


HEARTBEAT

MAY '64

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Answer Came



STRANGE THINGS were happening in his life. Sebastiao could not understand his changing feelings. He had been reared as a Roman Catholic and had actually hated evangelicals. But now he found his hatred vanishing and a yearning to know more about the "gospel" he heard them talking about.

He entered his room and knelt by the bed. His four-year old daughter was seriously ill. Money spent on doctors and medicine had apparently failed. She weighed only 20 pounds. For some strange reason he had felt compelled to ask ► PAGE TWO

God was doing a strange thing in his life.

► the missionary to pray for her. Now he found himself praying, too.

IT HAD BEEN two years since the American missionary and the young Brazilian preacher boy made their first visit to Pirassununga, Brazil. When they came to his door, he hid and sent his wife to tell them he was not at home.

Missionary Bobby Aycock asked Sebastiao's wife if she and her husband would like to buy a Bible. When she answered that they had no money, Aycock left them one as a gift. And God began to work through His Word. The Holy Spirit began to soften Sebastiao's heart to the missionary's message.

Sunday school was begun in a neighbor's home a short distance from where Sebastiao and his family lived. Sebastiao and his two older children went. This strange thing that God was working in his heart continued. Amazingly, Sebastiao found himself enjoying the gospel singing and preaching.

Next Sunday, Sebastiao listened from the other side of the fence separating his house from the yard where outdoor Sunday school was being held. Again his heart was strangely warmed. He felt he had found in the missionary a new hope for his own life and also that of his sick daughter. He asked the missionary to pray for God to make his daughter well.

And Sebastiao went to his knees searching for truth. He felt he had to know if the message he had heard was really true, that he could have forgive-

ness of sins through the Lord Jesus Christ, that he could have power to live victoriously over sin, and that he could have the assurance of heaven after death. He asked God to prove that this was true by making his daughter well.

IMMEDIATELY Sebastiao's daughter showed signs of improvement. The next Sunday, Sebastiao and his family returned to the Free Will Baptist mission services and in response to the invitation to receive Christ as Saviour, he and his wife came forward. The strange thing God was doing in his heart came clear. Sebastiao was being born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. Old things were passing away. God was giving him new life.

Sebastiao became a living testimony of the power of God to change sinned lives. He knew true peace for the first time. His family was happy. Life now had real meaning.

Today, Sebastiao's daughter is completely well. He and his wife are growing in their new walk with the Lord. And Sebastiao has given his life to be used in any way God desires.

With the purchase of property for the Brazilian Bible Institute, a caretaker was needed. Sebastiao responded to the need and now lives on the institute site, giving his talents for the glory of God.

And when school begins in January, Sebastiao will be in the first class, yielded to God's will for his life, studying to preach the gospel to his own people. ■



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THE REV. AND MRS. JIM COMBS

MISSIONS in ACTION AROUND THE WORLD



THE REV. AND MRS. DON ROBIRDS

TWO COUPLES APPOINTED FOR S.A.

NASHVILLE—Two couples were officially appointed for service in South America during the annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions here March 31-April 4.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jim Combs of West Virginia and Oklahoma were given sanction to begin deputational ministry to secure necessary prayer and financial support. Mr. Combs is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College. His wife also studied at the denominational school. He has pastored in Ohio.

The Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds also received final approval for missionary service. They hail from California where Mr. Robirds is an instructor and dean at California Bible College. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College where his wife also studied.

In other board deliberations, the 1965 foreign missions budget to be presented to the National Association meeting in annual session in Kansas City in July was considered.

The board also authorized an investigation of Europe as a possible new mission field for Free Will Baptists.

To Put it Briefly . . . Marie Hanna is continuing satisfactory recovery from major surgery in March . . . Bill and Joy Jones arrived home on furlough from the Ivory Coast in April . . . Bill Fulcher has responded successfully to treatment for hepatitis . . . second issue of *Impacto*, Free Will Baptist Spanish magazine is off the press. Good response from other missions agencies desiring possible use in own programs.

Eagleton Need Urgent!

THE KEN EAGLETON account is in urgent need of funds for the Eagletons' return to Brazil in June. It is imperative that they return in June to assume responsibilities of development of the Brazilian Bible Institute and to relieve the Sammy Wilkinsons who are due for furlough shortly. The account showed a deficit on March 31 of \$1,171.53. This deficit must be cleared and a balance of \$2,000 accrued in the account before departure. Individuals and churches are urged to consider special offerings to meet this urgent need. Will you help?

MISS WILSON SAILS MAY 15

NEW YORK—Miss Volena Wilson will sail from this city May 15 en route to South India to begin her third term of service. The North Carolina native is the only Free Will Baptist missionary in South India.



Miss Wilson administers mission activities in the area including grammar schools operated by the mission. She assists the South Indian Church in further development of their gospel outreach.

VOLENA WILSON outreach.



CARLISLE HANNA EXPRESSES VIEWS ON MISSIONS OUTLOOK IN INDIA

FOR SEVERAL months Red Chinese forces have been massed on the border of India just north of Free Will Baptist mission stations in North India. What is the real danger? Can the North Indian Church survive should American missionaries be compelled to leave? These questions and others were directed to veteran missionary to India Carlisle Hanna by *Heartbeat*. Here are his answers.

HEARTBEAT: What affect is the Chinese military buildup on the Indian border having on our work in North India?

HANNA: Actually, it is affecting our Indian people very little even though they understand something of what Communism is. Still, they don't seem to be too worried about it. However, we missionaries are concerned about it. We are concerned about the Church and its ability to stand in the event of Communist invasion. As we pray and as we work, we are seeking to so establish our people in the Lord that they will be able to stand should that day ever come.

Do you feel that the threat of invasion is a genuine threat or merely a scare tactic?

We feel it is an imminent threat, and they are close enough for it to be a matter of concern since we are so near the point of the largest Chinese buildup. Communist China, according to reports, claims that all Mongolian people are China's. The greater part of those living

in the Darjeeling District are Mongolian, and our mission in Sonapurhat is only a mile from the Darjeeling line.

If attack comes, what will be our response?

At the time of the last invasion, we had decided to send our wives and children to our South Indian station which would be as safe as any place in India. But I would stay with the work as long as possible. The only way out should the escape route south be cut off would be to walk out through Pakistan.

Do you anticipate having advance notice in the event of attack sufficient to take precautionary measures?

No. The American Embassy in Calcutta says that we are to watch news reports and be prepared to leave on a moment's notice. They assume no responsibility for missionaries in outlying areas.

In light of the possibility of being forced to leave the North Indian Church in the event of Communist invasion, how do you evaluate the spiritual life of the Church in North India?

I feel that our Christians are alive spiritually and that they realize the presence of the Lord in their lives day by day. Those who are able to read do read the Word. All of them are faithful in prayer. Most of those who do not read have committed portions of the Word to memory. They attend services as regularly as possible, as regularly as we can hold services for them, I should say.

Many times when they have no one to hold services for them, they have services anyway. Someone is able to read the Word, to pray, and to lead the singing.

This isn't to say that every saved person is living a victorious Christian life. We would like to see this true, and we feel it can be. A job still remains to be done in the area of strengthening the Church to stand alone. And there are so many still to be reached with the gospel.

How is the national church responding in taking the initiative in evangelizing their own area and branching out into new areas?

We find the Indian people somewhat unconcerned about others. They are used to living in their own communities. The Hindus don't care whether other people become Hindu. They are satisfied with the number they have. Moslems are the same way. This attitude carries over into the Christian community. They tend to be satisfied with the number of Christians we have and with living where they want to.

We realize that this doesn't work, and as our people have been able to grow in the Lord and know His presence in their lives they become interested in winning their lost loved ones as well as other lost Indians to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are seeking to prepare each one to find his own place in getting the gospel out. In our very simplest Bible lessons we try to teach them that one of their first responsibilities is to witness.

Are we seeing progress in this respect?

Yes, especially among our Santal men. All the men go out and witness, usually two or three at a time. They go from village to village and they have a very effective witness.

What is the status of other religions in India today?

I think there is real growth in interest in the Hindu religion, not that people didn't classify themselves as Hindus before, but once they did not care for the festivals and for taking part in them. Now there is real interest. If we as Free Will Baptists

had been able to send in personnel for an all-out thrust during those days when Hinduism was in a real slump, it would be a different story today. The revival might have been in our own work rather than in the Hindu religion.

What is the greatest obstacle faced in missionary work in North India?

I feel that the greatest obstacle is the darkness of the hearts of the Indian people. They have been darkened by Satan, blinded by men, by heathenism so long that the first step is combating this spiritual blindness. They must be prepared to receive Christ as Saviour, and I believe this is accomplished by prayer as well as by living with the people and living before the people.

Do your people in North India experience a greater problem in spiritual growth than we here in America?

We hold up higher standards for our Christians in India than the average church does here in America. And I find that our people are much more willing to take their part in Christian service than the average American church member. It may be due to the fast way we live in America. ■



ENRICHING READING

R. A. TORREY'S DAILY MEDITATIONS, A. Chester Mann, editor (Baker Book House, 160 pages, \$2.50) brings the devotional richness of a great man of God into the daily experience of the reader. The meditations are short, applicable, a stimulating basis for devotional thinking.

SIX FAMOUS STORIES by Clara Murray (Eerdmans Publishing Co., 112 pages, \$2.00) updates popular stories of the past that have become legends for Christian people. An ideal gift for children and young people.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / MARCH '64

CASH IN BANK MARCH 1, 1964.....\$49,185.55

RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....\$23,304.23
Other Income.....337.29
\$72,827.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields.....\$19,039.02
Traveling and Promotion.....2,380.52
Administrative.....3,889.42
\$47,518.11

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....\$ 5,598.85
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....200.57
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....984.01
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia.....2,701.47
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....1,508.80
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds.....1,313.16
Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Ellison.....1,739.05
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks.....443.85
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.....431.38
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....1,148.72
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N.....266.43
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew.....2,612.73
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie J. Payne.....7,507.16
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps.....4,221.47
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....594.48
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....1,967.16
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....549.88
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....171.17

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....356.94
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson.....2,191.65
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.....383.99
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....164.00
Miss Volena Wilson.....1,764.64
Furlough Car Loan Fund......26
Africa—Medical Building.....4,049.02
Africa—Childrens Division.....4,094.72
North India Building.....6,305.33
Paynes' House.....990.82
Uruguay Vehicle.....191.64
Walds' Vehicle.....2,886.45
Repatriation.....3,190.59
Paynes' Vehicle.....2,011.27
Hannas' Jeep.....139.50
Land for Uruguay.....12.42

\$62,693.58

DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

General Fund.....\$ 791.82
Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton.....1,171.53
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....1,069.03
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....939.83
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley.....1,261.33
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehلمان.....1,702.10
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....951.82
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....621.25
Palmer's House.....282.62
Africa Vehicle.....997.34
Brazil Bible Institute.....5,386.80

\$47,518.11

STATE QUOTAS 1964

STATE	MARCH RECEIPTS	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 512.57	\$ 9,250.00	\$ 2,329.77	\$ 6,920.23	\$
Alaska.....	12.77	400.00	29.75	370.25	
Arizona.....	25.00	1,000.00	94.61	905.39	
Arkansas.....	644.01	9,250.00	1,813.46	7,436.54	
California.....	2,188.54	13,000.00	4,523.68	8,476.32	
Colorado.....	23.81	500.00	80.73	419.27	
Florida.....	1,303.46	7,500.00	2,386.85	5,113.15	
Georgia.....	1,768.86	10,750.00	4,581.03	6,168.97	
Hawaii.....		150.00		150.00	
Idaho.....		250.00		250.00	
Illinois.....	469.53	11,750.00	1,805.07	9,944.93	
Indiana.....	166.56	3,500.00	748.92	2,751.08	
Iowa.....		300.00	120.00	180.00	
Kansas.....	152.35	2,000.00	383.59	1,616.41	
Kentucky.....	223.02	5,500.00	1,109.98	4,390.02	
Louisiana.....		250.00		250.00	
Maine.....		400.00		400.00	
Michigan.....	2,507.05	28,500.00	4,899.77	23,600.23	
Mississippi.....	528.66	6,000.00	1,592.57	4,407.43	
Missouri.....	2,687.68	23,500.00	5,877.06	17,622.94	
New Hampshire.....	20.33	360.00	79.86	280.14	
New Mexico.....		1,350.00	211.12	1,138.88	
North Carolina.....	3,356.81	50,000.00	10,154.06	39,845.94	
Ohio.....	953.98	11,000.00	2,645.80	8,354.20	
Oklahoma.....	1,507.38	25,000.00	7,305.51	17,694.49	
Oregon.....	16.00	150.00	17.00	133.00	
South Carolina.....	646.41	18,000.00	3,863.46	14,136.54	
Tennessee.....	1,831.05	27,500.00	6,764.58	20,735.42	
Texas.....	730.81	13,000.00	2,508.59	10,491.41	
Virginia.....	798.52	18,000.00	2,802.79	15,197.21	
Washington.....		360.00		360.00	
West Virginia.....	229.07	5,000.00	1,827.39	3,172.61	
Miscellaneous.....	123.87	3,103.10	442.95	2,660.15	
	\$ 23,428.10	\$306,573.10	\$ 70,999.95	\$235,573.15	

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MOST IMPORTANT BUSINESS

THOSE MEN WHOM God set forth as a pattern of what He expected Christians to be—the apostles—regarded prayer as the most important business of their lives.

When the multiplying responsibilities of the Early Church crowded in upon them, they “called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But *we will give ourselves continually to prayer* and to the ministry of the Word.” It is evident from what Paul wrote to the churches and to individuals about praying for them, that much of his time and strength and thought were given to prayer.

—by R. A. Torrey in *How to Pray*

as you pray...

BRAZIL / The Ken Eagletons return to Brazil in June. *Pray for their ministry and gifts to their account.*

CUBA-MIAMI / Refugees continue coming into Miami. *Pray for the Tom Willeys, Sr., as they reach these Cubans.*

INDIA / Expanding the work in India is limited because of the lack of workers. *Pray for the sending of more missionaries to India.*

IVORY COAST / The Lonnie Palmers are seeing souls saved at Laoudi-Ba. *Pray for the growth of this work and for the building of their house.*

JAPAN / The Umejima church in Tokyo has been officially organized. *Pray for this group and their pastor Osawa.*

PANAMA / Special care is being given by the Tom Willeys, Jr., to young girl with physical needs. *Pray that because of this ministry the entire family will be saved.*

URUGUAY / Bill Fulcher is recuperating from hepatitis attack. *Pray for complete recovery.*

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'out of my heart'

a word from the general director



■ A spiritual weakling will be crushed by the trampling feet of satanic forces. Our missionary force must be strong in the power of His might.

■ Prayer is the missile of missions. It is the controlling force of spiritual power—"tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." The disciples "continued with one accord in prayer." ■ Prayer gave Holy Spirit boldness to the preacher Peter. Prayer sent a messenger with a message of salvation—Peter to the house of Cornelius. A praying Church delivered Peter from prison. ■ Prayer is the means of confession. The psalmist prayed for cleansing. The prophet Daniel confessed the sins of his countrymen. The publican pleaded for mercy. ■ Prayer is a ministry of intercession.

■ The suffering Saviour prayed from the cross, "Father forgive them . . ." The broken-hearted Apostle declared, "my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." John Knox gave himself to pray, "Give me Scotland or I die." ■ Praying is humble and hard work. It is the exercise of spiritual muscles against invisible foes. It is often the unseen and unsung ministry of unknown saints. ■ Missionary victories must often be credited to those whom we have never met . . . you who frequent the closets of prayer . . . you who attend regularly the prayer services of your church . . . you who have family devotions. ■ I ask you to pray for your missionary family. Pray for their spiritual power . . . for their physical and mental health . . . for the new believers . . . for the salvation of enemies of the cross, many times the families of new Christians . . . for children of the missionaries . . . for God's provision for needs of the fields . . . for more workers. ■ "Pray without ceasing."

J. Reford Wilson

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