

HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

APRIL 1965



I FOUND CHRIST IN CASTRO'S PRISON

*The Bible held the secret
for a Bay of Pigs Prisoner*

**By OSCAR GARCIA
as told to JERRY BALLARD**

AT MIDNIGHT on April 16, 1961, we began unloading our troops on a remote beach on the southern coast of Cuba. We were called "1,400 patriotic refugees seeking to liberate their country." We were also called Cuban Brigade 2506.

It was a moonless night. Everything appeared quiet in the darkened resort and fishing villages dotting the edge of the Bay of Pigs, named after the pig fish which is prevalent in the bay waters. But the quietness was soon shattered by small arms and machine gun fire.

I was assigned to one of the six infantry battalions of Brigade 2506. We had planned a surprise attack, but bombings three days earlier had apparently alerted Castro's militia to the imminence of invasion. We encountered jeep patrols as soon as we were shoved ashore over dangerous coral reef. Shortly we were welcomed with machine gun blasts and soon with heavier artillery.

Our plans were to secure a corner of the island for 72 hours, during which period a government would be established and the area declared Free Cuba. We expected that our free government would be recognized by the nations of the hemisphere which then, at our request, would supply necessary militia help. At the same time, the Cuban people would rally and stand against Castro.

There are a lot of speculations regarding what went wrong. It was an ill-fated adventure from the word

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FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH

"I AM DEBTOR"

**SHARE CHRIST WITH
A WAITING WORLD THROUGH
FREE WILL BAPTIST
FOREIGN MISSIONS**

FREE WILL BAPTISTS are a missionary people. One of the first official acts of the National Association of Free Will Baptists following its organization in 1935 was the establishment of a foreign missions arm which immediately commissioned the first missionaries of the revitalized Free Will Baptist movement.

Today, the denomination continues a strong, growing foreign missions outreach through its Foreign Missions Department. And this month—April—has been designated in the denominational calendar as the month of special emphasis on world evangelism.

Naturally, the Free Will Baptist world-wide ministry is a 12-month task requiring continual prayer and financial support. But in April, the denomination gives special attention to its foreign outreach.

The third Sunday in April—April 18—has been established as Foreign Missions Sunday when churches across America are urged to have special prayer and receive a special love offering for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.

During Foreign Missions Month and Foreign Missions Sunday, Free Will Baptists remember the nearly 70 men and women who have gone abroad to voice the Good News to those who have never heard. Spending years gaining needed training and valuable experience, cutting the ties of home, becoming strangers in foreign lands, subjecting their sons and daughters to the physical and mental perils unknown to us back home—foreign missionaries make these sacrifices to go in your place. God called them to this ministry. And God calls those at home to a ministry of standing with them in prayer and financial support.

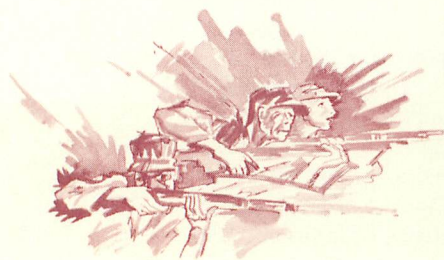
Free Will Baptists also this month remember the 91 per cent of the earth's peoples who do not speak English. It is a sobering fact that only six per cent of the world's ordained preachers minister among this 91 per cent—nearly three billion people out of a population of three and a quarter billion. It is shocking that only

four per cent of the Church's income is used to evangelize the 91 per cent who do not speak English leaving 96 per cent of the Church's funds to lavish on the nine per cent of earth's people who speak English.

In light of the love of God demonstrated at Calvary and the power of God demonstrated in the resurrection, every Free Will Baptist must look at himself and appraise the extent to which he is fulfilling God's plan that "the gospel must first be published among all nations" (Mark 13:10).

The Apostle Paul's heartbeat is again echoed, "I am debtor!" This debt is paid through personal witness at home and increased prayer concern and financial support for those who represent us among the 91 per cent.

Special bulletin inserts and offering envelopes have been printed and mailed to all churches receiving Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service. The materials will be mailed to other churches upon request. Write Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205, and give name and address of church and quantity of leaflets and envelopes desired. Your order will be shipped by return mail. Time is short, so write today. ■



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"go." History will call it a big mistake, the Bay of Pigs "fiasco."

But these factors are of secondary importance to my story because God was at work in a strange but remarkable way. It was as though He intended us to be captured so He

would have an opportunity to carry out His plan of invasion into the hearts of perplexed and disillusioned men.

As far as accomplishing liberation was concerned, our chaotic three-day battle ended in total disaster. We found ourselves backed against the sea from which we had come. Lack of adequate air support, failure of supply ships to reach us, and a breakdown in communications left us but one choice—disperse and seek to avoid capture. The order was "Salvese quien puede."

A few escaped by water, but most of us were hunted down on land and marched off to prison. For me, it was El Principe in Havana.

In prison there was much time for reflection over the past. I recalled my first assignment with the Move-

ment for Integration of Democratic America, a movement throughout Latin America dedicated toward cleaning up government. It was 1945.

As I walked across the University of Havana campus, the possibility of new adventure filled me with excitement. I was young and—like most of the students around me—restless, reckless, and rebellious.

My assignment was simple. I was to masquerade as a student at the university and stir up protests against the corruption that existed in Cuba's government.

I had met Ernesto de la Fe, leader of the movement, a short time before and was immediately attracted to his program of agitation.

I loved my country and wanted it to have the best, so the patriotism in the idea impressed me. But the main thing

that grabbed my interest was the opportunity for action. It was an outlet for tensions that were bent up inside me, tensions that found root in an unstable and insecure past and a present filled with perplexity about the future.

I had been reared on a farm in Santa Clara province with 12 brothers and sisters. We were never taught anything about religion. I can recall a couple of times attending the Roman Catholic church, but I wasn't impressed. I became convinced that life was merely a struggle to survive and perhaps while doing so to make life a little better for those who were to follow.

By the early 1940's, the Communist Party was diligently at work in Cuba. In fact, Batista had three communists in his cabinet in 1940, but the Party was driven underground when Batista was overthrown the first time.

In 1945, the communists controlled labor syndicates. I was eager to join the fight against Communist infiltration into high government positions, as well as the fight against administrative corruption in general.

My first protest campaign at the university was highly successful, and I was quickly made a leader of student movements. My boisterous nature found full release in the opportunity to talk big, loud, and long. I had no scruples. "Anything goes" was my philosophy.

There was something in me that drove me on and on. I was always a fighter. The rougher the assignment, the better.

I was thrown in prison shortly after I began my agitation career. It was merely the first of a dozen times I was destined to be there. In fact, I was put in prison by every Cuban President since 1945. It became a part of my job. And in prison I continued to organize resistance.

When I first met Castro, he was on the government's black list like others of us who were classified "subversive." He came to my house needing protection. I kept him until he could slip past police into the hills. He concealed the fact that he was a communist. He appeared to be merely an agitator like the rest of us. But he was an agitator for a different reason.

It was clear that Castro was a communist soon after he assumed the role of leader of the Cuban government.

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The Word of God AN EDITORIAL

THE CENTRAL ministry of a missionary program is preaching the Word of God. All possible tools are used to do this—radio, literature, education, medicine. But it is dissemination of God's good news as given in the Bible through which the Holy Spirit convicts of sin and draws men to the only Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. ■ Testimonies like that of Oscar Garcia ("I Found Christ in Castro's Prison," cover) demonstrates the power of the Word of God working apart from human instrumentality. The Bible is "sharper than a two-edged sword," we read. Oscar is a living demonstration of this truth. ■ The Bible has much to say about its place in the redemptive work God is performing throughout the world. We know that man is saved by grace through faith in the atoning work of Christ. But how does man acquire this faith? ■ Saving faith is a work of the Holy Spirit in a receptive heart. The Bible says that faith comes by hearing and that hearing comes through the Word of God. Thus we see that the Holy Spirit speaks to the human soul convicting, convincing and converting through the powerful pages of the Bible—the infallible Word of God. ■ This makes our mission clear. Through every means—available in this advanced age, we are to "preach the Word" being "instant in season and out of season." This issue of *Heartbeat* gives emphasis to this mission through the cover story and a special examination of the Bible's place in world evangelism, page 10.



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We intensified our anti-communist campaign, but their control was entrenched. Very quickly we became rabbits chased by Castro's beagle hounds.

Ernesto de la Fe was arrested, and several members of the movement and I were attempting to conceal our files when the police arrived. We, too, were imprisoned, without trial, of course.

Six months later in July, 1959, I was released from prison but kept under close surveillance around the clock. I knew I had to leave the island to survive.

About six o'clock one evening I managed to lose my watchdog and join three others on a small boat. Our destination was the United States and freedom. When we sighted Key West, it was a welcomed scene.

I immediately joined forces training in Guatemala for an invasion of our homeland. By this time I had become a very bitter young man. I was bent on causing all the havoc I could.

Then came our short-lived fight and imprisonment at El Principe.

I can't describe the suffering and misery we endured in Castro's prison. We lived and slept on the floor with bugs and rats as playmates. No sanitation was provided. We were given water in which to bathe only 15 minutes a day.

We were stripped to our underclothes and forced to stand for hours while shots zinged overhead. Food was a scarce commodity.

Brainwashing and mental tortures became a daily treat. Knowing I had been a part of an anti-communist movement, they persecuted me even more.

I came to the end of my rope. It was as if I could stand it no longer. Suicide was in the back of my mind.

One day I got up early in the morning. I was subconsciously praying although I didn't realize I was talking with God. I had a companion who was lying on a mat nearby. He was a Christian, but he had never said anything to me about Christ. My lips moved with the words, "Loan me your Testament."

I began to read. The presence of the Lord became very real to me. I know now it was the Holy Spirit speaking to my heart.

The more I read, the more I wanted to read. I was anxious to know more about God and especially about Jesus Christ.

I came to the passage in Matthew 17 which tells about the transfiguration of Jesus. The words penetrated my heart, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

Jesus then said, "Arise, and be not afraid." He was talking to me. Although my life to that time had been lived wickedly and selfishly, I knew that Jesus cared and wanted to help me. I bowed my head and asked Him to take charge.

Immediately I was liberated from the suffering and misery around me. I was no longer a prisoner of Castro, but I had become a prisoner of Jesus Christ, gloriously transformed by His power.

No preacher was present to tell me what to do, so I continued to read the Bible. And God continued to speak to my heart. He began to change my life completely. I had a habit of smoking cigarettes. I was known for my quick temper and snappy disposition. These were miraculously taken away. The desire for whiskey was taken, too. I was a new man. Old things had passed away. All things were becoming new.

My friends marveled at me. They wanted to know how I could be so changed. I told them it was Christ who had changed me. I began to read the Bible to them. At times I trembled with fear to do it, but I did it anyway.

As I read, they became more and more interested. Others joined our Bible reading sessions.

Those who knew me would say, "Great sinner like him—and now he's reading the Bible. This I've got to see."

We got together four times each week. One Christian had a hymnbook, so we sang and praised the Lord.

Prison became our sanctuary. The guards tolerated us out of an inner fear of God. Although we were dying with hunger, those of us who knew Christ would pray and ask God for strength. We would then feel strong, and the guards were amazed.

Other study groups were meeting in the prison—Rosicrucians, Jehovah's Witnesses, Spiritists, and the like. I knew that their teachings were in conflict with the Bible, but I was not a Bible scholar, so I didn't believe I could do anything about it. Yet God burdened my heart to answer their false teachings.

I studied diligently, and God blessed me with understanding. I began to do more than just read the Scriptures as in the past. I would tell those present how God had spoken to me through the Bible and how He had transformed my life. Everyone knew this was true. Then I would show what the Bible says about the false teachings of the other groups. One by one these groups disbanded as our group grew and grew.

The difference between those who came to Christ and those who did not brought many visitors to our classes. Those who did not know Christ were visibly defeated. Those who did lived with heads high. There were as many as 80 studying with us before we were released.

On Christmas Eve, 1962, I was returned to the United States. But I'm not the same man that took part in the Bay of Pigs invasion. I have the same name. Look somewhat the same. But inside, a radical change has taken place. Fear of the future has vanished in the prospect of an eternity with God. The present is filled with the blessings of the Lord as I continue to serve Him.

I study the Bible daily. It is my source of life. Through it I come to know the Lord Jesus more and more. I have given myself to share the great truths of this Book with everyone around me.

And God has given many opportunities for witness. I have been asked to speak to church and civic groups all over the country. On occasions I have given my testimony to crowds numbering in the thousands. But there is no greater joy than sharing with individuals the faith I found in Castro's prison. ■

EDITOR'S NOTE: Garcia today continues his witness for the Lord in the Spanish Free Will Baptist Church in Miami.

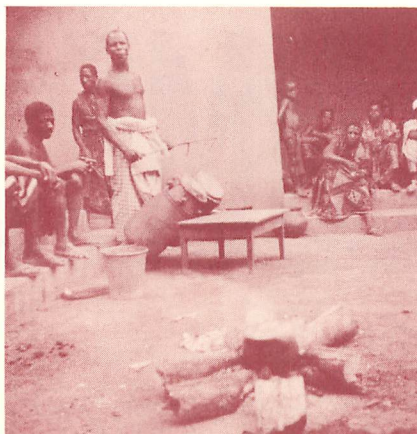
YAM FESTIVAL

By BILL JONES

THE DRUMS beat out their call, and the villagers gravitate to the compound of the "keeper of the stool." It is harvest time, and all have gathered to give thanks to their ancestors for a good harvest. It is called the Yam Festival.

With the coming of European culture and Christianity, much of the ceremony has been dropped or changed. However, in many villages a pilgrimage to the river for ceremonial cleansing is still made with the village chief on the shoulders of the young men. In other villages, like Koun, even this has been dropped for the simple sacrificial ceremony to the villagers' ancestors. To the people of this region, the yam is the basic food. It is a coarse, potato-like vegetable, but much larger than our potatoes. It is eaten cooked simple, grated, crushed or pounded and made like biscuit dough. It represents health, happiness and prosperity. With its harvest, therefore, an annual thanksgiving feast is celebrated.

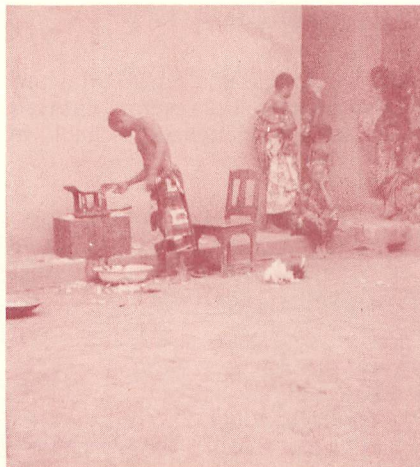
From the box, two men lift out the stool. At first sight, it looks worthless. It is old and colored a dirty brown because it was dedicated many years ago with the blood of slaves. The stool is placed on top of the box. The old chief and an old woman come across and stand in front of it. The woman has two pots of cooked and



The drums beat out their call

crushed yam. The chief drops his cloth to the waist, which shows profound respect to the person whom he is addressing, and begins to call out the names of old chiefs, dead many years. As he recites the names, the woman offers handfuls of yam from both pots, placing small mounds all around.

As the chief finishes, a rooster is brought for the first sacrifice. A young man comes forward to do this. The chief takes the rooster and presents it to the stool, telling all the ancestors how thankful they are for



A young man offers the blood of a rooster as a sacrifice

all the good things, and how they want them to continue watching over them. The drums interrupt with another "thanks." The young man takes the rooster, cuts its throat and holds it above the stool, allowing the blood to fall on the stool, the mounds of yam and the box.

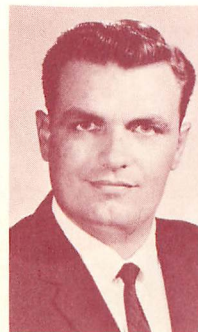
Another rooster is offered in following the same ceremony with one addition: while still alive, the rooster's heart is taken out to beat its last on the seat of the stool. As many as like offer sacrifices, then the big sacrifice is made.

A bound sheep is dragged to rest before the stool, and after reminding the ancestors once again to be good to all the people, the young men cut the sheep's throat, firmly holding the mouth so it will not cry out. The blood this time is caught in a large basin. It is dipped up in the hand of one of the young men and spread on the stool, completely covering all sides even to the crevices caused by age. Then the heart and other organs are added to those already on the stool. Once again, the drums beat out their message, and everyone prepares to share in eating the sacrifices and drinking palm wine. The stool returns to its box for another year. The ancestors have been propitiated.

Leaving the compound the people were laughing and talking. Yet, I sensed an undercurrent of emptiness. It was as if the sacrifice was a mockery of times long past and this was all they had for the future. Unsure, fearful, yet desirous of doing right—this characterizes most Africans. To do what is right, they must hear and be convinced by the Word of God taught by a witness. ■

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PRAYERTIME

USE THIS PRAYER CALENDAR AS YOU REMEMBER YOUR MISSIONS



THE VALUE OF PRAYER

"Far and near the fields are teeming
With the waves of ripened grain;

Far and near their gold is gleaming
O'er the sunny slope and plain.

Lord of Harvest, send forth reapers!
Hear us, Lord, to Thee we cry;

Send them now the sheaves to gather,
Ere the harvest-time pass by."

"The Call for Reapers"
by J. O. Thompson

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the
harvest, that he would send forth
labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

PRAYER CALENDAR April

APRIL 15: Tom and Mabel Willey are in deputational ministries in Virginia. Pray that many will be challenged by the need of missions.

APRIL 16: Pray that Herbert Waid will gain a thorough grasp of the Japanese language as he continues further studies.

APRIL 17: Walter and Marcia Ellison have met many unsaved in language study in Brazil. Pray for opportunities for witnessing.

APRIL 18: Today is "Foreign Missions Sunday" among Free Will Baptists. Pray that many will respond to the challenge of missions and will not only give financial support but will also give themselves to God for service.

APRIL 19: Lonnie and Bernice Palmer are doing chiefly village evangelism in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Pray that many will accept Christ.

APRIL 20: It is reported that attempts are being made to take property away from the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists. Pray for God to intervene as it is His will.

APRIL 21 Pray that funds will be provided for Patsy Tyson and Ella Rae Jones to leave next month for language study preparatory to service in Ecuador.

APRIL 22: Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey are ministering in the Canita area of Panama. Pray that many will respond to the gospel.

APRIL 23: Pray for spiritual strength and insight as Bobby and Sue Aycock maintain ministries in Araras and Pirassununga, Brazil.

APRIL 24: Archie and Sarah Mayhew are witnessing to several unsaved classmates in language school in

Switzerland. Pray that the Lord will use this to save many.

APRIL 25: Pray that Director of Conference Ministries Rufus Coffey will know God's direction as he plans itineraries of missionaries and appointees.

APRIL 26: Carlisle Hanna and Daniel Cronk are making special evangelistic endeavors among refugees coming to India from Pakistan. Pray for God's blessing.

APRIL 27: Earnie and Jean Deeds, shepherding the Campinas, Brazil, church, especially need the Lord's blessing in training nationals to lead the church themselves.

APRIL 28: Pray that Paul and Amy Robinson will be strengthened by God as they witness in Uruguay, a predominately Roman Catholic country.

APRIL 29: Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley treat almost 200 patients per day in Bouna, Ivory Coast. Pray that as personal witness is given, many will be saved.

APRIL 30: Pray for spiritual depth and wisdom as General Director Reford Wilson leads the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department.

AS YOU PRAY...
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BY NAME

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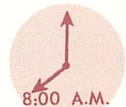
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ECUADOR



5:30 P.M.

IVORY COAST



INDIA



JAPAN



PANAMA



URUGUAY



ONARIES DAILY BEFORE THE LORD

MAY 1: Free Will Baptists have sent no new missionaries to Japan since 1959. Pray that God will give renewed vision of this needy field and will call many to this area.

MAY 2: Harold and Josephine Stevens have requested prayer for guidance in rearing 32 orphans and destitute children under their care in Zululand, South Africa.

MAY 3: Pray that many in Panama City will find Christ through ministry of Estenio and Anita Garcia.

MAY 4: Pray for God's blessings on Eula Mae Martin as she resumes her medical ministry in Campinas, Brazil.

MAY 5: John and Barbara Moehlman are in deputation ministries among Free Will Baptist churches. Pray that the Lord will provide funds to put their account in the black, and to assure a speedy departure for their new field of service.

MAY 6: Bill and Glenda Fulcher have begun a church in Rivera, Uruguay. Pray that many will be won through this witness.

MAY 7: Pray that many will be won to Christ through the dispensary ministry of Jimmy and Janie Aldridge in Koun, Ivory Coast.

MAY 8: Bill and Barbara Phipps, aviation missionaries, are ministering in Las Tablas, Panama. Pray that the gospel will change lives among these hard-to-reach people.

MAY 9: Pray that needed faith promise support will be raised for Wesley and Aileen Calvery through their deputational ministries.

MAY 10: "The field is the world . . ." Yet, how often do Christians forget this! Pray that God will give to Free Will Baptists a renewed burden to reach the lost.

MAY 11: Ken and Marvis Eagleton are directing the Brazil Bible Institute. Pray for spiritual perception as they lead the students.

MAY 12: Several missionary accounts, as well as the general fund, are deficit (note page 7). Pray that these needed funds will be given.

MAY 13: Pray that many will accept Christ through village evangelism ministry of Eddie and Sandra Payne in Bouna, Ivory Coast.

MAY 14: Volena Wilson requests prayer for God's leadership and blessing on K. A. Achish, who plans to enter South India Bible Institute this July.

FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

RECOMMENDED READING AND LISTENING

BOOKS

The Letters of Paul, An Expanded Paraphrase, by F. F. Bruce (Eerdmans, 323 pp.). Dr. Bruce is an editor, author, and professor. Side by side with this expanded paraphrase is the full text of the *English Revised Version* (1881). An excellent, scholarly book!

Driven Afar, by Betty Swinford (Moody Press, 158 pp.). "A fast-moving, vivid, dynamic, romantic story" revealing God's limitless patience and love and his sure judgements. Exciting plot, unusual climax, stimulating story

RECORDS

Sing A Song Along (Word, WST-8338-LP, Sterophonic). The Continentals, a group of nearly fifty teenagers "with a song in their hearts." This most beautiful album of medlies conveys the sound of youth, singing of their individual faith in Christ. This group has presented concerts all across America. They have appeared on television, in motion pictures, on radio, in local churches, at Youth for Christ rallies, and at countless public functions. You will enjoy these beautiful songs.

Mary Ellen Rice

Don and Carol Robirds*
Sam and June Wilkinson**

Cuba-Miami

Thomas, Sr., and Mabel Willey

Ecuador

Ella Rae Jones***
John and Barbara Moehlman**
Patsy Tyson***

India

Daniel and Trula Cronk
Carlisle and Marie Hanna
Volena Wilson

Ivory Coast

Jimmy and Janie Aldridge
Ruby Griffin, M.D.***
Bill and Joy Jones**
Archie and Sarah Mayhew*
LaVerne, M.D., and Lorene Miley
Lonnie and Bernice Palmer

Eddie and Sandra Payne
Lonnie and Anita Sparks

Japan

Wesley and Aileen Calvery**
Fred and Evelyn Hersey
Herbert and Geraldine Waide

Panama

Estenio and Anita Garcia****
Bill and Barbara Phipps
Tom, Jr., and Emma Ruth Willey

Uruguay

Molly Barker***
Bill and Glenda Fulcher
Paul and Amy Robinson

South Africa

Josephine Stevens****

*In language study
**On furlough in States
***Under appointment
****Associate missionary

MISSIONS IN ACTION AROUND THE WORLD

Missions Leaders Finish Assignments, Near End of Journey

General Director Reford Wilson and Director of Publications Jerry Ballard are on the last of their assignments as they are nearing the end of their extended mission abroad. Wilson was to arrive home from Europe April 2 and Ballard will complete his photographic and literature ministry in Panama, arriving in the States April 10.

The two missions leaders held fruitful strategy consultations with Free Will Baptist missionaries after landing in the Ivory Coast March 1, including the Lonnie Sparkses, LaVerne Mileys, Lonnie Palmers, Jimmy Aldridges and Eddie Paynes.

Wilson flew on to Europe, March 20 to investigate possibilities of a denominational ministry there.

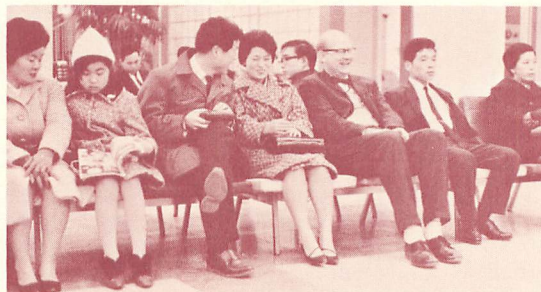
Ballard discussed literature needs in the Ivory Coast with missionaries and shot photos for a filmstrip to be released later this year or early in 1966. The publications executive flew from Africa to Brazil on March 14 to finalize the shooting of a motion picture film on youth evangelism and to formulate immediate plans for the literature ministry there.

Ballard's assignments in Brazil also included making arrangements for the production of an evangelistic magazine in Portuguese for use in that South American country to be handled by Missionary Don Robirds.

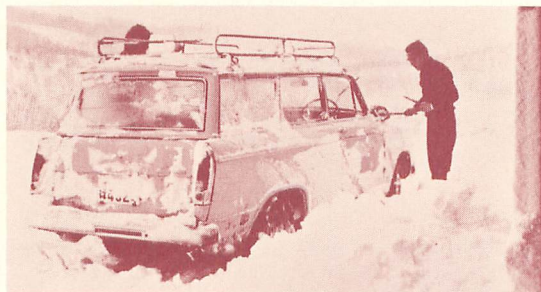
From Brazil, Ballard was scheduled to go to Uruguay for consultation in literature with missionaries and to shoot photos for a filmstrip. He was to make stops in Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama to study circulation developments of the Spanish magazine, *Impacto* and complete his photographic assignments.



General Director Reford Wilson talks with missionary Wesley Calvery and young friend in Hokkaido.



Missionary Fred Hersey (3rd from right) feels "right at home" with the people of Japan.



National workers brave the icy winter of Japan in Hokkaido.

In South India, Mr. Wilson distributes Christian literature to the people.



Response To Impacto Is Good

Response to the Spanish publication *Impacto* from Latin Americans is good.

In recent correspondence with missions leaders in the United States, South and Central America, it was reported that the people make wide use of the magazine. Several missions societies, as well as Free Will Baptist workers, use *Impacto* in their ministry in Spanish speaking areas.

The magazine, soon to be published in Portuguese also, is designed to meet specific needs for evangelical literature, both as a study guide and as an evangelistic publication.

We are grateful for this Free Will Baptist publication.

TO PUT IT BRIEFLY . . .

Dr. Ruby Griffin, missionary appointee to the Ivory Coast, West Africa, will sail June 3 for Switzerland to begin language study prior to going to Africa to assist Dr. LaVerne Miley The Wesley Calverys, Bill Joneses, John Moehlmans, and Dr. Ruby Griffin will be at the Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee April 4-8 The Foreign Missions Department is eagerly awaiting their moving into the new headquarters. The larger facilities will make possible a more efficient operation. The department has carried on its ministry for six years in a renovated attic room 24' x 34'. There are six full-time and three part-time employees working in this room which accommodates file cabinets, equipment, supplies, and audio-visual material as well as desks There is an urgent need of increased giving to the general fund to purchase furniture for the new Foreign Missions offices. This would be a worthy project for special missionary offerings this month.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / FEBRUARY 1965

CASH IN BANK FEBRUARY 1, 1965 \$47,418.86

RECEIPTS

State Quotas \$25,743.89
Other Income 86.52

\$73,249.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields \$20,269.91
Traveling and Promotion 3,465.13
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\$72,401.74

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Brazil Bible Institute 824.25
Uruguay Vehicle 84.45
Audio-Visual 2,448.81
South India Vehicle 88.95

26,282.13

\$46,119.61

STATE QUOTAS 1965

| STATE | FEBRUARY RECEIPTS | QUOTA | TOTAL RECEIPTS | UNDER QUOTA | OVER QUOTA |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Alabama | \$ 561.23 | \$ 12,250.00 | \$ 1,296.51 | \$ 10,953.49 | |
| Alaska | 10.00 | 300.00 | 10.00 | 290.00 | |
| Arizona | 30.25 | 750.00 | 128.57 | 621.43 | |
| Arkansas | 847.90 | 13,000.00 | 1,408.26 | 11,591.74 | |
| California | 3,171.85 | 20,000.00 | 6,597.68 | 13,402.32 | |
| Colorado | 36.86 | 500.00 | 74.59 | 425.41 | |
| Florida | 1,876.10 | 10,500.00 | 2,353.98 | 8,146.02 | |
| Georgia | 1,277.71 | 15,750.00 | 2,049.80 | 13,700.20 | |
| Hawaii | | 150.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | |
| Idaho | 14.07 | 200.00 | 14.07 | 185.93 | |
| Illinois | 676.60 | 11,700.00 | 1,515.70 | 10,184.30 | |
| Indiana | 154.29 | 3,500.00 | 492.90 | 3,007.10 | |
| Iowa | 67.00 | 750.00 | 247.75 | 502.25 | |
| Kansas | 60.65 | 2,500.00 | 209.06 | 2,290.94 | |
| Kentucky | 444.13 | 5,500.00 | 566.24 | 4,933.76 | |
| Louisiana | | 200.00 | 9.25 | 190.75 | |
| Maine | 26.00 | 100.00 | 101.00 | | 1.00 |
| Michigan | 2,325.32 | 45,000.00 | 5,880.27 | 39,119.73 | |
| Mississippi | 312.43 | 6,000.00 | 650.42 | 5,349.58 | |
| Missouri | 1,105.81 | 23,500.00 | 3,459.09 | 20,040.01 | |
| New Hampshire | 20.56 | 750.00 | 63.69 | 686.31 | |
| New Mexico | 65.00 | 1,350.00 | 127.08 | 1,222.92 | |
| North Carolina | 2,840.26 | 48,500.00 | 7,696.94 | 40,803.06 | |
| Ohio | 1,212.84 | 11,000.00 | 2,076.21 | 8,923.79 | |
| Oklahoma | 2,380.74 | 45,000.00 | 6,609.47 | 38,390.53 | |
| Oregon | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | |
| South Carolina | 1,418.92 | 18,500.00 | 2,701.43 | 15,798.57 | |
| Tennessee | 2,460.76 | 30,000.00 | 4,313.65 | 25,686.35 | |
| Texas | 561.62 | 13,500.00 | 1,543.15 | 11,956.85 | |
| Virginia | 781.83 | 18,000.00 | 1,848.79 | 16,151.21 | |
| Washington | 13.50 | 350.00 | 13.50 | 336.50 | |
| West Virginia | 884.51 | 10,000.00 | 1,318.41 | 8,681.59 | |
| Miscellaneous | 105.15 | 4,250.00 | 499.60 | 3,750.40 | |
| | \$ 25,743.89 | \$373,450.00 | \$ 55,977.96 | \$317,473.04 | \$ 1.00 |

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

—II CORINTHIANS 9:6, 7

THE BIBLE AND WORLD EVANGELISM

by Joe Ange

The battle for the evangelization of the world is being lost. Despite the use of modern means of communications and travel, even though new and better techniques are being used, inspite of the utilization of increased knowledge of medicine, with all bravery, sacrifice and isolated victories of consecrated missionaries, the battle is being lost. As thankful as we are for missionaries, for missionary minded churches, for missionary youth organizations, for Bible Institutes, Colleges and Universities which provide properly qualified personnel and for the Bible-believing missionary agencies which are miracles of God, the battle is being lost. It is a simple matter of devotion, and a simple matter of arithmetic.

There are 3,100,000,000 people on the earth. Over 1,000,000,000 of them have never heard the gospel. The heathen population is increasing at the rate of 50,000,000 each year. Two hundred thousand die every day. If we stood still and watched the heathen march by at the rate of 3,600 per hour, the procession would never cease.

What are we going to do about this appalling situation? What is the answer? Is there an answer? Yes, there is. The Bible, the Word of God, holds the answer. Let us observe:

The Great Challenge Today

The greatest authority on missions has said, "... as my Father hath sent, me, even so send I you," John 20:21b. Again, He said, "... Go ye into all the world, and preach ..." Mark 16:15. Moreover, the same one has declared "... ye shall be witnesses unto me ..." Acts 1:8b.

This generation must evangelize or fossilize. We are not responsible for the last generation. We are not altogether responsible for future generations. We *are* responsible for this generation. Our Saviour said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain ..." John 15:16a.

The message to every Christian in this crisis hour is the message of

urgency uttered by Mordecai to Esther hundreds of years ago, "... who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14c. We have the soul captivating challenge to take the light where there is no light. We have the challenge of open doors as set forth in God's Word in Revelation 3:8, "... behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

Theoretically, emotionally, socially, and to some degree, naturally, we feel obliged to help alleviate the troubles and sorrows of the world. However, the greatest basis or ground for meeting the needs of the world is world missions as set forth in the Holy Word of God.

Missions a Bible Imperative

In the Bible, the statement is found that won the heart of William Carey to a life of missionary service: "Thy redeemer shall be called the God of all the earth," Isaiah 54:5. In the fifth chapter of II Corinthians, we find five compelling reasons for devoted missionary service. In verse 10 there is the *judgment seat of Christ*. Verse 11 tells us of the *terror of the Lord*. The *love of Christ* is given as a constraining motive in verse 14. The *transformed nature* of the Christian is held forth as a powerful dynamic for the renewed life of unselfish service to others in verse 17. Then, according to verse 20 we have been appointed to a great *spiritual ambassadorship* by our Lord. So, you see we are urged by many motives to do the job that God called us to do.

Concerning the hungry multitudes, Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat," Mark 6:37. Most of us are like the Chinaman who refused to help his fellow Chinese friend who was drowning. Said he, "There are hundreds of millions more of them, let him die."

The "Go ye" words of the Lord Jesus Christ are plain, direct, decisive. We can do no less than obey them and please our wonderful Lord. This truth may be illustrated by the following incident. A gateman checking tickets at New York City Grand Central Station was told that he was the most unpopular man in New York. When he was told this he said, "Do you see that man looking down from that window above me? He is my boss. It is my desire to please him, not others." God's Word affords us a perfect account of how we may please our Lord.

When William Carey saw the word "Go" it meant for him to go into all the world. It meant go preach the gospel. It meant to preach the gospel to every creature. When Carey saw the "Go Ye" it conveyed to him the divine imperative of solemn personal responsibility, and he gladly answered the call to India.

The Bible and God's Program

God's program is the evangelization of the world. "To every nation," "To all the world," and "To every creature" are statements that occur many times in the Inspired Record. God is busy calling out from among them a people for His name. Every Christian must be actively engaged in this great work to satisfy the claims of God and of God's Word on his life. An Indian woman, who had three months to live if she stayed in the hospital or three weeks to live if released from the hospital, asked to be released at once so that she could go witness to her unsaved friends and loved ones. Would to God that the church of today could feel such urgency to respond with the great message of deliverance.

Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day . . ." John 9:4. Paul exclaimed, "I am debtor." He went everywhere exclaiming, "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." The early disciples went everywhere preaching the gospel.

Everywhere the Bible emphasizes that God's program is carried out through His personnel—dedicated men. God's employment bureau is always open. The heathen cry, "Come over and help us." God asks, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us." The Peters, Andrews and Johns are commanded, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." The true Isaiahs answer, "Here am I, send me." The dedicated Pauls of today are saying, "What wilt thou have me to do?" The consecrated Amaziahs willingly offer themselves to the Lord, (II Chron. 17:16).

The Bible makes it clear that God's program is propelled and sustained and undergirded with the promises of God. Speaking of those who did exploits for God the Bible says, "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped

the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens," Heb. 11:33,34. Underneath are the everlasting arms. "According to your faith," says the precious Word of God.

The Bible and God's Power For Missions

In Joel 2:28 we read, "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions." When Peter stood up to preach on the day of Pentecost, he, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, said, "This is that." Here was the fulfillment of Joel's great prophesy. Thus, we learn that the early church launched her great crusade of world evangelization under the anointing of the blessed Holy Spirit.

The task today must be done under the anointing of the Lord of the Harvest, the Holy Spirit. Another prophet of old has put it this way, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," Zech. 4:6. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit upon His disciples and instructed them that greater works would they do than those which He did. This they would do in the power of the Holy Spirit because He was going to His Father.

Paul, the world's greatest single credential to the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, was so convinced of the necessity of the Holy Spirit's anointing that he admonishes every child of God to "... be filled with the Spirit," Eph. 5:18.

The Bible and God's Pleadings For Missionaries

Moses felt the cry of the down-trodden and suffering in Egypt and answered the call before the burning bush of God's presence.

Isaiah saw the majesty of God's throne, cried for cleansing, then answered the Lord's call to take God's message until the cities be wasted of their inhabitants.

Nehemiah saw the ruins of Jerusalem and it moved his heart to go and rebuild the walls and the gates of the ancient city.

Paul saw the wickedness of men's

hearts and came forth with his soul stirring committal, "I am debtor," "I am not ashamed," "I am ready."

Many others, of whom the world is not worthy, have heard God's pleadings, His call, and have braved seas, perils, sicknesses, loneliness and more, to go and preach.

Thank God for all of those in our ranks who have heard God's cry, "Who will go," and have answered, "Here am I."

Have you heard God's call? Have you answered it aright?

The Bible and the Consumation of Missions

Great volumes could be written on this aspect of missions. However, I want to close this article with three direct quotations from the Word of God. Matthew tells us about the consumation of missions by saying, "... that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven," Matt. 8:11. John tells us, "After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." And again, he says that they are "Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen," Rev. 7:12.

Yes, the Bible tells us all about missions. May God give all of us grace to apply what we learn in it. ■

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"OUT OF MY HEART"



A word
from the
General Director

■ In my traveling to the mission fields, I have seen evidence of Christ building His Church. God's work like the lily of the valley is an unfolding of beauty and a scattering of fragrance. The growth of the Church from Gethsemane to our present day can be traced by its tears, sweat and blood. ■ I walked the damp, winding, dimly lit corridors of the ancient catacombs of Rome. Persecuted believers fled to these underground passages for fear of their lives. These were the burial places from which many of their bodies have been exhumed. They gave testimony of their faith with inscriptions, "We sleep in peace in Jesus Christ." On the walls are engraved pictures of Old Testament stories, Abraham and Isaac; New Testament events, John baptizing Jesus; the sign of the fish, the secret symbol of the disciples. ■ I heard the hollow sound of my steps in costly ornate cathedrals with images which can neither speak, hear nor see. Rituals are but rusty chains which bind the soul in ceremonialism. I saw them lighting candles, kissing stones and bowing prostrate on prayer rugs. Hungering souls seeking . . . ■ There are those who believe the gospel and with whom Christ builds His Church. I heard hundreds of boys and girls in South India sing "Look to the Lamb of God." Converted Hindu priests told of the transforming power of the Word. I sang with African believers, "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." A government employee in Athens related a testimony of salvation and service which sounded much like an excerpt from Hebrews 11. ■ "I will build my Church." This we have seen. "Without me ye can do nothing." This we must realize. "Ye shall receive power." This we must have. "Go teach all nations." This we must obey. "Whom shall I send?" This we must answer.

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