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### Africa:

The Bill Jonases  
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 The LaVerne Milleys\*  
 The Lonnie Palmers\*  
 The Lonnie Sparkses

### Brazil:

The Bobby Aycocks\*  
 The Ken Eagletons  
 Dave Franks  
 Eula Mae Martin  
 The Bobby Fooks\*  
 Esther Ruchle  
 The Sammy Wilkersons

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Lucy Wischart  
 Lima\*\*

### India:

The Daniel Cronks  
 The Carlisle Hannas  
 Volena Wilson

### Japan:

The Wesley Calverys  
 The Fred Herscys  
 The Herbert Waids

**Latin America:** The John Mochmans\*

**Spain:** Mario Cignoni\*\*\*

\*In language study

\*\*National pastor's wife status

\*\*\*National missionary

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## COVER PHOTO

The Lobi tribe perform a dance of mourning for a dead man tied to the trees in the background. "I cannot forget the scene of a heathen funeral for one dying without the benefit of modern medicine," remarked Dr. LaVerne Milley, "African Report," Feb. 1961 issue. "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."

## From the General Director

# GLAD TIDINGS OF RESURRECTION

AND WE DECLARE unto you glad tidings" (Acts 13:32a). In this verse Paul was referring to the fact that God had raised Jesus from the dead.

The story of Jesus Christ is filled with glad tidings. Isaiah said concerning the one who publishes salvation, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings!" The message of the angel to the shepherds was, "I bring you good tidings of great joy." Luke said of Christ, "He went preaching and showing the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God."

But the glorious news of Christ's birth and wonderful life would have lost its significance had God failed to raise him from the grave.

How meaningful, then, are the words of I Cor. 15:20, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept!"

The fact that Christ is alive is news that the entire world needs to hear. This is clearly illustrated in the story of a missionary who stated that on one occasion a number of persons who were hearing him showed great astonishment when he told them that the God he worshipped and wished them to worship is a *living* God. They said, "The foreigner's God is better than ours; ours has no life."

## WORSHIPPING LIFELESS GODS

In Psalm 135:15-17 we have a graphic description of the gods of the heathen. "The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths."

It is tragically true that millions of people worship lifeless gods made of wood, gold and silver, and it is equally true that many people worship men who have lived and died and remain dead to this day—men whose tombs hold only the dust and ashes of their decayed bodies. There was no glorious resurrection for Mohammed, Confucius or Buddha; they died and are dead. But the tomb could not hold the body of the Christ of Calvary. He is risen and is alive forevermore!

April is Foreign Missions Month as designated by the National Association. Will you help share the glad tidings of the resurrection with the millions who have never heard by giving a special offering to foreign missions this month?

*Rella D. Smith*



## Missionary Suffers Illness

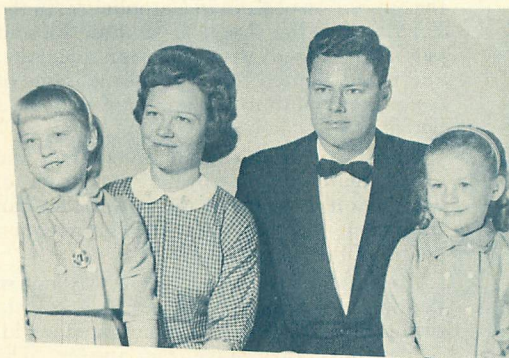
CAMPINAS, BRAZIL—The Rev. Bobby Aycock, spent several days in bed last month recuperating from a severe virus attack.

Special prayer is requested that his recovery will be complete and that he will be able to catch up his language study without difficulty.

## Ice Broken in Mukhanpur

MUKHANPUR, NORTH INDIA—The Daniel Cronks recently have concentrated efforts in this North Indian village and report their first converts.

A former political worker among the outcaste Hedalus was the first to be baptized. Missionary Cronk feels his being the first convert in the area to be providential. Hedalu, in his former occupation, knew where every Harijan lived. He and his son, Beni, who was baptized with his father, are studying at Kishanganj in preparation for village evangelism in Harijan communities.



Kathleen, Bernice, Lonnie, and Marion Palmer

## Palmers Sail for Switzerland

NEW YORK—The Lonnie Palmer family sailed from here on March 4 aboard the S.S. Queen Mary en route to Switzerland for language preparation before duty in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

Lonnie, Bernice, and children Kathleen, seven, and Marion, four, arrived in Paris March 9 for a short visit with the LaVerne Mileys in language study there. They traveled from Paris to Lausanne, Switzerland, where they are enrolled in the Institute Emmaus to study French, the trade language of the Ivory Coast.

Mr. Palmer is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College having studied in the General College of Akron (Ohio) University. Mrs. Palmer studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College in addition to training in practical nursing.

The Palmers are natives of Arkansas, Lonnie born at Pheiffer on March 9, 1932, Bernice at Cave City on January 4, 1935.

Mail to the Palmers should be addressed to them at Institute Emmaus, Vennes s. Lausanne, Switzerland. Air mail postage is 15 cents for one half ounce.

Following completion of their nine-month language course, the Palmers will join missionaries on the Bondoukou Circle in the Ivory Coast, Africa. Serving there now are the Bill Joneses, the Dan Merkh, and the Lonnie Sparkses.

## INCREASED SIZE NEEDED

READERS HAVE responded enthusiastically to the first issues of **Heartbeat** for which your mission staff is grateful.

A major suggestion for improvement has been made, however. It is to increase the number of pages and thus present more news and articles of missionary interest.

The staff also is interested in increasing the size of **Heartbeat** so that good, informative articles now being left out because of lack of space might be published.

The most feasible increase would be to add a second eight-page signature to the present size giving a total of 16 pages of missionary reading. This will cost an additional \$350 monthly which is not provided for in the present budget.

However, if there is a sufficient number of readers who would increase their present missionary giving a designated amount monthly to underwrite this additional \$350, **Heartbeat** will be increased to 16 pages.

Those desiring that the magazine be enlarged may make their pledges either directly to the general fund or may earmark them for **Heartbeat**. Will we hear from you this week? The address: 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

## EASTER, 1961!

And in the Congo military conflict and pilferage is the order of the day; in Latin America it is Communist infiltration with a view to Red domination; in Europe there is the opposition of Roman Catholicism; in the Far East it is the threat of agnosticism and paganism mixed with Marxian ideology; and in the United States the scene is one of complacent optimism that there will be a better day.

Christ is not dead; He lives! Yet, the world marches on toward the brink of destruction ignorant of the power that can transform the universe—the resurrection power of the Son of God.

Multitudes are looking for a way out of their perplexing circumstances, an answer to the problem of life in a sin-dominated world. Some think they have the answer. The church knows that Christ is the answer.

This is the reason that Free Will Baptists through their Foreign Mission Board are heeding the command of Christ to spread the message of redemption *into all the world!*

The month of April has been designated denominationally as *Foreign Missions Month*. Easter Sunday, April 2, is *Foreign Missions Sunday* when the Free Will Baptist ministry into all the world is remembered in a special way.

It is this time of the year that Christians remind themselves again of the power and magnitude of the resurrected life that is provided for all men who receive Christ by faith. This is also the logical time to remember the question, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14.)

If there has ever been a day in which the world stage was set for presentation of Christ to the needy heart, this is it. All the world is waiting for an answer to its plight.

### **ANNIVERSARY SESSION PROGRAM**

March-April is the second phase of a three phase 25th Session Program Commemorating the 25th meeting of the National Association to be held in Norfolk, Va., July 10-13. The emphasis of this second phase is missions or "Faithfulness to the Great Commission."

In connection with this phase of the program a special emphasis is being given to prayer for missionaries. During the months of March and April it is being requested that

*April is Foreign*

*Missions Month*

*as Free Will*

*Baptists emphasize*

*their obligation*

*to carry the*

*Gospel into*

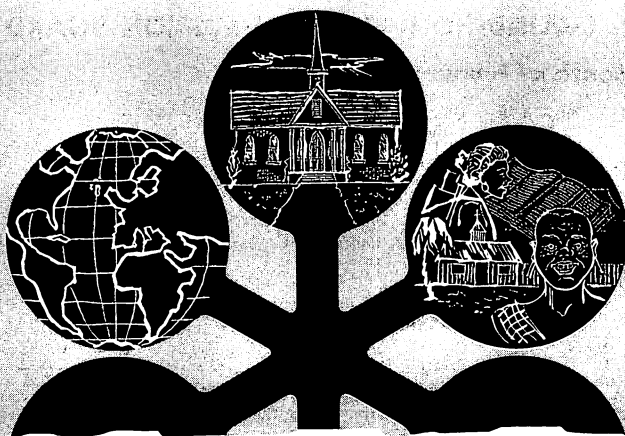
*all the world*

a portion of each prayer meeting be given to definite prayer for Free Will Baptist missionaries.

A further suggestion is that the entire regular week-night prayer meeting preceding Easter Foreign Missions Sunday be designated as a special missionary prayer hour.

The singing of missionary hymns such as "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," "Rescue the Perishing," "The Light of the World," "We've a Story to Tell," and "The King's Business" would be appropriate. Available letters from the field could be shared with the congregation. Prayer requests found on page eight of this issue could be used in a time of specific prayer for the needs of individual missionaries. Perhaps prayer periods for each country in which Free Will Baptists have a ministry could be arranged.

Prayer is requested also for the home staff as they serve in behalf of those on the field. General Director Rolla D. Smith is currently engaged in a series of missionary conferences



**✿ INTO  
ALL THE  
WORLD**

**THE MINISTRY OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

in addition to his duties of directing the growing Free Will Baptist missionary program.

Mission board members need prayer for their missionary conference work. Special prayer is requested for the annual foreign mission board meeting to be held April 18-21.

Remember the need for additional funds with which to enlarge the department's missions literature program. Prayer is requested for the Rev. Jerry Ballard and his duties as promotion secretary in charge of missions literature.

## **NOW WORKING IN SIX COUNTRIES**

Free Will Baptist churches today support missionaries in six foreign countries as they shoulder part of God's overall program for spreading the Gospel *into all the world*.

In the Ivory Coast, Africa, there are the Bill Joneses, Dan Merkh's and Lonnie Sparkses with the Dr. LaVerne Mileys and Lonnie Palmers in language study for that field.

Serving in Brazil today are the Ken Eagletons, Dave Franks, Miss Eula Mae Martin, Miss Esther Ruehle and the Sammy Wilkersons with the Bobby Aycocks and Bobby Pooles in language study.

Cuban nationals are carrying on the work in Cuba as the Tom Willeys, Jr. and Sr., have been forced to return to the States by the political situation there.

The Daniel Cronks, Carlisle Hannas, and Miss Volena Wilson represent Free Will Baptists in India.

In Japan there are the Wesley Calverys, Fred Herseys and Herbert Waids.

The John Moehlmans are studying language in Costa Rica. The Bill Fulchers and Paul Robinsons are doing itinerate work prior to language study in preparation for duty in Uruquay.

Mario Cignoni is the national missionary representing Free Will Baptists in Spain.

It is through these men and women that local Free Will Baptist churches in America reach *into all the world*.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Month of February, 1961

CASH IN BANK FEBRUARY 1, 1961.....\$40,574.78

## RECEIPTS

W.N.A.C. Co-laborer.....	\$ 88.42
W.N.A.C. African Medical Building.....	3,000.00
Rev. Wesley Calvery.....	10.00
Foreign Mission Fellowship.....	15.00
Refund.....	5.70
Alabama.....	179.35
Arizona.....	30.00
Arkansas.....	448.29
California.....	44.00
Florida.....	843.28
Georgia.....	762.42
Illinois.....	240.73
Indiana.....	282.63
Kansas.....	25.00
Kentucky.....	83.57
Louisiana.....	2.00
Michigan.....	867.06
Mississippi.....	327.11
Missouri.....	1,037.66
New Mexico.....	47.85
North Carolina.....	4,071.01
Ohio.....	988.29
Oklahoma.....	980.08
South Carolina.....	692.64
Tennessee.....	1,321.26
Texas.....	575.84
Virginia.....	830.86
West Virginia.....	225.22
	<u>18,025.27</u>
	\$58,600.05

## DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$7,087.36
Brazil.....	1,394.50
Cuba.....	3,542.74
India.....	1,654.26
Japan.....	2,482.00
Latin America.....	679.83
Spain.....	150.00
Medical Expense for Missionaries	75.00
Insurance Premium—	
Furlough Wagon.....	160.36
Itinerate Expense.....	110.74
Operation Expense of	
Department Car.....	60.06
Film Supplies.....	8.45
Department Car Payment.....	226.35
Salaries.....	1,140.46
Postage.....	61.13

Office Supplies.....	104.70
Housing Allowance	
(Promotional Secretary).....	75.00
Payment on Residence.....	65.67
Printing.....	498.75
Maintenance.....	93.15
Moving Promotional	
Secretary.....	129.36
Hardware and Lumber.....	21.52
Printing Press	
(Moving and Service).....	66.78
	<u>19,888.37</u>
	\$38,711.68

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 3,369.38
Printing Press.....	830.22
Repatriation.....	3,733.21
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	1,865.43
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	2,095.99
Rev. Dave Franks.....	1,725.06
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher.....	2,086.48
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,284.71
Eula Mae Martin RN.....	1,394.82
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	10,091.71
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehliman.....	1,689.29
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....	2,058.69
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	427.95
Mary Ellen Rice.....	905.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	2,933.15
Esther M. Ruehle RN.....	1,547.88
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	794.24
Josephine Stevens.....	106.60
Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson.....	290.64
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	664.05
Volena Wilson.....	1,748.02
Furlough Wagon Depreciation Account.....	509.64
Medical Facilities and Equipment	
(Africa).....	31.00
	<u>\$42,184.10</u>

## DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	\$ 514.20
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P.	
Eagleton.....	70.19
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	1,204.27
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	389.82
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J.	
Merkh.....	891.46
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	262.59
African Medical Building	
Fund.....	139.89
	<u>3,472.42</u>
	\$38,711.68

## STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Alabama.....	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 561.07	\$ 7,938.93
Arizona.....	700.00	36.00	664.00
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	771.07	6,228.93
California.....	7,000.00	1,171.15	5,828.85
Florida.....	6,000.00	1,118.37	4,881.63
Georgia.....	8,500.00	1,193.93	7,306.07
Idaho.....	700.00	1.60	698.40
Illinois.....	8,500.00	880.00	7,620.00
Indiana.....	700.00	299.44	400.56
Kansas.....	500.00	50.00	450.00
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	768.52	4,731.48
Maine.....	200.00		200.00
Michigan.....	25,000.00	1,789.41	23,210.59
Mississippi.....	5,500.00	617.11	4,882.89
Missouri.....	15,500.00	2,016.60	13,483.40
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	82.40	917.60
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	7,910.19	42,089.81
Ohio.....	7,500.00	1,829.18	5,670.82
Oklahoma.....	12,000.00	1,605.16	10,394.84
South Carolina.....	11,000.00	1,228.13	9,771.87
Tennessee.....	17,500.00	2,727.19	14,772.81
Texas.....	10,500.00	1,474.79	9,025.21
Virginia.....	12,000.00	1,394.34	10,605.66
West Virginia.....	5,000.00	332.27	4,667.73
Miscellaneous.....	3,700.00	3,428.88	271.12
	<u>\$230,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 33,286.80</u>	<u>\$196,713.20</u>



# Dedicated to Deliverance

The Daniel Cronks give themselves to a ministry of evangelism and education in backward India



**S**INGH GILL was the man's name. He stood with arms folded as his construction crew made rapid progress on the brick structure he had contracted in the North Indian town of Kishanganj.

To a passing businessman Gill would have appeared as a sharp, young contractor in deep concentration as he watched the men work on his latest project. But to a young missionary who had just arrived in this land so far away from the familiar scenes of home he was a man for whom Christ died, a man standing with arms folded, waiting for someone to bring to him the message of new life in the Lord Jesus.

The immediate contact with a national is among the most important and problematical steps in the missionary's personal witness. Yet, the meeting was accomplished; Dan Cronk had made his first fruitful contact. Singh Gill became a friend, then a partner for tea, and soon a brother in Christ as he received the Gospel and was delivered from the bondage of sin. Daniel Cronk had his first convert.

Twelve years have passed now. Others have been won, and Dan and Trula Cronk have found numerous avenues of ministry to the thousands of Bengali and Hindi speaking peoples of the Bengal and Bihar Provinces. Frequently they make camping trips to villages in the area making contacts, preaching, and gathering converts into fellowships.

The Cronks minister also to the Santals, an old aboriginal tribe now dedicated Moslems. Recent reports say that the Santals are showing a keen interest in the Gospel, and the Cronks are now praying for Santali workers to minister to their own people.

Early in their ministry in North India the Cronks made contacts with several teenage boys, taking them into their care in a boy's boarding home. Today these boys have become strong national Christians.

Perhaps the most far reaching ministry the Cronks have is that of teaching. They arrange a two-week institute two or three times a year. Here they train national workers to carry the Gospel to their own.

The Cronks have developed an annual conference for Indian Christians. The most recent one was held March 1-3. More than 200 Indian believers assembled for fellowship and Bible study.

Missionaries in India are not without their problems. There is amoebic dysentery, a tropical disease that saps one's vitality, a common agitation to the foreign minister. There is the volcanic atmosphere of political and social molting. For these matters, the Cronks need continual prayer support.

## Biographical Data

**Birthdays:** Mr. Cronk, February 28, 1923; Mrs. Cronk, June 7, 1925.

**Places of Birth:** Mr. Cronk, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Cronk, Greeneville, Tennessee.

**Parents:** Mr. Cronk, Don V. and Anna MacGregor; Mrs. Cronk, the Manley Gunter (mother deceased).

**Children:** James Randall, born April 3, 1955.

**Education:** Mr. Cronk, Free Will Baptist Bible College and Columbia Bible College; Mrs. Cronk, Free Will Baptist Bible College.

**Present Address:** Kishanganj—Purnea District, Bihar Province, North India.

**Present Ministry:** Village evangelism in Bihar Province, North India.



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## MISSIONARY Prayer Calendar

*This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.* —I JOHN 5:14-15

### MARCH 16, Thursday—Pray...

for the General Director and the Tom Willeys, Sr., as they continue in missionary conferences in Michigan through March 19.

### MARCH 17, Friday—Pray...

for the Tom Willeys, Jr., and their ministry in the states during these days of political turmoil in Cuba.

### MARCH 18, Saturday—Pray...

for the Herbert Waids and new churches in Japan that they might experience a steady growth in grace.

### MARCH 19, Sunday—Pray...

for the Daniel Merkhs now in Doropo, Ivory Coast, Africa, beginning construction of the first building in the medical building program for the Bondoukou Circle.

### MARCH 20, Monday—Pray...

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

### MARCH 21, Tuesday—Pray...

for the Daniel Cronks in North India and the financial need in connection with their approaching furlough.

### MARCH 22, Wednesday—Pray...

for the Wesley Calverys as they complete a language refresher course in Tokyo, Japan, and prepare for their second term of service.

### MARCH 23, Thursday—Pray...

for the Bobby Aycocks now in language study in Campinas, Brazil, as they plan for their first term of service there.

### MARCH 24, Friday—Pray...

for the General Director in Tulsa, Okla., meetings through March 26.

### MARCH 25, Saturday—Pray...

for the Bill Joneses and their ministry to the Agnis in the Ivory Coast, Africa.

### MARCH 26, Sunday—Pray...

for the Bobby Pooles as they continue language study in Campinas, Brazil, and make plans for their future ministry there.

### MARCH 27, Monday—Pray...

for the General Director, the Tom Willeys, Sr., and the Bill Fulchers in missionary conference at Darlington and Florence, S.C., through April 2.

### MARCH 28, Tuesday—Pray...

for the John Moehlmans in language study in Costa Rica as they look to the Lord for guidance as to their field of service in Latin America.

### MARCH 29, Wednesday—Pray...

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

### MARCH 30, Thursday—Pray...

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

### MARCH 31, Friday—Pray...

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

### APRIL 1, Saturday—Pray...

for the mission office staff that they will be led of the Lord in their daily duties.

### APRIL 2, Sunday—Pray...

for the Lonnie Palmers just arrived in Switzerland for language study before service in Africa.

### APRIL 3, Monday—Pray...

for the Bill Fulchers and their financial needs which must be met before their rapidly approaching date to depart for language study in preparation for service in Uruguay.

### APRIL 4, Tuesday—Pray...

for the Sammy Wilkins and guidance in their ministry in Campinas, Brazil.

### APRIL 5, Wednesday—Pray...

for the Fred Herseys and financial needs for their furlough as they are scheduled to leave Japan April 20. Tickets one way cost \$1,116.

### APRIL 6, Thursday—Pray...

for the Paul Robinsons and final preparations prior to leaving for language study in Uruguay.

### APRIL 7, Friday—Pray...

for Lucy Wisehart Lima and husband Jesus now located in Nashville, Tennessee, and for translation work for Spanish tracts to be used on the field.

### APRIL 8, Saturday—Pray...

for Esther Ruehle and her medical work in Brazil.

### APRIL 9, Sunday—Pray...

for the Promotional Secretary and guidance in his editorial duties and blessing in his speaking engagements.

### APRIL 10, Monday—Pray...

for the General Director as he attends the annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals in Grand Rapids through April 14. He is a member of the board of directors of the E.F.M.A., who will be meeting during this time.

### APRIL 11, Tuesday—Pray...

for the Lonnie Sparks and evangelism in the Ivory Coast.

### APRIL 12, Wednesday—Pray...

for Mario Cignoni and his ministry in Spain.

### APRIL 13, Thursday—Pray...

for Volena Wilson and her work in South India.

### APRIL 14, Friday—Pray...

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

### APRIL 15, Saturday—Pray...

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