

THE MISSIONARY glanced down at the dense underbrush below.

Once two days were required to wind through the brush and over the rugged hill country by horseback to reach the little Indian village in the valley beyond. Now it only takes 20 minutes.

Actually, arrival of the airplane in this instance was like adding four men to the missionary team. Where once it took two days TWO

"The airplane is now an instrument of evangelism."

to travel to the village, one day spent preaching and teaching, and two days return trip—five days total—it now takes 20 minutes to get there where the whole day is spent preaching with 20 minutes needed for return trip, allowing the missionary to go to another village the next day. He reaches five villages in the time it once took to reach one.

This is the marvel of missionary aviation. God has given the modern missionary modern means through which to reach modern men with the age-old message of salvation through Christ.

Missionary aviation is a new venture for Free Will Baptists. In a few days, Missionary Bill Phipps and wife Barbara, both natives of the Tarheel State of North Carolina, will leave the states for language study and then on to their permanent assignment in Panama. Bill is a little different from other Free Will Baptist missionaries. Bill has wings.

During his freshman year at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Bill ran across a copy of "Wings of Prayer and Praise," the monthly prayer letter published by Missionary Aviation Fellowship. God began to move in Bill's heart as he saw the possibilities of using the airplane in speeding the gospel to lost souls.

He was impressed with the *expediency* of missionary aviation. In some cases travel time could be trimmed from two weeks to one hour. And it meant the missionary could get to some places totally inexcessable by land travel.

Bill was impressed also with the *efficiency* of missionary aviation. Saving in time frees missionary for more important activity than biting dust on the trail. And a missionary's time is valuable. He can spend more time in spiritual ministry and less in mundane chores.

And, missionary aviation is effective. Villages may be reached more often and thus more effectively. Training leaders in outlying areas is enhanced. And often villagers gather out of curiosity over the airplane and stick around to hear the

gospel—most for the first time.

With these facts in mind, Bill followed the Lord's leading into flight training while still a student at Bible College. At the time, his intention was to apply to M.A.F., but God burdened his heart to see if his own denominational foreign missions board were interested. Encouraged by Missionary-Pilot Harold Stevens, he approached the board, and found it interested in using every means to hasten the spread of the gospel.

Following graduation from college, Bill completed an extensive course of training at Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute in Miami, Fla. And in a few days he and his wife will be on their way to the field.

In Panama, the airplane will enable missionaries to reach isolated villages, to speed up acquisition of supplies, to fly over river barriers impossible to cross by auto during wet season. Thus, the airplane becomes another instrument of evangelism, the gospel in flight.



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MISSIONS in ACTION

AROUND THE WORLD

Board of Foreign Missions to Assume Miami Operation

NASHVILLE—The Board of Foreign Missions and the Board of Home Missions in joint session here October 10 agreed that the foreign board should assume the entire Spanish-speaking ministry in Miami.

Action came as a result of the boards' mutual desire to see the most effective ministry possible established for Cubans and other Latins in the "Refugee City." The boards felt the changing situation in Miami from temporary emergency to a more permanent emergency demanded a reorganization of the refugee ministry.

Since the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr., of the foreign board are located in Miami, the home board acted to relinguish its responsibility in Miami to the foreign board. The transfer is to be completed by January 1.

Other action by the Board of Foreign Missions in semi-annual session:

- Louis and Florine Coscia approved for service in Brazil.
- Service citation for the Rev. Mark Lewis' long tenure on the board to be presented to Mrs. Lewis.

WE KNOW BETTER

HER NAME is not "Velona," as erroneously printed in cutlines on page six last issue. It is "Volena Wilson." Also, and even more important, \$7,318.89 had not been received on Brazil Bible Institute project. Only \$72.00 had been received toward the \$7,000.00 needed. The other figure is amount received for India Hostel Building Fund.

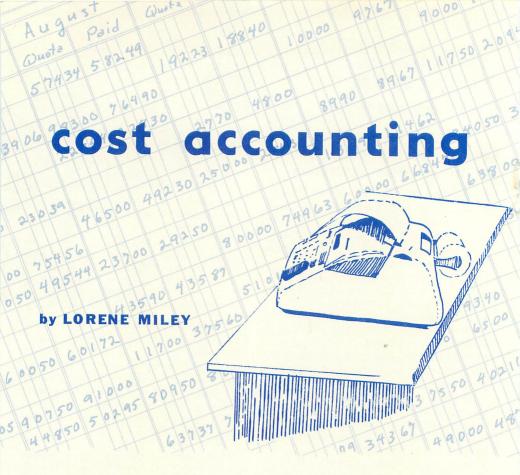


To Put It Briefly . . . The Eddie Paynes have now joined the Jimmy Aldridges in Switzerland for language study preparatory to service in Ivory Coast, Africa . . . Several states already over 1963 giving quotas (see statement. page six). Many are behind schedule. With your help, your state can go over quota, too.

A RECORD number of veteran missionaries were on hand for recent missionary conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Front row (L-R): Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Brazil; Marie Hanna and Volena Wilson, India; second row: Herbert and Geraldine Waid, Japan; Thomas Willey, Sr., Cuba-Miami; and Laura Belle Barnard, formerly of India.

(Photo by Jim Sturgill)





WHILE SHOPPING for a pair of shoes once, I found a lovely pair, but they cost \$12. I could buy a similar pair for only \$6. So, I bought the cheaper pair and in a few months needed another. The next time, I bought the more expensive ones and enjoyed them for several years.

The salesman had said, "The differerence is in the quality." I learned then that to acquire anything of lasting value, one must pay for it.

The cost of being a missionary may seem high, but the rewards far outweigh the price.

I suppose one of the biggest jolts one faces when he leaves his native land is facing a totally new and strange culture. You don't fight it. Instead, you adapt yourself, but not without a struggle.

You've lived in a society where the

"Ten Commandments" are the moral code and accepted way of life. Then you're point blank in a culture where dishonesty and corruption are apparent and where the efficiency to which you are accustomed simply doesn't exist.

Often, impossible requests are made, high customs demanded, and inconsistency in information becomes commonplace. When your mail doesn't come through or rare stamps are soaked from letters and packages, you feel like "telling someone off." But, you are a stranger, and it takes grace beyond human capacity to greet those in command with the respect they are due.

When you have school-aged children, you are faced with the problem of their education. Two choices are yours—teach them yourself and postpone any real

missionary effort or send them away to a boarding school. The general opinion is that the latter is the better plan. Usually, children adjust better than parents, yet it isn't a happy experience for either—at the beginning. When your child writes, "Sometimes I cry because I miss you so much," or when you sit down to empty places at the table and night time comes with no baths to give or children to tuck in, you might be tempted to alter the price just a little.

Once the biggest price the missionary paid was inferior living conditions. A third term missionary remarked. "Our first term out we lived in a mud hut with crates for furniture, had no running water, and used an outdoor toliet. Today I know of no missionary in such circumstances."

Ambassadors of the King seem to realize that identification with people does not necessarily require unsanitary living standards, but rather a heart attitude that exemplifies the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a time when the missionary often was unable to cope with diseases of his adopted land, and he either died or was forced to return home. Drugs and improved living conditions are now keeping many missionaries healthy on the field. But danger still lurks in mosquito-ridden areas (filaria and malaria). in the water (snail fever), in tsetse fly areas (sleeping sickness), in eating native-prepared food (dysentary and hepatitis), in association with diseased natives (leprosy and tuberculosis), and in encountering poisonous snakes. One mission board in West Africa reported that 60 per cent of their missionary personnel had returned home during the last ten years because of sickness.

If you are in an isolated area, you soon pay the price of loneliness. This depression is experienced intensely during rainy season when the rain beats down continuously on the metal roof. Often, weeks pass without seeing a face of your own color or speaking to anyone in your native tongue. Yet, the isolation is peaceful at times. No telephone to ring.

no salesman to call, no PTA meeting to attend. Still, there are times when you long to dress up and go to someone's

house for supper.

The cost of physical violence is still evident in parts of the world. We all remember the missionaries who were killed by pagan spears in South America. Likewise, others have died as brutally at the hand of Communists in Viet Nam and other Communist-controlled countries. Indeed, the missionary counts not his life dear to himself.

There are other costs—such as severance of family ties, deprivation of luxuries or financial security and abandonment of personal aims and goals. But missionaries must die to these. George Muller writes his secret for a successful Christian life: "There was a day when I died to George Muller-his opinions, preferences, tastes, and will; died to the world—its approval or censure . . . since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God."

Once when David was king, God sent a terrible plague on the land. In penitence. David went to make a sacrifice that the plague might be staved. He approached Araunah—the man who had the threshingfloor, oxen, and instruments-and asked his price for them. David was the king, so Araunah offered him whatever he needed as a gift. Whereupon David replied, "Nay, but I will surely buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer . . . my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:24).

Thus missionaries are saving today. Perhaps the price is great at times, but nothing worthwhile is ever gained without cost.



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THE NEW TESTAMENT METHOD

AFTER HIS conversion and separation to the work of Gentile missions, Paul and his companions traversed the highways of Asia Minor and traveled on up into Europe, preaching first in the synagogues. They concentrated on the larger cities, where they established churches. After a few weeks or months, Paul pushed on after appointing elders to direct in local church affairs. He wrote letters, dispatched messengers, evangelists, and faithful teachers, and when it was possible, revisited these mission churches. But he never smothered them. On he went in the spirit of Him who said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also." Within a few years Paul could say: "From Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation.

-By Byron S. Lamson in To Catch the Tide

as you pray...

BRAZIL / Radio continues to be a valuable aid to missionaries here. Pray for Sam Wilkinson and Bobby Poole who have regularly scheduled broadcasts on local CUBA / The Thomas Willeys, Sr., are reevaluating the Cuban refugee situation and making plans for the most effective ministry possible in Miami. Pray for them as they assume full responsibility for the Miami Spanish work January 1. Carlisle Hanna of North India and Volena Wilson of South India are in the states on furlough. Work is left in hands of National Christians. Pray for these Indian Christians. IVORY COAST / The medical clinic in Doropo averages around 200 patients per day. Pray for Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley as they witness for Christ through medical missions. Japanese Christians live under intensive anti-Christian pressures. Pray for their spiritual growth. PANAMA / Recent reports from this strategic Latin American nation indicate progress in ministry here. Interest is increasing. Pray for a real spiritual URUGUAY / Roman Catholic opbreakthrough. position is an increasingly aggravating problem. Pray for victory over Satanic influences.



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'out of my heart'

a word from the general director

York City. I heard the rumble of the subway trains, the honking of the taxis, the voices of many people. I stood with the street crowd and heard a converted Jew preach Jesus, the Christ of God. I met men who regularly conduct "open air campaigns" in various sections of the metropolis. I visited offices of missionary societies whose missionaries are making Christ known in many areas of the world.

I stood on pier 86 and saw the S.S. United States move out into the channel. On the deck of that ship were ambassadors for Christ—Eddie, Sandra and Laura Payne—on their way to French

language study in Switzerland and then to Ivory Coast, West Africa.

A few minutes before in cabin M24 we read together from the Holy Scriptures, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it," because "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubltess come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him," therefore "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in

every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

In prayer they were committed to the care and commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. With their going, we have sent eight new missionaries to the fields this year with six more under appointment.

"Out of my heart" I pray that God will not only add but quickly multiply this force of workers. Our Lord is doing a wonderful work among us in raising up individuals and churches to send forth the message.

J. Reford Wilson