

John Bowen Retires as Missionary

John Howard Bowen, a former boys' work executive with the Campfire Council in Knoxville, has retired from his work as a Protestant missionary among the Mixteca Indians in the Mexican state of Oaxaca.



Albert Osborne, successor to Mr. Bowen in the mission post, in a letter to the News-Sentinel, said Mr. Bowen is credited with establishing six missions and erecting a beautiful Baptist church.

Mr. Osborne suggests that Knoxville friends who wish to write Mr. Bowen on his 73rd birthday in January address him at Post Office Box 308, Laredo, Texas.

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After Years **BIOGRAPHY**

As Missionary

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A Knoxville man whose pioneering work among boys of this area led to the establishment of the present Boys' Club has announced his retirement after long years of missionary work in Mexico.



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John Howard Bowen, now living in Laredo, Texas, left Knoxville over 10 years ago to become a volunteer missionary among the Mixteca, Indians.

He previously founded a home for boys in Sevier County and organized the Campfire Council for boys in Knoxville. The latter organization formed the basis for the new active Boys' Club.

Bowen, a member of First Baptist Church here, was not supported by the church in his Mexican missionary work, though friends in the church financed him through the first year.

Six mission stations and a self-supporting Baptist church give evidence of his labors in the mountain villages where he chose to teach. He was the first Protestant missionary to enter the land of the Mixtecas.

Bowen's address now is: Box 308, Laredo, Texas. He would appreciate cards from his friends this Christmas.



MOUNTAINEER IN MEXICO—John Howard Bowen, who established a Boy's Camp near Knoxville before leaving here some 10 years ago, is shown above among the Mixteca Indians in Mexico where he now makes his home in retirement after years of missionary work.