

## THE WALL CRACKS

AFTER MONTHS OF WAITING, PANAMA MAY BE  
ON THE VERGE OF SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH

For more than a year and a half, Free Will Baptist missionaries have labored and prayed for God to give them a beachhead in Panama. Others have prayed with them. Missionaries are aware the road to spiritual success is hazardous. And they are prepared to expend themselves for the cause of Christ in this strategic little country that connects the North American and South American continents. The Estenio Garcia family arrived in Panama a few days ago from Cuba where Garcia has been greatly used by the Lord in reaching his own people. Now God has directed him to become a missionary to other Latin Americans who need Christ. ▶ TO PAGE TWO

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**HEARTBEAT**  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS



**THE WALL CRACKS**▶ Missionary Tom Willey, Jr., felt that the arrival of Garcia into the ministry in Panama may be the needed ingredient for a breakthrough. No one can reach Latin Americans as effectively as Latin Americans.

And God is giving indication that this is indeed his plan. For the first time an obvious working of the Spirit in the hearts of Panamanians is evident. The first converts in Free Will Baptist work here have been seen. Long months of groundwork are beginning to reap rewards.

Here is Missionary Willey's account of God's working on the first preaching trip he and Estenio made together to Canita and other villages southwest of Panama City where Willey has been visiting and preaching for several months:

"AFTER GETTING halfway straightened out, or at least getting all the kids and wives settled in our house, Estenio and I went down to Canita in the Rover. It took the roads and mud like a charm.

"I had not been able to get down in over a month because of elections, Barbara and John's (Moehlman) departure for furlough, and a multitude of other things.

"On the way we picked up an elderly gentleman who immediately invited us to his home to have a service. This was remarkable for Panama! We had a service with the family and neighbors with a great deal of evident interest. In fact, they wanted us to come back for another service on the way out.

"We were met by tragedy at Canita. One of my good friends to whom I had often witnessed had just died of a heart attack, a man only in his thirties. The Lord gave me a marvelous opportunity to witness and pray with the family.

"By borrowing a couple of horses, we finally got to Jenene. The mud was so bad in certain places that one man said he almost lost two steers by drowning in the mud. We spent that evening visiting and spreading the word that we would have a service on Monday morning.

"It turned out to be a precious meeting. Two adults and four children whom we have been working with and praying for made their decisions for Christ. Estenio went over well with the people, and he is very enthusiastic about the possibilities of working through here to reach the kin folks of these people who are now living in Panama City, a people as yet unreached by any church.

"I have felt all along that when Estenio arrived from Cuba we would have such a reaping, and I believe that this is only the beginning.

"The Lord has been wonderfully blessing in these days, but we need your prayers for physical strength. We have had a long, hard, dry season, and no rest is in sight."

THE CRACK in the wall is only a crack. Satan will attempt to seal it up. But the power of God working in answer to the effectual, fervent prayers of God's people can turn the crack into a real spiritual breakthrough in Panama. ■



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*THREE OLD CROWS, er—pardon—men of the church in Rivera, Uruguay, are photographed by Missionary Bill Fulcher. They are recent converts.*

#### TO PUT IT BRIEFLY . . .

Lonnie Sparks writes from Ivory Coast, "A revised edition of our catechism in Kulango has recently been mimeographed. Preparation on the Kulango primer is progressing; however, work with the Bible school and in the bush has swamped us. Three couples could be used effectively on this station now. In fact, the work is suffering because of lack of helpers" . . . the Goumere, Ivory Coast, church building is completed except for painting. It was built by Christians here, the second constructed in the area . . . missions department files are in urgent need of copies of the January, 1964, issue of *Heartbeat*. If you still have your copy, you can assist the department greatly by returning it to 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37205.

## MISSIONS in ACTION AROUND THE WORLD



### ***Motion Picture to be Filmed in Brazil***

NASHVILLE—Motion Pictures have become increasingly effective in evangelism in foreign countries. They also have been used extensively to stimulate God's people in America to awaken to the needs of the world.

With these two factors in mind, the Board of Foreign Missions has launched production of a 45-minute motion picture with the dual objective of evangelism in Brazil and missions promotion in the states.

The original version will be made in Portuguese for use in Brazil as an evangelistic tool. An English adaptation will be made for American audiences.

Jerry Ballard, producer for the board, will be in Brazil the entire month of January with a filming team producing the dramatic motion picture. Premiere showing is tentatively scheduled for the July, 1965, annual convention of the National Association to be held in Raleigh, N. C.

Ken Anderson, well known Christian writer and motion picture producer, was in Brazil in July doing research for writing the script. He will write and direct the production.

This will be the first motion picture produced by the board since *Letter to Melitino* 14 years ago.

*THE FIRST BAPTISMAL SERVICE held in Doropo, Ivory Coast, took place Easter Sunday when Dr. LaVerne Miley baptized Jonas, a lobi boy who is planning to enter Bible school this fall to prepare for Christian service.*





# GOD'S PROTECTIVE HAND



## IS REAL

When Missionary Pilot Bill Phipps crashed on take-off on June 21, God miraculously kept both pilot and passengers from harm. This is the accident report filed by Pilot Phipps with the flight inspector in San Jose, Costa Rica.

*The plane flipped over doing extensive damage to engine, tail, wing struts, and windshield. No one was injured.*



SATURDAY MORNING, June 20, at approximately 6:55 a.m. I departed from El Coco International Airport for Bijagua with three passengers, about 40 pounds of baggage, and full tanks of gasoline. The purpose of the flight was to carry medical personnel to a village near Bijagua where a medical clinic had been scheduled under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance of Costa Rica.

We landed at the city of Las Canas about 45 minutes later, after discovering that the pass through the mountains to Bijagua was impassable due to weather conditions. After checking with a pilot who flies in the area and knows the terrain, I waited for about an hour and a half before departing for Bijagua. About 15 minutes later we arrived at the airstrip and landed without difficulty. Our destination was the village of Naranjo, but the rest of the trip was made on horseback.

Sunday, June 21, we were scheduled to leave at 12:00 noon for El Coco. We arrived at Bijagua at 12:45 and quickly loaded the plane with passengers and baggage. Before take-off I performed a walk-around pre-flight check of the aircraft. After checking the fuel and oil, the quickdrains on the wing tanks, and the carburetor, we were ready for departure.

The airstrip is situated in a north-south direction. Not knowing the prevailing winds in the area and realizing that there was more cleared approach to the south, I chose to attempt take-off in that direction. The wind was almost nil, as indicated by a small flag at the southern end of the strip.

After engine warm-up and checking carburetor heat, magnetos, and controls, I held the brakes and allowed the engine to reach full power. Then I released the brakes and started the ground roll for take-off. The engine



was turning at the specified RPM, but because of the rough strip the ground roll was too slow, and I was unable to get the tail up for lift-off.

At the southern end of the strip is a creek about 30 feet wide. When I realized we were in trouble, it was too late to stop the aircraft before hitting the creek. Therefore, I waited until the aircraft was about 50 feet from the creek and then pulled back suddenly on the control column hoping there would be enough speed to lift us over the creek. Upon pulling back on the control, the aircraft lifted about 15 feet off the ground and missed the creek.

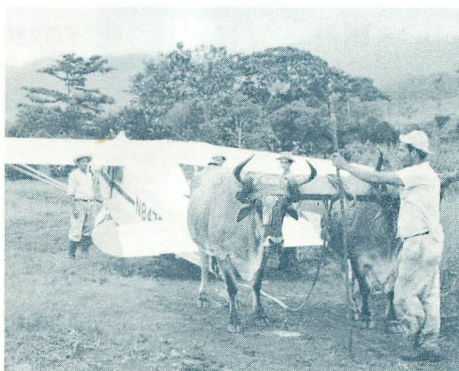
A small rice field lay just across the creek and beyond the field were tall trees. By this time I realized that the aircraft would be unable to lift above the trees, so I chose to stall the plane and set it down in the rice field.

Previous rains had left the field wet and soggy. Upon impact the aircraft rolled about 15 feet and flipped over on its back. Thereupon, I shut off the ignition switch and proceeded to help the passengers from the plane. No one was injured, and everyone seemed very calm under the circumstances.

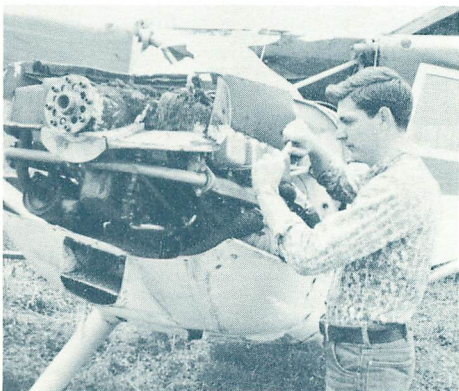
After checking again to make certain that no one was hurt, I collected the baggage and gave instructions to go to a nearby shelter as it was beginning to rain.

When the rain had subsided, I made plans to signal any aircraft that might be coming through the area. Approximately 30 minutes later an aircraft was heard coming through the pass. I walked to the middle of the strip and started signaling as the aircraft approached. However, the pilot saw neither me nor the plane, and because of the heavy rainfall he turned back southward to Canas.

Upon discovering that there was a shortwave radio nearby, I instructed that a message be sent to Upla for help. We were assured that the radio message had gotten through and that a plane would be coming for us the next morning. I hired a man with two oxen to turn the aircraft into upright position and pull it



*Oxen pull plane into upright position and to edge of rice field for dismantling.*



*Pilot Phipps dismantles damaged engine parts.*

to the edge of the rice field.

I then proceeded to examine the extent of damage and found the right wing struts badly bent. The vertical fin received the hardest blow upon impact and was extensively damaged.

Because of the soft field and the position on impact, the right engine mount was bent from the side, causing the engine to be forced about ten degrees from center position. The propeller was bent about a foot from each blade tip. The tail spring had broken off about three inches from the fuselage. The wings did not suffer damage, neither did the landing gear. A full evaluation of the damages will be determined upon further examination. ■



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / JUNE '64

CASH IN BANK JUNE 1, 1964.....\$51,470.59

## RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....\$28,905.85  
Other Income.....1,494.10

\$81,870.54

## DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions.....\$22,659.88  
Traveling and Promotion.....2,344.39  
Administrative.....3,181.03

\$53,685.24

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....\$ 550.84  
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....3,726.43  
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....529.83  
Rev. and Mrs. James K. Combs.....619.04  
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia.....4,651.76  
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Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....819.12  
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie J. Payne.....5,823.57  
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps.....4,046.67  
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....437.09  
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....2,052.99  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....786.86  
Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds.....445.94

Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....223.49  
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....1,882.52  
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson.....1,394.72  
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....527.83  
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....232.00  
Miss Volena Wilson.....796.15  
Furlough Car Loan Fund.....26  
Africa—Medical Building Fund.....3,625.69  
Africa—Children's Division.....4,094.72  
North India Building.....6,813.62  
Payne's House.....1,538.07  
Uruguay Vehicle.....592.80  
Waid's Vehicle.....3,095.90  
Repatriation.....3,190.59  
Hanna's Jeep.....1,761.37  
Uruguay Land.....44.42  
South India Vehicle.....1,227.00

\$68,468.00

## DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock...\$ 29.78  
Rev. & Mrs. Ken P. Eagleton...348.93  
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks...22.90  
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna...121.04  
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones...1,950.77  
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N...248.60  
Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley...1,729.29  
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman...2,371.85  
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks...487.89  
Palmer's House...2,615.72  
Brazil Bible Institute...4,805.37  
Audio-Visual...50.63

14,782.76  
\$53,685.24

## STATE QUOTAS 1964

STATE	JUNE RECEIPTS	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 636.92	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 4,946.41	\$ 4,303.59	
Alaska.....		400.00	58.37	341.63	
Arizona.....	48.84	1,000.00	159.20	840.80	
Arkansas.....	447.88	9,250.00	4,078.00	5,172.00	
California.....	2,033.53	13,000.00	11,309.12	1,690.88	
Colorado.....		500.00	212.89	287.11	
Florida.....	652.20	7,500.00	4,116.53	3,383.47	
Georgia.....	1,473.01	10,750.00	8,855.16	1,894.84	
Hawaii.....		150.00	50.00	100.00	
Idaho.....		250.00		250.00	
Illinois.....	595.58	11,750.00	4,052.59	7,697.41	
Indiana.....	204.61	3,500.00	1,413.41	2,086.59	
Iowa.....	120.00	300.00	401.53		101.53
Kansas.....	226.12	2,000.00	1,065.65	934.35	
Kentucky.....	473.30	5,500.00	2,044.71	3,455.29	
Louisiana.....		250.00		250.00	
Maine.....	251.00	400.00	351.00	49.00	
Michigan.....	2,237.91	28,500.00	13,060.87	15,439.13	
Mississippi.....	326.85	6,000.00	2,653.58	3,346.42	
Missouri.....	1,371.36	23,500.00	10,815.55	12,684.45	
New Hampshire.....	102.74	360.00	247.28	112.72	
New Mexico.....	4.00	1,350.00	274.03	1,075.97	
North Carolina.....	4,475.50	50,000.00	23,392.63	26,607.37	
Ohio.....	1,117.32	11,000.00	5,642.89	5,357.11	
Oklahoma.....	2,856.76	25,000.00	15,152.86	9,847.14	
Oregon.....	15.00	150.00	33.00	117.00	
South Carolina.....	2,593.12	18,000.00	9,938.75	8,061.25	
Tennessee.....	2,724.34	27,500.00	15,024.66	12,475.34	
Texas.....	1,226.54	13,000.00	5,095.24	7,904.76	
Virginia.....	997.82	18,000.00	6,680.79	11,319.21	
Washington.....	53.39	360.00	91.22	268.78	
West Virginia.....	1,397.33	5,000.00	4,691.06	308.94	
Miscellaneous.....	242.88	3,103.10	1,020.42	2,082.68	
	\$ 28,905.85	\$306,573.10	\$156,929.40	\$149,745.23	\$ 101.53

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

—II CORINTHIANS 9:6, 7







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... the ministry of prayer

## THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

AMONG THE MOST VITAL issues confronting Protestantism today is that of the mission of the Church. This must be carefully ascertained and defined.

The Church is a spiritual body of which Jesus Christ is the sole head. The Church must manifest herself in the world and conduct herself in no other manner than that shown by Christ while he was upon earth or as he has directed in Holy Scripture.

As a spiritual body, the Church has a message primarily for the spiritual needs of mankind. Once she shifts her emphasis from spiritual to secular matters, her influence wanes; and this is the danger she faces today. In the New Testament we find our Lord and the Apostles living in the midst of social, economic, and political evils as great as any in our times; yet we find their ministries primarily directed to the spiritual needs of mankind and are assured that only as the hearts of men are changed can these evils be eliminated.

—*Christianity Today*, July 17, 1964

## as you pray...

**BRAZIL:** Dilermundo and Laercio, Brazilian Free Will Baptist preachers, have a vital ministry in several areas. Pray for these men of God.

**CUBA-MIAMI:** God is still at work behind the "sugar cane curtain." Pray as faithful Cuban pastors continue to preach the gospel.

**INDIA:** The Carlisle Hannas are nearing time to return to North India for their third term of service. Additional financial support is needed. Pray that God will raise up those to meet this urgent need.

**IVORY COAST:** Young converts here face gigantic challenges to their faith. Pressure from family and tradition is great. Pray that the Holy Spirit will empower these new believers to stand true.

**JAPAN:** The Herbert Waids return to Japan this month to begin their second term of service. Pray for safety in travel and God's blessing as they resume responsibilities.

**PANAMA:** Estenio Garcia and his family have arrived here from Cuba and join the work as associate missionaries. Pray that God will direct them to the area of ministry He has for them.

**URUGUAY:** Good health is important to an effective ministry. Pray for missionaries here that God will continue to grant needed physical strength.

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## 'out of my heart'

*a word from the general director*



■ The church must be vocal. Silence cannot be imposed upon the institution God has chosen by which to proclaim His Word. ■ The Sanhedrin council commanded the apostles to neither speak nor teach in the name of Jesus. Peter and John answered, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). ■ To repress the outflow of missions is like trying to build a dam across the Atlantic Ocean. Jesus said, "I will build my church . . ." He is happy to do it with us, but He can do it without us. ■ To restrain the church in its mission of teaching and preaching the gospel is to deny the power which God promised for this purpose. To restrict the church in its giving is to quench its love and show lack of faith. "God so loved that He gave . . ." and "God loves a cheerful giver . . . God is able to make all grace abound toward you . . ."

■ To refuse the opportunity of missionary endeavors is to commit the sins of the priest and levite and to reckon with God in judgment for negligence. ■ To rebel against the command of Christ to go into all the world preaching the gospel is to become traitor to the cause and to be guilty of treason in the kingdom. ■ We are constantly confronted with a changing world which has an unchanging sin problem. The objective of our foreign missions department remains unchanged. It is clearly stated in our manual *Unto the Uttermost*: "The divine obligation of carrying the gospel of salvation to the world is directed to the church, not to a certain segment but to the entire body of believers. Free Will Baptists as part of the body of Christ have a distinct place in God's plan for world evangelization. It is not unlike God's commission to similar groups, but it is distinct in that it is a work God has given to this denomination, a gap that must be filled lest the hedge be broken. ■ "Local Free Will Baptist churches affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, realizing that men are lost and that God's plan is that men go into all the world with the good news of redemption, join in a co-operative foreign missionary program through the Board of Foreign Missions." ■ We are not bound to traditional methods which have lost their effectiveness. Neither are we afraid to trust the Holy Spirit for new methods of missionary operation. We must preach the gospel.

*J. Reford Wilson*

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