission Pastors	50,000
Evangelism - Summer Students	50,000
Latin American Relief	30,000
Church Sites	200,000
Mission Buildings	<u>370,000</u>
Total	\$3,500,000

#### Programs of Work of the Home Mission Board

##### 1. The Chaplaincy.

Southern Baptists have manifested a continuous interest in the work of the chaplaincy and a ministry to the military personnel and their families since the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

###### (1) Military.

Today 491 Southern Baptist chaplains serve on active duty in the military services with 689 ministers serving in the Reserve and Civil Air Patrol Programs. We continue to fill our quotas in all branches of the services and we have a waiting list of men who are seeking to be commissioned and accepted for active duty.

###### (2) Hospital.

Southern Baptist chaplains are serving in Veteran's Administration, City, County, State, Federal, Baptist and other denominational Hospitals.

###### (3) Institutional and Industrial.

##### 2. Evangelism.

##### 3. Associational and Pioneer Missions.

##### 4. City Missions.

##### 5. Language-groups Ministries.

##### 6. National Baptists.

There are over 19,000,000 Negroes in the United States. Vermont has slightly over 500 and New York approximately one and one-half million. From 1950 to 1960 their rate of increase was 25 per cent. Seventy-three per cent now live in urban areas. Nearly half of the Negroes are National Baptists.

##### 7. Church Loans.

In 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention gave a directive to the Board of Domestic Missions, now the Home Mission Board, to "evangelize the Indians." Since then the Board has carried on continuous work among them. This work is not confined to the Indian Reservations for thousands of them are moving into larger cities, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Chicago and Washington, D. C. Many of these are young people searching for opportunities and a way of life not afforded them on the reservations. Jobs are not easy to find, resources are limited and temptations are many. Those who work with them and enlist them in their churches, understand their problems and advise them and are a great help to them. Results among Indians come slowly, and missionaries who work among them must have an abundance of patience, perseverance and an unalterable faith in the promises of God.

The work among Spanish-speaking people is almost as old as that among the Indians. It is carried on in Florida, the states which border Mexico and in Cuba and Panama. Latin-American people are concentrating in other areas. Ten per cent of the people in New York City speak Spanish. The high rate of unemployment among them is one of the causes of drug addiction and crime.

Work was started among the Chinese in San Francisco in 1854. The first Japanese church in Los Angeles - Grandview Baptist, was started in 1957. Since 1962 it has been self-supporting and gives 15 per cent of its receipts to missions. The Missions Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention ministers to some 3,000 Japanese wives now living in that state. One Buddhist woman has converted over 100 Japanese women to Buddhism in North Carolina. One couple was appointed as our first missionaries among the one-half million Portuguese-speaking people of California. One man has been appointed to work among the Polish people. Although he is a member of a Polish family of nobility he speaks six languages fluently.

In its first report to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1846 the Home Mission Board stated "that the ultimate success of all the work of the Southern Baptist Convention will depend upon what is done in the homeland." The truth of that statement is no less true today. World missions waits upon home missions.