

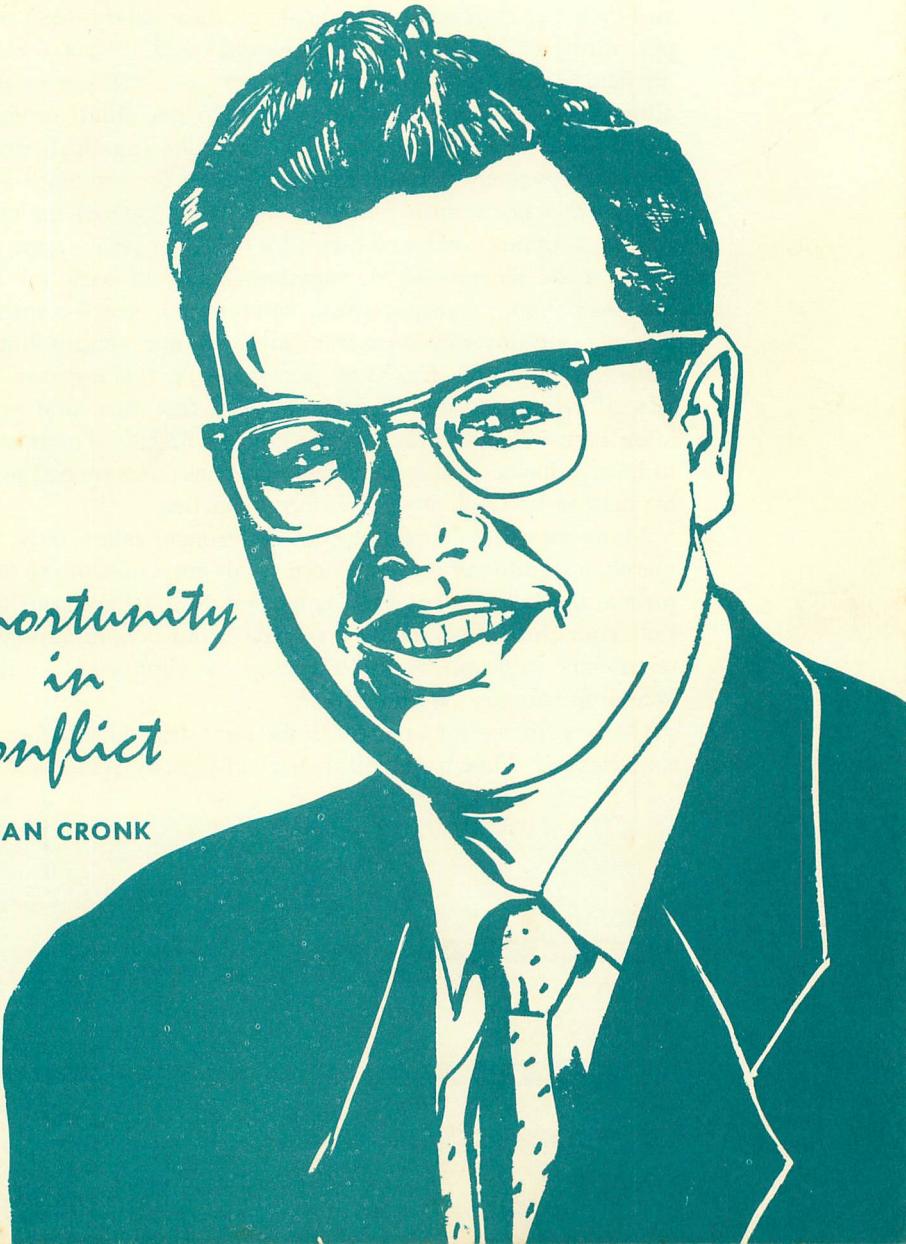
SEPTEMBER '62

HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Opportunity
in
Conflict*

by DAN CRONK



'So Send I You'

COME WITH me up the gangplank to the cabin reserved for the missionary family going to their field.

Behind them is their experience of conversion, college training, months of planning and preparation for leaving the states. In more recent weeks, many churches have been visited to secure necessary financial and prayer support.

How great is their need? This missionary family is a man, his wife, and their two children, both school age. Basic salary—\$75 per month per adult; child allowance per month—\$22.50 (six through 12); medical allowances—\$75 per adult per year, \$50 per child; dental allowances—\$20 per adult per year, \$10 per child; optical allowances—\$5 per adult per year, \$3 per child (medical, dental and optical allowances are accumulative); rent for residence—approximately \$65 per month (according to field); school for children—tuition, supplies, room and board for child per year—approximately \$650; social security—\$90; vacation—one half basic salary allowances—\$97.50; transportation operational cost—approximately \$25 per month; mission station maintenance—approximately \$45 per month. Total—\$5,233.50 per year. To this expense could be added: transportation to field—\$1,200; furniture and equipment allowance—\$1,000; purchase of vehicle—\$2,500. The missionary is to have sufficient funds for vehicle purchase and special projects on his field in hand or pledged before departing.

Many view missionary support in terms of salary only. Salary is merely a fraction of the total need. Only nine missionary families at present are being adequately supported. Several accounts are in the red. Your church can have a vital part in our denomination's foreign missionary program by underwriting the support of a missionary. Which missionary do you select?

by
J. Reford Wilson

Come with me into the cabin for final devotions before the missionaries sail. They have said their good-byes to friends and families.

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BRAZIL, LAND OF CONTRAST, as these photos by Missionary Bill Fulcher so aptly depict. The familiar sight of poverty (left) against a background of industrial boom (right) is an everyday scene in Rivera where the Fulchers and the Paul Robinsons are serving.

Annual Missionary Conference Set October 9-10

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The thirteenth annual missionary conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College is set for October 9-10. A capacity crowd is expected to converge on the college's Memorial Auditorium for the yearly event.

Representing the foreign mission department on the program will be missionaries in the states on furlough—the Daniel Cronks, Dave Franks, the Dan Merkh, and the Lonnie Sparkses. Other special features are planned.

Home missionary speakers also will be featured on the program.

The board of foreign missions will meet in semi-annual session during the week. Interviews are scheduled with candidates and

furloughed missionaries in addition to regular items of business.

Merkhs Arrive August 1

NEW YORK—The Dan Merkh arrived at Idlewild Airport here August 1 to begin a year's furlough following their first term of service in the Ivory Coast, Africa. Their arrival brought the number of missionaries home on furlough to seven, a record for Free Will Baptists. Also in the states are the Cronks, Franks, and the Sparkses.

Per Capita Giving for 1961 Listed

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The average per capita giving of Free Will Baptists to foreign missions last year was \$1.08, according to a foreign mission board records. A state by state per capita listing:

'SO SEND I YOU'

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They are leaving the known for the unknown, the fellowship of Christians to win the friendship of the heathen. The Word speaks, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

It is time for prayer—"Our heavenly Father..." The ship blows its whistle... out of sight now but not out of our hearts. Hear their final plea—"Remember us in your prayers." Praying hands are also giving hands.

State	M'ship.*	Aver.	State	M'ship.*	Aver.
Michigan	3,075	\$6.15	Ohio	5,462	\$.98
New Mexico	194	3.50	Mississippi	3,139	.93
Illinois	3,259	2.90	Georgia	10,844	.65
Texas	3,753	2.27	Maine	44	.55
Missouri	9,785	2.04	Oklahoma	26,050	.49
California	4,018	1.97	Kentucky	8,486	.45
So. Carolina	6,792	1.85	Arkansas	13,976	.41
Virginia	6,793	1.80	W. Virginia	6,647	.38
Arizona	225	1.72	Alabama	16,009	.26
Florida	3,877	1.22			
N. Carolina	45,000	1.15			
Tennessee	15,885	1.08			

*Reported membership in 1961 Minutes



Opportunity in Conflict



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

PART I: Thailand, Hong Kong

First of a Series

WE WERE EN ROUTE to the states following completion of our second term of service in India. As it worked out, we were able to visit numerous places on our journey from Calcutta to San Francisco.

This is a report of that trip, the places we visited, the things we saw, and some of the impressions that we received.

We flew from Calcutta to Bangkok, Thailand, via Burma. We were very much impressed with Bangkok, with the western, almost American atmosphere of the city. The standard of living is high. Thailand for the most part, has been a free nation, and we found a staple economy with a surplus of rice.

Before the war there were only 40 missionaries in this country. But, since the war, there has been an influx of missionaries bringing the number now to around 140.

One of the reasons I went to Thailand was because I thought it might be a good place for Free Will Baptists to consider. I believe we could get in, although I don't know how welcome we would be by other missions or the government. There seems to be alarm at the influx of missionaries. More work there certainly is needed.

I believe that Thailand is in great danger. It is a working, successful de-

mocracy outstripping China in progress. This makes communism look bad.

Here is Thailand — a little free nation, very prosperous, and all around her these communist areas. I think she is just a sitting duck, sooner or later to be the object of communist fire.

While in Bangkok I sensed a feeling of pessimism among the Thainese people. There seems to be disappointment in America with the general feeling that if a showdown really came, the United States would merely back down one more time. I made up my mind right there to come home and try to convince people that Thailand is worth saving. It is an important nation—one of the more advanced, prosperous ones. It is well worth whatever effort demanded to save it from communism.

I think that President Kennedy has made a good step by bringing in troops and telling the communists that we are going to protect Thailand. If we don't maintain our stand, we will be pushed out completely in Southeast Asia.

We don't trust human agencies in the outreach of the gospel, but we do know that when communists shut the door to freedom, it is also shut for the propagation of Christianity. Christians engulfed within are persecuted and are forced to line up politically in a way that nullifies the outreach of the church or become martyrs to the cause of Christ. So, it is important to missions

what is happening in these countries.

From Bangkok we traveled to Hong Kong via Singapore. Hong Kong was a very exciting place to us. Although in India we lived only 20 miles from the border of Nepal, a country heavily infiltrated by communists, in Hong Kong we were closer to communism than we had ever been.

We were impressed by the huge Baptist work there. We drove by a Chinese Baptist church which has nearly 4,000 members.

Then we visited a boat mission. We found thousands of people, refugees from China, in little boats—people who had never lived on land, just lived on these boats all their lives. They are born, live, marry, and die on a boat.

The extreme poverty and filth of the boat community shock outsiders. We saw one place where they had driven their boats into an inlet cove where the water had gradually drifted out leaving the boats anchored in a heavy mud flat—just slimy, stinky mud, with once in a while a little bit of tide coming in. It is an awesome sight to see the little boats stuck out in the middle of these mud flats, crammed in by the thousands and thousands.

We found a boat mission where two single women live in a little houseboat in the midst of all this poverty in order to reach these people with the gospel. Behind their houseboat they have a larger, flat boat in which they hold church services, Sunday school, and a day school. There are others serving faithfully among these people who make their living by working in the confines of their small boats or by using their boats as taxis to carry people from place to place on the harbor. It is appalling to see the suffering of these boat people.

We then visited Hong Kong's huge housing units where it is almost guaranteed before rental that four or five adults or a whole family will live in one

small room. There were maybe 3,600 people in one T-shaped housing unit. These buildings are replacing some of the slum areas and are being crammed full of men, women, boys, and girls. Schools are operated on the roofs of the buildings. And, now, missions are going in to set up Sunday schools, day schools, and churches. This they are doing on the very tops of these buildings. You have a whole congregation, in fact a whole community, in one building.

We saw thousands upon thousands of refugees who pull into the city every week with no place to go. The city is already crammed beyond any hope of meeting the needs of this mass population. Mission societies have set up homes for old people and orphans and seem to be doing a tremendous work. We saw an old folks' home where Chinese women who are abandoned in the streets are taken in and cared for.

We found one old woman who before being taken in by a mission had been living in an old tub in the streets of Hong Kong, just some kind of old bathtub where she dwelled in the cold and sleet and water.

I wasn't able to visit enough in Hong Kong to know how saturated the city is with evangelical work, but with the masses of population, I would say there is room for more work to be done. Primarily, the people speak Chinese. However, there are communities of Japanese and other language speaking peoples.

Both Thailand and Hong Kong are challenging opportunities. How long the door of opportunity will be open in these places, no one can tell.

Next month: JAPAN

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 / JULY '62

CASH IN BANK JULY 1, 1962.....\$42,076.29

RECEIPTS

WNAC.....	\$	127.09	
"Unto the Uttermost" Sales....		40.90	
Refunds.....		145.00	
National Convention Offering..	1,574.87		
Miscellaneous.....	127.15		
CERF.....	432.75		
Alabama.....	548.34		
Alaska.....	12.00		
Arkansas.....	632.90		
California.....	377.50		
Colorado.....	16.26		
Florida.....	667.76		
Georgia.....	592.10		
Hawaii.....	22.00		
Illinois.....	152.51		
Indiana.....	198.50		
Kansas.....	96.14		
Kentucky.....	300.13		
Michigan.....	806.00		
Mississippi.....	133.50		
Missouri.....	1,053.29		
New Mexico.....	75.86		
North Carolina.....	1,682.98		
Ohio.....	436.71		
Oklahoma.....	1,579.49		
South Carolina.....	643.61		
Tennessee.....	1,966.49		
Texas.....	600.87		
Virginia.....	551.26		
Washington.....	7.50		
West Virginia.....	187.01		
		<u>15,788.47</u>	
		<u>\$57,864.76</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$	3,260.19	
Brazil.....		2,266.62	
Cuba.....		2,236.98	
North India.....		1,084.63	
South India.....		555.42	
Japan.....		2,180.63	
Panama.....		1,013.11	
Uruguay.....		502.50	
Missionary Medical Allowance..		172.95	
Missionary Itinerary Expense..		678.30	
Itinerary Expense.....		160.37	
Operational Expense—			
Department Car.....		257.47	
Books, Tracts, Etc.....		4.00	

Films and Supplies.....	67.55	
Salaries.....	1,358.17	
Postage.....	100.06	
Office Supplies.....	53.22	
Mortgage Payment—		
Residence.....	65.67	
Printing.....	2,011.16	
Maintenance.....	25.07	
Telephone Service.....	48.17	
National Convention Expense..	63.57	
	<u>18,165.85</u>	
	<u>\$39,698.21</u>	

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

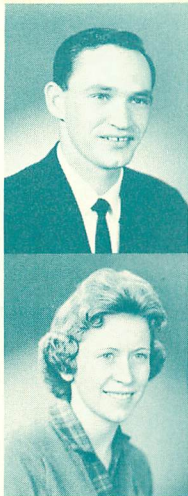
General Fund.....	\$	2,841.93	
CERF.....		432.75	
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....		844.67	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....		2,373.85	
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton.....		684.10	
Rev. Dave Franks.....		1,501.95	
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....		1,606.40	
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....		501.74	
Miss Eula Mae Martin, RN.....		1,519.03	
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....		2,132.53	
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....		703.17	
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps.....		834.08	
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....		1,512.60	
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....		518.92	
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....		260.45	
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson.....		257.18	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....		154.45	
Miss Volena Wilson.....		1,864.38	
Furlough Car.....		760.21	
Africa—Medical Building.....		10,039.41	
Africa—Children's Division.....		4,004.21	
Airplane.....		2,603.00	
Repatriation and Reserve.....		6,974.27	
		<u>\$44,924.58</u>	

DEFICIT:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk..	\$	994.40	
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.....		19.54	
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....		1,160.16	
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.....		1,883.12	
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman.....		186.85	
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....		344.14	
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....		30.24	
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....		87.54	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....		519.64	
		<u>5,225.63</u>	
		<u>\$39,698.95</u>	

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 3,016.07	\$ 3,483.93	
Arizona.....	2,000.00	110.29	1,889.71	
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	2,674.95	4,325.05	
California.....	11,000.00	4,706.90	6,293.10	
Florida.....	6,500.00	3,213.48	3,286.52	
Georgia.....	8,000.00	5,334.57	2,665.43	
Idaho.....	200.00	90.91	109.09	
Illinois.....	10,000.00	4,915.37	5,084.63	
Indiana.....	2,000.00	842.25	1,157.75	
Kansas.....	500.00	787.23		\$287.23
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	1,763.59	3,736.41	
Maine.....	200.00	50.00	150.00	
Michigan.....	25,000.00	9,058.04	15,941.96	
Mississippi.....	5,000.00	1,576.31	3,423.69	
Missouri.....	18,500.00	11,178.06	7,321.94	
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	327.99	672.01	
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	28,164.40	21,835.60	
Ohio.....	8,000.00	3,502.53	4,497.47	
Oklahoma.....	14,000.00	9,284.82	4,715.18	
South Carolina.....	12,500.00	7,414.60	5,085.40	
Tennessee.....	20,000.00	12,494.92	7,505.08	
Texas.....	11,000.00	5,552.87	5,447.13	
Virginia.....	13,500.00	6,140.92	7,359.08	
West Virginia.....	3,500.00	1,545.65	1,954.35	
Miscellaneous.....	3,741.00	3,037.18	703.82	
	<u>\$245,141.00</u>	<u>\$126,783.90</u>	<u>\$118,644.33</u>	<u>\$287.23</u>



A burning conviction that God wanted them in South America led the Bobby Pooles to become

MESSENGERS TO BRAZIL

SEEDS SOWN in early childhood—by a Christian friend, a loved one, a missionary-conscious pastor, a missionary meeting—bore fruit in the life of Bobby Luther Poole, fruit that ultimately carried him and his wife to South America's largest nation, Brazil.

"I feel that the Lord began to deal with me about foreign service," testifies the 26-year old missionary, "even before I really knew what it meant. It seems that the seed was sown back in my early boyhood days."

Bobby was saved at the age of 12, but "I did not know what it meant to live for Jesus until attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. Between conversion and my first year of college, I missed out on almost everything the Lord had for me. I just didn't know."

But, God began to work in young Bobby's heart during his first year of study. He made a total commitment of his life to the Lord and expressed his willingness to go anywhere God should lead.

And, God began to lead. "The next year the Lord began to point me toward South America. Although we did not have a work there at the time, I began to feel that God wanted me in Brazil. I considered field after field,

but God kept pointing me to Brazil."

God had been working also in the heart of a co-ed from South Carolina. She had been saved at the age of 13 and testifies that God directed her toward foreign service soon after conversion.

"My call was not an emotional one made after hearing a missionary tell of conditions on the field. It came as I studied God's Word in search of His will for my life. When I was 13, God made the command to go with the gospel to all nations a personal command. Since that time, it has been an abiding conviction that God's place of service was to go tell those who have never heard about the Lord Jesus."

Bobby and Geneva were married in 1960 and departed the same year for Ribeirao Preto, telling Brazilians that Christ died for them, too.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birthdays: Bobby, November 28, 1935; Geneva, October 17, 1937

Birthplaces: Bobby, Montgomery County, Tennessee; Geneva, Coward, South Carolina

Parents: Bobby, Vernon and Blondell Poole, Clarksville, Tennessee; Geneva, John and Mary McAllister Hicks, Effingham, South Carolina

Education: Bobby, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Columbia Bible College; Geneva, B.A., Free Will Baptist Bible College

Field Address: Caixa Postal 538, Ribeirao Preto, Estado de Sao Paulo, Brazil, South America

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Dave Franks*
Eula Mae Martin
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The Sam Wilkinsons

CUBA

The Tom Willeys, Sr.**

IVORY COAST, AF.

The Bill Joneses
The Dan Merkhs*
The LaVerne Mileys
The Lonnie Palmers
The Lonnie Sparkses*

JAPAN

The Wesley Calverys
The Fred Herseys
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

THE LINK OF PRAYER

SUPPOSING GOD did supply the need of the missionary for money and prayer without reference to us. Imagine him setting out from home and loved ones and being swallowed up by the mists of distance. How forlorn and lonely would be his lot . . . It is part of the grace of God that He has given us this intimate and beautiful link with those who are serving on the foreign field and those who are behind. —Eric S. Fife in *Man's Peace, God's Glory*

as you pray for your missionaries...

BRAZIL, S.A. / The Bobby Pooles, stationed in Ribeirão Preto, request prayer for their work in the city. Urban people here are more difficult to reach than rural where many are responding. **CUBA** / Seven hundred children reportedly died here last month of malnutrition. Doctors are frustrated by the lack of medicine. Pray for those who are continuing to proclaim the message of the Lord Jesus in the face of adversity. **IVORY COAST, AFRICA** / Bill Jones is field director here in the absence of Lonnie Sparks who is in the states on furlough. Pray for him and Joy as they minister to the Agnis and assume this increased load of administration. **JAPAN** / The Fred Hersey account is in the red. Funds are needed to put the account in the black, and additional regular support is needed to keep the account out of the red. Pray for God's provision in this. **PANAMA** / The John Moehlmans have moved to Penonome where they have begun to work. Fanatical Catholic opposition to evangelical work here has given the city the reputation of being the hardest place for Protestant work in Panama. Pray for strength to serve in the face of opposition. **URUGUAY** / The Bill Fulchers and the Paul Robinsons have located in the city of Rivera near the Brazil border. Prayer is requested for acquisition of a suitable place in which to begin holding services.

*On furlough in states

**With CERF in Miami