

First Baptist commissions Summer missionaries

Four students from First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon attending Georgetown College and Campbellsville University, have spent their summer 2000 break as missionaries.

Andy Hale, Megan Holbrook, Talona King and Andy Woods are among over 200 Kentucky students

who committed themselves to serving in various summer ministries in the United States and around the world. Commissioned by the Kentucky Baptist Convention in April, the students also shared their testimonies and call to missions in a special commissioning service held at their home church on Sunday, May

7th. Andy Hale, a sophomore at Georgetown College, began his service in Temuco, Chile. Upon returning to

the states, he finished his summer serving in Boston, Massachusetts and throughout Kentucky as a member of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Son

Bound team. He is the son of Nancy and John Hale of Mt. Vernon.

Megan Holbrook spent her summer as a missionary in Panama working with the Kuna Indian tribes. Megan served in this capacity last summer and was blessed to be able to return to Panama. She is a junior at Campbellsville University and the daughter of Phyllis Holbrook of Mt. Vernon and Howell Holbrook of Broadhead.

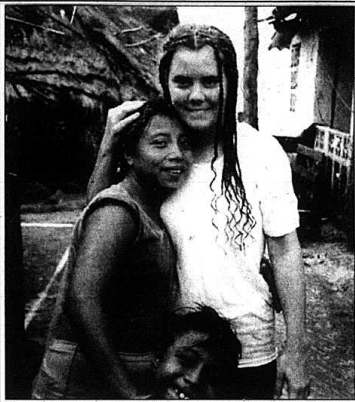
A senior at Georgetown College, Talona King served for 10 weeks in South Carolina with the Charleston Outreach Ministry. Her primary fo-

cus was Creative Ministries through performance and puppets. She also worked with area churches in their Market and Waterfront ministries. Talona is the daughter of Karen King and David King of Mt. Vernon.

Andy Woods, a sophomore at Campbellsville University, served with a Revival team in "24-Hour God" weekends in North Carolina. He was ministered through the Kentucky Heartland Corporation conducting youth camps with an emphasis on home repairs. Andy is the son of Connie and Chet Woods of Mt. Vernon.



Talona King, of Mt. Vernon and a student at Georgetown College, is shown here with other members of her summer missionary team, Charleston Outreach. Front row from left: Lauren Barnes (Tenn.), Lindsay Jones (Tenn.), Talona, Lincoln Trammel (Tenn.). Back row from left: Jeremiah Swann (SC), Chris Haines (GA), and Michael Turner (VA). The team served with various churches in Charleston, SC for 10 weeks this summer.



Megan Holbrook is pictured here with one of the Kuna Indians in the Panamanian village where she served as a summer missionary. Megan was sponsored by the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist International Mission Board, and her home church, First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.



Andy Hale with students at Colegio Bautista in Temuco, Chile. Along with other Georgetown College students, Andy taught English at the Children's center. During the English classes, the first half of the class, the students conversed in English and in Spanish during the second half.



Andy Woods, center, counselor at Cedarmore Baptist Assembly with several youth from First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. From left are: Billy Haddix, Cody Alexander, Andy, Courtney Alexander, Kaliesa Robinson, and Mindy Bullock.

Rockcastle Hospital and UK Medical Center form partnership to expand emergency department medical staff

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. (RHRCC) has joined forces with the University of Kentucky Medical Professional Placement Service to increase the number of doctors available in the hospital's Emergency Department.

UK residents and faculty are staffing the department from 6:30 p.m.-6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and provide 24-hour coverage on weekends and holidays. RHRCC physicians will continue to cover the Emergency Department during the daytime Monday through Friday.

"The doctors from UK are fully licensed and certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Advanced Trauma Life Support," said Dr. William McElwain, medical director of Rockcastle Hospital's Emergency Department. "Because they are involved in post-graduate training programs, the UK doctors are aware of the latest advances in medical care,

and their affiliation with a major tertiary medical center makes referrals for advanced care easy."

In addition, McElwain said the doctors involved in the program live in central Kentucky and have a good understanding of the culture and concerns of their patients.

Recently, RHRCC announced a \$2 million expansion project, which includes a total expansion and upgrade of the Emergency Department facilities.

"With the addition of the UK doctors and the upcoming expansion project, I believe the people of Rockcastle County will be very pleased with our Emergency Department," said Lee Keene, president of RHRCC. "We feel it's important to continue to upgrade our services, and bringing in the new doctors is the first step."

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. is a not-for-

profit community hospital, which is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. It operates inpatient and outpatient acute care programs, 60 long-term beds for ventilator-dependent patients, and a home health care service. The hospital was established in 1956 and treats patients from across Kentucky and parts of Tennessee.



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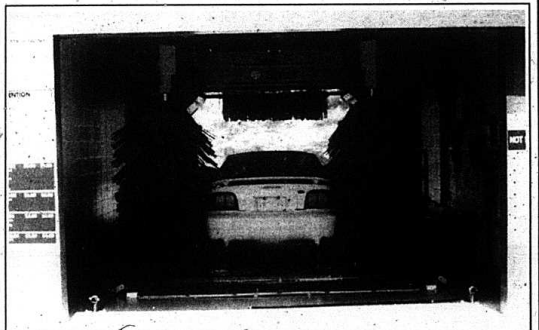
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