

HEARTBEAT

AUGUST '63

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

Miami Revisited



TORCH OF FRIENDSHIP IN DOWNTOWN MIAMI

Devoted to World Missions



However, the denominational missionary environment at that time was not as conducive to channeling missionary impulses into action as it is today. And Mark Lewis sought to satisfy his missionary interest in other ways. ¶He joined the few pastors who at that time were sincerely interested in building a strong denominational missionary program and created missionary concern in every church he pastored. ¶In 1952, he was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions to fill an unexpired term. He was re-elected to five-year terms on two subsequent occasions. His service on the board, most of the time as chairman, was the greatest outlet for his devotion to world missions. ¶As chairman, he guided the board during its greatest period of expansion. During his 12 years of service, he saw the missionary staff grow from 10 to 50, the budget climb from \$50,000 to \$300,000 annually. His personal knowledge of the missionaries and his dedication to his responsibility as a board member made his contribution to the denomination's missionary program of inestimable value. ¶He resigned as chairman at the board's annual meeting last April. The board passed the following commendation: "Motion carried that a rising vote of thanks be given to Mr. Lewis in appreciation for his long and faithful service as chairman." ¶He had been preaching since the age of 16. He was present moderator of the Michigan State Association and was scheduled to have brought the welcoming address during the opening session of the National Association convened in Detroit July 16-18. He was pastor of Beulah Church in Warren, Mich. ¶He was born in Missouri on August 14, 1914. The first death of an adult member of our foreign missions family, Mark Lewis went to be with the Lord as the instantaneous result of a heart attack at 12:30 a.m. July 13. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. He would have been 49 this month.

by
Jerry Ballard



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OSCAR GARCIA

(Photo courtesy Detroit Free Press)

MISSIONS in ACTION AROUND THE WORLD



\$306,573.10 1964 Budget Adapted

DETROIT, MICH.—More than 2,000 Free Will Baptists attending the 27th annual session of the National Association heard Bay of Pigs soldier Oscar Garcia tell of his conversion while in Castro's prison. He was released in 1962.

Those attending the Wednesday evening missions service were visably moved as Garcia told of borrowing a New Testament and, without any human witness, having his life transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God.

This was only one of the spiritual blessings enjoyed during the session. Messengers speaking on the general theme "By my spirit . . ." were used mightily.

In convention action, the 1964 foreign missions budget of \$306,573.10 was adopted. This is an increase of more than \$32,000 over the 1963 budget. Total denominational budget adopted—\$909,413.10.

All standing boards were increased to seven men. New members elected to the Board of Foreign Missions were the Rev. Gene Rogers, pastor of First Church, Mountain Grove, Mo., seven-year term; and the Rev. Winford Floyd, pastor of First Church, Elizabethton, Tenn., six-year term.

The Rev. Raymond Riggs, former general director of the board, was returned to the board to fill the vacancy created by the death of the Rev. Mark Lewis. Mr. Riggs is pastor of Bethany Church, Norfolk, Va.

The Rev. Joe Ange, pastor of Central church, Royal Oak, Mich., was re-elected to the board for a five-year term.

The association formally adopted plans for new denominational headquarters building. Construction is to begin immediately.

Three Receive Appointments

DETROIT, MICH.—The Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew of California received official appointment for service in Ivory Coast by board action here July 18. Pat Franks, recent bride of Missionary Dave Franks, was formally appointed to service in Brazil.

To Put It Briefly . . . Earnie and Willie Jean Deeds leave late this month for language study in Brazil . . . Lonnie Sparks received the Masters degree in linguistics from the University of Michigan in June. It is his second Masters degree . . . The week-long Kulango Bible Conference in Ivory Coast saw 73 in attendance. Missionaries pleased with response even though opposition from fetish-following elders was experienced . . . Bible classes in Uruguay are creating interest in the gospel. Roman Catholic opposition to Saturday Bible clubs for young people thus far has been ineffective . . . "Kim"berly Michelle Ballard, a girl, born August 2 to the Jerry Ballards.

JIMMY AND JANIE ALDRIDGE departed July 24 for language study in Switzerland before moving to permanent assignment in Ivory Coast. They left aboard the SS Queen Mary from New York Harbor.



FLOYD



ROGERS



RIGGS

A red-tinted aerial photograph of Miami, showing the dense urban grid and the coastline. The image is used as a background for the top half of the page.

by THE EDITOR

Miami Revisited

FOURTEEN MONTHS had passed since my last visit to Miami. I found it still to be "Refugee City, U.S.A."

Many things have changed. Last year, some 1,500 refugees weekly were pouring in by the Havana to Miami Pan American air run. These flights are no longer in progress. Then, the air was shocked with emotion as hundreds had their first taste of freedom in months and as loved ones were reunited in safety. Now, emotion has been replaced by the hard core reality of seeking to reestablish life in a foreign country.

Not that some aren't still coming out of Cuba. They are. Daily small boats filter through Castro's naval patrol and Mig spotters to arrive on the Florida Keys filled past capacity with desperate Cubans forced to risk their lives to keep them.

The inner urging for freedom is a powerful force. Nikita's wall in Berlin has failed to stop freedom hungry East Germans from risking their lives to escape communist tyranny. Mao's barbed wire wall around China has not contained the Chinese. And Fidel's gunboats have not successfully put an end to breaks out of his Red fortress in the Caribbean.

But the overall situation is one of re-establishment and relocation. Of the thousands who have landed on our shores, many still are frustrated by inadequate provision for their families.

Of the more than 165,000 refugees registered with the United States refugee center in Miami, some 60,000 have been resettled outside of Miami with an additional

40,000 assuming self-supporting status in Miami. This leaves some 65,000 faced with the urgent problem of survival, not to mention those of the 40,000 whose self-support is really inadequate. Neither is this to note the 50 per week who are coming in by boat.

Although the refugee problem is radically different than it was a year ago, the problem still exists. And Henry P. Yoder of Church World Service in Miami believes that the problem will remain for a long time to come, until refugees have been successfully integrated into the American community.

Free Will Baptists are faced with the urgent need to rethink the refugee program in Miami. Whereas the operation at present has been one born out of emergency, time has come for a permanent program of reaching Cuban refugees for Christ, assisting in their relocation, and establishing them in churches.

CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund) was set up in 1962 as a joint effort of the foreign and home mission boards to help meet the needs of incoming refugees. This it has effectively done. Free Will Baptists across the land have wonderfully responded to requests for clothing, linens, and blankets. And, CERF still needs to receive a regular supply. Funds in addition to regular missions support are also needed.

But, results of CERF have not been adequately conserved. Decisions for Christ are witnessed at nearly every service held in Miami, but the new Christians are absorbed into other church programs, not our own.

More than 80 Cuban families who found the Lord through our ministry are now actively churching with other evangelical groups.

Reasons for this are easily seen.

(1) Those who relocate in Miami want involvement in a full church program. As yet, Free Will Baptists have not sufficiently established a Spanish church to supply this involvement.

The primary reason offered for this by those in Miami is lack of physical facilities in which to perpetuate such a church program. Sunday morning services are held in a rented auditorium. Sunday evening services are held in another location, as are mid-week services. The building purchased by home missions funds has served well for the CERF operation but is inadequate for a church.

(2) Those who relocate outside of Miami are relocated by other evangelical groups. It is only natural that they desire to worship with those who have assisted them in relocation.

And there are the more than 100,000 Cubans in the Miami area who are ready targets for evangelism. A systematic plan of reaching these who now have taken on established status is lacking.

The Board of Foreign Missions has faced the problem of seeing people for whom they have spent more than 20 years seeking to reach now in the states where the board

has no jurisdiction. CERF was the answer during the months of extreme urgency.

Now in view of the changing character of the situation in Miami from one of emergency to one of permanency, the Board of Foreign Missions finds it necessary to terminate its obligation to CERF at the end of this year, requesting the Board of Home Missions to assume responsibility of further relief activity. This met with the desires of the home department. They have since taken action, however, to terminate CERF at the end of this year unless they are persuaded that the situation demands further relief activity.

This writer is convinced that the need now exists (1) for an effective program in Miami to reach the city's large Spanish population and solidly establish Spanish Free Will Baptist church or churches in the area and (2) for a program of relocation that will conserve for Free Will Baptists results of evangelistic activity in Miami.

Steps are being taken to meet these needs. One Cuban pastor is going to Texas under auspices of the Texas Home Missions Board to work among Spanish-speaking peoples in southern Texas. This is a glorious opportunity for Texas Free Will Baptists to go a step further and assume the responsibility of relocating refugees in the area.

Interest in a similar program with another of our Cuban pastors has been seen in California. One of the greatest opportunities exists there. In the San Francisco area alone there is a Spanish-speaking population greater than that of the entire City of Nashville.

Responsibilities of relocation are very simple. Interested individuals or groups are requested to provide adequate housing and care for a Cuban family and assist in acquiring a job for the husband. Experience has been that the Cuban family is quickly self supporting. Transportation from Miami is provided through Church World Service. Those interested in more details are urged to write the missions departments.

Denominational opportunities among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the United States are unlimited. Much is being done. More must be done or the day of harvest will be past and our account before the Lord will be sadly lacking. ■

CLOTHING STILL NEEDED

CLOTHING SUPPLY at Free Will Baptist Cuban Refugee Center in Miami is dangerously low, according to Director Thomas Willey, Sr. Although need is not as great as during days of heavy immigration, a steady flow of refugees is still coming out. Much need exists among refugees already in Miami. Sheets are urgently needed. Also, it isn't too early to stockpile blankets for fall and winter. All clothing, sheets, and blankets are to be sent to CERF, 232 S.W. 8th St., Miami, Fla.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / JUNE '63

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| CASH IN BANK JUNE 1, 1963..... | \$51,315.02 |
| Interest..... | 441.32 |
| | \$51,756.34 |

RECEIPTS

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Income on Press..... | \$ 517.71 |
| CERF..... | 862.00 |
| W.N.A.C..... | 159.01 |
| Refunds..... | 50.09 |
| Alabama..... | 775.74 |
| Alaska..... | 17.22 |
| Arkansas..... | 262.27 |
| California..... | 1,906.09 |
| Colorado..... | 40.08 |
| District of Columbia..... | 10.00 |
| Florida..... | 367.33 |
| Georgia..... | 254.85 |
| Illinois..... | 371.43 |
| Indiana..... | 186.14 |
| Iowa..... | 120.00 |
| Kansas..... | 153.14 |
| Kentucky..... | 248.13 |
| Louisiana..... | 2.00 |
| Michigan..... | 1,666.76 |
| Mississippi..... | 191.54 |
| Missouri..... | 1,235.47 |
| New Brunswick..... | 4.00 |
| New Hampshire..... | 22.00 |
| New Mexico..... | 23.48 |
| North Carolina..... | 4,548.67 |
| Ohio..... | 338.24 |
| Oklahoma..... | 2,168.79 |
| South Carolina..... | 1,274.42 |
| Tennessee..... | 1,007.33 |
| Texas..... | 1,134.50 |
| Virginia..... | 1,141.17 |
| Washington..... | 20.00 |
| West Virginia..... | 1,398.94 |
| | 22,478.54 |
| | \$74,234.88 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mission Fields..... | 17,780.59 |
| Traveling and Promotion..... | 458.33 |
| Administrative..... | 4,642.24 |
| | 22,881.16 |
| | \$51,353.72 |

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

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|---|--------------------|
| General Fund..... | \$ 5,449.47 |
| CERF..... | 862.00 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge..... | 5,318.57 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock..... | 487.39 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery..... | 1,885.38 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds..... | 3,646.83 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks..... | 3,917.18 |
| Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher..... | 1,249.80 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey..... | 936.88 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones..... | 85.42 |
| Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N..... | 266.42 |
| Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley..... | 123.16 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Eddie J. Payne..... | 3,702.90 |
| Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps..... | 1,187.99 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole..... | 905.84 |
| Miss Mary Ellen Rice..... | 1,707.16 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson..... | 855.22 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks..... | 567.74 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkinson..... | 1,815.83 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr..... | 30.00 |
| Miss Volena Wilson..... | 986.32 |
| Furlough Car..... | 699.26 |
| Africa—Medical Building..... | 6,410.41 |
| Africa—Children's Division..... | 4,068.13 |
| North India Buildings..... | 6,672.53 |
| Repatriation..... | 3,190.59 |
| Sparkes Vehicle..... | 481.51 |
| Palmer's House..... | 79.71 |
| | \$57,589.64 |

Deficit Accounts:

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|---|--------------------|
| Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk..... | \$ 803.03 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton..... | 1,090.46 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna..... | 369.27 |
| Rev. and Mrs. John E. Moehlman..... | 940.36 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr..... | 1,407.55 |
| Mrs. Josephine Stevens..... | 77.44 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid..... | 478.55 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr..... | 1,069.26 |
| | 6,235.92 |
| | \$51,353.72 |

STATE QUOTAS

| STATE | QUOTA | PAID | UNDER QUOTA | OVER QUOTA |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Alabama..... | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 4,574.13 | \$ 2,425.87 | |
| Alaska..... | 300.00 | 79.22 | 220.78 | |
| Arizona..... | 1,000.00 | 240.98 | 759.02 | |
| Arkansas..... | 8,000.00 | 3,263.66 | 4,736.34 | |
| California..... | 12,000.00 | 7,140.44 | 4,859.56 | |
| Florida..... | 6,500.00 | 3,869.24 | 2,630.76 | |
| Georgia..... | 8,500.00 | 5,525.67 | 2,974.33 | |
| Hawaii..... | 100.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Idaho..... | 200.00 | 9.32 | 190.68 | |
| Illinois..... | 11,000.00 | 2,669.73 | 8,330.27 | |
| Indiana..... | 2,500.00 | 799.43 | 1,700.57 | |
| Kansas..... | 1,250.00 | 750.70 | 499.30 | |
| Kentucky..... | 5,500.00 | 1,456.95 | 4,043.05 | |
| Maine..... | 250.00 | | 250.00 | |
| Michigan..... | 26,500.00 | 15,294.27 | 11,205.73 | |
| Mississippi..... | 5,500.00 | 1,309.54 | 4,190.46 | |
| Missouri..... | 21,500.00 | 9,205.94 | 12,294.06 | |
| New Hampshire..... | 200.00 | 217.07 | | 17.07 |
| New Mexico..... | 1,250.00 | 223.94 | 1,026.06 | |
| North Carolina..... | 54,000.00 | 19,449.54 | 34,550.46 | |
| Ohio..... | 9,000.00 | 3,482.15 | 5,517.85 | |
| Oklahoma..... | 17,000.00 | 11,952.09 | 5,047.91 | |
| South Carolina..... | 15,000.00 | 6,623.38 | 8,376.62 | |
| Tennessee..... | 22,500.00 | 11,556.77 | 10,943.23 | |
| Texas..... | 12,250.00 | 3,733.93 | 8,516.07 | |
| Virginia..... | 17,500.00 | 6,036.87 | 11,463.13 | |
| Washington..... | 250.00 | 76.58 | 173.42 | |
| West Virginia..... | 4,000.00 | 3,987.11 | 12.89 | |
| Miscellaneous..... | 3,968.29 | 1,710.36 | 2,257.93 | |
| | \$274,518.29 | \$125,289.01 | \$149,246.35 | \$ 17.07 |



A grave concern for the lost, a deep understanding of the church's ministry, and a captivating personality uniquely qualify Rufus Coffey for a ministry of

INSPIRING OTHERS

SOMEHOW the Sunday school teacher got her point across to young Rufus Coffey and implanted within him a concern for the lost of the world that never dwindled but continually intensified.

Rufus wasn't saved at the time, but he prayed for missionaries anyway. It was only natural that when he came to know Christ personally his missionary concern took on greater reality.

A hitch in the Navy brought Rufus a new understanding of the evils of man's unregenerated heart and urgent need for Christ. After discharge, God spoke to Rufus in unmistakable terms. He knew he had to preach. In 1947 he entered Bob Jones University and became active in missionary prayer band. "As I prayed for missionaries," Rufus recalls, "God deepened my burden for the lost everywhere."

Rufus married the former Maude Felder of Bowman, S. C., in 1952, the year after he received the B.A. degree from B.J.U. He was pastoring a Southern Methodist church in Nashville and Maude was teaching piano at Free Will Baptist Bible College when Rufus felt the strong conviction that Free Will Baptist polity and doctrine were closer to the Bible than his Methodist church. He prayed for clear direction from the Lord, and God moved in the hearts of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Darlington, S. C., to call him as pastor. With great inward satisfaction, the Virginia native crossed denominational boundaries and became a Free Will Baptist by choice.

At a time when many of his congregation at Darlington were out of work due to shutdown of the local mill, he led his church to support Missionary Lonnie Sparks. God began to work miracles. They not only kept their missionary obligation, but built additional Sunday school rooms and paid off indebtedness.

In 1957 he accepted call to First Church, Florence, S. C. God continued to bless. While raising missions support from \$700 to \$4,100 yearly, the congregation built a complete church plant with sanctuary seating 300. During Rufus' five years there, active membership grew from 120 to 244.

In 1961 Rufus visited mission fields in Latin America. His burden was intensified. Shortly after his return with a determination to inspire even greater concern for missions, the general director of foreign missions presented the challenge of service as director of conference ministries.

"I couldn't get away from the challenge. I felt compelled to accept the opportunity to share my burden with others."

And God has blessed the 36-year old preacher in his new job. "I have seen more decisions for the Lord than I would have in the pastorate," Rufus rejoiced. Since assuming responsibilities of directing missionary itineraries and planning missionary conferences, he has witnessed nearly 400 decisions during nine months of continuous meetings.

The Coffeys have three children: Raymond, ten; Rebecca, eight; and Reuel, two and a half.

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The Tom Willeys, Sr.**

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

JAPAN

The Wesley Calverys
The Fred Herseys
The Herbert Waid's*

NORTH INDIA

The Daniel Cronks
The Carlisle Hannas

PANAMA, C.A.

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

CONVICTION REVEALED IN ACTION

"MISSIONARY PASSION" is not a scriptural term. Passion is an emotion, and the feeling and expression of emotion vary tremendously from one temperament to another. My passion about world missions may vary a great deal—it is hard to feel passion with a migraine headache or a heavy head cold—but my conviction about world missions should be unwavering. We respond to the Lord's commands by our wills. Usually God reaches our wills through our emotions, or through our minds, or through both. The fact that I was profoundly moved at a meeting does not mean that that emotional feeling should necessarily continue. Neither, on the other hand, does it mean that it was necessarily wrong. It does mean that it ought to lead to some positive, definite action on my part. For although I will not be judged according to how I feel about missions, I will be judged according to how I act about missions.

—from *Man's Peace God's Glory* by Eric Fife

as you pray for your missionaries...

BRAZIL / Radio broadcasting is playing an increasingly important role in gospel outreach here. *Pray for missionaries who have regularly scheduled programs in two areas.* **CUBA** / Interest in sponsoring refugee Cuban pastors for Spanish-speaking ministries in the local area has been seen in Texas and California. *Pray that doors will open for Cuban pastors in the states as God directs.*

IVORY COAST / More than 3,000 patients were treated in the Doropo clinic during the recent six-month period. *Pray for Dr. LaVerne Miley's physical and spiritual ministry in this needy area.*

INDIA / Two Indian preachers were recently ordained in North India. *Pray that God will mightily use these men in proclaiming the gospel to their own people.* **JAPAN** / With Herbert Waid in the states on furlough, responsibilities are increased for Fred Hersey. *Pray for necessary strength and wisdom to continue forward thrust of work in Tokyo area.*

PANAMA / Tom Willey, Jr., has been seriously ill with virus infection. He is at home in Panama City now and is much improved. *Pray for a quick and complete recovery.*

URUGUAY / Opposition from Roman Catholics is increasing in the Rivera area. *Pray that opposition will not hinder the work of the Holy Spirit.*

*On furlough in states

**With CERF in Miami

***In Language Study