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OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

January, 1962

Precept and Promise

Resolution: Write Missionaries

Introducing the New General Director

Herbert Waid, right, with Japanese pastor in front of meeting place



# Precept and Promise...

THE LORD GAVE the word: great was the company of those that published it. "Kings of armies did flee apace; and she that tarried at home divided the spoil." (Psalms 68:11, 12)

This passage suggests some fundamental truths when related to the subject of Christian missions.

# DIVINE

Consider the divine directive—"The Lord gave the word." That is, the Lord gave the precept, the order or command.

In Old Testament days God raised up prophets to deliver His word to the people. Later He spoke through his Son. "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." (Hebrews 1:1, 2a)

What did the Son say concerning the spread of the gospel? Very explicitly he commanded that the gospel be preached "in all the world," "to every creature," "among all nations," and "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

In view of this plain directive, the church not only has authority to go everywhere with the gospel but is actually under divine obligation to do so.

# DISPERSION

"Great was the company of those that published it." In other words, a great host responded to the divine command. This is the need of our day. The gospel is the best deterrent to communism or any evils that plague our world.

Jesus said, "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13:38a) The world is a field to be sowed down with good seed—the children of the kingdom and the word of God. There is a desperate need for more of the children of the kingdom to be dispersed throughout the world. The early church illustrates this method—"They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." (Acts 8:4)

# VICTORY ASSURED

"Kings of armies did flee apace; and she that tarried at home divided the spoil." This is typical of the results that may be expected when the divine precept is followed. The enemy will be put to flight, and greater blessings in this life and a richer eternity will be enjoyed by both the missionaries and those in the homeland who support them.

The early church was amazingly successful during the first two centuries as a result of its being scattered abroad. Referring to the growth of the early church, Dr. Clarence Benson said, "For the first two centuries, the church

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# 1962 State Quotas Listed

NASHVILLE, TENN. — Denominational giving to foreign missions during 1961 was approximately \$25,000 more than the previous year although receipts fell under the budget by some \$13,000. (See financial statement, page six.)

Eight states exceeded their quotas for the year. Indiana, participating in state quotas for the first time, had the greatest margin percentage-wise in passing its goal by more than 50 per cent. Missouri had the greatest margin dollar-wise in going over its quota by \$4.478.77.

North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, all falling short in 1960, went over their quotas in 1961. California, Illinois, and Oklahoma again surpassed their quotas.

The graph at the bottom of this page shows denominational giving trend.

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Alabama\$	6,500.00	Mississippi	5,000.00
Arizona	2,000.00	Missouri	18,500.00
Arkansas	7,000.00	New Mexico	1,000.00
California	11,000.00	North Carolina	50,000.00
Florida	6,500.00	Ohio	8,000.00
Georgia	8,000.00	Oklahoma	14,000.00
Idaho	200.00	South Carolina	12,500.00
Illinois	10,000.00	Tennessee	20,000.00
Indiana	2,000.00	Texas	11,000.00
Kansas	500.00	Virginia	13,500.00
Kentucky	5,500.00	West Virginia	3,500.00
Maine	200.00	Miscellaneous	3,741.00
Michigan	25,000.00	\$	245 141.00

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionary



# **Wilson Named General Director**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Reford Wilson has been named by the foreign mission board to succeed the Rev. Rolla Smith as general director of foreign missions.



Mr. Wilson, re-elected to his third term on the board last July, has been a member and recording secretary of the board for more than ten years. He is 38 years old.

Having pastored churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Michigan, Mr. Wilson comes

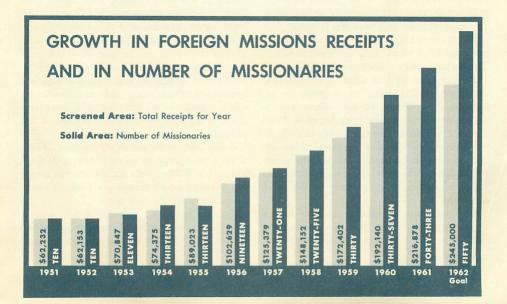
to Nashville from the pastorate of the Holdenville, Okla., Free Will Baptist Church where he has served for the past two years. He is expected in Nashville in mid-February.

Educationally, Mr. Wilson has studied at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, and Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. He is married to the former Jean Lane. Both are natives of Oklahoma.

The Wilsons have two children—Jonothan, ten years old, and Rebecca, seven.

In addition to pastoral duties and service on the board, Mr. Wilson is a writer for the Oklahoma Sunday School Board.

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# I resolve to write one missionary each month during 1962

A NEW YEAR is here! And with it come resolutions by the dozen. Some will be kept. Many will be forgotten by this time.

We propose another new year's resolution, rather reluctantly. Yet, if for one square minute we could transfer ourselves halfway around the world to where our missionaries sit, we will gladly make such a resolution and then do the unusual—keep it!

Resolved: I will write at least one letter each month to a missionary overseas.

Days pass swiftly on the field, from the standpoint that there is always more than enough work to keep one busy. But then come the nights. Or the holidays. Or the other occasions during the year when one would like to pick up the phone, call a friend, and invite him over for a chat. But, there are few friends. There are no telephones. Only loneliness that comes with the realization that thousands of miles form an untraversable gulf between friends.

But there is hope. That is, there is hope if someone back home took the time to write. The letter carrier comes this week.

People seem to find time to write when they need information for a program or something. A letter to the missionary is easier than a trip to the encyclopedia. And, the letter writer still is not aware that there is a home office which is equipped to furnish such general information. These letters are better than nothing, it would seem. But often they simply burden an already over-loaded schedule.

The missionary needs to receive letters letting him know that you are praying for him. It would be good to share with him

matters of your own prayer concern. Missionaries are interested in what God is doing for and through you as well as themselves.

You could write letters telling about local happenings, the new pastor, souls saved during a recent evangelistic meeting. You could share verses God has given during devotions. Missionaries need spiritual refreshing, too. Women usually like details about children, recipes, and the like. Men probably prefer reading about your personal experiences, opportunities to witness.

Letters to missionaries should not be stilted. Imagination and humor are in order. Questions are alright if not overdone.

It helps to know personally the missionary to whom you are writing, but it is not necessary. Your first letter is introduction enough. Be sure to tell about yourself, where you live, where you attend church, your age if you dare, and other things which will make the letter more personal and more meaningful.

Perhaps the biggest problem you have is finding time to write. An answer to this is to carry stationary with you all the time—in your purse or suit pocket. Times of waiting in doctor's offices, hotel lobbies, restaurants, while traveling, or anytime and anyplace there is an idle moment are occasions for penning a note to a missionary.

Some people use the diary method. They write a paragraph or so each day until they have a letter filled with daily events of interest. Writing when things are fresh in one's mind is always the best time.

Special occasions are times for special letters to missionaries. Birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays should always be missionary letter writing days. Such information can be gleaned from *Heartbeat* scrapbook articles or will be furnished by the mission office on request.

Group letters are always a blessing to the missionary. To know that a Sunday school class prays for him weekly and is concerned enough that each member writes a word of greeting is a great encouragement to the missionary.

One of the best ways to create a letterwriting urge is to hand out pre-addressed envelopes to class or circle members. Air letter forms available from the post office are best. Always make sure proper postage is placed on the letter, and it should always be sent air mail.

When letters are answered by the missionary they can be shared with the entire class.

An interesting adventure for some age groups is to start a foreign postage stamp collection. Stamps are added to the collection from envelopes containing replies to members' letters. A contest could be held to see which member could in this way secure a complete collection first.

Pastors can do much to remind congregations to write letters to missionaries overseas. A suggestion from the pulpit, an excerpt from a letter or the posting of an address in a conspicuous place will influence letter writing to missionaries tremendously.

The thrill of becoming acquainted with missionaries through correspondence pays off during furlough time. When a missionary to whom you have been writing arrives at your church in person, you have an immediate tie and an opportunity to take this servant of the Lord into your home and learn more about his work. From then on it's much easier to write letters to him and to pray for him when he returns to the field.

In the final analysis, it is not so much what you write or when you write that is important. The important thing is that you write.

The Apostle Paul was constantly asking for news of the brethren he left behind. Their letters encouraged him, broadened his vision, helped him to pray for them more intelligently.

Your letters are needed abroad. Write one today and at least one a month during 1962!

#### PRECEPT AND PROMISES ... conf

ran along the ground like wild fire and out of nothing assumed such vast proportions that the whole world was turned upside down. At the end of the first century, Pliny told the Emperor Trojan that 'so many believe in Christ that the temples of pagan worship are deserted.' "

The gospel can do the same today. May God grant that the world may feel in a great way during the year of 1962 the influence of Free Will Baptists as we faithfully proclaim His word here in the homeland and in other lands through our missionaries.

Rolla D. Smith

Free Will Baptist
Foreign Missionary

# **Urgent Need for Food and Quilts**

MIAMI, FLA.—An urgent request for food, quilts, and blankets has been received from missionaries working among Cuban refugees who have flooded this resort city.

A need was also expressed for churches across the country who would take couples or families into their communities and assist them in finding work and getting settled.

Canned and dried foods, quilts, and blankets should be shipped to Miami Mission, 447 S.W. Sixth Street, Miami, Florida. Querries regarding sponsorship of couples or families should be sent to the same address.

# Two Deaths Reported

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Death came to two members of the immediate families of missionary personnel early this month.

Mr. Ralph Brown, 51, of Chicago, brother of Mrs. Gladys Sloan, bookkeeper and secretary in the mission office, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on January 1.

Mr. T. T. Johnson, 61, of Norfolk, Va., father of Mrs. Margaret Merkh, missionary to the Ivory Coast, Africa, died of a heart attack on January 2.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

# FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / DECEMBER, 1961

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 1, 1961\$49,089	9.18 Postage 121.22
	Office Supplies
RECEIPTS	Housing Allowance
Refunds\$ 27.02	(Promotional Secretary) 100.00
Sale of Books	Payment on Residence 65.67 Repairs on Residence 68.00
Sale of Books         10.00           Dr. LaVerne D. Miley         37.50	Balance on Residence note 1,308.90
Foreign Mission Fellowship 3.50	Printing
W.N.A.C 305.35	Maintenance 79.64
Alabama	Surety Bond 50.00 21,944.87
Arizona	\$45,217.89
Arkansas	UNEXPENDED FUNDS
California         535.03           Florida         180.09	
Georgia	General Fund\$ 2,398.52
Illinois 514.22	Printing Press         268.16           Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock         789.97
Kansas 87.50	Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock
Kentucky 397.50	Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery. 4,201.34 Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk. 365.38
Louisiana	Pay and Mrs Kenneth P Ragleton 37.77
Michigan	Rev. Dave Franks
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New Mexico	Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna
North Carolina 4,475.12	Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey
Ohio 245.11	Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones 537.55
Oklahoma 808.46	Miss Eula Mae Martin       1,171.03         Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley       2,110.30
Oregon	Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps. 503.50
Oregon         10.00           South Carolina         814.88           Tennessee         1,185.93	Miss Eula Mae Martin       1,171.03         Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley       2,110.30         Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps       503.50         Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole       1,859.14         Miss Mean Eller Blies       1,859.14
Tennessee	MISS Mary Ellen Rice 490.30
Texas	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson 1,678.40
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\$67,162	Miss Volena Wilson
DISBURSEMENTS	Furlough Wagon Depreciation
Africa\$ 6,879.42	Furlough Wagon Depreciation 498.39 Africa—Medical Building 12,699.26 Africa—Equipment and Supplies 3,905.74
Brazil 2,200.62	Africa—Equipment and Supplies 3,905.74
Cuba 2,000.00	Airplane
India	Repatriation and Reserve
Japan	\$45,896.51
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<sup>\*</sup>Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Co-laborer receipts totaling \$1,544.73 previously carried in the miscellaneous column have been credited to appropriate state quotas.

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# FOR CHRIST IN JAPAN

Desiring to serve the Lord where most needed, the Herbert Waids found their place in the land of the rising sun

NO EQUAL can be found for a missionary pastor, at least as far as influencing young people to yield to the Lord for service anywhere He should lead. It was under the ministry of such a pastor that God began to direct Herbert Waid to foreign service.

Herbert grew up in the Highland Park church, Detroit, now called the Central church of Royal Oak, Michigan. During the ministry of the Rev. Raymond Riggs, then pastor of the church and later general director of foreign missions and now a member of the foreign mission board, young Herbert formed some basic impressions that have ultimately led him to

"Among the first fundamental truths that I learned after becoming a Christian were the facts that all men without Christ as their Saviour are already damned to a devil's hell (John 3:18) and that the Lord is not willing that any should perish (II Peter 3:9). So, God's will for His children is that they carry His message of salvation to all men."

In further explaining the factors that led him to the field, Herbert remarked, "Even a casual, honest observer will realize that since almost 90 per cent of the Christian workers are serving about ten per cent of this world's population, we are not being faithful as ambassadors of Christ in representing Him in 'all the world.'"

Following graduation from high school in 1951, Herbert enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College. It was during these days of preparation that he met Nancy Geraldine Gay, who became in 1954 Mrs. Herbert Waid. She, too, was being led of the Lord toward the foreign field.

Herbert pastored in North Carolina after graduation from college. God continued to deepen his conviction that he must go to the foreign field. In 1958 he and Geraldine filed their preliminary applications with the board of foreign missions and six months later were on their way to Japan.

Language study takes the major portion of the first two years of service in the Orient. Following this, the Waids became the first Free Will Baptist missionaries to Tokyo. He is serving there today working with several church groups and maintaining a program of personal evangelism and teaching.

Shortly before leaving for the field, Herbert wrote, "The realization from His Word that the task of the Church, of which I am a part, is to reach the unreached has driven me to the conclusion that I must go to my 'uttermost part of the earth' to tell and live the 'Good News.' The Captain of my soul has commanded; I am able (in His strength) to obey His command; so the question is not why should I go, but rather why should I not go?"

# **Biographical Data**

Birthdays: Herbert, November 12, 1932; Geraldine, December

Places of Birth: Herbert Bloomington, Illinois; Geraldine, Wilson County, North Carolina

Parents: Herbert, Lionel and Beulah Waid; Geraldine, James Richard and Bessie Batten Gay (both deceased)

Education: Herbert, B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College; Geraldine, Crumpler Secretarial School, Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Free Will Baptist Bible College

Children: Nancy Gayle, July 2, 1955; Peter Anthony, October 3, 1956; Darlene Sue, January 3, 1958; Penelope, May 3, 1959; Amy Gladys, August 3, 1961

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# as you pray for your missionaries...

**BRAZIL, S.A.** / The Bobby Aycocks and Bobby Pooles are completing language study and moving to permanent assignments. Strength and wisdom will be needed as they begin new works in unevangelized areas. Pray that they will know the mind of the Lord in the many decisions to be made in locating and in reaching men for Christ in Brazil.

**CENTRAL AMERICA** The John Moehlmans and Tom Willeys, Jr., are in Panama on the last leg of their exploratory survey of this part of Latin America to ascertain the most needy area for establishing a new work for Free Will Baptists. *Pray for clear guidance from the Lord as the time of decision in this regard draws near*.

CUBA / Christians here were forbidden this year to celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday. Instead, they were encouraged to celebrate it as the "first socialist Christmas." Entry of all evangelical literature, including the Bible, is now prohibited. Pray for men of God on the island who are continuing strong in the faith and in the proclamation of the gospel.

INDIA / Freedom to preach the gospel here continues although progress in some areas is slow. Recent political events could possibly result in a less favorable attitude toward Americans. Pray that God will prevent anything from disrupting His work in this nation. Pray for national Christian leaders and for new converts that they will continue to experience spiritual growth.

IVORY COAST, AFRICA / The Lonnie Palmers and Dr. La-Verne Miley and family are scheduled to arrive on the Ivory Coast around January 15. The Mileys will have numerous decisions to make in the establishment of a medical missionary program in the Bondoukou Circle. The Palmers will assume responsibilities at the Goumere station. Pray for wisdom and strength for these servants of God.

JAPAN / The Wesley Calverys are ministering in the Bihoro section of the island of Hokkaido. Pagan religious and cultural traits are deeply entrenched in the lives of those to whom they witness. Pray that these bonds will be broken by the power of the Spirit and that a lasting harvest will be seen among these people for whom Christ died.