

Missions

WHEREAS our Lord commanded His disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15); and

WHEREAS the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches has long had a fine record of missionary commitment, regularly averaging approximately twenty percent of its total giving to missions; and

WHEREAS it is now predicted that one-half (fifty percent) of the missionary force will be retiring by 1994, and for every four missionaries retiring we will be replacing only one at our present rate of recruitment; and

WHEREAS we face an ever-increasing world population, with an estimated 1.2 billion more people by the end of the century, for a total world population in excess of 6 billion souls;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 56th Annual Conference in Ames, Iowa, June 22–26, 1987, declare our concern for the increasing need for world evangelism and encourage our churches to reaffirm their commitment to the important task of preaching the gospel to every creature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we endeavor to increase our level of giving to missions and to encourage our congregations to consider the claims of Christ upon our lives as possible missionaries, both at home and abroad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our churches to support our approved missionary agencies, thus enabling us to reproduce ourselves in mission churches, both at home and abroad.

*Ames, Iowa
June 22–26, 1987*