



HEARTBEAT

MARCH '64

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

AND STILL THEY COME

By THOMAS WILLEY, SR.

As I write this, a woman sits before me with severe burns. She is also bruised from being tossed around the small boat that sliced through high seas in search of freedom. The boat was only 25 feet long. She was one of three men and two women aboard.

Another who came to our Cuban Refugee Center, a fisherman, plotted his escape from the Castro-held island of Cuba for a long time. Finally, his opportunity came. He loaded seven women, five children, and ten men into his small boat, and they slipped by Communist patrol boats and were picked up by the United States Coast Guard at Key West.

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THE AUTHOR

MR. WILLEY, is the senior Free Will Baptist missionary to Latin America. He and his wife spent more than 20 years in Cuba. Now they work among Cuban exiles in Miami.

▶ A lady came to the Center a few days ago and told how 21 escaped from the center of the island in a small boat and were picked up by the British.

A large group came in the other day and told this story: The captain of a large coastal boat carefully planned for weeks to attempt escape. When the opportune time came, he gathered relatives and friends together in the coastal swamp land, 91 of them all counted. They had to pass between two army camps, one a Russian camp, the other Cuban.

Two members of his crew began acting suspiciously and had to be put into irons. Finally, however, they were off. During the night, as they steamed full speed ahead, the crew changed the color of the once gray boat painting it white to the water line. At daybreak, they raised an American flag. A Cuban gunboat hailed them and asked if they had seen a gray coastal boat. They, of course, replied that they had not. The gunboat left, and they sped unhindered to the coast of Florida and freedom.

Twenty-eight children were in the group. I visited their homes every day, checking on their needs and telling them about the Lord. Some are coming to our services and hearing the gospel for the first time. How we wish that you who have been sharing with us in this ministry could be here to witness the gratitude of these people.

And so they continue to risk their lives to gain the freedom we enjoy in our great country. Many are killed attempting escape, but others make it through, and they are receptive and responsive to the gospel.

During the past month we have dealt with 203 people. Each one was a unique opportunity for gospel challenge. We have distributed 1,444 pieces of clothing. Hundreds of quilts and blankets, many provided by the blanket industry in Swannanoa, N. C., through the efforts of the Rev. Milton Hollifield, have been distributed. For all who have helped, we are sincerely grateful, and our Cuban people even more so. We still need clothing and blankets.

Miami affords one of the greatest opportunities of gospel witness to Spanish-speaking people. Many have been saved and are attending our Spanish church. Thousands more are yet to be reached. We need your continued prayers and financial support.

Attendance is good at our services. Pray with us that the Latin church here will continue to grow and even branch out into surrounding areas where there is still no gospel witness. ■



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EULA MAE MARTIN is welcomed home by Florence, S. C., City Manager Powell Black. The Rev. Dan Merkh, (left), pastor of the Florence church, and Rufus Coffey also greet Miss Martin after a five-year term in Brazil.

MISSIONS in ACTION

AROUND THE WORLD



NOOSE TIGHTENS FOR CHURCH IN CUBA

MIAMI—The Communist government of Cuba is tightening its control of evangelical churches, according to reports received here.

Fifty churches have been closed in Oriente province. Christian conventions and seminaries have been deprived of food quotas. At least 22 pastors have been arrested and questioned. All shipments of Bibles and other gospel literature has been stopped.

Churches are now required to register as associations and comply with antiquated laws affecting associations. For instance, church secretaries must be attorneys; a record of all members complete with ages, frequency of church attendance, and occupations must be furnished; information on support, time of services, and inventory of equipment must be furnished; record of income and disbursements and minutes of all sessions held must be available to government

investigators; and the government must be informed within five days of all members received or dismissed.

Many churches have refused to comply with these regulations. Pastors have been fined amounts from \$15 to \$1,000.

EASTER MATERIALS AVAILABLE

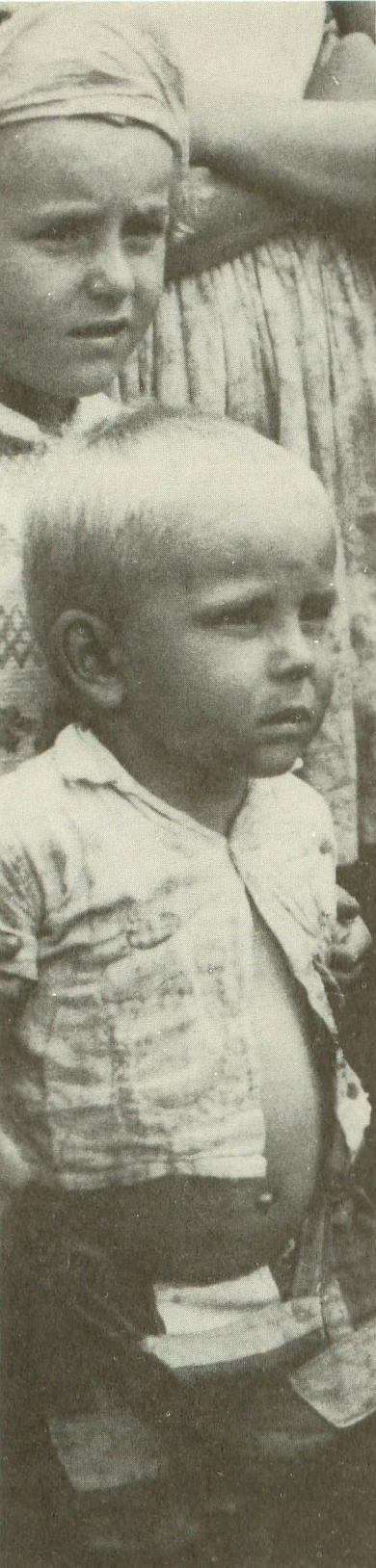
NASHVILLE—Special leaflets and envelopes for Easter Sunday are available from the office. All churches are urged to receive a special offering for foreign missions on this day which is designated denominationally as "Foreign Missions Sunday."

Also, a series of four informational leaflets for use during April, "Foreign Missions Month," are available.

Churches using Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service will receive these materials automatically. Others may receive them by return mail upon request (See p. 5)

PLAYING GAMES is a happy time at camp. Wesley Calvery enters in with students attending Christian camp in Hokkaido, Japan. Camp is a regular part of activities designed to reach young people for Christ and to deepen spiritual understanding.





by GENEVA POOLE

'Once I hated ... but now I pray'

HER INTENSE HATRED for her husband began several years ago. They had one child then—they now have eight. Married life lost its glitter for her husband. He began to leave her at home and spend the major portion of his wages on having “good times” on the town—visiting dance halls, theatres, and bars. He was unfaithful to his wife. Because of his carousing and throwing away his earnings, she was forced to go to work to provide for herself and child. And she began to hate. Other children came, and she had to struggle that much harder to feed and clothe her family. Her hatred for her husband grew. Her life was sad and empty. She tried the dance halls and other worldly amusements, but they only left her physically exhausted for the next day’s work. Her emptiness remained, and she continued to hate her husband. In fact, her hatred grew to the point she became obsessed with the desire to kill him. She harbored this impulse for years, and then she heard about services at the Free Will Baptist church in Ribeirao Preto.

“Last year was the turning point of my life,” the little Brazilian woman now testifies. She refers to the change that came into her life when she heard about and received the Lord Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

“Dona Geni (Mrs. Geneva), it was not until I started attending your services,

accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, and surrendered my life, my family, and my problems to Him that I found peace within and my hatred vanished. Now I'm praying that my husband, too, will come to know Christ."

Christ made the difference. Once she felt hatred and even the desire to kill. Now she feels loving concern that her husband, too, will come to know the joy and peace she has in Jesus Christ.

She is now one of our faithful Christian women. Each Sunday she brings her eight children to Sunday school and worship services. Five of her children have been saved; three baptized.

And her husband has attended several times. The Lord is rewarding her prayers.

The two oldest boys, aged 17 and 15, attended a Christian youth camp in January. They came back saying, "The Lord spoke to my heart at camp." Their spiritual growth is apparent.

Each day, the mother and her children join together in a time of Scripture reading and prayer. Every time I meet this dear Christian lady, I see her smile and hear her testimony of what God is doing in her home. And I offer thanksgiving to God that He sent us into this field to tell of the One who can rid a heart of hatred and fill it with loving concern.

Hundreds of others all around us are still filled with hatred, sad and remorseful over lives without purpose, without hope.

We are here to tell them of the Prince of Peace who offers to every sin-sick heart a new and abundant life. But we can't do it alone. We need your faithful, regular prayers. We have already seen the answer to many of your prayers. As you continue to remember us before the Lord, we can expect to see even greater outpourings of His Spirit. ■



THE AUTHOR

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is the wife of
Missionary Bobby
Poole and serves
with her husband
in Ribeirao Preto,
Brazil.*



RECORDS

KEYBOARD MUSINGS by Dick Anthony (Zondervan, ZLP-622). A well-known accompanist and arranger-conductor proves his musicianship in his first piano solo album. Will truly "stir the slumbering chords" within your heart.

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PRECIOUS MEMORIES, Jack Holcomb, Tenor (Zondervan, ZLP-650). A favorite singer does it again.

BOOKS

★ **LITERATURE EVANGELISM** by George Verwer (Moody Press, 128 pp.). A disturbing yet stimulating manual on the use of literature to win men to Christ. Timely.

THE POWER OF CHRISTLIKE LIVING by Leslie B. Flynn (Zondervan, 127 pp.). A good book for your devotions. Examines imitable qualities of Jesus Christ that produce Christlikeness.

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / JANUARY '63

CASH IN BANK JANUARY 1, 1964....\$54,478.38

RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....	\$24,674.96	
Other Income.....	351.95	25,026.91
		<u>\$79,505.29</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Mission Fields.....	\$25,879.83	
Traveling & Promotion.....	1,812.11	
Administrative.....	3,154.99	
Exchange.....	5.13	30,852.06
		<u>\$48,653.23</u>

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 1,269.87
Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge..	5,784.22
Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Aycock..	130.92
Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Calvery..	1,158.51
Rev. & Mrs. Louis Coscia...	1,984.98
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Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N....	305.73
Rev. & Mrs. Archie Mayhew...	2,256.86
Rev. & Mrs. Eddie J. Payne...	6,297.66
Rev. & Mrs. William Phipps...	3,948.64
Rev. & Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	363.24

Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....	1,711.06
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Robinson....	519.29
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....	99.94
Rev. & Mrs. S. L. Wilkinson...	1,994.32
Rev. & Mrs. T. H. Willey, Jr...	61.78
Rev. & Mrs. T. H. Willey, Sr...	206.00
Miss Volena Wilson.....	995.21
Furlough Car.....	449.26
Africa—Medical Building.....	3,977.62
Africa—Children's Division...	4,092.93
North India Buildings.....	5,816.66
Repatriation.....	3,190.59
Paynes' House.....	990.82
Walds' Vehicle.....	2,836.69
Uruguay Vehicle.....	2,415.36
Special Projects.....	3,031.69
	<u>63,574.04</u>

DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

Rev. & Mrs. Ken P. Eagleton..	\$ 1,093.20
Rev. & Mrs. Carlisle Hanna...	1,083.70
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Jones.....	491.49
Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley..	776.35
Rev. & Mrs. John E. Moehlman	1,360.80
Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr..	447.03
Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Sparks....	649.28
Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Waid....	354.55
Palmer's House.....	502.97
Africa Vehicle.....	1,061.74
Brazil Bible Institute.....	7,099.70
	<u>14,920.81</u>
	<u>\$48,653.23</u>

STATE QUOTAS 1963

STATE	RECEIPTS	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 938.91	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 938.91	\$ 8,311.09	\$
Alaska.....	16.98	400.00	16.98	383.02	
Arizona.....		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Arkansas.....	250.01	9,250.00	250.01	8,999.99	
California.....	1,084.86	13,000.00	1,084.86	11,915.14	
Colorado.....	31.22	500.00	31.22	468.78	
Florida.....	438.62	7,500.00	438.62	7,061.38	
Georgia.....	1,171.07	10,750.00	1,171.07	9,578.93	
Hawaii.....		150.00		150.00	
Idaho.....		250.00		250.00	
Illinois.....	737.96	11,750.00	737.96	11,012.04	
Indiana.....	285.44	3,500.00	285.44	3,214.56	
Iowa.....	60.00	300.00	60.00	240.00	
Kansas.....	37.61	2,000.00	37.61	1,962.39	
Kentucky.....	592.36	5,500.00	592.36	4,907.64	
Louisiana.....		250.00		250.00	
Maine.....		400.00		400.00	
Michigan.....	1,009.97	28,500.00	1,009.97	27,490.03	
Mississippi.....	845.91	6,000.00	845.91	5,154.09	
Missouri.....	1,916.79	23,500.00	1,916.79	21,583.21	
New Hampshire.....	15.00	360.00	15.00	345.00	
New Mexico.....	108.44	1,350.00	108.44	1,241.56	
North Carolina.....	4,081.70	50,000.00	4,081.70	45,918.30	
Ohio.....	658.36	11,000.00	658.36	10,341.64	
Oklahoma.....	2,533.75	25,000.00	2,533.75	22,466.25	
Oregon.....		150.00		150.00	
South Carolina.....	1,842.90	18,000.00	1,842.90	16,157.10	
Tennessee.....	2,589.78	27,500.00	2,589.78	24,910.22	
Texas.....	1,240.82	13,000.00	1,240.82	11,759.18	
Virginia.....	1,405.29	18,000.00	1,405.29	16,594.71	
Washington.....		360.00		360.00	
West Virginia.....	657.61	5,000.00	657.61	4,342.39	
Miscellaneous.....	123.60	3,103.10	123.60	2,979.50	
	<u>\$ 24,674.96</u>	<u>\$306,573.10</u>	<u>\$ 24,674.96</u>	<u>\$281,898.14</u>	

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WHERE THERE is true discipleship, there is movement, response, activity. When we begin to discern the will of God, we meet every demand of God upon our lives with a total response, and we move out and up and on. You do not volunteer to be a missionary. . . . The true volunteer commits life, and all life involves, into the nail-pierced hands of Jesus Christ, saying, "What wilt Thou have me to do?" And then from his very soul he seeks to discern the will of God. As he discerns it, he trusts God for wisdom to show him how this goal may be reached, and he moves out in response.

—by Lawrence Love in *Commission, Conflict, Commitment*

as you pray...

BRAZIL / Eula Mae Martin is in the states on furlough. *Pray that she will receive needed rest and have a fruitful furlough ministry in churches across the country.* **CUBA-MIAMI** / The darkening picture for the church in Cuba demands increased prayer concern for brethren on the island. *Pray.* **INDIA** / In the furlough absence of the Carlisle Hannas, work in the Sonapurhat area is largely carried on by Indian Christians. *Pray for them as they continue a faithful witness.* **IVORY COAST** / A Bible institute program to train Christian workers has been started. *Pray for Lonnie Sparks as he directs this important ministry.* **JAPAN** / A filmstrip concerning work here is in production. *Pray that it will be used by the Spirit to stimulate increased concern for this spiritually needy area.* **PANAMA** / The future is still uncertain. *Pray that God will work for His glory.* **URUGUAY** / God is deepening the spiritual life of believers. *Pray that the day will soon come when they will be able to maintain their own services so missionaries may begin works elsewhere.*



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'out of my heart'

a word from the general director



■ Changing world situations make necessary a missionary program that is both flexible and mobile. The missionary in a foreign society is not necessarily a permanent fixture. ■ The time may well come when the missionary is no longer a shepherd of a flock, but himself sheep for the slaughter. This does not lessen the need nor the responsibility for preaching the gospel to all nations, but it underlines the necessity of training converts to reach and to teach their own countrymen. After all, this is the New Testament pattern for missions. ■ Jim Elliot, martyred missionary in Ecuador, wrote in his diary, "We are the sheep of his pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; and what are sheep doing going into the gate? What is the purpose inside those courts? To bleat melodies and enjoy the company of the flock? No. Those sheep were destined for the altar. Their pasture feeding had been for one purpose, to test them and fatten them for bloody sacrifice." ■ Every sheep does not qualify for altar sacrifice. One missionary society reports that of 1,953 candidates making official application over a period of 14 years, only 1,040 were appointed as missionaries. ■ The rigor of missionary life necessitates good health. To learn a foreign language, to cope with a foreign culture, and to win the confidence of the people requires unusual abilities and educational preparation. The close relationship with other missionaries demands a congenial temperament. A divine mission requires strong spiritual qualities to overcome opposing satanic forces. ■ A missionary candidate rejection does not disqualify him for effective Christian service in other areas. Many Christians dedicated to the cause of missions never serve on foreign fields. Each believer committed to Christ is a missionary somewhere in God's field—the world. Where is your field of service?

J. Reford Wilson

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