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COVER PHOTO

The younger sister of a Japanese bride married in the Ono Free Will Baptist Church, Tokyo, was photographed by Missionary Herbert Wald. In the orient, one of the main cultural clashes between Christian and non-Christian ways surfaces in marriage festivities. Weddings, as well as funerals, can be great occasions of Christian testimony.

From the General Director

Pioneer Missionaries a Blessing

SOME 1,500 PEOPLE heard inspiring and challenging words from three pioneer missionaries—the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., and Miss Bessie Yeley—at the annual missionary service during the recent session of the National Association.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard was unable to be present

as expected because of her sister's illness.

Rev. Benito Rodriguez, president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, and Rev. Kenneth Walker, home missionary to Washington, D.C., delivered brief messages.

The offering, which was divided between foreign

and home missions, totaled \$1,428.38.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention voted last year to raise \$12,200 by July, 1961, to help supply medical facilities and equipment for Africa.

That goal was reached ahead of schedule. By June 30, \$14,053.32 had been given. Congratulations

and thanks, women, for a job well done!

The 1960-61 project for the GTA's, YPA's and BA's was to provide medical facilities and equipment for the children's division of the medical work in

A total of \$3,266.92 has been received on this project. We sincerely thank each of you who helped to make this accomplishment possible.

OTHER PROJECTS

From time to time other special projects will be suggested by the foreign missions office. However, the method of channeling such funds will be different. Henceforth, "special project" money should be sent to the foreign missions office rather than to some other national agency.

According to action taken by the National Association in Fresno last year, each denominational board or agency must confine its national fund raising to its own area of responsibility. This action did not become

effective until July, 1961.

At the same time, the National Association encouraged the different agencies—Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, YPA, GTA, leagues, Sunday schools, etc.—to continue their support of the national work through the local church.

Since the stated purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary is to teach and promote missions, we confidently count on increased prayer and financial support as a result of the continued missionary efforts of the women of our church.

Too, we shall expect other agencies of the church to respond to the challenge of missions as they have opportunity.

Rolla D. Smith

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionary





Smith, Rev. Leon McBride, the Willeys

Illinois Conference is Success

BENTON, ILL.—The second annual missionary conference of Illinois heard messages by the Rev. Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, and the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr. The three-day session was held at the Free Will Baptist Campgrounds.

An estimated 350 persons attended reppresenting churches from across the state. A closing night offering totaled \$1,044. Many responded to the invitation for complete surrender to the Lord Jesus.

Special Bulletin

MIAMI, FLA.—The Rev. Tom Willey, Sr., underwent surgery here July 28 for a growth on the esophagus. Doctors said that no malignancy was involved and predicted normal recovery. A last minute report from Miami said that Mr. Willey is recuperating slowly but satisfactorily.

Wilson Re-elected to Board

NORFOLK, VA.—The Rev. Reford Wilson, pastor of the Holdenville, Oklahoma, Free Will Baptist Church, was re-elected to a five-year term on the Board of Foreign Missions. His re-election took place during the 25th session of the National Association here July 11-13.

The missionary service on Wednesday evening was again a highlight of the annual meeting. Following an invitation by Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., to complete surrender to the will of God, the aisles were filled with young people and adults taking their stand for Christ.

Willeys, Jr., Going to Costa Rica

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr., will go to Costa Rica for language refresher study in September. The former missionaries to Cuba have been in the states since U.S. break in diplomatic relations with the recently declared socialist state.

Mr. Willey in addition to his studies will make an exploratory survey of Central American countries with a view to possibly opening a new Free Will Baptist field. Mail to the Willeys, Jr., after September 20 should be addressed to: Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica. (Air mail rate is 13 cents.)

Robinsons to Leave August 15th

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Paul Robinsons will leave the states August 15 for language study in Costa Rica preparatory for service in Uruguay.

Originally slated to go directly to Uruguay, the Robinsons changed plans because of an extended delay in receiving visas from

the Uruguayan government.

Mr. Robinson will serve in Uruguay as a lay witness. Because of his ability to reach men for Christ on a personal basis, he was appointed to open the new work in Uruguay with the Bill Fulchers who are presently studying language in Costa Rica. Mr. Robinson attended Free Will Baptist Bible College, Detroit Bible Institute, and Berlitz School of Language. He is former assistant pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Michigan. He is a native of Liberty, Tennessee.

Mrs. Robinson also attended Free Will Baptist Bible College. The Robinson have one child, Kenneth, aged nine. Mailing address for the Robinsons: Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica. (Air mail rate is

13 cents.)

Amy, Paul and Kenneth Robinson





Benito Rodriguez brings greetings to laymen's breakfast in Norfolk last month

Churches Experi

PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO the last week of July celebrated the eighth anniversary of his 26th of July Movement, the organization credited with overthrowing the old Batista regime.

Yuri Gagarin, famed Russian spaceman, was on hand for the festivities. New arms were displayed. The expected announcement was made that all political parties would be melted into one large Party of the Socialist Revolution.

It has been more than three months since the Cuban government openly declared itself to be a socialist state. With change becoming the order of the day, there has been much apprehension in this country as to what will happen to the evangelical protestant church. Free Will Baptists have been concerned about the welfare of fellow believers on the island.

The Rev. Benito Rodriguez, president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, was granted permission to leave the island July 11 to attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, July 11-13. The 37-year-old Cuban church leader reported that thus far Free Will Baptist work on the island has been allowed to continue unhindered.

The only major change in denominational work in Cuba to date has been the departure of American missionaries. The Cuban Association now has complete responsibility for the Free Will Baptist ministry there. All properties on the island jointly owned by the association and the former mission were turned over to the Cuban church.

By THE EDITOR

Cuba is now a declared communist state.

Missions executives fear trends in church suppression seen in other socialist lands.

So far, however, religious freedom exists.

nce GROWTH Unhindered

"The government has not taken any of our property," informed Mr. Rodriguez. "It has taken control of private schools on the pre-college level. We did not have any such schools, so were not affected by this." Thus far, seminaries have not been taken by the government.

Christians are able to meet as usual, the church leader reported. "We held our annual session of our association the last of April. The Masters Men, organized within the past two years and already having chapters in nearly every church on the island, meets jointly twice yearly. Every church has a Woman's Auxiliary. They meet on association level annually. Young People's Societies have been organized in nearly every church. Their joint meeting is held once a year. We have Children's Societies in some churches."

The socialist government has not placed any restrictions on the church's ministry to date. Workers are free to preach anywhere—homes, in the open when regular permit has been secured, in tents, etc. Visitation of sick in hospitals continues unhindered. "There have been no limitations on our witness."

In fact, Free Will Baptist work on the island is in some cases experiencing unusual growth. People are being saved weekly. A special series of meetings in Pinar del Rio the last of June resulted in 27 receiving Christ as Saviour. The church there has grown a third larger during the past two months. Although this is the most fruitful work at the present, other churches are experiencing normal growth.

Thus far, Free Will Baptists have not been too affected by Sunday meetings of workers groups and militia.

There are 23 churches affiliated with the Cuban Association. In addition there are approximately the same number of missions and some 60 preaching points.

On the island today there are 13 larger church buildings in urban areas, several just completed. Ten smaller chapels are located in the more rural areas. Three fourths of Free Will Baptist work is in cities and towns.

Four new churches are in various stages of construction. Building materials are not easily acquired, especially steel, so construction of necessity moves slowly. The new sanctuaries will be located in Guines, Jaruco, LaLisa, and Puerto Esperanza.

Fourteen pastors and their wives, assisted by five single women, work fulltime in caring for the needs of Free Will Baptist Christians and in carrying the gospel to those in need. All are graduates of Bible school; all but three are graduates of the Free Will Baptist school operated in Pinar del Rio until 1958.

The association publishes a 32-page monthly magazine edited by the association president. It has continued free of censorship. In addition to this and direction of the work in Cuba, Mr. Rodriguez pastors the church at Loscedros del Libano.

Mr. Rodriguez returned to Cuba the last of July leaving a prayer request for the 2,000 Free Will Baptists on the island that they will continue to experience the blessing of God during these days of freedom to worship and to work.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD Month of July, 1961

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Alabama 464.46		Maintenance		
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		Miss Esther M. Ruehle	RN	1,244.12
DISBURSEMENTS	\$68,888.51 I	Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie S Mrs. Harold Stevens	parks	. 1,295.14
		Rev. and Mrs. Sammy	Wilkinson	. 66.27
Africa	I	Rev. and Mrs. Thomas	H. Willey, Jr	. 621.45
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Latin America		Equipment		. 3,266.92
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Closed Doors Mean Change Direction to Junior Willeys

Young missionaries' burden for Latins sends them to survey Central America

IT WAS CHRISTMAS DAY in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Young Tommy Willey was "make believe" tightrope walking on a picket fence. He fell, and it was a fall destined to change his life.

It looked bad. Two spikes had pierced the 13-year-old's chest near his heart. The local clinic could give first aid only. He had to be moved to the nearest hospital located in Havana, 100 miles away.

It took five hours to travel the distance, the ambulance breaking down five times. Each minute made the miracle of life more phenomenal.

Hospital technicians and doctors went to work immediately when he arrived. His collar bone was broken, rib over heart was knocked out, spike missed heart by only quarter of an inch, both lungs were damaged, jugular vein was slit. It was a miracle the child was alive.

"And it was this miracle that made me know God had something for me to do," Tommy explains when telling of his sobering experience. He was told he would be an invalid, but this only gave greater incentive to recover and be about the Father's business.

Missionary life was nothing new to this son of pioneer missionaries. He was in Panama at the age of five and then in Cuba while only eight.

Although he always felt that God wanted him to be a missionary, Tommy fought returning to Cuba until he made an absolute surrender to the Lord while in high school at Toccoa Falls, Georgia. He then knew God wanted him to return to help his father in Cuba.

With the question of missionary service settled, Tommy enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1951, graduating in 1955. In 1954, Emma Ruth Bennett enrolled. It didn't take the two long to become acquainted. The question of marriage to Tommy automatically posed the question of missionary service to Emma Ruth, but she and Tommy found peace in God's plan for service together. They were married in July, 1955.

They left for Cuba in 1956 following missions study at Columbia Bible College.

The young Willeys worked with the Cuban Bible Institute until it closed in 1958. After that, Tommy's time was taken up in reorganizing the Cuban Association and training laymen. Emma Ruth handled office work for the mission in addition to caring for little Alicia, born in December, 1956.

Unable to return to Cuba because of the political situation there, the Junior Willeys turn their eyes toward the field which has always been close to Tommy's heart. "I feel that Cuba has prepared me for work in Central America," he says.

The Willeys, Jr., leave the last of September for study in Costa Rica and to make an exploratory survey of Central America as to possible establishment of a new Free Will Baptist field there.

Biographical Data

Birthdays: Tommy, July 13, 1932; Emma Ruth, December 19, 1935.

Places of Birth: Tommy, High Point, N.C.; Emma Ruth, Bridgeton, N.C.

Parents: Tommy, Rev. Thomas H. and Mable A. Willey; Emma Ruth, Rev. J. R. (deceased) and Mabel Oglesby Bennett. Education: Tommy, B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College, Special, Peabody College and Columbia Bible College; Emma Ruth, Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Children: Alicia, December 17, 1956.

Address: Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica (after September 20).





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MISSIONARY Prayer Calendar

AFRICA: Problems involved in acquiring and transporting building materials never seem to end. Pray that God will enable workers to secure and transport needed materials in medical building program at Doropo, the Ivory Coast.

BRAZIL: God is working in the city of Jaboticabal through Free Will Baptist missionaries and national workers. The Sammy Wilkinsons plan to move to Jaboticabal from Campinas this month. Pray that needed wisdom and strength will be granted to direct the work in this city of 27,000 people. Some 50 persons are attending meetings at present.

CUBA: God has granted freedom to evangelical work on the island thus far. Pray that growth now being experienced will continue as Christians work while they have freedom to do so. Pray for the 14 Cuban pastors who have complete charge of the island's Free Will Baptist ministry.

INDIA: God has been working in an unusual way in the hearts of some of the young people in South India. Pray for Miss Volena Wilson and others working with youth here that God will continue to raise up strong national workers to carry the gospel to their own people.

JAPAN: Among the most fruitful missionary ministries at the present here is the teaching program for existing church groups. Pray for continued blessing and growth in grace on the part of Japanese Christians.

IN THE STATES: The Fred Herseys, home on furlough from Japan, were in services early this month in North and South Carolinas. August 16-20 the Herseys and Promotional Secretary Jerry Ballard will be in a missionary conference in Florence, Ala., with Pastor Willie Justice. General Director Rolla Smith and the Thomas Willeys, Sr., will attend the Missouri State Association August 22-24 followed by a Lead Belt, Missouri, area missionary conference August 25-30. The Willeys, Jr. and Sr., the Herseys, General Director Smith and Promotional Secretary Ballard will be together in an Albemarle Conference, North Carolina, missionary conference September 3-9. These workers will be joined by all five members of the mission board for an extensive Tidewater, Virginia, area missionary conference September 10-17. The mission board will meet in semi-annual session in Norfolk during this time in addition to participation in services nightly. Pray that the complete will of God will be accomplished in each of these activities.

... FOR DAILY REMEMBRANCE

- 1 The Bill Joneses, Africa
- 2 The Bobby Aycocks, Brazil
- 3 The Tom Willeys, Jr., Florida
- 4 The Daniel Cronks, N. India
- 5 The Ken Eagletons, Brazil
- 6 The Wesley Calverys, Japan
- 7 The Bill Fulchers, Costa Rica
- 8 The General Director
- 9 The Dan Merkhs, Africa
- 10 Dave Franks, Brazil
- 11 The Tom Willeys, Sr., Florida
- 12 The Carlisle Hannas, N. India
- 13 Ministry of Heartbeat
- 14 Eula Mae Martin, Brazil
- 15 The Fred Herseys, on furlough
- 16 The John Moehlmans, Costa Rica
- 17 The Promotional Secretary
- 18 The LaVerne Mileys, France
- 19 The Bobby Pooles, Brazil
- 20 Home office staff
- 21 Volena Wilson, S. India
- 22 The Herbert Waids, Japan
- 23 The Lonnie Palmers, Switzerland
- 24 Esther Ruehle, Brazil
- 25 National workers
- 26 The Paul Robinsons, Uruguay
- 27 Mario Cignoni, Spain
- 28 Missionary conferences
- 29 The Lonnie Sparkses, Africa
- 30 The Sammy Wilkersons, Brazil
- 31 Literature ministry