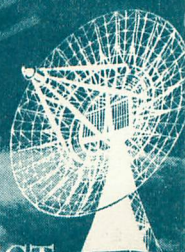


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# HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS



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# A Pastoral Obligation

NO MAN is more important to our world-wide witness than the pastor in the pulpit. The Apostle Peter commands the pastors: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight."

Paul entreats the elders at Ephesus: "Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." ¶The pastor may call others to assist him, but he is the guardian of the flock. He has the responsibility of leading his people in the mighty movement to claim the world for Christ. ¶"I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians" should be the passion of every pastor. World evangelism is not a sideline of the church to be accepted or rejected at one's pleasure. It is the plan and purpose of God. ¶Never was there an age like the one in which we live. The church has access to the greatest means of communication and transportation ever known to man. The pastor must dedicate himself to lead the advance of his church, to throw back the curtains of darkness and let the light of the glorious gospel of the Son of God shine on the heathen. ¶Sometimes ignorance of missions clouds our sky, but this ignorance is not excusable. It is criminal! There is an urgency in this hour that calls for powerful preaching. Preaching that denounces sin, declares salvation through Christ, and demands dedication of every Christian to the task of world evangelism. We must have a missionary revival. ¶What are the signs of a missionary revival? Are Free Will Baptists experiencing the blessings of such a revival? There are reasons to believe that God is giving to us the revival for which we have been praying. Young men and young women are dedicating themselves to this calling; more Free Will Baptists are giving to foreign missions; churches are underwriting the support of missionaries; many prayer meetings are wholly given to intercessory prayer for our world-wide witness. ¶I believe these are signs of missionary revival, and my soul rejoices in the anticipated blessings in the New Year for our program of world evangelism.

by  
J. Reford Wilson



## HEARTBEAT

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IF I COULD have the privilege of choosing any decade in history in which to live, I would choose this one. © I mean that. © There has never been a better time than this decade of the sixties to do something strategic and wonderful for God. I think even Paul would agree with that statement. © Of course, I didn't get to pick the period of history in which to live. But one important choice was mine—to choose the group of God's people with whom I would serve. I picked Free Will Baptists. I didn't inherit my membership in the Free Will Baptist church. I voluntarily chose it, and I feel that the decision was providential. © I do not know of another denomination that has any more opportunities to make a unique spiritual contribution to the world's needs right now than mine. And, I feel that we are rising to the occasion. © I am thrilled by the missionary spirit that is possessing our churches. I heard one of our pastors tell his congregation recently that he wanted them to increase their missionary giving and that if they felt they just couldn't give

any more, he was going to insist that they cut his salary and give that much more to missions. © I don't think he'll have to take a salary cut. Any congregation that wouldn't respond to that kind of passionate plea from its pastor is twice dead and just waiting to be plucked up by the roots! © The aggressive spirit that is surging through our denomination puts fire in my soul. Our people intend to do more while they are in this world than just go along for the ride. We are on the march! The faint hearts who are drawing up plans for our retreat had better tear them up. © When General Bernard Montgomery took command of the African campaign in World War II, it seemed inevitable that

Rommel's forces would take the whole of North Africa. It had been all but written off. Montgomery found an officer at headquarters working on some plans and asked what they were. © "Plans for retreat," was the reply. © "Tear up the plans; we are advancing!" the general ordered. And advance they did—and win! © Free Will Baptists are moving out for God and I believe that 1963 is going to mark some signal victories for us. But not without some struggles. © Paul wrote: "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (I Cor. 16:9). It is significant that he did not say *but* instead of *and*. Adversaries were to be expected. It would have been unusual only if there had been none. Conflict and struggle are within the very nature of Christian missions. © Problems abound today, *and* where problems abound opportunities much more abound—to paraphrase a Bible verse. Here are some of the situations we face today which give zest and challenge to our job of taking Christ to the world. ►

A key evangelical makes a penetrating projection for the new year

# 1963 IN PROSPECT



by W. STANLEY MOONEYHAM

Moderator of the National Association  
of Free Will Baptists



(1) Occasionally I hear someone complaining about the “closed doors” of missionary opportunity as if this were a unique situation in the history of the church. The matter of “closed doors” depends on the viewpoint. True, some countries may throw up barriers to keep out Western missionaries, but how do you wall out the Holy Spirit?

From heaven’s viewpoint there are no closed doors. God is not limited to working only through American missionaries. Dr. Clyde Taylor, missionary statesman and leader, says, “There are more doors open today than there were when I went out as a missionary—and not discounting the nearly one billion behind the bamboo and iron curtains.

“Scores of countries are receptive to missionary work, work that must be done by the existing national churches assisted by missionaries, thousands of whom are still needed.” Then he adds, “We must not confuse unrest, violence, and revolution with lack of opportunity.”

Make no mistake about it; the Holy Spirit is at work in the world today! Subodh Sahu, pastor of the Carey Baptist Church in Calcutta, India, told a student missionary conference here in the United States a year ago, “The Lord Jesus Christ has not abdicated His throne. He is still working and will continue to work, whether or not the Western church sends missionaries, whether or not there will be an open door for Western missionaries to come into our Eastern countries.”

Our missionary strategy must not be tied to American personnel. The vision and farsightedness of Tom Willey in this respect is the reason the Free Will Baptist witness in Cuba continues with such vigor in the absence of American missionaries. The Holy Spirit is working behind communism’s “closed doors.”

(2) Communism is another adversary of missions today. It is a fearsome enemy, but I am most impatient with those

Christians who are ready to retreat and withdraw before its aggressive forces and turn the world over to them without a fight. If Christianity could fight and survive—yes, even thrive—within a pagan Roman society, we would be cowards of the lowest stripe to “fold our tents and silently steal away” when challenged by the same old anti-Christ spirit dressed up in a Soviet or Chinese uniform.

Dr. Arthur Glasser says, “You and I face a tough world; it may get tougher. God is not sentimental. There are large segments of His Church that today have been granted by Him the privilege of suffering for His sake. Do you think He is going to deny the Church in the West the same privilege He has granted to the Church in so many parts of the world?”

We may suffer, but communism is not invincible! It is not, as it claims, the wave of the future. Jesus Christ is still Lord of history, and He will write the last chapter.

What the church desperately needs today is to meet this adversary in the same spirit of total dedication and blood sacrifice with which it advances. If we had, it would prove that “He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world,” and we would turn the tide of world affairs in God’s favor.

(3) Another hindrance to missions today is nationalism and the resurgence of other religions. One of the strong arguments against Christianity in the emerging nations is that it is simply the tool of Western imperialism. Missionary work has been too much tied in with Western culture. Newly-independent nations see Christianity as nothing more than the “white man’s religion.”

These new nations are trying to find their own identities in the community of nations and their intense nationalistic spirit leads them to adopt religions which have a national identity rather than Christianity. Africa is a good—but an alarming—example. ► *To page ten*



Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Isaiah 53:5, 6 are just a few of the passages that show us the world is lost without the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The responsibility of carrying the message of the Lord Jesus Christ to all the world is made imperative by the command of the Lord Jesus Himself. The Bible clearly shows that the Lord has commanded us to evangelize the world by reaching people and teaching them concerning Himself. God has placed a number of forces at our command to accomplish this great task. We shall look at three.

The first one is prayer. The Bible teaches that people are drawn by Lord through the preaching of the Word and through our prayers in order to be saved.

How many of us have ever worked at this responsibility of prayer? God has given us the power of prayer with which to evangelize the world.

Another force that we have at our command is one which we dislike facing. Yet, it is absolutely necessary to the evangelization of the world. This force is giving financially. To take the gospel to the ends of the earth is an expensive proposition.

Did you hear President Kennedy recently regarding our space program? He said, "The United States in the following year will spend five billion, 400 million dollars on the space program." This is what that means. Every boy and girl, every man and woman in the United States of America will give 50 cents a week to this program.

If you have a family of six people, you are giving \$3 a week to get a man to the moon whether you like it or not. As God's people we have a higher aim than the moon, and I am convinced that the church of the Lord Jesus needs a space program financially stronger than the space program of the Federal government to reach men with the gospel and launch them to Heaven.

Third force—the ability to go with the gospel. I am afraid that in the past missionaries have been somewhat misleading in dealing with the "going" matter. God means for every born-again believer in the local church to go with the gospel, and I am convinced that when individuals in the local church go for Christ at home souls get saved in Africa without a bit of trouble.

The whole trouble is that it is so much easier for a church to get all pepped up and all excited when a missionary comes in and flop down a big offering for somebody to go to the mission field and say, "That takes care of my going." You have not gone until you go, and God intends for every born-again believer to be going somewhere.

You meet more people in America everyday than I saw in a week in Africa, and the ones you are meeting are going to hell just like they are in Africa.

Here is the way I feel about it. Someone said that if I go to Africa I shall be their proxy. If I am your proxy in Africa, I still have a responsibility for the folks back home, and since I can't tell them about Jesus Christ except about once every four or five years, you must be my proxy while I work in Africa, and I'm concerned about your being a good proxy. God intends for those at home to proxy for those in Africa.

The entire church must be united in concern about the lost of the world. What is your ability? What are your resources? Whatever they are, God has given them to you to be utilized in reaching the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Africa, I was a builder. But if I had not thought that building buildings in Africa would further the gospel in that area, I would have quit and come home.

We have a medical program in Africa, but if we sent Dr. LaVerne Miley to Africa to stick sticky plaster on somebody's sores, we ought to bring him home. It's not worth the trouble. The government can do a much better job of sticking plasters, than we can. They have much better facilities. But, by sticking plasters, we can win hearts for the Lord Jesus.

God wants to use your abilities to reach people for Jesus Christ. Perhaps you can't preach; perhaps you can't sing. God can use what you do know how to do. God intends for some folks to be good doctors, good engineers, good farmers, good scientists. We have failed in not using these abilities for a witness to bring people to Christ.

There is a place for you in God's program of evangelization. This program is the work of those who comprise the local church. Will you this day give yourself completely to this great task of winning men to Christ? ■





## **WILSON TO MAKE LATIN TOUR**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Reford Wilson, general director of the board of foreign missions, will leave Miami International Airport January 28 for a Latin America trip that will take him to Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru, and Panama in an intensive series of consultations and planning sessions.

### **Central Church Sets Pledge Record**

ROYAL OAK, MICH.—An all time record pledge for a single Free Will Baptist church was recorded here during the Central church's annual missionary conference.

By the end of the eight-day conference, pledges already totaled more than \$14,000. Pastor Joe Ange expressed belief that additional pledges expected to come in would send the total in excess of \$15,000.

On hand for the conference were the Rev. Rufus Coffey, director of conference ministries of the board of foreign missions; the Rev. Daniel J. Merkh missionary to the Ivory Coast; the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk, missionaries to India; and the Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, missionaries to the Ivory Coast.

Cash offerings received during the week for foreign missions came to a total of \$1,704.37.

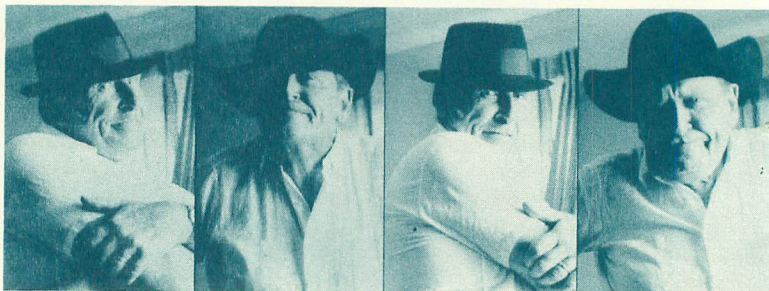
The first stop on the general director's schedule is Brazil where he will arrive January 29. He will spend approximately two weeks with Free Will Baptist missionaries in the area discussing problems confronting the mission in expanding Free Will Baptist missionary outreach in South America's largest nation.

Mr. Wilson will spend a week in Uruguay where the Bill Fulchers and the Paul Robinsons have recently begun a Free Will Baptist witness. Again, problems of establishing a work in a new and isolated area will be high on the agenda.

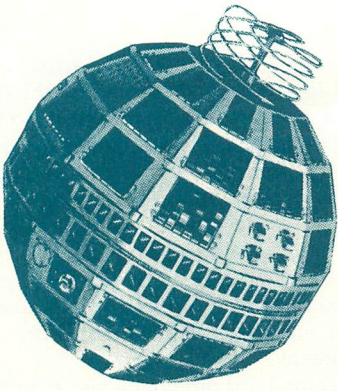
The general director will conclude his Latin America tour with a stop in Panama for consultations with missionaries working there, the Tom

## **THE MANY FACES OF 'POP' WILLEY**

Undoubtedly the most widely known face in Free Will Baptist foreign missions is that of 'Pop' Willey. His sense of humor is one of his characterizing traits, as these informal shots clearly reveal.







# 'THAT ALL MAY HEAR'

Announcing the 1963 World Evangelism Keynote for Free Will Baptists

COMMUNICATION IS the essential factor in the proclamation of the gospel message.

"And how shall they believe, in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear . . ." (Romans 10:14).

We find ourselves sitting in the 20th Century in the world's most complex society. Yet, through the maze of conflicts seething with the imminence of crisis, God has given to His children the most remarkable tools of communication that have ever existed.

Never before has the preacher had so many mediums at his command "that all may hear."

The means of hearing are phenomenal. The problem that exists is failure to utilize these means of communication.

The 1963 keynote for the world-wide witness of Free Will Baptists is "That All May Hear." It is a call to Free Will Baptists to unite in the utilization of every possible method of communication in telling the present generation that there is a Saviour from sin.

The heartbeat of the Book of Acts is evangelism. This is still the heartbeat of the church, of the Lord Jesus Christ. God's concern is that men hear the gospel and thereby receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Throughout 1963 your foreign missions department will be emphasizing

the diversity of communicative methods God has given that His message of redemption might be proclaimed to every creature.

There is a method of communication that God has given to you. It is the prayer of this department that during 1963 in a greater way than ever before you will yield yourself to this task of communicating the gospel to all with whom you come in contact.

To assist in stimulating a greater interest in the world-wide witness of the Free Will Baptist denomination, promotional materials are being prepared for release during coming weeks. A special pastor's file folder and a special missionary conference packet are included.

Available immediately are the new 1963 keynote posters. Pastors and others interested in receiving these may do so by simply writing the foreign mission department and requesting the number of posters desired. They are furnished without charge.

The world is waiting for the message they so urgently need. This message is the good news that Christ died for sin and by His death offers life to everyone who will receive Him.

The challenge of 1963 is before us—to dedicate ourselves and our resources to the utilization of everything we have "that all may hear."





a message by **DANIEL J. MERKH**

# WORLD EVANGELISM: THE PURPOSE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

delivered at annual missionary conference  
at Free Will Baptist Bible College

**I** AM FIRMLY convinced that God calls men to be pumpers of gasoline and drivers of nails, as well as He calls missionaries and preachers, evangelists, and teachers. Each of us has a part to play in the evangelization of the world.

This message is given with the prayer that the Lord will impress upon your mind and heart the fact that each individual in the church has a place in the evangelization of the world, and that God will reward the "little man" as much as the so-called "big man" if he is faithful in what God has called him to do.

I am reading from Luke 24 beginning with verse 45: "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, And said unto them, Thus it

is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things."

The Lord was speaking to His disciples. They had not understood what the Lord Jesus had come for. They were looking for God to send them a deliverer, a strong man to set up a supernatural kingdom to drive out the Romans.

However, the Lord did not choose at that time to set up a supernatural kingdom, and this is the thing that has been driven to my heart. After He said, "Now I am opening up your understanding," He pointed to the central message of the scriptures—that it was necessary for Christ to die and shed His precious blood on the cross of Calvary for the remission of sins and that this message must be preached to all nations.

He then said that His disciples are witnesses of these things, witnesses that Jesus Christ did not come to set up a supernatural kingdom, but rather to bear shame of death on the cross that all of us might be saved today. "And ye are witnesses."

This is what it means—God has not ordained a supernatural spread of the gospel. The gospel is spread through just as ordinary and natural and human individuals as you and I.

However, I praise the Lord that the results are supernatural. When we preach the gospel, the Holy Spirit does His supernatural work—the new birth.

Listen to this statement: "The purpose of the local church is to evangelize the world. All forces must unite to accomplish this objective, and every effort must be bent to this end."

It is high time that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ realizes that the primary design of the local church and all of its activities is to evangelize the world.

I am shocked at the materialism that has engulfed the church in the States. We have become obsessed with so many things that have no relationship with the basic purpose that God has for the church, that of preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Why do we need to evangelize the world? Scripture is clear at this point.



ONE THING was certain: 1962 was a year of *movement*.

Early in the year Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., rocketed off into the skies to become America's first man in orbit—and millions of people around the globe followed his movement through the uncharted stretches of outer space.

Late in the year American warships moved out into the seas to fence in Cuba with a determined blockade.

And thus it went, as 1962 moved along. Space probings, military ventures, political marches — a year of movement.

In the world of religion, too, 1962 was marked by movement.

Church bodies moved along in a slowing-but-steady pace—their progress marked by ever-increasing membership totals and burgeoning construction statistics. Some found their orbits drawing closer together with merger-talk.

Movement . . . and some were even moved to pray as missionaries suffered personal hardships to an unusual degree—kidnappings, hospital raids, earthquakes, massacres. But through it all they found ways of taking advantage of unusual opportunities—witnessing at the Communist-sponsored World Youth Festival in Helsinki, broadening the outreach of radio and journalism in Latin America and Asia, translating the Scriptures into new tongues.

Movement, movement, movement. Much of it was predictable. Separatists and ecumenicists moved as expected; integrationists and segregationists failed to surprise; the Second Vatican Council made no great headlines because of either its pace or its pronouncements.

There is evidence that the world is growing tired of wallowing in filthy plays, films, and books, and is turning to more uplifting themes.

Major newsworthy events during 1962 in the world of religion included: (1) the impact of evangelism in both North and South America; (2) the Vatican

Ecumenical Council and far-reaching trends related to it; (3) the continued battle of secularism versus a recognition of the claims of God in church and state relations; and (4) an increasing emphasis on the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

1962 has been a year of complex crises both within and without the church. The continuous threat of nuclear war has given a heretofore unknown dimension to life. The world lives in fear of the future. While the nations of mankind search for the solution to their dilemma, the church in many ways has been content to expend its energies on internal matters to the detriment of God's

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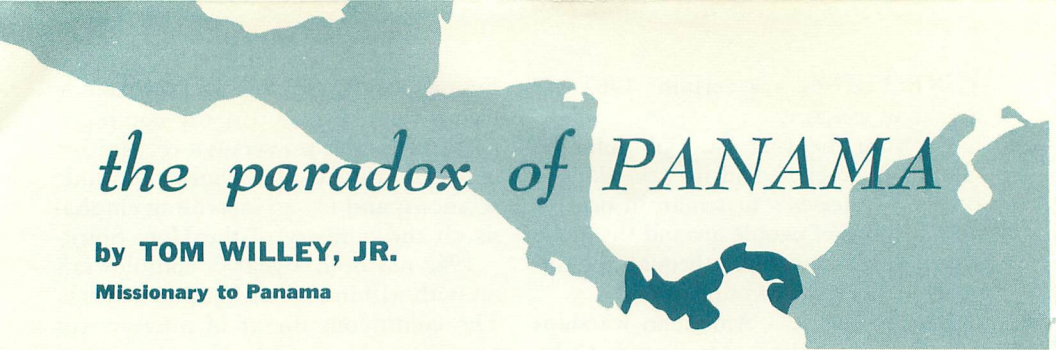
great plan for the world to know that "a Saviour is born."

But, there are those believers scattered throughout the world who live in the anticipation that Christ is coming again, and until He does, they will be about the Father's business of telling a waiting world that Christ is the answer!

There were starts and stops and detours to mark the move of the world of religion in the Year of Our Lord 1962. But close observers of the evangelical movement thought they saw in it all an encouraging measure of advance for the cause of Christ.

They dared to sing it: "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God." ■





# *the paradox of* PANAMA

by **TOM WILLEY, JR.**

**Missionary to Panama**

**L**ATIN AMERICA is called "the Land of Paradox," but no country is more paradoxical than Panama.

Culturally, Panama, "the Crossroads of the World," is a melting-pot for all humanity. There are five major ethnic groups—Americans who live and work in the Canal Zone; Negroes, both those brought by the Spanish and English-speaking West Indians; tribal Indians who still maintain their primitive cultures; Chinese brought in by the French in their ill-fated attempt to build the Canal; and the Criollos of Spanish origin somewhat intermixed with Indian.

In the Panama City area, no one of these cultures seems strong enough to dominate. Therefore, there is virtually no control. Immorality is rampant.

Canal Zone residents are described as living in a "gilded cage with its own special stores, hospitals, schools, and even churches." When one drives from Panama into the Canal Zone, divided only by a street, it is like driving into a different world. One would think he were somewhere in southern Florida.

The next group found living around the Canal Zone is the West Indian Negro. They were brought from the West Indies to help build the Canal, bringing with them their own culture and language. Though they are considered Panamanians, they hold to their old ways and continue to live in a world different from the other citizens.

The tribal Indians of Panama live to themselves with their own languages and cultures, ranging from the highly

developed San Blas Cunas to the primitive Chocos, with whom my father worked when we lived here years ago.

Unlike the first three groups we have mentioned, the Chinese do not live in "colonies." They are scattered throughout the country and in many cases dominate the commercial activities of entire communities. Most of the truck farming is done by the Chinese, many of them living in the Canal Zone.

The last group is called the Criollos. We might call them the original Panamanians; that is, they were in Panama prior to the building of the Canal. These people of Spanish origin retain many of the old Spanish ways.

On one hand, we have the wealthy Criollos who dominate the political scene, and on the other hand, we see the poor countryman who seems to be neglected by all. As a result of this, the Criollos are suspicious of all the other groups and feel that they must defend their way of life from these "foreigners." This factor has caused great difficulty in missionary work.

Then there are the technological paradoxes of this country. On one hand we see the highly mechanized Canal Zone and Panama City which, in spite of its unsightly slums, is a modern city with supermarkets, one-hour cleaners, department stores, and towering apartment buildings. Yet, not 20 minutes' away we find farmers who have not as yet discovered the plow—farmers who clear the land with machetes and then plant crops with a stick by scratching



Willeys, Jr., and the John Moehlmans.

Discussion of the denomination's over-all ministry of evangelism in Latin America, the need for an expanded educational program to train national workers, and plans for an expanded literature ministry in both Portuguese and Spanish will be among the major topics of discussion.

Mr. Wilson plans stops in Argentina and Peru to discuss with contacts in those countries the possibility of establishing Free Will Baptist mission work in their respective fields.

General Director Wilson will return to the States February 27.

### Rice leaves for Brazil January 10

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Miss Mary Ellen Rice, leaves from Miami International Airport for Brazil, January 10.

Miss Rice, commissioned for missionary service January 6 at her home church in Morehead City, N. C., will be located in Campinas where she will enter language study January 21.

The Rocky Pass, N. C., church and the Central church of Michigan, are underwriting her support.



## MERKHS RESIGN TO ENTER THE PASTORATE

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Daniel J. Merkh have resigned from missionary service following a full term of service in the Ivory Coast.

The Merkh letter of resignation:

"For some time Margaret and I have been praying earnestly concerning our return to Africa. We are sure that the Lord has led in the first term building program; however, we did not believe that it was the Lord's will that we continue in a strictly building program. We then were faced with the decision whether it is possible to return and not be obligated to constructing needed buildings, and whether it is necessary to have a 'full-time builder' on the field. The missionaries now have established stations where adjustments can be made and each missionary can, without too much inconvenience, oversee the construction of his own station.

"In the light of this and other considerations, we hereby tender our resignation to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board to become effective February 1, 1963. We believe the Lord has led in this and is leading us into the pastorate.

"We shall continue to be much in prayer for our missionary program. We request your continued prayers as we assume our new duties."

The board accepted the resignation with the following resolution:

"Whereas the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh have offered their resignation . . . be it resolved that this resignation be accepted with the following commendations:

(1) That the Rev. Dan Merkh be commended for his supervision of the building of missionary residences at Koun, Goumere, and the residence and clinical building at Doropo.

(2) That Mrs. Merkh and the children be commended for their self-denying ministry in moving from station to station to accomplish this building program.

(3) That Mr. Merkh be commended for his presentation of the field in Africa in missionary conferences and itinerary services. It is understood that he will be available in the future for missionary conferences in cooperation with the director of conference ministries."



## 1963 IN PROSPECT . . .

Smith Hempstone, a foreign correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, wrote on December 15, 1962, that "Christianity ranks a poor third among Africa's major religious groups." With 35 million who claim to be Christian—only 7 million of which are Protestant—he said that Christianity was being "clobbered" (his word) by the Moslems who have 89,000,000 African believers.

But both of these run far behind the traditional faith of the people, animism, which has 116,000,000 adherents.

He says, "The very nature of African nationalism, with its demand for undivided loyalties and near deification of political leaders, results in a weakening of the influence of the churches."

In India, Hinduism is experiencing a revival. In the Far East, Buddhism strongly challenges Christianity. After centuries as a rather passive religion, it is now becoming vigorously missionary. It has developed new hymns, new forms of worship, and increasingly duplicates every tactic of Christian missions.

The only way to effectively combat these resurgent religions is to have a resurgent Christianity which is no longer completely identified with Western culture. A noted Indian educator, Dr. Eddy Asirvatham of Nagpur University, wrote in 1957, "India expects every genuine missionary to be a world citizen. To a large extent he must be raceless and nationless even as Jesus was. This is requisite if the missionary is to identify himself with the lowly, the humble, and the despised of the earth."

(4) Finally, perhaps our greatest adversary is our own deadly lathargy and enslavement by materialism. With all of our spiritual and material resources—and remember "to whom much is given, of him much will be required"—it will be simple to evangelize the world in this decade if only we would do it.

But, we are looking at a sick world—drawing our dacron-and-wool blend coats around us while we pass by on the other side. The ease and luxury of our affluent society have left us spiritually insensitive. We find it hard to care about a broken and bleeding world because we are not seeing it through the eyes of Jesus nor loving it through His heart.

At any rate, Smith Hempstone (whom we quoted earlier) said, "Not the least important factor in Christianity's decline is the fact that Africans are now aware that many Christians, not only in Africa but in their own countries, are either indifferent to their faith or do not practice what they preach."

And how the heart of the Good Shepherd—who longs to bring these other sheep into His fold—must grieve as He watches some of His under-shepherds prove to be little better than hirelings who neither love nor care for the sheep.

The hour is late. This decade may be the climax of history. We cannot afford the luxury of drawn-out and tediously-planned programs that will take years to implement. We must live and give and go recklessly, hazarding our lives in the conflict knowing that if we lose them for His sake, we shall only save them.

The word "sacrifice" is over-used, but under-practiced. But, that is what it is going to take on the part of this generation of Free Will Baptists if we are not to fail God. Listen to what a missionary wrote when asked if he liked his work:

"Of course I do not like my work. Missionaries are people of average sensitivity and personal tastes. We dislike dirt and infestations and danger and separation from loved ones as much as anyone. But heaven help our world if we do for God only what we *like* to do!"

What will *you* do for God in 1963 that will cost you something in sacrifice and danger and deprivation?

Why not tell Him right now!



the earth and planting each individual seed. Again the paradox — although Panama has some of the richest farmland in the world, hundreds of tons of food must be imported to supplement that which the country produces.

In light of these cultural and technological paradoxes, let us look at the paradox of religious life.

According to statistics published in *A Glimpse of World Missions* by Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, there is a Protestant community of 47,722 in relation to a total population, at that time, of 1,012,822. In other words, one Protestant for every 21 people in the Republic and the Canal Zone. According to these figures, it appears that Panama is the third most evangelized country in Spanish America.

Thus, one might ask, "Why is it you talk about so much need in Panama?" Here lies Panama's religious paradox.

If Panama has the third largest Protestant population per capita, why is it that evangelical churches are defaced, evangelical children are failed and sometimes punished in school for not taking part in Roman Catholic ceremonies, churches and Christians are stoned and even threatened with death? Why is it so hard to get Protestant missionaries into the country? Why is it that evangelicals have so little impact on the country as a whole whereas in other countries with far less proportion of evangelicals, missionary work is invited and encouraged? Why has all this occurred with evangelical witnesses in Panama for more than 50 years?

The explanation is seen in a closer look at the cultural paradox already discussed. In the American community around the Canal Zone there have always been strong evangelical churches almost exclusively for the American who is building a home away from home.

Then there are the West Indian churches, many of which came over intact from Jamaica or Barbados. Once

again the paradox looms its ugly head. All worship services are in English.

The Indian group presents a somewhat different situation. Evangelical missionaries have worked among the Indians for years, though they have not reached all of them. Yet, there are Protestant communities among the San Blas and even the Guaymis. In recent years some have been working among the Chocos. Much remains to be done.

The last group to be reached with the gospel is the Criollo or true Panamanian. Though Protestant missions have been in the country for more than 50 years, it has only been in the last 15 that any real effort has been made to reach the Spanish-speaking Panamanian. There has been little effort to train Panamanian pastors. As a result, the Spanish-speaking churches of Panama City as well as the interior are pastored by a Colombian, a Spaniard, a Puerto Rican, a Cuban, several Americans, and only four or five Panamanians, some of whom have American or West Indian origin. The paradox stated simply: although there are many evangelicals in Panama, the majority has never heard the gospel, since most preach in languages totally foreign to this country.

Thus we see the reason for the small impact evangelicals make on the government, for the persecution similar to that of neighboring Colombia. Why, though Panama in Central America is second in the number of Protestants, it has provinces of 132,000 people with only six small churches, one missionary, and two or three ill-prepared nationals.

Perhaps the paradox can be understood by the question of a girl recently converted who had seen Americans passing through: "Are there Gringos (Americans) who are Christians, too?"

This is the Panama that we want to win for Christ. How shall we as Free Will Baptists answer this challenge? By God's grace, let us accept it! ■



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD /NOVEMBER '62

CASH IN BANK NOVEMBER 1, 1962...\$46,003.03

## RECEIPTS

Miscellaneous.....	\$ 88.03	
Refunds.....	136.92	
Sale—Unto the Uttermost.....	21.50	
CERF.....	125.25	
W.N.A.C.....	79.90	
Alabama.....	528.44	
Alaska.....	87.00	
Arizona.....	5.00	
Arkansas.....	1,168.90	
California.....	535.48	
Colorado.....	53.92	
Florida.....	450.29	
Georgia.....	1,360.26	
Illinois.....	324.70	
Indiana.....	263.21	
Iowa.....	6.00	
Kansas.....	132.91	
Kentucky.....	102.06	
Louisiana.....	54.24	
Michigan.....	1,069.14	
Mississippi.....	223.10	
Missouri.....	1,109.28	
New Hampshire.....	62.45	
New Mexico.....	47.58	
North Carolina.....	4,385.09	
Ohio.....	723.01	
Oklahoma.....	1,335.33	
Oregon.....	10.00	
South Carolina.....	1,162.73	
Tennessee.....	1,449.62	
Texas.....	552.61	
Virginia.....	899.22	
Washington.....	8.40	
West Virginia.....	232.65	
	18,794.22	
	\$64,797.25	

## DISBURSEMENTS

Africa.....	\$6,083.15
Brazil.....	1,649.15
Cuba.....	2,005.46
CERF.....	393.98
North India.....	986.08
South India.....	595.17
Japan.....	1,558.35
Panama.....	768.45
Uruguay.....	718.56
Missionary Medical Allowance.....	150.00
Missionary Itinerary Expense.....	1,753.17
Missionary Cost of	
Living Bonus.....	2,187.00
Itinerary Expense.....	104.50
Operational Expense—	
Department Car.....	106.35

Books and Tracts.....	28.28
Films and Supplies.....	265.38
Honorarium.....	25.00
Salaries.....	2,146.91
Postage.....	245.85
Office Supplies and Equipment.....	191.85
Mortgage Payment on	
Residence.....	65.67
EFMA.....	50.00
Printing.....	1,104.38
Maintenance.....	25.07
Telephone Service.....	103.12
Miscellaneous.....	14.21
	23,325.09
	\$41,472.16

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 2,981.35
CERF.....	125.25
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....	532.63
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	783.05
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	2,295.61
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	1,526.23
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds.....	918.79
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton.....	547.42
Rev. Dave Franks.....	2,386.13
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.....	302.81
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,960.69
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	185.28
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	1,436.80
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehliman.....	114.65
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.....	469.78
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne.....	46.94
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps.....	965.19
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	1,134.55
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....	1,559.44
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	357.80
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....	100.20
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkinson.....	1,092.24
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....	229.00
Miss Volena Wilson.....	1,780.02
Furlough Wagon Depreciation.....	949.26
Africa—Medical Building.....	8,690.93
Africa—Children's Division.....	4,016.64
Repatriation.....	6,910.01
	\$44,398.69

## Deficit:

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	\$ 361.53
Miss Eula Mae Martin.....	466.97
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh.....	79.81
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	38.97
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	1,149.69
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....	829.56
	2,926.53
	\$41,472.16

## STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 5,244.05	\$ 1,255.95	
Arizona.....	2,000.00	309.41	1,690.59	
Arkansas.....	7,000.00	5,746.01	1,253.99	
California.....	11,000.00	7,213.07	3,786.93	
Florida.....	6,500.00	4,666.40	1,833.60	
Georgia.....	8,000.00	8,769.78		\$ 769.78
Idaho.....	200.00	110.21	89.79	
Illinois.....	10,000.00	6,728.03	3,271.97	
Indiana.....	2,000.00	1,469.73	530.27	
Kansas.....	500.00	1,101.95		601.95
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	2,451.07	3,048.93	
Maine.....	200.00	100.00	100.00	
Michigan.....	25,000.00	16,563.66	8,436.34	
Mississippi.....	5,000.00	2,450.47	2,549.53	
Missouri.....	18,500.00	17,878.01	621.99	
New Mexico.....	1,000.00	614.13	385.87	
North Carolina.....	50,000.00	42,627.31	7,372.69	
Ohio.....	8,000.00	6,344.63	1,655.37	
Oklahoma.....	14,000.00	17,874.93		3,874.93
South Carolina.....	12,500.00	12,682.87		182.87
Tennessee.....	20,000.00	21,930.77		1,930.77
Texas.....	11,000.00	8,014.24	2,985.76	
Virginia.....	13,500.00	11,409.34	2,090.66	
West Virginia.....	3,500.00	2,503.33	996.67	
Miscellaneous.....	3,741.00	5,415.15		1,674.15
	\$245,141.00	\$210,218.55	\$43,956.90	\$9,034.45



*The Rev. Raymond Riggs will long be regarded as the man who placed foreign missions on the Free Will Baptist map*

## GOD'S CHOSEN MAN FOR A NEEDY HOUR



FOR NEARLY 15 years the foreign mission program of the Free Will Baptist denomination had remained almost static. The department was in the red with missionaries three month's behind in receiving allowances. The task was clear. And the Rev. Raymond Riggs accepted the challenge.

Mr. Riggs had been elected to the foreign mission board in 1943. He became chairman of the board in 1945, a position he held until elected promotional secretary in 1950.

He was saved at an old brush arbor in Arkansas and baptized with a group of more than 60 others following an evangelistic meeting that is still being talked about. Mr. Riggs began a walk with the Lord that ultimately led him to Detroit, Mich., where he answered the call to preach in a service at Hazel Park church.

In 1938 he organized the Highland Park church, now the Central church of Royal Oak, Mich., the largest church in the denomination.

With the firm conviction that God had something for him to do in the work of foreign missions, Mr. Riggs resigned his first and only pastorate in 1953 to assume a full-time position as promotional secretary on the foreign mission board.

When Mr. Riggs moved to Nashville in 1953, there were seven missionaries on the field. When he resigned in 1959 to return to the pastorate, there were 30 missionaries serving in six foreign countries. Receipts climbed from \$70,000 to more than \$170,000 annually.

Mr. Riggs married the former Winona Mae Gates in October of 1936. They have six children—Charles, age 25, now serving with the Air Force; Kenneth, age 21, a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College; Ramona Kaye, age 15; Patsy Anne, age 13; Randy, age 6; and Stevie, age 4.

In connection with his foreign missionary duties, Mr. Riggs visited Africa, India, and Cuba giving him valuable insight into the problems and needs in these areas.

A lover of music and fishing, the oldest of 11 children, the son of a Free Will Baptist preacher, the Rev. C. E. Riggs, a paymaster for the WPA during the depression—Mr. Riggs has made what many consider the greatest contribution of any single individual to the Free Will Baptist foreign ministry. Today, he is pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in the denomination, Beth-an-y church in Norfolk, Va.



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The Dan Merkh's\*  
The LaVerne Miley's  
The Lonnie Palmers  
The Lonnie Sparkses\*

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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

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Josephine Stevens

## OBEDIENCE, DECISIVE

HOW MUCH does obedience matter? Notice: Human redemption hinged on Christ's obedience to God. If Jesus Christ had disobeyed God, there could have been no cross and no redemption for mankind. The atonement depended on Christ's obedience. He did not turn aside but became "obedient unto death."

Hope for the heathen hinges on our obedience to God. . . . "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14, 15). The Bible declares there is no substitute for obedient men. We must send missionaries to the lost of earth.

—adapted from "GO YE" MEANS YOU by Norman Lewis

## as you pray for your missionaries...

**BRAZIL** / God blessed greatly in a recent evangelistic campaign in the Campinas church. *Pray for follow-up of converts that they will remain true to the Lord Jesus.* **CUBA** / Work here continues to be blessed inspite of increasing tension. *Pray that many will be won to the Lord while the opportunity to witness continues.* **IVORY COAST, AFRICA** / The Lonnie Palmers have been going into villages where the gospel has never before been preached. *Pray for this ministry of village evangelism that God will raise up a witness in each area.* **NORTH INDIA** / The political situation here has eased somewhat. However, the situation is far from settled. *Pray for God's blessing in the work here and for His continued protection.* **JAPAN** / A pastor is urgently needed for one of the churches in Tokyo. *Pray that God will meet this need.* **PANAMA** / The John Moehlmans continue to work in what is considered one of the strongest Catholic strong-holds in Central America. *Pray that God will give an entrance to the hearts of these people.* **URUGUAY** / Interest continues to be shown in the services being held by the Bill Fulchers and the Paul Robinsons. *Pray that many will be added to the group of believers already won.*

\*On furlough in states

\*\*With CERF in Miami