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Miss Laura Belle Barnard, left, is pictured with Miss Volena Wilson in South India. Miss Barnard, a true missionary pioneer, was the first missionary to be sent out by the National Association of Free Will Baptists following its organization in 1935.

## From the General Director

## Missions in Retrospect

FOR WHO HATH despised the day of small things?" (Zechariah 4:10)

This question was asked the people of Judah to encourage them to restore the temple. The difficulties which faced them in their task of rebuilding after returning from captivity seemed overwhelming.

In this verse God's people were exhorted to take courage, even in the day of small beginnings, in the prospect of a glorious future.

No doubt, as they began the task of rebuilding a denomination, the Free Will Baptists who refused to be swallowed up in the merger with the Northern Baptists in 1910 felt much as Judah felt in the days of Zechariah. It was not until 1935 that the prayers and hopes of many found fruition in the formation of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Although it was a day of small beginnings, a retrospective look reveals that much progress has been made since that historic day in 1935.

Most of the following information regarding the foreign missions enterprise has been taken from minutes of past sessions of the National Association.

### MISSIONS IN RECONSTRUCTION—June, 1935, to June, 1942

In June of the same year that the National Association was organized, Miss Laura Belle Barnard was commissioned as the first missionary of the reconstruction. Later that year, she began a work in the name of Free Will Baptists in India.

The National Association voted in the 1938 session to underwrite the support of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, who were then working among the Indians in the interior of Panama.

The body also voted to accept and support Miss Bessie Yeley, who had spent approximately two years in Venezuela supported by Ohio Free Will Baptists independent of the National Association.

The treasurer reported that a total of \$5,751.98 was received for foreign missions for the three-year period from June 1, 1935 to June 1, 1938.

No additional missionaries were sent out during the years 1938 to 1942. The Willeys were transferred to Cuba in 1941.

Giving to foreign missions from June, 1938, to June, 1939, totaled \$2,862.80. The next year \$2,826.07 was received. During the associational year 1940-41 receipts totaled \$3,606.94, and the following year \$4,565.33 was given.

### MINISTRY BROADENS—July, 1942 to July, 1952

A highlight of this period was the opening of the Bible school in Cuba on January 4, 1944. Seven students were enrolled that year. A tract of land was purchased as a site for the school and mission compound.

Miss Yeley was transferred from Venezuela to Cuba in 1943. Miss Barnard, who, because of the war, had been in the states since her furlough in 1941, was per-



mitted to return to India in 1944. Miss Barnard has been in the states since 1958. She now heads the missions department of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd were sent to Cuba as missionaries in 1945, returning to the states in March, 1947, because of Mrs. Dodd's health.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey went to India as missionaries in 1947. They served one five-year term before returning to the states.

Giving to foreign missions increased from less than \$7,000 in the 1942-43 associational year to approximately \$30,000 during the 1946-47 period.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk and Miss Zalene Lloyd went to India in 1948, Miss Lloyd resigning her position in 1950. The Robert Wilfongs worked with the Willeys in Cuba from 1949 to 1952. Miss Volena Wilson went to India in 1951.

In the fall of 1950, the Rev. Winford Davis resigned as promotional secretary-treasurer. He was succeeded by the Rev. Raymond Riggs. The foreign missions office was moved from Monett, Mo., to Detroit, Mich.

Yearly giving to foreign missions during the years 1947-1952 averaged \$47,000 annually.

#### **EXPANSION IN EARNEST—July, 1952, to December, 1957**

A very definite forward step was taken by the department in 1953 when on September 1 Mr. Riggs was employed full-time and the foreign missions office was moved to Nashville, Tennessee.

The next few years brought substantial growth in the fields of Cuba and India and expansion into new fields. In the fall of 1952, the Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna sailed for India, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie were added to the staff in Cuba. They resigned their post in 1958. Miss Lucy Wisheart was sent to Cuba in 1953. Miss Wisheart, now Mrs. Felix Lima, has recently returned to the states.

In 1954, Japan received her first Free Will Baptist missionaries in the persons of the Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery. The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey were the next to enter that field, arriving in 1956.

The Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr., joined the Willeys, Sr., in Cuba in 1956.

In late 1956, the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks entered language school in Europe in preparation for an assignment in the Ivory Coast, Africa. In 1957, the Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh enrolled in the same school.

During the same year the Rev. Dave Franks became the first Free Will Baptist missionary to Brazil. Miss Esther Ruehle went to Brazil in 1957.

Giving during these years increased from \$65,000 during 1952-53 church year to \$125,379.45 during the 1957 calendar year.

#### **THE PAST THREE YEARS AND THE FUTURE**

Free Will Baptists now have 40 adult American missionaries on foreign soil. Twenty-one of these have gone out since January, 1958. They are: the Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton, Brazil, 1958; the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid, Japan, 1958; the Rev. and Mrs. Bill

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Wesley Calvery, first missionary to Japan, stands with a national worker in front of vehicle used in advertising meetings.

Anita Sparks sits with this good-sized group assembled for a gospel service in 1958 not long after her and Lonnie's arrival in the Ivory Coast.



Tom Willey, Sr., back left, stands with a group of students during days when the Bible school in Cuba was in operation. Today the value of the Bible school ministry is clearly seen in the trained national workers who are carrying on the Free Will Baptist ministry on the island in the absence of American missionaries. Benito Rodriguez, in charge of the work in Cuba today, stands second row left.



Literature as an effective means of reaching a needy world with the gospel is gaining the attention of nearly every evangelical mission agency. The merits of the printed page are examined by a missionary literature executive asking the question:

# Why All This Talk About Literature

by **HAROLD B. STREET**

Executive Secretary, Evangelical Literature Overseas

**ALMOST EVERY** Christian magazine we get these days has at least one article or news item about literature. Foreign missionaries and foreign diplomats often talk about literature in short addresses. Is not this thing being overdone? Are we riding a wave of world events that shall soon pass and leave literature high and dry?

The reasons given for increasing Christian literature sound convincing:

1. The cults and Communists are turning out a much greater quantity and a higher quality of literature than are evangelical Christians. Thus, they are capturing the minds and souls of people. In India, for example, it is reported that 70% of all liter-

ature is coming from communist presses. A missionary in Argentina tells of the shop keeper who subscribes to three religious magazines, but the one he proudly shows to customers is the one produced by a cult because it is more attractively produced and has material slanted carefully to him.

2. With an exploding world-wide population, there are not enough missionaries to carry the Gospel to all people. The world is growing non-Christian at the rate of 50 million annually. Most mission boards are struggling to find enough volunteers to keep the rate from increasing.

3. The spirit of nationalism, fanned by communistic propaganda, is raising barriers

that restrict or bring to an end the work of established missionaries. Consider what has happened in the Congo, Laos, and other erupting parts of the world. In a recent two-year period, almost a thousand missionaries to India were refused visas. These circumstances demand a new tool for missionary outreach, such as missionary literature.

These reasons for accelerating a literature ministry are good, but if they are considered to be basic, the literature program is probably doomed to failure. These reasons are essentially *negative*, and the shifting of world events may eliminate these reasons for stepping up the evangelical literature program. But there are sound, long-range, *positive* reasons for Christians to talk about—and *do something* about—evangelical literature.

Let us consider the positive reasons for a concerted drive for more and better evangelical literature:

1. Mankind, apart from Jesus Christ, is lost. New political alignments, new economic influences, new intellectual attainments will not meet the basic need of man's lost soul. We must recognize the compelling urgency of speedily getting out the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. The printed page, so common nowadays, can be an exceedingly effective tool in reaching a burgeoning world population.

2. Evangelical literature can extend the outreach of the missionary and make more permanent his ministry. It can reach those he cannot reach; it can stay when he goes home; it speaks flawlessly the language of the inquirer; it repeats the message over and over—as many times as a man needs to hear it to understand; it can pave the way for other kinds of evangelism; it can help train literate nationals in Bible truths, in church leadership, in personal spiritual growth.

3. The mushrooming literacy rate in most parts of the world has increased the need and opportunities for this tool—the printed page. There are still many countries that have only 50% literacy, but in most native compounds there is somebody who can read. A tract or gospel booklet in the hands of a school boy or girl may be read to a score of non-readers in a remote compound. There are increasing cases across the world of a seed being sown in this manner and bringing

forth fruit, some 10 fold, some 30 fold, some 60 fold, and some 100 fold. *Every* Christian can plant literature seeds in this manner.

4. Missionary literature permits—and almost demands—a full cooperation and effective coordination between missionaries of various groups, strengthening their fellowship in Christ and demonstrating to a skeptical world that there is essential unity in the true body of Christ. Never before in the history of missionary enterprise have so many different societies been working together and assisting each other. This presents a convincing testimony to both the man of the world and to the immature national Christian.

5. The right kind of literature can be a very effective instrument in anchoring the young national church to the Word of God.

**"For more than thirty years I have prayerfully considered the problem, 'How can we evangelize the world in a space of one generation?' . . . There must be a way. After travel and study in 53 countries I have come to this conclusion—the only way we are going to be able to carry out the Great Commission will be by means of the printed page." —OSWALD J. SMITH**

It clarifies the verbal instruction of the missionary, expands the national Christian's understanding of his heritage in Christ, and directs the believer always to the sure revelation of our faith—the Bible.

Literature can never take the place of the missionary, but in his hands it becomes as multiplying morsels of spiritual loaves and fishes. A single piece of literature given by a missionary may be read by as many as 60 people. Hence, a dollar invested in literature by missionary-minded Christians may carry the gospel to hundreds of thousands.

Is it not time that you join earnestly in the discussion of evangelical literature? Is it not time that you become fully aware of the tremendous potential of evangelical literature for these days? Is it not time that you pray with an intelligent concern for the wise use of this mighty, modern instrument? Is it not time that you made some definite financial sacrifice so that evangelical literature may increase your treasures in heaven?

Literature for our day *is* important . . . it *is* worth talking about . . . it *is* worth action—by you.

by **KEN EAGLETON**  
MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL

*A missionary pauses in  
self-examination at the  
end of a day seeking*

## **To Be Found Faithful**

**W**HAT DID I do today? This is the question I have just asked myself.

The hour is late, or, perhaps I should say, early. It is shortly after midnight as I finally climb into bed, turn out the light, and begin to muse over the events of the day just past to see if it has been spent in the service of the Lord or in vain.

The monthly report of contributors to our account arrived today, and I have just finished reading it. It was this that brought me to reflect on today's activities with the question: Have I been faithful to those who have given that I might be their representative to preach the gospel here in Brazil? Am I doing my part?

This morning as I was reading *Brainwashing—the Story of Men Who Defied It*, by Edward Hunter, a knock at the door demanded my attention. One of the church members here in Campinas entered and poured forth her story. The house she, her mother, and her family had been living in rent-free had been sold. They had to move immediately. Knowing that they barely had enough to live on, I felt their burden with them.

They had nowhere to go. She wanted permission to stay in the church building a few days until they could find something.

We know that in such circumstances a few days often become a few months and sometimes years. To say “no” could arouse resentments against the mission. To say “yes” did not appear wise. After further discussion, we were able to help her, and I promised to explain her case to the deacons.

Soon following lunch, I went into town to shop for a loud speaker. The one we have has proven indispensable to the work in Campinas, so, since we have work now in a town some four hours away, we were in need of one to use there.

When I returned from downtown, it was time to study for my weekly class for Sunday school teachers.

I went to the church immediately after supper for the class, arriving a few minutes early. A young man for whom we had been praying and to whom we had been witnessing came into the building looking for his father. He had bought a book thinking it was a Bible like his father's. In reality, it was a Jehovah's Witness book, and his father had brought it to me the night before to see if it were a good book for him to read. Among the greatest problems we have here in grounding believers in the faith and in reaching the unsaved is the problem of cultic literature. If they read a book that even sounds as if it has something to do with religion, they believe what they read.

I talked with the deacons when the class was dismissed about the family who wanted to use the church. They decided against it. It was their decision to make. This eliminated the possibility of hard feelings against the mission.

Anxious to finish the book on brainwashing, I hastened home and began once again to read. I heartily recommend this book for every Christian. It was midnight before I put the book down and noticed that the report on our contributors had arrived.

It made me feel good all over to read the names of those who faithfully, month after month, give that we might stay here and preach and teach. And with this reminder of your faithfulness and a determined prayer to be found faithful on my part, I pull the covers snugly over me and say with the Psalmist, “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.”





# Missionaries Attending the Twenty-fifth Session of the National Association

**SIX FOREIGN MISSIONARIES** were scheduled to attend the Twenty-fifth Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Norfolk, July 10-13.

Missionary to Japan Fred Hersey and his family are attending the first National Association for them in five years. They are in the states on furlough following their first term in the land of the rising sun. Mr. Hersey brought the message to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Monday night, July 10.

Pioneer missionaries were featured in the Wednesday evening missions service. Miss Laura Belle Barnard, the first missionary sent out under the National Association, gave her testimony during the evening.

The Tom Willeys, Sr., and the Tom Willeys, Jr., returned missionaries to Cuba, were on hand to greet those attending. The Willeys, Sr., brought special messages during the Wednesday evening service.

Pictured in the left column from the top are Laura Belle Barnard; Tom Willey, Sr.; Mabel Willey; Tom Willey, Jr.; and Emma Ruth Willey. Below are Fred and Evelyn Hersey with children (left to right) Stephen, Philip, and Sammy.



## Moehlman Child Hurt in Fall

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA—Steve Moehlman, the four-year-old child of John and Barbara Moehlman, fell from a small orange tree here June 7, severely injuring his arm.

The accident caused a deep gash in the left arm at the armpit, baring the main artery from the heart as well as the arm's nerve system. Thirty stitches were required to close the wound.

Steve is now recuperating satisfactorily.

The doctor was quoted as saying that it is a miracle the child was not killed, which he might well have been had the artery been pierced. The cut went to within a fraction of an inch from the artery.

The Moehlmans are in Costa Rica studying language before permanent assignment somewhere in Latin America.

## Fulcher Makes Radio Contact

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — General Director Rolla Smith talked two times by shortwave radio last month with Bill Fulcher in Costa Rica, believed to be the first radio contacts from a foreign field with the foreign mission headquarters here.

Missionary Fulcher, in Costa Rica for nine months language study before service in Uruguay, made the contacts through a local ham station. His transmitter, taken with him from the states, is set up temporarily, thus lessening the efficiency. However, Mr. Fulcher believes that good reception can be attained when the equipment is permanently set up in Uruguay.

## New Missions Films Purchased

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Three new copies of the most popular films ever distributed through the Board of Foreign Missions have been purchased and are ready for use.

A new copy of the Free Will Baptist production "Letter to Melitino" is now in use bringing the total number of copies in circulation by the department to three.

Other films purchased were new copies of "Regions Beyond" and "Passion for Souls." All of these films are available upon request.

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## Free Will Baptist Foreign Mi



Children hear the gospel for the first time during a Sunday afternoon open-air meeting.

## New Work Begun in

### Missionaries Expanding Free Will Baptist

JABOTICABAL, BRAZIL—A visit to relatives here by a Free Will Baptist Brazilian Bible Institute student has resulted in the beginning of a new mission work in this community of 27,000 people.

During a normally scheduled Institute vacation period, Laercio, one of the nationals training for the ministry, visited his family here returning to the mission headquarters in Campinas with reports of real evangelistic opportunity in this city located a four-hour journey from Campinas.

Dave Franks, Sammy Wilkinson, and three students responded with a trip here to hold street meetings with the aid of a loud



# missionary NEWS



The gospel is preached during a night street service in this Brazilian community.



## Jaboticabal, Brazil

### Baptist Ministry to Surrounding Areas

speaker and to hold services in the home of Laercio's parents. There were two decisions among 25 present in the first service, four among 40 in attendance the second night.

Regular services have now been scheduled in the city with Laercio and fellow student Israel in charge, assisted by missionaries from the mission headquarters.

The opening of a new work in Jaboticabal is but one step in a planned expansion of the Free Will Baptist ministry in Brazil from Campinas into surrounding towns and villages. With the aid of institute students, missionaries hope to continue evangelistic trips in the area indefinitely.

## Miley Speaks in Orleans

ORLEANS, FRANCE—Dr. LaVerne D. Miley, medical missionary to the Ivory Coast, Africa, presently studying the French language at Centre Missionnaire D'Orientation in Paris, brought the Sunday evening message at a church here May 21.

Dr. Miley's family were with him at the Orleans church which is composed primarily of American armed forces personnel.

## Merkh Address Changed

DOROPO, IVORY COAST—Missionary Dan Merkh is in the midst of construction of the first unit on the proposed medical station here.

His move to this village where he will be located for a number of months has necessitated a change in his mailing address to: Pasteur Daniel J. Merkh, Mission Protestante, Bouna, B.P. 20, Republic of Ivory Coast.

The Merkhs in a recent letter expressed regrets at not being able to keep up with their correspondence to those who have sent cards, letters, and gifts in view of the time involved in moving. "Ask the folks to forgive and be patient with us. We will do our best."

Letters to the Merkhs should be sent air mail. The air mail rate to the Ivory Coast is 25 cents.

## New Mailing System in Use

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—With the last issue, a new system of mailing *Heartbeat* was put into operation. Mailing is now done by the printer, increasing mission office efficiency.

Under this new system it is of monetary advantage for the mailing list to be kept in first class order. You can help greatly by checking the label on your copy, informing the mission office if it is in error. If you are receiving two copies for any reason, please so inform the office giving both ways it is being sent. Some ministers receive *Heartbeat* at their church office and at home. Your help in this regard will prevent a needless expenditure of God's money.

*Everyday happenings to a foreign missionary  
could become frustrating if it were not for  
motivating factors that transcend circumstances*

# the added incentive

**W**HAT IS IT LIKE to secure and transport building materials and construct buildings in remote areas of the world?

It's enough to make a contractor renounce his profession and become a radio announcer or the like. That is, unless he has an added incentive to work which has no connection with the circumstances which prevail.

Take Dan Merkh, for instance. He knows building. But, when he went to the Ivory Coast following the direction of the Lord, it is doubtful that he was prepared for the multiplicity of complications he was to find as he began to construct Free Will Baptist mission stations in Goumere, Koun, and presently Doropo.

By now missionary Merkh has become fairly well immune to irregularities, having been forced to adopt the God-given frame of mind that allows a person to live one day at a time and not to become frustrated by disrupted construction time tables.

A recent communique from the field will explain what is being referred to here. It

was a dairy-type report, not prepared for publication. It is adapted by the editor for use here in an attempt to gain a greater understanding of the day-in and day-out life of ministers in backwoods areas of service.

You see, the week before Easter, Dan made a trip 300 kilometers into Abidjan for supplies. He was getting ready to make the move to Doropo where the third mission station is to be, the one where Dr. LaVerne Miley will make his medical headquarters.

After returning to Koun and making further preparation to leave, the following series of "routine" events took place. Let's put it in the words of Dan Merkh himself:

April 7: Truck came by at 7:30 to go to Abengarou to get my lumber. I decided to ride along. The truck broke down in Abengarou, and we spent the day in the repair shop. Finally got back to Koun at midnight.

April 8: Left for Doropo in my truck with a load; also had trailer loaded. The lumber

went ahead. He broke down in Bondoukou. Radiator. Finally got a new one, and we made it on into Bouna. The lumber truck was following this time and he didn't arrive.

April 9: Found out what happened to lumber. Driver arrived at 3:30 p.m. He had wheel bearing trouble and spent the night on the road just outside Bondoukou. To complicate matters one of our helpers was not able to work today. We left him at Bouna and I followed lumber truck to Doropo, unloaded it, and returned to Bouna for night. Lights grew dim near midnight, but we dared not stop. I was alone with my two boys since Moussa, my helper, had been left in Bouna.

April 10: Returned to Koun. Only mishap was when my trailer hitch broke and trailer fell off, saved by the safety chain. Tied it on with rope and finished trip.

April 12: Bill Jones and I went in my truck to Abengarou to get remaining lumber. On return trip the generator conked out. Drove over 20 kilometers with a flashlight out each window. Five kilometers from home it quit. I walked a mile to look for help. Bill flagged down a truck and got us towed home. African fixed generator after going to Abidjan for parts.

May 7: Plan to move to Doropo tomorrow. Had invited Methodist missionary friends for dinner, but they had a collision 20 kilometers from here. Bill, Joy, and I went to see how they were. Mrs. Dollings had some broken bones. We returned to Koun, got truck, and hauled wreck to Abengarou.

May 8: Carried wreck on to Abidjan. Had no change of clothes with me, so had to buy necessary things, borrowing clothes from a friend at the American embassy. Had three flats on trip. Had to get two new tires.

May 9: Returned to Koun. Generator broke down again.

May 11: Left with family for Ghana to make repairs and get supplies for dispensary. Made trip without mishap. Even without generator. Good old battery.

May 14: Returned to Koun, sans mishap.

May 17: Left Koun for Doropo at 8:30 a.m. Had house trailer, my two boys, and a native carpenter (more of a carpenter's helper). Twenty kilometers from Koun the trailer lost a tire. I saw it before it fell off.

The rim was broken beyond repair and bolts hacked off. Three bolts left. Sent carpenter after Bill. We found rim at Tanda that was not quite right, but used it anyway. Arrived at Goumère about 5 p.m. Bill followed me this far. Things were working alright, so we left immediately for Bouna, arriving at midnight.

May 18: Intended to weld trailer here at Bouna where the government had a man working on metal frames for a building. He had moved the week before. Trailer braces were broken, but tied on with rope and headed on to Doropo. No cement available at Bouna. Borrowed three sacks from government hospital under construction here. We arrived at Doropo okay. The trailer for the last ten kilometers was dragging center of road holding only by safety chain. When I pulled it on the property a tree stump put a four-inch gash in the rear tire of the truck. I changed it, but it didn't do much good. The spare was flat within 30 minutes.

May 19: Fixed the two tires. Had an old boot which I used in gashed tire. Has been running since without mishap. Good. We cleared a driveway to the trailer, past the site of the dispensary.

May 20: Hauled sand and laterite rock. Built nine small columns for the house to rest on.

May 21: Since it was Sunday we visited missionaries at Batie, our nearest neighbor. The road was nearly impassable. Had real good time of fellowship. Fine neighbors. No problems.

May 22: Back at Doropo. Built the floor.

May 23: Put up studs for four walls.

May 24: Put up rafters and roofing.

And so at last the building is underway. Yes, it takes an unseen incentive to keep one like missionary Merkh going day-in and day-out. No doubt he can visualize the scores of suffering Lobi tribesmen who will come to the station when Dr. Miley arrives and as they receive medical aid will for the first time hear the gospel, and some will believe.

And then there is the calming assurance of the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus and the knowledge that he is where God wants him doing what God has for him to do. Can there be a better place of service?



# ***DATELINE:* World Missions**

## **Tokyo Crusade Termed Spiritual Battle**

### ***EXTENSIVE FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM IN PROGRESS***

TOKYO, JAPAN—The doors of Meiji Auditorium closed shut. The formal meetings of the Tokyo Christian Crusade were completed. A battle had been fought and won.

Individual battles as an extensive follow-up program is undertaken will take place, it is true. Yet, the big, all-out conflict with the enemy has ended with a parade of spiritual victories which defy description.

The May 6-June 4 crusade, a venture of faith on the part of some 740 churches from 41 different denominations, attracted an aggregate attendance of more than 237,000. It is estimated that at least 173,400 different individuals attended. Seventeen thousand were present the last Saturday with an estimated 22,000-plus attending the closing meeting.

In response to the evangelistic invitation extended by Dr. Bob Pierce, a total of

8,940 persons went forward in the nightly services. To these figures must be added the thousands of persons contacted and the more than 2,000 making decisions in outside meetings in schools, prisons, hospitals, stores, and with business and professional groups.

Dr. Pierce was heard over 22 stations in weekly television outreach to all Japan. Dr. Paul S. Rees, Dr. Richard C. Halverson, Bill Bright, Sam Wolgemuth, Jack Marshall, Dr. Wilbur Smith, Dr. Ralph Byron, and numerous other men representing various Christian organizations applied their special talents to enlarging the ministry of the crusade.

Dr. Pierce and his team were weary at the end of a strenuous month. The opposition had never relaxed; the pressure had never subsided. "But God had been at work," declared Dr. Pierce, "and the victory was His. To Him we give all the glory."

Dr. Pierce prays in the inquiry room with those responding to the gospel invitation.



And he added, "We must not let up in prayer for Tokyo. Now the follow-up program is underway and every effort is being made to integrate those who have been reached for Christ into the worship and fellowship and service of local churches. Please continue to pray for Tokyo!"

## CMA TO ENTER BRAZIL

COLUMBUS, OHIO (MNS)—It was disclosed at the 64th General Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance meeting here that the 68,000-member body which now has 830 missionaries in 27 countries plans to open permanent stations in Brazil shortly.

Reports given at the Council revealed that the overseas membership of the Alliance is about 130,000, almost double the North American membership. Alliance churches overseas total 2,733, more than twice the number in the United States and Canada.

## NEW CATHOLIC VOICE IN LATIN AMERICA

STANFORD, CAL. (MNS)—The March issue of *Hispanic American Report* carried the news of a new radio station established in Managua, Nicaragua. Radio Catolica claims to be the most powerful radio voice in Central America and has been added to a chain of Catholic stations already operating in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Panama. According to the report, donations from Nicaraguan Catholics paid for the station.

## BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT REGISTERS POSITION ON CHURCH AND STATE

RIO DE JANEIRO (MNS)—Sr. Janio Quadros, recently elected president of Brazil, has answered important questions submitted to him by the Evangelical Confederation of Brazil while he was campaigning. Two leading newspapers here carried the President-elect's answers. The Christian press, also, publicized Quadros' views. Following

are selections taken from *Expositor Cristiano*, official Methodist organ in Brazil:

Question: Once you are elected, will your excellence guarantee the spirit and letter of freedom of worship and conscience? Answer: *I will guarantee the freedom of worship and conscience just as it is established by the Constitution.*

Question: Will your excellence assure the right of each follower of a religious minority to refuse to participate in ceremonies of other creeds? Answer: *I do not even conceive of the idea that religious minorities might be constrained to take part in ceremonies of other creeds.*

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONARIES TOTAL 1,500

ST. LOUIS, MO. (MNS)—At the 104th session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here in May, the foreign mission board reported that in 15 years the number of missionaries sent out by them had increased from 519 to the present all-time high of 1,500. Of these, 535 are in Latin America.

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## MISSIONS IN RETROSPECT

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Jones, Africa, 1959; the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Wilkinson, Brazil, 1959; Miss Eula Mae Martin, Brazil, 1959; Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Africa, 1960; the Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman, Costa Rica, 1960; the Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole, Brazil, 1960; the Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock, Brazil, 1960; the Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher, Uruguay, 1961; and the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Africa, 1961.

Giving to foreign missions is expected to total at least \$230,000 in 1961. Receipts for the last three years have been as follows: 1958, \$148,152.05; 1959, \$172,401.85; 1960, \$192,140.06.

Although we have ample reason to be grateful for the growth of Free Will Baptists in the field of foreign missions, we must never forget that much remains to be done. Many lands are yet to be possessed in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Rella D. Smith*

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

## Month of June, 1961

CASH IN BANK JUNE 1, 1961.....\$50,013.87

### RECEIPTS

Refunds.....	\$ 60.00
Miscellaneous.....	130.99
Rev. Wesley Calvery.....	10.00
Dr. LaVerne D. Miley.....	25.00
Rev. Bobby Poole.....	5.00
Woman's Fellowship.....	12.00
W.N.A.C.....	175.38
Alabama.....	237.98
Arkansas.....	602.99
California.....	859.35
Florida.....	301.44
Georgia.....	503.75
Illinois.....	837.70
Indiana.....	28.00
Iowa.....	12.37
Kansas.....	30.00
Kentucky.....	632.90
Louisiana.....	2.00
Mexico.....	15.00
Michigan.....	2,459.01
Mississippi.....	205.68
Missouri.....	1,712.89
New Mexico.....	37.66
North Carolina.....	4,402.11
Ohio.....	374.97
Oklahoma.....	2,127.05
Oregon.....	20.00
South Carolina.....	1,252.64
Tennessee.....	922.52
Texas.....	590.47
Virginia.....	1,389.87
Washington.....	5.50
West Virginia.....	276.88
	<u>20,259.10</u>

\$70,272.97

### DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$ 4,563.75
Brazil.....	1,503.94
Cuba.....	3,012.50
India.....	1,704.07
Japan.....	1,359.32
Latin America.....	520.38
Spain.....	150.00
Medical Allowance for	
Missionaries.....	494.13
Social Security for Missionaries.....	327.60
Missionaries' Itinerate	
Expense.....	39.30
Itinerate Expense.....	92.76
Films and Supplies.....	371.96

Operation Expense on	
Department Car.....	136.44
Department Car Payment.....	135.30
Salaries.....	1,412.53
Postage.....	87.66
Office Supplies.....	36.89
Housing Allowance—	
Promotional Secretary.....	100.00
Payment on Residence.....	65.67
Residence Expense.....	16.00
Printing.....	659.98
Maintenance.....	118.21
Equipment.....	82.00
Refund.....	45.15
	<u>17,035.54</u>
	\$53,237.43

### UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 4,983.66
Printing Press.....	430.86
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	2,455.66
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	3,371.16
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton.....	126.14
Rev. Dave Franks.....	1,712.73
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.....	1,793.02
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,419.71
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	342.19
Miss Eula Mae Martin, RN.....	1,257.67
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	8,647.95
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman.....	816.84
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.....	2,513.60
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	968.95
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....	906.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	3,178.33
Miss Esther M. Ruehle, RN.....	1,760.07
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	1,242.38
Mrs. Harold Stevens.....	57.50
Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson.....	68.27
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	724.95
Miss Volena Wilson.....	1,695.15
Furlough Wagon Depreciation.....	498.39
Africa—Medical Building.....	10,617.60
Africa—Medical Facilities and	
Equipment.....	164.70
Repatriation Reserve.....	3,864.20
	<u>\$55,618.62</u>

### DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	\$ 265.13
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	1,249.26
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.....	815.41
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	51.39
	<u>2,381.19</u>
	\$53,237.43

### STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,061.38	\$ 6,438.62	
Arizona.....	700.00	262.99	437.01	
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	2,942.60	4,057.40	
California.....	7,000.00	4,968.59	2,031.41	
Florida.....	6,000.00	2,372.09	3,627.91	
Georgia.....	8,500.00	3,489.36	5,010.64	
Idaho.....	700.00	35.21	664.79	
Illinois.....	8,500.00	4,918.46	3,581.54	
Indiana.....	700.00	731.41		\$ 31.41
Kansas.....	500.00	176.00	324.00	
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	2,369.73	3,130.27	
Maine.....	200.00		200.00	
Michigan.....	25,000.00	9,617.90	15,382.10	
Mississippi.....	5,500.00	1,839.56	3,660.44	
Missouri.....	15,500.00	9,673.46	5,826.54	
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	329.66	670.34	
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	25,428.88	24,571.12	
Ohio.....	7,500.00	3,249.00	4,251.00	
Oklahoma.....	12,000.00	7,553.37	4,446.63	
South Carolina.....	11,000.00	6,455.21	4,544.79	
Tennessee.....	17,500.00	10,119.76	7,380.24	
Texas.....	10,500.00	4,939.68	5,560.32	
Virginia.....	12,000.00	5,974.86	6,025.14	
West Virginia.....	5,000.00	1,320.35	3,679.65	
Miscellaneous.....	3,700.00	2,295.03	1,404.97	
	<u>\$230,000.00</u>	<u>\$113,124.54</u>	<u>\$116,906.87</u>	<u>\$ 31.41</u>



## In the Midst of Conflict

The Fred Herseys join with missionaries in Japan and find themselves in conflict with satanic forces



Evelyn, Stephen, Philip, Fred, Samuel

**T**HE LOAD the small Japanese woman was carrying was not a visible one. Yet, it was as real as if she had been burdened with sacks of rice. Her face pictured the utmost in frustration.

She was in the midst of a Satanic inward struggle. Her attendance at church was more regular than some who made open professions. She read her Bible. Yet, just as faithfully she bowed to her godshelf, a miniature shrine for heathen gods found in most Japanese homes. There can be no greater stress on the soul than to yearn for the release offered through faith in the Lord Jesus and still be bound by the power of Satan to an old life of superstition and idolatry.

The Fred Herseys had not been in an active ministry in Japan long before they had made contact with this burdened woman. Then began a long ministry of prayer coupled with love and understanding. It was not the type of problem that the missionary can handle with dynamics or diplomacy. It called for a work by God.

Fred and Evelyn Hersey sailed for Japan in April, 1956. Immediately they began the difficult language preparation necessary for a ministry in "the land of the rising sun." Each day brought new language and cultural problems. It was enough to cause one to question whether it was worth it all.

Not too soon for Fred and Evelyn, the day arrived when they completed their course of study and moved to the island of Hokkaido to begin an active ministry. Here they found not one but hundreds of hearts yearning for release, one of them the little lady struggling with Bible in hand yet bowed before the heathen gods.

Missionaries in foreign countries face obstacles which are unheard of in other ministries. Yet, with each additional care there is additional grace to enable God's servant to continue in victory in spite of circumstances.

The act of grace finally came in the heart of the little Japanese lady as she moved forward to counsel with Fred and a visiting evangelist during a special series of meetings. There she found the power of God to break away from the bondage of idolatry. Her Bible was no longer an extra, but the focal point of her life. Victory was hers.

But it was not only for her, because all the difficult steps the Herseys had taken to get to her became gloriously worthwhile through this delivered heart.

The Herseys are in the states today on furlough after serving a five-year term in the Orient. But their hearts remain with the little Japanese lady and others like her who are living in newness of life because they answered the call of God to go to Japan.

### Biographical Data

**Birthdays:** Fred, July 20, 1930; Evelyn, March 2, 1930.

**Places of Birth:** Fred, Chicago, Ill.; Evelyn, Vroman, Colo.

**Parents:** Fred, Samuel F. (deceased) and Ruth B. Hersey; Evelyn, Milo R. and Dora B. Wheeler.

**Education:** Fred, B.A., Bob Jones University, Special, Free Will Baptist Bible College; Evelyn, Special, Southern Illinois University, B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College.

**Children:** Philip, June 21, 1955; Samuel, September 24, 1957; Stephen, November 28, 1960.

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# MISSIONARY Prayer Calendar

**AFRICA:** Lonnie Sparks and Bill Jones are translating the Scriptures into the Kulango and Agni languages. This is being done in addition to other missionary duties. The problems at times are perplexing. *Pray for wisdom and strength to continue this ministry of translation and that the Word of God will be available to these tribes soon.*

**BRAZIL:** Free Will Baptist missionaries here are broadening their ministry to other towns in the Campinas area. *Pray for a fruitful ministry of evangelism in these communities and that new works might develop.*

**CUBA:** Latest reports from Free Will Baptist pastors on the island indicate that the work is advancing with churches experiencing growth. *Pray for continued wisdom on the part of national workers who are now in complete charge of denominational work here.*

**INDIA:** This is the time of year when missionary work in the hill country of North India is possible. *Pray for a harvest of souls and the strengthening of the faith of those already won in these out-of-way areas.*

**JAPAN:** The Tokyo Christian Crusade in the world's largest city is over. Extensive follow-up work among those making decisions is yet to be done. *Pray that God will work through the follow-up ministry to soundly establish converts in the faith and that they will find their places in evangelical churches.*

**IN THE STATES:** The general director is representing the work of Free Will Baptist foreign missions in several state associational meetings during the summer months. The Fred Herseys, on furlough from Japan, will be speaking at Cragmont Free Will Baptist Assembly, Black Mountain, North Carolina, the week of July 17. They will be on the program of the Florida State Campground the week of July 24. *Pray that much will be accomplished during these meetings for the cause of Christ worldwide.*

## ... 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 Merkh, 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