



Church Services For Migrant Families

The eastern Baptist Association of Duplin, Sampson and Wayne counties holds weekly services for migrant families at the former King's United Methodist Church at Skeeter Point. Services are held in Spanish and French and often more than 75 adults and children attend. Transportation is provided by the Association from migrant farm camps. Pictured above,

migrant children are in services held by Rita Maynor, a summer missionary working in the Eastern Baptist Association. An estimated 14,000 migrant farmworkers and their families live within the area of the Eastern Association during the crop harvest season each year.

Alternate Show Opens In Amphitheatre

Opening night of the 1984 Liberty Cart alternate show is July 25 in Kenansville. The production of WAR BRIDES is scheduled to run five consecutive Wednesday evenings.

With the production of WAR BRIDES, the William R. Kenan Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville will offer its first show with set and props. Along with offering the first production with a set, WAR BRIDES is a play and will be performed for its third time in the United States at the amphitheatre. The play has been performed at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., and the Academy Theatre in Atlanta, both productions were before capacity audiences, pointed out David Thomas, director of the 1984 alternate show WAR BRIDES.

WAR BRIDES by Terri Wagener is an intriguing new mystery set in a boarding house during World War I. The play features seven women waiting for

the war to end as they search for a purpose and meaning to fulfill their own lives. The show features three local actors, Sharon Kanter of Kinston, Jo Ann Garner of Goldsboro and Hazel Stapleton of Greenville. Garner and Stapleton are natives of Duplin County.

Wagner, author of WAR BRIDES has won the International Drama Student Trust Fund Playwriting Award for her first full-length play, RENASCENCE. WAR BRIDES was first introduced as a stage reading at the 1980 Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center's National Playwrights Conference. She has also had three short plays commissioned and produced by Actors Theatre of Louisville.

WAR BRIDES opens July 25 and plays Wednesday evenings through August 22 in the William R. Kenan Amphitheatre in Kenansville. Show time is 8:15 p.m.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Maurice E. Brinson wishes to express our sincere gratitude to our relatives and friends for their many acts of kindness during his illness and death.

We shall be eternally indebted to all of you for your thoughtfulness and caring gestures. Our family feels

fortunate to know we have so many devoted friends. May all your lives be blessed as you so richly deserve. Thank you for being very special people.

Leona J. Brinson
Nadine B. Blanton
James E. Brinson

Local People Minister To Social And Spiritual Needs Of Migrants

"You've got to be flexible," volunteers in the Eastern Baptist Association migrant ministries say.

More than 100 local people from the Eastern Baptist Association—composed of churches from Duplin, Sampson and Wayne counties work as volunteers in migrant ministry programs. The Eastern Baptist Association alone spends a major portion of its Christian Social Ministries budget on programs for the seasonal farm workers and their families. The budget includes salaries for two summer missionaries, ministries to migrants, deaf, senior adults and handicapped and a literacy program and totals \$30,000. The Christian Social Ministries are funded through North Carolina Southern Baptist churches.

Each year about 14,000 migrant farmworkers and their families temporarily live within the area of the Eastern Baptist Association and harvest crops. These families come to the area in May and remain about 10 weeks.

"My first contact with the migrants was in the school," Nancy Harrell, a volunteer from Brunswick, Ga. in the Eastern Baptist Association migrant ministries laughed. School sessions for migrant children are held at North Duplin and Hobbins Elementary schools. The program began June 18 at North Duplin and ends August 3. The schools are open to pre-school and school age migrant children and enrolls almost 250 students.

"The children were absolutely wild! I didn't know what to make of them," she said.

"But, the migrants are very receptive people, most want to learn. Of course, there are some with negative attitudes.

"Working with the children has been the biggest thrill," Nancy smiled. "They are so lively, and loving—the children are really very beautiful. When they see me coming they run into my arms and love me.

"These children have been moved and moved—from one place to another they move constantly—and never establish any roots. I think that has a lot to do with their behavior," Nancy said. Services in migrant camps, schools and church are performed to an audience constantly in motion and often speaking among themselves.

"Even with the constant motion and noise the migrants seem to keep up with the services," Nancy said. Nancy and her husband, Elliot, have completed two weeks of work with migrant ministries in the Eastern Baptist Association.

Using vacation time from their jobs, Nancy a bank trust clerk and Elliot, an employee of the Brunswick City Water Department, the Harrells came to Warsaw as volunteer workers. The Harrells are not alone, Sue Williams of Raleigh and Mary Grizzard of Emporia, Va. have worked as volunteers in the Eastern Baptist Association migrant ministries, each placed through the Southern Baptist

Home Missions Board.

"People in this area have been sitting here for years and they do not realize the available mission field right in their own neighborhood," Clyde Davis, Eastern Baptist Association Director said. Even though, the Association supplies funds and materials for migrant ministries an organized involvement by local church members had not been active until recently.

During the past year the Association has coordinated migrant ministry teams made-up of volunteers from Clinton First Baptist, Mt. Olive First Baptist, Piney Grove and Faison Baptist, and Grove Park churches. Teams are comprised of no less than six individuals and serve one night a week at the migrant camps. The team services are held for 10 consecutive weeks beginnings in June.

"In past years we have worked mostly with children," Cathy Hopkins with the Eastern Baptist Association said. "This year our emphasis is with the adults and meeting the migrants' human needs, then we try to reach them spiritually. We want them to see God's love through what we do."

Meeting human needs is the first step in the migrant ministries, so workers often distribute health kits, first-aid kits, and infant kits. A clothes and food closet is also part of the migrant ministry to assist families through periods of short work or sickness. Members of the teams

identify the needs and with the Association staff the migrants are connected with agencies for health or food assistance.

"The volunteers are often surprised by these people," Cathy said. "The migrant people are very gracious and appreciative of the opportunity to socialize. Services are informal and the migrants seem hungry for people to talk with."

Beyond team visits to migrant camps, Tuesday evening services are held in the old Kings United Methodist Church at Skeeter Point. Services are held in Spanish and transportation is provided through loan of church vehicles from within the Association. Services for French-speaking Haitian migrants are also held at the former Methodist Church.

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