

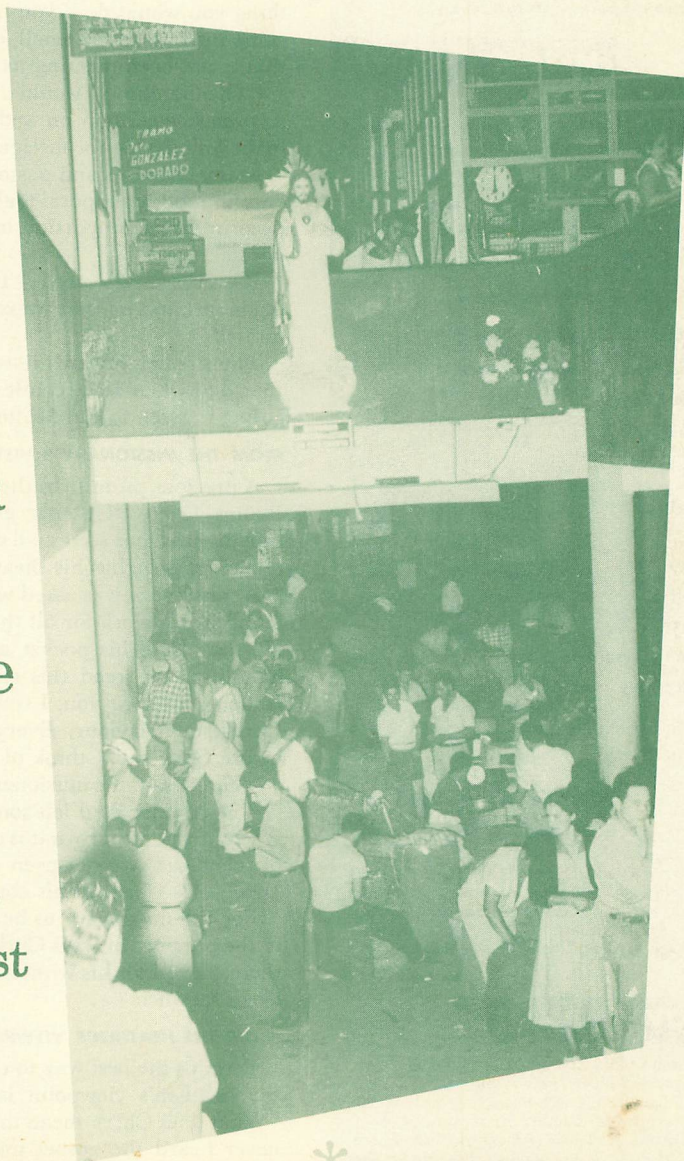
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OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Does
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Pay?

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Nossa
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Reaching
Men for Christ
in the Ivory
Coast



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COVER PHOTO

Thousands of Latin Americans pass through the market place weekly, and when they do so in San Jose, Costa Rica, they pass under this statue of Christ. In the midst of a multitude of lifeless replicas of Christ there is a dearth of knowledge that He is the Living Christ who is able to save from sin. Photo by Missionary Bill Fulcher.

From the General Director

DOES 'FOREIGN MISSIONS' PAY?

THE QUESTION is often asked, "Does it really pay to send missionaries to foreign lands?" Consider this question from three viewpoints.

FROM THE CHURCH'S VIEWPOINT

Phillips Brooks was once asked, "What is the first thing you would do if you had accepted a call to become the pastor of a small, discouraged congregation that is not even meeting its current expenses?"

"The first thing I would do," he replied, "would be to preach a sermon on and ask the congregation to make an offering for foreign missions."

Many churches and pastors can attest from experience that both temporal and spiritual prosperity have been in direct proportion to the church's missionary efforts.

Proverbs 11:25 says, "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

The greater reward, however, will be realized in that day when an account of the stewardship of the gospel is given to the Master.

FROM THE MISSIONARY'S VIEWPOINT

A precious promise to the missionary is recorded in Psalms 126:6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

A missionary was asked what compensation he had found in his work for all the sacrifices he had made. He took from his pocket a letter, worn with much handling, and read this sentence from an Oriental student: "But for you, I would not have known Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Every morning I kneel down before God, and I think of you and pray."

"That," said the missionary, "is my compensation."

The Apostle Paul felt something of the same spirit when he said, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?"

For the missionary to be permitted one day to see in the presence of Jesus Christ those who would not be there, except for his witness, will be ample reward for every sacrifice.

FROM THE HEATHEN'S VIEWPOINT

Perhaps the best way to consider the question from the heathen's viewpoint is for one to ask himself, "What does Christ mean to me?" Suppose that I had never heard the gospel message. Did the efforts of Christians to win me to Christ pay?

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Pilot Approved by Board

NASHVILLE, TENN.—A licensed pilot and his wife have been approved by the board of foreign missions for missionary aviation service contingent on completion of specialized aeronautical training.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phipps, natives of North Carolina, were approved as the first step in a plan to provide an aviation service for general assistance to missionaries in the Ivory Coast, Africa, and to facilitate the medical program being established in the Bondoukou Circle.

Mr. Phipps, a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, received his pilot's license while studying in Nashville. He is currently enrolled in the fall course of study at Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Phipps, also a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, is former secretary for the National League Board and associate editor of the *League Pointer*.

Missionary Harold Stevens who has utilized an airplane in his ministry in South Africa has assisted in plans for an aviation ministry in the Ivory Coast.

Funds Needed for Willeys, Jr.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Because of inability to retrieve from Cuba equipment and personal property of missionaries who are in the states due to the political situation there, an urgent need has arisen for funds with which to purchase necessary supplies and outfit for the Tom Willeys, Jr.

The Willeys will leave for Costa Rica in October from where they will make a survey of Central America with view to possibly opening a new work in that area of Latin America.

There is the need for a portable typewriter and accordeon, should someone have used ones which they wish to donate. All contributions of either money or equipment should be sent to the mission office earmarked for the Willeys, Jr.

Board Meets This Month

NORFOLK, VA.—The board of foreign missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is meeting September 11-15 in conjunction with a Tidewater area missionary conference here.

All members of the board, the general director, the promotional secretary, the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr., the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr., the Rev. Fred Hersey, and the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stevens are participating in the conference. The board meeting is held during the day with conference services nightly.

Prayer is requested that board members will accomplish God's purposes.

Esther Ruehle Called Home

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Miss Esther Ruehle has been recalled to the states and appointment terminated by the board of foreign missions after more than two years of duty in Brazil as a registered nurse. She was working with Hospital Evangelico at Londrina, Parana, Brazil.

Miss Ruehle was brought home as the result of maladjustments intensified by the death of her mother last year followed by the death of her father in July.

She arrived in the states August 13 and is presently located at the home of her brother in East Towas, Michigan. Miss Ruehle previously served in Cuba for two years.

Aileen Calvery, wife of Missionary Wesley Calvery, is seen among Japanese parents and children attending a ball game in Bihoro, Japan. Sports day is quite an occasion in Bihoro, and participation in it affords an opportunity to extend the gospel in this city.



'Nossa

by MRS. BOBBY POOLE

Responsabilidade

NEW MISSIONARIES arriving on the field for the first time with little knowledge of the language are handicapped in their witness. For this reason, one's main task upon arrival is to learn the vernacular of the people. However, it is a false assumption to believe that the missionary can do nothing his first year on the field.

It is true that our participation in church activities, personal work, and other things is limited. Yet, our lives are a constant witness to those around us. We can show the love of Christ by our actions and our attitudes.

Shortly after arriving in Campinas one of the things which caught our attention was the number of children here. Everywhere we looked we saw many, many children. Just walking from our home to school, seven blocks away, or even the three blocks to the bus stop there are always groups of children playing. Sunday morning is a good time to find many in the streets playing who never attend church, unless it is the Catholic cathedral on Easter.

One Saturday afternoon as two other missionaries and I were in the area near the church making a few visits, everywhere we turned there were more children. How my heart yearned to be able to take a "wordless book" or "gospel-in-a-nutshell" and my Bible and show them the simple plan of salvation. But, because of the language barrier I was completely helpless.

Upon inquiring about the number of children I was told that *50 per cent of the 67 million*

people in Brazil are under the age of 15. What a responsibility is given to us! Also, 95 per cent of the 67 million are Catholic—at least in name. It makes our hearts ache to realize that there are so many people who have never heard that Christ died for their sins.

With this burden for reaching the children of Brazil at the time when we were unable to do anything about it—except study the language so we will someday be able to give forth the gospel—God showed us a new opportunity, responsibility, and privilege. We realized the children of our missionaries were to some extent being neglected. They were getting no Bible training in English, except family devotions. In February we began a Bible club on Monday evenings for these children. This hour is a highlight of the week for us.

In March a new door opened. We found other missionaries, now in language school, who wished their children had an opportunity to attend such classes. We began a class on Tuesday evenings with nine children attending—ages five to eight. It is a real joy and great blessing to hear the children sing choruses, quote Scripture verses, and pray.

We have learned that as we give ourselves to Him there come new and added responsibilities. We praise our Lord for the privilege of working with these children, who are 'nossa responsabilidade.' Pray with us for the working of the Holy Spirit in these young lives.

Top photo: Mrs. Poole tells a flash-card story to the children of Free Will Baptist missionaries—(from the left) Kevin and Kimberly Wilkinson, Debra and Rebecca Aycock, and Terry and Kenny Eagleton. Center photo: Missionary Ken Eagleton talks with children in front of old factory in which the children live. Bottom photo: The Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole, back right, visit Salvation Army children's home at Jacatinga.



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Does 'Foreign Missions' Pay?

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It is said that 100 years ago a man could be bought for seven dollars in the Fiji Islands to be butchered and eaten. Today there is a Bible in nearly every home. A high percentage of the people attend church. This is but one of many examples of how foreign missions pays from the heathen's viewpoint.

May the following lines challenge us anew to be faithful in our missionary endeavors.

"Hark! what mean those lamentations

Rolling sadly through the sky?

Tis the cry of heathen nations,

'Come and help us or we die!'

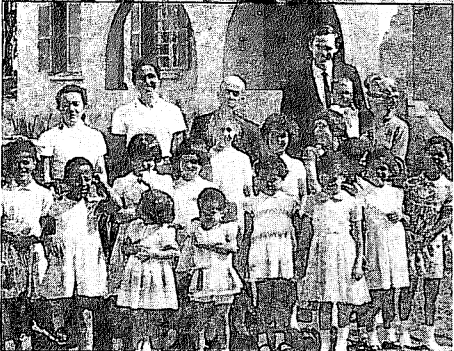
Hear the heathen's sad complaining

Christians! hear their pleading cry!

And the love of Christ constraining,

Haste the gospel, ere they die."

Rella D. Smith



Hear...

- the Harold Stevenses
- Dr. George Delamarter
- the Tom Willeys, Sr.
- the Fred Herseys
- the Roy Thomases

12TH ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

October 2-4

First session 7:30 Monday night

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION—FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Month of August, 1961

CASH IN BANK AUGUST 1, 1961.....\$51,339.76

RECEIPTS

W.N.A.C.....	\$ 101.89
Rev. Bobby Aycock.....	64.70
Rev. Bobby Poole.....	5.00
Refund.....	92.00
Exchange.....	20.00
Alabama.....	527.65
Arizona.....	31.88
Arkansas.....	458.16
California.....	560.52
Florida.....	528.05
Georgia.....	636.77
Hawaii.....	15.00
Idaho.....	20.51
Illinois.....	2,077.20
Indiana.....	12.00
Kansas.....	10.00
Kentucky.....	150.00
Louisiana.....	2.00
Michigan.....	1,256.73
Mississippi.....	198.20
Missouri.....	2,268.12
New Hampshire.....	7.94
New Mexico.....	171.92
North Carolina.....	3,318.72
Ohio.....	428.32
Oklahoma.....	772.01
Oregon.....	10.00
South Carolina.....	1,182.28
Tennessee.....	1,150.83
Texas.....	338.58
Virginia.....	1,483.62
West Virginia.....	372.78

18,273.38

\$69,613.14

DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$5,556.33
Brazil.....	4,288.30
Cuba.....	3,007.04
India.....	1,778.24
Japan.....	1,532.19
Latin America.....	1,460.38
Medical Allowance for	
Missionaries.....	300.00
Missionaries' Itinerate	
Expense.....	612.14
Itinerate Expense.....	18.53
Operation Expense on	
Department Car.....	96.32
Films and Supplies.....	62.26

Books, Tracts, etc.....	6.00
Department Car Payment.....	135.30
Salaries.....	1,131.93
Postage.....	56.55
Office Equipment and Supplies..	262.27
Housing Allowance for	
Promotional Secretary.....	100.00
Payment on Residence.....	65.67
Printing.....	936.07
Maintenance.....	101.98
Miscellaneous.....	13.33
Parts for Printing Press.....	244.70
	21,765.53

\$47,847.61

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 1,167.04
Printing Press.....	268.16
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	452.76
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	3,767.94
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton..	48.97
Rev. Dave Franks.....	1,671.02
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.....	2,059.95
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,390.04
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	428.58
Miss Eula Mae Martin, RN.....	1,261.67
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	5,789.89
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlan.....	525.80
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....	2,497.22
Mr. and Mrs. William Phipps.....	54.00
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	1,167.95
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....	891.94
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	1,654.39
Miss Esther M. Ruehle, RN.....	789.12
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	1,257.68
Mrs. Harold Stevens.....	146.07
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkinson.....	95.84
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	71.98
Miss Volena Wilson.....	1,763.75
Depreciation on Furlough Wagon.....	498.39
Africa—Medical Building.....	11,876.87
Africa—Medical Facilities and	
Equipment.....	3,389.36
Repatriation and Reserve.....	3,864.20
Airplane for Bondoukou Circle.....	103.00

\$48,953.58

DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	\$ 256.28
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	57.42
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.....	596.52
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	195.75

1,105.97

\$47,847.61

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 3,053.49	\$ 5,446.51	
Arizona.....	700.00	304.87	395.13	
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	3,828.61	3,171.39	
California.....	7,000.00	5,656.51	1,343.49	
Florida.....	6,000.00	3,532.44	2,467.56	
Georgia.....	8,500.00	4,708.93	3,791.07	
Idaho.....	700.00	55.72	644.28	
Illinois.....	8,500.00	7,288.33	1,211.67	
Indiana.....	700.00	918.33		\$218.33
Kansas.....	500.00	211.00	289.00	
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	2,992.52	2,507.48	
Maine.....	200.00		200.00	
Michigan.....	25,000.00	11,580.18	13,419.82	
Mississippi.....	5,500.00	2,278.84	3,221.16	
Missouri.....	15,500.00	13,306.85	2,193.15	
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	533.45	466.55	
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	33,600.96	16,399.04	
Ohio.....	7,500.00	3,923.90	3,576.10	
Oklahoma.....	12,000.00	9,296.68	2,703.32	
South Carolina.....	11,000.00	8,561.32	2,438.68	
Tennessee.....	17,500.00	12,622.18	4,877.82	
Texas.....	10,500.00	5,898.94	4,601.06	
Virginia.....	12,000.00	7,696.45	4,303.55	
West Virginia.....	5,000.00	1,755.57	3,244.43	
Miscellaneous.....	3,700.00	3,422.93	277.07	
	\$230,000.00	\$147,029.00	\$ 83,189.33	\$218.33

*Through the means of open air preaching,
Scripture translation, medicine, and
Bible teaching the Lonnie Sparkses are*

Reaching Men for Christ in the Ivory Coast



AFRICA, IN MANY WAYS, is no longer the backward continent of a few years ago. However, it is not all skyscrapers and modern apartment houses with a bustling urban population.

There are still inland areas where natives wear scanty clothes and stand poised with poison-tipped spears, where pulsations of jungle drums still ring through the night. It is to these people in the Bondoukou Circle, the Ivory Coast, that the Lonnie Sparkses have gone to take the message of salvation through the atoning work of Christ.

It was through the preaching of Dr. Oswald J. Smith, noted missionary pastor, that Lonnie, a native of Oklahoma, settled the question of his call to foreign service. "Dr. Smith's statement, 'Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before everyone has heard it once,' really opened my eyes to the need."

While studying at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Lonnie met Anita Kaminsky, and soon they found God's will for a life together in His service, marrying in 1954.

After responding to the challenge to missionary service, Lonnie and Anita applied to the board of foreign missions for service. An opportunity had opened for Free Will Baptists in the Ivory Coast, West Africa, and couples were urgently needed to go. The application of the Sparkses was an answer to the prayers of the board, and following appointment Lonnie and Anita left December 22, 1956, for Switzerland to study French, the trade language of the Ivory Coast. And, in 1957, they were on

the field to begin a new work for Free Will Baptists. Lonnie has learned several native languages and has translated the Gospel of Mark into the Kulango language, the tongue of the tribe with which he has been working primarily.

They were joined shortly by Dan and Margaret Merkh, who are in charge of construction of mission stations there. Early in 1960, Bill and Joy Jones arrived on the Coast. Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley and the Lonnie Palmers are presently in language study preparing for service in the Bondoukou Circle.

Already, many have received Christ because Lonnie and Anita answered the call of God to go wherever He should lead. They went to reach men and women for Christ in the Bondoukou Circle, and many have responded. But, there are multitudes more who have not yet heard the gospel. Pray that during these remaining days before the Sparkses return to the states on furlough in 1962 many will yet receive Christ through their ministry.

Biographical Data

Birthdays: Lonnie, December 14, 1930; Anita, March 19, 1928.
Places of Birth: Lonnie, Sulphur, Okla.; Anita, Edwardesburg, Mich.

Parents: Lonnie, Lewis G. and Linnie Sparks; Anita, Ignac and Anna Kaminsky.

Education: Lonnie, B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College, Special, Murray State School of Agriculture, Winona Lake School of Theology, Oklahoma Baptist University, Oklahoma University; Anita, South Bend College of Commerce, Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Children: Paul Michel, February 4, 1959.

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MISSIONARY Prayer Calendar

AFRICA: God has blessed with an unusual response to the gospel on the part of several villagers in the Ivory Coast who recently heard of Christ for the first time. Six men received the Lord at the first preaching in one village. *Pray that they will continue to grow in grace and in others win their tribe to the Lord Jesus.*

BRAZIL: A ministry of child evangelism is opening for several workers here. *Pray that this opportunity to present Christ to children will result in their salvation and in the salvation of parents as the message is carried home.*

CUBA: It is difficult to get reliable reports of activity on the island, but the latest report was that of continued blessing as men and women seek refuge in the Lord Jesus. *Continue to pray for Free Will Baptists here that they will have God's wisdom and strength for these trying days.*

INDIA: Four Santal families from a nearby village who had faithfully attended services in Sonapurhat, North India, and who had expressed desires to become Christian have been fighting a real spiritual battle. Missionary Carlisle Hanna reports that the evil one has almost overpowered them. However, the door is still open. *Pray that satan will be defeated and that they will return to receive Christ as Saviour.*

JAPAN: National pastors in Japan face obstacles daily that would beset lesser men. *Pray that they will constantly know the power of God in their ministries.*

LATIN AMERICA: The Free Will Baptist ministry in Latin America today is primarily one of preparation and survey. *Pray for students in language study in Costa Rica that they will gain a workable knowledge of the language quickly. Pray, also, that the mind of the Lord will be revealed regarding the possibility of opening a new field in Central America.*

IN THE STATES: The Rev. Fred Hersey will be speaking at the Central Auxiliary Convention in South Carolina September 16. The Tom Willeys, Sr., will be with the Rev. Bob Hanvy and the Rev. Bonnie Hughes in the Columbia, Tenn., area September 22-24. September 25 through October 1 they will hold services in the Kingsport, Tenn., church. General Director Rolla Smith, a member of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association board of directors, will attend the EFMA board meeting September 30 through October 2 at Colorado Springs, Colo. He will attend a missions executive conference in the same city October 3-6. The annual missionary conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College will be held October 3-4 with the Herseys and Harold Stevensens representing foreign missions. Mr. Smith will attend the Cumberland and Stone associations in Tennessee October 11-12. Mrs. Willey, Sr., will be speaking at the Albemarle Auxiliary Convention at Shiloh church near Pinetown, N.C., October 12 and the South Carolina Auxiliary Convention October 14. *Pray for each of these meetings.*

... 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