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THE JESUS TRIBE INITIATION

by
LORENE MILEY

INITIATION INTO the tribe is a highlight in the life of every Lobi boy and girl. They eagerly look forward to these special ceremonies conducted only once every five to seven years. Thousands hit the trail that leads to one of the two locations dedicated to these sacred rites. What does the pagan initiation include? Even those who have embraced Christianity are reluctant to talk about it. Though they no longer fear the devil, they recognize his power and reply, "We've been told we'll die if we tell anyone." However, ► TO PAGE 13



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**NEEDED: A
RARE BREED**

AN
EDITORIAL

WHY DO CHRISTIANS abandon ship so quickly? It seems that all too often a depressing pessimism prevails in Christian circles. ■ Augustine once prayed, "To my God, a heart of flame; to my fellow men, a heart of love; to myself, a heart of steel." This is the prime need today—men with a fiery, compassionate boldness to claim the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet such are a rare breed. ■ Not that Satan doesn't offer abundant occasions for discouragement. Consider the plight of the pastor who learns of gross sin among leading members of his congregation. Or the missionary who labors so long to lead new converts into the abundant life only to see them succumb again and again to the fiery darts of the evil one. Or the educator facing an influx of students greater than his capacity to lodge them and a denominational constituency apparently unconcerned about it. Or the missionary executive who grapples with problems posed when representatives of the World Council of Churches goes over the mission's head with offers of financial assistance to young churches unaware of the deceitful tactics of ecumenical hatchetmen. Or . . . and on we could go. ■ Yet, God has so much to say at this point. An overwhelming obstacle? "He giveth more grace." An overpowering burden? "Cast your burdens upon him and he shall give you rest." An overtaxing financial strain? "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory." Overstressed mental faculties? "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally." ■ Father, give us hearts that are prone to trust, rather than dismay; to launch into the deep, rather than paddle in shallow waters; to claim the world for Christ, rather than abandon it to the Evil One; to proclaim the Word boldly, rather than hide behind skirts of sanctified indifference.



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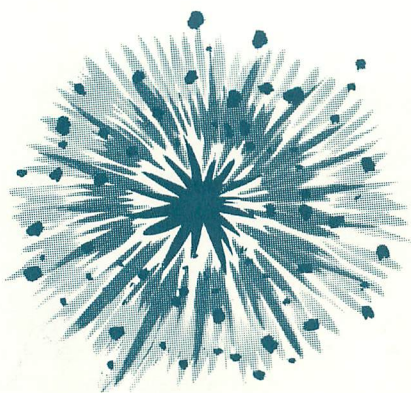
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A Strategy for Crisis

by W. STANLEY MOONEYHAM

AS I HAVE READ papers and news-magazines recently—and especially as I have received first-hand reports and talked with missionaries from many parts of the world—two lines of a poem that I remember from my high school days keep coming back to me:

*"We are living, we are dwelling,
in a grand and awful time."*

I know I don't have to argue the truth of that point with you. We are here tonight to turn our attention to the world. It is a world in trouble, in turmoil, in conflict, in crisis.

This was brought into sharp focus by something that I read recently by Dr. William Gillam of the Oriental Missionary Society. He said: "The mid-twentieth century will undoubtedly go down in history as the point where crisis became universal and where anarchy displaced order. To thinking Christians our turbulent times bear an ominous portent. To say the least, the Christian missionary movement is deeply implicated. We are in crisis . . . we face unanticipated decision, and unavoidable emergency action. Our carefully elaborated programs are upset, and we meet problems we have not thought through. The hour is late, but we must prepare for emergency, and quickly develop a strategy for crisis. But how do you prepare for crisis?"

The church is faced with the stark statistic that there are more unevangelized people in the world than ever before. Don Hillis has written: "If the

population of the world could be compressed into a community of one hundred people, 75 of them would be uneducated, underclothed and underfed; 37 would live under Communist domination; 25 would belong to the Roman or Eastern Catholic Churches; 15 would be Moslems; 11 would be Hindus; and 15 more would be either Confucianists or Buddhists. Only 8 would be Christians."

That is only one out of every thirteen and that is a sobering fact. But there is another fact that's even more alarming. We are not gaining. We are losing ground fast. If the present ratio continues with the population increase, Protestant Christianity will represent only four per cent of the population of the world by 1980, and by the year 2000 only two per cent; that is one out of every fifty!

The world is in serious trouble. Despite the godless hordes which have roamed its mountains and deserts since civilization began, it has never seen a scourge like that of brutal, atheistic communism. In a little more than 40 years it has twisted its slimy tentacles around nation after nation until it has squeezed out freedom, human dignity, and spiritual values.

Here is the chronicle of its terrifying progress: Lenin established it in 1903 with 17 men. He conquered Russia with 40,000 in 1917. By 1937 there were 170,000,000 Communists or 8 per cent of the world population. And from this obscure beginning, communism now engulfs one billion people, or 37 per cent of the world population. ►

The auditorium in Nashville was packed to capacity. Everyone anticipated a moving of the Spirit of God. No one was disappointed. It was the Wednesday night missionary service of the 1962 session of the National Association. A historic spiritual experience for the denomination was witnessed as hundreds—laymen, pastors, and denominational personnel—flooded the altar to express renewed commitment to the purposes of God in the world. It was a service people still talk about. The speaker was Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, present moderator of the National Association. This is a condensation of that great message.



These figures were programmed on a tape and fed to that marvelous mechanical brain, Univac, not long ago. Then Univac was asked, "On the basis of these facts, when will communism conquer the world?" The answer the computing machine gave was this: By 1970, communism will have brought two billion people—or 66 per cent of the world population—under its control. By 1973, Univac said, their world conquest will be complete! The Communist timetable agrees exactly with this for after a meeting of the international Communist leaders not long ago, Khrushchev announced 1973 as the target date for world domination.

Unless there is dramatic human counteraction or divine intervention, my brethren, the free world may have only a few years left. Paul warns us, "We are up against the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil" (Ephesians 6:12, Phillips).

NOT ONLY is the world in trouble, but our nation is in trouble. Billy Graham quoted his wife as saying recently that if God did not bring judgment on America, He would have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah. It is certain that our moral fiber is rotting at an alarming rate. If we suddenly lost our veneer of respectability, any city in America would make Sodom and Gomorrah look like pikers.

The evils that toppled the Roman

Empire and other great civilizations of the past are already at work in the soul of America. In his book, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, the famous historian Gibbons sets forth five reasons why Rome fell. There is an alarming similarity between these and the conditions in our nation today.

The first reason, Gibbons says, was the steady increase of sexual immorality, divorce, and the breakup of the Roman home. How do *we* weigh by this measure-ment? An eminent sociologist of Harvard University, Dr. Sorokin, describes the moral environment in America as one of sex anarchy. He cites the increase in premarital and extramarital sex relations; the traffic in pornographic literature that has become a \$500,000,000 a year business and that sends, by postoffice estimate, fifty million pieces of filth every year to teenagers.

The second reason that Gibbons gives for the decline of the Roman Empire was higher and higher taxes, until the load became unbearable, while officials continued to spend public funds with reckless indifference. At this point both of our political parties are sinning against the people and the nation which they have been elected to serve. Our demands for big government to take care of us has fostered the welfare state concept where the government takes it from you in taxes so they can give it back as economic assistance—with a sizeable portion deducted for handling charges. Someone

has said, "We are trying to spend ourselves rich like an alcoholic trying to drink himself sober."

THIRDLY, GIBBONS says, Rome fell because of its mad desire for excitement leading to all sorts of moral extravagances which finally engulfed the empire and destroyed it. Can you site any differences in America? Ours may go down in history as the "Age of the Active Verb." Drive, drive! Go, Go! Thrill, thrill! Live it up! This is the tempo of our times, as it was in Rome, and the excesses of our social madness can lead only to disaster.

The fourth cause of the fall of Rome was in an increased political pressure for the machines of war while completely disregarding the destructive elements at work within the empire.

Gibbons says that the fifth reason for the fall of Rome was a decline in religion and a withholding of support from character building institutions. Does this description fit America? Every day there is fresh evidence that God is on the way out in our nation and that materialism and secularism will be the new religions.

America is sick! And we well nigh be sick unto death. No more apt words can be found to describe our sad condition than those used by Isaiah to describe Israel: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward . . . the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint."

And *this* is the reason why the nation is in trouble—the church has failed America. This nation gave the church the most fertile soil and favorable climate for its development that it is possible to have, but instead of using it to grow strong, we have become soft, satisfied, and senile. The church is no longer young and vigorous; it is old and weak. It no longer thrives through the power of the Holy Spirit; it barely survives—and that through its established bureaucracy. We are hard-pressed to repel the attacks of Satan upon our own strongholds, much less to rescue a dying nation.

The church no longer has the offensive. On practically every battlefield of society we are engaged in retreat and withdrawal and seem to consider it somewhat of a victory when we can just hold our own. At least I once heard a church letter read at a quarterly meeting which said, "Thank God, we haven't lost any ground." There should have been shame that they hadn't gained any! Where are the encounters with hell and the glorious victories which have so signally marked the pages of church history?

Is God dead? Has the Holy Spirit gone back to heaven? For all practical purposes in many of our churches He may as well have. We are doing mighty few things in our churches, brethren, that we couldn't do as well without the Holy Spirit—and I say that reverently. Ask yourself, "What is my church doing that takes more than human energy?" We all might be shocked at the answers.

And if this evaluation of the impotent condition of the church is valid, then this judgement must also be valid—the church is the trouble!

BUT WHAT is the answer? Is the church to piously fold its hands and close its eyes while the enemy stalks the earth unchallenged? By all that the Church has been commissioned by its Lord to do, the answer is "No!" We are to fight the good fight of faith. We are to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. We are to quit ourselves like men and be strong.

Phillips translates Paul as saying to the Ephesians: "Take your stand then with truth as your belt, righteousness your breastplate, the Gospel of peace firmly on your feet, salvation as your helmet and in you hand the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God" (6:17).

Here is our weapon! The sword of the Spirit, the Word of God—quick and powerful and sharper than any sword, mighty even to the tearing down of the strongholds of the enemy. It is feared by its enemies, loved by its friends, respected by all.

The Bible is supernatural! It literally pulsates with divine energy. Someone ►

asked Charles Spurgeon if he was all set for the defense of the Bible. "Defend the Bible!" he thundered. "I would as soon defend a lion. The Bible doesn't need to be defended; it needs only to be let loose."

Here is our answer for all the problems that beset our world. But what are we doing about it? The Bible has the answer to communism. The reason a man is attracted to communism is because it gives him something to believe in and to give his life for. He will reject a soft, flabby Christianity, but he tingles with excitement when communism says, "Here is something worthy of your dedication and sacrifice. Here is action! We are going to change the world."

The tragedy of it is that even though communism should win the world, it cannot change it. It does not have the answer to the sin problem. *We* have the message that will change the world—the only message! But we would rather keep things as they are than to bother with changing them. Someone has rewritten a familiar hymn to fit the mood of the modern church:

*"Like a mighty tortoise, moves the
Church of God,*

*Brothers, we are treading where we've
always trod."*

Dr. Clyde Taylor tells of a Communist family in Ceylon that was saved a few years ago. They were filled with zeal and enthusiasm. (Not many of us have it anymore, but can remember what it is.) But they had a lot of zeal and enthusiasm about the gospel. They didn't know much about modern church methods—which probably was a great blessing—so they just turned their Communist techniques into spreading the gospel.

They didn't change any of it. They just went from house to house. They sat around with these families and they talked everywhere they went. Their main topic was the gospel. And in 18 months they had won enough people to Jesus Christ to have a congregation!

Do you know where the Communists got that strategy? The devil learned it from the early Christians who used it to beat him up and down every street in Jerusalem. Read it in Acts 5:42: "And

daily in the temple, *and in every house*, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

Christ's answer to communism is through my life and your life as we obey Him and proclaim His message to every lost soul. It is the dynamic power of Christ and the Holy Spirit operating in us that makes the difference. But the sobering, shocking question is: "Does it make any difference?"

IF THE WORLD could see enough Christians who are willing to outlive and out-die the Communists perhaps they would put more credence in the Book which we hold out as the hope of the world.

The Bible holds the key to our national problems, too. There is not a single social, political, racial, or economic problem that could not find its solution in the Bible. But the world doesn't know this. It's up to us to turn the x-ray of God's Word upon these moral cancers which eat at the vitals of our society.

And I want to say finally that the Bible is the answer for the church's dilemma today. Many pastors and leaders are completely frustrated by the state of church affairs. The increase in religiosity has not been accompanied by a corresponding increase in dedication, godliness, and morality.

The church is in crisis! But don't wring your hands—this is not a novel experience for the church. The Book of Acts is a book of crises. Immediately after the coming of the Holy Spirit, the church went through a deep valley of testing. Two of its strongest leaders were imprisoned and threatened for preaching the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And what did they do? They returned to the church assembled and reported the threat; they told of the dark cloud of opposition and persecution rising against the infant church; they faced squarely their hour of crisis that confronted the pitifully small group of believers—and they went to prayer.

Brethren, I am shaken by that fact! They didn't call a strategy meeting or a business meeting. They called a prayer meeting! We spend so ► TO PAGE ELEVEN

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Tuesday Night



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Missions Message
Wednesday Night


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Wednesday Morning



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Thursday Morning



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 **PASTORS' DINNER** in Grand Ballroom, Muehlebach Hotel, 5:00 p.m. Dr. Herbert Mekeel, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N. Y., will speak on the subject "Is Roman Catholicism Changing?" Price is \$2.50 per person. Order tickets from Executive Department, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37205.





MEKEEL ◀

 **EARLY MORNING PRAYER MEETING** on Wednesday. The Rev. Jerry Rhoades, pastor of First Church, Ardmore, Okla., will be in charge.

 **GIANT YOUTH RALLY** Wednesday afternoon. Ken Riggs, new National Youth Director, will be speaking. National Sword Drill and demonstration of "Bible Bowl" will be features.

 **"FRONTIERS UNLIMITED,"** a joint audio-visual production by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards especially for this convention, will be shown Wednesday night.

 **MASTER'S MEN BREAKFAST** Thursday morning. Mr. M. E. Howard, general contractor from Richmond, Va., is the speaker. Mr. Howard is a member of the Board of Trustees of Free Will Baptist Bible College and was the "Layman of the Year" in 1963.

 **INFORMATIVE EXHIBITS** will include some 25 displays by departments of the National Association and other church related ministries. Fellowship in this area with missionaries and association personnel will be a special feature Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Woman's National Auxiliary Convention—July 13-14

EVERY VOICE IS IMPORTANT

AGAIN THIS YEAR, local churches belonging to the highest denominational body in their state may send delegates to the National Association. The procedure for registering a delegate is a simple one. Elect one during a church business session and, if possible, pay all or part of his expenses to Kansas City, Mo. Fill out the credential form appearing on this page and have it signed by the pastor or church clerk. This signed credential form and the \$10.00 registration fee authorizes the delegate to represent his church with full privileges of a voting delegate.

It is important to note that delegates representing state associations also must have officially signed credentials to register as a delegate. Each state is allowed five delegates-at-large, but their registration is paid through state clerks when the state letter is mailed. Where there is no state association, Article IV of the Constitution should be consulted to learn basis of representation.

The ministry of the National Association is important to all Free Will Baptists. It is through the association that churches across America unite in programs of mutual concern. The voice of your church in business considerations is important. Be sure your church is represented.

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DELEGATE'S OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

THIS CERTIFIES that _____ is a duly authorized delegate
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(Name of church or state association)

of (if church, give city and state) _____

(Only one signature is required.)

Moderator or Pastor

clerk or Secretary

Important: All delegates representing a state, district association, or local church must present this form properly signed to be registered.

Accommodations Directory

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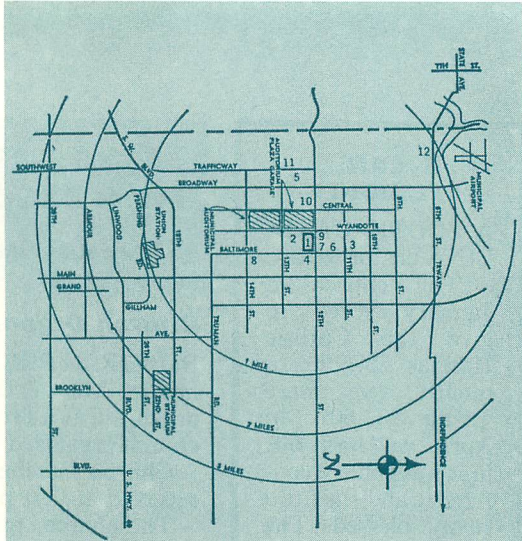
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1. MUEHLEBACH—Headquarters Hotel—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$10.00; Twin: \$12.00. Air conditioned, TV, children under 13 free, special weekly parking rate with in and out privilege. Across the street.
2. ALADDIN—1213 Wyandotte. Single: \$7.50; Double: \$10.50; Twin: \$12.50; children under 12 free, free overnight parking, TV, air conditioned. Across the street.
3. CONTINENTAL—11th and Baltimore. Single: \$6.50; Double: \$8.50; Twins: \$11.50. Children under 14 free, some TV, air conditioned. Three blocks.
4. DIXON—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$6.50; Double: \$8.50; Twin: \$9.00; Children under 12 free, parking \$1.25 per day or \$1.50 in and out, air conditioning, radio. Two blocks.
5. KANSAS CITIAN—1216 Broadway. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$7.00; Twins: \$9.00. Children under 12 \$1.00 each, air conditioned, free in and out parking. Two blocks.
6. NEW YORKER—1114 Baltimore. Single: \$7.00; Double: \$9.00; Twins: \$10.00. Free in and out parking, air conditioned, radio, free transportation by cab from airport plus 25 cent tip for driver. Three blocks.
7. PHILLIPS—12th and Baltimore. Single: \$8.00; Double: \$11.00; Twins: \$14.50. Radios, some TV, air conditioned, children under 14 free. Two blocks.
8. PRESIDENT—14th and Baltimore. Single: \$7.50; Double: \$10.75; Twins: \$12.00. Children under 14 free, TV, air conditioned. Two blocks.
9. STATE—12th and Wyandotte. Single: \$5.00; Double: \$8.00; Twins: \$8.00. TV—\$1.00, children free unless extra bed needed then \$2.00 for 34 roll-a-way, radios, air conditioned, parking \$1.50 per day. One block.

MOTELS

10. DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN—1234 Wyandotte. Single: \$10.00; Double: \$13.00; Twins: \$14.00. Children under 13 free, TV, air conditioned, free parking. Across the street.
11. EXECUTIVE—509 West 13th Street. Single: \$10.00; Double: \$12.00; Twins: \$14.00. Air conditioned, free parking, TV, children under 12 free. Two blocks.
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NOTE: Since the Muehlebach is our headquarters hotel, all ministers, delegates and visitors to our National Association are urged to register here if at all possible. The facilities are excellent, reasonably priced and convenient to the auditorium. This hotel will furnish rooms for our committee and board meetings. You are expected to make your reservation directly with the hotel or motel of your choice. Be sure to mention that your reservation is in connection with the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting July 14-16.



IT CAN BE DONE!

A SOUTH CAROLINA pastor writes:

"Our church in January voted to give the Carlisle Hannas \$75.00 a month (we were giving \$37.50). In April we had our first missionary conference and the Lord richly blessed. The speakers were such a blessing, and God used their messages to challenge us to be used in a greater way. The total love-offering during the three-day conference was over \$200.00, and the faith-promise for Herbert Waid was \$74.00 a month. Considering that our active membership is about 50, I praise the Lord for these figures."

MISSIONS in ACTION AROUND THE WORLD



Church Organized in Ribeirao Preto

RIBEIRAO PRETO, BRAZIL—In appropriate ceremonies May 7, the congregation here was officially organized as a Free Will Baptist church. It is the third church organized by Free Will Baptists in Brazil.

Charter membership totals 16 with eight more to be received at first business session.

The church, founded by Missionary Bobby Poole, had a record 110 in Sunday school on Mother's Day.

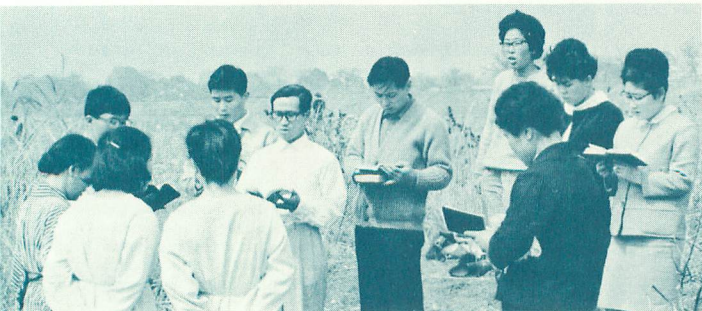
"The Lord has given us some good people," comments Missionary Poole, "and we feel the work can move forward." The congregation recently moved to a more desirable location in the suburban community of Gardin Paulista.

Recent converts in the work include the owner of the building where services are being held. His conversion was one of 17 witnessed during a recent week of evangelistic meetings. "Already he has been a real jewel to the work," says Mr. Poole. "We are trusting God to do great things through this servant."

Brazilian Youths Unite in Fellowship

JABOTICABAL, BRAZIL—The first youth retreat for Free Will Baptist young people in Brazil was a whopping success, according to reports. Attending ►

THESE SCENES bring rejoicing to the hearts of those who have faithfully prayed for and supported missionary activity in Japan and Uruguay. At left, Pastor Osawa San speaks to new believers shortly before baptism. He is pastor of the Umejime church in Tokyo. In photo at right, Missionary Bill Fulcher is seen baptizing one of 23 new converts baptized April 26 in Rivera, Uruguay. The new believers included a policeman, barber, cattle herder, farmer, retired worker, and several housewives. (Staff photos)



were 110 youths from the various congregations.

The retreat was held on property purchased for the Brazilian Bible Institute scheduled to open in January. The one day session was a promotion for the first youth camp in Brazil which is set for July. The report said, "All missionaries went away with their cars full of young people rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord."

New Pressures in Cuba

MIAMI (MNS)—Informed sources here indicate that new elements of pressure are being felt by the evangelical churches in Cuba. Strides are being taken by the Castro regime to isolate the influence of the churches.

Having already removed all preaching from the radio, the government now requires that only customary services be held in the churches. This rules out all types of evangelistic meetings, Bible conferences and other special meetings without police permission.

Approximately 100 churches are closed by orders of the Castro regime, most of them in rural areas.

The Minister of Interior is quoted as saying, "I think they (the churches) cannot continue, and we do not want them to continue. When the present generation of believers dies, the churches will disappear forever."

To put it briefly . . . Eula Mae Martin was involved in a serious automobile accident in Atlanta, Ga., in April. She sustained multiple lacerations and several broken teeth. Recovery has been satisfactory, and she has resumed her itinerary. Mrs. L. C. DeFee, who was traveling in the Martin auto and was seriously injured, has experienced a remarkable recovery. . . . Missionary Lonnie Palmer writes, "We have Christians in four villages in this area now and have preached in two others where we expect to see results eventually. There are still villages where they have never heard the name of Christ, and we are anxious to go to them with God's Word."

STRATEGY ► FROM PAGE SIX ► much of our time deliberating, operating, cultivating—and stagnating—that we forget the most strategic thing we can do—going to prayer and praying through!

Something wonderful happened in that prayer meeting (Acts 4:31). "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost . . ." And that Holy Ghost filling—O my brethren, how we need it now—produced three things that for us today can mean the difference between glorious victory and humiliating defeat.

The first result of that fresh visitation of the Holy Spirit was a love-inspired fellowship—verse 32, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." Oh, how I pray that for my denomination. I want to love you my brethren so much that even when we differ we can still be of one heart and one soul. Only the divine Spirit can produce this heavenly experience in a human heart. I would like for folks on the outside to look at us—our preachers and our leaders—and say with amazement, "Behold, how they love one another." Brethren, there's strength—God's strength—in that kind of fellowship.

But it doesn't come naturally. It has to be cultivated. The enemy is sowing tares all the time to disrupt the harmony of the body. You have to keep weeding out wrong attitudes, hurtful words, a contrary spirit. But as surely as the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of love, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, it can be done.

More than that, brethren, it must be done! The critical state of the world will not allow us the privilege of fragmenting the work of God through selfishness, jealousy, and pettishness.

SOMETHING ELSE happened after that prayer meeting, too. The apostles preached with new power—verse 33, "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." Pastor, have you prayed for this as I often have: "O God, let this message be more than words; give flaming urgency" ►

'Their condemnation is written on their bank books'

and eternal power to these truths." Power in preaching doesn't come from a homiletics class; it comes when the Holy Spirit actually possesses the heart and soul of the preacher.

When Jonathan Edwards preached, someone said it was as though he were walking up and down the village streets pointing his accusing finger "at one house after another, uncovering secret sins and holding them up for all to see." It is this kind of exciting, turbulent, desperate preaching that has characterized the church in its greatest hours. I know you join me in praying. "O God, do it again! do it again!"

The third result of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on that prayer meeting was a stewardship revival that surpasses anything the church has ever seen since then. Verse 34 says that all those who possessed houses or lands sold them and gave everything to God.

Phillips translates it, "A wonderful spirit of generosity pervaded the whole fellowship." They had caught a vision. They were living beyond themselves. They had been charged and fired with the heart-throb of God and nothing would be withheld in the urgent task of spreading the gospel to the world. This is the strategy we need today—the linking up of our churches with tasks that challenge them to utmost sacrifice.

THE HOUR IS late. We can no longer afford the luxury of drawn-out, tediously-planned programs that will take years to implement. The world is about to blow itself to pieces and we need to save all we can. The need of this hour is for a lean and muscular program that can strike swiftly and effectively before the flames of a revolutionary age burn the fields that are waiting to be harvested. I tell you that we need to live and give and go recklessly, understanding that in battle everything is expendable for victory.

Jim Elliot, one of the five missionaries who fell under Auca spears on the banks of the Curaray River in Ecuador, once wrote to a friend: "I dare not stay home

while Quichuas perish. What if the well-filled church in the homeland needs stirring? They have the Scriptures, Moses, and the prophets, and a whole lot more. Their condemnation is written on their bank books and in the dust of their Bible covers."

I don't know what God may have been saying to you tonight, but I know what He has been saying to me. All I am and everything I've been doing has been passing under the judgment of the Holy Spirit—and I must say there isn't much to be proud of.

I've been thinking about a personal experience that Dr. J. O. Williams told. He said that his family had gathered for a reunion the last day that his brother was to be home. These are his words:

"Everything was in readiness. Mother sat on the back porch of the little country home, weeping as she did a little work. I said, 'Mother, this is brother's last day. He is going away to China as a missionary. True, he may never come back, and if he does some of us may not be here when he comes. Let us be happy today.'

"She replied that her tears were not in sorrow at his going. She merely wished she could be there and do something for him.

"'Why, Mother, you have already done everything for him,' I said. 'You gave him birth, took care of him as a boy, saw him through school. Without you he could not go at all.' Then mother dried her eyes as I asked, 'Don't you think he is the best boy you have?'

"Her lips trembled as tears rolled down her cheeks. 'All my boys are good boys, but even the best I have isn't good enough for Jesus!'"

*I wonder have I done my best for Jesus,
Who died upon the cruel tree?*

*To think of His great sacrifice at Calvary,
I know my Lord expects the best from me.
How many are the lost that I have lifted?
How many are the chained I've helped to
free*

*I wonder have I done my best for Jesus,
When He has done so much for me.* ■



FROM PAGE ONE ► their tattoo marks and filed-to-a-point teeth bear life-long evidence that they were there when it happened.

For approximately four weeks these young people soak up Lobi history and customs. They make their way homeward, their lives consecrated to the tribe and the fetish,

of which they are devout worshippers.

RECENTLY, ANOTHER initiation rite was held which was of far greater significance than this famous one. Ten of our Christian boys were initiated into the "Jesus tribe."

They had heard of His love, accepted His gift of eternal life, and embraced His way of life. For months they had faithfully prepared for "The Day." They attended special classes and memorized the catechism (74 questions, answers, and supporting Scripture verses). And they had chosen Christian names.

One of our most promising young men chose the name Jeremiah. The Biblical prophet had such a burden for his people that he wept over their sins and sought to bring them to God. We pray that this will be prophetic of the work of this modern day prophet.

Easter Sunday was chosen as the day for the initiation rites. The crowd was small, less than 50 in number, as we spread along the banks of the narrow river. A slow sprinkling of rain dampened the atmosphere, but our hearts were singing as the missionary led one after the other into the water.

This was our first baptism in Africa. We hardly knew how to do it. But a snicker after the first one emerged was the signal to sing. It seemed they couldn't hold back some verbal expression, and

singing proved a perfect outlet.

THE INITIATION rites continued as we returned to the "chapel." There they gathered in a semi-circle and received final teaching and instructions concerning the Last Supper of our Lord. They sat quietly with bowed heads. It was a time of heartsearching, for those with palaver in their hearts were not invited to partake of this first communion. The bread and fruit juice became to them an instant memorial of the death of their Lord until He returns.

Being a good Free Will Baptist, the missionary included the washing of the saint's feet in their initiation rites. Although the custom was foreign to them (washing feet in a pan, of all things!) they carried it through as if they had done it all their lives. This rite seems to be especially significant among our people where humility is not a sign of strength but of weakness.

The rites were concluded as darkness fell. There were no tattoo marks or freshly filed teeth to show as evidence of what had happened. But I thought I noted a peculiar quietness in their persons, a firm purpose in their manners. Perhaps they all felt as one expressed it, "Because of today, we have a responsibility to tell others around us of Jesus, don't we?"

Others are also preparing to take the initiation rites into the Jesus tribe. They need your prayers. ■

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / APRIL '64

CASH IN BANK APRIL 1, 1964.....\$47,518.11

RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....\$27,014.84
Other Income.....380.37

\$74,913.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields.....\$17,955.87
Traveling and Promotion.....4,504.96
Administrative.....3,617.31

\$48,835.18

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....\$ 5,705.13
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....121.57
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....852.94
Rev. and Mrs. James Combs.....112.47
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia.....3,377.90
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Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds.....1,194.81
Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Ellison.....2,863.49
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks.....192.37
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher.....501.34
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....1,157.32
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R. N.....65.28
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew.....2,777.45
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.....72.07
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne.....7,792.26
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps.....4,381.77
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....486.08
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....1,806.22
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....719.47

Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....156.26
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....674.16
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson.....2,216.15
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....530.51
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....275.75
Miss Volena Wilson.....812.94
Furlough Car Loan Fund......26
Africa—Medical Buil ling.....3,800.70
Africa—Chil Irens Division.....4,094.72
North India Buil ling.....6,369.33
Paynes' House.....1,510.37
Uruguay Vehicle.....332.95
Waid's Vehicle.....3,023.88
Repatriation.....3,190.59
Paynes' Vehicle.....2,011.27
Hannas' Jeep.....264.50
Land for Uruguay.....22.42
South India Vehicle.....570.00

65,951.50

DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

General Fund.....\$ 2,462.33
Rev. & Mrs. Ken P. Eagleton.....676.06
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....1,230.03
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....2,034.93
Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....1,559.16
Rev. & Mrs. John Moehlman.....1,784.97
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....479.64
Palmer's House.....842.72
Africa Vehi-le.....795.05
Brazil Bible Institute.....5,251.43

17,116.32

\$48,835.18

STATE QUOTAS 1964

STATE	APRIL RECEIPTS	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 1,244.80	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 3,574.57	\$ 5,675.43	\$
Alaska.....	13.22	400.00	42.97	357.03	
Arizona.....	12.00	1,000.00	106.61	893.39	
Arkansas.....	640.25	9,250.00	2,453.71	6,796.29	
California.....	2,069.53	13,000.00	6,593.21	6,406.79	
Colorado.....	107.49	500.00	188.22	311.78	
Florida.....	570.58	7,500.00	2,957.43	4,542.57	
Georgia.....	1,498.52	10,750.00	6,079.55	4,670.45	
Hawaii.....	50.00	150.00	50.00	100.00	
Idaho.....		250.00		250.00	
Illinois.....	383.92	11,750.00	2,188.99	9,561.01	
Indiana.....	341.35	3,500.00	1,090.27	2,409.73	
Iowa.....	161.53	300.00	281.53	18.47	
Kansas.....	184.00	2,000.00	567.59	1,432.41	
Kentucky.....	266.49	5,500.00	1,376.47	4,123.53	
Louisiana.....		250.00		250.00	
Maine.....	100.00	400.00	100.00	300.00	
Michigan.....	2,833.84	28,500.00	7,733.61	20,766.39	
Mississippi.....	378.06	6,000.00	1,970.63	4,029.37	
Missouri.....	2,022.75	23,500.00	7,899.81	15,600.19	
New Hampshire.....	52.24	360.00	132.10	227.90	
New Mexico.....	20.80	1,350.00	231.92	1,118.08	
North Carolina.....	2,952.60	50,000.00	13,106.66	36,893.34	
Ohio.....	945.59	11,000.00	3,591.39	7,408.61	
Oklahoma.....	1,866.92	25,000.00	9,172.43	15,827.57	
Oregon.....		150.00	17.00	133.00	
South Carolina.....	1,659.40	18,000.00	5,522.86	12,477.14	
Tennessee.....	3,139.87	27,500.00	9,904.45	17,595.55	
Texas.....	602.24	13,000.00	3,110.83	9,889.17	
Virginia.....	1,950.86	18,000.00	4,753.65	13,246.35	
Washington.....	7.83	360.00	7.83	352.17	
West Virginia.....	938.16	5,000.00	2,765.55	2,234.45	
Miscellaneous.....	163.02	3,103.10	605.97	2,497.13	
	\$ 27,177.86	\$306,573.10	\$ 98,177.81	\$208,395.29	



THE GENERAL FUND IS DANGEROUSLY IN THE RED. While designations to other accounts have been running at an all-time high, designations to the general fund have not kept pace with budgeted expenditures. The general fund maintains essential foreign ministries not provided through individual missionary accounts. Nearly the entire Cuba-Miami budget and portions of the India and Japan budgets come from the general fund. In addition, the fund maintains foreign literature production, Heartbeat, audio-visual productions, conference ministries, and administrative expenses. A healthy balance between designations to individual accounts and the general fund is necessary for a healthy financial operation. Therefore, churches and individuals are urgently requested to prayerfully consider increased designations to the general fund.



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AN AFRICAN'S PRAYER

AN AMERICAN minister preached to 4,000 dark-skinned natives in West Africa. Afterward a tall one stood and prayed with great earnestness in his native tongue. The interpreter told the minister, "He is praying for the Christians in China, Japan, Germany, Russia, and America. He is praying that they will be true in their hour of testing."

There is a bond that transcends geographical, cultural, and racial boundaries. It is the bond of Christian concern evidenced in prayer. All Christians face times of testing. This is the reason Paul admonishes, "Pray ye one for another."

as you pray...

BRAZIL: The Ribeirao Preto church has been officially organized. Pray that Christians here will prosper as they continue an effective witness.

COSTA RICA: Missionary Pilot Bill Phipps, in language study here preparing for service in Panama, has been active in the Christian Caravan movement flying doctors and nurses into remote areas. Pray for continuing safety and for God's blessing.

CUBA-MIAMI: Stepped-up anti-Castro underground activity on the island is adding new tensions inside the Castro government. These tensions may spawn new anti-Christian reprisals. Pray for God's faithful servants in Cuba.

INDIA: Volena Wilson has begun her third term of service in South India. Pray for her as she resumes administration of mission activity in this area.

IVORY COAST: Missionary Bill Jones is in the states on furlough. Pray for his ministry in Free Will Baptist churches while here.

JAPAN: Pastor Osawa San is having a fruitful ministry at the Umejime church in Tokyo. Pray for the new believers he has won that they will grow strong in the Lord and become effective witnesses.

PANAMA: Tension over results of last month's election continues to hang in the air. Pray that God will use these events for His glory.

URUGUAY: Nine young Christians are engaged in informal study preparing for full-time Christian service. Pray for missionaries as they teach these men and women to reach their own people.



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The Bill Fulchers, Paul Robinson

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*Under appointment

**In language study

***On furlough in states

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'out of my heart'

a word from the general director



■ "I want to see the day when the sun never sets on Free Will Baptists." This statement was made some years ago by one of the conference speakers at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The speaker was expressing his desire for expanding Free Will Baptist foreign mission work. ■ Free Will Baptist missionaries are now witnessing on four continents. The sun is shining on those areas and by the preaching of Free Will Baptist missionaries the Son of God gives light to men in darkness.

■ Open doors are seen in Europe, Asia, South America, and Islands of the Sea. From these places we hear the invitation, "Come over and help us." It is a call for "good soldiers of Jesus Christ." There is a need in these areas for men of experience who know the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a call to self-denial from a comfortable pastorate to hard places of service. It is a call to young people who seek the favor of God for a life of service. ■ Foreign missions is the extension of the preaching of the local church. The local church is the supply depot. It is the source of manpower and equipment. The Bible College is the training camp preparing men and women to advance this ministry of Christ. The Foreign Missions Department sends forth missionaries to the front lines of battle. There is a divine strategy for extending the kingdom of God. This is the work of the Holy Spirit "guiding us into all truth." ■ The activities of the local church cannot be competitive. Neither can denominational agencies view their work as competitive. The tasks and responsibilities demand the cooperative effort of all. This is the joy of fellowship at work and worship. Faithfulness to the purpose of God brings the blessed benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

J. Reford Wilson

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