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The Daniel Cronks
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 Volena Wilson

Japan:

The Wesley Calverys
 The Fred Herseys
 The Herbert Waids

Latin America: The John Moehlmans*

Spain: Mario Cignoni***

Uruguay: The Bill Fulchers*

*In language study

**National pastor's wife status

***National missionary

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COVER PHOTO

To win the Indian woman to Christ is a giant step toward winning the children. One of the most fruitful ministries Free Will Baptists have in South India is the ministry to women. Read the "Missions Scrapbook" article, page 7, about Miss Volena Wilson.

From the General Director

Prayer—an Imperative

GREAT AND GOOD men have always realized the need and the blessing of prayer. Jacob, David, Peter, Paul, and John knew the value of prayer.

The great men of the reformation such as Calvin, Luther, Knox and Swingli were men of prayer.

Great missionaries such as Carey, Livingston, and Judson relied much on prayer for spiritual victories.

MISSIONARIES NEED OUR PRAYERS

Among those who stand most in need of our prayers are our missionaries.

Paul, the greatest missionary of all time, save the Lord Jesus Christ, often requested prayer for himself:

II THESSALONIANS 3:1,2: "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified . . . And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men."

EPHESIANS 6:18,19: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit . . . And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

COLOSSIANS 4:2,4: "Continue in prayer . . . Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ . . . That I might make it manifest, as I ought to speak."

What a striking example Paul thus gives in regard to the need of prayer on behalf of every missionary. His extraordinary spiritual gifts and intellectual abilities did not exempt him from the need of prayer.

I am certain that each Free Will Baptist missionary, both home and foreign, would say with Paul and with you and me, "Brethren, pray for us."

An analysis of the Scriptures that are quoted above reveals several specific reasons for prayer that are very apt for our consideration when we pray for missionaries today.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER

I wish to submit some suggestions on how to pray for missionaries. Pray that the missionaries:

(1) Will give sufficient time to prayer and Bible study.

(2) Will have strength, wisdom and guidance in rearing their children.

(3) Will be blessed with good health.

(4) Will appropriate grace to overcome loneliness, disappointments, misunderstandings that may arise among fellow-missionaries, and every temptation.

(5) Will live an exemplary life before those to whom they minister.

Let me urge you further to use the prayer calendar on the back of this publication.

Rolla D. Smith

Sizeable Donation Received

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A personal gift of \$825 has been received in the mission office here, one of the largest gifts by an individual ever to be received.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence C. Cutshaw, formerly active members of Central church, Detroit, who recently moved to Greeneville, Tennessee, made the donation to the Dr. LaVerne D. Miley account.

The foreign mission board takes this means to express its appreciation to the Cutshaws for this notable gift.

Fulchers to Leave April 25th

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher and 14-month old son Billy will fly from here April 25 for language study in Costa Rica preparatory to permanent assignment in Uruguay.

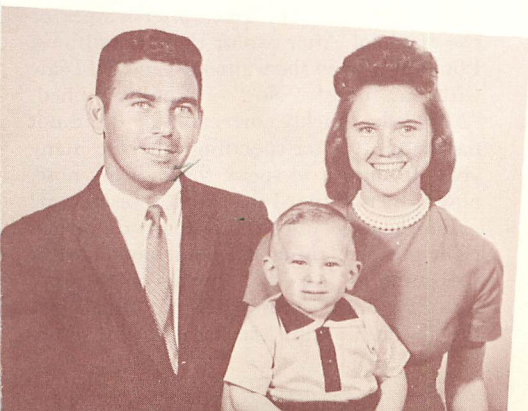
Mr. Fulcher, a native of Aurora, N. C., is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and pastored in North Carolina prior to his appointment as missionary to Uruguay.

Mrs. Fulcher is from St. Louis, Mo., and attended Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Fulchers will enter the May 1 session of language study at the Spanish Language School in San Jose, Costa Rica. Following their nine-month course there they will go on to Uruguay for permanent duty there.

The Fulchers will serve in Uruguay with the Paul Robinsons who are awaiting visas. The Robinsons will go directly to Uruguay.

Bill, Billy, and Glenda Fulcher



A Sunday school group of the San Francisco de Paula Free Will Baptist Church near Havana, Cuba, is shown with pastor Moises Toirac outside their new sanctuary.

Work Progresses in Cuba

MIAMI, FLA.—The Rev. Tom Willey, Jr., is back in the states following a recent return to Cuba limited by the United States state department to 28 days.

Mr. Willey's word regarding the present state of Free Will Baptist work in Cuba is "progress." He cited growth in congregations in several island churches along with the completion of several buildings.

"What a thrill it was to see the number of new faces in the churches there. Most outstanding of these was the church in Pinar del Rio. People whom we had known for years, had done business with, and yet had never reached were now in the church."

The radio is being used very effectively in evangelism, the missionary added. Provincial network time is being acquired reasonably, and a room at the mission is being used as a studio. Using a different pastor each month and a quartet from the Pinar del Rio church, programs are broadcast each Sunday.

*Medical missionary's
wife reflects on life
as mother, wife, and
student in France*

Lamentations of a

Dumb Missionary Wife

in Language School

by
MRS. LAVERNE D. MILEY

LET IT BE understood at the outset that I am not referring to the *average* wife, but rather, a *dumb* one. Or, maybe my chief fault is trying to keep step with a husband who goes at a more rapid pace.

It all began that first day when we went to register. As we entered the doors we were greeted with a sign which translated proved to read: "Speak only French while in this house." I wondered how far I would get with my knowledge of "oui" as an answer in the affirmative. And how does one correctly reply in the negative?

Following a crowd upstairs, we formed a line to receive entrance examinations. Nonchalantly, I accepted my test and proceeded to a table to complete it. Not many minutes later I humbly returned to the desk with a completely unsoiled sheet. A blank, helpless stare to the kind registrar's questions promptly placed me in the kindergarten class (or was it the nursery class?).

"I'm ahead of Mama. I'm in the *first* grade!" our seven year old son boasted who had just enrolled in the French Public School.

So classes began. I learned later that my teacher spoke English, but you would never have guessed it the way she flung those French words at you who were accustomed only to English. "Mme Miley, voyez-vous avec votre nez?" she asked after a week or two of school. After two or three repetitions, I finally realized she wanted to know if I saw with my nose! "No!" I finally replied. "Non," she quickly corrected, for I had not nasalized it. After spending all these many years trying *not* to speak through my nose, now to be told that I *must* do it to be correct!

But the day came. Yes, it finally did, when right off, first thing, I understood most of the questions asked. Figuring out a reply was quite another thing, like the time I had the children asking the breakfast for some-

thing. But thank the Lord for a patient teacher who gently corrects without embarrassment.

Sometimes I think if there were nothing to do except learn French, I would get along fine. But there is always cleaning, ironing, cooking, marketing, correspondence. Often after several hours of difficult, not too successful study, I will go into the kitchen and bake a chocolate cake or apple pie just to prove to myself that I can still do something well.

Reading and writing the language is not too difficult, but, oh, the speaking. And of little matter is it to the laundry man that I can conjugate numerous verbs into the various tenses or that often my daily exercises are without error—he merely wants a simple answer as to whether or not I want our laundry delivered.

A CHILD AGREES

There is a four-year old girl on the second floor who will also agree that that woman upstairs is a dumb one. Once when I was sweeping the steps she stood and watched me for several minutes. Bending down and looking at me so sweetly, she asked me something. A big grown woman unable to understand a tiny child! To this day she hasn't said another word to the American lady who can't speak right.

And don't think Satan doesn't take advantage of every opportunity, even in language school. "Why don't you just let your husband do all the learning?" he says. "You stay home. You won't need French to darn socks or serve a cup of tea. Look at so-and-so. She served in the Camerouns for three years without a knowledge of French."

But I catch a vision once again of a place of service in a remote corner of the Ivory Coast. Many lonely individuals who need to be transformed by the saving grace of our Saviour. And how will I be able to successfully impart this love to them without the communicating bond of language?

So taking a deep breath and feeling the impact of the prayers of my loved ones back home, I enter a store (with my hands in my pocket to avoid the temptation to point) and confidently begin, "Donnez-moi . . ." Perhaps I won't always be a dumb missionary wife, after all.

April— Foreign Missions Month



Answering the challenge of
world evangelism

THREE BILLION people—17 times the population of the United States—this is the number of men, women, and children who occupy the composite of animal, vegetable, and mineral that is referred to as the world.

These are people for whom Christ died, people whose only hope is to by faith receive the Lord Jesus as Saviour and Master of their lives. "And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14.)

The Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board is the missionary arm of churches affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Because of a firm conviction that men without Christ are lost and that the only Name whereby men may be saved is the Name of the Lord Jesus, Free Will Baptists through this agency respond to the divine task delegated to the church, that of preaching the gospel to every creature, to three billion creatures in the world today.

April has been designated denominationally as the month during which Free Will Baptists remember in a special way their 12-month obligation to carry the good news of salvation into all the world.

The board earnestly solicits the prayers and support of every Free Will Baptist in a definite way during this foreign missions month. Will you set aside a time for special prayer for the 41 missionaries Free Will Baptists support on six fields of service? And will you make a special gift to foreign missions so that those who might otherwise never have heard will hear the message of salvation?

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Month of March, 1961

CASH IN BANK MARCH 1, 1961.....\$38,711.68

RECEIPTS

WNAC.....	\$ 179.85	
Wesley Calvery.....	10.00	
Cuba—Woman's Auxiliary.....	114.00	
Bill Jones.....	100.00	
Refund on Postage.....	244.93	
Woman's Fellowship.....	6.94	
Refund.....	52.75	
Foreign Mission Fellowship.....	20.00	
Alabama.....	268.71	
Arizona.....	165.99	
Arkansas.....	572.50	
California.....	1,239.16	
Florida.....	226.62	
Georgia.....	509.38	
Illinois.....	1,660.77	
Indiana.....	98.43	
Kansas.....	31.00	
Kentucky.....	163.69	
Louisiana.....	2.00	
Michigan.....	2,025.40	
Mississippi.....	289.52	
Missouri.....	1,957.05	
New Mexico.....	37.08	
North Carolina.....	4,496.76	
Ohio.....	167.38	
Oklahoma.....	858.73	
Oregon.....	10.00	
South Carolina.....	790.46	
Tennessee.....	2,449.35	
Texas.....	840.66	
Virginia.....	1,191.07	
West Virginia.....	268.57	
		21,048.75

\$59,760.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$1,579.02
Brazil.....	1,638.30
Cuba.....	3,060.50
India.....	1,654.26
Japan.....	1,333.86
Latin America.....	1,668.45
Spain.....	150.00
Optical Expense for Missionary.....	6.00
Social Security for Missionaries.....	99.23
Itinerate Expense.....	440.43
Operation Expense on	
Department Car.....	78.23
Films and Supplies.....	28.50
Books and Tracts.....	21.65
Department Car Payment.....	135.30

Salaries.....	1,415.47	
Postage.....	161.47	
Office Supplies.....	56.42	
Housing Allowance—		
Promotional Secretary.....	75.00	
Payment on Residence.....	65.67	
Residence Expense.....	11.25	
Note on Residence.....	1,000.00	
Printing.....	974.18	
Maintenance.....	119.79	
Auditor.....	175.00	
Service on Equipment.....	47.50	
Office Equipment.....	22.10	
Parts for Printing Press.....	158.61	
		16,176.19
		\$43,584.24

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 3,207.93
Printing Press.....	671.61
Repatriation.....	3,733.21
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	1,978.14
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	2,463.13
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton.....	153.65
Rev. Dave Franks.....	1,593.06
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher.....	1,856.05
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,347.21
Eula Mae Martin RN.....	1,414.43
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	11,191.75
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman.....	1,612.57
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....	2,441.49
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	601.01
Mary Ellen Rice.....	906.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	3,202.16
Esther M. Ruehle RN.....	1,702.88
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	1,069.42
Josephine Stevens.....	139.18
Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson.....	356.64
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	497.55
Volena Wilson.....	1,758.02
Furlough Wagon Depreciation.....	498.39
Africa—Medical Building.....	1,500.86
Africa—Medical Facilities and	
Equipment.....	66.00
	\$45,963.28

DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	\$ 331.20
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	947.60
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	203.69
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.....	795.36
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	101.19
	2,379.04
	\$43,584.24

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 829.78	\$ 7,670.22	
Arizona.....	700.00	201.99	498.01	
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	1,343.57	5,656.43	
California.....	7,000.00	2,410.31	4,589.69	
Florida.....	6,000.00	1,344.99	4,655.01	
Georgia.....	8,500.00	1,703.31	6,796.69	
Idaho.....	700.00	1.60	698.40	
Illinois.....	8,500.00	2,540.77	5,959.23	
Indiana.....	700.00	397.87	302.13	
Kansas.....	500.00	81.00	419.00	
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	932.21	4,567.79	
Maine.....	200.00		200.00	
Michigan.....	25,000.00	3,814.81	21,185.19	
Mississippi.....	5,500.00	906.63	4,593.37	
Missouri.....	15,500.00	3,973.65	11,526.35	
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	119.48	880.52	
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	12,406.95	37,593.05	
Ohio.....	7,500.00	1,996.56	5,503.44	
Oklahoma.....	12,000.00	2,463.89	9,536.11	
South Carolina.....	11,000.00	2,018.59	8,981.41	
Tennessee.....	17,500.00	5,176.54	12,323.46	
Texas.....	10,500.00	2,315.45	8,184.55	
Virginia.....	12,000.00	2,585.41	9,414.59	
West Virginia.....	5,000.00	600.84	4,399.16	
Miscellaneous.....	3,700.00	4,169.35		469.35
	\$230,000.00	\$ 54,335.55	\$176,133.80	\$469.35



Called to a Life of Faith

Volena Wilson yielded to the will of God for her life, and it resulted in her being sent to South India

THE EVANGELIST stood at the front with arms reaching toward the congregation. His invitation to the crowd of young people in attendance was a simple one: "Come, dedicating your lives to go wherever the Lord leads."

A young business college student sitting midway the auditorium could resist the inner urging of the Holy Spirit no longer. She moved past those sitting in the row with her and walked down the aisle to make public her decision to follow the Lord "to the regions beyond."

With this major step taken, Miss Volena Wilson began a life of faith in which she was to see God's miraculous provision for her preparation for missionary service and His leading her to distant India.

"When I was approached by our board about India, I kept thinking how far away India was," Miss Wilson recalls. "I wished that the Lord would choose a place nearer home for me. However, I promised the board that if the Lord would give me a clear leading that India was where He wanted me, I was willing to go."

Her deep dedication to the will of the Lord made Miss Wilson's heart receptive to His leading, and in 1951 she sailed to India with Miss Laura B. Barnard, returning from a furlough in the states.

"It was my particular assignment to go with our Bible woman from village to village and from house to house to witness," comments the missionary concerning her work in South India during her early days on the field. "I conducted Sunday schools in villages, was in charge of our elementary school, and taught one Bible lesson a week in the school as well as taking care of correspondence and bookkeeping for the

school and our Free Will Baptist church. In addition, I planned a Bible lesson daily for the Indian teachers."

Years pass rapidly on the foreign field. It wasn't long until furlough time. Then upon return to South India for her second term, Miss Wilson assumed general direction of the work there.

Today, Miss Wilson lives in Kotagiri, Nilgiris, reaching from there into surrounding villages with the faithful presentation of the Gospel.

A new day has dawned in the work in South India. "I wish I had time to recount all of God's blessings here," writes Miss Wilson in a March letter.

She recounts numerous conversions. God's blessing was very evident, she remarks, in a recent youth camp.

A woman from the Kotagiri church visiting friends in a nearby village began telling them about what the Lord had done for her. The conversation turned into a village meeting lasting until midnight, and 15 made decisions for Christ.

Other miraculous conversions are being witnessed as God is faithful to the faithful in answering prayer. Yet, there is still much to be done. Pray for Miss Wilson continuing her ministry as the only Free Will Baptist missionary in South India.

Biographical Data

Birthday: March 11, 1918.

Place of Birth: Uree, North Carolina.

Parents: W. E. and Kelly Flynn Wilson (both deceased).

Education: Graduate, Nyack Missionary Training Institute.

Present Address: "Westfield," Kotagiri, South India.



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MISSIONARY *Prayer Calendar*

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ. —COLOSSIANS 4:3

APRIL 16, Sunday—Pray...

for the Tom Willeys, Sr., and their missionary conference work while awaiting a return to Cuba.

APRIL 17, Monday—Pray...

for the Herbert Waids as they move to Tokyo to assume work with Free Will Baptists in Japan's largest city.

APRIL 18, Tuesday—Pray...

for the definite leadership of the Lord in the annual foreign mission board meeting being held in Nashville today through Friday.

APRIL 19, Wednesday—Pray...

for the medical building program in the Ivory Coast, Africa, under the direction of Dan Merkh. Additional funds are needed now.

APRIL 20, Thursday—Pray...

for the Fred Herseys sailing from Japan today for furlough in the states, for God's provision of needed finances involved.

APRIL 21, Friday—Pray...

for the Tom Willeys, Jr., and their ministry among Spanish speaking people in Miami while awaiting a return to Cuba.

APRIL 22, Saturday—Pray...

for the ministry of Heartbeat and additional finances needed to enlarge the magazine to 16 pages.

APRIL 23, Sunday—Pray...

for the Daniel Cronks as they minister to the outcaste Hedalus in North India.

APRIL 24, Monday—Pray...

for the Wesley Calverys as they take over the work in Bihoro where the Herseys were ministering.

APRIL 25, Tuesday—Pray...

for the Bill Fulchers as they fly to Costa Rica today to begin language study preparing for service in Uruguay.

APRIL 26, Wednesday—Pray...

for the Bobby Aycocks' complete recovery from virus attacks and that they will catch up in their language study in Campinas, Brazil.

APRIL 27, Thursday—Pray...

for the Bill Jones and Bible club work in the Ivory Coast.

APRIL 28, Friday—Pray...

for the General Director, Promotional Secretary, and Laura B. Barnard and the Holdenville, Okla., area missionary conference, thru April 30.

APRIL 29, Saturday—Pray...

for the Bobby Pooles as they continue language study in Campinas.

APRIL 30, Sunday—Pray...

for the John Moehlmans studying Spanish in San Jose, Costa Rica.

MAY 1, Monday—Pray...

for the Carlisle Hannas and their ministry in Sonapurhat, West Bengal, North India.

MAY 2, Tuesday—Pray...

for the LaVerne Mileys studying French in Paris as they plan for their medical and spiritual ministry in the Ivory Coast.

MAY 3, Wednesday—Pray...

for the Ken Eagletons and general direction of the work in Brazil.

MAY 4, Thursday—Pray...

for the Promotional Secretary, his editorial duties and speaking engagements, and for the mission office staff in their daily duties.

MAY 5, Friday—Pray...

for the Lonnie Palmers studying French in Switzerland before service in the Ivory Coast.

MAY 6, Saturday—Pray...

for the Sammy Wilkinsons and teaching and evangelism in Campinas.

MAY 7, Sunday—Pray...

for the joint home and foreign missions conference at Horton Heights, Nashville, Tenn., through May 14, the General Director and the Harold Stevens representing foreign missions.

MAY 8, Monday—Pray...

for the Paul Robinsons as they leave soon for service in Uruguay.

MAY 9, Tuesday—Pray...

for Lucy Wisehart Lima and husband Hesus in the states because of the situation in Cuba.

MAY 10, Wednesday—Pray...

for Esther Ruehle and her medical work in Brazil.

MAY 11, Thursday—Pray...

for the Lonnie Sparks and evangelism in the Ivory Coast.

MAY 12, Friday—Pray...

for Mario Cignoni and his ministry in Spain.

MAY 13, Saturday—Pray...

for Volena Wilson and strengthening of recent converts in her work in South India.

MAY 14, Sunday—Pray...

for Dave Franks and his teaching and evangelism duties in Brazil.

MAY 15, Monday—Pray...

for Eula Mae Martin and guidance in her medical work in Brazil.