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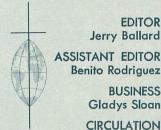
E SFT OUT expecting to see new things, things that were different. We did! I am speaking of our annual vacation which this past year took us into five of Brazil's great states and into a number of her larger cities. It was a trip I personally will never forget. What struck us most profoundly was a trip to the famous statue of Christ on Corcovado Mountain TO PAGE TWELVE

MESSAGE IN AN OFFERING PLATE

by KEN EAGLETON



THE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP was small and the number present for a special missionary service was even smaller, but there was something different about that service. It was the offering—a two-dollar bill, other cash offerings, checks, a "kitty-bank" containing \$3.00 in dimes. and a paper brad. And it was in this variety of things that I saw a message and a trend. Since coming home from Brazil in May, 1963, I have been in more than 20 states. traveling more than 40,000 miles, speaking in many of our churches. It has thrilled me to see the way our people are responding to the challenge of preaching the gospel to a lost world. Some have given themselves to God's service. Others have given their time or have opened their homes to serve the Lord by providing for the visiting missionary. For this I am grateful. The response of the offerings shows that we have many people who love the Lord and His work and give as they can to make that work possible. This offering that was different tells me that many do care. ■ The two-dollar bill someone had been holding on to because it was unusual went into the offering plate. The checks say that those who had at least a little extra were sharing that. Some youngster had been saving his money especially for his missions offering and he proudly and gladly dropped the "kitty bank" of dimes into the plate. And that lady who gave a cash offering emptied her purse-including the paper brad. She gave all she had with her. I say that is thrilling! Those who have responded have found real joy and satisfaction in being a missionary while staying at home. As I travel I see more and more who are finding this joy of sharing. I urge you to try it the next time you have the privilege to do so.



Hildred Dew

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SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD... HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE

Philippians 2:15-16

claimed in the dark areas of the world, a ray of Light pushes back the blackness, and men begin to see the true meaning of Christ's death and glorious resurrection... that through His death and His life they may live eternally.

The responsibility on us who are followers of Christ is explicit. If we do not "shine as lights in the world...holding forth the word of life," men will continue in darkness in this life and be cast into outer darkness in the life to come.

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TE USUALLY use Saturday to "unwind" following a hard week of language study. But this Saturday morning we were up by six o'clock. For me, it was a very special

day.

Preparations had been made for me to fly a dentist, a nurse, and a veterinarian to Covote, a little Indian village about 85 miles west of San Jose, Costa Rica. The only practical way to reach the village is by plane, since the doctors could give only one day for the trip. By jeep, it takes two days.

The flight was part of a project sponsored by the Evangelical Alliance of Costa Rica. Nearly every week teams of doctors and nurses donate time and skills to this program of helping people in remote areas who, other-

wise, would go unattended.

I had been briefed by the director of the project on the possible times for landing on the beach near Covote. A schedule indicating high and low tides was given me. The safety margin for landing was from two hours after high tide until two hours before the next high tide. During this time, the sand is hard enough to hold a light plane.

By 9:45 we had loaded the plane and were taxiing down the runway of El Coco International Airport here in San Jose. We moved cautiously since there was a strong cross wind. I breathed a prayer for safety and opened the throttle for take-off. After a couple of silent moments, I heard sighs of relief from my passengers. We were safely aloft.

I spotted the small Indian village about 50 minutes out. It was bounded by mountains to the north and east which extended to the ocean's edge. A small landing strip lay north of the village, but I had been warned not to land there with a full load. And pilots here don't hand out advice just to pass the time

of day.

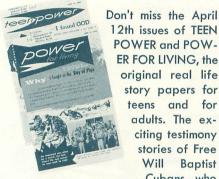
I made a couple of passes to observe the situation and arouse the people to come to meet us. It didn't take long to see that the landing strip was too short for my plane with the load we were carrying, so I headed for the beach. As I circled the third time I noticed a few people stirring, but they didn't follow as we turned toward the ocean. We were puzzled.

We approached the beach and circled twice at low altitude to inspect the tides and beach area. My schedule



A missionary aviator finds time during language study to fly two doctors and a nurse on a medical mission to Indians practically inaccessible by land travel. The trip reveals to the author the expanding possibilities of aviation evangelism.

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had said that low tide would be at 11 o'clock a.m. My watch read 10:45, so all should have been well. I had been instructed to land only on wet sand, and if it were low tide, the beach should be wet.

Again I circled, this time for the final approach. We descended until our wing tip was even with bushes about six feet away. There was a smooth thump, and we rolled. I could tell by the impact that we had hit soft sand. We were slowing too rapidly as we plowed through the sand. As we came to a stop, the nose tipped forward. Just before what could have been a serious accident, the tail settled back down into the sand. The Lord was with us.

We hastily jumped out to examine the plane. Everything was intact, but it took more than an hour to dig out. Indians who came to help us said that we had landed only an hour after high tide. This explained why no one had come to meet us. They thought we were not going to land, and if I had known that the schedule I had been given was incorrect. we wouldn't have!

With the plane safely on hard sand. we were escorted down the beach to a river inlet. Instructions were to set up the clinic in a home on the other side.

At the river's edge we entered a dugout canoe two at a time. Actually, the canoe carried four-one man who paddled and another who set in the bow with his heel plugging a hole in the bottom. We made it across, but about four inches of water leaked in before we reached the other shore.

WE WERE greeted by an Indian who directed us to his house where the clinic was to be held. The only "store-bought" items I saw in the home were a galvanized bucket and two metal dish pans. Cooking was done over an open flame.

Within 15 minutes, more than 25 people had come by horseback or on foot. Some had traveled for five hours. The dentist and nurse quickly began their work. We had been advised to leave by four o'clock p.m.

People kept flooding in including



THE AUTHOR

MR. PHIPPS and his wife are in language study in San Jose, Costa Rica, preparatory to missionary aviation service in Panama.

mothers with young babies, small children, old men and women, and a few young people. All came, for this would be their only opportunity to see a dentist or a veterinarian for many months.

Soon after the doctors had begun, a rider came with food. We were starved. They presented us rice, beans, scrambled eggs, and tortillas with tuna fish. Amoebas or no amoebas, we ate until we could hold no more. These people had given us their best, and we were grateful.

Four-thirty came, and the dentist was still pulling teeth. Another 15 minutes passed, then we hastily packed our equipment and headed for the plane. The doctor had pulled almost 100 teeth in two hours.

The tide was out when we arrived back at the plane, and a beautiful beach extended before us for take-off. I had already stepped off the distance each way from the plane to make certain there was plenty of room because each end of the beach was guarded by high mountains. From the air I had calculated 1800 feet. I stepped off approximately 1600 feet. I was satisfied with my estimate.

WE TAXIED to the west end of the beach, and I turned the plane eastward to face the wind. As my speed increased I eased forward on the stick and allowed the tail of the aircraft to lift only about two or three feet to keep wheel pressure on sand at a minimum. The plane lifted beautifully, and we waved good-by to those down below. The sun began to sink rapidly behind the mountains as we climbed to 3,000 feet and headed toward San Jose.

Shortly, the sky grew extremely hazy as the strong easterly wind brought ash from the active volcano near San Jose. Puntarenas lay below as I navigated through the mountain pass at 4,200 feet.

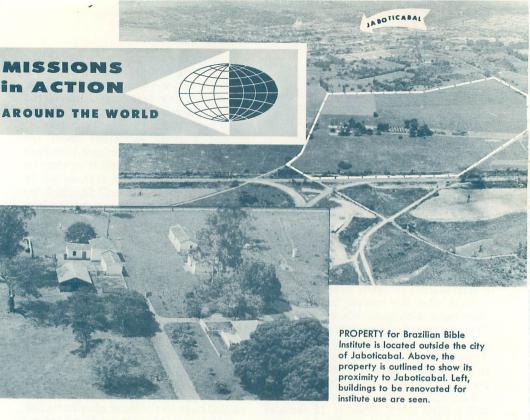
By now visibility was very poor. I noticed a cloud formation about ten miles ahead. How thick and how high was the formation? Would it be clear on the other side, or would volcano ash be hovering over the airport? Should I try to make it through? It was getting late, and I had to decide quickly.

I turned back to Puntarenas. It was almost dark when we landed, and I think my passengers were glad I had made the decision to turn back. We secured a taxi to take us to a "hotel." It didn't take long to find a shower. Although no hot water was available, the cold felt plenty good. After eating, we walked down to the dock to watch a barge being loaded with coffee beans.

We were up at five next morning to get an early start for San Jose to avoid the strong winds of midday. As we walked back to the hotel after breakfast, we observed the city's flying garage service—the vultures. I saw more than 200 in the streets, in the trees, and perched on house tops and garbage cans. Most were the size of small turkeys. It is against the law to kill these flying garbage trucks.

At 6:30 a.m., the wheels of the Stinson lifted from Puntarenas Airport, and we again headed for San Jose, this time with clear visibility and no difficulties. When I finally cut the engine off in front of the hanger at El Coco, the dentist slapped me on the back happily, and from the big grin on his face I could tell what he was thinking. It had been an exciting 24 hours to say the least!

BUT FOR ME it was more than that. I got a challenging glimpse at the possibilities for extending our gospel outreach into unreached areas through the ministry of aviation. Not only are people waiting to have teeth pulled and ailments treated, but they are waiting with anxious hearts for a message of hope—the gospel of Jesus Christ.



IVORY COAST INSTITUTE MOVES AHEAD

GOUMERE, IVORY COAST—The Bible institute begun here in January is developing well, according to Missionary Lonnie Sparks who is in charge of this ministry.

Four students are enrolled. Three are preparing for preaching ministries. Training a strong national leadership is essential for development of a strong national church.

Students assist missionaries in village evangelism as a part of their training. At the present time, services are being maintained in nine villages weekly. Onthe-job training is proving to be an effective part of the institute's overall teaching program.

New Magazine Designed for Use in Ivory Coast

KOUN, IVORY COAST—A new magazine is in production for use among teen-agers here, according to Field Director Bill Jones. It is a cooperative

project of evangelical missions in the Coast.

The magazine with definite youth slant is designed similar to *Sunday Pix*, a popular, highly illustrated Sunday school "take home" paper in English.

To Put It Briefly . . . Marie Hanna underwent surgery in a Nashville hospital March 17. She is recovering satisfactorily . . . Ebenezer Dawson, 63, died March 12 following an extended illness. He was the father of Sandra Payne who is in language study with her husband in Switzerland . . . Thieves broke into the Bobby Pooles' home in Ribeirao Preto. Brazil, taking money and valuables worth \$180-200 . . . Bill Fulcher was ordered to bed by doctors while on a mission trip to Campinas, Brazil, from his base in Uruguay. Diagnosis: hepatitis. At latest report he is recovering satisfactorily.



OUR PROFESSOR has been very kind to us, but there is one thing she can't understand, and yesterday she asked us again. Here it is. "The Ivory Coast is a French country in Africa. Why are you (Americans) going there to teach? Why don't the French? Why can't they?"

I had heard this question before, but the real answer never dotted my brain and reached my heart. The answer is so simple, so trite I hesitate to mention it. I suppose if you were French and heard my stammering, stuttering attempts to speak, you could understand better. But the answer is that the French in general do not know the message, the Saviour. They know nothing of a changed liberated, saved life!

As this sank in and as I looked at the car we had just purchased and remembered the dear folks at Northport, Ala., who work in the paper mill, the offices, and elsewhere who gave to buy it, and as I thought of the folks in Oklahoma,

Kansas, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, and North Carolina who gave faithfully that we may be here, I had to sit down and repent. We've gone to school faithfully. We've studied hard. But I like to see things happen, and things don't happen quickly in language school. My prayer is that I may be as faithful to study as these folks are to give.

JIMMY ALDRIDGE Lausanne, Switzerland

WE RECEIVED a great blessing this past Sunday. One of our recent converts, a young man of about 24 years, rode his bicycle into town especially to tell Bill (Fulcher) that he feels the Lord wants him to be a pastor. He is ever so eager to start studying. We are going to start a special class, either in Bill's house or his garage, to meet this need.

Two other men want to attend to learn more about God's Word. Naturally, we are very happy about this and yet realize how this interest could fade away. We pray that God will deepen the desire to study and to preach on the part of this young man and the others.

PAUL ROBINSON Rivera, Uruguay

BUILDING is underway at Campinas, Brazil, church. A sanctuary is under construction. Meetings are being held in Sunday school building in background.





VIEWS ON MISSIONS OUTLOOK IN INDIA

INDIA IS one of the oldest nations in the world. It has also been one of the more difficult countries for gospel penetration. Why is this? What is the future of missionary activity in India? What is the condition of the Indian Church? How serious is the Chinese threat? These questions and others were directed to veteran missionary to India Carlisle Hanna by *Heartbeat*. His answers are given in two installments.

HEARTBEAT: After two terms of service in North India, you must have formed general observations regarding the status of missionary work there. What is the response to the gospel in India today?

HANNA: Needless to say, we have not seen in India the response to the gospel we would desire. We long for the whole country to know the Lord Jesus. But there is response. In North India and other areas, little response has been seen for many years. Missionaries realize they are working in sterile areas, yet they feel that their presence is meaning something to India as a whole and in the work of the Church as a whole.

Our mission has experienced a real response in our village work. People have shown concern and then responded to our witness by receiving Christ as Saviour. We have seen our churches grow not only in number, but also in spirituality. We feel that leaders in our churches who have been saved through

the ministry of our mission and who have been educated with the help of our mission are in a position to go on with the Lord and to build a Church that will stand in India.

How many Free Will Baptist churches do we have in North India?

Seven organized churches with other church groups in places where we would like to organize. But we have only two ordained preachers to serve these people. We reach these villages as often as possible, but because of lack of manpower we are unable to maintain full church programs.

Then we need more trained nationals?

Yes. And we could go out and hire them, but we have felt that we should allow the Lord to lead in this and have not felt He would have us take them from other places. We have several men coming along whom we trust will be able to take leadership responsibilities. We have one in Bible training now. We have another who has just finished high school and who says he feels called to preach. We need more trained workers, and we need more missionaries.

What is the outlook regarding getting more American missionaries into India?

We have as good a chance as anybody else would have. Some missions are getting missionaries in. One mission applied for five couples needing to get three in. Surprisingly, they received visas for all five. And they were Americans. Some are being refused. Some are being granted visas. If others are getting missionaries in, I feel we should be able to do so as well. We certainly should try, and we should try for more than one couple at a time.

How many couples could we absorb in North India, for example?

We could use ten couples or more. There is always more work to be done. The southern half of the area assigned to us hasn't been touched. And we could go beyond the area assigned.

How does the response we have seen as a mission compare to the response seen by other mission agencies?

Through fellowship with missionaries working with other mission agencies, we have found that our work by comparison has received a good response from the people. We have seen people continually coming to the Lord. Others have worked for many years with no results at all.

Churches founded years ago have less Christians and missionaries today.

What is the reason for our comparative success? Is it because we are working among a different type of people?

No. I don't think so. Some of our work is among Santals, and many people in India are working with this group. We also work among the Bengali people. We have had good response from them, too.

I think the dedication of our Indian people is, perhaps, the main contributing factor in our growth. They come to grips with the Lord and decide to live separated Christian lives and to do what the Bible says as they understand it. They are willing to live for Christ regardless of the cost.

Also, the prayers of our people at home certainly enter into this. As they have faithfully prayed for the work in India and as our missionaries and Indian Christians have given themselves to this task, the Lord has honored His Word, and it has born fruit in the lives of these dear people.

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VOODOO has its place in Spiritism, as these dolls vividly reveal.

FROM PAGE ONE in the city of Rio de Janeiro. The Statue, with arms outstretched, overlooks the bay and city. It can be seen miles away from almost every part of town.

Immediately under the precipice of the mountain we looked down on one of the many "favelas" (shanty-towns) where the unskilled, uneducated, and unemployed put together a house out of scraps of lumber, tin, and other materials they can find.

As our eyes drifted we could see much of the city's middle class homes, factories, business district, sky scrapers, beautiful hotels, and apartment buildings backdropped by the blue water of the magnificent Atlantic as it rolls onto the brilliant white sand of the Botofogo and famous Copacabana beaches. Off to the right we could see the famous Sugar Loaf Mountain.

SHORTLY WE said good-bye to this part of Rio and locked the sights in our minds to be recalled later. We started our descent using an old back road which is not used much any more.

It was on this road that we saw what impressed us the deepest—the remains of a Spiritism Macumba meeting. Macumba is the "low Spiritism" that is wide-spread throughout Brazil. The dictionary says, "The macumba is a fetish ceremony of Negro or African origin with Christian inflection, accompanied by dances, songs, drums, sorcery, and witchcraft."

As we stopped to investigate the "remains," and this is the right word, we encountered things which I never dreamed would happen. Here in the midst of one of the world's most famous and most beautiful cities we found the powerful influence of the prince of this world. As we stood at the little clearing we were held in awe at the power of Satan.

Scattered all over the ground were numerous clay bowls—some turned upside down, others up-right, others almost covered with pieces of bright red and black cloth (which represent blood and death or curse), and still others broken into small pieces. In the bowls and on the ground were partially decayed goat heads, bones, and blood from sacrificed animals and a decaying buzzard. On

MASSACRED birds and animals are the remains of Satanic worship.





THE AUTHOR

MR. POOLE serves with his wife in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. God has greatly blessed His servant with fervent concern for the souls of the Brazilian beoble.

some of the clothes and in some of the bowls was a yellow meal made from manioc (the root of a plant widely used as a food) mixed with the blood of sacrifices.

The meat that was eaten must have been eaten raw because we could find no ashes from a fire.

Hundreds of match stems and candle wax were scattered over the ground. A little to one side of what appeared to be the center of the activities we found a number of quart jars filled with alcohol, each containing a piece of paper on which names were scribbled. We have been told that a curse was placed on those whose names were on the pieces of paper.

Almost hidden in the grass we made another interesting discovery—two cloth dolls sewn together face to face. Through their heads and bodies were straight pins. They represented either a man and his wife or lovers. The object was to invoke evil spirits to either kill or harm physically those whom they represented.

What can we do against the power of heathen darkness? There is only one answer—to hold forth the Word of life, to preach the cross of Jesus Christ!

In a Spiritism meeting no one is allowed to cross his arms, legs, fingers, or make the sign of the cross in any way. It breaks the power of the Spiritist mediators. Thank God, the cross breaks the power of Satan. "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14).



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