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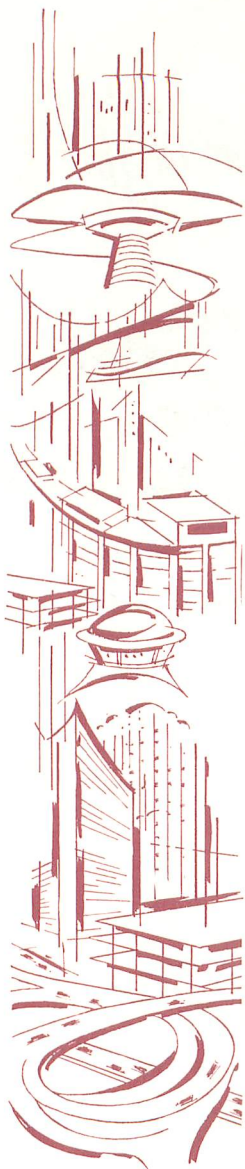
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## EDITORIAL

# Missions in a *New Era*

**T**IMES CHANGE. Not the basic need of man for restoration to fellowship with God. Not the only Way to the Father—the one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. Not the basic facts of salvation through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus. Not God's purpose for the Church, that of taking the gospel to all nations. • But people change. Their backgrounds, environments, outlooks, and attitudes change as years pass and society becomes more complex in its development and as men learn better ways of doing things, thus giving them a more advanced culture in which to make life's decisions. • Men all over the world are breaking from cultural darkness into intellectual day. People are learning to read, to explore, to have. Geographical frontiers are being pushed back as the world takes on characteristics of one great cosmopolitan area. • Things have changed for missions, too. Old strategies developed for gospel advance in uncivilized societies are dwindling in effectiveness. New strategies for world evangelism must be advanced. Old ones are apparently failing. • Protestantism has shown no significant increase in number of adherents during the past 130 years. Protestant membership statistics published in 1830 are almost identical to those published since 1960. In 1830, one in every four people in the world was a Protestant. Today, only one in 14 is a Protestant. • The ratio of pagan population to Christian believers is becoming greater and greater. We're losing the ratio race to the population explosion. To reverse the trend will require rethinking missionary strategy and methods. • A number of facets in missionary outreach need to be updated to meet the ► **PAGE TWELVE**



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Only real spiritual revival produces the type of missionary awakening we must see if the forces of Satan are to be pushed back and the Light of the World made visible to the multitudes in darkness. This is the concern of your foreign missions department expressed in the 1964 missionary theme—Commission, Conflict, Commitment.

God's *commission* is clearly set forth

in the Bible—"Go ye . . ." The *conflicts* of life in a modern world are seen all around us. If, as God's witnesses to the men of earth, we are to reverse the trend toward spiritual retreat, we must have a greater understanding of the meaning of total *commitment* to Christ—not merely commitment to a theolocal position, but commitment to a Person to the degree that we get serious about His command to take the gospel to all nations.

Following are articles prepared to increase understanding of this 1964 missions theme. They are not exhaustive in treatment, but stimulating to thought.

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by LAURA BELLE BARNARD

# COMMISSION

- Who gave the Church its great directive?
- What is its full Biblical meaning?
- What is its application to the Church today?

**T**HE CHURCH has a supreme task committed to it by the Lord of Calvary, the Lord of the resurrection, the now-ascended and exalted Lord. No one less than the Son of God gave the Church its Charter, the "Great Commission," Christ's postresurrection warrant to make known His redemption to the whole world.

He is the One who was in the beginning with God, Creator of the universe. He is the only Savior, the only access to the Father. In order to become that Way, He became man, "God manifest in the flesh." With absolute authority He issued the Great Commission. He is God.

His own claim was that He had been sent to earth—commissioned! At least seventeen times in John's Gospel alone He claims that the Father sent Him down to earth on a special mission. He came to earth for a purpose, the immediate goal of which was to purchase redemption through His death.

But His death on the cross was not the end; it was the necessary means to the end—man's redemption. That purchased redemption must yet be made known to all men. For, as Paul wrote, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent (commissioned)?"

The cross and the resurrection did not

completely fulfill our Lord's commission from the Father. The Savior of men could not ascend back to the Father without passing on that commission to redeemed men that they might complete (by publishing it) the redemption which He had fully wrought. "His cross is dumb, His tomb is dumb, until we give them a voice." Though infinite in wisdom and power, God planned a redemption which required men to propagate it, and which as far as we know depends upon men for its completion.

What is His commission to men? Each of the first five books of the New Testament contains a summary statement of it. In John 20:31, He said, "As the Father hath sent me, so send I you." Only God could make atonement for sin, but only man who has experienced it can proclaim it.

In Mark 16:15, Christ commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Every individual must hear and receive it for himself.

In Luke 24:46,47, "It behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sin should be preached in His name among all nations." The message calls upon men everywhere to repent and receive forgiveness of sin.

Acts 1:8, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," makes clear that the commissioned one is to give personal testimony to the fact of Christ's death and resurrection, and to the effect of committing himself to



the message. The apostles understood this when they gathered to select one "to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away." They prayed for one who would become a witness with them of Christ's resurrection.

In Matthew 28:18-20 our Lord outlined the main aspects of the missionary task. The commissioned ones are to make disciples, and a man becomes a disciple by hearing the gospel and being born again. But conversion is only the initial experience, according to our Lord's thought of discipleship. A whole new way of life is to be learned.

One does not walk in God's way of life automatically, but as he learns it from the Bible. Thus, as Matthew says, the obligation is upon the soulwinner—pastor, missionary, or layman—to instruct his convert in Bible knowledge. He is to be taught until he is intelligently walking in the Scriptural pattern of discipleship.

The epistles show that the apostles taught new church groups all that the Lord had taught them. The Gospels contain the essential teaching given to the disciples. Teaching is to result in the new Christian practicing the teaching.

One laments that these instructions are often applied to missionaries in their work in foreign countries and largely overlooked at home. Few churches have a plan for teaching new converts and examining them as to their knowledge of the Bible and principles of Christian living, much less of their intention of continuing to learn. The result is that Christians in mission field churches usually are better taught than in home churches, the Bible is more meaningful to them, and there is much more personal soul-winning on the part of ordinary church members.

The last part of the commission (Matthew 28:20) tells how long the work of witnessing, winning souls, and building them up in the faith, is to continue—"unto the end of the age." God has a plan in mind. When His plan is completed He will return to terminate this age. The commission requires diligent service until He returns and gathers to Himself those gathered into the church.

But who are commissioned? Was the missionary command spoken only to the

eleven? No! Even though on occasion the Lord repeated the command to the inner circle of disciples, the whole message of the Bible teaches that every one who has experienced salvation is obligated to witness to and seek to win others. Moreover, the burden of the whole lost world is clearly shown to be the concern of every believer. The words of Matthew 28:18-20 were doubtless spoken to a very large gathering of believers on a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had arranged for a meeting before His crucifixion. The "above five hundred brethren" mentioned in I Corinthians 15:6 were probably the adult male census of that outdoor congregation to whom Christ appeared and gave the Great Commission.

The Church was founded at Pentecost upon this commission. All are commissioned to witness their salvation to others—"Ye are my witnesses." Somehow, the service of witnessing is vitally linked with believing, and is an integral part of a man's salvation. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). "It is the nature of the Christian life to witness; when there is no witness, is it too much to say that there is no life?"

Christ's commission is to His church, and no member can afford to be indifferent. The witness is to be borne to every creature, and disciples are to be won and gathered together for instruction and building up in the faith, in all nations. None may relax in the many-sided service of missions as long as any groups or individuals of earth have not heard the gospel and been instructed thoroughly in the Scriptures, until the Lord of the harvest returns to close this age. ■

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by BENITO RODRIGUEZ

# CONFLICT

- What is behind battles raging in the world?
- When did it all begin and why?
- What does it mean to God's people today?

THE CONFLICT of missions was announced soon after the fall of man when Christ was offered in Genesis 3:15 for the redemption of mankind. From that time on we see two great forces at war in the world developing progressively the plan of redemption and Satan's attempts to destroy it.

The conflict is seen first between Abel and Cain. Satan tried to destroy the line of faith represented by Abel as Cain perpetrated the first murder. As we study the development of the plan of redemption in the Old Testament we find many instances in which Satan tried to destroy key personalities in this plan as in the case of Joseph, Moses, and others.

In the New Testament, immediately after Christ was born, the Devil tried to kill Him using Herod as the instrument. As soon as Christ began his ministry we find the Devil trying to destroy Him through high religious authorities of His own nation.

Finally, when the time came, Jesus went to the cross to give his life a ransom for the sins of the whole world. The forces of evil thought they had won a victory, but soon Christ arose triumphantly from the dead. Authorities tried to hide the fact by offering money to soldiers who guarded the tomb to say that the body of Christ had been stolen and not resurrected. But it was impossible to stop God's plan, and a few weeks later, just before going back to heaven, Christ ordered his disciples to take the gospel

to the whole world and gave the Holy Spirit to empower them for this task.

When the apostles began their mission in Jerusalem, most of them were killed by Herod and the Jewish authorities in whose hands Paul became an instrument of death to destroy the cause of missions. But three things happened that won the victory—the liberation of Peter from jail, the terrible death of Herod, and the glorious conversion of Paul.

Even that didn't stop the forces of evil, however. They persecuted Paul and sought his death until they succeeded. They isolated John in the Isle of Patmos, and tradition says that they crucified Peter with his head down. For the first three centuries thousands of Christians died for Christ, either burned at the stake or crushed in the mouths of ferocious lions in public spectacle. The conflict of missions was dramatized by the reign of death.

In the last two centuries, missionaries have died as they have taken the gospel to the dark nations of Asia, Africa, and Oceania, because the gospel of light and life conflicted with the forces of darkness and death.

Today, as we approach the consummation of this age when the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ, the church will finish its work as a missionary agency, and Christ will bring together the redeemed from the South and the North, the East and the West in a gathering



without precedent in the history of man.

There is no doubt that the conflict among the forces of evil and the people of God increases to its maximum as missionaries strive to accomplish the purpose of God—that the whole world may hear the gospel and be saved before the end comes.

Referring to the end of this age when Christ will come again, Paul says in II Thessalonians 2:3-4, "Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposes and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."

This refers to the anti-Christ who will have tremendous power at the time of the second coming of Christ. At the present time the spirit of the anti-Christ is saturating the world with divers doctrines and theories trying to undermine the very foundation of Christianity, especially in countries which are the main sources of missionaries.

Pure Christianity and, therefore, genuine missionary work is attacked today by the strong forces of communism denying the very existence of God and spiritual aspects of life. Marxism openly states that religion is the opiate of the people invented to keep the poor and ignorant classes in submission and slavery. Many missionaries have already suffered persecution and dismissal from their work after being accused of serving the imperialist purposes of their respective countries and for which pretext some nations are closing their doors to missionaries.

One of the best examples is my own country, Cuba, a land that a short time ago was free and receptive to missionary work. Missionaries did a tremendous work in this century. Today, not only foreign missionaries, but many national pastors are deprived of the opportunity of doing God's work there. And a systematic effort is being made to reduce and stamp out Christianity, but thank the Lord that according to His promises, the gates of hell will not prevail against

His Church.

The revival of the great pagan religions of the Orient is another modern conflict to missionary work.

But greater than all of these outside enemies are the enemies from within—those who in the name of so-called scientific criticism of the Bible are trying to destroy the authority and even the sacredness of the Bible; those who exalt only the love of Christ to the exclusion of his holiness demanding a life of separation from worldly things; those who would change the gospel of redemption into a purely social gospel; and those on the other extreme who would drown the relativity of the gospel to everyday life in the cold water of dead orthodoxy.

All of these enemies are in conflict with the true program of missions. This is the time when every Christian who is conscious of these forces and wants to fight on the side of God in this growing conflict must enlist himself in the army of God to be a true soldier fighting Satan with all his ability, resources, and talents. We must shake off the shackles of a materialistic approach to Christianity and make whatever sacrifices necessary to rescue souls for Christ all over the world.

Even though you may never go to the ends of the earth yourself, you still have the responsibility for those lost souls in the regions beyond.

I believe God has preserved Free Will Baptists with a sound doctrine, a high concept of the holiness of Christ, a faith in the whole Bible as the Word of God, and a fresh vigor and vision of this hour of conflict as a time of opportunity and challenge in the field of world-wide evangelism. ■

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by CHARLES THIGPEN

# COMMITMENT

- Why is the need for revival so great?
- What is Biblical meaning of real discipleship?
- How important is your commitment to Christ?

THIS IS an age of fear. Franklin D. Roosevelt said many years ago, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." He would not say that today.

We live under the fear of total destruction. Bombs so fantastic as to defy imagination are in the hands of great world powers. This fear of annihilation was brought into sharp, clear focus in December, 1953, when the President of the United States announced that a new, larger bomb had been made 25 to 50 times more powerful than the type used in World War II. When this bomb was exploded, a Japanese fisherman 85 miles away was critically injured.

This is an age of conflicting ideologies. Materialism with its insistence that everything can be explained in terms of matter is still rampant today. Secularism, which seeks to nullify everything sacred, continues to be stressed by many. Atheism has adherents throughout the world. In 1951 Dr. Wilbur M. Smith stated that of the 25 men who ruled the world at that time, 20 of them were avowed atheists. He also said that almost every Nobel Prize winner has been an unbeliever.

Then, there is Communism. In 46 years it has taken approximately half the globe. General Omar Bradley said concerning Communists, "The most completely committed person I have met is a convinced Communist." Elton Trueblood said, "They have not only a program and a policy but a passion."

This is also an age of immorality.

Personal moral standards on the part of many are being lowered. Hollywood is glamorizing adultery and the breakdown of the home. The term "adult," when applied to movies, is equated to mean "adultery." Crime is on the increase. J. Edgar Hoover has just released the grimmest report in this country's history. In 1962, for the first time, crimes committed exceeded 2,000,000. This is a six per cent increase over the tragic record in 1961 and a 27 per cent increase over five years ago. The population increase during these five years was only seven per cent.

In the face of this fear, confusion, and immorality what can we do? Is the Church impotent, lifeless, anemic, and powerless? God's Word provides the answer. The answer is that we believers must commit ourselves to real discipleship.

This means a return to the standard of normal New Testament Christianity. It is evident that man is in a state of ruin and the world on the brink of disaster. The world at its worst demands the Christian at his best. This "best" is nothing short of complete discipleship for every believer.

Christ speaks clearly and forcefully of this discipleship in Luke 14:26, "If any man come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Love for Christ must be supreme. Christ is saying to us, you must love me to the extent that every other love of your life will be as hatred compared to your love for me. If



we love Christ completely, it will definitely follow that we will fulfill subsequent requirements.

Right now, pause from your reading and let the Holy Spirit search your heart. Is your love for Christ *first*—before everything and everybody? Be exacting and honest in your examination of yourself. To be or not to be a disciple is dependent upon this first step.

In order to be a disciple we must forsake all. Jesus says in Luke 14:33, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Perhaps more believers rationalize at this point than at any other. We say to ourselves, "Now, the Lord did not really mean that!" We feel somehow that all will be fine if we forsake only the *bad* things. But notice two words in this verse—"forsaketh" and "all." We must give up, leave, renounce—for this is what the word "forsake" means. "All" means the whole quantity, every part or bit, everything one has. This certainly includes the person as well as his possessions.

The third requirement of discipleship is cross bearing. Christ says in Luke 14:27, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple." To bear our cross means to suffer vicariously for and on behalf of others. G. Campbell Morgan says, "We can only interpret our cross by His cross." A further principle is given in John 12:24 and 25, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it: and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." Probably the most striking recent example of this verse was the late Jim Elliott, martyred missionary to the Auca Indians in South America. He said, "He is no fool, who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Paul knew what it meant to fall into the ground and die. He said, "I die daily." And yet again, "I am crucified with Christ." There must be a real and complete self-abandonment as Christ is enthroned in the heart, a commitment to discipleship as total and as final as death.

The apostles were committed to total

discipleship. We see Simon and Andrew in Matthew 4:19 and 20, "And he (Jesus) saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and followed him." In this move Simon and Andrew got on the road of discipleship. Their lives proved the sincerity of this act of commitment.

The story of James and John is more touching. In Matthew 4:22 we find them responding in this manner to Christ's call, "And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him." They left not only the ship and the fishing business—but their own father. Discipleship is costly.

Are you a disciple? Have you committed yourself unreservedly as a disciple? Have you surrendered yourself to Christ—your heart, mind, soul, strength? And your possessions—have you laid them at His feet in humble surrender?

Sometime ago I heard a Texas preacher tell of a young medical doctor who became a Christian. After a few months this doctor invited the preacher to his home to attend a social event to which the doctors and many staff members of the local hospital had also been invited. After an evening of enjoyment, the doctor gave his testimony to the entire group, telling them of his conversion and the transformation of his life. The preacher stayed after all the others had left and said to his host, "Doc, I didn't know you had it in you to do that." To which the doctor replied, "Oh, yes, you see, I have reached the point of no return in my Christian life."

Have you reached the point of no return in your commitment to Christ? Have you reached the point of no return in your discipleship? ■

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## MISSIONS in ACTION

AROUND THE WORLD



## Land Purchased for Brazilian Bible Institute

**JABOTICABAL**—A 43-acre tract of land on the outskirts of this Brazilian town of 27,000 inhabitants has been purchased by the Free Will Baptist Mission in Brazil. It will be used for a proposed Bible institute.

Mission officials had been negotiating for the property for several weeks. It was previously used as a large farm.

The land was purchased for \$8,000. Payment is due January 31. A project to raise funds for institute land was initiated several months ago. However, only \$772.61 has been received at presstime (December 31). The balance is urgently needed. Churches interested in the Brazilian Bible Institute project should send funds to the missions office in time for payment to be made in accord with terms of purchase agreement. A considerable savings was achieved by agreeing to pay in lump sum by end of this month.

A large, two-year-old residence is located on the property and may be easily converted for use as administration building and housing for institution personnel. Four other enclosed buildings on the site will be adapted for dormitory and classroom use.

City water is already available on the premises, as is electrical current. In addition to regular farming facilities, 400 coffee trees and numerous fruit trees are located on the property, which is bounded on three sides by state roads; one on front side is paved.

Field Director Ken Eagleton, in states on furlough, will return to Brazil in the spring to complete final steps in develop-

ment of institute program. The school, to be similar to a Bible college in principle, is scheduled to open in early 1965.

## Church Sets Giving Record

**DETROIT**—Central Church of Royal Oak, Mich., gave a total of \$20,155.74 to foreign missions during their past budget year, the largest amount ever contributed to the department by a single church in a 12-month period. Only five state quotas for 1964 exceed this amount.

A missions offering of \$4,225.00 was received during a recent week of missionary conference featuring messages by Herbert Waid of Japan, Ken Eagleton of Brazil, and Director of Conference Ministries Rufus Coffey.

Last year's goal was \$16,000.00, which was easily exceeded. Average Sunday school attendance at Central is now more than 700.

Jaboticabal • Ribeirao Preto  
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Sao Paulo

Free Will Baptist mission work is located in southern part of Brazil in State of Sao Paulo. Witness has been established in Campinas, Araras, Ribeirao Preto, and Jaboticabal. Jaboticabal is site of proposed Bible institute.



The conference was the fourth for the church. Pastor Joseph Ange, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, feels the conference influence is a major factor in the church's successful missionary program. Per capita giving, based on church membership, is approximately \$30 per member.

During the conference, the church decided to investigate possibility of sending Pastor Ange on a visit of mission operations in Japan, India, and the Ivory Coast (Africa) in conjunction with a scheduled field trip by General Director Reford Wilson this fall.

### 1964 Foreign Budget Totals \$306,573.10; Quotas Listed

NASHVILLE—The 1964 denominational foreign missions budget calls for an increase of more than \$30,000 over 1963. The approved budget totals \$306,573.10.

Record budgets are seen for several fields. Nearly \$48,000 is budgeted for the Ivory Coast, Africa; more than \$45,000 for Brazil; \$27,000 for India; \$26,000 for Japan; \$15,000 for Panama; and \$11,000 for Uruguay. The Cuba-Miami budget is nearly \$10,000. An additional \$43,000 is budgeted for other on-the-field needs, plus \$10,000 for foreign language literature. About \$80,000 is budgeted for traveling, promotional ministries, and administrative expenses, including publication of *Heartbeat* and production of a feature length motion picture film.

A number of states exceeded quotas for the past year. A complete financial report appears in the next issue.

Here are state quotas for 1964:

State	Amount	State	Amount
Alabama.....	\$ 9,250.00	Maine.....	\$ 400.00
Alaska.....	400.00	Michigan.....	28,500.00
Arizona.....	1,000.00	Mississippi.....	6,000.00
Arkansas.....	9,250.00	Missouri.....	23,500.00
California.....	13,000.00	New Hampshire.....	360.00
Colorado.....	500.00	New Mexico.....	1,350.00
Florida.....	7,500.00	North Carolina.....	50,000.00
Georgia.....	10,750.00	Ohio.....	11,000.00
Hawaii.....	150.00	Oklahoma.....	25,000.00
Idaho.....	250.00	Oregon.....	150.00
Illinois.....	11,750.00	South Carolina.....	18,000.00
Indiana.....	3,500.00	Tennessee.....	27,500.00
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Note: Miscellaneous receipts are estimated at \$3,103.10, making total of \$306,573.10 budget.



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**Happy Family Life** by Henry Brandt, Ph. D. (Back to the Bible). A valuable aid to families seeking a joyful day-in and day-out relationship.

**The Fields at Home** by Peter F. Gunther (Moody Press). A study of home missions. The most exhaustive work on the subject ever seen in print.

**Parables from Life** by Arnold Prater (Zondervan). Valuable supplementary Sunday school or devotional material. A clever presentation of potent spiritual truths through thought-provoking "story sermons".

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**Church Growth in Mexico** by Donald McGavran (Eerdmans). An interesting study for those interested in Christian missions in Mexico.

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*“A broader perspective of God’s working is needed.”*

FROM PAGE TWO ► demands of reaching a modern world with the age-old message. Conservation of missionary abilities is an area for study. Increasingly, missionaries highly qualified and trained for spiritual ministries find major portions of time demanded to construct needed missions

facilities, to handle the red tape of necessary correspondence and detailed book-keeping, to do the work of mechanics to keep mission jalopies running. All of these tasks could be done by dedicated and specialized laymen who could be encouraged to take short term appointments for specific tasks, thus relieving the missionary to devote full time to gospel proclamation.

In some instances, the missionary finds his outreach hampered by lack of sufficient tools with which to accomplish his God-given task. Adequate transportation, literature, and other things necessary to effective outreach must be made available.

The image of the missionary as a misfit, nonconformist bungler needs to be corrected to reveal true standards for missionary service today. Free Will Baptist missionaries on the field are among the highest qualified men and women in the Christian world. Only the best is sufficient for effective gospel outreach on spiritual front lines. Young people with unusual ability must be challenged to give first consideration to frontier service.

Training and utilizing nationals in evangelism must be emphasized.

A broader perspective of the overall work God is doing in the world is needed if missionary strategy is to be made more effective. God is using numerous agencies—denominational and otherwise—in His plan for world evangelization. Perhaps the greatest leaking valve in God’s program is the unnecessary overlapping of evangelistic activity brought about by lack of cooperation and coordination between missionary agencies.

This is a new era in missions. God has given the Church amazing facilities for reaching a massive world population with His message of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. We do not need a new answer to the needs of the human heart. We only need to be “all things to all men that by all means some might be saved.” ■

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. . . the ministry of prayer

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"THE MISSIONARY enterprise is not an annex to Christianity added by enthusiasts with a mania for proselyting; it is an inherent part of the gospel message." —Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, *Wheaton College*

"The work of missions is the work of Christ. He is personally in action when His missionary, by the moving of the Holy Spirit, prays and preaches and leads sinners to Him."

—Dr. Paul G. Culley, *Columbia Bible College*

"A missionary is not only one sent forth from one nation to another; he is sent particularly as the 'bearer of light and the Light' to the spiritually dark places of the world."

—Dr. Milton Baker,  
*Conservative Baptist Foreign Missions Society*

## as you pray . . .

**BRAZIL** / With purchase of land for Bible institute completed, final arrangements for opening institute are underway. *Pray for God's provision of financial and spiritual resources needed for this venture of faith.*

**CUBA** / The general director and the Thomas Willeys, Sr., were in conference last month setting long-range plans for reaching Cuban refugees in Miami and establishing a strong Spanish church here. *Pray for the Willeys as these plans develop into reality.*

**INDIA** / The Dan Cronks are beginning construction of hostel and other mission facilities in North India. *Pray for strength for this major undertaking.*

**IVORY COAST** / The Jimmy Aldridges and the Eddie Paynes are in language study preparing for service here. *Pray that they will gain a quick understanding of the language and be able to move into their permanent assignments.*

**JAPAN** / A special four-phase teaching program for the Church has begun here as a part of Tenth Anniversary activities. *Pray that Christians will be deepened spiritually and that they will be better equipped to win friends and relatives to Christ.*

**PANAMA** / Bill and Barbara Phipps have arrived in Costa Rica for language study preparatory for service in Panama. *Pray that God will fully equip them for their ministry.*

**URUGUAY** / The need is becoming increasingly great for nationals who are called by God to minister to their own people. *"Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that He will thrust forth laborers into the field."*



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Josephine Stevens

\*In language study  
\*\*On furlough in states  
\*\*\*Under appointment



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / NOVEMBER '63

CASH IN BANK NOVEMBER 1, 1963...\$55,632.94

## RECEIPTS

Miscellaneous.....	\$ 1,416.73	
Alabama.....	617.30	
Alaska.....	15.91	
Arizona.....	10.00	
Arkansas.....	416.92	
California.....	875.64	
Colorado.....	32.06	
England.....	31.00	
Florida.....	170.64	
Georgia.....	1,418.09	
Illinois.....	419.23	
Indiana.....	108.55	
Kansas.....	72.95	
Kentucky.....	219.61	
Michigan.....	3,807.03	
Mississippi.....	1,312.83	
Missouri.....	1,606.44	
Nebraska.....	15.31	
New Brunswick.....	2.00	
New Hampshire.....	23.28	
New Jersey.....	1.00	
New Mexico.....	81.80	
New York.....	1.00	
North Carolina.....	5,664.59	
Ohio.....	657.75	
Oklahoma.....	2,255.40	
South Carolina.....	1,142.26	
Spain.....	20.00	
Tennessee.....	1,560.67	
Texas.....	1,017.57	
Virginia.....	657.61	
Washington.....	16.03	
West Virginia.....	633.25	26,300.45
		<b>\$81,933.39</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Mission Fields.....	\$15,838.47	
Traveling and Promotion.....	1,346.34	
Administrative.....	4,383.44	21,568.25
		<b>\$60,365.14</b>

## UNEXPENDED FUNDS

CERF.....	\$ 317.00	
Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....	6,691.51	
Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Aycok.....	263.72	
Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	1,520.48	
Rev. & Mrs. Louis Coscia.....	829.32	
Rev. & Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	1,072.92	
Rev. & Mrs. Earnie Deeds.....	4,013.78	
Rev. & Mrs. W. M. Ellison.....	185.53	
Rev. & Mrs. Dave Franks.....	3,094.97	
Rev. & Mrs. Wm. Fulcher, Jr.....	2,559.09	
Rev. & Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	1,216.62	
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R. N.....	489.73	
Rev. & Mrs. Archie Mayhew.....	1,884.61	
Rev. & Mrs. Eddie J. Payne.....	8,263.35	
Rev. & Mrs. William Phipps.....	5,371.22	
Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	665.00	
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....	1,847.69	
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	1,044.50	
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....	198.28	
Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	604.81	
Rev. & Mrs. Sam Wilkinson.....	2,144.02	
Rev. & Mrs. T. H. Willey, Jr.....	192.97	
Rev. & Mrs. T. H. Willey, Sr.....	730.85	
Miss Volena Wilson.....	994.02	
Furlough Car.....	449.26	
Africa—Medical Building.....	4,595.72	
Africa—Children's Division.....	4,088.63	
North India Buildings.....	7,505.14	
Repatriation.....	3,190.59	
Sparkses' Vehicle.....	469.39	
Palmer's House.....	309.71	66,804.43

## DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

General Fund.....	\$ 79.70	
Rev. & Mrs. Ken Eagleton.....	792.31	
Rev. & Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	1,258.72	
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jones.....	457.58	
Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....	491.44	
Rev. & Mrs. John E. Moehlman.....	1,014.84	
Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....	1,704.71	
Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	639.99	6,439.29
		<b>\$60,365.14</b>

## STATE QUOTAS 1963

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 9,013.53	\$	\$ 2,013.53
Alaska.....	300.00	154.39	145.61	
Arizona.....	1,000.00	290.98	709.02	
Arkansas.....	8,000.00	8,755.82		755.82
California.....	12,000.00	13,558.35		1,558.35
Florida.....	6,500.00	6,284.09	215.91	
Georgia.....	8,500.00	11,533.27		3,033.27
Hawaii.....	100.00	72.30	27.70	
Idaho.....	200.00	9.32	190.68	
Illinois.....	11,000.00	7,497.00	3,503.00	
Indiana.....	2,500.00	1,491.72	1,008.28	
Kansas.....	1,250.00	1,287.16		37.16
Kentucky.....	5,500.00	3,121.49	2,378.51	
Maine.....	250.00		250.00	
Michigan.....	26,500.00	26,367.49	132.51	
Mississippi.....	5,500.00	4,215.29	1,284.71	
Missouri.....	21,500.00	17,909.83	3,590.17	
New Hampshire.....	200.00	378.28		178.28
New Mexico.....	1,250.00	647.12	602.88	
North Carolina.....	54,000.00	36,937.33	17,062.67	
Ohio.....	9,000.00	6,886.62	2,113.38	
Oklahoma.....	17,000.00	28,107.67		11,107.67
South Carolina.....	15,000.00	12,731.25	2,268.75	
Tennessee.....	22,500.00	22,167.22	332.78	
Texas.....	12,250.00	7,613.83	4,636.17	
Virginia.....	17,500.00	11,846.97	5,653.03	
Washington.....	250.00	117.61	132.39	
West Virginia.....	4,000.00	6,924.32		2,924.32
Miscellaneous.....	3,968.29	3,885.73	82.56	
	<b>\$274,518.29</b>	<b>\$249,805.98</b>	<b>\$ 46,320.71</b>	<b>\$ 21,608.40</b>



## *'out of my heart' . . . continued from page 16*

■ The Rev. Rufus Coffey travels across the denomination speaking with the authority of God's Word revealing his burning missionary heart. His messages awaken pastors and their people to this task of world-wide evangelism. He directs missionary conferences in the churches and arranges deputational work of missionaries and appointees. His ministry has been greatly received by our people.

■ God has given to me as general director this dedicated staff of workers for our foreign missions department. I have the responsibility of correlating our missionary operations with the purpose of winning souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. I have a personal responsibility to each missionary, and his work becomes part of my work. Advice and counsel must be given for decisions, and my ministry is

that of a liaison between the Board of Foreign Missions and the missionary. There are personal interviews with missionary candidates, speaking engagements, correspondence, and representing Free Will Baptists with other mission groups in cooperative endeavors.

■ I feel keenly that I have a pastoral responsibility to each of our missionaries. This ministry cannot always be best performed from behind the desk in the office but rather on the field where the missionary is ministering.

■ The purpose of this office is to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, our missionaries, and our people. The operation of this supply line is supported from the general fund.

■ The general fund is a relatively small percentage of the total missionary budget, but it is vital to our total missionary program. From the general fund an average of \$3,500 each month is sent directly for operations on foreign fields. This is money which does not come from missionary accounts. Therefore, there must be a balance in missionary giving to both the general fund and designated accounts. A reserve fund for emergencies is urgently needed. A church which redirects its support by taking money usually sent to the general fund and designating it to a missionary account does not help the over-all missionary program. If additional missionary support is desired, giving should be increased to provide for both the general fund and designated missionary accounts.

■ God has a bountiful provision in our Free Will Baptist churches for our expanding missionary program. "God so loved that He gave His only begotten Son . . ." Our people so love the Lord Jesus Christ that they are giving their sons, daughters, and dollars to this ministry. My desire is for God to give us more pastors with people who share this concern for this program of world-wide evangelism.

*J. Reford Wilson*



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## 'out of my heart'

*a word from the general director*

■ The ringing of the telephone, clicking of the typewriter, noise of the adding machine, greeting visitors, expressing joy, sometimes sighing—these are sounds of missionary activity. They do not come from beneath a thatched roof on the mission field, but from the third floor of Free Will Baptist Headquarters where the foreign missions offices are located.

■ "Staying with the stuff" is a sacred duty. The supply line is vital to our missionary outreach. Ten years ago full time operation of our foreign missionary program began in Nashville, Tennessee. There were six missionaries in India, six in Cuba, and one in Africa. The Rev. Raymond Riggs and Mrs. Hubert Sloan had the full responsibility of the home office. In ten years the staff has increased to 54 missionaries serving in ten fields. Accounts handled by Mrs. Sloan have increased from seven to 58 during this time. More than 500 receipts are processed monthly, and records are kept of disbursements—missionary allotments, projects, printing, office maintenance, and the multitude of other items necessary to an effective missionary ministry.

■ Miss Hildred Dew is the only full time secretary. She transcribes letters for the general director, director of publications, and director of conference ministries. She also maintains the *Heartbeat* circulation list of more than 29,000, arranges bookings for films, and mails promotional materials requested.

■ Jerry Ballard, director of publications and information, answers the many inquiries regarding missionaries and their work. He edits *Heartbeat* which contains current information of foreign missionary activity. Articles must be written and edited and pictures and art work selected. Foreign language tracts, missionary prayer cards, missionary pamphlets, letterheads, envelopes and office forms come from his desk. With the assistance of the Rev. Benito Rodriguez, this department publishes the Spanish language magazine, *Impacto*. Filmstrip and motion picture production is also a part of Mr. Ballard's ministry with the department. PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 15

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