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\*\*\*National missionary

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Lima\*\*

### India:

The Daniel Cronks  
The Carlisle Hannas  
Volena Wilson

### Japan:

The Wesley Calvarys  
The Fred Herseys  
The Herbert Waids

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## COVER PHOTO

The forces of evil are making their bids for the hearts of men around the globe. This photo by missionary Fred Hersey was taken during recent communist-inspired rioting in Japan. A heart unpossessed by Christ is an open target for the enemy. *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.* (1 PETER 5:8.)

## From the General Director

## 'LIFE THROUGH DEATH'

VERILY, VERILY, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

These words, spoken by Jesus as recorded in John 12:24, are very significant. To be sure, every word that he spoke was important, but some of the greatest truths which he declared, as those in the passage before us, were given a special emphasis by being introduced with a "verily, verily."

Jesus had just referred to his approaching death. Then, to enlighten his followers, he used an analogy. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

A grain of wheat must be buried in the earth and die before it can produce a harvest. Otherwise, it "abideth alone"—produces no fruit. It was equally necessary for Christ to die to produce a spiritual harvest. It is life through death—eternal life for man through the death of the Son of God.

Jesus applied this great principle of life through death not only to himself, but also to his disciples.

### PRINCIPLE APPLIED TO MISSIONS

We may apply this principle to missionaries today. Take, for example, the case of the five American missionaries who on January 8, 1956, were murdered by the Auca Indians in Equador. Was that not an instance of life through death? They died, but as a result other Christians have been challenged to win some Auca Indians to Christ.

Although as yet no Free Will Baptist missionaries have suffered martyrdom, each of them can say as did the Apostle Paul, "I die daily." That is, according to the Amplified Text, "I face death every day and die to self." They have gone out, not counting their lives dear unto themselves. Eternity will reveal a great harvest of souls as a result of their being "crucified with Christ."

We may also apply the principle of life through death to every Christian. Christ wants each of us to follow him in the way of self-sacrifice and self-denial to the end that the message of life may be shared with those who are dead in sin. Thus our own lives will be enriched as the harvest of souls is increased.

*Rolla D. Smith*





A deligation of friends greet Wesley and Aileen Calvary on their return to Japan recently. Pictured left to right are: Mr. Wada, Mrs. Joe Richards and children, Herbert Waid and Jonathan, the Calvarys, Mr. Taguchi, Mr. Nishimura, Thomas Itasu, Peter Miyatani, Miss Taniguchi, Mr. Koyama, Miss Morahashi, and James Osawa, pastor.

## Construction to Begin in March

**DOROPPO, IVORY COAST**—Construction of the first dispensary in the medical building program here is scheduled to begin by faith around March 1, according to Dan Merkh, in charge of construction.

This will inaugurate construction of a series of medical buildings to be used by Dr. LaVerne Miley when he arrives in the Ivory Coast following his current period of language study in Paris. A sizeable amount of money is needed immediately if construction is to begin as scheduled.

The Woman's National Auxiliary Convention has pledged a total of \$12,200 for medical facilities and equipment to be used in Africa. The Y.P.A. and G.T.A. are raising funds in addition to this for the children's division of the medical program.

Although the deadline for the W.N.A.C. pledge is June 30, the need is urgent now. As of February 1 a total of \$2,910.75 has been received on the pledge. This is not a sufficient amount to meet the need if construction is to begin March 1.

## Tom, Jr., Returns to Cuba

**MIAMI, FLA.**—Tom Willey, Jr., has been granted permission by the State Department to return to Cuba for one month until March 1.

Dr. Clyde Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, negotiated with the State Department in Washington in behalf of Mr. Willey after Mr. Willey had been told in Miami that should he re-enter Cuba without special permit he might loose his passport.

Mr. Willey returned to Cuba February 5 to aid the Cuban Association in making adjustments necessary to carry on the Free Will Baptist work on the island without American missionaries.

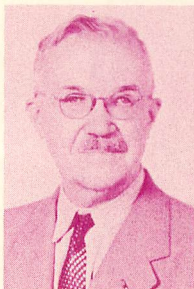
Reports from churches in Cuba are encouraging. Several buildings are being completed, and the churches say they are "growing by leaps and bounds."

Benito Rodriguez terms a recent workers meeting "very successful." He adds that a program of more definite laymen's activities and training was outlined.

## Doctor Makes Donation

**NASHVILLE, TENN.**—A gift of \$500 has been received in the mission office earmarked for the medical building program in Africa.


Dr. and Mrs. William N. Keith of Paintsville, Ky., former medical missionaries themselves, made the contribution, the largest individual gift to date for the medical program.



**DR. KEITH**

The Keiths have been major contributors to Free Will Baptist missions through the years. They paid Dr. LaVerne Miley's entire tuition while he was in medical school. They also furnished many of his books and other fees.





*Medical needs  
of Lobi tribe  
grips the heart  
of mission doctor*

by **DR. LAVERNE MILEY**

IT WAS approximately 5:40 p.m., Monday, December 19, when we departed from Orly Airport, Paris, aboard a DC-6B Flight TAI-31. The lights of cold, damp, and dreary Paris were soon left far behind as we flew south toward Marseilles.

Ten hours after take-off we arrived in Niamey, Niger, and with the Sahara behind I set foot on African soil for the first time. It was early Tuesday morning, about 4:50, but we were graciously served hot tea by native boys dressed in long, black, baggy trousers and yellow boleros.

I no longer needed my coat when we landed in Cotonou, Dahomey, for breakfast. Back in the air for 35 minutes and we arrived in Lome, Togo. By this time it was hot.

It was after 11:00 a.m. (we gained an hour in change of time zone) when we landed at Abidjan, Ivory Coast. There to meet me

# African Report

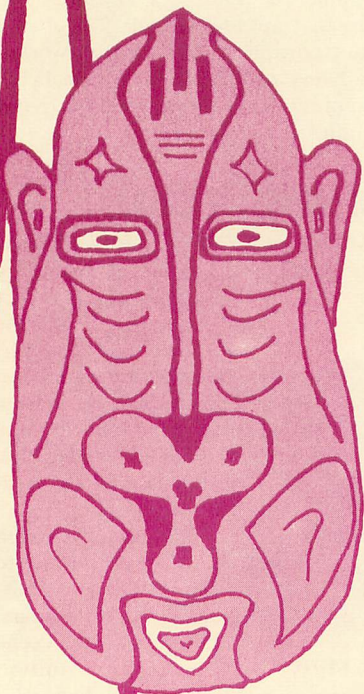
were two of our missionaries, Lonnie Sparks and Bill Jones.

After lunch we left for Koun. I was amazed at the number of cars and trucks in the southern part of the Ivory Coast. Finally, we reached Koun. It was 9:00 p.m. The rest of the Sparkses and Joneses along with the Dan Merks were on hand to greet us.

We arose early Wednesday morning to get started on our long survey trek northward. We went by Goumère to get Lonnie and continued to Bondoukou where we discussed our mission and the medical needs of the Bondoukou Circle with the military commander. There was an evident need among the Lobi tribe of 30,000 in the northern part of the Circle. We reached Bouna at dusk.

The following morning we visited the administrator of the Bouna subdivision of the Bondoukou Circle. Most of the Lobi's are located in this area. He was friendly and welcomed us to his area. We then continued northward along the eastern border of a huge game reserve.

About noon we stopped at a native village and found a group of people who spoke Kulango, the language of the area in which Lonnie ministers. The natives were thrilled that he could speak their language and presented us with a gift, a chicken.





A Lobi funeral was in progress nearby. The spokesman for the group persuaded us to accompany him to the rites. After driving a few kilometers over paths in the bush, we reached a Lobi village. The chief met us and graciously guided us farther into the bush on foot to the site of the funeral ceremony.

Tied to a large tree was the body of the man who had died. Blood was still coming slowly from his nose, and one wondered if he were really dead. The drummers nearby were beating out their weird music while numerous scantily-clad women wailed and danced in mourning.

#### **LOBIS SOMETIMES UNFRIENDLY**

Suddenly there appeared two men with heavy bands about their ankles and sharpened knives in their hands. They, too, danced about the dead body. We were permitted by the chief to take pictures, but we were hesitant at first. The Lobis are sometimes unfriendly. As we stood beholding the funeral ceremony there were many Lobi men behind us with bows and poison arrows.

The father of the young man who had died came and shook hands with us. Then the chief led us away. Surely the privilege of attending the ceremony was given by the Lord, for as we drove away the Lord impressed upon me anew the spiritual and medical needs of the Lobis.

We arrived in Doropo about noon and went to see the land granted us just outside the village. It is a 12 and one half acre tract. Late in the afternoon we finally were able to see the chief of the territory. He was very gracious and welcomed us to Doropo.

We visited one of the government dispensaries in Tehini after breakfast Friday morning and started eastward on our return trip. We had opportunity to visit another government dispensary at Bouake.

By the time we reached Goumère it was dark and we were quite tired. However, Bill, Dan, and I went on to Koun that night. Our trek to the Lobis was over, and there was little doubt in our minds but what that was the field God had appointed for our medical work.

A night of rest and it was Christmas Eve. In the evening I had the privilege of worshipping with the Koun congregation and of speaking to them. This was my first experience of preaching through an interpreter.

Another night of rest and it became Sunday, Christmas Day, 1960, my first Christmas away from my family.

Dan, his family, and I left early for Goumère, arriving in time to begin a 9:30 service. I again had the privilege of presenting the Gospel through an interpreter.

That night for the second time I spoke of Christ to the congregation at Goumère. Despite the fact that the message was delivered through two interpreters (Lonnie speaking in French and a native speaking in the native dialect), the Lord blessed. When Lonnie gave the invitation, two young boys fell on their faces before God to pray.

The following day was spent around Goumère. I had time to think and pray about the work at Doropo and began making some tentative plans for the clinic, house, and their location on the station at Doropo.

Tuesday morning, December 27, I resumed planning for the clinic. After lunch we visited the Bondoukou hospital.

We returned to Koun via Goumère, arriving at the Merkh's about 9:30 p.m. There were many details concerning the proposed clinic and house for Doropo that Dan and I needed to discuss. It was after 3:30 a.m. before we finally got to bed.

Wednesday afternoon Lonnie, Bill, and I then departed for Abidjan.

Immediately after lunch the next day, I checked in at the Abidjan airport. After prayer I said goodbye to Lonnie and Bill and boarded the DC-6B Flight TAI-34 for Paris.

#### **EXPERIENCED SADNESS**

As we ascended in flight I looked once more at Abidjan and the Ivory Coast suddenly experiencing a sense of sadness at leaving these who tugged at my heart strings for what we can offer through Christ. It hardly seemed possible that nine days and 1,000 miles of travel through the Ivory Coast could have made such an impression.

There is no doubt in my mind but what the trip was of the Lord. The next 12 months will doubtless be busy ones for us—language study and three months of tropical medicine, Lord willing. But I am eager to get started. Never before have I realized the challenge of medical missions in such a proportion as now.

I cannot forget the scene of a heathen funeral for one dying without the benefit of modern medicine. May God grant that soon we can tell them of Christ and minister to the physical needs of these who are now without Him and without hope.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Month of January, 1961

CASH IN BANK JANUARY 1, 1961....\$36,011.16

RECEIPTS

Refunds.....	\$ 44.65	
Rev. Wesley Calvery.....	10.00	
Dr. LaVerne D. Miley.....	25.00	
W.N.A.C.....	123.65	
Alabama.....	381.72	
Arizona.....	6.00	
Arkansas.....	322.78	
California.....	1,127.15	
Florida.....	275.09	
Georgia.....	431.51	
Hawaii.....	15.00	
Idaho.....	1.60	
Illinois.....	639.27	
Indiana.....	16.81	
Kansas.....	25.00	
Kentucky.....	684.95	
Louisiana.....	8.00	
Michigan.....	922.35	
Mississippi.....	290.00	
Missouri.....	978.94	
New Hampshire.....	34.12	
New Mexico.....	34.55	
North Carolina.....	3,839.18	
Ohio.....	840.89	
Oklahoma.....	625.08	
Oregon.....	44.34	
South Carolina.....	535.49	
Tennessee.....	1,405.93	
Texas.....	898.95	
Virginia.....	563.48	
Washington, D.C.....	3.00	
West Virginia.....	107.05	
	<u>15,261.53</u>	
	\$51,272.69	

DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$2,244.40
Brazil.....	3,749.77
Cuba.....	2,529.38
India.....	1,959.96
Japan.....	1,471.00
Latin America.....	416.22
Spain.....	150.00
Itinerate Expense.....	47.02
Operation Expense of	
Department Car.....	78.38
Salaries.....	972.15
Postage.....	116.15
Office Supplies.....	28.31

Housing Allowance (Promotional Secretary).....	75.00	
Mortgage Payment on Residence.....	65.67	
Repairs on Residence.....	2.50	
Printing.....	368.50	
Maintenance.....	73.32	
Refund.....	13.39	
Labor and Materials (Office)....	70.00	14,431.12
		<u>\$36,841.57</u>
Repatriation.....		3,733.21
CASH IN BANK JANUARY 31, 1961...		\$40,574.78

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 3,015.39
Printing Press.....	842.02
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	1,506.00
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	1,646.47
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton.....	42.16
Rev. Dave Franks.....	1,722.06
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher.....	1,807.92
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,212.46
Eula Mae Martin, RN.....	1,396.53
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	9,470.86
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman.....	1,543.21
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.....	3,507.08
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	175.77
Mary Ellen Rice.....	905.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	2,825.01
Esther M. Ruehle, RN.....	1,507.88
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	896.30
Josephine Stevens.....	35.00
Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson.....	94.64
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	899.05
Volena Wilson.....	1,738.71
Africa—Medical Building Fund.....	500.00
Furlough Wagon Depreciation and Insurance Fund.....	670.00
Repatriation.....	<u>3,733.21</u>
	\$41,693.67

DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk...\$476.70	
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey..... 50.95	
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones..... 412.57	
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh... 36.95	
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid..... <u>141.72</u>	1,118.89
	\$40,574.78

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Alabama.....	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 381.72	\$ 8,118.28
Arizona.....	700.00	6.00	694.00
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	322.78	6,677.22
California.....	7,000.00	1,127.15	5,872.85
Florida.....	6,000.00	275.09	5,724.91
Georgia.....	8,500.00	431.51	8,068.49
Idaho.....	700.00	1.60	698.40
Illinois.....	8,500.00	639.27	7,860.73
Indiana.....	700.00	16.81	683.19
Kansas.....	500.00	25.00	475.00
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	684.95	4,815.05
Maine.....	200.00		200.00
Michigan.....	25,000.00	922.35	24,077.65
Mississippi.....	5,500.00	290.00	5,210.00
Missouri.....	15,500.00	978.94	14,521.06
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	34.55	965.45
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	3,839.18	46,160.82
Ohio.....	7,500.00	840.89	6,659.11
Oklahoma.....	12,000.00	625.08	11,374.92
South Carolina.....	11,000.00	535.49	10,464.51
Tennessee.....	17,500.00	1,405.93	16,094.07
Texas.....	10,500.00	898.95	9,601.05
Virginia.....	12,000.00	563.48	11,436.52
West Virginia.....	5,000.00	107.05	4,892.95
Miscellaneous.....	3,700.00	307.76	3,392.24
	<u>\$230,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,261.53</u>	<u>\$214,738.47</u>



# A Ministry of Preparation

The senior Willeys, pioneer missionaries to Latin America, lay 20-year foundation for today's trial



**IT WAS** a balmy November day when the boat slipped through the Florida Keys in search of its destination, the homeland, the United States. After 20 years in *la Isla de Cuba*, the Willeys were forced to take an unwanted vacation, forced by Communist-inspired turmoil that had turned a "new day" for Evangelicals into a black night.

The Willeys knew that for the present their work in Cuba had been brought to an end. They knew also that the great day of testing had come. Could the Cuban church stand on its own?

It was not easy for the pioneer missionaries to Latin America to leave the country that had been their place of service since January, 1941. The years there had been fruitful ones, joyous because so many had received Christ, sad because so many are still living in darkness.

Tom Willey, Sr., was sent to Panama in 1936 as the second missionary to be sent out under the then newly formed foreign mission board. He had served in South America previously under another board. In Panama he did Pioneer work among the Indians.

In 1937 he was joined by Mrs. Willey and their two small children who have since grown up and given their lives for service in Latin America.

Ordered out of Panama by Panamanian President Arosemena on December 19, 1938, because of an Indian revolt against the government, incited by a white explorer, the Willeys returned to the homeland to await service elsewhere. They were sent to open the field of Cuba for Free Will Baptists in 1941.

For a time they worked with the Cuban Evangelization Association in Juraco, teaching in Bible school and studying the language and customs of the Cuban people. In March, 1942, they opened Free Will Baptist work in Pinar del Rio. By the end of the year three churches had been established with missions in various other places.

The work continued to grow so that by 1958 work was being carried on in three provinces—Pinar del Rio, Havana, and Matanzas. Today there are 25 organized churches, some 100 preaching stations, and more than 40 full-time national Christian workers. Free Will Baptists in Cuba number more than 2,000.

The Willeys are spending these days of waiting for a possible return to Cuba in missionary conference work in the states. However, their hearts remain in Cuba. The church in Cuba is reporting advances even though the missionaries have left. A solid foundation laid by the Willeys while in Cuba is responsible for this.

Today, prayer and support for Cuba is more important than ever. God is continuing to build His church. This is something against which no political system, not even the "gates of hell can prevail."

## Biographical Data

**Birthdays:** Mr. Willey, July 31; Mrs. Willey, June 13.

**Places of Birth:** Mr. Willey, Kentucky; Mrs. Willey, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Present Address:** Mail will be forwarded from the foreign mission office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

**Present Ministry:** Missionary conference work while awaiting return to field.

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## MISSIONARY Prayer Calendar

*"Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." (PSALM 16:2.)*

**FEBRUARY 16, Thursday**—Pray ...  
for Tom Willey, Sr., on itinerary in Illinois through February 21.

**FEBRUARY 17, Friday**—Pray ...  
for the Daniel Merkhls and plans for the medical building program in the Ivory Coast, Africa, and for concrete block experiments he is making.

**FEBRUARY 18, Saturday**—Pray ...  
for the Bill Joneses and translation work in the Agni language in addition to their village evangelism in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

**FEBRUARY 19, Sunday**—Pray ...  
for the Daniel Crons and their ministry in North India.

**FEBRUARY 20, Monday**—Pray ...  
for the Wesley Calvarys as they complete a language refresher course in Tokyo and make plans for their second term of service in Japan.

**FEBRUARY 21, Tuesday**—Pray ...  
for the Bobby Pooles and the Bobby Aycocks in language study in Campinas, Brazil, that they will know the will of the Lord as they make plans for their ministries.

**FEBRUARY 22, Wednesday**—Pray ...  
for the General Director and Tom Willey, Sr., and their missionary conference in Pocahontas, Arkansas.

**FEBRUARY 23, Thursday**—Pray ...  
for the General Director and Tom Willey, Sr., in a chain missionary conference in the Mountain Grove, Missouri, area through March 2.

**FEBRUARY 24, Friday**—Pray ...  
for the John Moehlmans continuing their language study in Costa Rica prior to permanent assignment somewhere in Latin America.

**FEBRUARY 25, Saturday**—Pray ...  
for Esther Ruehle and Eula Mae Martin and medical work in Brazil.

**FEBRUARY 26, Sunday**—Pray ...  
for the Herbert Waids and village evangelism on the island of Hokkaido, Japan.

**FEBRUARY 27, Monday**—Pray ...  
for the Carlisle Hannas and the building program in Sonapurhat, West Bengal, India.

**FEBRUARY 28, Tuesday**—Pray ...  
for the Ken Eagletons and general direction of the work in Brazil.

**MARCH 1, Wednesday**—Pray ...  
for the Bill Fulchers and the Paul Robinsons that the Lord will open more speaking opportunities as they are on itinerary in the states prior to language study before permanent duty in Uruguay.

**MARCH 2, Thursday**—Pray ...  
for the Fred Herseys and financial needs for their approaching furlough. Reservations have been made to sail from Japan on the S.S. Chusan April 20. Tickets alone will cost \$1,116.

**MARCH 3, Friday**—Pray ...  
for the General Director, mission board chairman Mark Lewis, and the Tom Willeys, Sr., in missionary conference in St. Louis, Missouri, through March 7.

**MARCH 4, Saturday**—Pray ...  
for the Lonnie Palmers as they sail today on the S.S. Queen Mary en route to Switzerland for language study prior to permanent duty in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

**MARCH 5, Sunday**—Pray ...  
for Dave Franks and his teaching duties in Campinas, Brazil.

**MARCH 6, Monday**—Pray ...  
for the Lonnie Sparks and general direction of the work in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

**MARCH 7, Tuesday**—Pray ...  
for Volena Wilson and her ministry in South India.

**MARCH 8, Wednesday**—Pray ...  
for mission board chairman Mark Lewis and the Tom Willeys, Sr., in Roxana and Granite City, Illinois, conferences through March 9.

**MARCH 9, Thursday**—Pray ...  
for the Sammy Wilkinsons as they move into their fulltime ministry in Campinas, Brazil, following recent completion of their language study.

**MARCH 10, Friday**—Pray ...  
for Mario Cignoni and his ministry amid much opposition in Spain.

**MARCH 11, Saturday**—Pray ...  
for the Promotional Secretary and additional finances needed for the publication of *Heartbeat* and other needed literature. Also, remember the mission office staff as they carry out their routine and special duties.

**MARCH 12, Sunday**—Pray ...  
for Lucy Wisheart Lima, now in the states with husband Hesus because of the Cuban situation.

**MARCH 13, Monday**—Pray ...  
for the LaVerne Mileys, their language study in Paris, and planning for the medical program in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

**MARCH 14, Tuesday**—Pray ...  
for the Tom Willeys, Jr., for work among Cuban refugees in Miami, and for wisdom in working with the Cuban church during these days of political crisis in Cuba.

**MARCH 15, Wednesday**—Pray ...  
for the General Director and the Tom Willeys, Sr., in missionary conferences in Hazel Park, Michigan, and the Philadelphia church, Detroit, through March 19.