

Peace...◆◆◆

DECEMBER '63  
**HEARTBEAT**  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

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# 'Peace...'

MAN FIGHTS his enemy and wins a war, but there is no peace. Man pursues learning and writes volumes of books, but there is no peace. Man splits the atom, explores the depths of the sea and the vastness of outer space, but there is no peace.

Man builds skyscrapers and accumulates wealth, but there is no peace. Man is devoutly religious, fashions his idols, and offers his sacrifices, but there is no peace.

Peace is the longing desire of all men. Peace is the calmness after the storm. Peace is the quietness of conscience cleansed of its guilt. Peace is the gift of God.

The shepherds watched their flocks on the Judean hills. They were common men with ordinary jobs. Their eyes saw the messengers of heaven, and their ears heard the message, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." They believed the angels and went to find the Prince of Peace. They found Him, the Son of God, born in Bethlehem's manger.

Jesus came to a troubled world. "Unclean, unclean," the leper cried until Jesus cleansed him. Then came peace.

No man could have been more wretched than the man of Gadara before he met Jesus. Then came peace.

The disciples had been on the lake

many times, but the wind was strong and the waters were raging. They were filled with fear until Jesus came. Then came peace.

The heart of the widow of Nain was broken with the sorrow of death. Jesus raised her son from the dead by His powerful word. Then came peace—"Peace that passeth understanding."

World organizations are dedicated to the aim of peace on earth. They are trying to unite unreconciled people. Yet, even the nations of the world must come by the way of the cross to have peace on earth. "But now in Christ Jesus you who were sometimes far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. *For He is our peace . . .*"

The shepherds returned from Bethlehem telling everyone about the Christ Child. This is our ministry. Millions have not yet heard that they can have peace in their hearts with God. Several Japanese soldiers and scouts were found on a remote island more than four years after Japan had surrendered and peace had come at the end of World War II. Yet, because they had not heard the news that peace had been made, they still believed that the war was on. They had to be driven into corners and captured before they could believe that they were not hunted "enemies." The world must hear about the Prince of Peace. ■



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Paul Robinson, back left, with Bible club group in front of church sign

## MISSIONS in ACTION

AROUND THE WORLD



# Uruguayan Evangelistic Mission Fruitful

RIVERA, URUGUAY—A week of special evangelistic meetings came to a close here recently with 47 decisions to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour.

## October Receipts Set Record

NASHVILLE—An all-time record total of gifts for one month for Free Will Baptist foreign missions was received in October—\$29,189.24.

The previous record high was \$25,835.81 received during October, 1962.

**To Put It Briefly . . .** Harold Stevens, husband of Josephine Stevens, Free Will Baptist missionary working under auspices of South Africa General Mission, was called home for the funeral of his mother who died October 25 . . . the Lonnie Sparkses have returned to Goumère to assume responsibilities of that station in Ivory Coast . . . the Lonnie Palmers, who had maintained Goumère station in absence of Sparkses, have opened a new station at Laudi Ba.

**COMING IN JANUARY:** *The new missions theme for 1964 will be presented next month with a description of promotional materials designed to assist pastors in making 1964 the greatest year of missionary advance in the history of the denomination. Watch for this important issue.*

It was by far the greatest breakthrough Free Will Baptists have witnessed to date in this great South American country. The Rev. Bobby Aycock of Araras, Brazil, was the evangelist.

Included in the group of new believers, most of whom were adults, was a Spiritist of 30 years who had been an ardent opposer of Free Will Baptist work here.

Missionaries Bill Fulcher and Paul Robinson request prayer for the spiritual development of believers in Rivera. "We are still praying that God will call one of our young men into His service."

The conversions included a number of the more influential people in the community.

## Phippses to Depart Later This Month

MIAMI—The Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps will leave here late this month for Costa Rica where they will study the Spanish language in preparation for service in Panama.

Bill and Barbara are natives of North Carolina and are graduates of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Bill is a licensed pilot and will use an airplane in his ministry.





# THE WORLD AT *Christmas*

by THE EDITOR

**T**IS THE NIGHT before Christmas, and all through the world people continued on their uncertain course.

A great nation has experienced national tragedy in the brutal assassination of its elected leader. The peoples of earth enter the Christmas season in a state of shock at the results of uninhibited hatred fanned by alien propaganda.

The world ends one of the most important years of international development. The new nations of Africa have taken on characteristics of maturity though hampered by lack of political experience and economic prowess. Latin America has made strides in social revolution though plagued by traditional governmental turnovers and lack of financial stability.

The free world has become even more perplexed by the two faces of the Soviet Union—the smiling, peace loving, concession-bent approach to gain important goals; the hard line, missile rattling to remind an overanxious West that the Communist goal is world dominion.

Open war in Viet Nam, skirmishes on the Korean front, the Chinese buildup on the Indian border, the powder keg situation in Southeast Asia, and the militant activities of Cuban Communists in Latin America have kept the world from total enjoyment of the scientific and material blessings of the Sixties. "Wars and rumors of wars" have been the daily diet of world citizens.

Even earthquakes and typhoons have been the most severe of all time. The world has certainly entered the era so clearly outlined by prophetic Scripture.

As Free Will Baptist missionaries commemorate the birth of our Saviour, they face problems intensified by the age in which they live—the problems of penetrating complex cultures for Christ.

The situation in India, the denominations oldest foreign field, is no more encouraging than in the past. Illiteracy is an almost insurmountable problem. The continuous Chinese Communist threat plagues effective planning. A ray of light is the dedication and capability of Indian believers. Another ray is the possibility of getting new workers into the country.

Christmas in Cuba is a dark day. Celebrations are not allowed. No carol singing. No Christian observances. No gift giving. Yet, the glow in believing hearts will be as bright as ever, their hope as real. And in Miami many Cuban refugees will see Christmas in a new light, because they have come to know the Saviour during the past year.

In Japan, Christmas is primarily a commercial event. Christianity is still an unwanted religion by the masses. Although missionaries have been here since the end of World War II, this is still a pioneer field. Missionaries, however, experience great freedom in preaching the gospel, though the necessity of for-

saking idols and turning from ancestor worship keeps many from receiving Christ.

The picture in the Ivory Coast, Africa, is encouraging. Missionaries are seeing a genuine response to their witness. But false religions are also making inroads into the minds of the uncommitted. Christmas is a time of thanksgiving for those who have come to know the One who was born in a manger. It is also a time of fervent prayer for the millions of Africans who still have not heard of the Saviour.

Catholic celebrations submerging the real significance of the season in the pomp and dogma of pagan ritualism dampen true Christmas commemoration in countries to the South.

It is summer in Brazil and Uruguay. The greatest response to the gospel of all Free Will Baptist fields is seen in these countries. Christmas is a day of rejoicing in what the risen Lord has done through His servants.

And in Panama, the overcast spiritual skies are beginning to break. The Son is beginning to penetrate with rays of new life as missionaries are seeing what may be the beginning of a long-prayed-for breakthrough in this strategic land.

In the United States, Christians again celebrate Christmas in traditional ways. The Christmas story is read in many homes. Families pause to thank God for His great gift to the world.

And some are burdened as they realize that more than half of earth's billions have not heard that a Saviour is born.

They are burdened to pray for their missionaries serving faithfully on the front lines of spiritual advance; for fellow Christians in other lands, many of whom who are learning what it means to stand for Christ in the midst of extreme persecution; and for the multitudes who are yet waiting to hear.

And they are burdened to give a little extra at this Christmas season that the Word may go forth in great power.

For the prayerful concern of these, we are especially grateful and pray that God will make this Christmas more blessing-filled than ever before. ■



#### RECORDS


✧ Word Audio Library (Word Records, available mono or stereo, \$169.95). Few undertakings have had a more far reaching spiritual ministry than that of the Word Audio Library. We have just listened to the library with intense interest. It is obvious that hours were spent in its development. The devotional needs of the typical Christian family no doubt were weighed carefully, as were the diversified tastes of individuals of different ages with different backgrounds.

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The library is available to missionaries at a special price. Those interested may receive details from the foreign missions office.



*Half a world  
away . . . but  
not Forgotten!*

Christmas could be a lonely time . . . hundreds of miles from home . . . living in a pagan society where Christmas is just another day . . . or it can be a heartwarming time as your missionary receives an expression of your thoughtfulness . . . a special gift to his account during this season when we remember God's great gift to us.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

# FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / OCTOBER '63

CASH IN BANK OCTOBER 1, 1963 . . . . \$56,495.58  
Interest . . . . . 63.59

30,115.48

\$85,632.93

## RECEIPTS

Alabama . . . . .	\$ 1,622.21	
Alaska . . . . .	15.62	
Arizona . . . . .	10.00	
Arkansas . . . . .	2,862.92	
California . . . . .	1,537.89	
Colorado . . . . .	44.04	
Florida . . . . .	62.62	
Georgia . . . . .	748.59	
Illinois . . . . .	1,065.88	
Indiana . . . . .	171.52	
Iowa . . . . .	64.36	
Kansas . . . . .	110.77	
Kentucky . . . . .	457.48	
Michigan . . . . .	1,495.67	
Mississippi . . . . .	839.32	
Missouri . . . . .	1,538.13	
Nebraska . . . . .	17.07	
New Brunswick . . . . .	2.00	
New Hampshire . . . . .	34.00	
New Jersey . . . . .	1.00	
New Mexico . . . . .	43.52	
New York . . . . .	5.00	
North Carolina . . . . .	3,070.78	
Ohio . . . . .	499.17	
Oklahoma . . . . .	5,608.15	
Oregon . . . . .	10.00	
Rhode Island . . . . .	10.00	
South Carolina . . . . .	1,315.18	
Spain . . . . .	20.00	
Tennessee . . . . .	3,268.80	
Texas . . . . .	468.01	
Virginia . . . . .	949.06	
West Virginia . . . . .	342.09	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	878.39	29,189.24
		<b>\$85,748.41</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions . . . . .	\$21,276.36
Traveling & Promotion . . . . .	1,724.47
Administrative . . . . .	7,114.65

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS

CERF . . . . .	\$ 19.00	
Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge . . . . .	6,394.75	
Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Aycock . . . . .	593.72	
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Rev. & Mrs. T. H. Willey, Sr. . . . .	290.31	
Miss Volena Wilson . . . . .	874.43	
Furlough Car . . . . .	449.26	
Africa—Medical Building . . . . .	5,189.07	
Africa—Children's Division . . . . .	4,068.13	
North India Building . . . . .	7,383.89	
Repatriation . . . . .	3,190.59	
Sparkses' Vehicle . . . . .	215.70	
Palmer's House . . . . .	194.71	
Rev. & Mrs. Archie Mayhew . . . . .	1,699.25	
Rev. & Mrs. Louis Coscia . . . . .	499.98	62,324.22

## DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

General Fund . . . . .	\$ 1,567.44	
Rev. & Mrs. Ken Eagleton . . . . .	410.06	
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Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jones . . . . .	116.78	
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Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Sparks . . . . .	841.80	
Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Waid . . . . .	53.83	
Rev. & Mrs. T. H. Willey, Jr. . . . .	42.41	6,691.29
		<b>\$85,632.93</b>

## STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama . . . . .	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,396.23	\$	\$ 1,396.23
Alaska . . . . .	300.00	138.48	161.52	
Arizona . . . . .	1,000.00	280.98	719.02	
Arkansas . . . . .	8,000.00	8,338.90		338.90
California . . . . .	12,000.00	12,682.71		682.71
Florida . . . . .	6,500.00	6,048.45	451.55	
Georgia . . . . .	8,500.00	10,115.18		1,615.18
Hawaii . . . . .	100.00	72.30	27.70	
Idaho . . . . .	200.00	9.32	190.68	
Illinois . . . . .	11,000.00	7,077.77	3,922.23	
Indiana . . . . .	2,500.00	1,383.17	1,116.83	
Kansas . . . . .	1,250.00	1,214.21	35.79	
Kentucky . . . . .	5,500.00	2,901.88	2,598.12	
Maine . . . . .	250.00		250.00	
Michigan . . . . .	26,500.00	22,560.46	3,939.54	
Mississippi . . . . .	5,500.00	2,902.46	2,597.54	
Missouri . . . . .	21,500.00	16,303.39	5,196.61	
New Hampshire . . . . .	200.00	351.00		151.00
New Mexico . . . . .	1,250.00	565.32	684.68	
North Carolina . . . . .	54,000.00	31,337.74	22,662.26	
Ohio . . . . .	9,000.00	6,228.87	2,771.13	
Oklahoma . . . . .	17,000.00	25,852.27		8,852.27
South Carolina . . . . .	15,000.00	11,588.99	3,411.01	
Tennessee . . . . .	22,500.00	20,606.55	1,893.45	
Texas . . . . .	12,250.00	6,596.26	5,653.74	
Virginia . . . . .	17,500.00	11,189.36	6,310.64	
Washington . . . . .	250.00	101.58	148.42	
West Virginia . . . . .	4,000.00	6,291.07		2,291.07
Miscellaneous . . . . .	3,968.29	3,571.75	396.54	
	<b>\$274,518.29</b>	<b>\$224,706.65</b>	<b>\$ 65,139.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,327.36</b>



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## THE KEY TO THE PROBLEM

THERE IS SOMETHING we must do now to improve the situation: namely, to recover a true and biblical doctrine of the Church. The great commission, which is the charter of the Church, makes it apparent that the world-wide outreach of the Church ought to be at the very heart of the Church's life and thought. The Church exists, not primarily as a fellowship, nor as a worshipping community, essential as these things may be, but as an evangelizing agency. How many ministers realize the full import of Christ's great command to the Church, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"? For the majority of ministers, "foreign missions" are an optional extra. Even those ministers who are not actually opposed to foreign missions often show little enthusiasm for them and are sadly ill-informed . . . the real key to the missionary problem.

—by Leslie Lyall in *Missionary Opportunity Today*

## as you pray . . .

**BRAZIL** / The Louis Coscias are on itinerary preparing to depart for service in Brazil. *Pray that God will quickly raise up necessary prayer and financial support.* **CUBA** / As further reprisals against the Church here come to pass, God's people will face the greatest challenge to their faith possible. *Pray for them in this hour.* **INDIA** / Getting new missionaries into India is not an impossible feat, although extremely difficult. There is an increasing feeling that Free Will Baptists should try again. *Pray that God will call forth those whom He would have apply.* **IVORY COAST** / The Lonnie Sparkses are back at their post in Goumere. The Lonnie Palmers are opening a new station. *Pray for these as they assume their strategic responsibilities.* **JAPAN** / The Wesley Calverys continue their work in four churches on the island of Hokkaido. *Pray for the spiritual development of the work here.* **PANAMA** / A growing interest in the gospel is being seen. Some have been saved. *Pray for these as they grow in grace and service.* **URUGUAY** / Great victory was seen in recent evangelistic campaign. Many made decisions. *Pray for Missionaries Fulcher and Robinson as they follow-up these converts.*



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**RETURN REQUESTED**



## 'out of my heart'

*a word from the general director*

■ The most strategic personnel of our missionary force are neither the missionaries on the field nor the administrators in the home office but rather the pastors of our Free Will Baptist churches.

■ We are indebted to the servants of God who teach their people the privilege of sharing the message of Christ with the world. Here are suggestions to assist the pastor in planning his missionary ministry for the new year.

■ Study and work systematically to increase knowledge of missionary needs and deepen burden as a missionary teacher and leader.

■ Personally study each year a missionary theme.

■ Read missionary biographies and books on missionary subjects.

■ Invite missionaries to speak to your church and plan with other pastors missionary conferences for your area.

■ Make use of missionary films and dramas in the training of youth in your church.

■ Include a study of missions in teacher training courses.

■ Be sure that every church family is receiving the missionary publications.

■ Organize missionary prayer groups, assigning specific fields and missionaries to different groups. The pastor should acquaint himself personally with missionaries and should be well informed regarding the denomination's missionary policies.

■ Have a great desire for the calling forth of missionaries from your church and for supporting their work.

■ Constantly impress your people with the necessity of love for all men everywhere and the responsibility of preaching the gospel to every nation.

■ This is God's work, and we can attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.

*J. Reford Wilson*

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