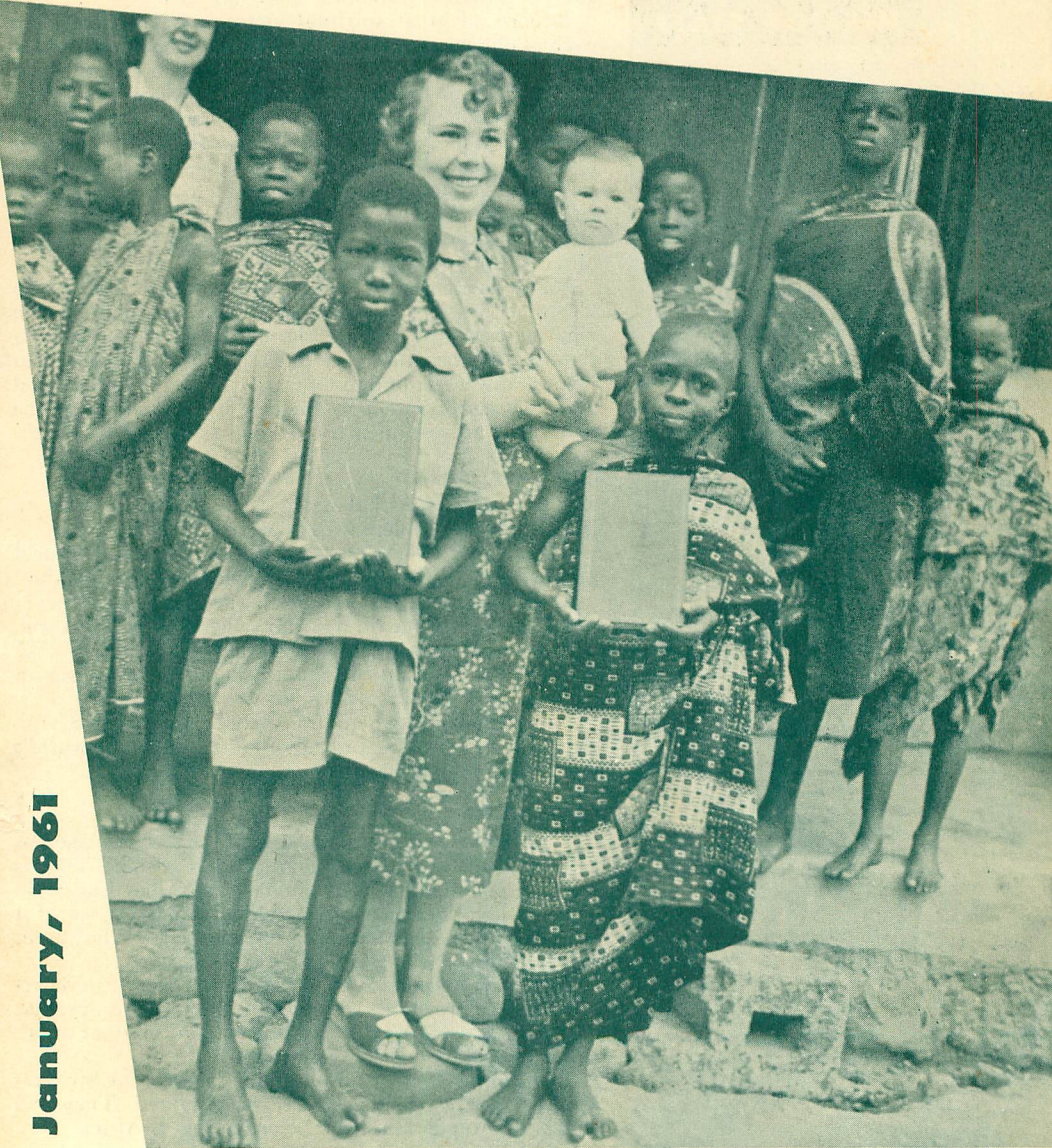


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COVER PHOTO

Anita Sparks and son Michael are pictured with several African children to whom the Sparks are ministering. These children hold the destiny of Africa. Their decisions for communism or for Christ will determine the future of their continent and the eternal destiny of multitudes of dark-skinned people for whom Christ died.

From the General Director

A THREE-WAY LOOK

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR it will be profitable for each of us to look in three directions.

LOOK BACK

Rejoice and be glad that God has blessed in so many ways during the past year. Free Will Baptists should be especially grateful for the four new missionary families that were sent out in 1960. (See page seven.) The Calverys returned to Japan for a second term.

Reports of great spiritual victories have come from each of our mission fields. Here in the homeland there is abundant evidence that God is working in and through Free Will Baptists. With the psalmist we can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

But the retrospective look also reveals many causes for lamentation and penitence. Christians should be made to weep over lost opportunities which are now behind closed doors. Millions of souls went into eternity last year without a knowledge of the holiness of God which is obtained only by faith in Christ.

Many doors around the world were closed last year to Christian missions. Each of us should ask himself, "To what extent am I responsible for this failure to give to those in heathen darkness the Light of Salvation?" An honest answer to this question will call for repentance and a determination either to enter or help others enter the doors that are yet open to missionary endeavor.

LOOK ABROAD

The world's spiritual need is staggering. This truth is seen in facts published in 1960 by the IFMA.

There are 2,896,686,000 people in the world. World population increases (over death rate) by 125,000 a day!

More than half the people in the world have never heard the Gospel or do not know the Way of Salvation.

Missionary personnel is shrinking at the rate of 25% every decade, due to the small number of volunteers in comparison with the upsurge in world population.

Something like two million people are reached with the Gospel each year—only about one in 22 of the world's population increase.

LOOK AHEAD

The Challenge is great. The call of the unsaved upon us is urgent because their eternal destiny is at stake. Time is running out. This is the opinion of spiritual leaders in general. For example, Billy Graham thinks the world is now witnessing the "shuffling on stage for the last great drama of history."

I trust that among Free Will Baptists there is a determination to press on together and seek by faith, prayer, giving, and every other means to accomplish great things this year toward world evangelization.

The Lonnie Palmer family plans to leave for Switzerland as soon as their visas can be obtained. They will study the French language before going to Africa.

(Continued on page 3)

Cuban Crisis Creates 'No Retreat' Situation

Senior Cuban missionary cites unprecedented spiritual hunger; tells of being employed to reach Cubans through today's turmoil.



TOM WILLEY, SR.

NINETY MILES off the Florida coast lies the hotbed of the Caribbean. It is the Republic of Cuba where a recently plauded "new day" for Evangelicals has turned into a dark night.

Some mission groups view the present situation as hopeless, a Communist stronghold from which they must retreat. Others are of the opinion that there is no need for alarm, that it is the same revolutionary troubles with which Latin America has been plagued for decades.

Somewhere between these two views, Free Will Baptists continue their message of "Christ is the Answer" for the Cuban people.

CHRISTIANITY CAN THRIVE

While there is little question that the government of Cuba is under the influence of the Communist bloc, Free Will Baptist missionaries are far from believing it is compulsory to retreat. There is the general feeling that Christianity is a power that can exist under any governmental setup as God actively continues the propagation of His great plan of redemption.

"There is a spiritual hunger, a searching for an answer which cannot be found in the confusion such as has never been seen or felt in Cuba before," remarks senior Cuban missionary Tom Willey, Sr. "We are lifting our voices and saying that 'Christ is the answer.' How well we can make ourselves heard depends on your (the denomination's) prayers and interest."

Several means are being employed to continue the Free Will Baptist ministry to Cuba in addition to the ministry of national churches with their national pastors.

RADIO EFFECTIVE

One of these is radio. "We are taking the radio as the most effective means just now to reach the masses of Cuban people. Each pastor is making a number of tapes, at least four messages on 'Christ is the Answer.' Up to this moment there has been no restraint placed upon our liberty to preach the Gospel, and none of our workers dare to endanger this precious opportunity by expressing his political views."

Mr. Willey hopes to extend the radio message to cover all sections of the island. This will necessitate at least three stations—Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas, and possibly Oriente.

MOST PENETRATING WEAPON

Perhaps the most penetrating weapon available is that of literature. "Cuban people are reading more today than ever before, and there is little to read outside the communistic and government pamphlets, books, and newspapers. We must give them in Spanish the message that "Christ is the way, the truth, and the life."

This pressing need for literature for Cuban distribution is again an area which is dependent on the vision and concern of people in the homeland.

"Most of the American missionaries have left Cuba," continued Mr. Willey, "and we feel at the present this is unfortunate for their church as many of them are poorly manned and the nationals do not want them to leave."

At latest reports, Tom Willey, Jr., is planning to return to the island to continue his ministry there, expressing the conviction that he should not leave during this hour of crisis.

The appeal for prayer for Cuba is urgent. The future of Cuba is strategic not only for Cuba alone, but for all Latin America.

A THREE-WAY LOOK from page 2

The Paul Robinson family expects to go to Uruguay in February.

In April the Bill Fulcher family will be going to Costa Rica to study the Spanish language before going to Uruguay to join the Robinsons.

Together let us sacrifice to provide for the support of missionaries, circulation of literature, acquiring of equipment and necessary buildings, and the training of nationals for service. "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."



FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONARY

NEWS

Fourth Merkh Makes Appearance

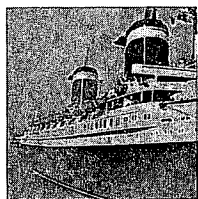
BOUKE, IVORY COAST—Daniel and Margaret Merkh are now the proud parents of their fourth child, Raymond Earl, born December 8, 6:08 p.m., at Bouke, Ivory Coast, Africa. He weighed seven pounds at birth. The most recent report from the Merkhs states that both mother and baby are well.

The Merkhs are serving in the Bondoukou Circle in the Ivory Coast.

Mileys Arrive in Paris, France

PARIS, FRANCE—The first Free Will Baptist medical missionary and his family have arrived here safely to begin a nine-month course of language study before permanent duty in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

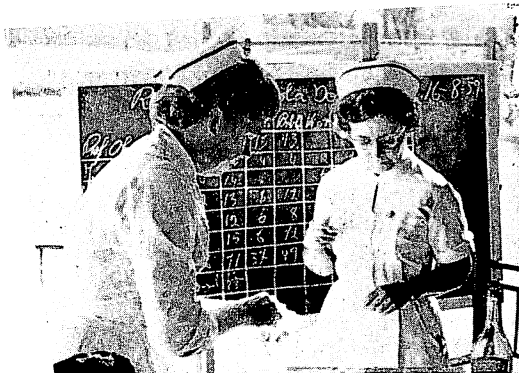
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley and children Lynn, Lynette, and Larry made the trip to France on the S.S. United States. Because the ship's load was less than capacity, the Mileys were granted first class accommodations on tourist rates.



"The Lord has been so very good to us and has supplied each need" is Dr. Miley's testimony recently received from Antony (Seine) France. "We have a nice apartment—three rooms and bath—over an Evangelical Baptist Church."

While on board ship Dr. Miley was in charge of the Protestant Sunday service.

Correspondence to the Mileys during their period of language study should be addressed to 9 Route de Versailles, Antony (Seine) France.



Eula Mae Martin (left) and Esther Ruehle find their schedules filled with medical chores in representing Christ as registered nurses in Brazil.

Residence Nearing Completion

SONAPURHAT, NORTH INDIA—A new mission residence is nearing completion at the Free Will Baptist Mission here. The house is a brick and concrete structure built to meet a pressing need on that station.

Missionary Carlisle Hanna remarks, "It should serve the mission well for many years. We certainly do appreciate it. It is plain, but nice and pakka."

The Dan Cronks started the work, having the foundation dug and construction started. There are two bedrooms in the house in addition to a living room-dining room combination, kitchen, bath, and two verandas.

Because of a free market on cement the mission was able to place a reinforced concrete roof on the new house, offering added comfort during the hot season.



Fred Hersey leads a group of recent converts into the water for baptism following their decisions for Christ in Tokyo.





Miss Laura B. Barnard ...Pioneer Missionary

She sailed to India in 1935
signalling a New Era of
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

IT TOOK A YOUNG LADY from Georgia to awaken a sleeping Free Will Baptist denomination and to snatch it from its perch of complacency into the reality of God's plan of redemption for "all the world."

The year was 1935, the same year that the Eastern and Western Conferences merged into what is now the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Missionary vision was at a low ebb. Yet, God was working in the hearts of many leading them to the realization that multitudes were lost without Christ and that Free Will Baptists had a responsibility to take the message of salvation to those who had never heard.

God was also working in the heart of a young, well educated woman. He led her to challenge the denomination to send her to the land of India, thus reviving a lost missionary program. Undoubtedly many received her enthusiasm with skeptical reluctance, but God had prepared enough hearts to receive her message and send her as the Free Will Baptist representative to India.

The woman's name was Laura Belle Barnard. Everyone knows her today as the senior missionary to India, a Free Will Baptist missionary pioneer.

From a human level, it was a lonely journey for Miss Barnard as she left the shores of her homeland to venture by faith into the "uttermost part" where God had commanded her to go. However, she went unflinchingly into the battle confident of God's presence with her and of the fact that He was doing a new thing for Free Will Baptists.

There are Free Will Baptists in India today because a young lady from Georgia felt it more important to be about her Father's business than to care for her own ambitions. There are Free Will Baptists in

Cuba, Japan, Africa, and Brazil today because someone spurred this denomination to be about the Father's business, that of publishing "glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

After more than 20 years in the land of India, Miss Barnard is now continuing to propagate her burden for all the world as head of the missions department of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Left behind in India today stands a Christian Day School, Free Will Baptist churches, and scores of Indians who would never have heard the Gospel had Free Will Baptist not rallied behind their lady from Georgia.

In addition to these contributions to Free Will Baptist missions, Miss Barnard is author of *His Name Among All Nations*, a book of missionary apologetics and history.

The lady from Georgia has a permanent place in Free Will Baptist missions as a radiant example of what God can accomplish in and through a yielded and dedicated instrument.

Biographical Data

Birthday: February 18, 1907

Place of Birth: Glennville, Georgia

Parents: J. J. (deceased) and Cora Matthews Barnard

Education: Glennville High School, Columbia Bible College

Present Address: 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

Present Ministry: Head of Mission Department, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Month of December, 1960

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 1, 1960\$38,958.04

RECEIPTS

Rev. Wesley Calvery.....	\$ 10.00
Dr. LaVerne D. Miley.....	350.00
Master's Men.....	1,467.02
Missionary Prayer Band.....	258.00
W.N.A.C.....	165.91
Alabama.....	316.76
Arizona.....	56.00
Arkansas.....	633.10
California.....	260.11
Colorado.....	1.00
Florida.....	269.16
Georgia.....	504.54
Idaho.....	10.78
Illinois.....	507.19
Indiana.....	169.28
Kansas.....	42.88
Kentucky.....	95.82
Louisiana.....	2.00
Michigan.....	2,746.34
Mississippi.....	556.51
Missouri.....	1,417.20
New Jersey.....	15.00
New Mexico.....	37.96
North Carolina.....	4,814.69
Ohio.....	203.27
Oklahoma.....	1,183.76
Oregon.....	10.00
South Carolina.....	655.71
Tennessee.....	1,256.75
Texas.....	900.89
Virginia.....	672.02
Washington, D.C.....	9.02
West Virginia.....	175.19

19,773.86

\$58,731.90

DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$3,464.47
Cuba (Includes Printing Press).....	6,211.62
India.....	1,335.97
Japan.....	1,593.70
South America.....	6,819.79
Spain.....	150.00
Itinerate Expense.....	100.01
Station Wagon.....	133.87
Films and Supplies.....	16.88
Tracts and Books.....	10.32
Salaries.....	1,034.84

Mortgage Payment on Residence.....	65.67
Insurance Premium on Residence.....	78.00
Office Supplies.....	97.34
*Postage.....	958.16
Printing and Stationery.....	464.92
Maintenance.....	51.58
Surety Bond for General Director.....	50.00
Refund.....	6.00
Exchange.....	66.00
Miscellaneous.....	11.60
	\$22,720.74

*\$575.00 deposited with the Post Office for Magazine mailing will be returned to the Foreign Mission Department upon receipt of special mailing permit.

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 31, 1960\$36,011.16

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 2,645.12
Printing Press.....	842.02
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	2,281.44
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	1,851.07
Rev. Dave Franks.....	1,692.70
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher.....	1,643.92
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,232.33
Eula Mae Martin, RN.....	1,444.95
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.....	82.41
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	9,064.28
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman.....	1,375.98
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.....	3,277.98
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	1,286.10
Mary Ellen Rice.....	905.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	2,221.72
Esther M. Ruehle, RN.....	1,472.88
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	982.18
Josephine Stevens.....	254.65
Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson.....	30.64
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	605.05
Volena Wilson.....	1,737.71

\$36,931.07

DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	\$363.80
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton.....	23.81
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	170.33
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	270.19
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	91.78

\$36,011.16

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$7,200.00	\$5,376.58	\$1,823.42	
Arizona.....	1,000.00	311.80	688.20	
Arkansas.....	6,800.00	6,916.58		116.58
California.....	6,050.00	6,786.16		736.16
Florida.....	5,900.00	3,873.22	2,026.78	
Georgia.....	7,000.00	6,668.11	331.89	
Idaho.....	300.00	313.84		13.84
Illinois.....	7,500.00	8,929.55		1,429.55
Kansas.....	300.00	260.14	39.86	
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	2,337.83	3,162.17	
Maine.....	915.00		915.00	
Michigan.....	26,000.00	17,935.71	8,064.29	
Mississippi.....	5,000.00	3,845.20	1,154.80	
Missouri.....	15,000.00	16,827.98		1,827.98
New Mexico.....	1,590.00	552.41	1,037.59	
North Carolina.....	44,400.00	43,401.34	998.66	
Ohio.....	7,300.00	4,187.90	3,112.10	
Oklahoma.....	10,000.00	11,031.12		1,031.12
South Carolina.....	10,790.00	8,544.77	2,245.23	
Tennessee.....	15,790.00	16,473.62		683.62
Texas.....	8,200.00	8,318.72		118.72
Virginia.....	10,500.00	9,136.24	1,363.76	
West Virginia.....	6,090.00	4,634.27	1,455.73	
Miscellaneous.....	13,865.08	5,183.81	8,681.27	
	\$222,990.08	\$191,846.90	\$37,100.75	\$5,957.57

Free Will Baptists Make Mission History

AN UNPRECEDENTED NUMBER of missionaries are now on foreign fields under assignment by the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

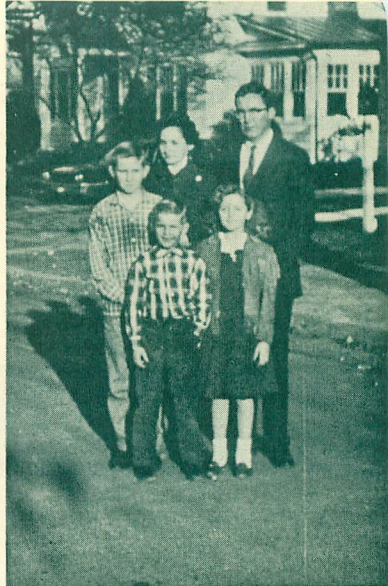
A record number of missionaries were sent out during the last five weeks of 1960 as four couples and their families left the homeland for language study before moving to their permanent assignments. This is the first phase of an expansion of the denomination's missionary force by 50 per cent.

The first Free Will Baptist medical missionary sailed the last of November in the person of Dr. LaVerne D. Miley. He and his family are now in Paris for language study (see article page four). They will serve in the Bondoukou Circle, Ivory Coast, Africa.

The Bobby Pooles and Bobby Aycocks left by plane December 14 from Miami enroute to Campinas, Brazil, for language study prior to permanent duty there.

On December 27 the John Moehlmans flew to Costa Rica for language study before permanent assignment in Latin America.

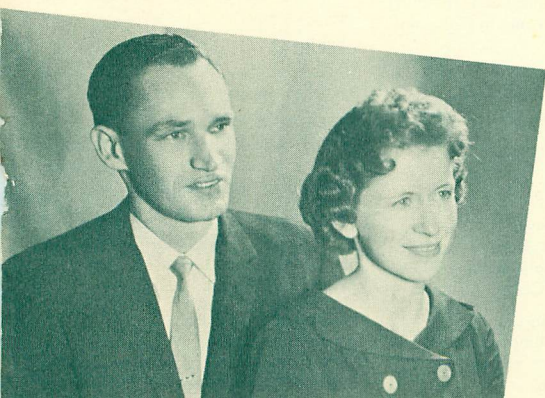
"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." (PSALM 105:1.)



Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Lynn, Lynnette, and Larry in front of Dan Merkh's parents' home in New Jersey prior to sailing for Paris

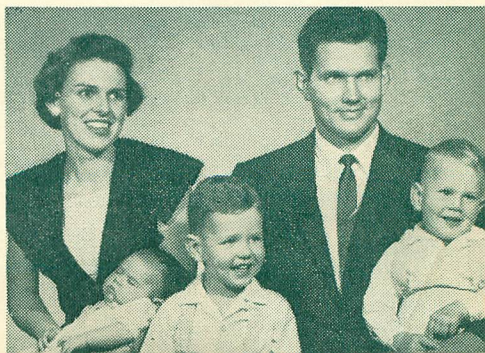


Bobby and Sue Aycock, Rebecca and Deborah, now studying language in Brazil



Bobby and Geneva Poole, now studying language in Brazil

John and Barbara Moehلمان, John, Nathan, and Regina, now studying language in Costa Rica



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MISSIONARY Prayer Calendar

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." (EPH. 6:18.)

JANUARY 16—Pray...

for the General Director and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr., in missionary conference, Liberty Association, held in Chipley, Fla., beginning today and running through January 22.

JANUARY 17—Pray...

for Tom Willey, Sr., on itinerary this week in Indiana.

JANUARY 18—Pray...

for the Daniel Cronks that the rise of nationalism will not close the door in India.

JANUARY 19—Pray...

for wisdom in direction of Free Will Baptist mission work in Cuba in view of present political turmoil.

JANUARY 20—Pray...

for the Bill Joneses as they minister the Word in the Ivory Coast, Africa, especially Joy's child evangelism work.

JANUARY 21—Pray...

for the Wesley Calvarts now taking a language refresher course in Tokyo as they begin their second term in Japan.

JANUARY 22—Pray...

for the Bobby Pooles and the Bobby Aycocks as they adjust to language study following their recent arrival in Campinas, Brazil.

JANUARY 23—Pray...

for the mission office staff for wisdom and strength in carrying out their routine and special duties.

JANUARY 24—Pray...

for the John Moehlmans as they enter language study in Costa Rica.

JANUARY 25—Pray...

for Esther Ruehle that she will fully recover from recent surgery.

JANUARY 26—Pray...

for the Carlisle Hannas as Mr. Hanna continues a building program in Sonapurhat, W. Bengal, India.

JANUARY 27—Pray...

for a Bible Conference in Olivet Church near Guthrie, Ky., with the General Director and Charles Thigpen; runs through January 29.

JANUARY 28—Pray...

for the Ken Eagletons and leadership in the church in Campinas, Brazil.

JANUARY 29—Pray...

for the Bill Fulchers doing itinerant work in the states prior to sailing for Uruguay.

JANUARY 30—Pray...

for the Lonnie Sparks and Mr. Sparks evangelistic meetings in villages in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

JANUARY 31—Pray...

for the preaching and teaching ministry of Dave Franks in Campinas, Brazil.

FEBRUARY 1—Pray...

for the Tom Willeys, Jr., and guidance regarding their ministry in Cuba.

FEBRUARY 2—Pray...

for the Fred Herseys and evangelism in Hokkaido, Japan.

FEBRUARY 3—Pray...

for the Daniel Merks and for wisdom and strength in the building program in Ivory Coast, Africa.

FEBRUARY 4—Pray...

for the Paul Robinsons doing itinerant work in the states prior to sailing for Uruguay.

FEBRUARY 5—Pray...

for the Sammy Wilkinsons and son Kevin's (age three and one half) recovery from a tonsilectomy.

FEBRUARY 6—Pray...

for the General Director and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr., in missionary conference, Central Florida Association, beginning today and running through February 12.

FEBRUARY 7—Pray...

for Lucy Wisehart Lima that she will have sustaining grace in the difficult days today in Cuba.

FEBRUARY 8—Pray...

for the Promotional Secretary and plans for an increased missions literature program.

FEBRUARY 9—Pray...

for the LaVerne Mileys as they continue in language study in Paris, France.

FEBRUARY 10—Pray...

for the Lonnie Palmers doing itinerant work in the states before sailing for Switzerland for language study.

FEBRUARY 11—Pray...

for Volena Wilson and national workers in South India.

FEBRUARY 12—Pray...

for national pastors and evangelists as they seek to win their own people to the Lord Jesus.

FEBRUARY 13—Pray...

for Eula Mae Martin and her teaching and dispensary work in Campinas, Brazil.

FEBRUARY 14—Pray...

for the Herbert Waids and their adjustment to missionary work in Japan following recent completion of language study.

FEBRUARY 15—Pray...

for the John Moehlmans in language study in Costa Rica.