

HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

DANIEL MERKH IN NATIVE
DRESS AND BEARD
(SINCE ELIMINATED) UPON
ARRIVAL ON FURLOUGH
FROM THE IVORY COAST,
AFRICA



No Retreat

PAUL COMMENDED the church at Philippi, a mission church (Acts 16), for their support of his missionary ministry at Thessalonica. "No church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica you sent once and again unto my necessity" (Philippians 4:15b-16). ¶I believe that many Free Will Baptists are to be commended for their faithfulness in supporting this work of world evangelism. In 1961 the following states exceeded their quotas in giving to foreign missions: California, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia. ¶The state of Kansas has already exceeded its quota for this year. Other states have almost reached theirs and still others can in these closing two months of the year with an extra push. Help us add your state to the list of those reaching their quota by making your gifts to foreign missions now. A few of the states are giving less this year, but there can be no retreat in our missionary program. ¶The per capita giving of our Free Will Baptists to foreign missions is far below the average of many other denominations. Many churches are only giving \$5, \$10, or \$15 per month when many families actually ought to be giving this amount. Our people must be possessed with a greater compassion for lost souls and a deeper conviction about their eternal destiny—heaven or hell. ¶As Napoleon's drummer boy, I cannot beat "retreat." I can only declare "advance." We now have nine new missionaries under appointment, and others will be ready for appointment late in 1963. More pastors and churches must share with us in sending these chosen men and women to their fields of service. ¶Plan now your "Christmas gifts for Christ" for foreign missions. As you remember by God's great gift to the world, think of the multitudes who as yet J. Reford Wilson have not heard the good news that "a Saviour is born."



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Four New Appointments Made During Board Session

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Missionaries under appointment now total nine with the addition of two couples appointed for service in Africa. Action came during the October 8-11 session of the board of foreign missions.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge and the Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne were given final approval for service in the Ivory Coast.

Coffey Begins Duties

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Rufus Coffey arrived here October 16 and has begun duties as director of conference ministries for the board of foreign missions. He will be in charge of missionary itineraries and missions conferences in the states.

Missionary's Father Dies

EDWARDSBURG, MICH.—Ignay Kaminski, father of Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, died here October 6 following an extended illness. He was in his late 80's.

Missionary Illnesses Reported

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Miss Laura Belle Barnard has undergone major surgery at a local hospital. Prayer is requested for a quick recovery.

Dan Cronk, on furlough from India, has been ordered by his physician to take a two-month rest. Meetings scheduled for him during the remainder of 1962 have been postponed.



A PORTION of the 50 some persons attending services in Santa Teresa, Uruguay, listen intently to the gospel message presented by Missionary Bill Fulcher.

Association Forming in Japan

BIHORO, JAPAN—The four Free Will Baptist church groups on the island of Hokkaido are in process of being organized into the Hokkaido Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, reports Missionary Wesley Calvery.

Two of the groups are being organized into churches with the other two classified as missions. Pastor Yamaji will pastor the Abashiri church and the Koshimizu mission. Calvery is temporarily pastoring the Bihoro church and the Tsubetsu mission. Prayer is requested for the Lord's provision of a pastor here. Missionary Calvery views this as an important period in the development of work in Hokkaido. Organization is to be completed early next year.



MISSIONARIES take time out during Tidewater, Va., area conference to eat and discuss field problems. Clockwise from lower left: Benito Rodriquez, Daniel Merkh, Dave Franks, Thomas Willey, Mrs. Willey, Dan Cronk, Mrs. Merkh.



Opportunity in Conflict



A survey report from strategic mission points of the world by DANIEL CRONK

PART III: North India /*Last of a Series*

OUR AREA in North India is squeezed between Pakistan and Nepal. Before the partition of Pakistan in 1948, it was a part of the Denajpur district. Now, however, it is completely cut off from the district and is a backward, neglected area.

There is no heavy industry, no trade, no real highways. For the most part it is an area filled with illiterate and unevangelized people.

We work among people who know nothing about Christianity and many of whom can neither read nor write. We have taken several different avenues in an attempt to reach them.

One way we reach them is to go into their village and set up camp, then make a tour through surrounding villages preaching and selling gospel portions. Through converts, we trace down relatives and present to them the gospel.

Another thing we have done has been to start an annual conference for the spiritual life of our converts. Originally, it was a spiritual life conference, a Bible-teaching conference in which we would get our Christians together for Christian fellowship and Bible study. The reason this is so important is because there are so few Christians among so

many Hindus. For instance, there might be one Christian among several thousand Hindus. It is important that our people realize that there are other Christians who are living for Christ.

This developed into the Free Will Baptist Annual Conference of North India. We have been teaching our worship groups democratic processes and have officially accepted the Free Will Baptist treatise.

Then, we have used literature. There are some 600,000 people in the area, and we couldn't possibly reach all the villages just the two of us. There is not enough time. We have, I believe, any where from 10 to 20 thousand gospel portions distributed or sold.

Another means being used is that of medical work. We have treated thousands of patients for first aid. Some of them were serious cases needing surgery and other medical care but simply could not get it. Recently, however, the government has placed dispensaries and small hospitals around the area, so we have abandoned this type of work.

We have used short institutes to teach our Christians the Word of God. We bring them together in a village for a two-week Bible school course. Even though many are illiterate, we hammer in the Bible day after day, and they learn and are able to go back and tell

others. In addition to the institutes, we visit our village Christians week by week and spend two or three days in Bible study and prayer with them.

Still another avenue of ministry that has been very effective because of our particular situation in North India has been the use of hostels or small dormitories for housing boys attending government schools. The government has set up schools, but it is difficult for students to attend since they are scattered away from the town where the school is located. So, what we do is to provide a hostel where they can find lodging while they attend school.

In the hostel we can provide a Christian atmosphere, study in the Bible, worship services, and a general Christian background for their training. We give them a little bit of rice and a place to sleep, and they provide their own clothing, book fees, and pencils as far as possible.

In Kishanganj we have several Hindus among our Christian boys and have actually been able to win them to Christ this way.

Throughout the area of our work in North India there are some 300 Free Will Baptist Christians. It is often difficult to know exactly how many believers there are since they are often subjugated to various types of persecution and many even have to move. They are not investigated so much because of their religion as they are for their contacts with missionaries.

It is difficult to speculate regarding the future in North India. In fact, at this writing the Chinese Communists have launched an attack on India very near the area where the Carlisle Hannas are working.

Our work in North India is essentially one of evangelism, for the area is unreached. There are many areas into which we have been unable to go because of lack of manpower and means.

And, in light of the political situation, Communist advance, and world conditions as they are today, we have to go into these villages as soon as possible, for we do not know how long Americans will be welcome in any country.

The Indian government is allowing missionaries to come in, but these missionaries must be able to convince the Indian government that they have something to contribute to India in the line of medicine, specialized education, agriculture or some other field.

We, as a denomination, have been unable to get new missionaries in for the last several years. One reason is that we are such a small mission it is hard to get the N.C.C. of India to present us to the government, and it is hard for us to convince the government that we can contribute something to India.

The trouble in the border area where we work is another factor which makes it difficult for new missionaries to get in. There is opposition from fanatical Hindus in this area and there is local opposition from Communists who are always talking about missionaries. But, as a whole India is friendly to Americans and missionaries, and we are allowed to preach the gospel and witness with freedom.

These are certainly days of uncertainty, but these are also days of opportunity. We have an opportunity in India. We need your prayers daily that God will complete that work which He has begun in this one of the most populous nations of the world. ■



THE AUTHOR

Mr. Cronk is a veteran Free Will Baptist foreign missionary having served in North India since 1948. He, Mrs. Cronk, and son Randy are in the states on furlough.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / SEPTEMBER '62

CASH IN BANK SEPTEMBER 1, 1962. \$39,661.67

RECEIPTS

W.N.A.C.	\$ 73.79	
Unto the Uttermost	12.50	
Miscellaneous	488.39	
CERF	73.65	
Alabama	502.87	
Alaska	7.00	
Arizona	90.60	
Arkansas	528.53	
California	584.91	
Colorado	17.25	
Florida	529.32	
Georgia	974.33	
Illinois	785.36	
Indiana	54.91	
Kansas	70.80	
Kentucky	188.64	
Michigan	1,494.70	
Mississippi	271.39	
Missouri	1,915.35	
New Mexico	53.31	
North Carolina	3,474.83	
Ohio	864.52	
Oklahoma	1,434.35	
Oregon	10.00	
South Carolina	1,364.33	
Tennessee	1,241.66	
Texas	699.69	
Virginia	1,504.98	
West Virginia	220.29	
		19,532.25

\$59,193.92

DISBURSEMENTS

Africa	\$2,666.81
Brazil	1,492.27
Cuba	2,368.20
North India	1,419.58
South India	595.42
Japan	3,187.25
Panama	1,126.45
Uruguay	425.00
Missionary Medical Allowance	288.91
Missionary Social Security	92.81
Missionary Itinerary Expense	1,199.30
Furlough Car Insurance	10.95
Itinerary Expense	68.65
Department Car—	
Operational Expense	120.85
Books, Tracts, Etc.	69.27
Salaries	1,475.68

Withholding Tax	125.50
Social Security Tax	84.30
Postage	147.55
Office Supplies	48.34
Mortgage Payment on	
Residence	65.67
Residence Expense	75.02
Printing	2,017.81
Maintenance	25.07
Telephone Service	93.23
Miscellaneous	13.74
	19,303.63

\$39,890.29

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund	\$ 2,670.69
CERF	73.65
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock	574.72
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	2,418.25
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk	252.97
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds	154.93
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton	596.70
Rev. Dave Franks	2,133.98
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.	194.06
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	1,825.34
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones	336.22
Eula Mae Martin, R.N.	1,651.03
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley	2,204.39
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehلمان	168.49
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.	486.68
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps	839.69
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole	1,347.76
Miss Mary Ellen Rice	726.93
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson	283.82
Mrs. Josephine Steyens	126.59
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkinson	564.18
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.	17.00
Miss Volena Wilson	1,837.32
Furlough Car	949.26
Africa—Medical Building	8,259.55
Africa—Children's Division	4,010.21
Repatriation and Reserve	9,974.27

\$44,678.68

DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey	\$ 454.20
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh	1,774.68
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks	106.10
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid	1,613.97
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.	839.44
	4,788.39

\$39,890.29

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,940.35	\$ 2,559.65	
Arizona	2,000.00	200.89	1,799.11	
Arkansas	7,000.00	3,801.86	3,198.14	
California	11,000.00	5,732.44	5,267.56	
Florida	6,500.00	3,842.30	2,657.70	
Georgia	8,000.00	7,202.93	797.07	
Idaho	200.00	110.21	89.79	
Illinois	10,000.00	6,169.88	3,830.12	
Indiana	2,000.00	992.79	1,007.21	
Kansas	500.00	921.71		\$421.71
Kentucky	5,500.00	2,098.87	3,401.13	
Maine	200.00	100.00	100.00	
Michigan	25,000.00	13,837.00	11,163.00	
Mississippi	5,000.00	1,999.20	3,000.80	
Missouri	18,500.00	15,480.42	3,019.58	
New Mexico	1,000.00	545.03	454.97	
North Carolina	50,000.00	34,773.90	15,226.10	
Ohio	8,000.00	5,039.39	2,960.61	
Oklahoma	14,000.00	11,914.40	2,085.60	
South Carolina	12,500.00	9,748.43	2,751.57	
Tennessee	20,000.00	16,648.07	3,351.93	
Texas	11,000.00	6,928.90	4,071.10	
Virginia	13,500.00	8,586.70	4,913.30	
West Virginia	3,500.00	1,927.91	1,572.09	
Miscellaneous	3,741.00	4,156.28		415.28
	\$245,141.00	\$166,699.86	\$ 79,278.13	\$836.99



Missions Scrapbook

PERSONALITY SERIES / Twenty-two

Never-to-be-forgotten experiences on foreign soil ultimately became a primary influence in the decision of the Bill Fulchers to become

MISSIONARIES TO URUGUAY

HE WAS ONLY one of thousands of young Americans serving in an Army uniform in Korea and Japan. Yet, he was one of the few who knew Christ as Savior, and his heart was touched by the needs of people without the Lord Jesus.

Bill Fulcher had been converted at the age of 12. During his last year in high school he rededicated his life to the Lord and yielded to the call of God to the ministry.

Two years in the armed service gave Bill the opportunity to see conditions that prevail when people do not know Christ. He returned to the states to enter Free Will Baptist Bible College in preparation for the ministry. There, against the backdrop of conditions abroad, God began to challenge his heart for foreign service.

"As I continued in this atmosphere," Bill testifies, "the Lord began to deal with me concerning foreign missions. During my first year at school I yielded my life to foreign service, believing that the Lord wanted me in this phase of ministry."

Glenda had been saved at the age of 11 and from conversion had the desire to be a foreign missionary.

"As I grew older," she remarks, "I became aware of the great impor-

tance of knowing His will and not merely what I want to do. I continued to pray and think about it for some time."

While attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, her desire to become a missionary became greater and greater. The day finally came when she felt compelled to make a public announcement of her call.

Bill and Glenda were married on August 2, 1957. Following Bill's graduation in 1959, the couple moved to North Carolina where Bill spent two years in the pastorate.

In April of 1961 they left the United States for a year of language study preparatory to service in Uruguay where today they serve along with the Paul Robinsons as Free Will Baptist representatives in one of South America's fastest growing republics.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birthdays: William McKinley, May 6, 1933; Glenda Janell, November 4, 1938

Birthplaces: William, Bridgeton, N.C.; Glenda, Shook, Missouri

Parents: William, William M., Sr., and Edith Fulcher; Glenda, Lester and Gusta Barks

Education: William, B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College; Glenda, Free Will Baptist Bible College

Children: William Lester, December 10, 1959; John David, October 2, 1962

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BRAZIL, S.A.

The Bobby Aycocks
The Ken Eagletons
Dave Franks*
Eula Mae Martin
The Bobby Pooles
The Sam Wilkinsons

CUBA

The Tom Willeys, Sr.**

IVORY COAST, AF.

The Bill Joneses
The Dan Merks*
The LaVerne Miley
The Lonnie Palmers
The Lonnie Sparkses*

JAPAN

The Wesley Calverys
The Fred Hersays
The Herbert Waids

NORTH INDIA

The Daniel Cronks*
The Carlisle Hannas

PANAMA

The John Moehlmans
The Tom Willeys, Jr.

SOUTH INDIA

Volena Wilson

URUGUAY, S.A.

The Bill Fulchers
The Paul Robinsons

ZULULAND, S. AF.

Josephine Stevens

PURCHASED AT CALVARY

DO NOT lightly regard your redemption. I tell you, every time you open your heart to pray, you ought to remember that prayer is possible because this precious privilege was purchased for you on Calvary by Jesus Christ. It was He who opened the new and living way. And, when you draw nigh to God, you draw nigh by the blood of Jesus. You come into the presence of Almighty God through the flesh of Jesus Christ. There is no other way of access.

—by Lawrence Love in *Commission, Conflict, Commitment*

as you pray for your missionaries...

BRAZIL, S.A. / Miss Eula Mae Martin, RN, is supervising a clinic in the church at Campinas. Pray that through this ministry many will be brought to Christ.

CUBA / Plans are being made to open the Bible school in January for married couples. Pray for leaders of the church in Cuba. **IVORY COAST, AFRICA** / Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley are involved in a three-fold ministry: supervising the finishing of the clinic buildings; ministering to the sick; teaching Bible classes and learning the tribal language. Pray especially for their health.

SOUTH INDIA / Many Christians here have been sick with a fever. Pray for their quick and complete recovery.

JAPAN / A committee of four laymen with Missionary Wesley Calvery are completing plans for organizing an association of Free Will Baptist churches on the island of Hokkaido. Pray for these brethren. **PANAMA** / Papers are in the hands of the lawyer for registering the mission. Pray for quick approval.

URUGUAY / A training class for new converts is meeting on Thursday nights. Pray for the young Christians to become strong in faith and good witnesses to their families and friends.

*On furlough in states

**With CERF in Miami