

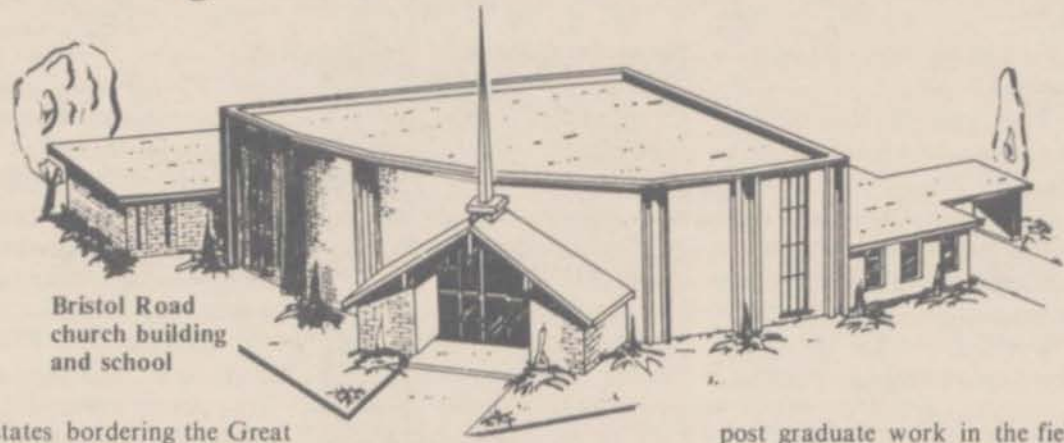
Great Lakes States goals for Bristol Road School of Preaching

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FLINT, Mich.—Sept. 7 marked the launch of the Bristol Road School of Preaching. The daily full-time operation is the only one of its kind in this part of the nation and is supported by the Bristol Road church and other churches in the North.

Six students have already moved to Flint for full-time, (2,000 hours, tuition free) preacher training. One is a 52-year-old Arab from Israel who speaks four languages fluently. Others, mostly from the North, have left insurance, real estate and other occupations to become students.

Nolan Crawford, director, said, "While Michigan is reported to be the third most strict in the nation on educational institutions, our program is already fully licensed. Furthermore, on the strength of the calibre of our program, we have secured letters from degree granting colleges which the State Board of Education has taken into consideration in a move to waive the normal two year waiting period for Veteran's Administration approval. The state board has already submitted the request for approval to V. A. for their recording."

There are less than 1,300 congregations of the church in the



Bristol Road church building and school

eight states bordering the Great Lakes, many of them small and without preachers. The Midwest, New England, and Canada represent a virtually untouched mission field.

Terry Blake, who taught with Crawford in Madras India, be-

gan teaching full time in September. A native Texan, he moved here from Madison, Wis. He holds his B. A. from ACC and M. A. from Eastern New Mexico State University and has done

post graduate work in the field of linguistics. Martel Pace and Jim Grotts, both graduates of Freed-Hardeman College, are the other teachers.

The Bristol Road church is one of the oldest congregations in Flint. Jack Gray and Eugene

Pigg have served as ministers for the past 10 years; Virgil Knox is now here.

The 650 member congregation is guided by seven elders.