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**On itinerary in states

From the General Director

"HELPER OR HINDERER"

FOR THESE (traveling missionaries) have gone out for the Name's sake—for His sake—and are accepting nothing from the heathen. So we ourselves ought to support such people—to welcome and provide for them—in order that we may be fellow workers in the truth . . ." (III John 7, 8—Amp. Text)

Every Christian should be a "fellow-helper to the truth." That is, he should be instrumental in helping to spread the truth of God's Word.

He who supports faithful missionaries is helping to bring to men the knowledge of the truth concerning the way of salvation. Blessed are they who thus help to further the gospel of Jesus Christ.

GAIUS—A HELPER

In the letter from which the above verses are taken we have a word picture of one whose missionary attitude was exemplary. He was the "well-beloved Gaius." His soul prosperity was so obvious that John wished him to enjoy like prosperity in his health—"I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Gaius was especially commended for his assistance to the traveling missionaries who had testified before the church of his love and faithfulness to them. This witness is paralleled today by itinerating missionaries who tell of the gracious reception given them by various churches and individuals.

Those who would be like Gaius will be faithful to missionaries not only when in their presence, but also after they are separated by many months and great distances. They will be consistent supporters of those who have gone out for Christ's sake and are accepting nothing from the heathen.

DIOTREPHES—A HINDERER

The second portrait which John presents in his third epistle is that of Diotrephes, whose conduct called for severe condemnation by the apostle.

Desiring to have a preeminent position, he had opposed the teaching and authority of the apostle and maliciously attacked the aged minister by words.

His attitude toward visiting missionaries was wrong also—"neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would."

It is sad for one to fail to receive and support missionaries, but worse to hinder those who would.

"Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good." Be a helper and not a hinderer!

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COVER PHOTO

Children are tomorrow's adults. This is the reason Free Will Baptist missionaries are concerned about children wherever they are found. Pray that many will be reached for Christ in a day when they are being sought after by communism and the other "isms" now existing. (A World Vision photo)

Rolla D. Smith

BOARD DISCUSSES NEW BOOK

NORFOLK, VA.—The board of foreign missions met here September 12-15 in the Fairmount Park Church. A major portion of time was given to discussion of the manuscript for a new handbook of Free Will Baptist foreign missions, *Unto the Uttermost*.

The new book will replace the present missions manual. It will present theology of missions, policies of board operation, steps to the field for prospective missionaries, and other pertinent information.

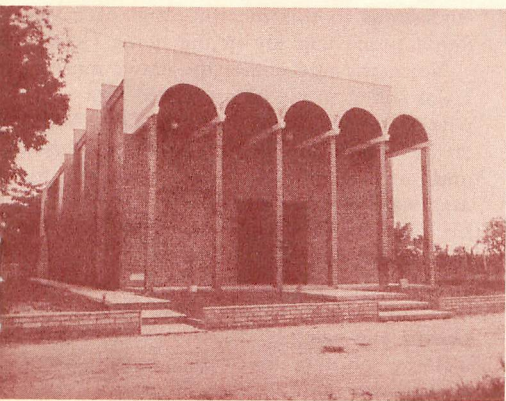
It is hoped that the handbook will be available by mid-1962.

All board members, the general director, and promotional secretary were present.

CIGNONI SUPPORT DISCONTINUED

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The board of foreign missions has discontinued financial support of the Rev. Mario Cignoni, national worker in Spain. The action resulted from confirmation by reliable sources of reported malfunctions in the work there.

Mr. Cignoni was the only worker in Spain supported by the board.



Free Will Baptists of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, are now meeting in their new sanctuary shown above. A parsonage is attached. The structure is valued at \$30,000 and was built by a Free Will Baptist Cuban contractor almost entirely of brick and clay, characteristic of buildings in the province of Pinar del Rio, the origin and headquarters of Free Will Baptist work on the island.

WILLEYS, JR., LEAVE FOR C.A.

MONTERREY, MEXICO—The Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr., and daughter Alicia visited the home mission station here October 8, en route to San Jose, Costa Rica, where they will take a language refresher course and launch an exploratory survey of Central America with view to possible establishment of a new Free Will Baptist work.

The Willeys left Nashville September 28. They are traveling to Costa Rica by auto.



Tom, Jr., Alicia, and Emma Ruth

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES

SEVERAL MEETINGS have been scheduled for departmental representatives. They are as follows:

Oct. 18-19: Tennessee State Association, Columbia, Tenn., General Director Rolla Smith; Oklahoma State Association, Duncan, Okla., the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr.

Oct. 20-22: Guyman, Okla., missionary conference, Willeys, Sr.

Oct. 27-29: Smithfield, N.C., missionary conference, the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens and Promotional Secretary Jerry Ballard.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1: Texas State Association, Willeys, Sr.

Nov. 2-5: Tecumseh and Oklahoma City, Okla., missionary conference, Willeys, Sr., and the Rev. Reford Wilson.

Nov. 5-12: Greenville, N.C., area missionary conference, the Rev. Fred Hersey, Willeys, Sr., Smith, and Ballard.

Nov. 15-19: Johnston Union Church, Clayton, N.C., missionary conference, Willeys, Sr.; Shady Grove Church, Durham, N.C., missionary conference, Hersey.

Dissatisfaction with life came to an abrupt end when the Lord Jesus gained entrance into this Indian woman's heart

Mrs. Pushpam Discovers the U

MY NAME IS Mrs. Pushpam. It is a great joy for me to share with you what the Lord has done for me.

I was born in a Christian family but had never had a change of heart although I was considered a Christian. In my youth I committed many sins. After marriage I continued to live a worldly life, and I had no interest at all in going to church or any other religious services. Instead of going to church I went to movies which I thoroughly enjoyed.

But, I had no real peace and joy in my heart. I was dissatisfied. Moreover, I was not well. There was some unknown disease in my body. At times the pain was unbearable.

Then one night I made up my mind that I truly wanted the Lord Jesus with all my heart. I wanted a pure heart. I sought the Lord with tears, and he cleansed my heart, washing away all my sins by the blood of Jesus Christ.

After this I joined the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church. How wonderful it is to live for God now! He has given me new life, and it is a joy to walk with Him daily. Now there is peace.

One day while I was praying, God called me to serve Him. I continued to pray, asking the Lord for still a purer heart and power to serve Him. I told Him that I did not want anything but Himself and to see others moved by His power to live for Him and to follow Him with all their hearts. It seemed as if a big, beautiful light shown around me, and I arose from my knees more filled with Him and more fit to serve Him.

Shortly after the Lord called me to serve Him, I was called by one of my relatives to come to a village near Gopalapuram, Aruvankadu. This place is 15 miles from Kotagiri where Miss Volena Wilson lives.

The Lord gave me liberty to go, so one day my husband and I went to this village. I began to tell the people what the Lord had done for me, and they said, "Let us have a meeting tonight, and you tell others here what you have told me."

That night the meeting began at 8 o'clock and lasted until 12 midnight. As I gave my witness, using the Word of God, there were 15 who made decisions to follow Christ. One man said to me, "I am living with two wives. Now the Lord has forgiven me, and I am going to live for Him." There were many confessions in this meeting, and each one found peace and joy in the living God.

Not many weeks after the above meeting I was called to the plains where I gave my witness to the saving power of God. About 20 meetings were held. The Lord blessed and touched some 40 souls. A pastor in this area was healed of a rash that had been on his face for a long time. This incident strengthened the faith of many.

Later, I was called again to this same area and stayed almost three weeks, witnessing and using God's Word. Again quite a large number were saved—perhaps I could safely say at least 25 people. Also, while I was there the Lord helped me gain entrance into high-caste Hindu villages to witness for Him, although I am a poor woman with a poor education. I had the joy of seeing three saved in these villages.

Day of Joy

In Kotagiri I am visiting many homes in my leisure time. Sometime ago I visited a home where a small child was dangerously ill. His parents had taken him to Hindu doctors who had used puja on him, but there were no results. The baby became worse and worse. At last the parents called me. I told them that if they would confess their sins to the Lord, He would hear their prayer and heal their child.

The mother of the child wept and confessed her sins. So did the father. In the very next moment the child became better. The following Sunday they came to our church. Many other times as we've been called to pray with the sick, the Lord has heard and has answered. I request all who read this testimony to pray for me that I may stay close to Him and let Him use me in the way He chooses.

THIS IS but one example of what God has done and is doing because you have prayerfully supported Free Will Baptist foreign missions. It is your continued interest that enables this work to continue through the ministry of Miss Volena Wilson, missionary to South India. There are many others just like Mrs. Pushpam who are dissatisfied with life apart from the Lord Jesus. Through your continued prayer and financial support, Free Will Baptist missionaries will be able to reach even more so that this testimony may be repeated over and over again. Will you take a personal interest in what God is doing through Free Will Baptist foreign missions?



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Month of September, 1961

CASH IN BANK SEPTEMBER 1, 1961 \$47,847.61

RECEIPTS

W.N.A.C.	\$ 122.30	
Women's Fellowship	12.19	
Refund	33.25	
Rev. Bobby Poole	5.00	
Miscellaneous	21.00	
Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.	13.50	
Alabama	245.77	
Alaska	2.00	
Arizona	10.00	
Arkansas	366.10	
California	375.82	
Florida	153.66	
Georgia	301.26	
Illinois	281.03	
Indiana	61.56	
Kansas	10.00	
Kentucky	117.95	
Louisiana	2.00	
Michigan	1,828.87	
Mississippi	235.00	
Missouri	1,144.57	
New Mexico	18.72	
North Carolina	4,265.09	
Ohio	517.01	
Oklahoma	927.16	
Oregon	10.00	
South Carolina	635.56	
Tennessee	982.35	
Texas	331.38	
Virginia	1,499.99	
West Virginia	152.58	14,682.67
		<u>\$62,530.28</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Africa	\$3,957.13
Brazil	2,096.64
Cuba	3,012.50
India	1,709.41
Japan	1,601.56
Latin America	1,182.50
Medical Allowance for	
Missionaries	95.00
Missionaries' Itinerate	
Expense	779.59
Board Members Travel	
Expense	451.16
Itinerate Expense	32.07
Operation Expense on	
Department Car	84.62
Films and Supplies	6.84
Honorarium	75.00

Department Car Payment	135.30
Salaries	1,337.01
Postage	56.46
Office Supplies	99.90
Housing Allowance for	
Promotional Secretary	100.00
Payment on Residence	65.67
Repairs on Residence	38.79
Printing	826.54
Maintenance	101.81
Surety Bond	25.00
EFMA—Seminar Dues	10.00
Exchange	59.14
	<u>17,939.64</u>
	<u>\$44,590.64</u>

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Printing Press	\$ 268.16
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock	347.39
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	3,797.04
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton	56.40
Rev. Dave Franks	1,598.02
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.	2,170.05
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	1,318.54
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey	193.89
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones	271.75
Miss Eula Mae Martin, RN	1,331.67
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh	301.27
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley	3,892.68
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman	198.80
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.	2,314.50
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps	129.00
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole	1,086.39
Miss Mary Ellen Rice	706.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson	1,722.39
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks	1,175.36
Mrs. Josephine Stevens	40.05
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid	59.01
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkinson	164.84
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.	71.33
Miss Volena Wilson	1,817.75
Depreciation on Furlough Wagon	498.39
Africa—Medical Building	12,294.82
Africa—Medical Facilities and	
Equipment	3,598.26
Repatiation and Reserve	3,864.20
Airplane for Bondoukou Circle	103.00
	<u>\$45,820.73</u>

DEFICIT:

General Fund	\$ 786.01
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk	15.24
	<u>801.25</u>
	<u>\$44,590.64</u>

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,299.26	\$ 5,200.74	
Arizona	700.00	314.87	385.13	
Arkansas	7,000.00	4,194.71	2,805.29	
California	7,000.00	6,032.33	967.67	
Florida	6,000.00	3,686.10	2,313.90	
Georgia	8,500.00	5,010.19	3,489.81	
Idaho	700.00	55.72	644.28	
Illinois	8,500.00	7,569.36	930.64	
Indiana	700.00	979.89		\$279.89
Kansas	500.00	221.00	279.00	
Kentucky	5,500.00	3,110.47	2,389.53	
Maine	200.00		200.00	
Michigan	25,000.00	13,409.05	11,590.95	
Mississippi	5,500.00	2,513.84	2,986.16	
Missouri	15,500.00	14,451.42	1,048.58	
New Mexico	1,000.00	552.17	447.83	
North Carolina	50,000.00	37,866.05	12,133.95	
Ohio	7,500.00	4,440.91	3,059.09	
Oklahoma	12,000.00	10,223.84	1,776.16	
South Carolina	11,000.00	9,196.88	1,803.12	
Tennessee	17,500.00	13,604.53	3,895.47	
Texas	10,500.00	6,230.32	4,269.68	
Virginia	12,000.00	9,196.44	2,803.56	
West Virginia	5,000.00	1,908.15	3,091.85	
Miscellaneous	3,700.00	3,644.17	55.83	
	<u>\$230,000.00</u>	<u>\$161,711.67</u>	<u>\$ 68,568.22</u>	<u>\$279.89</u>



Hammer and Bible, powerful instruments
in the hands of missionary builders

The Dan Merkhs, Opening the Way

DAN MERKH was only nine years old as he sat in the sawdust strewn tent. But, he was old enough to realize that without the Lord Jesus he was lost and could never go to heaven.

Raised in a Christian home, the last of four boys, young Dan had more spiritual depth than the average child. He attended Sunday school, church, and youth meetings faithfully.

Then the war broke out. In 1946 Dan stepped out of a high school cap and gown into a marine corps uniform.

By the providence of God he was stationed in Norfolk, Va., and soon found Christian fellowship in the Fairmount Park church. Formerly, he attended an unaffiliated church, but here he found an outlet through which he could have a witness throughout the entire world. He rededicated his life to the Lord. "It was here that I found a channel whereby I could be used of the Lord," Dan testifies. This channel was the board of foreign missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Following discharge from active service, Dan enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College from where he graduated in 1953. Just before entering school to train for Christian service, he married Miss Margaret Johnson on January 28, 1948.

The Merkhs left the states for language study in Switzerland in July, 1957, and joined the Lonnie Sparkses in the Ivory Coast, Africa, in 1958.

Dan's work was cut out for him when he arrived in the Bondoukou Circle, the section of the Ivory Coast given Free Will

Baptists to evangelize. There were no mission facilities available, so Dan began constructing mission stations.

Since then, he has completed buildings at Goumère and Koun. Presently, he is in the midst of a heavy construction schedule in the medical building program now underway.

He and his family are located at Doropo where Dr. LaVerne Miley will center his work upon arrival on the Coast in 1962.

Their sense of humor, their willingness to work under any circumstances if it is getting the gospel out, an ability to make the most of every situation, the gift of contentment in the will of God whatever the physical circumstances—these things characterize the ministry of the Dan Merkhs in the Ivory Coast. Because they labor in a ministry of preparation through building, a great harvest will be reaped among these people who such a short time ago had no hope of even hearing the gospel. Now there is hope as Free Will Baptists through missionaries like the Dan Merkhs reach into the remote, inland jungle called the Bondoukou Circle.

Biographical Data

Birthdays: Dan, April 11, 1928; Margaret, January 29, 1930.

Places of Birth: Daniel, Camden, N.J.; Margaret, Hopewell, Va.

Parents: Daniel, Walter and Ruth Blackner Merkh; Margaret, T. T. and Blanche Johnson.

Education: Daniel, B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College; Margaret, Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Children: Elizabeth, November 26, 1948; Daniel, Jr., January 14, 1954; Timothy Karl, November 5, 1955; Raymond Earl, December 8, 1960.

Field Address: B.P. 20, Bouna, Republic of Ivory Coast, Africa.



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MISSIONARY Prayer Calendar

BRAZIL, S.A.: Expansion is the byword of the work here these days. The Sammy Wilkinsons have moved to Jaboticabal. Others are making exploratory trips to cities in the area looking for prospective new works. *Pray for definite guidance from the Lord as to where each missionary should minister, especially for those who are completing language study.*

CENTRAL AMERICA: The Tom Willeys, Jr., have left the states en route to Central America for refresher language study and an exploratory survey of Central American countries with the John Moehlmans. *Pray for this investigation that God will definitely lead them to His choice of fields.*

CUBA: A thorough program of indoctrination into communist thinking for the children on the island is now in full progress. Children of Free Will Baptist Christians are, along with all other Cuban children, considered the property of the state. *Pray that God through a special work of His power will enable these children to remain true to Christ.*

INDIA: Missionary Volena Wilson reports one of the best Bible conferences ever held by Free Will Baptists in South India. Some 50 decisions were made during a conference marked by unusual blessing. Christians from other groups gave testimony to the power of God at work in the meetings held the first week of September. *Pray for continued blessing and follow-up by the Spirit of those making decisions during the conference.*

IVORY COAST, AFRICA: Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley are scheduled to arrive here in early 1962 to begin their medical ministry. Much remains to be done in preparation for their coming. Missionary builder Dan Merkh has been ill recently, unable to maintain his work schedule. *Pray for him that God will give a quick recovery and will make other provisions necessary for completion of the medical station at Doropo.*

JAPAN: The work in Tokyo is continuing to prosper in answer to prayer. Free Will Baptist church groups here maintain a strong evangelistic witness. *Pray for missionary Herbert Waid and his family as they continue their labors in the world's most populous city.*

... 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 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 Wilkersons, Brazil
- 31 Literature ministry