



ONE CHRISTMAS EVE

I REMEMBER VERY distinctly the 24th day of December, 1959. It was about 7 o'clock p.m., and as usual I was in a bar in the city of Campinas."

Thus begins the testimony of Laercio Miguel da Silva, a handsome Brazilian youth for whom Christmas Eve is a birthday. It was the day he was "born again" by the power of God and entered a new life in Christ. "That night," Laercio recalls, "the only new things I had were the clothes that I wore. My greatest goal in life was to wear the nicest clothes possible and at least be decent in outward ► TO PAGE 4

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HEARTBEAT
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

Wilson, Ballard Leave December 30 for Extensive Ministries Abroad

Los Angeles—General Director Reford Wilson and Director of Publications Jerry Ballard leave here December 30 for ministries in the Orient, India, Africa, Europe, and South America.

Mr. Wilson will be ministering to missionaries in Japan, India, and Ivory Coast. During meetings with missionaries and church leaders in each of these areas, present mis-

sions operations will be reviewed and plans laid for the future.

While in the Orient, Mr. Wilson will participate in the annual meeting of the Hokkaido Association.

He will spend several days in Europe conferring with evangelical leaders and surveying the area for possible entry by Free Will Baptist missionaries.

Several couples have expressed interest regard-

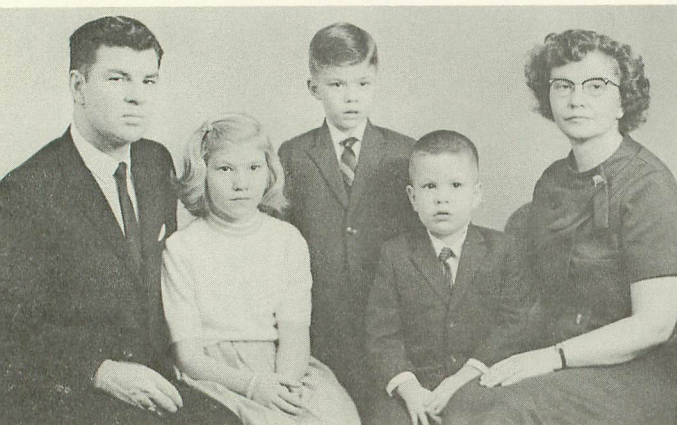


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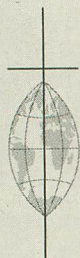
ing service in Europe.

Mr. Ballard will be on a photographic and research mission. In addition to compiling photos and information for publication from each country where Free Will Baptists have missionaries, he will be shooting filmstrips in India, Ivory Coast, Uruguay, and Panama.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ballard will be together in Japan, India, and Africa. Mr. Ballard will then cross to Brazil where a film crew from the states will meet him to produce a feature-length motion picture. While in Brazil, he and Missionary Don Robirds will lay final groundwork for a Portuguese edition of the Bible study magazine *Impacto* for use in Brazil, as well as make long-range plans to meet Brazil's literature needs.



HANNAS RETURN TO FIELD—Carlisle and Marie Hanna and their children arrived in India November 29 to begin their third term of service following furlough in the states. They left New York by boat November 5. The Hannas serve in Sonapurhat, North India.



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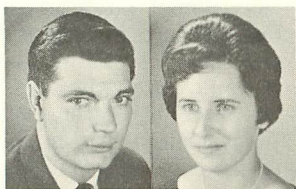
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Mr. Ballard will make contacts in numerous Latin American countries stimulating distribution of the Spanish edition of *Impacto* which has been in circulation since January.

Mr. Wilson will return to the states the last of March, Mr. Ballard the last of April.

Phippses to Panama

San Jose—Bill and Barbara Phipps complete language study and move



to Panama in mid-December to begin permanent missionary assignments. Both are graduates of Free Will Baptist Bible College and are natives of North Carolina. Bill, a licensed pilot, plans to use the airplane as an evangelistic tool in his Panamanian ministry. The Phippses join the Tom Willeys, Jr., and the Estenio Garcias who are already at work in the country.

Panama Site Rented

Panama City—A building in a choice uptown location has been rented here in which to hold services. Missionary Estenio Garcia is in charge of meetings through which it is hoped a church will be established. In the first service held in mid-November, 50 people attended and two decisions were witnessed.

MISSIONS in ACTION AROUND THE WORLD



Cuban Relief Ministry Terminated

Miami—The operation of CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund) has been officially terminated. Action was taken by the board in view of the decreased influx of Cuban refugees, the ability of resident Cuban pastors to meet present relief demands, and the need to utilize the Thomas Willeys, Sr., more extensively in other ministries.

The Rev. Benito Rodriguez and the Rev. Moises Toirac are working in the city. Use of the downtown CERF building is given resident pastors for use in

relief as necessary.

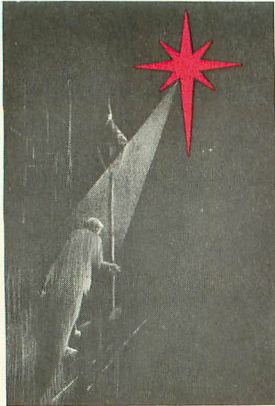
Clothing, blankets, and other supplies should now be sent to either Mr. Rodriguez at 3695 S.W. 25th Ter. or Mr. Toirac at P.O. Box 306, Allatatah, Sta., Miami.

Both Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Toirac need additional financial support for their ministries. Interested individuals or church groups should correspond directly with them.

CERF was instituted two years ago to meet the then pressing need of a relief ministry for Cuban refugees.



URUGUAYAN CHURCH ORGANIZED—The first Free Will Baptist church in Uruguay has been organized at Santa Teresa, a village on the outskirts of Rivera, by Bill Fulcher and Paul Robinson. Here is a picture of the new church's adult Sunday school class. Works are also in prospect in Rivera and across the Brazilian border in Livramento. (Staff photo by Bill Fulcher)



FROM PAGE 1 ► appearance. Everything else in my life was old and bad. I had no real peace. In my heart was a hollow, empty feeling.”

Bars were familiar places to Laercio. He began drinking excessively at the age of 12. His parents were spiritists, but although he attended spiritist meetings as a child he was never impressed.

At 14, Laercio left home and moved to Campinas to live with a brother and get a job. After a term in military service, he returned to Campinas and resumed his job in a tire recapping plant. He hit the bottle more and more. He lost all moral scruples. On at least two occasions his manner of life landed him in jail. Gambling waved its sinewy tentacles around him. At 23 he reached the bottom of the barrel.

Down inside, Laercio really wanted to make something of his life. He knew the way he was heading could end only in disaster. But his vices had become his master. He was able only to drift with the crowd. Money needed for food was spent on liquor or gambled away. His health was beginning to crumble.

This was Laercio's plight on Christmas Eve five years ago. He had never been

inside an Evangelical church, but he had been in contact with Christians. And he had developed an intense hatred for them—not for any particular reason; it merely seemed to be the thing to do.

On several occasions, Laercio and his friends from the bar threw stones at the Free Will Baptist church in Campinas. It was his way of fighting against his conscience.

He recalls one experience which he now believes was demon possession. For four days he was unable to get out of bed. It started with a noise that sounded like a Roman Catholic procession carrying the Virgin Mary. He envisioned a chain of fire. Later he envisioned Satan on the roof throwing poisoned darts at him, and later dust covered him. He felt he was going insane and would surely die.

It was only two months later that Laercio found himself once again in the bar, this time to celebrate Christmas Eve with his friends in the only way he knew. “My only plan was to do something bad. I was going to spend the entire night in the bar drinking,” he says.

“I was sitting there drinking and musing over my troubles when I overheard a man nearby speaking to the owner of the bar. He said he planned to scatter a group of Christians who were holding a street service outside. I felt this would be exciting, so I decided to follow and see what would happen.”

The group of troublemakers stopped a short distance from the street meeting group. For some strange reason, the man who had talked so loudly in the bar made no attempt at disturbance.

JOAQUEM, a young preacher boy from the church walked toward Laercio. At first Laercio thought he was coming to drive him off since he probably recognized Laercio as one of the ones who had hindered services in the past. But Joaquim politely invited Laercio to come closer so he could hear what was going on. Laercio accepted his invitation.

“When we approached the group, they were singing a hymn,” Laercio recalls. “Soon someone began to preach a message. My friends from the bar came

Coming Next Month . . .
... a New Heartbeat!

to me and urged me to leave with them. The owner of the bar offered me free beer if I would leave. But God had gained a strange hold on my heart. I could not leave. Then my friends made fun of me, but this, too, was unsuccessful. I stayed for the message. The Holy Spirit was working. I began to see hope for my desperate condition."

When the message ended, the speaker invited those present to attend services at the Free Will Baptist church nearby. Laercio accepted the invitation.

"At the church, I heard the gospel of Jesus Christ preached clearly. I realized that although my clothes on the outside were new, the inside of my heart was dirty because of my sin. I bowed my head and accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I knew He was my only hope.

"Christ entered my heart that night, and He transformed my life. Not only did I receive salvation, but God clothed me in the garments of righteousness which covered more than my outward appearance—these garments covered my sin-stained soul.

"That became my last Christmas Eve without Christ. Since that night I have received many blessings from the Lord. I have real peace in my heart. The Christmases since my conversion have been meaningful to me. I now know personally the One whose birthday we remember. Whereas once I stoned Christians and sought to disturb the services, I now rejoice in the fellowship of like believers and worship God with His people."

Laercio gave his life completely to the Lord for His use. He initiated the work in Jaboticabal, his hometown, where a Free Will Baptist church resulted. At great personal sacrifice he now preaches in various places assisting in the work in Brazil in any way possible. In March, he will be among the first group to enter the new Brazilian Bible Institute preparing for a life of service.

"Since the night of December 24, 1959," he says, "I can testify to the reality of II Corinthians 5:17, 'If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.'"



REMEMBER HIM / *The Christmas star once again sends a stream of light across the world. It is a meaningful light. It marks the beginning of a path leading from an humble manger to the cross. ☐ It was all part of God's plan of redemption for lost humanity. The Lord Jesus "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:7,8). ☐ And the purpose of God is the same this Christmas as it was the first. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself . . . and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (II Corinthians 5:19). ☐ This Christmas remember the cause for which Christ was born . . . that all men everywhere may have new life through Him. On His birthday, remember Him in your Christmas giving through a special gift to missions that the message of Christmas may be voiced abroad . . . A SAVIOUR IS COME!*

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / OCTOBER '64

CASH IN BANK OCTOBER 1, 1964....\$60,471.22

RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....\$32,966.94
Other Income.....855.59

\$94,293.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields.....\$30,221.69
Traveling and Promotion.....3,240.21
Administrative.....3,823.87
Exchange.....4.50

\$57,003.48

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....\$ 4,678.81
Miss Molly Barker, R.N.....1,405.00
Rev. and Mrs. James K. Combs.....2,925.37
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....2,629.15
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia.....3,113.70
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds.....982.49
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Dr. Ruby Griffin.....3,309.32
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Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....79.07
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....90.59
Miss Volena Wilson.....449.51
Furlough Car Fund.....500.26
Africa Bible Institute.....6.06
Africa—Medical Building.....2,693.51
Africa—Children's Division.....4,094.72
Africa—Vehicle.....114.15
Payne House.....1,538.07
Uruguay Vehicle.....1,064.45
Waid Vehicle.....95.90
Repatriation.....3,190.59
Hanna Jeep.....3,885.06
North India Building.....7,170.99
Uruguay Land.....44.42
Mayhew House.....1,962.60
Missionary Medical Fund.....2,702.50

\$76,346.95

DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

General Fund.....\$ 342.31
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....118.03
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....1,373.43
Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia.....1,231.46
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....380.98
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....1,941.12
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N.....235.86
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....1,327.68
Rev. & Mrs. John E. Moehlman.....2,662.56
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....1,197.36
Palmer House.....3,301.99
Brazil Bible Institute.....4,100.27
South India Vehicle.....538.95
Audio Visual.....591.47

\$19,343.47

STATE QUOTAS 1964

STATE	OCTOBER RECEIPTS	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 1,367.51	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 8,751.47	\$ 498.53	\$
Alaska.....		400.00	58.37	341.63	
Arizona.....	33.06	1,000.00	264.50	735.50	
Arkansas.....	805.36	9,250.00	7,550.03	1,699.97	
California.....	2,527.04	13,000.00	21,231.55		8,231.55
Colorado.....	31.29	500.00	367.17	132.83	
Florida.....	674.74	7,500.00	7,523.13		23.13
Georgia.....	820.25	10,750.00	14,667.13		3,917.13
Hawaii.....	20.00	150.00	115.00	35.00	
Idaho.....	10.00	250.00	10.00	240.00	
Illinois.....	911.56	11,750.00	9,369.84	2,380.16	
Indiana.....	327.53	3,500.00	2,258.35	1,241.65	
Iowa.....	10.25	300.00	531.78		231.78
Kansas.....	116.38	2,000.00	1,863.04	136.96	
Kentucky.....	577.58	5,500.00	3,893.28	1,606.72	
Louisiana.....	8.05	250.00	14.57	235.43	
Maine.....	69.55	400.00	560.55		160.55
Michigan.....	4,697.78	28,500.00	27,889.81	610.19	
Mississippi.....	1,367.18	6,000.00	5,150.04	849.96	
Missouri.....	1,605.39	23,500.00	18,940.74	4,559.26	
New Hampshire.....	106.41	360.00	465.27		105.27
New Mexico.....	45.42	1,350.00	383.72	966.28	
North Carolina.....	3,844.65	50,000.00	38,043.97	11,956.03	
Ohio.....	1,048.49	11,000.00	11,611.92		611.92
Oklahoma.....	2,438.36	25,000.00	25,829.99		829.99
Oregon.....		150.00	58.00	92.00	
South Carolina.....	2,231.45	18,000.00	19,184.34		1,184.34
Tennessee.....	2,987.13	27,500.00	24,926.93	2,573.07	
Texas.....	612.42	13,000.00	7,275.22	5,724.78	
Virginia.....	2,886.00	18,000.00	12,595.34	5,404.66	
Washington.....	11.60	360.00	112.82	247.18	
West Virginia.....	774.51	5,000.00	7,601.26		2,601.26
Miscellaneous.....	789.41	3,103.10	3,522.02		418.92
	\$ 33,756.35	\$306,573.10	\$282,621.15	\$ 42,267.79	\$ 18,315.84



"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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CLUE TO A NEW SOCIETY

"PHILOSOPHERS," wrote Karl Marx, "have only interpreted the world differently; the point is, however, to change it." □ However unlike they are in fundamental affirmations, the Christian Gospel and Communism are at this point in agreement. But the agreement goes little further. Distinctively, the Church proclaims the changed world as the consequences of changed men. Reflective man produces new philosophies; it is only regenerate man who holds the clue to a society that is really new. □ It was this conviction, grounded in the Good News that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself," that makes evangelism immensely more than a theory or a slogan. It brings it into focus as a necessity.

—by Paul S. Rees in the introduction to
The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert E. Coleman

as you pray...

MISSION ABROAD: General Director Reford Wilson and Director of Publications Jerry Ballard depart December 30 to minister in the Orient, India, Africa, and Europe. *Pray for safety of travel and a demonstration of God's strength and wisdom in accomplishing numerous objectives of the trip.*

CUBA-MIAMI: A Cuban pastor, Lucio Ballart, has attempted to leave Cuba for service with our Free Will Baptist mission in Panama. Legal difficulties, however, prevent his leaving. *Pray that God will guide and protect him.*

IVORY COAST: A Lobi boy, Jeremiah, from Doropo, where Dr. Miley is stationed, feels the Lord is leading him to preach. "It's all I can think about at night," he says. *Pray that he will have clear direction in his life.*

JAPAN: The Hokkaido Association's annual session convenes in January. *Pray that God will prepare hearts of the people for this time of business and fellowship.*

NORTH INDIA: A typhoid epidemic has engulfed Woodstock school where Trula Cronk is teaching. Thus far, no Free Will Baptist missionaries have been affected. *Pray for their continued good health and strength and for those who fall victims to this dreaded disease.*

URUGUAY: In a recent special week of meetings in Santa Teressa featuring messages by Bobby Aycock, 17 conversions resulted. *Pray that these new Christians will walk in the strength of the Lord.*

PANAMA: Bill Phipps has arrived to begin his work as a missionary aviator. *Pray for his area of responsibility, and that his evangelization ministry will be fruitful.*

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HEARTBEAT

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'out of my heart'

a word from the general director



■ When God is ruled out there is no Christmas. Christmas is no longer Christmas behind the Iron Curtain. Even in some of our own public schools no observance of the birth of Christ is permitted. Therefore, Christmas has no meaning to millions of our generation. ■ What does Christmas mean to me? It is remembering that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." ■ I am reminded that the *source* of salvation is God's sacrifice—"In this was manifested the love of God toward us" (1 John 4:9). I am reminded that the *scope* of this salvation is the world—"Which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10). I am reminded that the *scheme* is to proclaim the message—"They (the shepherds) made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child" (Luke 2:17). ■ Divine love expressed itself in supreme sacrifice. It can find no comparison in human devotion, and yet Jesus commanded that "ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 14:12). This love ministered by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers does not establish geographical boundaries. He calls and sends witnesses "to Jerusalem, and Judaea, and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Free Will Baptist missionaries have gone to India, Cuba, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Uruguay, and Panama. I am reminded that because God gave His son, these missionaries have given their lives for this ministry. ■ Christmas observance varies in these countries, but the message is ever the same—a Saviour is come. Christmas has new meaning for the scores of men, women, and children who have come to know this Saviour through the ministry of our missionaries. ■ Yet many this Christmas have no knowledge of God's great Gift. Darkness, famine, and disease characterize a world of agonizing souls crying out for spiritual things. ■ Let this Christmas have new meaning in your life as you share "Glad tidings of great joy" to bring comfort and courage to others.

J. Reford Wilson

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