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## COVER PHOTO

This is the city of Jaboticabal. The Sammy Wilkinsons are here to direct Free Will Baptist mission work. Brazilians are moving to urban areas by the thousands. Will you pray for your missionaries as they tell these for whom Christ died that there is hope in Him? Will you increase your support that Free Will Baptist foreign missions around the world might be enlarged to meet today's challenge?

## From the General Director

## INTEREST IN MISSIONS

THE FOLLOWING incident which was originally published in "Spirit of Missions" will serve to introduce that which I wish to say in this article.

"I have no interest in missions," exclaimed a petulant young lady.

"No, dear," said her aunt, "you can't expect to."

"It is just like getting interest at the bank; you have to put in a little something first; and the more you put in—in time or money, or prayer—the more the interest grows."

### PRAYER ESSENTIAL

Prayer is essential in missions both for the "sent" and the "sender."

Missionaries constantly face needs which can be met only through prayer. All true missionaries are grateful for the prayers of those in the homeland who regularly intercede for them. This appreciation is frequently expressed by different missionaries in letters that come to the office.

But prayer on behalf of the missionary is also necessary for the proper spiritual development of the one who prays—the "sender." If we would have a real, vital interest in missions, then let us . . .

"PRAY for the missionaries,

Toiling beyond the deep.

PRAY for the heathen millions,

Over them pray and weep."

### INVESTMENTS NECESSARY

Many Free Will Baptists know from experience that to invest money in missions is to be blessed of God and to be increasingly interested in the cause of world missions.

Conversely, there are many Free Will Baptists who have no interest in world-wide missions simply because they have no investment in the missionary enterprise.

In reviewing the current financial status of the department, I note that at least two states have already exceeded their quotas (the suggested minimum). Several other states will obviously reach their quotas by December 31. A few can make the grade with some extra "push". Still others are lagging far behind.

Approximately \$25,000 per month is needed for November and December to meet the \$230,000 budget for the year.

Please check the standing of your state and do something extra special, if necessary, to help put your state over the top for foreign missions in 1961. Perhaps you will be surprised at the increased interest in missions that a truly sacrificial investment will make.

*Rolla D. Smith*



By **DAN MERKH**

**DOROPO** IS AN average, "middlin' size" village that from all outward appearances is like any other village in the northern corner of the Bondoukou Circle in the Ivory Coast, Africa. It is located on the main road running from Bondoukou to Kampti-Gaoua in the Upper Volta.

Five or six small trails, not more than foot paths, lead out of Doropo into surrounding bush country. In the dry season a truck can maneuver down them for some distance, but in the wet season one can drive only a few kilometers.

It is over these small trails that a missionary friend, Clarence Knapp who works in Gaoua and has been ministering to the Lobis for eight years, and I traveled for two days recently on a visiting trip to surrounding villages. I will attempt to tell you about some of the happenings of those adventure-packed days.

The truck had been out of commission for nearly two weeks, but fortunately Bill and Joy Jones came for a visit the day Mr. Knapp arrived. Bill brought with him a voltage regulator and battery. We had been looking for Bill and Joy and had made an extra bed in the living room.

Mr. Knapp was to have come two weeks later, but because of a misunderstanding came the same day Bill and Joy did. This called for a re-evaluation of the sleeping situation, and with a bit of arranging the situation was brought under control. We put three children in one twin bed, let little Raymond sleep with us, and everyone had a place to sleep.

It was a Wednesday morning when Bill, Clarence, and I left in the truck and took the west trail toward GoGo. This is a village I had greeted before when going there with a French government man who was measuring rainfall in the area. The road was in fair condition. Only twice did we have to get out of the truck and "feel" the bottom of water holes to see whether we could drive through.

From all appearances, GoGo has both Lobi and Kulango sections. Clarence speaks

# RIPE UNTO HARVEST

*Missionary builder in the Ivory Coast tells of survey trip during which he found appalling need and several new language tribes in the Doropo area where Free Will Baptists will begin a medical ministry in 1962*

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# The chief, confusing Dan with a government man, would have had him put away

Lobi, so he asked some natives we met if they were Lobi. Although they understood him, they said they were not. "We are Touni," they said. Touni? We had found a tribe that was new to us. We discovered that they are very similar to the Lobi in appearance and that they understand Lobi, but they have a language of their own. From what we could learn, there are several thousand Tounis west of where we were.

We spent several hours with them, and Clarence talked with them in Lobi. He told them about Jesus. They had not heard the gospel before. An old man began to try to say the new word, "Jesus, Jesus." Others joined with him. We promised to return and tell them more about the One who will save them, Jesus, and then we returned to Doropo, 13 miles from GoGo.

Wednesday afternoon we headed our truck up the north trail and visited several small Lobi villages. As before, we greeted the natives and gave them the gospel for the first time. The gospel is so foreign to them that it seems impossible for them to grasp even the simplest truths.

## **SOME NOT FRIENDLY**

At another village we came to on this road, the people were not friendly. They let us know very plainly that they did not want to hear the Words of God. An old woman was using a fetish medicine on a sick young man, and they didn't want us to break the spell. We had to move on, but we are trusting to return and preach the gospel.

Thursday morning, the Joneses left, and Clarence and I continued our trek, this time taking the south road. In just five kilometers we came to the village of the chief of Canton. This is the chief that translated for us three years ago in the Doropo market when the Rev. Raymond Riggs, then general director of the foreign mission board, was here.

While we waited for the chief to return from the field, about 25 children and several women gathered around. The chief arrived,

and we asked him how many wives he had. He answered, "Five." And how many children? He told us that children are not "cowry shells" (shells that the natives use for money), so, "We don't count them."

After witnessing to them for more than an hour, we went through his large Lobi house and took pictures. Each wife has a room where she and her children sleep together. There are no windows in the rooms, but an opening in the roof gives access to the roof where they live during the dry season. The chief's room is a separate house on the roof. Along a wall in each of the wives' rooms are 20 or 30 clay bowls that are broken at the death of the wife for her use in the after life.

## **KEEN INTEREST SHOWN**

In this village is a young man who showed unusual interest in the gospel. We plan to return to this village weekly for children's classes. There are more than 30 children who are showing interest in the gospel along with this young man.

Thursday afternoon, we took the east road from Doropo, again going through knee-deep water to "feel the bottom." The bottom appeared to be hard sand, so we started through. Yet, the car stalled. We waited for plugs to dry and finally were on our way again.

Shortly we came to the most primitive Lobi village I have ever seen. Lobi men, ordinarily, are well dressed while the women are nearly naked. But, here the men wore only a small belt with a knife tied on the back and a piece of cloth the size of an ordinary wash cloth in front.

We were taken to the chief's house, and Clarence greeted him for me as he did in all the villages since I live in their area. The chief became rather indignant and pointed his finger at me, telling Clarence that if he had power to do so he would "shut me up," that is to say, "lock me up" or "arrest me." Clarence asked the chief why he felt that way. The chief answered that since I began



working at Doropo the rains had stopped and that I was responsible for the fact that their crops were drying up.

We learned that the Lobis had seen the French government man at Varale and his apparatus for measuring rainfall. They believed his apparatus was a fetish that stopped the rain. The chief had confused me with the Frenchman.

We finally assured him that I had not stopped the rain and were able to tell him the gospel story. When we asked permission to leave, he told us to wait a minute or two. Then he sent the children to catch a guinea fowl and gave it to us as a gift, another indication of how God works in the hearts of men and breaks down the barriers.

#### **SOMETHING NEW DISCOVERED**

Since the two-day trip, we have had quite a few Lobis and Tounis come by the house to greet us. Since the African nurse is no longer here, Margaret has been dressing wounds. This morning she spent more than an hour taking care of medical needs as best she could. Dr. LaVerne Miley's work is waiting for him.

Something new was discovered on this trip, however. Doropo village proper has always been considered Kulango. We found the people and the language to be Loron. They are similar to Kulango and will say they are Kulango but are really Loron with their own language. We found three or four large Loron villages around Doropo. Beyond these, though, the villages are pure Kulango.

We found that west of the main road they are Tunis who are much like Lobi but have a distinctive language similar to Loron. The Lobis are settled east of the main road. There are no boundaries, but these are the general areas. In addition to these there are small Dyula villages, Fulani, Mossi, Dafine, and others scattered throughout the area.

The work is begun. A beginning witness has been given to a precious few. But, the work lies ahead. Having never heard, blinded by Satan, these multitudes will be claimed only through much prayer by God's people.

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." (John 6:44.) The Father will draw the Lobi, the Kulango, the Touni, and others in answer to your prayers.

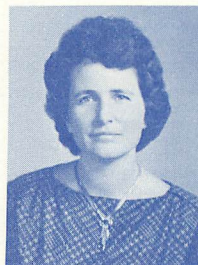
## **Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionary**

# NEWS

## **STEVENSES RETURN TO AFRICA**

NEW YORK—The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens will leave Idlewild Airport here November 7 by Pan American jet en route to Zululand, South Africa, to begin their third term of service with the South Africa General Mission.

Although under the direct auspices of the SAGM, Mrs. Stevens is a member of the Swannanoa, N.C., Free Will Baptist Church. Her support is underwritten by Free Will Baptist churches in the Blue Ridge, French Broad and Jack's Creek, N.C., associations and is channeled through the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board.



Mrs. Josephine Stevens

The Stevenses made the initial survey of the Ivory Coast for the board in 1956. This survey led to the establishment of the present Free Will Baptist work in the Coast.

## **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

MISSIONARIES and departmental personnel will be in numerous missionary conferences during the remainder of the year. That you might know when they will be in your area so you can attend, here is the schedule:

**Nov. 15-19:** Johnston Union Church, Clayton, N.C., the Tom Willeys, Sr.; Shady Grove Church, Durham N.C., the Rev. Fred Hersey.

**Nov. 20-22:** Durham, N.C., Willeys, Sr.

**Nov. 20-26:** Durham, N.C., Hersey.

**Nov. 26-29:** Monroe, Mich., General Director Rolla Smith and Willeys, Sr.

**Nov. 26-Dec. 3:** Central Church, Royal Oak, Mich., Hersey, Smith, and Willeys, Sr.

**Dec. 4-5:** Evangelical Literature Overseas conference, Wheaton, Ill., Promotional Secretary Jerry Ballard.

**Dec. 8-10:** Kansas City, Mo., Smith.



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Month of October, 1961

CASH IN BANK OCTOBER 1, 1961....\$44,590.64

## RECEIPTS

W.N.A.C.....	\$ 154.74
Missionary Conference.....	254.22
Refund on Deposit for	
Miley car.....	1,846.87
Rev. Bobby Poole.....	5.00
Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....	73.64
Foreign Mission Fellowship.....	27.00
Miscellaneous.....	383.45
Dr. LaVerne D. Miley.....	50.00
Alabama.....	415.14
Arizona.....	27.00
Arkansas.....	399.97
California.....	650.79
Florida.....	554.45
Georgia.....	858.24
Hawaii.....	20.00
Illinois.....	421.15
Indiana.....	78.23
Kansas.....	10.00
Kentucky.....	136.85
Louisiana.....	2.00
Maine.....	25.00
Michigan.....	637.75
Mississippi.....	54.00
Missouri.....	1,605.26
New Hampshire.....	14.47
New Mexico.....	47.49
North Carolina.....	5,108.44
Ohio.....	222.01
Oklahoma.....	915.93
South Carolina.....	1,043.46
Tennessee.....	1,396.17
Texas.....	763.59
Virginia.....	546.49
West Virginia.....	261.02
	<u>19,009.82</u>

\$63,600.46

## DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$1,881.57
Brazil.....	2,263.50
Cuba.....	3,017.96
India.....	1,671.81
Japan.....	1,699.21
Latin America.....	1,224.43
Medical Allowance for	
Missionaries.....	35.00
Social Security for Missionary	
Personnel.....	71.55
Missionaries' Itinerate	
Expense.....	614.62
Itinerate Expense.....	291.52
Operation Expense on	
Department Car.....	124.29

Films and Supplies.....	15.00
Tracts.....	1.00
Honorarium.....	75.00
Department Car Payment.....	135.30
Salaries.....	1,389.94
Postage.....	122.13
Office Supplies.....	85.96
Housing Allowance	
(Promotional Secretary).....	100.00
Payment on Residence.....	65.67
Repairs on Residence.....	257.69
Printing.....	879.36
Maintenance.....	80.21
Social Security—Administrative	
Personnel.....	39.06
Miscellaneous.....	12.50
	<u>16,154.28</u>

\$47,446.18

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Printing Press.....	\$ 268.16
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	158.19
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	4,049.20
Rev. Dave Franks.....	1,521.02
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.....	1,994.05
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,504.56
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	490.77
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	232.13
Miss Eula Mae Martin, RN.....	1,188.67
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.....	461.26
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	5,894.70
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman.....	158.27
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.....	2,211.21
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps.....	268.50
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	918.52
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....	636.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	1,613.34
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	1,302.54
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....	265.02
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	45.39
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkinson.....	78.84
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	279.81
Miss Volena Wilson.....	1,817.75
Furlough Wagon Depreciation.....	498.39
Africa—Medical Building.....	12,502.30
Africa—Medical Facilities and	
Equipment.....	3,760.20
Repatriation.....	3,864.20
Airplane for Bondoukou Circle.....	103.00
	<u>\$48,086.93</u>

## DEFICIT:

General Fund.....	\$ 467.97
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	136.68
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton.....	36.10
	<u>640.75</u>

\$47,446.18

## STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,714.40	\$ 4,785.60	
Arizona.....	700.00	341.87	358.13	
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	4,594.68	2,405.32	
California.....	7,000.00	6,683.12	316.88	
Florida.....	6,000.00	4,240.55	1,759.45	
Georgia.....	8,500.00	5,868.43	2,631.57	
Idaho.....	700.00	55.72	644.28	
Illinois.....	8,500.00	7,990.51	509.49	
Indiana.....	700.00	1,058.12		358.12
Kansas.....	500.00	231.00	269.00	
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	3,247.32	2,252.68	
Maine.....	200.00	25.00	175.00	
Michigan.....	25,000.00	14,046.80	10,953.20	
Mississippi.....	5,500.00	2,567.84	2,932.16	
Missouri.....	15,500.00	16,056.68		556.68
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	599.66	400.34	
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	42,974.49	7,025.51	
Ohio.....	7,500.00	4,662.92	2,837.08	
Oklahoma.....	12,000.00	11,139.77	860.23	
South Carolina.....	11,000.00	10,240.34	759.66	
Tennessee.....	17,500.00	15,000.70	2,499.30	
Texas.....	10,500.00	6,993.91	3,506.09	
Virginia.....	12,000.00	9,742.93	2,257.07	
West Virginia.....	5,000.00	2,169.17	2,830.83	
Miscellaneous.....	3,700.00	6,475.56		
	<u>\$230,000.00</u>	<u>\$180,721.49</u>	<u>\$ 52,968.87</u>	<u>2,775.56</u>
				<u>\$3,690.36</u>



## Dave Franks First Free Will Baptist Missionary to Brazil

*Real peace came only when he yielded himself completely to the will of God*



THE BIBLE CONFERENCE speaker delivered his message simply but forcefully. The sermon was not a missionary one in the strictest sense of the word, but it clearly presented the basic factor of the missionary challenge—complete surrender to the will of God without qualification.

A young minister sat midway the auditorium. He had graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College the year before. In fact, it was during these years that God had begun to work in his heart about going to the foreign field as a missionary.

Upon graduation this conviction continued to grow. During the summer following, God's dealing regarding missionary service was intensified during an evangelistic meeting. Dave Franks told the Lord that he would go anywhere He should lead, but in Dave's own words, "I didn't do anything about it."

The writer Milton once said that "Hell is paved with good intentions." The evil one is not too concerned when children of God say things. It is when they become "doers of the Word" that he gets excited.

A month spent on the island of Cuba left impressions on Dave's mind that he could not forget. There were the families in hard to reach mountain shacks who had never before heard the gospel. He had seen in a way that defies description the abject condition of a people without hope because they are without Christ in whose name alone there is salvation. Someone had to go unto the uttermost to tell a dying world about the Saviour.

Dave Franks left the Bible conference that spring day in 1956 moved to action in this matter of "getting the gospel out."

On April 10 he filed a preliminary application with the foreign mission board. Everything in order, he was called before the board for an interview, and his final application was processed and approved. Another Free Will Baptist young man had been appointed to missionary service.

The need for someone to take the good news of salvation to Brazil had been presented to the board, and Dave's heart was burdened for these Portuguese-speaking people. He responded to the challenge and agreed to go to Brazil as the first Free Will Baptist missionary to settle in that land.

Following a survey of the area by senior missionary to Latin America, Tom Willey, Sr., Dave arrived in Campinas in January, 1958.

Others have joined Dave to help Free Will Baptists meet the challenge of South America's largest nation. There are the Ken Eagletons, Eula Mae Martin, the Sammy Wilkinsons, the Bobby Aycocks, and the Bobby Pooles. But, there is still room for others.

Will you pray for Dave and others working in Brazil? Will you actively share in their ministries? Will you prayerfully consider God's will for your life and whether He wants you to go, too?

### Biographical Data

**Birthday:** October 5, 1932.

**Place of Birth:** Marion County, Alabama.

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## MISSIONARY *Prayer Calendar*

**BRAZIL, S.A.:** An unusual response was recorded on an exploratory trip to a city near Jaboticabal which has no protestant witness. A hall was rented and some 60 people attended services. *Pray that a Free Will Baptist work will be established in this city of great need.*

**CENTRAL AMERICA:** Several cities have been visited and contacts made by the Tom Willeys, Jr., and John Moehlman as their exploratory survey of Central America is underway. Many factors must be considered in determining an area in which to begin a new Free Will Baptist work. *Pray for wisdom and a clear revelation of the will of God regarding the establishment of a new field.*

**CUBA:** Tension among Christians on the island increases daily. Fear of reprisal is a daily experience. *Pray that Christians here will have wisdom and strength necessary to remain true to the Lord Jesus regardless of the circumstances.*

**INDIA:** The Daniel Cronks have started a Bible club on Sunday evenings for college and high school boys. Several are attending, and some are showing keen interest. Benni and Mukal, Indian nationals, have charge of the meetings. *Pray that the young men attending will respond to the gospel.*

**IVORY COAST, AFRICA:** Local schools opened last month. This means that students will return to their studies, many times in environments not conducive to spiritual growth. *Pray for those who have received Christ through Free Will Baptist mission work on the Coast that they will remain true to the Lord Jesus and be a witness for Him in school.*

**JAPAN:** Communism is continuing to make gains among college students here. Red propagandists know that the college campus spawns tomorrow's leaders. *Pray for Christian missionaries that they will be able to win university student leaders who will in turn win others that Japan might be saved for Christ.*

### ... 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 Merks, 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 The Bill Phippses, Africa
- 25 National workers
- 26 The Paul Robinsons, Uruguay
- 27 Teaching ministry
- 28 Missionary conferences
- 29 The Lonnie Sparkses, Africa
- 30 The Sammy Wilkinsons, Brazil
- 31 Literature ministry