HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS JANUARY 1965

SAME OLD WORLD: NEW FACES

By JERRY BALLARD

NEW calendar, a new budget, a new year! But it's the same old world. Many of the crushing problems facing 1964 still stare at 1965 . . . the racial revolution in the United States . . . chaos in the Congo . . . American sons and fathers dying in Vietnam . . . crisis within the Communist Empire, continued Red-led agitation outside . . . the space race . . . the weakening American dollar . . . immorality in high places. The new year offers little consolation for those who wrestle with the perplexing problems under which our old world has been groaning for quite sometime. World tensions seem to be in a cycle of give and take with each side worried that they are giving more than they are taking. It's the same old world of revolving crises and accompanying frustrations. Several faces passed out of sight in 1964 . . . former President Herbert Hoover, the gallant soldier, General MacArthur. The old face in the Kremlin was replaced

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FROM THE PAST by two new ones. Although political commentators predict a continuation of Khrushchev-type policies, the change poses a big questionmark in international politics.

Other faces have changed, too. In Brazil, the Red-tinted face of Joao Goulart was changed for one of anti-Communism. So far, the new face has been a healthy one both for the welfare of Brazil and the advance of the gospel. Unprecedented receptivity to the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ is seen.

To meet the challenge, the Free Will Baptist missionary staff in South America's largest nation has been doubled. An ambitious literature program is in development including an edition of the Bible study magazine *Impacto* for the Portuguese-speaking nation.

A Bible institute is ready to open its doors to train Brazilians to reach their own.

A feature-length motion picture will be filmed in March for release in Brazil later in the year. It will be used in youth evangelism. Evangelistic motion pictures have become highly effective mediums of gospel proclamation in South America. An English version for use in the States also will be released.

ALL CASTRO

The face of Cuba remains all Castro. The economic blockade has been only partially effective. There is always hope. Sometimes it runs high. Other days are filled with discouragement.

But the gospel goes forth. A dozen Cuban Free Will Baptist pastors continue the denomination's ministry in this Communist stronghold. And souls are being saved.

The main tool of evangelism in Cuba today is the faithful prayer support of Christians across America—prayer that God will strengthen His children for reprisals already seen and those yet to come, prayer that His men will have wisdom as they direct the destiny of His work, prayer that God will yet turn the wrath of men to praise Him.

This wrath has already turned into praise in Miami where scores of Cuban exiles have responded to the gospel. Two Cuban pastors faithfully labor there at personal sacrifice to

reach their own people while they are in a position to be reached. They need additional financial support for their ministries.

Other Cuban pastors who had to leave Cuba have been relocated for effective ministries elsewhere, one to Texas, another to California, and another to Panama.

New faces will be appearing in Ecuador later this year when Free Will Baptist missionaries arrive to begin the first denominational ministry in this South American republic.

Work in Ecuador will be in cooperation with World Missionary Radio Fellowship, operators of HCJB and other Ecuadoran ministries. Missionary John Moehlman is in Ecuador this month surveying the area to assist the Board of Foreign Missions in development of longrange plans for the country.

A world famous face is now missing in India. The year 1964 witnessed the exit of international leader and Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. A new face now stands at the head of India's government.

But the other faces of India continue much the same . . . haggard faces wrinkled by years of stress . . . scrawney faces weakened by the most serious famine ever to confront this populous nation . . . worried faces depicting inward fear of impending assault from the horde of Red Chinese massed at the border . . . distraught faces shaped by years of searching for but never finding spiritual peace.

A new face is possible for India if she will open her heart to the life changing message of the gospel. Missionaries continue to echo the voice of the Lord Jesus, "Come and I shall give you rest."

The hostel ministry, where boys and girls are given food and lodging while attending public school, is being expanded. Grammar schools continue to bear fruit in South India. The big need of 1965 is more manpower and more tools to get the job done.

A CHANGING FACE

The face of the Ivory Coast is changing. Unlike the nearby Congo, it has been a peaceful change . . . thus far. The Twentieth Century is pushing its way back into the bush country bringing with it new ways of doing things, new goals in life, new ideas.

Free Will Baptist missionaries vie with exponents of Romanism, Islam and Animism for the devotion of these dark-skinned people. Ministries are being expanded to meet the challenge. Four new missionaries arrived on the field last year. Others are on the way.

The medical ministry continues to bear fruit. Another doctor is under appointment to join the present medical staff. A literature ministry is under development to meet the demands of a literacy explosion now underway.

A Bible institute begun last year will be expanded this year to meet the need of developing national leadership to reach Africans for Christ.

Japan's face continues to change. Materialism and individualism is replacing many of the ancient modes of life. Today's Japanese is less inhibited, less restrictive than his ancestors. Missionaries laboring in the island nation are trusting that he is also becoming more receptive to the gospel.

A pagan culture instilled in child-hood, an undercurrent of anti-Americanism spawned by American occupation following World War II and nurtured by effective Communist propaganda, and a general distrust of the outside world combine to make Japan one of the most discouraging areas for gospel witness.

Yet, increasing evidence is seen that God is working among the Japanese redeeming a people for Himself. The new year of 1965 can be the year of greatest spiritual advance if God's people will launch a spiritual war by prayer that God will work in power through His servants. Increased financial support is needed so more missionaries can be sent and more means utilized.

AN AWAKENING AREA

An anti-American face appeared in Panama during early 1964. Now, the situation is more stable, but anything can still happen. Panama is not a settled issue.

Yet, in the wake of the greatest political upheaval in the nation's history, Free Will Baptists saw prayers fulfilled as the first converts were witnessed. Immediately upon the arrival of former Cuban Pastor Estenio Garcia, seed sown by American missionaries began to be reaped. (Mr.

Garcia is in urgent need of monthly

support.

Now, a building has been rented in a strategic downtown location in Panama City, and the work continues to go forward. Missionary Aviator Bill Phipps arrived in December to join the Panama team. The work in Panama has just begun, but at least it has begun

In Uruguay, the face of materialism continues to be the predominant one. In most areas of the country missionaries report only scattered results

from their efforts.

But with Free Will Baptist missionaries working near the Brazilian border, the story is a different one. An unusual harvest of souls was seen in 1964. A church was organized in Santa Teressa, a suburb of Rivera. Interest has been seen in the city of Rivera and in its twin city of Livramento located just across the Brazilian border.

"Spread out" is the byword for 1965 in Uruguay. Essential to this is training national workers to assume responsibility for works begun by missionaries and to assist missionaries in penetrating new areas. Several have been involved in regular study to this end.

A missionary nurse is being added to the Uruguayan staff this year. And a couple is being sent to work on the Brazilian side of the border area thus extending the Uruguayan ministry into southern Brazil, a neglected area with little gospel witness.

Yes, it's the same old world. Basically, people have the same old needs—hearts that must be transformed by the Holy Spirit if they are to know

the peace they crave.

And God is working to bring to Himself some from every tribe and nation. To do this, many old faces have moved off the world scene. New ones are emerging. It is God's doing. He is building His Church.

PRAISE ITEM

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God's Continuing Concern AN BOSTORIAL

WE LIVE in a world of God's making filled with people of God's creating. His hands molded the mountains. His fingers trenched the rivers, hewed out the oceans. He set the universe in motion with precise orbital movements. It was all God's doing. He then made man to live on earth for the express purpose of bringing glory to Himself. But man chose to disobey God, and the human family came under the bondage of death. Men multiplied on earth. and sin became their way of life. But God still loved them. He longed for their love in return. Yet sin kept men from coming to God. It clouded their view of God's power. It darkened their awareness that anyone cared. They plodded down the road of destruction without hope. But God so loved men of earth that He sent His only Son to give His life to atone for all the sins of all men for all time. And He made provision of grace to forgive men who received His Son and placed their trust in Him. To those who received Him. He gave power to become new men, resurrection power for victory in this life and hope for the life to come. And God commanded those who received this new life to go to all other men of earth with the good news of salvation through the Lord Jesus. For how shall they be saved unless they call on the Lord? And how shall they call on Him in whom they have not placed their trust? And how shall they trust in One about whom they have never heard? And how shall they hear unless someone tell them? And how shall someone go to tell them unless someone send them? Two thirds of the men on earth still live in darkness, with no knowledge of God's provision of new, eternal life. God loves them. He gave His Son for them, too. He receives glory as men are led to Him through the Lord Jesus Christ. ■ As 1965 bursts on the scene, God's purpose is still the same—evangelization of the world. His command is still the same . . . "Go ye!"



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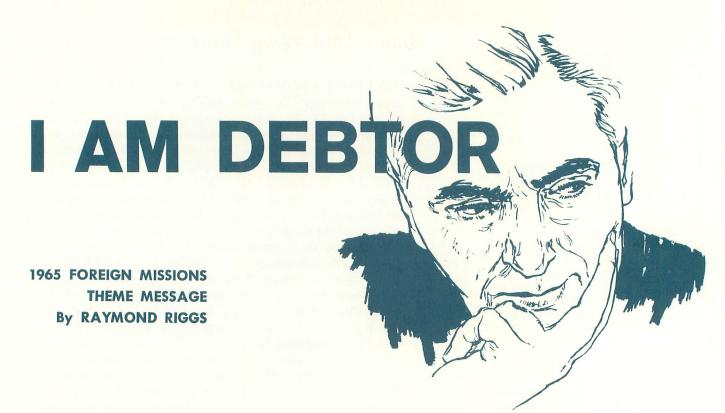
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FOR I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. Now I would not have you ignorant brethren, that often-times I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and unto the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also" (Romans 1:11-15).

When Paul wrote these words, he had not yet been to Rome. The epistle was probably written from Corinth after Paul was ejected from Ephesus (Acts 20:3). Martin Luther called the Roman epistle, "The masterpiece of the New Testament, and deserves to be known by heart, word for word, by every Christian.'

These verses in the first chapter of Romans give us an insight into the missionary heart of the apostle Paul. We learn right away that he is in debt. He is under an obligation! He is duty bound!

His obligation involves preaching the gospel, and he seems to enlarge

upon the scope of that obligation in verse 14. I am dividing this scope into three major divisions, and as I do, I am keenly aware that the same responsibility and obligation is mine today, as well as for every other Christian saved by the marvelous grace of our God and charged with the dispensation of the gospel.

> I AM DEBTOR TO THE SINNER

You who read these lines perhaps need no convincing that all men outside of Jesus Christ are lost and in need of salvation (Romans 3:10; 3:23, 3:12; 5:12), but no doubt all of us need to be reminded that we who are saved have a solemn obligation, the same as the Apostle Paul, to present the plan of salvation to every lost sinner everywhere. Not just to our children, or those in our neighborhood, or those who attend our Sunday school, but to every lost sinner everywhere! Neither should we confine our witnessing to those on the same social level, or to those who speak our language, but to every lost sinner everywhere!

Then, too, there are those who seem to think our obligation is largely to the unlearned and the underprivileged. But not so! Paul says, "Both to the wise and to the unwise."

In other words, we are in debt to every lost sinner in the world—the rich, the poor, the educated, the ignorant, the foreigner, the native, our friends, our enemies, the Greeks, the Jews, the sick, the healthy, the good moral man, the harlot, and drunkard. Yes, even to the unsaved church member, whether he belongs to a liberal church or to our own. And, don't forget the millions in far away places who have never heard the gospel—not even once! I am debtor!

The following excerpt is taken, word for word, from my diary for Thursday, April 1, 1954 written while visiting our mission field in India. As I write it and relive the experience, I am conscious more than ever that we are in debt even to India. Where are those

who will pay the debt?

"Sonapurhat—Thursday, April 1, 1954—Up early. Had breakfast, shaved and cleaned up. Wore Dan's (Cronk) khaki pants and took Trula's blue jeans to wear after the baptism. We went in jeep to village 20 miles away and had baptismal service. The Indian Bible women went with us. The roads were terribly rough. I drove the jeep. First time to baptize on

mission field. Baptized six. (What a thrill!) Returned about 1:00 P.M. Had lunch. Loaded the jeep and started for Kalimpong in the Himalayan mountains. Stopped by tea plantation and saw how tea is processed. Had tea with English planters, Mr. and Mrs. Masson. Left at 3:30 P.M. We drove hard across the plains to Siliguri and on into the mountains. (Many people, no gospel.) Darkness came and the road was very steep, rugged and crooked. We arrived at the mission rest home in Kalimpong at 9:00 P.M. The lady fixed supper. We ate. Had bath and went to bed. We are near the Nepal border. Also, Tibet. Many of the people are Tibetans and Nepalanese."

And I am debtor!

I AM DEBTOR
TO THE YOUNG CONVERT

Our debt and Christian responsibility does not end with witnessing to and leading the lost sinner to Jesus Christ. The fact of the matter is, it merely begins there.

The church in Rome was a thorough mixture of Jews and Gentiles. Already their faith was "spoken of throughout

the whole world" (1:8), and even though there were converts from the Jewish synagogues and some from Peter's audience on the day of Pentecost, there was a need for them to be

"established."

This seemed to be the longing of Paul's heart—"that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established." (1:11).

We would look with horror and disgust upon any parent who would bring children into the world and then fail to nourish and nurture them until they were able to stand alone and care for themselves. Even so, many churches, missionaries, and evangelists sometimes take pride in reporting great numbers who made decisions for Christ when very little is done to teach those new babes the realities of salvation and to lead them into mature Christian living.

Jesus tells us in John 15:16, "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." So, we see we are not only charged to bring forth fruit, but we are obligated to see that the fruit is preserved.

I believe that every local church should actually be a Bible Institute, teaching people the pure word of God (not man's commentary) that we may grow thereby, and be "established." Missionary Paul said to his understudy, Timothy, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (II Timothy 2:1).

Here we see the why of Bible schools on the mission field, the why of Christian schools and colleges at home, the why of Sunday schools, C.T.S. programs, study courses, and Bible study groups. Every gift and commodity at our disposal should be used these days "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12).

I am debtor to every young convert, to every babe in Christ, to see that he or she develops into a strong, healthy Christian. This, I may do and this I must do if I please my blessed Lord. To do this effectively, we purpose the simple rules of physical growth: diet, exercise, rest. As these three things are absolutely necessary for proper physical development, the same three things, if properly administered, will assure new believers of spiritual development and enable them to become "established."

In other words, if we feed them the right spiritual food, and demonstrate before them the correct manner of Christian living, teach them to rest in the Lord through confident faith void of worry, then they will grow. In view of the soon coming of Christ, this I must do (II Peter 3:18). I am debtor to the young convert.

I AM DEBTOR
TO THE VETERAN SAINT

This fact we often overlook. Fellowship among the saints of God would be so much sweeter if more of us would really meet our obligation in this respect. Younger Christians would grow faster and would be challenged to a deeper life of consecration if they could develop in a climate of love, respect and gratitude shown for those who have gone before us. But the greater blessing and reward would come to the veteran saint and those honor him as he is due.

We had a wonderful experience at our house the other night. We had just finished our dinner and were still seated around the table. Five of us. Actually, I was waiting for the water to heat so I could have a cup of "instant" coffee with my dessert. There was a broiled veal chop left on the platter and plenty of vegetables. too. Suddenly, there was a loud knock at the door. One of the children went to the door to be met with a loud "Hello." Then the call came forth, "It's Pop Willey!" Brother Tom Willey, Sr. had driven all the way from Massachusetts, having gotten caught in the New York city traffic, enroute to meetings in Eastern North Carolina, and stopped by our home in Norfolk to spend the night. My wife said, "Now I know why I broiled an extra veal chop."

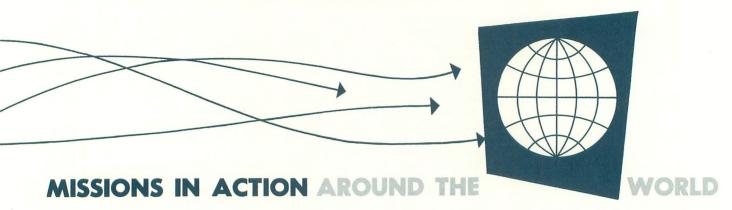
What a pleasant and joyful surprise! What fellowship! What comfort! We talked about former days in Cuba. We remembered the fruit that remains, and reviewed the fields of service of our various mission fields. The next morning before he left, we mingled our tears of joy, heartache, burden, and rejoicing in prayer fellowship, and he went on his way. We were comforted together by our mutual faith.

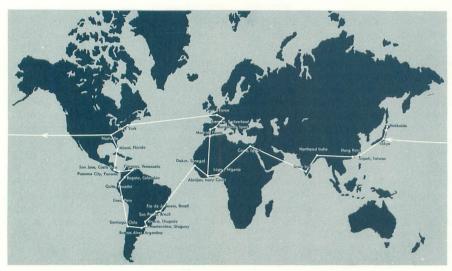
Paul, the veteran, longed to visit the saints of Rome, "That I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me" (Romans 1:12). Even veteran saints have a need for comfort, that can only be met in fellowship with God's people. Look around today for a veteran saint. It might be your pastor, or former pastor, a missionary, your grandparent, or just a neighbor. Arrange a prayer fellowship with them. It will comfort their heart and you will be blessed.

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TWENTY-ONE countries will be touched by the general director and director of publications during their mission abroad. This map traces their journey from Nashville west to Ivory Coast where Wilson and Ballard separate for different return itineraries.

Missions Leaders Given Warm Welcome By Missionaries In Chilly Japan

TOKYO—Free Will Baptist missionaries were on hand to greet General Director Reford Wilson and Director of Publications Jerry Ballard upon their arrival January 2. "Our reception was warm although the weather is on the cold side," expressed the missions leaders.

Japan is the first stop on an extended mission abroad that schedules major stops in India, Ivory Coast, Europe, and South America. Wilson and Ballard travel together to Ivory Coast where they separate, Wilson returning to the States via Europe and Ballard crossing from Africa to South America. The two will make missions contacts in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, North and South India, Egypt, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Spain,

Switzerland, France, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama and Costa Rica.

Before leaving, Wilson gave these five reasons for his trip: To become better informed of missionary activities for better administration of the denomination's missions program. To join with missionaries in spiritual ministry in the environment in which they serve. To project plans with field councils for most effective program for reaching the lost and developing stronger indigenous churches. To council with missionaries regarding their individual needs. To establish contacts for opening new fields, particularly Europe.

1965 Theme Materials Are Now Available

NASHVILLE—Foreign Missions promotional materials for 1965 are available for use in churches across the land. Designed around the theme "I Am Debtor," the materials emphasize the Christian responsibility of sharing Christ with the entire world.

Included is a 20-page booklet giving a comprehensive picture of the Free Will Baptist foreign ministry. Called *Outlook '65*, the booklet charts development of missions program to date and presents plans for the coming year.

A colorful poster-map is also available featuring pictures of the entire missionary family.

Special missions bulletin covers portraying the theme are available for use in missions services, conferences and state, district or local associational meetings. All theme materials are available without charge, although gifts to cover cost of production, postage and handling are appreciated.

Ministers receiving regular mailings from the missions office will receive these materials automatically. Anyone not receiving them and desiring to do so, may receive them upon request. Materials are available to individuals and church auxiliaries as well. Address requests to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, Informational Services Division, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37205.



Jim Jones Employed As Special Assistant

NASHVILLE—Jim Jones, graduate of Free Will Baptist College with special journalistic studies at Texas



A. and M., has been employed by the department to work as special assistant to the executive staff.

A native Texan, Jones is brother to Missionary Bill Jones of Ivory Coast, Africa. He arrives in Nash-

JIM JONES arrives in Nashville to assume his new responsibilities the last week in this month.

While offering special assistance in the missions office, Jones will continue his education at a Nashville college. He is majoring in journalism and will be assuming responsibilities in the department's informational services division among other duties.

New Filmstrips Ready

NASHVILLE—The department's audio-visual division announces two new filmstrips ready for booking:

"The New Japan," a documented presentation of Free Will Baptist missions in the "Land of the Rising Sun," is now available. It is a 97-frame production with recorded sound-tract running 25 minutes. Superb photography is by Herbert Waid, script by Jerry Ballard, narration by R. J. Kennedy.

"Frontiers Unlimited," a presentation by the Home and Foreign Missions Boards jointly, cites neglected areas in the denomination's outreach. It is a 73-frame release with recorded soundtract running 16 minutes. Script is by Mark Vandivort and Jerry Ballard, narration by R. J. Kennedy.

Both strips are 35 mm. and may be booked by request to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn. 37205.

TO PUT IT BRIEFLY . . .

Missionary Wesley Calvery arrives in the States late this month to join his wife who arrived earlier for a year's furlough from service in Japan. The Calverys have completed two terms . . . Missionary Herbert Waid and family have a new address: 5028-1 Irumagana, Sayama-Shi, Saitama-Ken, Japan.



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"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

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USE THIS PRAYER CALENDAR AS YOU REMEMBER YOUR MISS

JANUARY 1: General Director Reford Wilson and Director of Publications Jerry Ballard arrive in Tokyo today to begin the first leg of their extended mission abroad. Pray for safety of travel and accomplishment of multiple objectives of mission.

JANUARY 2: Sammy and June Wilkinson continue itinerary ministry while on furlough. Pray for God's provision of needed prayer support and funds for return to field.

JANUARY 3: Wesley Calvery leaves Japan later this month to join Aileen who is already in the States on furlough. Pray that last minute details in leaving will be worked out smoothly.

JANUARY 4: Estenio Garcia is maintaining a 15-minute weekly radio program over station HOXO in Panama City, Panama. Pray that many will find Christ through this ministry.

JANUARY 5: Pray for God's provision of land and funds with which to build a hostel in North India to house students attending public school. Through this ministry many have been reached with the gospel.

JANUARY 6: Pray for the ministry in Jaboticabal, Brazil, where Dave and Pat Franks serve.

JANUARY 7: Pray for Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley as they give physical treatment to nearly 200 patients daily in Ivory Coast that souls as well as bodies will be touched by the power of God.

JANUARY 8: Amy Robinson recently underwent major surgery. Pray that she will continue to have a good recovery.

JANUARY 9: Pray for Director of Conference Ministries Rufus Coffey as he works with churches in planning the year's schedule of missionary conferences.

JANUARY 10: The department's Spanish Bible study magazine *Impacto* is circulated in nearly every Spanish-speaking country of Latin America. Pray for increased circulation and salvation of souls through its ministry.

JANUARY 11: Jim and Shirley Combs and Don and Carol Robirds enter language study today in Campinas, Brazil. Pray for quick comprehension of the language.

JANUARY 12: John Moehlman meets today with the Evangelical Union in Ecuador regarding prospective denominational ministry in that South American republic. Pray that the Lord will direct as plans are formulated.

JANUARY 13: Wilson and Ballard are meeting with the Hokkaido Association of Free Will Baptists in Japan. Pray for God's blessing in services.

JANUARY 14: Pray for Bill and Barbara Phipps as they begin their permanent assignment in Panama. Funds are needed to replace plane crashed last year in Costa Rica.

JANUARY 15: Pray for Lonnie and Anita Sparks as they direct and teach in Bible institute in Goumere, Ivory Coast.

JANUARY 16: The Robinsons and Fulchers are sharing a single vehicle in their ministries in Uruguay. A second vehicle is urgently needed to expand outreach into other areas. Pray for God's provision of these funds.

JANUARY 17: The Bible institute in Brazil opens in six weeks. Pray for Ken and Marvis Eagleton as they direct final preparations.

JANUARY 18: The Carlisle Hannas are back at their station in North India. Pray as they resume ministry.

JANUARY 19: Pray for Ella Rae Jones and Patsy Tyson, missionary nurses under appointment to Ecuador, as they hold services to secure necessary prayer and financial support.

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IONARIES DAILY BEFORE THE LORD

JANUARY 20: Lonnie and Bernice Palmer have been experiencing God's blessing in village evangelism in Ivory Coast. Pray that souls will respond as they hear the gospel.

JANUARY 21: The general fund has been dangerously in the red for several months. Increased designations are needed or several strategic ministries—foreign language literature, promotional services, field subsidies and others—will be jeopardized. Pray.

JANUARY 22: Pray for the home staff as they assume additional responsibilities in the absence of Wilson and Ballard.

JANUARY 23: Tom Willey, Jr., is working in two villages outside Panama City. Pray that souls will be led to Christ and a church established.

JANUARY 24: Pray for the Archie Mayhews as they witness to non-Christian students while studying language in Switzerland.

JANUARY 25: Several missionary accounts are in deficit and needing additional monthly support (see financial statement, page 7): Aycock, Calvery, Fulcher, Garcia, Jones, Hanna, Martin, Miley, Moehlman, Sparks, Waid, Willey, Jr., and Willey,

Sr. Pray that God will raise up individuals and groups to give regularly to one or more of these.

JANUARY 26: The Herbert Waids and Fred Herseys serve in the world's largest city, Tokyo, Japan. Pray that they will see much fruit in attempts to establish additional church groups in the area.

JANUARY 27: Pray for Volena Wilson as she ministers to the Tamil people of South India.

JANUARY 28: Eddie and Sandra Payne are studying the Lobi language in Ivory Coast. Pray that they will quickly be able to communicate the gospel in this tribal tongue.

JANUARY 29: Pray for young people responding to the challenge to total commitment to God's plan for their lives that many will be channelled into foreign service.

JANUARY 30: Pray for Wilson and Ballard as they arrive in India for a month-long mission.

JANUARY 31: Pray for Bobby and Geneva Poole as they labor with the church in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, and work in nearby villages

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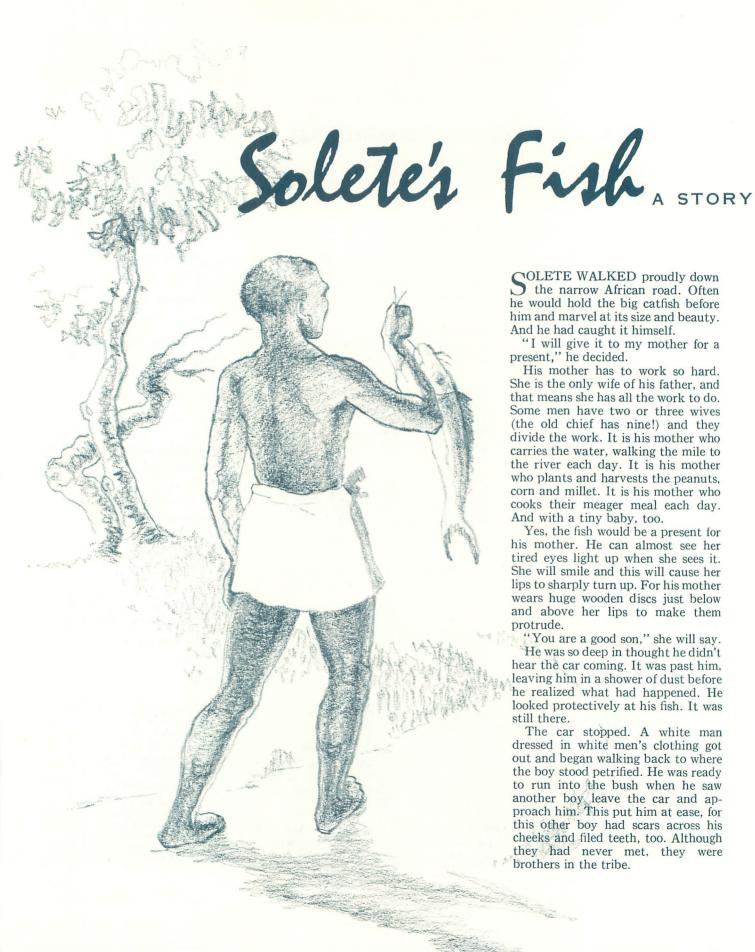
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FOR CHILDREN . BY LORENE MILEY

"That is a fine fish," the white man said, "Would you sell it to me?"

"For money?" he asked in surprise. "Yes," he smiled. "How much would you sell it for?"

"But it isn't for sale. It's a present for my mo—" he started to say. But just at that moment he saw all the dazzling things which the market offered every five days, "bought things" like shirts and shorts and sandals and socks and books and pencils and . . .

"One dollar!" the Lobi boy said, asking the biggest price he could think of.

"Good! We'll take it!" said the white man and began searching through his billfold. Yes, they have those at the market, too, Solete thought.

And before he realized his fish was gone, Solete was standing in the middle of the road holding the money and watching the trail of dust disappear over the hill.

"There goes the present for my mother," he sighed. But his thoughts were soon filled with the wonders of Market Day and what his one dollar would buy.

He walked up a narrow path and climbed the notched log ladder that went up to the roof of their rectangular mud hut. His mother was bending over the black pot stirring millet—a pink, mushy grain.

"Nothing today?" she asked with a sigh.

"Not a thing," he answered, and his heart turned a flip-flop.

He had lied! And the missionary had told him over and over aga n that Christians are not supposed to lie. He knows he is a Christian. He has talked

to Jesus himself and asked forgiveness for all his sins. He knows Jesus lives in his heart.

Yes, Solete is a Christian, but he had lied!

Sorrow filled his whole being. He quickly climbed down the ladder so his mother couldn't see the big tears welling up in his eyes. He entered the door below and stooping through several doorways, he came to his room which he shared with two other brothers. There he stretched himself out on the packed mud floor and wept pitifully.

"Jesus, I'm sorry I lied," he prayed to his new Friend. And somehow he knew Jesus was seeing and listening.

When the tears were reduced to sniffles, he slowly arose and went back to his mother.

"Mother, I lied to you," he began. "I caught a fish today, but I sold it. Here . . . he gave me a dollar for it. Take it . . . I want you to have it." And he thrust the money into her greasy hand.

She didn't say anything for a long while. Her son—a Lobi—admitting telling a lie! And without being caught! And actually being sorry for it!

Then she remembered. At the mission clinic she had heard some words from God's Book. God said that when one becomes a follower of Him, he is a *new person*. She didn't understand it then, but now she knew. Her son was a follower of this God.

"Solete," she began slowly, "do you suppose I could go with you to your class next Sunday?"

And from the light in Solete's eyes, you'd never have guessed he had been crying.





ITEM: Brazil Bible Institute.

BACKGROUND: Institute land was purchased last year. First term set to begin in March. Forty-acre tract offers expansion room and space for youth camp and other facilities. Deficit in Brazil Bible Institute fund must be cleared by March 1.

NEED: \$3,000 to clear deficit. Additional funds needed for future expansion.



ITEM: The Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia, new missionaries to Panama.

BACKGROUND: The Garcias are formerly of Cuba where Mr. Garcia was an outstanding pastor and popular preacher. Pressure from the Communist regime stymied effectiveness and endangered welfare of his church. He was transferred to Panama where, since his arrival, first converts in the Free Will Baptist ministry there have been witnessed as a direct result of his efforts. A strategic downtown Panama City location has been rented, and Mr. Garcia is holding regular services. Decisions have been seen from the first meeting.

NEED: The Garcias' account is in the deficit \$1,774.46 as of December 1. Designated gifts are urgently needed to reduce this deficit. Monthly faith promises totaling \$300 are needed to care for future needs.

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"OUT OF MY HEART"



A word from the General Director

THE CHURCH does not need a new command for the New Year. There are 50 million more people now on earth than at the beginning of 1964. These are new harvest fields for the Church. Therefore, the Church must be more productive in obeying the original command—"Go ve . . ." The Church does not need a new power for the New Year. The old time power of Pentecost will enable her to involve herself in conflict against the evil forces of heathenism. There can be no sitting still while millions perish without the gospel. Truly, there are doors closed to missionaries, but most doors are wide open. These are opportunities for the Church to expand its ministry of evangelism. ■ We must have more evangelists, pastors, missionaries and teachers. We must have more Bibles, literature, radio and TV programs reaching the masses. Greater use must be made of present church buildings, and new buildings must be erected in developing areas. • Never before has the Church been blessed with such resources and opportunities. Yet, we recall that the rich farmer stored his treasures in barns and sat at ease. The rich man offered no healing balm for the poor man at his gate. The religionists were impassionate to the wounded on the Jericho road. The Church must properly distribute its wealth. It must use its talents or lose them. Its love shows no prejudice for it is debtor to all men. Its love shows no prejudice for it is debtor to all men. taught His disciples that the use of one's money indicates one's desires—"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." He taught that opportunities today do not assure open doors tomorrow— "I must work . . . while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work"—and that obedience to Him is a testimony of love—"If a man love me, he will keep my words." No Christian can sit at ease when he sees multitudes without Christ. The suffering masses must be comforted by the ministering hands of those who care. The pastor who does not love all men everywhere can hardly love men anywhere.

The Church does not need a new Bible for the New Year. The Word of God has lost none of its power, and the Sword is as sharp as ever. We need only to preach the Word in the power of the Spirit. The amazing grace of God avails for every child of God, and the Holy Spirit indwells every believer and gives witness of the abiding Christ, "Lo I am with you . . . " May this be the greatest year of missionary advance in our denomination's history as together we accept the challenge of 1965.

J. Reford Wilson