



FEBRUARY '64
HEARTBEAT
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

C ONFLICT IN PANAMA—

THIS FLAG RAISING STARTED
INCIDENT (Wide World Photo)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

WHEN DEMONSTRATIONS began in the Panama Canal Zone touching off the worst diplomatic crisis for the United States since Cuba's missile rattling, Missionary Tom Willey, Jr., was passing through the area on his way to a dinner engagement with friends in the Zone.

"As we passed through Balboa," Willey reported, "I saw a large crowd of people around the high school and what appeared to be an orderly group of Panamanian students standing on the lawn. We had seen demonstrations before, so we thought little about it and went on to our dinner engagement.

"As we were getting back into our car after dinner, a neighbor asked if we had heard about the riots that were ▶ TO PAGE FOUR

A Change for Realism

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT appearing in each issue of this publication has been a valuable and greatly appreciated feature, according to reader response. And we continually seek ways to make the statement even more valuable. • For this reason, a change has been made in the department's schedule of disbursing funds to the fields.

• In the past, listing of balances in individual accounts has been unrealistic. The statement shows balances in accounts as of the last day of the month, as a financial statement should. But the picture is unrealistic because monthly allotment checks are written on the very next day, thus lowering the actual balance considerably. For instance, an account that appears in a healthy condition under the old system may be in deficit by the time you receive the statement because sizable checks are written the day after the healthy balance appears. • To cite an example: Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley's account showed a balance of \$175.93 on the last day of October (see October statement, December *Heartbeat*). A check was written the next day, November 1, in the amount of \$766.00. Whereas the statement shows a balance, the fact is that one day later Dr. and Mrs. Miley's account was in the red \$590.07. • Therefore, checks are now being written on the last day of the month, so balances appearing in the financial statement are realistic. To make the change, two checks were sent to the fields during December—one on the first day of the month and one on the last day. But now balances appearing in the December statement (page six) are actual. • For example, in reality the Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock's account was \$28.78 in deficit on the first day of January, as it appears in this statement. Under the old disbursement schedule of writing the check one day later, the Aycock account would have unrealistically shown a balance of \$178.22. Now you are better able to ascertain the actual need of those whom you have been faithfully supporting.



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**PER CAPITA GIVING
TO FOREIGN MISSIONS
IN 1963**

State	Per Capita
Michigan.....	\$10.53
Iowa.....	9.32
Colorado.....	6.88
Alaska.....	3.68
California.....	3.39
New Mexico.....	3.02
Hawaii.....	3.01
Kansas.....	2.83
Illinois.....	2.23
North Carolina.....	2.13
Virginia.....	1.97
South Carolina.....	1.96
Missouri.....	1.77
Oklahoma.....	1.71
Texas.....	1.71
Florida.....	1.67
Indiana.....	1.62
Mississippi.....	1.48
Tennessee.....	1.43
Georgia.....	1.23
Ohio.....	1.19
Arizona.....	1.11
Northwest Association (Oregon and Washington).....	1.11
West Virginia.....	1.01
Northeast Association (Maine and New Hampshire).....	1.00
Arkansas.....	.69
Alabama.....	.59
Kentucky.....	.36
Idaho.....	.08

**MISSIONS
in ACTION**
AROUND THE WORLD



Eleven States Exceed '63 Quotas

NASHVILLE—Denominational giving to foreign missions reached an all time high during 1963. A \$49,935.60 increase in total 1962 receipts sent income over the budget for the first time since 1957.

The budget for 1963 was \$274,518.29. Income to be applied on the budget included \$278,199.91 paid on state quotas and \$8,998.04 in miscellaneous receipts for a total budget income of \$287,444.55. In addition, \$2,400.83 was received for the Cuban Emergency Relief Fund, a non-budget refugee program in Miami. This brought total receipts to \$289,845.38 for 1963 as compared to \$239,909.78 in 1962.

Eleven states surpassed foreign missions quotas for the year. Oklahoma exceeded her quota by \$13,312.84. Michigan went over by \$11,678.34. Other states exceeding quotas: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

New Hampshire exceeded her quota by 100 per cent. West Virginia was second with an 87 per cent excess. Oklahoma went over by 78 per cent.

West Virginia was tops in percentage of increase in giving with 142 per cent. Michigan giving was 90.4 per cent greater than 1962; California, 89.9 per cent; Florida, 74 per cent; Arkansas, 54 per cent; and Oklahoma, 52 per cent.

Michigan again led the nation in per capita giving with \$10.53 per member. Iowa gave \$9.32. Significant increases were seen in several states. (To check on your state, see list at left. Figures based on membership reports to 1963 session of National Association.)

Average budget income per month during 1963 was \$23,953.71. An average of \$25,550 per month is needed to reach the 1964 budget of \$306,573.10. An increase of approximately \$1,600 per month must be seen to meet this year's budget requirements. Total giving to foreign missions was up 21 per cent over 1962.

To Put It Briefly . . . Walter and Marcia Ellison of Tennessee and Michigan have been appointed for service in Brazil; now on itinerary . . . the Rev. Austin Mullins (59), father of Mrs. Wesley Calvery, died January 14 . . . the Lonnie Palmers' auto was broken into in Abidjan, Ivory Coast; \$120 stolen . . . Yamada Takao ordained January 12 in Japan; will pastor Bihoro church . . . second meeting of Hokkaido Association (Japan) met in January; theme was "Tenth Year Anniversary Evangelism" . . . travel restrictions in North India have created difficulty for the Dan Cronks; five districts have been declared restricted areas for foreigners . . . Bill and Barbara Phipps have arrived safely in San Jose, Costa Rica, for language study; flew down in missionary plane.



FROM PAGE ONE ► going on. I told him we hadn't, but that we were not surprised since we had seen a demonstration developing. But we felt we had to return to our home.

En route to Panama City, Missionary Willey and his wife saw one of the more than 20 people to die during that tension-packed night, a Panamanian bus driver who had been killed by a hit and run driver.

Realizing the danger inherent in the exploding situation, Willey skirted Panama City arriving through the city's "back door." Then began a night-long vigil by the radio to see what trend developments would take. The Willeys prayed for wisdom.

In Penonome, more than 100 miles inland from Panama City, John and

Barbara Moehlman also went to their knees seeking God's guidance in the situation. When planes came to remove missionaries and other Americans in the area, the Moehlmans felt that to leave would nullify all gains that had been made. While others left, they chose to stay.

Panamanian friends quickly came to offer homes to the Moehlmans for protection. City officials sent guards to guarantee their safety.

In Panama City, university students with whom Tom had been working offered assistance. Friends brought food during hours when Americans were not safe on the streets.

"People here have been wonderful to us," he said. "They have a strong nationalistic spirit, which is understandable, but they have shown no enmity for us."

However, the general status of Americans has greatly deteriorated. Once almost affectionately called "gringos," they're now called "yankees."

Missionary Moehlman reported, "Although we have experienced no personal animosity, an anti-American feeling abounds. Our friends of long standing have been wonderful, but the prevailing anti-American atmosphere hinders us greatly in making new contacts."

It is clear now that Castroite Communists made a bold attempt to take over during the peak of rioting. Quick action by Panamanian President Roberto Chiari rallied the country to a degree of unity unusual in an election year.

"The experience of Cuba has been a great warning to these people," Missionary Willey analyzed.

Yet, Communist agitators are still a potent force in Panama. The Party is illegal and small at the core, but it has mastered the art of rallying sympathetic support.

During the past two years, between 150 and 300 Pana-

WILLEYS, JR., TRAVEL Canal before crisis developed. (Staff photo)



manians have gone to Cuba and Russia for training periods of from one to three months, according to *U.S. News and World Report*. In a country as small as Panama, this is considered a potentially dangerous "sleeper force."

About 12 tons of seized Castro propaganda is burned each month by the Panamanian government. Communists are heatedly at work among university students and among farmers in the back country. Reds have been successful in gaining minor governmental posts.

What does the future hold for Panama? Speculation is difficult at this writing, but these observations may be made.

Goodwill won by President Teddy Roosevelt, when his diplomacy and determination brought Panama into existence in 1903, has turned into anti-American slogans. Panamanians are apparently fed up with the "double standards" in the Canal Zone, such as one scale of pay for Americans and another for Panamanians doing the same work. Contrasts in ways of living are visibly obvious. And wherever Americans are in disrepute, so are American missionaries.

"If things improve politically," speculated Missionary Moehlman, "the prospect of our continuing to establish contacts will improve proportionately."

Missionary Willey commented, "If problems between the United States and Panama are solved with justice and respect, I believe we will be able to continue our work unhindered and possibly have the greatest opportunity for gospel witness in the history of Panama."

Free Will Baptist missionaries in Panama are uniquely prepared for service under adverse circumstances, having previously served in Cuba.

The Moehlmans and Willeys are in continual contact. At last report, the Moehlmans have freedom of movement



TOM WILLEY hands out tracts among Panamanians before crisis developed. (Staff photo)

in Penonome. Although the Willeys must be more cautious, things are returning to a more normal state in Panama City.

Should the situation deteriorate rapidly, the Willeys could quickly move into the Zone and the Moehlmans could be flown out of the interior in a matter of minutes.

But present plans are to stay on the job praying for a breakthrough in a harvest of souls. "Our friends here are glad we did not desert them at the sound of the first shot and run to the Zone," reports Missionary Moehlman. The missionaries' determination to stay should have a wholesome effect on the people to whom they minister.

"We are grateful for the intercession of our people in the states during these days," Moehlman expresses. "The grace of the Lord has sustained us and given us peace in our hearts."

Willey says, "Although some missionaries have had trouble, we have had none. It is apparent that people back home are praying. Please urge them to continue, because these are decisive days for the future of the gospel in this land that so greatly needs the message of hope through Christ." ■

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / DECEMBER '63

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 1, 1963...\$60,365.14
Interest.....450.47

RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....\$32,673.01
Other Income.....576.40
33,249.41
\$94,065.02

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields.....\$32,389.47
Traveling & Promotional.....1,298.13
Administrative.....5,899.04
39,586.64
\$54,478.38

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....\$ 551.48
Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge...6,502.61
Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Calvery...1,224.16
Rev. & Mrs. Louis Coscia...1,486.08
Rev. & Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk...878.50
Rev. & Mrs. Earnie Deeds...1,145.96
Rev. & Mrs. W. M. Ellison...308.55
Rev. & Mrs. Dave Franks...2,739.98
Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Fulcher, Jr...2,378.85
Rev. & Mrs. Fred Hersey...1,211.43
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N...383.73
Rev. & Mrs. Archie Mayhew...2,236.09

Rev. & Mrs. Eddie J. Payne...\$ 9,250.83
Rev. & Mrs. William Phipps...3,416.35
Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Poole...440.80
Miss Mary Ellen Rice...1,928.88
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Robinson...2,604.28
Mrs. Josephine Stevens...2.15
Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Waid...2,255.90
Rev. & Mrs. Sam Wilkinson...1,907.82
Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr. 253.12
Miss Volena Wilson...806.78
Furlough Car...449.26
Africa—Medical Building...4,247.91
Africa—Children's Division...4,091.93
North India Buildings...5,560.14
Repatriation...3,190.59
61,454.16

DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Aycock...\$ 28.78
Rev. & Mrs. Ken Eagleton...203.98
Rev. & Mrs. Carlisle Hanna...1,777.94
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jones...273.80
Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley...811.84
Rev. & Mrs. John E. Moehlman 1,519.10
Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Palmer...1,071.17
Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Sparks...1,151.27
Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Willey, Jr. 137.90
6,975.78

\$54,478.38

STATE QUOTAS 1963

STATE	DECEMBER RECEIPTS	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 421.93	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,435.46	\$	\$ 2,435.46
Alaska.....	29.63	300.00	184.02	115.98	
Arizona.....		1,000.00	290.98	709.02	
Arkansas.....	1,123.97	8,000.00	9,879.79		1,879.79
California.....	1,612.04	12,000.00	15,170.39		3,170.39
Florida.....	2,094.12	6,500.00	8,378.21		1,878.21
Georgia.....	1,277.18	8,500.00	12,810.45		4,310.45
Hawaii.....		100.00	72.30	27.70	
Idaho.....		200.00	9.32	190.68	
Illinois.....	370.42	11,000.00	7,867.42	3,132.58	
Indiana.....	24.96	2,500.00	1,516.68	983.32	
Kansas.....	71.78	1,250.00	1,358.94		108.94
Kentucky.....	197.69	5,500.00	3,319.18	2,180.82	
Maine.....		250.00		250.00	
Michigan.....	11,810.85	26,500.00	38,178.34		11,678.34
Mississippi.....	268.53	5,500.00	4,483.82	1,016.18	
Missouri.....	782.93	21,500.00	18,692.76	2,807.24	
New Hampshire.....	22.52	200.00	400.80		200.80
New Mexico.....	21.02	1,250.00	668.14	581.86	
North Carolina.....	3,106.36	54,000.00	40,043.69	13,956.31	
Ohio.....	533.05	9,000.00	7,419.67	1,580.33	
Oklahoma.....	2,205.17	17,000.00	30,312.84		13,312.84
South Carolina.....	910.26	15,000.00	13,641.51	1,358.49	
Tennessee.....	2,692.37	22,500.00	24,859.59		2,359.59
Texas.....	1,418.41	12,250.00	9,032.24	3,217.76	
Virginia.....	936.35	17,500.00	12,783.32	4,716.68	
Washington.....		250.00	117.61	132.39	
West Virginia.....	570.90	4,000.00	7,495.22		3,495.22
Miscellaneous.....	378.18	3,968.29	4,263.91		295.62
	\$ 32,880.62	\$274,518.29	\$282,686.60	\$ 36,957.34	\$ 45,125.65

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD, I prayerfully invest the following amount in the ministry of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions:

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THE VALUE OF PRAYER

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as you pray...

BRAZIL / A motion picture production to be filmed in Brazil is on the drawing board. Plans are to produce it in Portuguese for use as an evangelistic tool in Brazil and in English for use in promotion in the states. Many details are yet to be worked out. *Pray for God's provision.* **CUBA-MIAMI** / Refugees continue to arrive in Miami by boat (special report next month). *Pray as the Thomas Willeys, Sr., minister to spiritual needs.* **INDIA** / Special travel restrictions have been levied against foreigners in North India. This makes missionary contact with some church groups difficult. *Pray for God's solution to this problem.* **IVORY COAST** / Training national leadership for churches is a pressing need here. *Pray as missionaries face the problem.* **JAPAN** / A special teaching emphasis is underway in churches here. *Pray for a strengthened national witness.* **PANAMA** / A worsening of U.S.-Panama relations here might adversely affect missionary outreach. Conversely, an amiable solution to the dispute over the Canal Zone may greatly enhance gospel penetration of this strategic nation. *Pray that God will overrule in the situation for His glory.* **URUGUAY** / The need continues for young Uruguayans called by God to minister to their own people. *Pray that the Lord of Harvest will thrust forth His chosen ones into this fruitful harvest field.*



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HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

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RETURN REQUESTED



'out of my heart'

a word from the general director

■ We are a faith mission. We seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit in determining what He would have us do in our missionary outreach. Then to us it becomes a matter of trusting the Lord to supply, in answer to prayer, that which is needed for His work.

■ Prayer is vital to our ministry. Prayer bands meet regularly at our Bible college in Nashville and at other denominational schools to join in bringing before the Lord prayer requests from the field.

■ God has answered prayer. Doors of opportunity have opened. Laborers have gone forth. The sick have been made well. Souls have been saved. Giving has exceeded quotas.

■ Last October was a month of increased expenses. I asked the office staff to pray with me for \$30,000.00 for the month after learning from our accountant that before the end of the month expenditures would exceed this amount. Receipts were far below that amount on the 23rd, but we were praying. And God gave us the largest monthly receipts to that time.

■ We knew we would need approximately \$25,000.00 in both November and December to meet the budgeted quota for 1963, and for this amount we asked the Lord. He abundantly supplied—November, \$26,300.45; December, \$33,249.41, the greatest month financially in the history of the department.

■ We joined missionaries in Brazil in asking the Lord for property for a Bible institute. A 43-acre farm with several buildings could be purchased for \$9,000.00 cash or \$5,500.00 down and \$5,500.00 one year later. The owner consented to sell for \$8,000.00 cash, which came due January 31. We have trusted the Lord to supply this need.

■ The success of the early church was not in the prestige of its membership nor in the amount of wealth they gave, nor in the eloquence of its preachers, nor in the suffering and dying of its followers. But, its success, as carefully recorded in the first 16 chapters of the Book of Acts, was related to the ministry of prayer.

■ I invite you to join with us in asking God to make 1964 the greatest year for our Lord Jesus Christ in the ministry of the Board of Foreign Missions.

J. Reford Wilson

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