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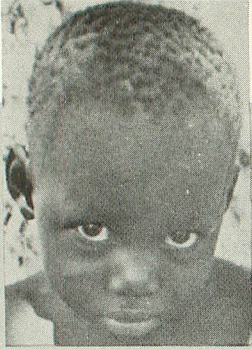
## THE BLACK REVOLUTION

AFRICA IS UNDERGOING AMAZING CHANGE, BUT  
SOME THINGS REMAIN THE SAME / JERRY BALLARD

**D**RUMS SENDING hypnotic messages . . .  
thatch-roofed, circular huts . . .  
bare-breasted women pounding  
grain with ancient wooden  
pestles . . . naked ► TO PAGE TWO







## A BRIEF LOOK AT IVORY COAST TODAY

**AREA:** 124,470 sq. mi.

**POPULATION:** 3,700,000

**LITERACY:** 5-10 per cent (1961)

**RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND:** Animism and Islam

**LANGUAGE:** French and 62 tribal languages

ONCE AN almost unknown land gripped in darkness and obscurity, the Ivory Coast today is the showcase nation of West Africa. Granted full independence in 1960, she has surpassed other newly independent African nations in industrial and educational advances.

Located on the southern bulge of Africa's west coast, this rectangular-shaped republic is bounded by the Gulf of Guinea on the south, Ghana on the east, Upper Volta and Mali on the north, and Guinea and Liberia on the west. Rainfall and humidity are high, making the climate extremely hot and uncomfortable.

Little is known about the early history of the Ivory Coast. Portuguese discoveries in the 15th century

were the beginnings of modern acquaintance with the country. Slave-trading became a major enterprise as other nations entered the area. By 1892 France had gained control and named the area Ivory Coast. The country remained under French control until independence was granted. A constitution was adopted providing for a presidential government.

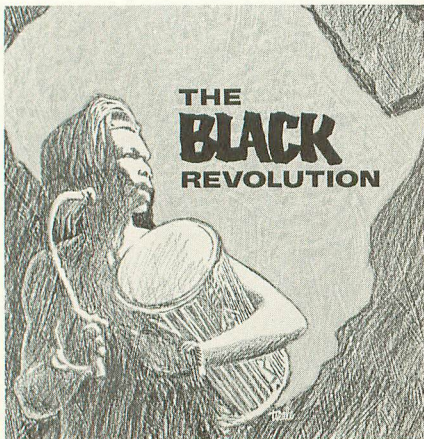
The Ivory Coast is predominately an agricultural country, exporting coffee, cocoa and bananas. However, industrial output has soared 50 per cent in the last five years. Many workers have been imported to meet increased demands of labor.

Religiously, the country is largely animistic. Protestant Christianity claims only approximately 70,000

believers; Roman Catholics number 235,000; and 680,000 follow Islam.

In 1958 Lonnie and Anita Sparks became the first Free Will Baptist missionaries to be sent to Ivory Coast. The Daniel Merks followed, ministering for a term building mission stations and the clinic at Doropo. Since then, 13 others have joined the missionary team. Four stations have been established, and many villages have been reached with the gospel.

Yet thousands still wait to hear of the salvation which Christ alone can give. The challenge is evident, and the need can be met only as Christians faithfully support missionaries with prayer and financial aid and surrender themselves to God's will for their lives. ■



► children playing in dust . . . eerie death wails splitting the stillness of night . . . these still typify mysterious Africa. But this is only part of the picture. Baby skyscrapers . . . palatial homes . . . modern airports . . . paved highways . . . bridges . . . these also have become a part of Africa today.

Africa is in the midst of revolution, sometimes evidenced by explosive chaos as in the Congo, often by quiet, calculated progress toward specific goals as in the Ivory Coast.

Revolution is not always bad. We

recall of the American fight for independence with great pride. Since then, the United States has been in a continual revolution industrially, scientifically, socially. We call our revolution progress.

But revolution is not always good. Change is not always progress. It depends on the direction of the change. And Africa's revolution has taken many directions. Changes in direction are still possible.

It is said that Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny made a bet in early 1958 with Kwame Nkrumah, the Marxist ruler of neighboring Ghana. Ghana was then by far the more prosperous of the two countries. Undaunted, Houphouet told Nkrumah, "You go your way and we'll go ours. In ten years, we'll see which country is ahead."

Today, not quite seven years later, the lesson is plain. Ghana is experiencing financial difficulty while the Ivory Coast, by contrast, is prospering.

The Ivory Coast is called the "showplace of Africa." A former French colony, Cote de Ivoire, as the

country is called in French, has successfully channeled its tide of revolution into economic and social progress.

When I landed in March at the modern airport in Abidjan, capital city of the Coast, to spend two weeks with Free Will Baptist missionaries working in the northeastern corner of the country, I found my expectations of Africa shaken. The drive into the city down a new dual-lane highway carried us past beautifully cultivated parks, over majestically arching bridges and past artistically architected buildings. The popular conception of Africa as a vast wasteland filled with wild elephant herds gave way to the sudden realization that the Ivory Coast is a land of progress in a continent of upheaval.

To be sure, as one travels inland toward the area where our missionaries labor, roads and living conditions become more and more primitive. But even here signs of progress are evident. Bridges have been built over numerous streams dissecting the main road. Once travel during rainy season was greatly handicapped. Now the



missionary is able to move from station to station with little difficulty.

Thatch-roofed mud huts are being torn down rapidly and being replaced by concrete block buildings with tin roofs. The government intends to remove all thatch and mud structures along the main highway north on which our mission works are located.

A chain of general stores has brought items of necessity within a half mile of our most distant station, Doropo, located near the Upper Volta border. Missionaries are now able to purchase routine supplies near their stations, traveling into Abidjan for major items only.

Yet, the economic success story is only one aspect of the revolution. Old tribal attachments are slowly giving way to more nationalistic groupings. Schools have pushed into the bush bringing the light of literacy to thousands learning to read weekly. This exposes the nation's youth to new ideas, new ways of doing things, new hopes, new ambitions. Young men are often seen in typical western dress. Transistor radios are the new status symbol.

The revolution of independency has wrought changes in nearly every aspect of African life except the most basic—the spiritual. Economic and cultural changes have not changed the inner superstitions and fears that make the African what he really is deep inside. Less than one per cent of the population is Christian in the “born again” sense.

Shortly before I arrived in the Ivory Coast, human heads were found floating in a stream near the home of one of our missionaries. Human sacrifices are forbidden by federal law, but the law of Satanic blindness overshadows the new law of civilization as the African clings to animistic practices of his ancestors.

No revolution can be truly successful unless it improves the condition of the whole man. His environment may be changed, his dress improved, his economy stabilized. But if revolutionary change does not come to his heart, he will continue to stumble through the darkness seeking but never finding peace of mind.

The most revolutionary book in the world is the Word of God. The gospel revealed therein is powerful enough to change the very nature of man. Our challenge is to see that the spiritual revolution in Africa keeps pace with economic and cultural advances by making available the life-changing message of Christ. ■

## HOW WOULD YOU WIN HIM?

He's a student

—or a clerk, a technician, a politician  
He is strong, intelligent, ambitious,  
resourceful

He resents the past, mistrusts the present  
and is unsure of the future

He is unwilling to wait for gradual change  
impatient to catch up with the world

He wants assistance

but may suspect the hand that offers it

He has rejected tradition

yet is unable to escape its influence

He is under pressure

to succeed, to support his relatives  
to prove he is equal to the world's  
demands

He is under more pressure

from ideologies, politics, religions

He is one of 269 million people in Africa

## HOW WOULD YOU WIN HIM?

Would you go to him as a fellow human  
and learn to understand him

—his problems, his needs?

Would you show him that you cared about  
him

that you wanted to help him

that you knew Someone who could help  
him?

Would you be his friend until the suspicion and perplexity  
faded from his face

And he was ready to trust your Eternal Friend?

Would you go as a teacher or doctor or nurse or pastor or writer or  
broadcaster or technician—as a man or woman from God to reach him  
and train him to reach others?

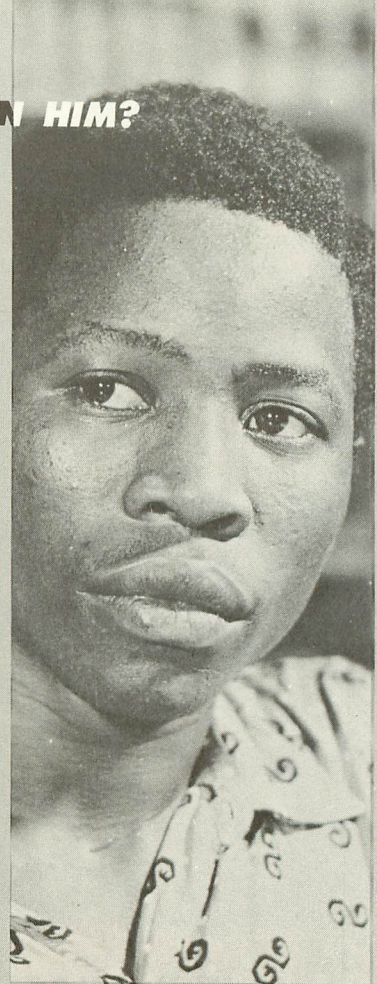
Would you go to him?

Would you prepare yourself to go?

Would you ask God to prepare you and take you and win this man  
or one of his 269 million brothers and sisters through you?

## HOW WOULD YOU WIN HIM?

by **W. H. FULLER** in *Africa Now*, Sudan Interior Mission  
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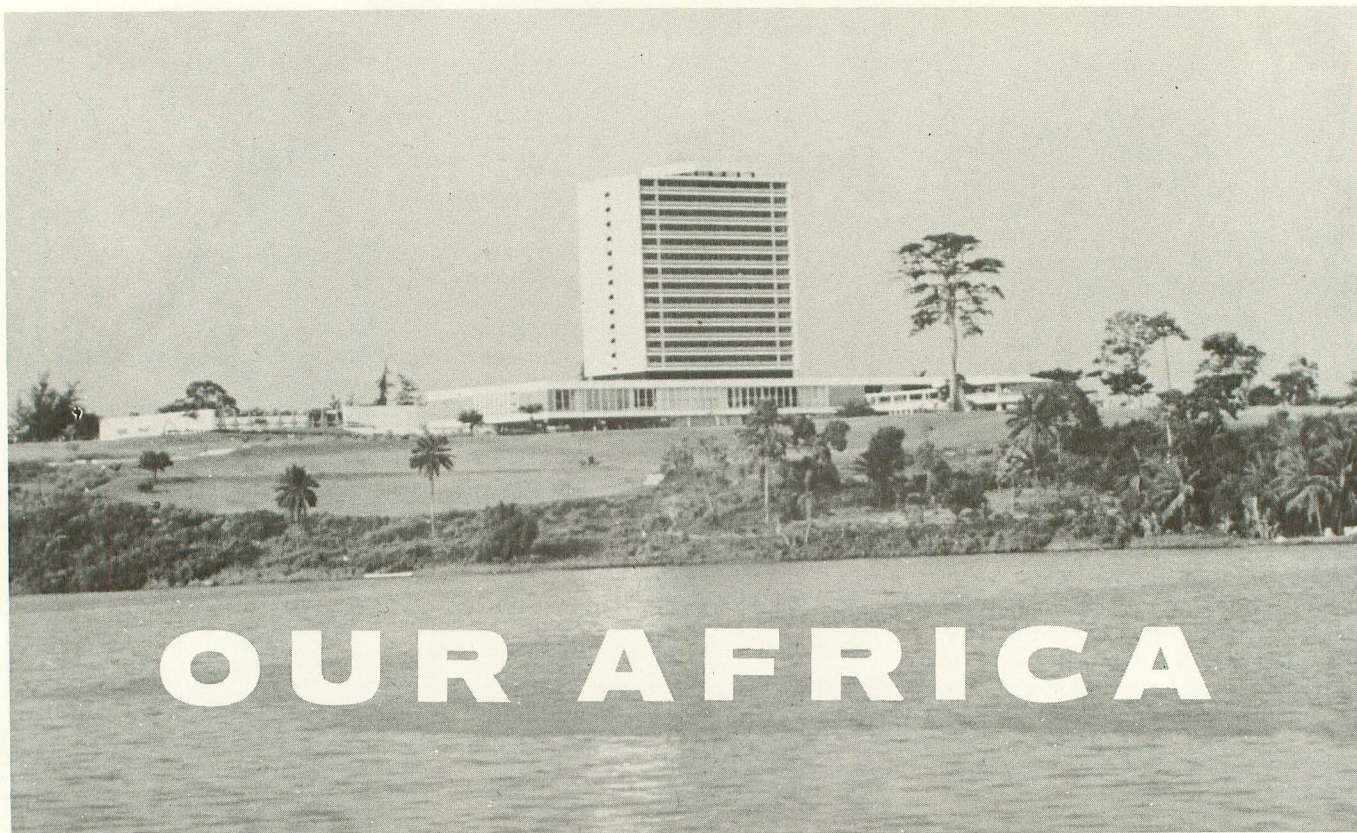
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## **MISSIONARY BILL JONES GIVES FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF HIS ADOPTED HOMELAND, THE IVORY COAST**

**W**ALKING DOWN the gang plank from the French passenger ship "le Foch" in February, 1960, Joy and I did not really know what to expect. We had ideas of native savages as most everyone else, but if we had been asked to tell what awaited us in Koun, our answer would have been very vague.

As a result, our first impression pleasantly surprised us. Abidjan, the capital of the Ivory Coast, is called by many the "Paris" of Africa. It is without doubt the most beautiful city of West Africa. Tall buildings, nice homes, beautiful hotels and the most lavish palace in Africa contribute to this description.

Leaving Abidjan to go into the interior is like turning the wheels of time backward. Towering trees replace buildings, the cry of birds and wild life are exchanged for the sound of cars and people. Soon black top becomes a dirt road, dusty in dry season and muddy in wet. Mud wall construction replaces cement blocks for the walls of houses; and, in many cases, grass replaces tile and tin as material for roofs.

The physical and material aspects of the country impressed us first, but right on the heels of these impressions were the people themselves—their dress, their talk, their customs. Of excellent physique, the African looks almost regal with his cloth draped over the left shoulder, leaving the right shoulder bare.

### **SELDOM MORE THAN SKIRT**

The African woman in the interior seldom wears more

than a skirt. Our first adjustment was to their manner of dress. Their language seemed to us a strange combination of sounds leading only to confusion. The task of learning it and translating the Word of God into it was definitely uphill to us.

When we paid our first courtesy call, their way of receiving us was unique in our experience. We went in, shook their hands and took the chair they offered. They then offered us a gourd of water, shook our hands and asked us our "news." After listening to what we had to say, they welcomed us and again shook our hands! We found this to be their regular ceremony.

Their welcome was an open door through which we walked with the gospel of Christ. The country, the dress, the food, the customs were all interesting, but our main interest was in the souls of these people for whom Christ died. The adversaries we encountered would have discouraged us except for the presence and grace of Christ. Instead, in the strength of your prayers we went on, and the power of God overcame the powers of "darkness."

### **LIFE QUITE DIFFERENT**

Life in Africa is quite different from that in the States. Instead of turning on a tap for a drink, our water must first be filtered and boiled. Meat must be cleaned, cut and ground, and cooked "well-done." Fresh vegetables must soak in water treated with something to kill the bacteria. Lack of electricity, while stopping very few operations, slows almost all.



Comparatively, however, the missionary is speedy beside his African counterpart who has to go to the forest for wood, the field for food and then perform the intricate operation of completing the meal over an open fire and pounding it up in the mortar.

This was our big hurdle, though we did not recognize it then. The daily sameness of work had instilled a lethargy within the people that was extremely difficult for them to shake off in accepting a new way of life. As you have possibly guessed, the women were the hardest to reach. Only after four years of proving did we see an encouraging sign of a breakthrough.

The women did not have a patent on being difficult, however, for it was the men who denied the right of their sons to become Christian in several Kulango villages. And it was a man who told me one day that a young convert was destined to take his place as fetish priest after his death. He, therefore, could not be a Christian. But he still listens at the window.

Doctoring a suppurating sore is neither pleasant nor romantic after the first whiff. Yet, God has used medicine and TLC (tender loving care) to open the hearts of many Lobis, Kulangos and Agnis to receive His ambassadors. We have entered that open door with the Word of God.

We shared their sorrows when medicine did not help and a child or loved one closed his eyes for the last time. We shared their joy when a new baby was welcomed into the family or when the cocoa and coffee brought in extra money.

#### THEY SAW OUR REASON

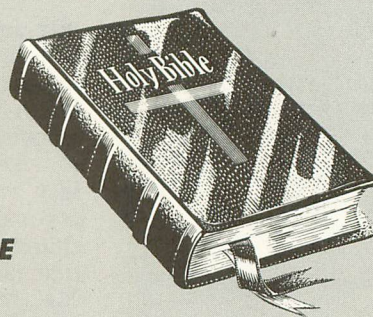
Identifying ourselves with them never reached the point of forsaking all Americanisms and adopting all Africanisms, but they saw our reason for being there, and accepted us and our desire to point them to the "Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world."

Heat and humidity, dirt and disease, ants and termites, snakes and spiders, all would pounce on us like a black thundercloud at times, yet each time our eyes would be lifted to Christ, and He would clear our vision. Instead of trivial insects, we saw people, the individual souls. Instead of the tropical steaming sun and encroaching forest, we saw the Way offered to all who would enter therein.

Instead of the dirt and filth, we saw the possibility of their being washed whiter than snow by faith in Christ. The extra energy came from your prayers. We look back on victories, instead of defeats. ■

## Bible Fetishism

by MISSIONARY JIMMY ALDRIDGE



AFTER SEVERAL weeks had gone by with no apparent fruit or response, I was gladdened when a Catholic young man came asking to buy a Bible.

After the purchase he explained he had never "used" a Bible and that he would like information as to how it's done. I spent several minutes explaining the nature of the Word of God and how to make a practical study.

It was only then that he explained that someone had stolen some money from him and his family and he wanted to "use" the Bible to catch them! Even then I didn't fully understand his thinking, but what he desired was to *use* the Bible as a fetish—an object supposed to possess magical powers, often an oddly shaped stick or rock or carving.

Understanding sometimes comes with experience. Literature work was new for me. My first trip was to the village of this young man. I was thrilled to see the crowd that looked at the books. It wasn't long before several got into a discussion of whether to buy the cheaper or the more expensive Bibles. They

consider the more expensive ones stronger fetishes!

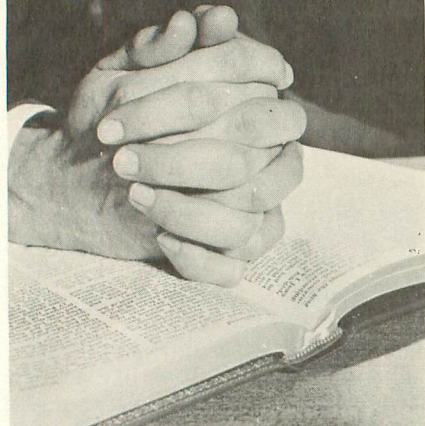
This time I was prepared for their question of how to use it. I quickly sold them a catechism with questions and answers concerning the basic doctrines of the Bible and pointed out that understanding comes only from God.

I have found that the Roman Catholics have allowed the people the Bible as another fetish to add to their magic and superstition. They worship the saints and Mary along with their other fetishes. This is another avenue of satanic strategy to neutralize the Christian message and the sovereign authority of the Word of God.

To questions like, "What sign should I make before touching the Bible?" "What is a strong verse, show me so I may touch it as I pray?" and "What prayer should I make before touching the Bible?" have gone forth honest answers pointing to Jesus as the key, and confession to Him as the condition to learning the truth which becomes real in experience. This is a part of our ministry of making Him known to others. ■



# POWERLINE



## AS YOU PRAY... REMEMBER THESE BY NAME

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**SOUTH AFRICA:** Josephine Stevens

## USE THIS PRAYER CALENDAR AS YOU REMEMBER YOUR MISSION

**JULY 15:** Praise the Lord for several recent decisions at Piracicaba, Brazil, through the ministry of Bobby and Sue Aycock.

**JULY 16:** Pray that many in Canita area of Panama will accept Christ as Tommy and Emma Ruth Willey present the gospel there.

**JULY 17:** Lonnie and Bernice Palmer request special prayer that more villagers at Isimala, Ivory Coast, will be saved and that a strong church will be established.

**JULY 18:** Pray for God's direction as Patsy Tyson and Ella Rae Jones complete deputational ministries prior to leaving for language study in September.

**JULY 19:** Paul and Amy Robinson are ministering in the Santa Teresa church near Rivera, Uruguay. Pray that many will accept Christ through their witness.

**JULY 20:** Missionary Volena Wilson requests prayer that God will send a consecrated Christian young man to teach in the Christian elementary school at Kotagiri, South India.

**JULY 21:** Sammy and June Wilkinson are ministering in Free Will Baptist churches across the country. Pray that needed funds will be raised and that renewed missionary vision will grip those attending services.

**JULY 22:** Pray that the executive staff—General Director Reford Wilson; Director of Publications, Jerry Ballard; and Director of Conference Ministries, Rufus Coffey—will know God's guidance and power in every aspect of their ministries.

**JULY 23:** Praise God for a Roman Catholic who accepted Christ in a new village, Quate, Ivory Coast, under ministry of Jimmy and Janie Aldridge. Pray also for Koffi, a young student planning to enter Bible school this fall.

**JULY 24:** Wesley Calvery advises that the greatest need of churches in Hokkaido, Japan, is land and buildings. Pray that God will make His provision for these needs.

**JULY 25:** Jesus said, "I am with you always . . ." Pray that Cuban Christians will sense Christ's presence and be strengthened in these uncertain days.

**JULY 26:** Pray that many young people will find Christ through the child evangelism ministry of Mary Ellen Rice in Jaboticabal, Brazil.

**JULY 27:** Molly Barker is in language study in San Jose, Costa Rica. Pray that she will quickly gain a thorough knowledge of Spanish preparatory to service in Uruguay.

**JULY 28:** In August Harold and Josephine Stevens will be leading a four-day missionary conference for Africans. Pray that the Lord will use this to strengthen the witness of the national church.

**JULY 29:** The account of John and Barbara Moehlman is more than \$1,500 in the red. Pray urgently that God will provide these funds through concerned Free Will Baptists.

**JULY 30:** Bill and Joy Jones will be leaving for their second term in Ivory Coast, Africa, as soon as needed funds are secured. Pray that these funds will be supplied and that last minute details will be worked out smoothly.

**JULY 31:** Pray that many students will be won to Christ through hostel ministry of Carlisle and Marie Hanna in North India.

**AUGUST 1:** Bill and Barbara Phipps are ministering in Las Tablas, Panama, area. Pray that many opportunities to witness will open up.

**AUGUST 2:** Pray that many will accept Christ as Bobby and Geneva Poole faithfully present the gospel in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.

**AUGUST 3:** Fred and Evelyn Hersey have started a new church in Tokyo, Japan. Pray that many will be saved and a strong church established.

**AUGUST 4:** Missionary Earnie Deeds requests prayer for special services beginning today and running through August 8 in Campinas, Brazil, church. A converted ex-Catholic nun, Carmen, will speak. Pray that many will find Christ.



# NARIES DAILY BEFORE THE LORD

**AUGUST 5:** Bill and Glenda Fulcher are maintaining a radio program three days a week as well as foundation for a new church in Rivera, Uruguay. Pray that they will reach many with the gospel.

**AUGUST 6:** Pray for God's continued blessing and guidance for Eddie and Sandra Payne, ministering in the clinic at Doropo, Ivory Coast.

**AUGUST 7:** Dan Cronk is ministering in villages around Kishanganj, North India. Pray that many will be led to Christ.

**AUGUST 8:** The Board of Foreign Missions has assumed responsibility for sending a missionary pastor to the Free Will Baptist church in Taiwan established by serviceman Bill Timmis and his wife. Pray that the Lord will raise His man to minister there.

**AUGUST 9:** Pray that Herbert and Geraldine Waid will have many opportunities to present Christ in Tokyo.

**AUGUST 10:** Several missionary accounts, as well as the general fund, are deficit (see financial statement at right). Without these funds some ministries may have to be curtailed. Pray that God will supply these needs through His people.

**AUGUST 11:** Pray that Archie and Sarah Mayhew will gain a thorough knowledge of French as they study preparatory to service in Ivory Coast. Pray, too, for opportunities to witness while in language school.

**AUGUST 12:** Louis and Florine Coscia and "Dub" and Marcia Ellison finish language study in Campinas, Brazil, this month. Pray for God's definite direction to their places of ministry.

**AUGUST 13:** Pray that missions-minded pastors leading Free Will Baptist churches in the states will be able to instill within their congregations the burden for reaching the world with the gospel.

**AUGUST 14:** Lonnie and Anita Sparks are directing the Kulango Bible Institute in Goumere, Ivory Coast, as well as doing village evangelism in the area. Pray for physical and spiritual strength to meet these needs.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / MAY 1965

CASH IN BANK MAY 1, 1965.....\$50,868.92

### RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....\$30,792.69  
Other Income.....48.00 30,840.69

### DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields.....\$27,505.63  
Traveling and Promotion.....4,768.20  
Administrative.....3,794.29 36,068.12

### UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....\$ 1,932.01  
Miss Molly Barker, R.N.....2,536.43  
Rev. and Mrs. James Combs.....1,124.40  
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia.....3,590.65  
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk.....1,596.20  
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds.....612.66  
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Eagleton.....3,494.34  
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison.....1,556.11  
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks.....240.13  
Ruby Griffin, M.D.....4,291.28  
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....323.37  
Miss Ella Rae Jones, R.N.....3,956.64  
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N.....561.42  
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew.....1,269.59  
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne.....4,727.66  
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps.....1,384.34  
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....2,345.68  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....1,101.33  
Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds.....1,386.22  
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....514.69  
Miss Patsy Tyson, R.N.....3,941.16  
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson.....1,413.46  
Furlough Car.....500.26

Africa—Medical Building.....7,134.65  
North India Building.....4,366.81  
Africa—Bible Institute.....438.27  
Africa Vehicle.....114.15  
Mayhew House.....4,896.68  
Brazil Vehicle.....1,436.64  
Payne House.....1,538.07  
Repatriation.....3,190.59  
Missionary Medical.....5,022.36  
Hanna Road Project.....234.10

\$72,772.35

### DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

General Fund.....\$ 1,417.69  
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....911.33  
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....2,745.05  
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher.....657.39  
Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia.....2,789.58  
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....118.29  
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....542.28  
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley.....472.55  
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehman.....1,625.72  
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.....1,345.15  
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....11.02  
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....447.56  
Rev. and Mrs. Moises Toirac.....255.00  
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....1,538.37  
Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, Jr.....1,029.73  
Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, Sr.....195.38  
Miss Volena Wilson.....832.06  
North India Vehicle.....686.40  
Palmer House.....2,356.43  
Brazil Bible Institute.....51.24  
Audio-Visual.....7,049.69  
South India Vehicle.....52.95

\$72,772.35

### STATE QUOTAS 1965

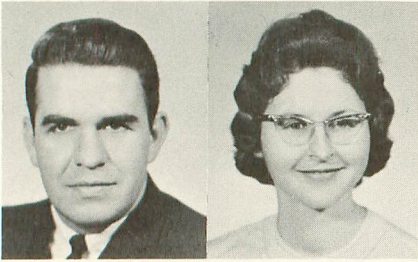
| STATE               | MAY RECEIPTS | QUOTA        | TOTAL RECEIPTS | UNDER QUOTA  | OVER QUOTA |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| Alabama.....        | \$ 1,094.47  | \$ 12,250.00 | \$ 4,470.77    | \$ 7,779.23  | \$         |
| Alaska.....         | 39.01        | 300.00       | 49.01          | 250.99       |            |
| Arizona.....        | 423.42       | 750.00       | 625.42         | 124.58       |            |
| Arkansas.....       | 1,340.34     | 13,000.00    | 4,382.27       | 8,617.73     |            |
| California.....     | 1,364.76     | 20,000.00    | 13,985.84      | 6,014.16     |            |
| Colorado.....       | 91.29        | 500.00       | 246.67         | 253.33       |            |
| Florida.....        | 1,366.27     | 10,500.00    | 5,101.54       | 5,398.46     |            |
| Georgia.....        | 1,920.86     | 15,750.00    | 8,142.23       | 7,607.77     |            |
| Hawaii.....         | 40.08        | 150.00       | 129.34         | 70.66        |            |
| Idaho.....          | 990.42       | 200.00       | 129.34         | 70.66        |            |
| Illinois.....       | 91.39        | 11,700.00    | 5,353.98       | 6,346.02     |            |
| Indiana.....        | 60.00        | 3,500.00     | 893.37         | 2,606.63     |            |
| Iowa.....           | 171.59       | 750.00       | 441.95         | 308.05       |            |
| Kansas.....         | 227.74       | 2,500.00     | 744.34         | 1,755.66     |            |
| Kentucky.....       | 28.00        | 5,000.00     | 1,517.30       | 3,982.70     |            |
| Louisiana.....      | 114.00       | 200.00       | 57.29          | 142.71       |            |
| Maine.....          | 2,869.32     | 100.00       | 468.40         |              | 368.40     |
| Michigan.....       | 176.83       | 45,000.00    | 14,327.90      | 30,672.10    |            |
| Mississippi.....    | 2,920.16     | 6,000.00     | 2,083.31       | 3,916.69     |            |
| Missouri.....       | 41.73        | 23,500.00    | 12,287.87      | 11,212.13    |            |
| New Hampshire.....  | 41.08        | 750.00       | 149.49         | 600.51       |            |
| New Mexico.....     | 4,091.65     | 1,350.00     | 201.82         | 1,148.18     |            |
| North Carolina..... | 1,537.66     | 48,500.00    | 20,528.96      | 27,971.04    |            |
| Ohio.....           | 3,124.15     | 11,000.00    | 5,440.54       | 5,559.46     |            |
| Oklahoma.....       | 100.00       | 45,000.00    | 12,844.41      | 32,155.59    |            |
| Oregon.....         | 1,473.33     | 100.00       |                | 100.00       |            |
| South Carolina..... | 2,753.53     | 18,500.00    | 7,999.94       | 10,500.06    |            |
| Tennessee.....      | 1,066.07     | 30,000.00    | 13,889.65      | 16,110.35    |            |
| Texas.....          | 620.55       | 13,500.00    | 3,908.94       | 9,591.06     |            |
| Virginia.....       | 73.86        | 18,000.00    | 4,569.34       | 13,430.66    |            |
| Washington.....     | 493.99       | 350.00       | 149.46         | 200.54       |            |
| West Virginia.....  | 145.14       | 10,000.00    | 3,530.66       | 6,469.34     |            |
| Miscellaneous.....  |              | 4,250.00     | 1,417.41       | 2,832.59     |            |
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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



## MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES TO IVORY COAST

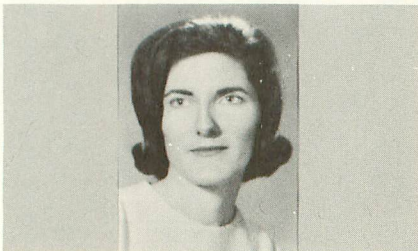


**JIMMY AND JANIE ALDRIDGE**

JIMMY ALDRIDGE wanted to live his life for himself. Born January 18, 1928, he accepted Christ at age 13 in Alabama, but not until he was in college did he yield his life to God for service. While attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, he realized God's leading to foreign service. "There is nothing spectacular to point out," Jimmy relates, "only an inner voice that I personally am to literally obey God's 'Go ye' as regards the foreign field."

Janie, born August 17, 1940, in South Carolina was saved at age 10 and grew up with the desire to be a missionary. "I know that God gave me this desire," she states, "and it has always been the direction of my life."

The Aldridges sailed for language study in Switzerland in 1963. Arriving in Africa one year later, they assumed responsibility for the Koun station. Janie, a registered nurse, ministers in a small clinic on the station. Tracts and gospel portions are distributed extensively. Jimmy maintains several preaching points around the area. The Aldridges will share with the Joneses responsibility of a French-speaking Bible institute.



**RUBY GRIFFIN, M.D.**

"A WOMAN DOCTOR!?" This is a typical reaction, yet the quiet unobtrusive young lady studying French

in Switzerland is just that . . . because the Lord has guided her life.

Dr. Ruby Griffin, born on August 7, 1934, was an irregular church attender until age 12. "At age 16," she testifies, "I realized that even though I was a church member, I was unsaved."

She accepted Christ and later made application to Free Will Baptist Bible College. Here she determined to let God lead in her life step by step. Challenged by a missionary film shown at a Memphis, Tenn., Youth for Christ rally showing the need for women doctors in missionary service, she began to see God's will.

A native Mississippian, she enrolled in pre-med at Mississippi State and received her M.D. from the University of Mississippi. Internship and residency were completed in Nashville.

After ministries among home churches, she sailed June 2 for language study. She will arrive in Ivory Coast, West Africa, in the summer of 1966 to assist in ministries at the Dorop clinic.



**BILL AND JOY JONES**

BILL JONES, born February 3, 1937, in Houston, Texas, was 15 years old when God saved him in a youth revival. Two years later he recognized God's call into the ministry and made plans to enter Free Will Baptist Bible College. Here he began to realize that "the field is the world" and answered God's call to missionary service.

Joy Arnold, born November 23, 1936, in Oklahoma, had also enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College. She did not give much thought to missionary service until she began to date Bill. "It was only after praying earnestly about it for about a year," she recalls, "that I was fully persuaded that the Lord wanted me as a missionary."

Following appointment by the Board of Foreign Missions, the Joneses sailed for language study in April, 1959. Upon arrival in Ivory Coast one year later, they began ministering at Koun. Because the people of the Agni tribe had no written language, primary attention was given to reducing the spoken tongue to writing and translating the Bible. The book of Mark has been completed and is being published by the American Bible Society.

*Echo de Tam Tam*, an evangelistic children's magazine in French to begin circulation in October, 1965, has been developed by Bill and other missionaries in Ivory Coast. Bill will be in charge of circulation.

In the fall of this year the Joneses with the Aldridges will begin construction of the second Free Will Baptist Bible institute in the area.



**ARCHIE AND SARAH MAYHEW**

ARCHIE MAYHEW faced seemingly insurmountable obstacles in 1955 when he answered God's call to preach His gospel to those who have not heard. Saved two years earlier at age 27, Archie had never completed high school. He was the father of a growing family, and he knew that he would have to work his way through college as well as support them.

When God called, however, Archie, born May 10, 1926, went back to high school at night and finished. With a dedication to do what the Lord was leading him to do, he moved his family from California to Tennessee, entering Free Will Baptist Bible College. Through hard work and equally hard study, he was graduated in June, 1963.

Sarah, born in Oklahoma on January 4, 1927, accepted Christ just before Archie's conversion. She soon



became concerned about missions and asked God to call them into service if He desired. This prayer eventually saw the family sail in September, 1964, for language study in Switzerland preparatory for service in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Many opportunities have come already for witness to Jesus' saving power.

The Mayhews have four children: Larry Deon, born May 15, 1945; Jerry Dewayne, December 20, 1947; Sheryl Denise, September 3, 1960; and Merry Deann, November 26, 1962.



#### **LAVERN, M.D., AND LORENE MILEY**

"DOCTOR, PLEASE help!" This plea for aid is answered several times daily by Dr. LaVerne Miley, first Free Will Baptist medical missionary to the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Dr. Miley became interested in missions soon after his conversion, but not until several years later did he recognize that this was God's leading for his life. He surrendered his life to the Lord for full-time service in 1945 and five years later received God's direction to prepare for missionary service.

Through the ministry of veteran missionary Laura Belle Barnard, the challenge of medical missions was brought to LaVerne's heart. Accepting this challenge, he entered medical school in the fall of 1955. In 1960, following graduation and internship, the Mileys sailed for language study.

Upon arrival in Ivory Coast a year later, the Missouri native with his Illinois-born wife, Lorene, established a medical ministry at Doropo.

The Lord has provided many opportunities for witness through the clinic. During an average day, Dr. and Mrs. Miley treat more than 150 patients. More than 10,000 individuals have been treated during first four years of clinic operation. Many of these hear of Christ for the first time through personal witness given during treatment. Several have accepted Christ.

LaVerne was born on September 9, 1928, and Lorene on November 26,

1927. They, with their three children, Lynn, born October 28, 1948, Lynette, July 27, 1950, and Larry, October 28, 1953, returned to the States for furlough in early July.



#### **LONNIE AND BERNICE PALMER**

PRODDED BY an insatiable desire to preach the gospel to those who have not heard, Lonnie Palmer surrendered his life for foreign service. He was saved in Arkansas but not until several years later did he realize that the Christian life is serious business and rededicate himself to God.

Feeling God's leadership to prepare, Lonnie with his wife Bernice, also from Arkansas, entered Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1957. In 1960 Lonnie was graduated, and in March, 1961, he and his family sailed for language study. They arrived in Ivory Coast one year later.

After ministering at Goumere, the Palmers have opened a station at Laoudi Ba. Churches have been established in several villages, and preaching points are being maintained in several others. Lonnie is realizing the desire of his heart as week by week areas are entered which have never before heard of Christ.

Lonnie was born on March 9, 1932; Bernice, January 4, 1935. They have three children: Kathleen, born May 24, 1952; Marion, March 17, 1955; and Lonnie Stephen, May 26, 1962.



#### **EDDIE AND SANDRA PAYNE**

EDDIE PAYNE began thinking about missionary service during his high school days in Oklahoma. "I heard Dan Cronk," Eddie relates, "and was very impressed and stirred by his

message." While attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, he recognized and answered God's call to be a missionary.

Sandra was saved at age 13 in Florida. Recognizing that God was leading her to serve as a missionary, she entered nurses' training in 1956. Upon graduation, she enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Paynes arrived in Ivory Coast in November, 1964. Sandra, a registered nurse, is ministering in the clinic at Doropo. Eddie is assisting here while carrying on village evangelism in the surrounding area.

Eddie was born on July 27, 1939; Sandra on February 10, 1938. They have two children: Laura Ann, born June 21, 1961, and Deborah Joy, February 3, 1965.



#### **LONNIE AND ANITA SPARKS**

AS THE FIRST Free Will Baptist missionaries to the Ivory Coast, Lonnie and Anita Sparks departed in December, 1956. After more than a year of language study, they began ministering at Goumere. Through open-air preaching and Scripture translation, several churches have been established. In 1964 Lonnie and Anita assumed leadership of the Kulango-speaking Bible institute.

Lonnie, born December 14, 1930, in Oklahoma, first realized his missionary responsibility through the preaching of Dr. Oswald J. Smith, noted missionary pastor. "Dr. Smith's statement, 'Why should anyone hear the gospel twice before everyone has heard it once,' really opened my eyes to the need," he relates.

Anita, a Michigan native born March 19, 1928, came to Free Will Baptist Bible College knowing that God had something for her to do. After attending Foreign Missions Fellowship she became burdened for the foreign field. She accepted God's call to service after several months of praying.

The Sparkses have two children, Paul Michel, born February 4, 1959, and James Noel, August 14, 1962.



## Conversions Witnessed in Rivera; New Work Started in Curticeiras

*Rivera, Uruguay*—Eight decisions have been seen in the new work recently begun in downtown Rivera, Missionary Bill Fulcher reports by shortwave radio. "Work will continue to be slow downtown," Bill said, "but we are encouraged by this response. We believe these are good decisions."

Meanwhile, Missionary Paul Robinson has begun holding services in the village of Curticeiras, located about 10 miles from Rivera. Nationals from the Santa Teresa church are being utilized in this work. Paul reports 10 decisions in the first service. It is still too early to know the solidity of these decisions, but missionaries are encouraged by the interest.

"This work is a result of a man's invitation to come and preach the good news," Paul writes. "Other than Spiritism, no works of any kind are maintained in Curticeiras. We are

meeting in a vacant house belonging to the man who invited us to come.

"The meeting place is made of mud, bamboo and thatch, but it is clean and very well arranged," Paul said. "All we had to do was to buy four rough planks to be used as benches. We feel that the Lord will give us many souls in this village. Services now are held every other week. If things progress well, we will have services every Sunday."

"An encouraging sidelight in the Curticeiras work," comments Missionary Robinson, "is the developing ability of nationals from our church in Santa Teresa. One of our boys brought an excellent message, effectively presenting the gospel."

Missionary Robinson is back on normal schedule following recent illness. He supervises work at Santa Teresa church. Prayers for continued recuperation are appreciated.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is a popular feature of church activities in Santa Teresa Free Will Baptist Church near Rivera, Uruguay. BILL ROBINSON PHOTO



MISS BARKER

DR. GRIFFIN

## New Missionaries in Language Study

*Nashville, Tennessee*—The second Free Will Baptist missionary doctor and a missionary nurse left recently for their fields of service.

Departing June 2 for Lausanne, Switzerland, Dr. Ruby Griffin has entered language school preparatory for ministries in the clinic in Doropo, Ivory Coast, West Africa. A Mississippi native, she was saved at age 16. Not until several years later, however, did she recognize God's leading to missionary service. No specific event led to her being a missionary; rather simply following the Lord step by step.

After attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, she entered Mississippi State Women's College. She received her M.D. from the University of Mississippi and served her internship at Baptist Hospital in Nashville.

Molly Barker, a registered nurse, left in May for language study in Costa Rica, preparatory for service in Uruguay. She was saved at age 13 in North Carolina and following high school entered Free Will Baptist Bible College. "At college," she recalls, "I learned more about missions and felt God would have me go and do what I could to get the gospel to those who have never heard."

After ministering two years with the Home Missions Department on the Mexican border, she entered nurses' training in Nashville, Tenn. and was graduated in 1963. She was appointed later that year by the Board of Foreign Missions to service in South America. After deputationary ministries among Free Will Baptist churches, she departed for language school. Upon completion of studies there, she will pioneer medical ministries in the Rivera, Uruguay, area.



## Fellowship with Returned Missionaries Highlights 29th Annual Convention

*Raleigh, North Carolina*—The Foreign Missions booth and fellowship with returned missionaries was, as in past years, a highlight of the 29th session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists meeting here July 13-15. Thirteen missionaries representing five fields were on hand, sharing the blessings of God with Free Will Baptists from across the nation.

Before the opening session of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, a tea was given Monday afternoon honoring missionaries. That evening Missionary Wesley Calvery, who with wife Aileen has served two terms in Japan, presented the devotional thoughts for the opening service.

Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, the most recently returned missionaries, were featured speakers in two services. Having returned only nine days before from medical ministries in Ivory Coast, Lorene spoke during the Tuesday morning session of WNAC, and Dr. Miley spoke on the theme,

"So Send I You" at the annual Wednesday night missions service.

"Mom" and "Pop" Willey, senior missionaries to Latin America, were also present. Mrs. Willey spoke to the Tuesday afternoon WNAC session.

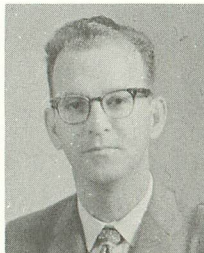
Bill and Joy Jones, planning to return in August to teaching and translation ministries in Ivory Coast, were on hand to greet delegates.

Three missionaries from Brazil were present: Eula Mae Martin, who returned immediately after the National Convention to resume her medical ministry, and Sammy and June Wilkinson, who return to the field in early fall.

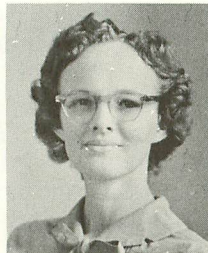
Patsy Tyson and Ella Rae Jones, registered nurses appointed for service in Ecuador, also were in attendance. They leave in August for language study.



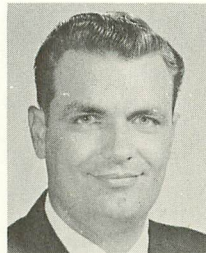
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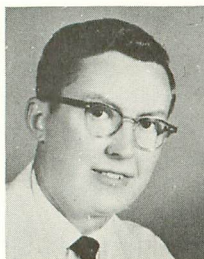
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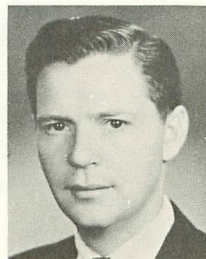
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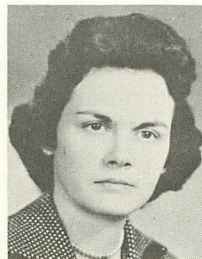
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## FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### RECOMMENDED READING AND LISTENING

#### BOOKS

**THE EPISTLES OF JOHN** by John R. W. Stott (Eerdmans, 230 pp.). Writing as both a pastor and teacher, Mr. Stott presents an easily readable, yet thoroughly scholarly exegesis of John's epistles. Especially helpful to pastors.

**THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM** by John McNeill (Revell, 96 pp.). The author's Scottish expressions, subtle humor, and expressive illustrations used to examine each verse of this Psalm will bless and warm your heart as you read.

**STOP THE MERRY-GO-ROUND** by Don Mallough (Baker, 97 pp.). These sermons hit—and hit hard—at the complacency keeping Christians mired in the morass of secularism. With the road map of Scripture, the road is lighted leading to the higher ground of Christian living.

#### RECORDS

**WORD OF LIFE . . . TRUMPET TRIO** (Zondervan, Stereo, ZLP 887). Crisp tones, clear blend and wide selection of songs characterize this album. Sensitively and brilliantly arranged by Don Wyrzten, and executed by three fine trumpeters, these songs will challenge your heart.

**ENCHANTING KOREAN ORPHAN CHOIR** (Word, Hi-Fi, W-3340-LP). Enchanting is the word to describe this album by the World Vision Orphan Choir. Singing with youthful exuberance and joy, these lovable songsters present a varied selection of sacred and secular songs.

**HAPPY JUBILEE** (Word, Hi-Fi, W-3332-LP). The world-famous Revival-time choir catches the joy of the Christian life as they sing. Reflecting the happiness in the singers' hearts, these songs will warm your heart as you are reminded of the great things the Lord has done.



# HEARTBEAT

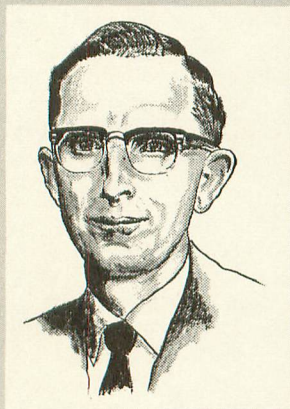
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## "OUT OF MY HEART"



A word  
from the  
General Director

THIS PUBLICATION, *Heartbeat*, is sent to nearly 35,000 Free Will Baptists each month. I have wondered how many read each copy. Our objective is to keep you regularly informed about our foreign missions activity. There are articles to inspire, news items to inform and reports to stimulate response. Are we accomplishing these things with this publication? Do the missionary articles stir you to compassion? Are your questions about what is happening on the fields answered by news items? Are the financial statements important enough to guide your giving? ■ Pastors by reading *Heartbeat* have involved their churches in greater missionary service. The prayer guide has made possible concerted prayer for specific requests. ■ An interesting letter from a high school graduate came to my desk recently. "I've just finished reading 'If God Calls You' in the May edition of *Heartbeat*," it read, "and I'm thanking God for showing me a way to turn. Yes, God has called me to the foreign mission field and has given me every sign of assurance that could be asked for showing me that this is the path to take." ■ The printed page has been a powerful tool in the hands of the cults and communists. It is time that we make greater use of this effective means of reaching the masses. One million people are learning to read each week and we must place in their hands the written message of salvation. ■ Missionary Bill Jones has translated the Gospel of Mark into Agni and Lonnie Sparks has translated it into Kulango. The American Bible Society is publishing these gospels for tribes in the Ivory Coast. It will be marvelous to place into these outstretched hands a portion of the precious Word of God. These Africans would not have this message if you had not made possible the ministry of these missionaries. ■ Not only must we provide copies of the Scriptures, but there are other literature needs. Young converts must be taught. Teaching materials must be prepared and made available. Tracts on salvation, Christian living, Free Will Baptist doctrine and history are part of our literature program. ■ This work requires trained personnel for writing and money for publishing. Some mission boards are allocating 10 per cent of their budgets for foreign literature production. ■ Our literature ministry has not been underwritten by special gifts. Rather, the cost has come from our general fund. Through gifts to the general fund you provide Bibles and gospel literature for those who have never before read the message. Imagine what Free Will Baptists could do in this ministry of foreign literature if every family gave as much each month for this ministry as it pays for the daily newspaper. We could saturate our foreign fields with life-changing literature. ■ The hour is late, and we must sow quickly if we are going to reap the harvest. Christ is coming!

*J. Reford Wilson*