

Church reaches out to its missionaries

By ROSE WEBER

The words church missionary bring visions of barrels of clothing, exotic countries and dedicated hard working people.

Too often the role is viewed through rose colored glasses by those of us not familiar with missionary work.

But not at Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield.

Keeping the missionaries, no matter where they are serving, in close contact with the church members is the goal of the clergy.

"Every Sunday morning during services we recite the name and country of each of our missionaries and pause for silent prayer," said the senior minister, the Rev.

George Slavin. "And worshippers are asked to take the name and address of a missionary from the offering plate and write to them."

The missionaries are given a cassette player and each month they are sent tapes of the services and they know they are in the prayers of the sponsoring church.

This seems like an insignificant task until you realize that the church supports totally or in part more than 90 missionaries and their families.

THE CHURCH budget exclusive of special offerings includes \$200,000 each year for missionaries.

This does not include funds re-

quired to operate the four free missionary apartments provided on the grounds of the Southfield church.

Dr. William G. Colman, pastor of the church from 1914 to 1956, started the missionary outreach program and it has continued to grow with the church each year.

"We are a thriving church and one of our five major emphases is evangelization and missions. So naturally our commitment has grown as we have grown," Pastor Slavin said.

The missionaries write a letter stating their needs, then make a personal visit to a trustees meeting.

The smallest yearly sum is given to Pioneer Girls Michigan repre-

sentative and the Christian Service Brigade representative.

THE LARGEST sums go to Rev. and Mrs. Frank Allen who are in the Philippines as a part of the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade and Rev. and Mrs. Bennie Benson, Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Japan.

"Their needs are all different, some need a little and we pay it all, some need a lot and we share support with other churches," said the pastor.

The pastor said the church membership is happy with their commitment to the missionaries. And how do the missionaries feel?

Two of theives who were interviewed at the apartments had only

highest praise for the program.

"THESE APARTMENTS are just fantastic. When the children come home with us on leave they have a home right away and the change is not as hard on them," said Gay Harris.

Gay and her husband Tom have been stationed in a suburb of Paris, France for three years.

She also said that the tapes were particularly helpful to her husband.

They start home Bible study classes that then become the nucleus for a new church.

"Pastor Slavin is such a good preacher that we get both practical and Biblical sustenance from the tapes. Everyone thinks Paris would be a plush post but it is ac-

tually very hard," Mrs. Harris said.

SHE ADDED that the cost of living was much higher than here and that the people are "not all like Maurice Chevalier either."

Judy and Dennis Carlson have returned to the Philippines. They enjoy the tapes as a "touch of home."

"We love it there but it is nice to know that you are always in the hearts of your home church family," said Mrs. Carlson.

The missionary outreach of the Baptist church extends from Detroit to Hong Kong, from urban Paris to the Ivory Coast but all of them are in the hearts of their Southfield family every Sunday morning.

Mrs. Alan R. Doss

Karen M. Struble and Alan R. Doss were married in early evening ceremonies conducted by Father John Quinn in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlyn K. Struble, 28035 Shiloh, Farmington, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hodge W. Doss, Ann Arbor.

The bride's gown was ivory, fashioned with an empire waist and a lace front.



REV. LEANDER BLUMLEIN New president at Duns Scotus

The Rev. Leander Blumlein has been appointed president of Duns Scotus College in Southfield.

The appointment was announced by the Franciscan Provincial Board which met recently in Cincinnati.

Rev. Blumlein was ordained in 1949 and has spent all of his 25 priestly years as an educator in Franciscan schools.

Father Blumlein succeeds the Rev. Corman Mullen.

Father Mullen will transfer to Cincinnati where he will become the first director of the Office of Peace and Justice for the Cincinnati Franciscan Province.

Travels at age 87

Israel Kantor, age 87, visited the area recently after an absence of 41 years.

Kantor, a resident of a southern California senior citizens home, stayed at the Southfield home of his nephew Herman Kantor, 82.

Some of the relatives Kantor reminisced with are nieces Mrs. Ruth Schechter 72, Mrs. Philip Kaplan 76, and Mrs. Rose Kantor 85.

According to a great niece, Kantor's family locally consists of 29 great nieces and nephews, 35 great-great nieces and nephews and 14 great-great-great nieces and nephews.

It's undebatable

Four students from Southfield have been awarded certificates of merit by the Detroit Free Press for having distinguished themselves as outstanding debaters.

The students are: Stewart Mandell, Jeffrey Kantor, Chris Varjabedian and Bill Gold, from Southfield High School.

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June 12
Jeffrey Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Encarz of Troy.

June 18
Lori Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hunter of Rochester.

Jason Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karolak of Rochester.

Lisa Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamman of Rochester.

June 19
Brian Phillip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Weeden of Rochester.

June 20
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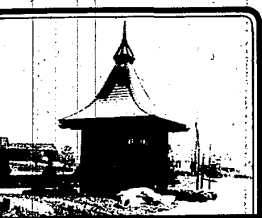
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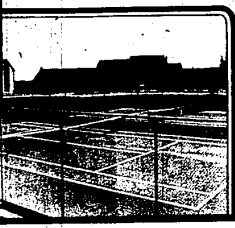
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