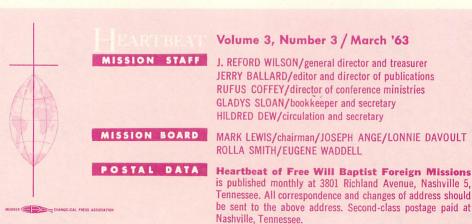


# Epistle on Vision

THOUGH I SPEAK concerning foreign missions with great eloquence and have not vision, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. ¶Although I spend long hours in study and reading

missionary literature and know much concerning the hardships and difficulties of a missionary's life, and have not vision, it profiteth me nothing. ¶A vision holdeth me steady before God; a vision enableth me to pray earnestly; a vision burdeneth that others may have salvation; doth not exalt any but Christ, seeketh only the redemption of the lost, is given to those who earnestly seek it, thinketh no price too great to pay, beareth another's burdens, believeth that God is willing to undertake, hopeth for the salvation of many, endureth seeming failure and disappointment. ¶A vision doth not soon fail: but where there be excitement aroused by hair-raising stories, it shall fail: where there be more tears at the missionary conference, they shall cease; where there be only interest, it shall vanish away. For all Christians know in part, and all Christians see in part. But when they have a vision their lukewarmness and intermittent interest shall be done away. Before I caught the vision, I spoke as one without a vision. But when I caught the vision, I put away half-hearted things. ¶For now at least I have caught a faint glimpse of the need which Jesus alone can satisfy, but someday I shall realize it fully. Now I know something of the price of salvation, but then I shall see it clearly, even as also it hath been purchased for me. To be a missionary Christian, I must have a vision. A vision of the Lord Jesus, of His greatness and glory. His compassion for the lost must grip my heart until I am willing to witness and share the gospel. A vision of prayer that will give it a place of priority in my life, that will help me to see that Zion's soldiers always march forward on their knees, that prayer releases power.



# FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONARY NEWS

# Fruitful Campaign Held in Campinas, Brazil



MISSIONARY WESLEY CALVERY submits this poster used to advertise gospel meetings on the island of Hokkaido. Evangelistic campaigns have proven an effective means of reaching Japanese in this area with the gospel.

# Benito Rodriquez Employed For Part-time Literature Work

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Rev. Benito Rodriquez has been employed by the board in a part-time capacity to work with the director of publications in the development of Spanish literature program.

Mr. Rodriquez is former president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists and has extensive experience in the Spanish literature field.

He is presently residing in Nashville where he is studying at Free Will Baptist Bible College. In addition to his studies and work with the department, he will be available for weekend services. Anyone desiring his services are invited to communicate with the missions office. CAMPINAS, BRAZIL—"God worked in a wonderful way in a six-day meeting that we have just concluded," writes Missionary Ken Eagleton following a successful evangelistic campaign in the church here.

In spite of bad weather an overflow crowd of 212 people were on hand for the opening service. More than 200 were in attendance three of the six services.

There were 26 decisions during the meeting. Sunday school attendance for the month averaged 115. The last day of the meeting, there were 135 attending.

Missionary Bobby Aycock worked with Eagleton during the series.

# **Wilson Tour Termed Success**

MIAMI, FLA.—General Director Reford Wilson returned here the last of February after completing a successful tour of mission stations in Latin America.

From his first stop in Brazil where he was met at the airport by the entire Brazilian staff to his last stop in Panama he was given a warm reception by the missionary family. Strategy consultations proved fruitful (a more extensive report scheduled for the April issue).

DEACONS YABUYA AND TAKIGUCHI are ordained by Pastor Yamaji and Missionary Wesley Calvery at Abachiri, Japan, church in January. Both are proven leaders in the church, preaching in absence of resident pastor. Wives are at their sides.





# Making World Evangelism the Heartbeat of the Local Church

The director of conference ministries speaks regarding the work of the missionary conference movement

by **RUFUS COFFEY** 

PASTORS OFTEN find themselves frustrated between a heart for world evangelization and congregations that do not share with them their concern for a lost world. Attempts at reviving compassion for the unsaved are fruitless. Here is a good word for such situations.

To come directly to the point, the secret of a successful world evangelism program which enlists the support of every member of the church is a wellplanned conference on world missions. There is no substitute for this vital means of stimulating a congregation to a united effort for reaching the unsaved here at home and around the world.

It has been well said, "The mission of the church is missions." Without an evangelistic vision that embraces the world, a church fails to function properly in its spiritual responsibility. When any congregation lacks a burden for the lost everywhere, it has become a mission field.

There is no greater need among Free Will Baptist churches than a great missionary revival that will enlarge our vision, inspire giving, enlist laborers, and challenge people to pray. A world missions conference in every local church will enable us to see such an awakening. I have seen the results during past years in the pastorate.

A missionary conference is a New Testament plan (Acts 14:27). It is essential to fulfilling the great commission (Acts 13:2-4). Obedience demands action, and evangelistic activity is best stimulated by a conference.

I am personally convinced by experience that such a conference is the best way to unite a congregation in a common objective. It vitalizes a stagnated church. It arouses people from lethargy and engenders interest on the

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part of all. It edifies, informs, and indoctrinates Christians concerning their missionary obligation. It is the antidote to selfish squabbles, church friction, and division.

We are thankful for any group in the church that promotes missions, but the tremendous task of reaching the unreached needs the cooperation of the entire congregation. No pastor, individual, or group can successfully accomplish what a conference can in selling the whole congregation on missions. And even after the church has begun to grasp its responsibility, a conference makes the job easier in continuing to promote world evangelism.

The missionary conference pays off in big dividends, not merely in monetary figures reflected by the pledges, but in the spiritual impact that vibrates through the congregation. Any stirring appeal will usually produce a good offering, but a conference provides the spiritual stimulus necessary for continued consistent giving. The spiritual impact is further reflected in an increased faith on the part of individuals. Compassion for a lost world is aroused and a burning passion for lost souls everywhere is inculcated into members through the conference ministry.

Many more reasons might be given for the worth of a world evangelism conference, but one of the most important ones is that it is the key to an expanding missionary program. Our foreign missions department has continued to report progress, but this progress is dependent upon the response of local congregations. When more local churches seize upon this method of stimulating concern for the souls of men, our denomination will fulfill her part in the Great Commission.

# THROUGH MISSIONARY CONFERENCES

# A look at what God is doing through faithful missionary pastors and concerned congregations

# First in a Series

THE FACT that God blesses congregations whose hearts are aligned with His concern for the world is clearly illustrated in the story of **THE FIRST FREE WILL BAP-TIST CHURCH OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA.** 

A look at the past five years reveals a notable growth in concern about world evangelism and a corresponding physical and spiritual harvest of blessings. Here are the church's year by year missions budgets:

1958													\$1,250.00
1959													2,500.00
1960													3,500.00
													4,500.00
													6,800.00

And how did God bless because of this increased vision? Statistically, church membership grew from 220 in 1958 to 425 in 1962. Total income from all sources climbed from \$18,000 to \$30,000 yearly, and the following expansion of facilities took place:

Educational addition in 1958, a \$5,000 investment.

New sanctuary completed in July, 1959, \$65,000.

New parsonage completed in June, 1962, \$20,000.

Expansion program involving purchase of additional land and modernization of educational building, 1963, \$12,500.

Total building and expansion during the five-year period, \$102,000.

But more important is what God has done in the spiritual life of the church because members put missions at the heart of their church program. More than 200 persons accepted Christ during this five-year period. Tithers increased by 80 per cent. Prayer meeting attendance tripled. Sunday school attendance doubled. Leagues increased 300 per cent. Evening service attendance doubled. Intensive visitation program stepped up soul-winning efforts.

The Rev. Damon C. Dodd, pastor of the church during this period, who in February assumed pastorate of the Horton Heights church in Nashville, pointed out that more Christians made decisions for rededication and surrender to God's call for service during missionary conferences than during revival meetings. In doing this he put his finger on the major factor God used to increase the spiritual stamina of the Savannah church that has resulted in growth in every direction.

Yes, God blesses those whose hearts stay warmed by His presence, filled with His power, and dedicated to His great purpose of world evangelization.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / JANUARY '63

### CASH IN BANK JANUARY 1, 1963.....\$44,020.81

## RECEIPTS

The date to		
Postage	\$ 5.74	
Sale-"Unto the Uttermost"	20.75	
W.N.A.C	122.00	
Refund	9.01	
Miscellaneous	75.63	
CERF	147.84	
Africa	80.00	
Alabama	1,027.31	
Alaska	2.00	
Arkansas	650.17	
California	592.66	
Colorado	32.51	
Florida	158.76	
Georgia	216.66	
Idaho	4.32	
Illinois	105.82	
Indiana	98.03	
Kansas	27.61	
Kentucky	304.05	
Louisiana	5.56	
Michigan	1,318.61	
Mississippi	189.50	
Missouri	1.150.13	
New Brunswick	5.00	
New Hampshire	4.40	
New Mexico	60.44	
New York	25.00	
North Carolina	3,520.92	
Ohio	514.09	
Oklahoma	2,270.64	
South Carolina	1,519.48	
Tennessee	2,356.07	
Texas	487.18	
Virginia	1,053.54	
Washington	5.00	
West Virginia	951.76	19,118.19
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## DISBURSEMENTS

Africa	3,402.66
Brazil	3,351.96
CERF	261.38
Cuba	1,658.64
Hokkaido, Japan	530.18
North India	946.45
Panama	987.66
South India	533.52
Tokyo, Japan	982.53
Uruguay	764.96
Repatriation	1,080.50
Missionary Medical Allowance	120.00
Missionary Itinerary Expense	642.31
Itinerary Expense	282.54
Tracts and Books	17.80
Films and Supplies	95.09

Salaries	1,769.13	
Hospitalization	43.65	
Maintenance	42.49	
Postage	225.83	
Office Supplies and Equipment	38.37	
Mortgage Payment on Residence	65.67	
Printing	1,277.65	
Telephone Service	164.89	
Social Security	290.40	
Legal Services	232.00	
Miscellaneous	7.82	19,816.08

### UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund	2,997.33
CERF	147.84
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge	1,911.61
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock	724.13
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	2.139.85
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds	1,545.44
Rev. Dave Franks	3,163.36
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr	359.97
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	1,896.45
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey	648.56
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones	43.98
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley	1.001.92
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne	203.94
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps	1,045.79
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole	986.21
Miss Mary Ellen Rice	1,087.48
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson	655.85
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks	633.60
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.	55.21
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson	1.067.08
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr	106.00
Miss Volena Wilson	1,668.11
Furlough Car	1,199.26
Africa—Medical Building	8.265.22
Africa—Children's Division	4.034.59
North India Building Fund	2,412.03
Repatriation	6,239.08
Sparkses Vehicle Fund	432.46
Palmers House Fund	320.68

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## STATE QUOTAS

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STATE	QUOTA	PAID	QUOTA	QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,027.31	\$ 5,972.69	\$
Alaska	. 300.00	2.00	298.00	
Arizona			1,000.00	
Arkansas		650.17	7,349.83	
California		592.66	11,407.34	
Florida		158.76	6.341.24	
Georgia		216.66	8,283.34	
Hawaii			100.00	
Idaho	. 200.00	4.32	195.68	
Illinois		105.82	10,894.18	
Indiana		98.03	2,401.97	
Kansas	1,250.00	27.61	1,222.39	
Kentucky	5,500.00	304.05	5,195.95	
Maine	250.00		250.00	
Michigan		1,318.61	25,181.39	
Mississippi		189.50	5,310.50	
Missouri		1,150.13	20,349.87	
New Hampshire		4.40	195.60	
New Mexico		60.44	1,189.56	
North Carolina	54,000.00	3,520.92	50,479.08	
Ohio	9,000.00	514.09	8,485.91	
Oklahoma		2,270.64	14,729.36	
South Carolina	15,000.00	1,519.48	13,480.52	
Tennessee	22,500.00	2,356.07	20,143.93	
Texas	12,250.00	487.18	11,762.82	
Virginia		1,053.54	16,446.46	
Washington		5.00	245.00	
West Virginia	4,000.00	951.76	3,048.24	
Miscellaneous	3,968.29	296.56	3,671.73	
	\$274,518.29	\$18,885.71	\$255,632.58	

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**Missions Scrapbook** 

PERSONALITY SERIES / Twenty-six



The influence of a Christian home and good Biblical teaching bore fruit in the dedication of Lucy Wisehart Lima to

# THE MINISTRY WITH TYPEWRITER AND PENCIL

THE SCENE was the Missouri State Youth Camp. It was the closing service. Lucy Wisehart was a junior in high school. Even as a little girl she had talked about becoming a missionary when she grew older. Now, the challenge lay before her to yield her life completely to the will of God.

She recalled the influence of her pastor who time and again had pled for young people from her church to dedicate themselves to the service of the Lord. Also, the influence of a Christian home was making its effect.

Lucy could with no longer. She knew the time had come for her to step forward by faith and make a public dedication of her life. She said she wanted to go to the foreign field of service.

Lucy was number five in a family of seven girls. Following graduation from high school, she enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College. During college days she worked as bookkeeper and secretary for the East Nashville Free Will Baptist church. It was during this time that she realized the need for missionaries who were qualified in the fields of bookkeeping and secretarial work.

Because of her continued burden for foreign service and because of the urgent need for someone with her training in Cuba, Lucy made application for service with the board of foreign missions.

Immediately following graduation, she sailed for Cuba on June 19, 1953. For seven years she gave herself to the ministry of Free Will Baptist foreign missions on that island nation serving as bookkeeper, secretary, and teacher. She was greatly used in vacation Bible school work.

On January 14, 1958, Lucy married the Rev. Felix Lima, who was then pastoring the San Jose de Las Lajas Free Will Baptist church located in Havana Province. From there, the Limas moved to the San Juan church in the Pinar del Rio Province. A daughter, Marilyn Rhoda, was born to the Limas on December 2, 1959, at San Jose.

Due to the existing situation on the island, the Limas came to the states in January of 1961. They are now located in the Edinburgh, Texas, area where they are serving with the American Sunday School Union opening new Sunday schools in this bi-lingual border area.

Lucy will always remain a part of Free Will Baptist foreign missions because of her sacrificial service on the island of Cuba. Pray for her and husband Felix as they serve in a strategic ministry.

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CUBA

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# PANAMA, A.C.

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Josephine Stevens

\*On furloughin states \*\*With CERF in Miami

# THE MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL

THE MINISTRY of the gospel is basically the effective presentation of the good news of God's offer in Christ to sinful men for forgiveness, reconciliation, redemption, and adoption into the family of the household of God, the church... New Testament evangelism is for those outside of Christ. This is an essential ministry of the church in the world. In fact, the church exists for this purpose. It is sometimes said: The church not only has missions; she is mission. This mission is the first part of the great commission, and it is an assignment that takes the church to the ends of the world and to the end of the age.

-from These Are My People by Harold S. Bender

# as you pray

# for your missionaries...

**BRAZIL** / The medical clinic in Campinas continues to be used of the Lord in reaching women and children with the gospel. Pray for Eula Mae Martin, R.N., as she serves in this professional capacity. **CUBA** / A number of men won to the Lord while in the Bay of Pigs prison are now in Miami and attending Spanish Free Will Baptist church. Pray for their spiritual growth and witness. IVORY **COAST** / Lonnie Sparks is engaged in intensified linguistic study. Pray for wisdom and strength to use this knowledge in further development of translation work for the Coast. INDIA / Miss Volena Wilson is scheduled to come to the states on furlough later this year. Pray for her as she undertakes responsibilities of preparing to leave her place of service. JAPAN / The Fred Herseys are working in the establishment of church groups in the Tokyo area. Pray for God's continued blessing. PANAMA / Hundreds of Indians in this country are without a gospel witness. Pray for Free Will Baptist work among these people. URUGUAY / Work here continues to bear fruit. Praise the Lord for opening this door to Free Will Baptists.