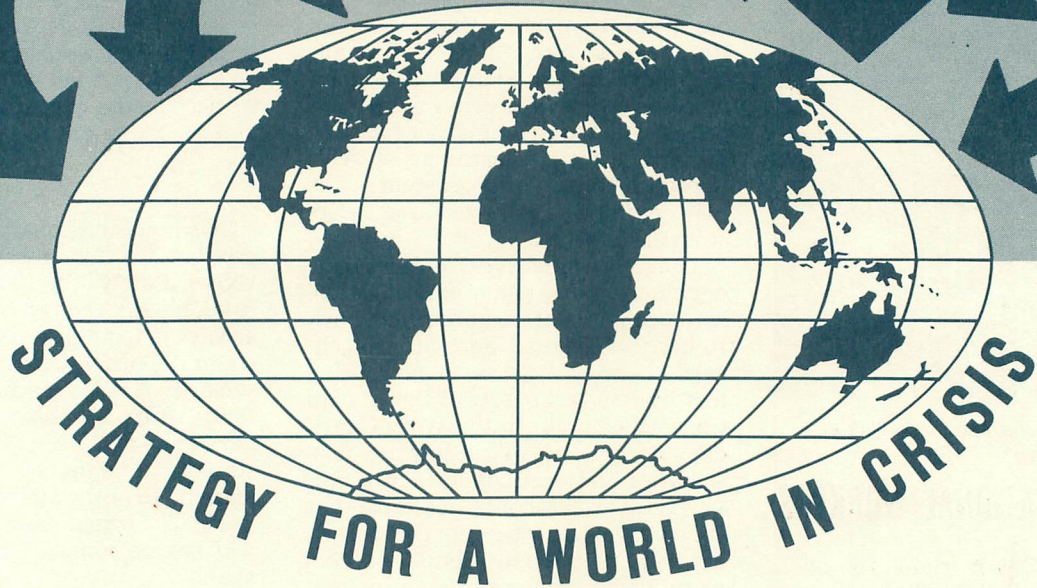


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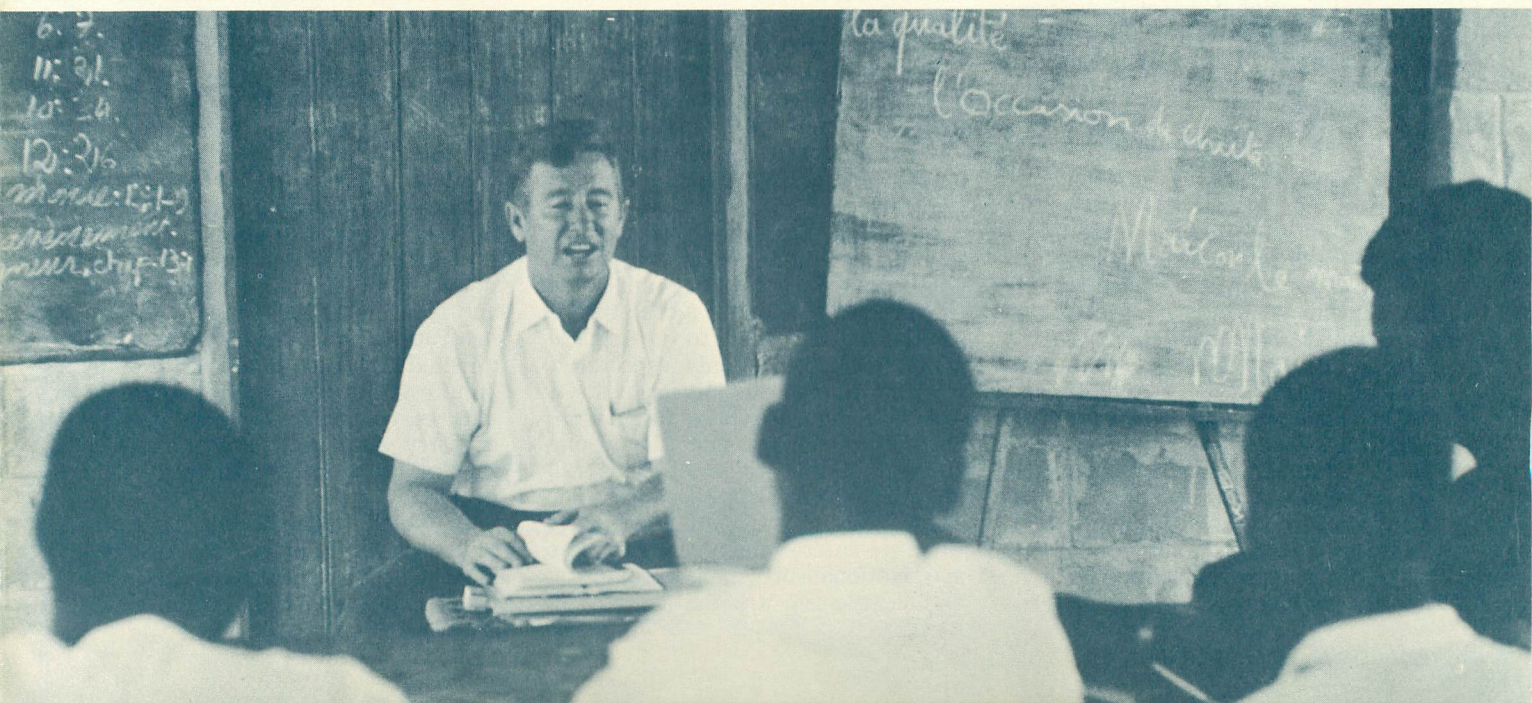
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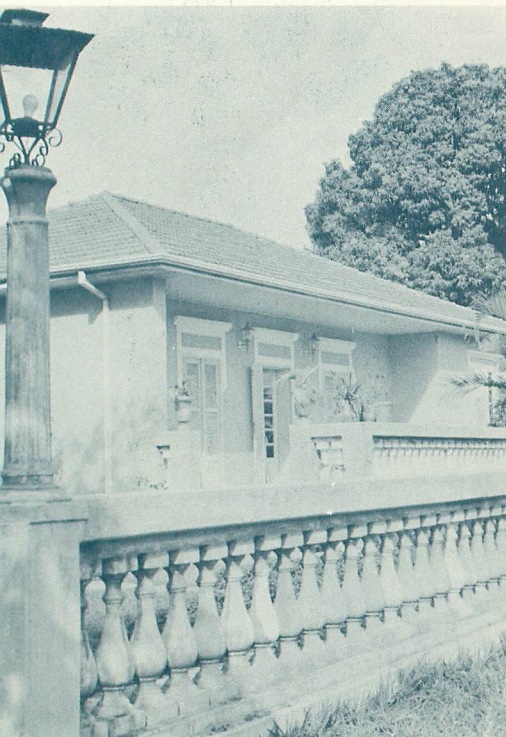
## PART 1 TRAINING NATIONAL WORKERS

J. REFORD WILSON

STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE is not strange to the Christian Church. Crises provide the climate in which the Church demonstrates its **TO PAGE TWO**







President's Home, Brazil Bible Institute

## TRAINING NATIONAL WORKERS

FROM PAGE ONE ► right to exist. From Pilate's hall in Jerusalem to Nero's throne in Rome, the trail of the Church is stained with blood. From Saint Bartholomew's massacre in Paris to Shell Mera in Ecuador, martyrs purchased today's existence.

What are the forces which create an environment of crisis for today's Church? How can the missionary prepare the national church to assume full responsibility for its work? What is the strategy of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions?

### ANTI-MISSIONARY FORCES

To newly emerging independent countries, nothing is more important than *nationalism*. In Africa, one finds more prestige in being known as an African than being identified either as a Muslim or a Christian. Too often Christianity has been labeled the religion of the white man and the Western-world.

The *resurgence of non-Christian religions* is evident in the growth of Islam and spread of Buddhism outside the countries of Africa and Asia. In many areas of these continents it is an infant Church coming forth in the midst of a religious crisis. The Church has not yet emerged. It is like a seed

trying to burst through the dry crust of earth.

A Christian convert finds himself breaking with all family teachings and traditions. He stands alone as the rest of his family engages in pagan religious festivities. The missionary is branded as a foreign agent.

*Communism* spreads its atheistic tennacles causing turmoil and making the future uncertain. In non-communist countries the university campuses have become ripe fields for recruiting communist leaders. In one European country, 100,000 Africans are university students. The communists have an aggressive enlistment program among these students. One mission society, learning of this approach to its Christian students, is now giving special emphasis to its student ministry.

The *changing attitudes of Rome* have not changed her design. Her objective is to bring "separated brethren" back to her fold. The advance of evangelicals in Latin America is now being met by renewed efforts of the Roman Catholic Church. In the Ivory Coast, one of our Free Will Baptist missionaries had won converts in a new village. The Catholics, learning that the village was open to the gospel, entered and offered to build a school on property which had been promised to us for a church building.

### REASON TO BECOME ALARMED

How does a young church come into its own under these circumstances?

This is a time of crisis. There is reason to become alarmed. A missionary leader reported recently that one out of every 13 people in the world is a Christian but warned that if the present ratio of converts to population increase continues, Protestant Christianity will represent only four per cent of the world's population by 1980 and only two per cent by the year 2000.

Merely crying in time of crisis is like sounding the fire alarm but never putting out the fire. Merely analyzing the problems without motivating a solution is like rushing to the scene of action but becoming only a spectator.

In my tour of our mission fields, I saw these influences bringing pressure on the missionary and the young churches. Our work in Africa is still in embryo form. There was only one small group of Christian believers when we entered the area eight years ago. Nationalism, Islam, communism and heathenism are the climates in

which the Church must produce itself. The Church in North India lives under the tension of border disputes. In one area, special permission had to be secured before we could enter a border village for an evening service.

The American missionary is not a permanent fixture. He must prepare for the day when he no longer is the preacher or teacher. He may be forced to leave his field on a moment's notice, and the young church left behind will have to assume full responsibility of its witness. Our work is young and would be much like a young boy not yet full grown having to accept the responsibility of providing for the entire family.

### STRANGE VOICES

"Go home missionary" is no isolated cry, but it often comes from strange voices. Lately, the loudest has come from liberal ecumenicists. However, according to AFRICA NOW, the national church continues its appeal for missionaries. "It is because of the church that Africa has reached its present development," Sir Francis Ibiham stated. "I want to appeal to the church to continue its missionary work. The commission of Jesus Christ will not be complete until He comes again."

Our plans are to continue sending missionaries to our present fields of operation and into new areas as God provides. These missionaries will be oriented to press the claims of Christ and to resist satanic forces. Without compromise, our missionaries cooperate with other evangelicals to strengthen the total Christian witness.

At the same time, our missionaries are preparing the national church for the day when the American missionary will no longer be there.

An intensive Bible institute program has been launched in the Ivory Coast. Courses in Kulango have been prepared and taught by Lonnie and Anita Sparks. Young men are being taught evangelism, Bible doctrine and sermon preparation. They will be the pastors and teachers of their people. A Bible institute with courses in French is directed by Bill Jones assisted by Jimmy Aldridge. Through these institutes, the missionary multiplies his ministry and prepares workers who remain permanently among their people.

In North India, hostels have provided an environment for teaching basic Christian principles, and this program has produced dynamic young



men to minister to their own people. A special program for training village evangelists is under the direction of Dan Cronk.

Bible study groups for new converts and special guidance for church leaders have been formed by Missionaries Bill Fulcher and Paul Robinson in Uruguay.

The Brazilian Bible Institute opened last March to prepare pastors and teachers for the growing Brazilian church.

#### ESTABLISH, PREPARE

It is not our purpose, nor are we able, to send enough missionaries to evangelize these countries. Rather, we send missionaries to establish the church and prepare its people for its own outreach. The infant church cannot build and staff its institutions. This is the assistance which we can give. With this strategy we prepare the church for its struggle for existence.

The Free Will Baptist story in Cuba proves the validity of this strategy. The Holy Spirit must have directed the training program which Free Will Baptist missionaries gave young Christians. American missionaries were unaware that they would soon find themselves unable to minister in their field any longer. But dedicated men and women were carefully trained to minister to their own.

Though American missionaries no longer work on the island, Cuban pastors continue a vital and growing ministry. Souls continue to be saved even though governmental restrictions limit our witness. The ability of the national church to continue its ministry in the time of crisis is indicative of the effectiveness of the training which its leaders received.

What is our strategy? Bible study groups to firmly establish every believer in the Christian faith. Lay leaders trained to teach others. Advanced training in Bible institutes for pastors and evangelists. Shifting responsibility of plans and policies to national church leaders.

The promise of Christ, "I will build my church," has no geographical boundaries. The missionary accepts the challenge of crisis to prepare the church to proclaim the gospel of Christ, to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit and to manifest the love of God to all men. ■

**NEXT MONTH: "Part II: Mobility through Literature"**

**As Colleges Go** ■ The axiom is still true: "As a denomination's institutions of higher education go, so goes the denomination." ■ This is true in the theological realm. It is also true regarding a denomination's missionary spirit. If its schools vibrate with the urgency of proclaiming the message of redemption to all the world, the denomination will feel the effect down to the grass roots. Conversely, if a denomination's schools lose this centrality of purpose, it is left prey to dead orthodoxy, ritualism and materialism, which has already siphoned off the spiritual power of many formerly strong evangelistic catalysts. ■ It is important in understanding the missionary development of our denomination to note that the majority of our missionary staff testifies that God first spoke to them about missionary service while they were students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This isn't to minimize the role of Christian parents, dedicated Sunday school teachers and missionary-minded pastors in producing missionary candidates. But college days are when the major decisions of marital mates and vocation are made. ■ To keep a denomination central in God's purposes for a lost world, its schools must (1) strategically train God-called men and women for effective witness in the Twentieth Century, (2) provide an environment where the challenges of a needy world are presented and students motivated to assume their roles in world evangelism and (3) mold pastors who burn with the burden of reaching a lost world with the gospel, both in the area where they are called to serve and unto the uttermost part of the earth. ■ By strategically training for an effective witness, we mean preparing men and women to utilize every means available today to get the job done. By environment we mean an atmosphere of spiritual revival that causes men and women to become concerned about the things God is concerned about. By molding burning pastors we mean creating within prospective pastors a feeling of urgency that will motivate them to vital witness in their areas of service and to lead their people to support the educational and missionary agencies of the denomination.



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# HIGHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MISSIONS

# A Vite

JUNGLE BRUSH swept both sides of our automobile as we sliced through the countryside to yet another village. My bones ached with each bounce, each turn. The heat, for me, was nigh unto unbearable. Yet, the missionary took it in stride. To him it was all in a day's work.

Several months earlier, the missionary had met hostility in this village. The few who responded to the gospel were severely pounced upon by parents, friends and village kingpins. They fell under the pressure and recanted. This, too, the missionary took in stride. He knew God was at work. His confidence was in Him. And the missionary had settled the matter a long time ago—God never fails. His way is the right way.

One day a village lad, now a teen-ager, came to the mission station.

"Do you remember me?" he asked with a glow in his voice and on his face.

The missionary looked at him, racing the computer mechanism of his brain seeking to single out the past record of the warm countenance smiling up at him.

"What village are you from?" the missionary asked.

"You remember the village you used to come to until we who accepted Christ became afraid and told you not to come back? That's where I'm from. And I haven't forgotten. I still believe in Jesus. And I have peace in my heart. Will you come back to our village? My people are ready to hear now."

As we pulled into the village some stared in uncertainty. Some quietly left for business elsewhere. But when we arrived at the little thatched-roofed building being used temporarily as a church, it was filled with those waiting to hear the gospel.

The missionary patiently and pointedly preached the Word. Those who came in response to his invitation were carefully counseled. Souls were born into the kingdom. And we returned down the dusty path to the mission station in victory.

I am amazed at the adaptability and faith of our missionaries. To be sure, they meet discouraging circumstances. They often experience more failure than success in their witness to the pagan society into which they have been thrust by the Holy Spirit.

But they don't give up. They know the power of the Word of God. They have faith to continue in the face of humanly impossible odds.

What makes the difference?

Many forces are used by the Holy Spirit to mold a missionary—Godly parents, discerning pastors, concerned Sunday school teachers, Christian friends. But the greatest single molding influence in the lives of most missionaries is their educational experience.

Textbook know-how is important, but it doesn't make missionaries. When service on the spiritual front lines of the world gets tough, it takes burning faith and unshakable conviction that "this is the way, walk ye in it" for the missionary to keep his heart heavenward and his shoulders to the plow.

This is where the spiritual atmosphere of a truly Christian college comes into play. This is why the counsel of dedicated, Spirit-filled men of God is so important in an educational program that thoroughly prepares God-called men for their God-directed ministries.

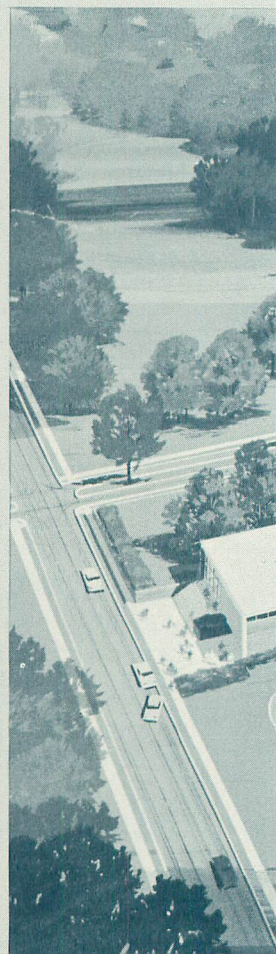
Buildings of brick and mortar though magnificently architected are cold and dead until brought to life by worthwhile purpose. A college campus takes on eternal perspective when seen in the light of two billion souls who yet have not heard the glorious message of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ. To construct a building is one thing, to provide facilities for strategically training God-called men and women to move into the harvest fields of the world is a totally different thing.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is more than brick and mortar. It is a training camp for men and women of God who have been called to witness for Christ in this generation. If this witness is to be effective and sufficient, adequate training facilities must be provided by concerned people of God.

During the past several months, a new awakening to the missionary purpose of the Church has been seen in nearly every part of the country. Free Will Baptists are awakening to the needs of a lost world. Both home and foreign missions programs have been expanded to seek to reach an ever expanding mass of souls destined for eternity.

This expanding world-wide witness must continue. But further expansion of the denomination's evangelistic outreach is dependent on these essential prerequisites:

- (1) Increased prayer support for world evangelism.
- (2) Increased financial support for missions agencies.
- (3) Adequate training facilities





by THE EDITOR

# al Relationship

for preparation of missionaries, evangelists, pastors, teachers, journalists and those called to other ministries.

A bold step has been taken by the National Association to provide desperately needed additional facilities at Free Will Baptist Bible College, the denomination's educational institution located in Nashville, Tenn.

Meeting in Raleigh, N. C., last July, the association authorized a two and a quarter million dollar expansion program with the first phase to be launched immediately.

Since approval of the program, additional land has been purchased and plans formulated for construction of the first phase.

Under immediate consideration is a classroom-library complex and two dormitories, one for men and one for women. Projected cost of this phase is one and a quarter million dollars.

From where is this money coming?

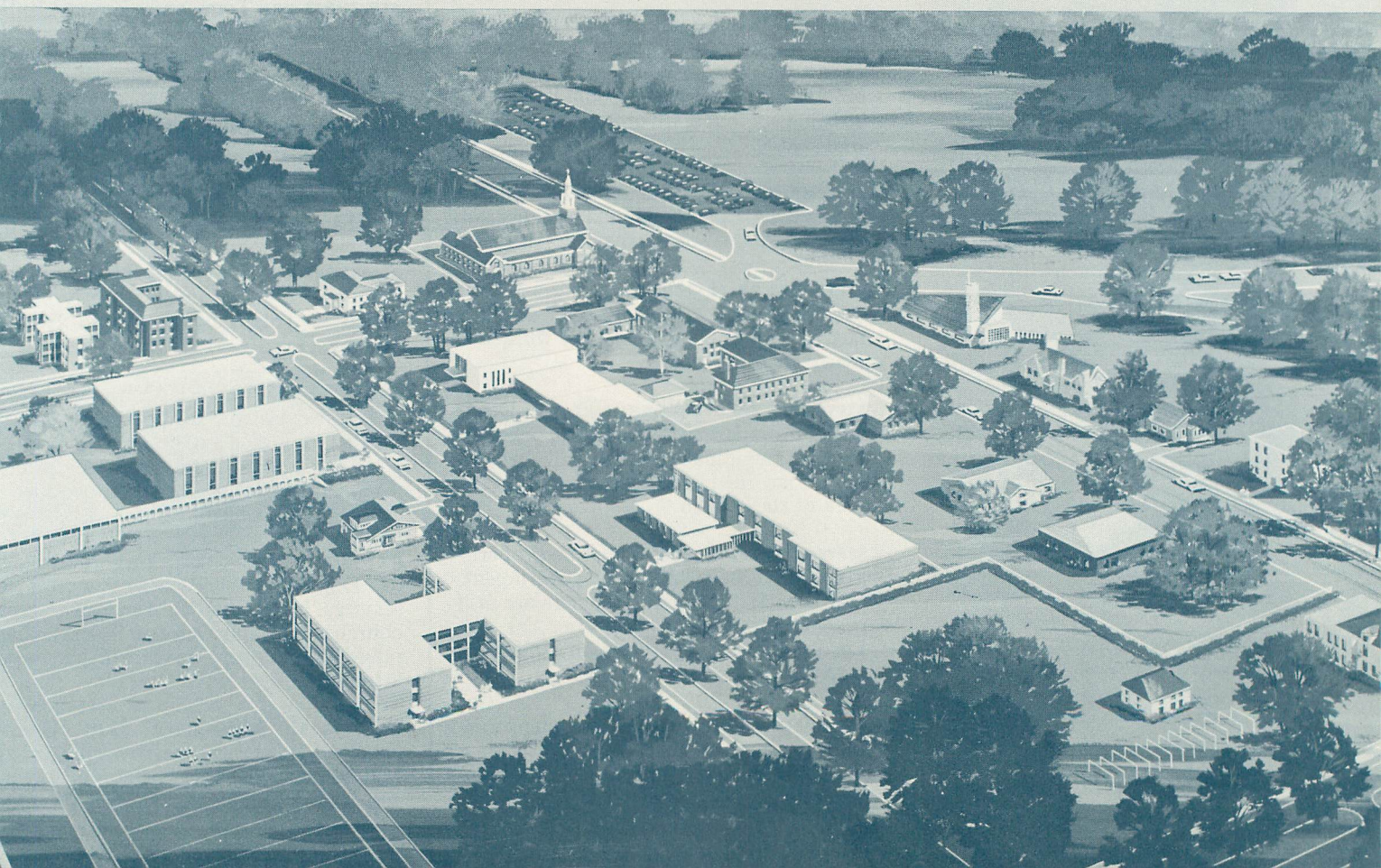
From concerned people of God who want to see the evangelistic program of our denomination continue to expand.

From concerned people of God who are no longer contented for Free Will Baptist young people to be forced to study under adverse circumstances.

From concerned people of God who have a vision of a lost world that can be won for Christ only as Spirit-filled men and women are given adequate preparation and thrust forth into the harvest.

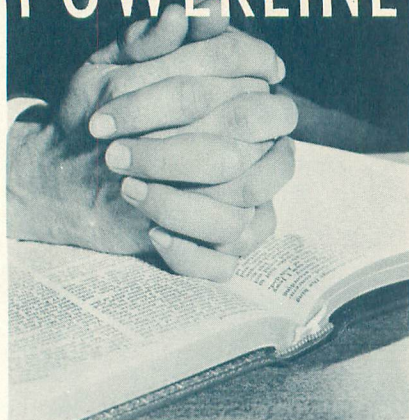
Shortly, a fund raising campaign will be launched by the college to raise a humanly impossible amount of money. Only the faithful prayers and sacrificial efforts of God's concerned people will bring this expansion program to fruition. But, the faithful prayers and sacrificial efforts of God's concerned people *will bring* this expansion program to fruition! ■

Artist's Conception of Expanded Campus Facility





# POWERLINE



## PRAYER IS POWER

**"HITHERTO HAVE YE ASKED NOTHING IN MY NAME: ASK, AND YE SHALL RECEIVE, THAT YOUR JOY MAY BE FULL."**

JOHN 16:24

## REMEMBER THESE BY NAME

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**SOUTH AFRICA:** Josephine Stevens

**ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** John and Barbara Moehlman

## USE THIS PRAYER CALENDAR AS YOU REMEMBER YOUR MISSION

**SEPTEMBER 15:** Pray that many will be reached with the gospel by Louis and Florine Coscia in their new place of service, Pirassununga, Brazil.

**SEPTEMBER 16:** Several missionary accounts are deficit (see financial statement). Pray that the Lord will provide these needed funds.

**SEPTEMBER 17:** Praise God for opening given Missionary Jimmy Aldridge in the village of Dokanou, Ivory Coast. Several are interested. Pray for their conversion.

**SEPTEMBER 18:** Bobby and Geneva Poole are ministering in Ribeirao Preto and Albertino, Brazil. Pray that many will find Christ through their witness.

**SEPTEMBER 19:** Pray for pastors of Hokkaido, Japan, churches in Missionary Wesley Calvery's absence. Spiritual discernment and physical strength are needed.

**SEPTEMBER 20:** Molly Barker, R. N., is studying Spanish in Costa Rica preparatory to medical ministry in Uruguay. Pray for quick comprehension of the language.

**SEPTEMBER 21:** Lonnie and Bernice Palmer, Laoudi-Ba, Ivory Coast, write: "Pray for our Christians that they will be able to find Christian mates. Several unbelievers have divorced their Christian mates."

**SEPTEMBER 22:** Pray that many will be reached as Carlisle Hanna preaches in villages around Sonapurhat, North India.

**SEPTEMBER 23:** Estenio and Anita Garcia are ministering in Panama City and in a nearby village. Pray that they will reach many with the gospel.

**SEPTEMBER 24:** Missionary Earnie Deeds writes from Brazil: "Pray that believers in the Campinas church will become more concerned to reach the people in the area of the church."

**SEPTEMBER 25:** At last report no property in Cuba has been lost to the government, and Free Will Baptist preachers are still proclaiming the gospel. Pray for the Lord's continued protection and that many will be saved.

**SEPTEMBER 26:** Literature, the silent missionary, often is more effective than a human missionary. Pray for God's direc-

## LATE BULLETIN: INDIA

Inferences from scattered reports from India indicate that no harm has come to missionaries or to mission property. Missionaries wives have joined their children at Mussoorie.

Mission stations at Kishanganj and Sonapurhat, manned by Dan Cronk and Carlisle Hanna, are located approximately 100 miles from the disputed Sikkim-Chinese border.

Continued prayer is needed for safety in this critical situation.

tion for Director of Publications Jerry Ballard and Editor of Spanish Publications Benito Rodriguez in decisions and plans for Free Will Baptist publications in Spanish.

**SEPTEMBER 27:** Archie and Sarah Mayhew complete language study in Switzerland shortly. Pray for safe and quick transfer to their field of service, Ivory Coast, West Africa.

**SEPTEMBER 28:** Tom and Emma Ruth Willey recently returned from Panama. Pray for God's blessings on furlough ministries.

**SEPTEMBER 29:** Bill and Glenda Fulcher have seen several conversions in the new work in Rivera, Uruguay. Pray that this work will continue to prosper as the Fulchers come home for furlough.

**SEPTEMBER 30:** Pray that many will be reached through church recently established in Tokyo by Fred and Evelyn Hersey.

**FOR SPECIAL PRAYER:** A missionary writes: "Pray for national men. Our greatest need is for God-called young men to preach the Word and be pastors of works missionaries are establishing."

**OCTOBER 1:** Missionaries LaVerne Miley M. D., and Wesley Calvery will be in services in Nashville, Tennessee, area churches through October 3. Pray that renewed missionary fervor will grip those attending.

**OCTOBER 2:** Missionary Dan Cronk preaches in several nearby villages as well as maintaining a hostel ministry in



# ONARIES DAILY BEFORE THE LORD

Kishanganj, North India. Pray for physical and spiritual strength.

**OCTOBER 3:** Pray for Don Robirds as he lays groundwork for Portuguese literature ministry in addition to language studies in Campinas, Brazil.

**OCTOBER 4:** Annual Missionary Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, begins today. Pray that those attending will be challenged by the theme, "The Harvest is Now!"

**OCTOBER 5:** A missionary pastor to lead Free Will Baptist church in Formosa is needed. Pray that God will lead His man into this ministry.

**OCTOBER 6:** Pray that the Lord will grant quick comprehension of Spanish to Ella Rae Jones, R.N., and Patsy Tyson, R.N., studying in Costa Rica preparatory to service in Ecuador.

**OCTOBER 7:** Sammy and June Wilkinson are in refresher language study in Campinas, Brazil. Pray that they will quickly regain full use of Portuguese.

**OCTOBER 8:** Missionary Josephine Stevens requests prayer for a matron needed for nurses' home and a headmaster needed for boy's boarding school in Zululand, South Africa.

**OCTOBER 9:** Pray that many will be reached through personal witness of Eddie and Sandra Payne, ministering at Doropo, Ivory Coast, clinic.

**OCTOBER 10:** Herbert and Geraldine Waid are in Tokyo, largest city in the world. Pray that many Japanese will be reached through their witness.

**OCTOBER 11:** Paul and Amy Robinson are leading two churches in Uruguay. Pray for physical and spiritual strength.

**OCTOBER 12:** Pray for Bobby and Sue Aycock as they serve in Araras, Brazil, and make arrangements to return to the States for furlough later this year.

**OCTOBER 13:** Bill and Barbara Phipps need openings in Las Tablas, Panama, area to preach the gospel. Pray. Pray also that aviation ministry will be realized.

**OCTOBER 14:** Pray that God will save many through ministry of Volena Wilson in South India.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / JULY 1965

CASH IN BANK JULY 1, 1965.....\$53,949.05

### RECEIPTS

State Quotas.....	\$32,119.85	
Other Income.....	2,824.39	34,944.24
		\$88,893.29

### DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields.....	\$28,965.84	
Traveling & Promotion.....	2,680.62	
Administrative.....	4,725.04	36,371.50
		\$52,521.79

### UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund.....	\$ 3,101.79
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge.....	294.43
Miss Molly Barker, R.N.....	4,204.93
Rev. and Mrs. James Combs.....	928.82
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia.....	381.70
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk.....	1,102.05
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds.....	203.04
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Eagleton.....	2,316.63
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison.....	1,204.57
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks.....	105.33
Ruby Griffin, M.D.....	4,363.72
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones.....	5,034.49
Miss Ella Rae Jones, R.N.....	4,578.41
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew.....	47.94
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne.....	4,626.70
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps.....	1,306.47
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole.....	79.28
Miss Mary Ellen Rice.....	2,353.80
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson.....	1,063.66
Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds.....	1,495.81
Mrs. Josephine Stevens.....	605.06
Miss Patsy Tyson, R.N.....	4,632.57

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson.....	1,398.35
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.....	611.57
Furlough Car.....	500.26
Africa—Medical Building.....	6,670.61
North India Building.....	4,377.06
Africa Bible Institute.....	816.11
Africa Vehicle.....	114.15
Mayhew House.....	3,556.98
Brazil Bible Institute.....	709.16
Brazil Vehicle.....	1,461.64
Payne House.....	1,538.07
Repatriation.....	3,190.59
Missionary Medical.....	7,823.05
Hanna Road Fund.....	234.10
	77,032.90

### DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock.....	\$ 1,081.31
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery.....	1,152.36
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher.....	417.08
Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia.....	3,333.51
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	37.88
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey.....	1,451.81
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N.....	179.42
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley.....	159.12
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman.....	1,139.70
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer.....	1,903.10
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks.....	367.05
Rev. and Mrs. Moises Toirac.....	405.00
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid.....	2,744.75
Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey, Jr.....	2,262.59
Miss Volena Wilson.....	1,231.89
Palmer House.....	1,544.73
Audio-Visual.....	5,099.81
	24,511.11
	\$52,521.79

### STATE QUOTAS 1965

STATE	JULY RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama.....	\$ 800.75	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 5,960.25	\$ 6,289.75	
Alaska.....		300.00	49.01	250.99	
Arizona.....	72.40	750.00	752.79		2.79
Arkansas.....	1,135.74	13,000.00	6,400.52	6,599.48	
California.....	1,710.82	20,000.00	17,204.12	2,795.88	
Colorado.....	27.24	500.00	305.17	194.83	
Florida.....	725.55	10,500.00	6,693.29	3,806.71	
Georgia.....	1,472.33	15,750.00	11,105.10	4,644.90	
Hawaii.....		150.00	166.00		16.00
Idaho.....	22.48	200.00	184.23	15.77	
Illinois.....	228.08	11,700.00	6,550.36	5,149.64	
Indiana.....	206.32	3,500.00	1,831.19	1,668.81	
Iowa.....	85.00	750.00	592.45	157.55	
Kansas.....	429.45	2,500.00	1,662.88	837.12	
Kentucky.....	477.74	5,500.00	2,673.47	2,826.53	
Louisiana.....	5.00	200.00	71.64	128.36	
Maine.....	30.00	100.00	558.40		458.40
Michigan.....	2,161.92	45,000.00	21,426.10	23,573.90	
Mississippi.....	306.26	6,000.00	2,891.66	3,108.34	
Missouri.....	1,465.03	23,500.00	15,946.26	7,553.74	
New Hampshire.....	56.55	750.00	221.40	528.60	
New Mexico.....	20.96	1,350.00	334.27	1,015.73	
North Carolina.....	4,481.92	48,500.00	29,682.65	18,817.35	
Ohio.....	1,679.00	11,000.00	9,106.93	1,893.07	
Oklahoma.....	3,536.79	45,000.00	19,081.92	25,918.08	
Oregon.....		100.00		100.00	
South Carolina.....	2,231.55	18,500.00	11,998.28	6,501.72	
Tennessee.....	2,326.79	30,000.00	19,519.66	10,480.34	
Texas.....	1,526.98	13,500.00	6,732.50	6,767.50	
Virginia.....	828.22	18,000.00	5,982.15	12,017.85	
Washington.....	15.00	350.00	164.46	185.54	
West Virginia.....	520.96	10,000.00	4,929.02	5,070.98	
Miscellaneous.....	3,533.02	4,250.00	5,406.29		1,156.29
	\$ 32,119.85	\$373,450.00	\$216,184.42	\$158,899.06	\$ 1,633.48

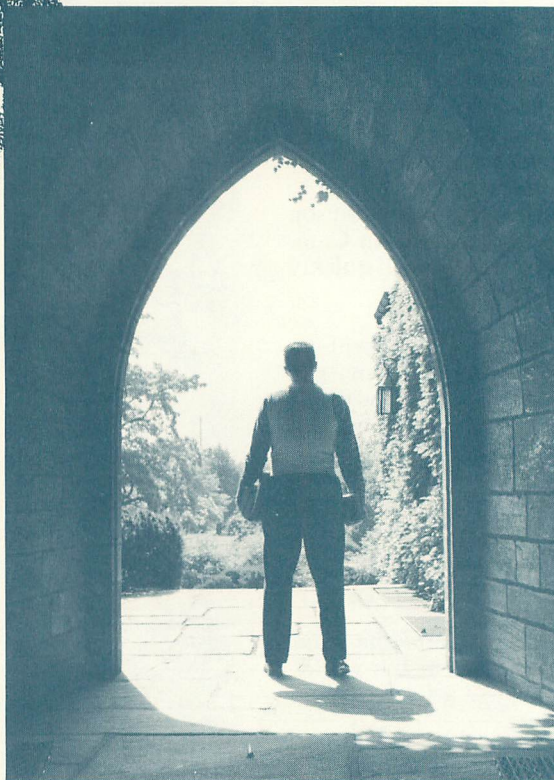




# Preparing Them To Go

**Laura Belle Barnard's  
pioneering ministry in India  
uniquely qualifies her for her  
present missionary ministry  
at Free Will Baptist Bible College**

by  
**ROBERT BRYAN**



**S**HE'S AS tough as nails!" is a typical exclamation of students leaving her classes, yet these same students say later, "You know, I surely learned a lot from her, and it has really helped me."

The same young lady whom the Lord used to awaken the Free Will Baptist denomination to His plan for world redemption is today being used to awaken in hearts of students an increased awareness of needs of the world. Miss Laura Belle Barnard, the first missionary sent out by the then newly organized National Association of Free Will Baptists, today continues her missionary ministry as head of the missions department of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

As she stands in front of the missionary health and hygiene class, seeming to know every aspect of any tropical disease that could be mentioned, often the question runs through students' minds, "Why do I have to learn all these endless details about a disease that I never heard of before?" Yet, as Miss Barnard explains the importance of even the little things, the student more willingly tries to learn the differences between typhus and typhoid and malaria and yellow fever.

Another class finds Miss Barnard explaining social and economic structures of various tribes. As she teaches she gives more than just the necessary facts, seasoning the textbook with experienced missionary wisdom. Students



catch the missionary manner of thinking and study harder, recognizing that this knowledge will help them adapt more easily and thereby be more effective missionaries.

Through Foreign Missions Fellowship, student missionary organization at the college, Miss Barnard often has opportunity to counsel missionary candidates concerning problems or plans for future service. Leaders of F.M.F. are aided by her helpful suggestions in laying plans to keep the cause of missions before students.

Perhaps the greatest help which she gives prospective missionaries is not teaching facts in the classroom but giving counsel and help whenever she is asked to. Perhaps her greatest contribution is her constant love for the Lord and confidence in what He will do. Problems are faced with serene assurance that God will work them out. Others coming to her often hear, "Now let's pray that God will help us to see His hand in this and teach us through this trial."

Where did Miss Barnard receive qualifications for such a strategic position? God has prepared her in a unique way for her present ministry of missionary preparation.

In preliminary meetings in 1935 of what was to become the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Miss Barnard offered herself to God and Free Will Baptists for work in India. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to be in the service as the newborn denomination agreed to undertake its first missionary endeavor.

After appointment, Miss Barnard sailed for India and entered language school at Kotagiri, a small village in South India's western mountain range. She continued her ministry in Kotagiri after completing formal study. She wrote in a later letter about the work there: "As Paul wrote, 'a great door and effectual is opened.' But as in Paul's case there are adversaries. God hasn't given us an easy task, but surely He is the one who has given it. So with your prayers we undertake it."

Satan's attacks were ever present, but these were overcome by God's power as Miss Barnard saw the beginnings of present Free Will Baptist ministries to this benighted land. Building an indigenous church is a basic aim of missions, and emphasis was laid upon this from the outset. At Kotagiri and Gopalapuram, a nearby city, churches were begun which today give witness of Christ and His salvation to the surrounding area. Other missions have been started.

Because of the overwhelming number of children, Sunday schools also played a vital part in developing Free Will Baptist witness in South India. Several were established around Kotagiri bringing Indian youngsters to Christ and training them to reach their own people. Today, enrollment in these Sunday schools numbers well over 500.

After a day school was established in Kotagiri, combining opportunity to present the gospel and opportunity to help the Indian change his poverty-ridden society through education, a nearby village, largely Hindu, asked missionaries to begin a day school there, also. Even though the school building shared the same roof with a Hindu worship center, the school was begun along with regular church services. God honored labors, and several accepted Christ as Saviour. Both these schools are continuing to train and challenge young people in the light of God's Word.

When opportunity came for Free Will Baptists to begin work in North India, Miss Barnard completed tedious surveys necessary. From these plans, the foundation was

laid which led to present Free Will Baptist ministries there.

Problems were encountered, though. Villages where no one seemed to listen as the gospel was proclaimed. Staunch Hindu priests doing all possible to keep their people from accepting the foreigner's God. Epidemics threatening to wipe out entire villages. Superstition invading every area of the Indian's life. Satan's attacks on the health and morale of missionaries. The caste system deeming some to be almost gods and others to be less than dirt.

Yet in all these things God was not only showing His purpose for that moment but also was preparing His servant for a new task when she left India.

God has carefully prepared His chosen servant for her vital missionary ministry. She no longer calls Indians to come and receive Christ as Saviour. No longer does she labor to know the language well enough to communicate the gospel to the man who has not heard. Her ministry now is one of relating God's plan for the salvation of all men to the lives of students seeking God's will and helping them prepare for problems they will face. ■



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## MISSIONS IN ACTION AROUND THE WORLD



**VETERAN LATIN** American missionary Mabel Willey shares testimony of God's faithfulness with missionaries and other missions personnel at recent missions retreat.

### Missionaries, Candidates, Board Members, Staff Discuss Policy in Second Missionary Retreat

*Nashville*—More than 30 missionaries, missionary candidates, board members and executive staff met August 30-September 4 for a week of Bible study, policy and strategy discussions, information sharing and challenge.

At the retreat, meeting at Montgomery Bell State Park outside Nashville, were missionaries representing four countries: the Wesley Calverys, Japan; the Tom Willeys, Jr., Panama; the LaVerne Mileys, Ivory Coast; and

veteran Latin American missionaries Thomas and Mabel Willey, formerly of Cuba.

Each day's activity opened with a time of prayer led by various members of the Board of Foreign Missions. During morning sessions, Director of Publications Jerry Ballard and Director of Conference Ministries Rufus Coffey presented information designed to aid the missionary in deputational ministries and evangelism on the field. The Reverend Raymond Riggs, vice-chairman of the board, led in a concentrated period of Bible study each day.

General Director J. Reford Wilson moderated a study of the foreign missions handbook, *Unto the Uttermost*, each afternoon. Policies governing the denomination's foreign operation were reviewed with clarifications and modifications of old policies and establishment of new policies considered. During evening sessions, missionaries told of God's working in their adopted homelands, presenting needs and problems particular to each field.

### JONESES RETURN DELAYED

*New York*—Bill and Joy Jones' departure for second term of service in Ivory Coast, West Africa, was delayed by the Maritime Union strike which halted shipping from Atlantic and Gulf ports. The Joneses, who were to have departed August 10, left September 15.

Immediately upon his return, Bill will begin preparations to open the French Bible institute, possibly in January.

### Two New Missionaries Enter Language Study

*Miami*—Ella Rae Jones and Patsy Tyson left here August 31 for Costa Rica. They will study Spanish for a year prior to permanent assignment in Ecuador.

Ella Rae, born in Mississippi on December 6, 1938, accepted the Lord at age ten. Several years later she began to recognize the necessity of committing her life to the Lord. "During high school," she relates, "after much emphasis in our church on submission, the Lord began to impress upon me the idea of full-time Christian service. In seeking the phase of service He impressed me strongly with missionary service."

Entering Mobile Infirmary School of Nursing in 1957, she received the R.N. in 1961. She graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1964 with the B.S. degree.

Patsy was saved at 13 in her home state of North Carolina where she was born November 26, 1935. In 1956 the Lord especially spoke to her through the martyrdom of the five Ecuadoran missionaries. She entered Rowan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, receiving the R.N. in 1959. After serving as a missionary nurse in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky for a year, she resumed study at Free Will Baptist Bible College and was graduated in 1964 with the B.S. degree.

Upon completion of language study, Patsy and Ella Rae will work in conjunction with World Radio Missionary Fellowship in Quito, Ecuador. Their present address is: Spanish Language Institute, Apartado 2240, San Jose, Costa Rica.



MISS JONES

MISS TYSON

### WILLEY UNDERGOES SURGERY

*Miami* — Thomas Willey, Sr., underwent surgery here October 1 to remove a cancerous gland from his neck. Doctors believe malignancy isolated and predict successful recovery. Partial facial paralysis resulted from necessitated removal of infected nerve. Cards may be sent Mr. Willey at 2521 S. W. 25th Terrace, Miami, Fla.





BILL AND GLENDA FULCHER

## Bill Fulchers Arrive Home for Furlough

*St. Louis*—Bill and Glenda Fulcher and family arrived here September 10 to begin furlough after five year's service in South America.

The Fulchers served with the Free Will Baptist Mission to Uruguay. During their ministry there, they, with Paul and Amy Robinson, established a church at Santa Teresa which Bill pastored until early this year. Leaving this church under Missionary Robinson's direction in March, Bill began services in the Uruguay-Brazil border city of Rivera. Several conversions have been witnessed. ■

## "out of my heart"

FROM PAGE 12► as Indian officers were elected and plans were made for their ministry.

I discerned in South India that Free Will Baptist churches are coming into maturity. Pastors and evangelists of this area are men capable of teaching others and conducting the business of their churches. I sat in council with these brethren to discuss the relationship of our board to the maturing national church. I am confident that God through this relationship will multiply our witness in South India.

The infant church in the Ivory Coast has now begun to produce young men for its ministry. I saw Missionary Lonnie Sparks teaching six young men who are anxious to witness to their own people. A similar program for preparing Christian leaders is being developed in our Latin American fields.

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*J. Reford Wilson*

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## "OUT OF MY HEART"



A word  
from the  
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■The Apostle Paul set forth a program of training which has always brought its dividends to the church. "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 2:2). ■This was his advice to a pastor or missionary for perpetuating the teachings of Jesus Christ. ■It is interesting to note that in the four Gospels more reference is made to Jesus' teaching ministry than to His preaching. The sermon on the mount was a lesson taught especially to His disciples. Making disciples is given in the great commission with emphasis on the ministry of teaching. The church limits its growth in proportion to its neglect of its teaching ministry. ■I have seen graduates of Free Will Baptist College working in difficult circumstances. Their dedication and effectiveness commend our institution where they receive more than factual knowledge, as important as that is. At Free Will Baptist College they were led into complete surrender to the Holy Spirit for His use. They learned the importance of a growing faith in Jesus Christ to enable them to accomplish the earthly impossible. "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you." (Luke 17:6). ■These graduates move into the harvest fields of the world to win men to Christ and establish them in this faith, committing to faithful men that which they have learned so that these faithful men may teach others also. ■How does the foreign missionary accomplish this great objective of leading men into the job of leading their own people to Christ? ■He patiently deals with the stumbling new convert. He leads believers into the fellowship of a church group with whom they learn to work together recognizing that in the body of Christ each member has his place of service. He teaches converts that supervision and subsidy will not continue permanently and that they must prepare to take care of themselves. ■And they are doing just that. A Japanese pastor led me to a wall in his church where he proudly pointed to a chart that showed the percentage of support his church has received from the mission over a period of several years. The graph revealed that his church has aggressively assumed her own support releasing mission funds for use elsewhere. ■I was impressed with the leadership of our Japanese pastors in Hokkaido as they conducted their own business in the Hokkaido Association of Free Will Baptists. Since the Wesley Calverys are home on furlough, these pastors and churches have full responsibility of their work. ■It was interesting to be an observer in the Free Will Baptist Association of North India. Missionaries acted only as advisors

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