

# HEARTBEAT

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## FROM MILITIAMAN TO MISSIONARY

THE HANDSOME, YOUNG Cuban army cadet, resplendent in tailored uniform and neatly polished boots, looked forward to reunion with hometown buddies. He was returning to San Juan y Martinez after a year in the big city of Havana living the privileged life of a militiaman. He could not have known how this homecoming was to affect his entire future.

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by TOM WILLEY, JR.,  
and JERRY BALLARD







► As he met old friends, he sensed immediately something had happened. They were friendly, but yet acted strangely different. They simply were not the same fellows he had left 12 months earlier. He wondered what had changed them. And this curiosity led Estenio Garcia into the most revolutionary experience of his life, an experience that is still in process today—20 years later.

One night while on his way to a dance, he met one of these friends and was invited to go with him to a meeting. Meetings didn't sound as thrilling as a dance, but Estenio wanted to find out what had happened to his cronies. So he agreed to go, thinking he would continue on to the dance later.

But he didn't make it, because that night the handsome young cadet was introduced to Jesus Christ. After hearing a simple Gospel message from the lips of one of his transformed friends, he knelt in that humble, thatch-roofed home and asked Jesus Christ to cleanse his heart and make him a child of God.

When Estenio arose from prayer, he, too, was different. He finally understood what had happened to his friends. A new life was begun. Old ways were laid aside. New ideals captured his interest, and Estenio embarked on a journey with God that was to see him through the torrents of a Communist revolution, a miraculous escape to freedom, a fruitful ministry in another Latin country and most recently to the United States for still further adventures with Christ.

Immediately after conversion, Estenio realized the loose life of a cadet was not the way God wanted for him. Through the same friend who had secured the privileged position for him, Estenio was able to secure release.

#### **BUSINESS CAREER OR CHRIST**

He enrolled in business school to prepare for his new life with Christ. Then two of his buddies, Benito Rodriguez and Mario Perez, told him about the Bible institute they were attending, the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Pinar del Rio. Benito and Mario counseled Estenio about giving his life to the Lord as a pastor.

During days that followed, Estenio was thrilled as he saw others come to Christ because of his testimony.

Turning his back on a business career, he entered the Bible institute and set his face toward a life of service for Christ.

At the end of the first year of study, Estenio assumed pastorate of his first church. Thus he began a career to which he has given himself for the past 20 years.

Following graduation, Estenio desired to begin a work for the Lord in Havana, a city he had known so well as a sinner. While waiting for future wife Anita to finish schooling, he thrust himself into organizing a work in the big city, little aware that God was preparing him for another big city in years to come.

Marrying Anita, fathering two sons and a daughter, visiting the United States with two fellow pastors to meet those who had sent the Gospel to him in Cuba, pastoring a thriving work in Jibacoa—Estenio found the years passing swiftly. In the midst of growing social and political darkness, Estenio kept a faithful witness that was greatly blessed by God.

A sadistic dictator held darkness over his beloved Cuba. But a ray of light shined from the mountains amidst the sound of gunfire, and a bearded "liberator" named Fidel Castro with his tiny band of revolutionaries fought for the people, promising freedom and justice.

And the day came when Estenio and his thousands of fellow patriots thought a new day of freedom had finally come to their island nation.

Desiring to serve his country, Estenio volunteered his free time to help the new revolutionary government. The department of social welfare was composed chiefly of evangelicals, and Estenio became involved in community development programs. It was here he learned the truth about communist design for his beloved country. He saw Marxists gradually taking over the government, replacing non-communists one by one. Because the section with which he worked refused to become communist, it was dissolved, and Estenio became a marked man.

Political tensions worsened. American missionaries who left the country on visits to the States were not allowed to return. The entire Free Will Baptist ministry was placed on the shoulders of Cuban pastors who had been carefully trained by Mom and Pop Willey for just such a day, although no one knew the day would come so quickly.

#### **COMMUNIST PRESSURES TIGHTENED**

Estenio was elected president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists and served during the two years the government made its most intense bid to disintegrate the Cuban church. Through Estenio's leadership and the sacrificial labors of other Cuban pastors, the work was not only salvaged, but developed into a mature part of the body of Christ.

Communist pressures tightened, especially on pastors who were known for their anti-Communist stand. Estenio knew he would soon have to leave the country to have a useful ministry. ►

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# Dear Heartbeat

## Brazil, Another Opinion

■ I just read your article ["Carnival—Spirit of Brazil," May, 1966] over the phone to one of the furloughing Conservative Baptist missionaries from Brazil who is in Wheaton. You will be interested in his observations, I think. He said you did an admirable job and presented an accurate picture. He had a few comments he felt important from his perspective (he's laboring in northern Brazil), and I pass them on to you for what they are worth.

He said Carnival is a sad time for Brazil, but that it's a little too much to say "Carnival is the spirit of Brazil." He felt some of his Brazilian amigos would not take to that too easily. About the Catholic priests, he remarked that your observation must be true of much of the South, but in several states, the priests still have and use their position to control the governing authorities. He said the instances are not exactly "isolated." And then he indicated that instead of saying, "the carnival spirit has produced deep-seated dissatisfaction with the status quo," it would be more accurate to state the opposite—that a deep-seated dissatisfaction with the status quo has historically expressed itself in the carnival spirit.

Wm. Carey Moore  
Wheaton, Ill.

## 'Of Tears and Thunderbirds'

■ I was very moved by the article in *Heartbeat* entitled "Of Tears and Thunderbirds." Assure our missionaries that there are people in the states that appreciate the work they are doing, and that we are supporting them with our prayers and our pocketbooks.

Rev. Harvey Butler  
Buhl, Idaho

# Across the Editor's Desk



**MORE WHEATON AFTERMATH** OTHER CRITICISM of the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission, held in Wheaton, Ill., April 9-16, comes from Roman Catholic sources (our last editorial assessed criticism from ecumenical and evangelical areas). John B. Sheerin, C.S.P., writing in *The New World* (May 20), said, "Roman Catholics intoxicated with ecumenical euphoria will be shocked by this declaration, but we have to face up to it as a fact of life in 1966."

Acknowledging the congress as the largest planning conference ever held in North America by Protestant missionaries, Sheerin noted that sponsoring associations do not work with the World Council of Churches. He regretted that "missionaries at Wheaton failed to see Christian disunity as one obstacle to mission work."

"The declaration is certainly out of tune with the ecumenical movement," he wrote, "and yet I feel that in this document conservative evangelicals are laying a salutary stress in two very important features of Christian teaching. They are emphasizing the need of preserving purity of the Gospel and the need of increasing missionary zeal. There are some ecumenists, both Catholic and Protestant, who are not sufficiently concerned about preserving intact the pure Gospel."

To whatever degree the congress contributed to preserving the pure Gospel and to proclaiming this Gospel to our generation, it was desperately needed at this hour. We feel this contribution was significant on at least two counts.

First, evangelical leaders began a much needed "clearing the air" on today's confusing theological and philosophical issues. For too long we have been gasping in a dense, gray fog of uncertainty. The Wheaton Declaration (*Heartbeat*, May, 1966) is a definitive statement of united evangelical opinion that helps set the record straight and gives those who desire Bible believing fellowship a basis for joining the mainstream of missionary advance.

Second, the congress proved that evangelicals can stand together against the forces that threaten Christian missionary work around the world. Whereas union organizationally has historically been an adverse factor in missionary outreach, true unity of the Spirit evidenced in cooperative ventures to reach our generation for Christ is an absolute imperative if we are to fulfill our Lord's command. After all, fulfilling His command is our primary concern.







# ***Approaching Maturity***

**Report of Foreign Missions Department  
to the 30th Annual Session of Free Will Baptists,  
assembled in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 11-14**

**T**O ALMIGHTY God is praise given for His faithfulness to us in our foreign missions department. He has led us to fields of labor where our Free Will Baptist witness for Christ has brought souls into the kingdom.

We may well ask questions to evaluate our work. Are we faithful to His command? Are we fully committed to Christ's Command, "Go ye and preach the Gospel to every creature?" Are we accomplishing His purpose, "I will build my church . . .?"

We are still a young mission but have begun to reach a degree of maturity. Our missionary family now numbers 74 adults and 75 children. Of these 74 adults, 49 are in their first term of service. We can expect from this strength of youth and increasing experience a greater harvest.

Basically, a greater missionary thrust depends on the vital spiritual dynamic of our churches. Missionary interest can properly thrive in a spirit of revival. Soul-winning churches at home will give us soul-winning missionaries abroad. Organizing new churches in the States and expanding our Bible colleges will extend the outreach of our missionary endeavors.

#### **ON THE FOREIGN FRONT**

A brief look at the fields is to see God at work through Free Will Baptist missionaries.

**BRAZIL:** We have 20 missionaries working in this country called the "awakening giant" of South Amer-

ica. This number could be greatly increased with the opportunities of Brazil. Plans are now being made to form an association of Free Will Baptist churches in 1968. A committee has made a current study of our Bible institute and its effectiveness in training national workers. Literature, radio and audio-visuals are being more widely used. One missionary is giving full-time to a literature work. Our new film for evangelism in Brazil is being premiered at this session of our National Association. Pray especially for God to thrust forth preachers from our Brazilian churches.

**CUBA:** Across the United States, we have our Cuban church in exile. Our Cuban pastors are ministering in New York, Florida, Texas and California. One has been in Panama for two years. The churches in Cuba are continuing regular services though restricted in their outreach. Pray for these fellow Christians to be strong in the Lord.

**ECUADOR:** Later this summer, two of our missionary nurses will complete language study in Costa Rica. They will join the staff of World Radio Missionary Fellowship to use their talents to bring a knowledge of Jesus Christ to the lost in Ecuador.

**FRANCE:** This is our newest field with the appointment of the Dan Merkh to this country of approximately 36,000 towns and villages without any regular Gospel ministry. Pray the Lord of harvest to send more workers into Europe.



**INDIA:** India is a land of many needs, but the greatest need is Jesus Christ. The compassion of Jesus can often be seen in meeting physical needs. This, however, must never become an end in itself. The salvation of the souls of thousands is the overwhelming task of our faithful missionaries in India.

Evangelists, teachers and medical missionaries could be used effectively in this field. We are endeavoring now to secure visas for the Sherwood Lees for North India. We could use many more in North India and have a real need for a couple in South India. Pray for more workers and especially for the granting of visas for the new appointees.

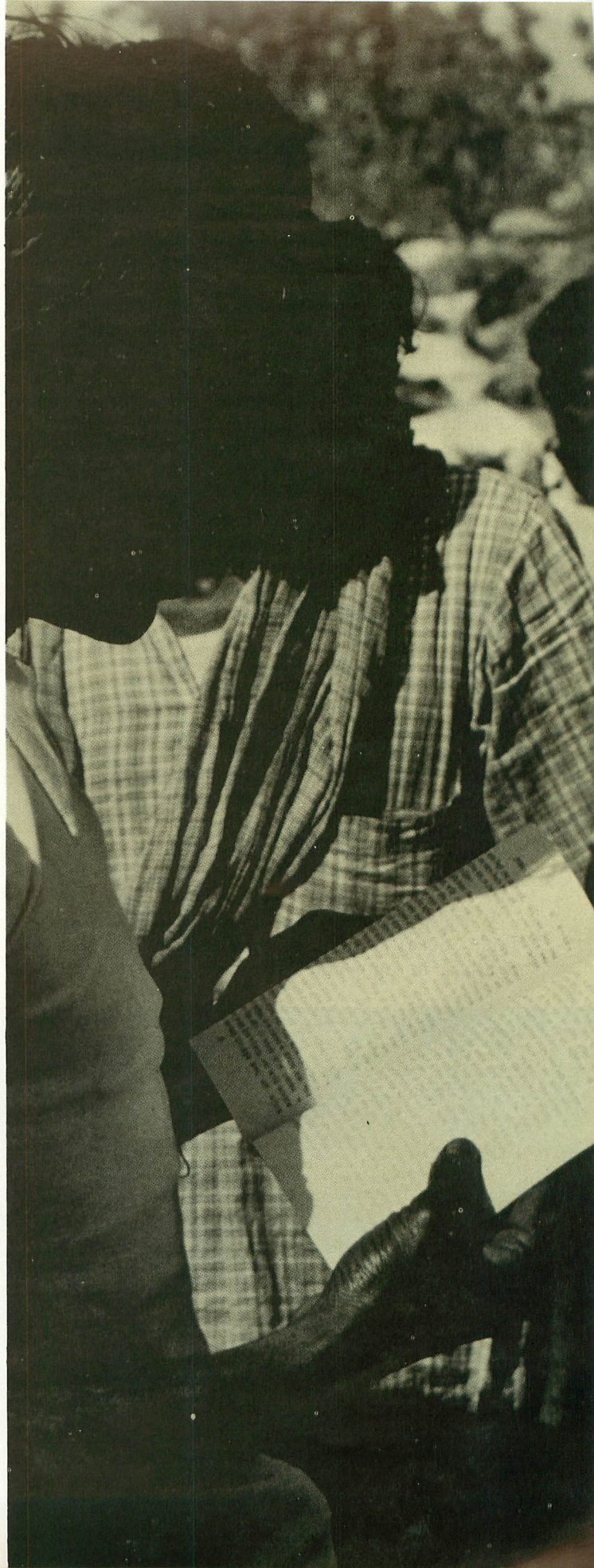
**IVORY COAST, WEST AFRICA:** The unreached, unloved northeast area of this country has become the concern and love of 15 Free Will Baptist missionaries. These dedicated servants have gone into the primitive bush to discover precious jewels for God's kingdom. The light of truth has shined, the message of deliverance has been preached, and God has called out preachers from our infant churches. Church buildings have been constructed in ten villages. Thirty-six preaching points are maintained. Plans already have been made to enlarge the clinic. The field council has asked for 15 more missionaries and two of these have been appointed this year, Norman and Bessie Richards. Others must answer God's call to meet the needs in the Ivory Coast. The Reverend and Mrs. Howard Gage have been given a special assignment to supervise additional buildings in this field.

**JAPAN:** No door is more widely open than the door to Japan. It could close, however, as quickly as it has opened. Where are these whom God is calling to join our present staff? Newly appointed to this field are Jim and Olena McLain. Hundreds of towns with population of more than 10,000 have no church of any denomination. Many there are in Japan—97 million—and few are being saved. Now is the hour for Free Will Baptists to answer the call "Come over and help us."

**PANAMA:** This country has its frontiers and its long established neglected areas which confront veteran missionaries with difficult problems. We can praise the Lord for response to our efforts in Panama. There are two well established groups in Panama City and vital contacts in the Central Provinces with opportunities to establish preaching points. Again, the plea comes for more workers.

**URUGUAY, SOUTH BRAZIL:** This border area has responded to the effective ministry of our missionaries. Molly Barker, R. N., recently joined this staff, and the Dub Ellisons will develop Free Will Baptist work in South Brazil. The need is now in preparing national leaders to assume responsibility for present groups and release missionaries for establishing new works.

These field reports do not begin to tell the story of your sons and daughters who have resisted satanic powers, endured physical discomforts, hours of ►





► loneliness and discouragements. Neither does it reveal the thrill of preaching Christ where He has never been preached, nor the thrill of discovering a fuller meaning of "Lo, I am with you alway."

#### SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Behind the scenes are the ministries of my associates, Rufus Coffey and Jerry Ballard, and office co-workers.

Our conference ministry has increased annually, and the increase of missionary personnel has extended itineraries to all areas of our denomination. Your response and cooperation has added greatly to our outreach. In this area, special attention is being given to make these ministries more effective.

Our publications and audio-visuals reach thousands at home and overseas. *Heartbeat* circulation has now reached nearly 40,000 with an estimated readership of more than 100,000. Our foreign literature division is publishing materials in seven languages.

I illustrate the importance of our literature ministry by citing facts of what the communists have done. In 1961, it was authoritatively reported that the East Germans had built a printing press in North Viet Nam which could turn out nine million books a year. India is one of their major targets and nearly 200 communist-published magazines are available in India. Moscow's seven-year plan called for 340 million dollars to be spent last year on expanding Soviet printing capabilities. What if every Free Will Baptist family gave as much to get Gospel literature to the mission fields as they pay for their daily paper? In cooperation with CTS, we are developing Project LIFE (Literature-In-Foreign-Evangelism) to use young people in literature distribution.

We also recognize the assistance of the American Bible Society in publishing translations of the Gospel of Mark in Agni and Kulango for the Ivory Coast.

What if every Free Will Baptist family provided a Bible for those who do not have one or if every one of our Sunday school pupils gave a New Testament for some boy or girl in France, Japan or India. "Thy Word," God's Word, is a lamp and a light for millions still in darkness.

Our board members have given themselves to personal concern for most effectively accomplishing our task. Within our board, we have a finance committee, a candidate committee, a literature committee and a special committee studying office procedures. These committees indicate the concern of each of us in doing our best to fulfill our responsibilities.

We are proposing a plan to ease the burden and take the pressure off the missionary in raising the large amount required for his initial expenses. The amount of \$8,500-\$10,000 is necessary for travel to field, language study, equipment, vehicle, housing, furniture and other essential expenses. Our proposed plan is to form five groups of 1,000 each. These groups are zoned geographically and divided as nearly as possible by denominational membership. The members of these groups would be committed to give \$10.00 above regular missionary giving. No member or group would be requested to give more than once every six months. Literature at our booth explains this plan in detail.

We are keenly aware that all of the machinations of man are ineffective and without meaning unless we have the infilling of the Holy Spirit in our personnel, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain us in times of trouble and labor and the love of God instilling in all of us His compassion for all men.

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

J. REFORD WILSON

General Director-Treasurer





## MILITIAMAN TO MISSIONARY / FROM PAGE TWO

Thinking he finally was clear to depart, his passport was rejected at the last minute. An order for his arrest was in the making. Estenio needed a miracle to escape with his family. As government officials closed in, the miracle came. Because God has his people in high places, too, the passport rejection was reversed, and Estenio boarded a flight to Mexico City on June 22, 1964.

An opportunity to serve with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in Panama had been presented to Estenio, and he accepted the challenge, going immediately to Panama City to resettle his family and continue his service for the Lord.

### THE BREAKTHROUGH COMES

Free Will Baptist missionaries had entered the country several months earlier, and much ground work had been laid. But the much-prayed-for breakthrough had not been seen . . . until Estenio came.

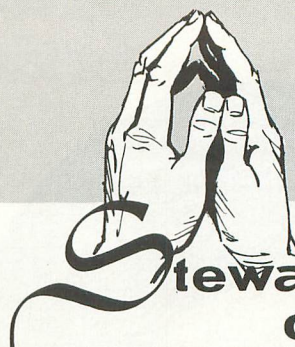
His manner was disarming. Though a Latin, he was not a Roman Catholic. He was an evangelical. And the Gospel worked in his life. Perhaps it would in other Latins, too. Thus God began to work through His poised, polished spokesman. People responded to his witness from the first week in the country. And, today, two years later, a growing church is a reality in Panama City. Another in nearby Agua Buena. And still greater things in sight.

During his two years in Panama, Estenio became an encouragement to evangelicals who had labored so long with so little fruit. A more dynamic witness by missionaries and pastors of other denominations has resulted.

On July 3 when Estenio arrived at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Panama City for his last service before coming to the States for a one year leave of absence, the building was dark. And it was nearly time to start service. Was no one going to show up? Had all his work been in vain?

He opened the door and reached for the light. Suddenly, he was no longer alone. The little building was filled with the fruits of his labor . . . the young girl who gained a new start in life when Estenio led her to the One who is Life Itself . . . the disheartened Christian who felt he was alone in the world until he met Estenio and life took on new dimension . . . and the family who lived in hopelessness until Estenio introduced them to the Maker of Peace. One by one they told Estenio of what he had meant to them. And Estenio's heart was filled as he was assured of something he really knew all along . . . God had sent him to Panama for His purposes, and His purposes were accomplished.

Desperately needing rest, Estenio with his family boarded a flight to Miami. But part of the anticipation of vacation and fellowship with old buddies through whom he had first come to know Christ was dampened by tears of sadness at leaving behind his children in the Lord.



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**ITEM:** Deficit accounts have been a serious problem to our foreign missions board for several months. Although the overall financial picture is good, a serious imbalance in earmarked giving has produced heavy deficits in the following accounts.

Audio-	Palmer . . . . .	1,532.03
Visual . . . . .	Payne . . . . .	97.74
Aycock . . . . .	Phipps . . . . .	433.07
Barker . . . . .	Sparks . . . . .	446.86
Cronk . . . . .	Wilkinson . . .	828.63
Deeds . . . . .	Wiley, Sr. . . .	173.93
Franks . . . . .	Wilson . . . . .	4,210.01
Garcia . . . . .	Cuba Relief	
Hanna . . . . .	Fund . . . . .	1,932.85
Hersey . . . . .	Wiley, Jr.	
Martin . . . . .	Vehicle . . . .	1,316.96

**NEED:** Special gifts to clear these deficits.

**ITEM:** The deficit problem has been produced by lack of sufficient regular monthly support for several missionaries. Here is a field by field list of missionaries with amounts of additional support needed now:

#### INDIA:

Dan and Trula Cronk . . . . .	\$425
Carlisle and Marie Hanna . . . . .	460
Volena Wilson . . . . .	350

#### IVORY COAST:

Lonnie and Anita Sparks . . . . .	125
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#### BRAZIL:

Louis and Florine Coscia . . . . .	50
Earnie and Willie Jean Deeds . . . . .	150
Dave and Pat Franks . . . . .	145
Eula Mae Martin . . . . .	50
Don and Carol Robirds . . . . .	250
Sammy and June Wilkinson . . . . .	190

#### PANAMA:

Bill and Barbara Phipps . . . . .	135
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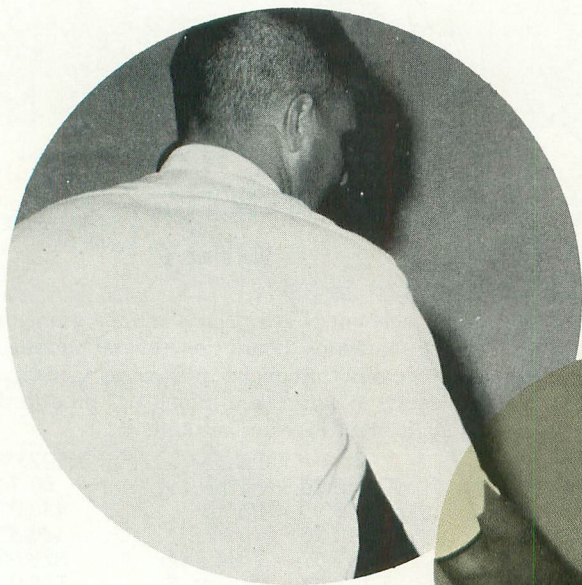
#### DEPUTATIONAL MISSIONARIES:

Thomas, Sr., and Mabel Wiley . . . . .	115
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These amounts are not only for basic missionary allowances, but also for operational budgets of missions stations. Missionaries in India have greater need because of small staff among whom to prorate field budgets.

**NEED:** Individuals and churches to underwrite these needs with regular monthly designations. For more information, write General Director Reford Wilson, Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.





by **BILL JONES**  
Missionary to Ivory Coast



Missionary Jones presents *Mark*  
to Agni-Bona Tribal chief

# God Now Speaks Agni

SUNDAY, JULY 3, was not an ordinary "preaching day" at Koun. The humidity was high, but it could not take away that extra spring from our steps. For this was the day we had long awaited; it marked the completion of the first step in a work begun over six years ago. This day I was to present the first Gospel in the Agni (pronounced An-yee) language to representatives of the tribe and our church.

Preparation for this task of translation began in 1957 at the Summer Institute of Linguistics in Norman, Okla. Why did we choose Koun as the place in which to begin this unique ministry? You see, there had been no attempt to do any translation of the Word into the language of these people, the Agnis. Thus we felt that God wanted us to begin here and to provide for them His Word.

Joy and I arrived in the Ivory Coast February 23, 1960, and immediately started to learn the native language. There were many distractions, but we spent as much time as we could learning the grammar, tone

and vocabulary of these people for whom Christ died. Then we started the translation of *Mark*. After four years and five revisions of the book, we presented it to the American Bible Society. Their field representative approved it, and the home office accepted the manuscript for printing. Then came correction of galley proofs and page proofs and discussions concerning orthography (spelling) and underlining. It was nearly two years later that the finished, clearly printed *Gospel of Mark* returned to this field. Sunday, July 3, was chosen as the day for the "dedicace" (dedication).

We invited the two chiefs of the village of Koun and the tribal chief of the Agni-Bonas. They are all ancestor worshippers and wear charms for protection against evil spirits. They came, the first time two of the three had ever been in a church building—the tribal chief in his expensive, colorful robe and crown, a cloth cap with gold-plated emblems; the village chiefs in traditional cloths, their "peignes." And the Christians came in holiday finery.



The singing was extra special, that is, extra loud and harmonious. Joy decided everyone was showing off for our visitors. The sermon dealt with the "why" and "how" of the revelation of God: "There is only one God. He revealed His way in His Word. We are all responsible to follow it."

Then, the presentations of the Gospels. First, the two deacons of the Koun church came forward. I charged them: "This is the Christian's standard. May we as Christians be led by the Word that our lives may become a clear light revealing to all the right way."

Second, the tribal chief walked to the front. I charged him: "Grandfather, you are the chief of many. To show your subjects the right way, the Bible is necessary. It pleases me much to present you this Gospel today with the prayer that you will turn to the only true God so that you may lead others in the right way."

Then, the two village chiefs came forward. I charged them also: "Grandfathers, as chiefs of Koun, you must know the right way so you can lead others justly. To each of you, I present this *Gospel of Mark*, which is God's Truth. And I pray that you will believe and follow Christ."

And then, a prayer from a full heart . . . a prayer of thanksgiving, of joy and of a desire to continue this ministry because it is important, much more so than the medicine we dispense or even the many sermons we preach. They will get sick again, and the words from our hearts make slight impressions many times. But the written Word of God abides. Placed in their hands, it is a constant guide.

Will these three old men turn to God through Christ? I don't know. Last fall all three sacrificed and prayed to their ancestors. Should they become Christians, they would probably be deposed. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal to them the worth of their souls.

Will there be another Sunday when another portion of God's Word is presented to the Agnis? Only God knows. Intercessors are desperately needed. And missionaries!

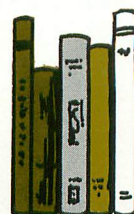
Many Free Will Baptists had a part in this first Gospel . . . the ones who prayed, those who gave and the many who encouraged us. ☩

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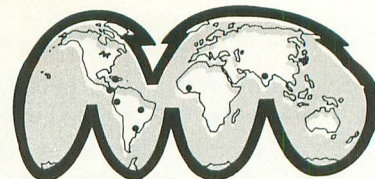
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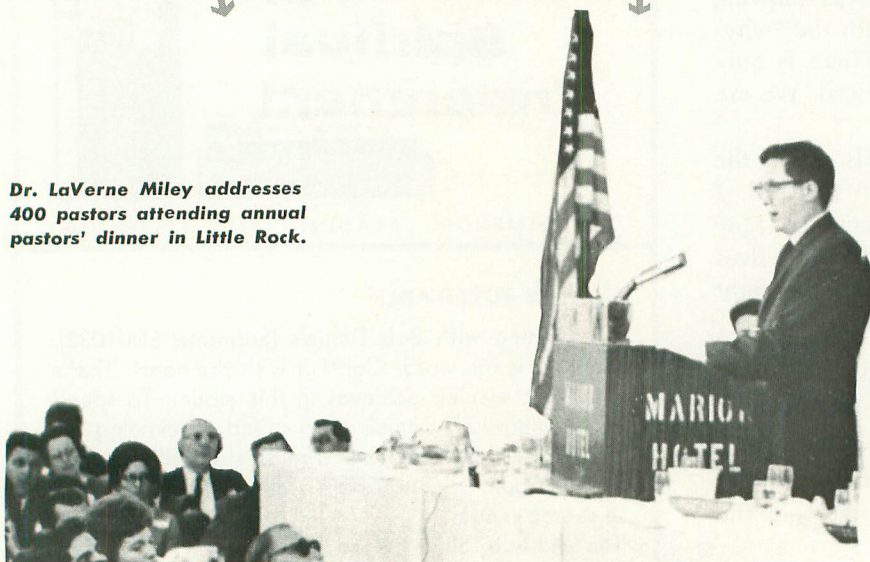
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**Dr. LaVerne Miley addresses 400 pastors attending annual pastors' dinner in Little Rock.**



## STATESIDE

### World Evangelism Theme Strikes Harmony Chords At 30th Annual Session of National Association

*Little Rock*—A spirit of unity left 3,000 delegates, ministers, and visitors optimistic as new highs were reached and expansion programs were launched at the 30th annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists here July 11-14. The meeting was termed the most successful in the denomination's history.

In messages centering around the theme, "The Christian Imperative—World Evangelism," speakers sparked enthusiasm and voiced careful optimism as they exhorted Free Will Baptists to map destiny according to the Word of God.

Dr. Robert Picirilli, moderator of the association and registrar of Free Will Baptist Bible College, set the tone of the meeting in an opening address in which he encouraged the assembly to focus attention on denominational integrity, the development of a spirit-filled ministry, world evangelism and the edification of believers.

Convention speakers included the Rev. Ronald Creech of Durham, N. C.; the Rev. Russel Spurgeon of St. Louis; the Rev. Wade Jernigan of Jerome, Idaho; and the Rev. E. E. Morris of Oklahoma City.

Special programs for pastors, laymen and members of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention brought spiritual refreshment to capacity crowds in the headquarters

hotel dining hall. Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr., wife of veteran missionary "Pop" Willey, in an address at the WNAC's fellowship dinner called on Christians to give the world what no one else can—the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. LaVerne Miley, medical missionary to the Ivory Coast, West Africa, was the featured speaker at the pastor's dinner. He called for greater involvement in basic aspects of missions—giving, praying, going.

In business sessions, the national body approved a new all-time high budget for 1967 of more than \$1.5 million (including \$469,315.57 for foreign missions), and adopted a construction proposal for a warehouse on the national office site in Nashville.

The first phase of a multi-million dollar expansion program was announced by officials of Free Will Baptist Bible College. A men's dormitory and a classroom complex costing approximately \$750,000 will be completed by the fall of 1967.

All four of the association's officers were re-elected for another term: Dr. Picirilli of Nashville, moderator; the Rev. Billy Melvin of Nashville, executive secretary; the Rev. Malcolm Fry of Tucson, Ariz., clerk; and the Rev. Wayne Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., ass't. moderator.

## Third Missions Retreat A Joint Endeavor

*Nashville*—The Foreign and Home Missions Departments combined efforts for the Third Annual Missions Retreat held August 21-27. Furloughing and deputational missionaries, appointees, board members and office staffs met for the week-long enclave.

This is the first year that the two departments have shared the retreat. Sharing ideas and spiritual refreshment gave missionaries a broader view of total denominational outreach and greater coordination of missionary activities.

A Bible hour opened each day's activities. This was followed by two lecture sessions covering such subjects as human relations, deputational ministry and literature evangelism. Afternoons were taken up in recreation and fellowship. A worship service closed each day.

## INDIA

### Hanna Back on Station

*Sonapurhat*—Carlisle Hanna, severely burned when a kerosene refrigerator exploded in May (see June, 1966, *Heartbeat*), is back on the mission station here and has resumed work.

Hanna writes: "I type with much pain and difficulty, but am doing very well. No end of problems and work. So glad to have His strong arm to lean on."

**Missionary leads Brazilian youth campers in songfest around a bonfire.**



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## Volena Wilson in Hospital

Kotagiri—On July 22 Missionary Volena Wilson was admitted to a hospital here for observation and tests. Early reports from friends in South



India indicate she may be suffering from severe physical and mental fatigue. However, no profession medical opinion has been received.

Prayer is requested for quick and complete recovery. The Daniel Cronks are now in Kotagiri assisting with heavy administrative duties.

Official reports from doctors regarding nature and extent of illness have been requested by General Director Reford Wilson.

## BRAZIL

### July Youth Camp a Hit

Jaboticabal — Thirty-three Brazilian young people attended the third youth camp of the year held at Brazil Bible institute here.

Missionaries termed the camp one of the most successful to date. In addition to other decisions, two young men dedicated themselves to Christian service, it is reported. One is already enrolled in the institute and the other is to begin studies after the first of the year.

Youth camp in Brazil is operated similarly to camps Stateside. Supervised recreation, Bible teaching and counseling are basic ingredients.



FROM THE MIAMI HERALD, JULY 9

## Former Cuban Pastor Sees Communist Threat in Panama

by ADON TAFT

Religion Editor, Miami Herald

PANAMA COULD be a repeat of Cuba, a Latin churchman warned here upon arrival from Panama last month.

"Something could explode anytime," declared the Rev. Estenio Garcia, former president of the Free Will Baptist association in Cuba who for the past year and a half has been pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City.

"Panamanians think the Gospel is the religion of the Gringos (a derogatory term applied to Americans and Jamaicans)," he reported. But, he added, it is the Gospel which holds hope for Panama.

"The people want a change," he said, "and they don't care under what label it comes."

That's where the danger lies that Panama could become another Cuba, according to Garcia. The Communists are taking advantage of the unrest, he said, and may provoke a revolution.

Despite the fact that President Marcos Robles has done much in building roads, and schools and in promoting industry, the people feel he is controlled by the aristocracy who appear to have benefited most by improvements made, the visitor observed. They feel that the last election was taken away from their man, Arnulfo Arias, whose loyalties seem to fluctuate.

But in contrast to Cuba, the churches of Panama are not likely to be taken in by any Communist or Communist-front leader who may arise, insisted Garcia. Churches have learned from the Cuban experience—partly because of refugee Cubans like himself who have settled in Panama.

However, Protestant churches in Panama are considerably weaker than were those in Cuba, he reported. And, along with predominant Catholics, Protestants have failed to apply the teachings of their churches to their daily lives, he said.

"If we could get the real Gospel to enough of them it would change their lives and bring about the political and economic changes the people are clamoring for," expressed Garcia in calling on American churches to send more Latin missionaries to Panama "until nationals can assume their responsibilities."



Estenio Garcia warns of danger.



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| September 9: Bell Garden, Cal.<br>Bell Gardens Church | September 17: Flat River, Mo.<br>Fellowship Church |
| September 10: Bakersfield, Cal.<br>Bakersfield Church | September 17: Nashville, Tenn.<br>Bible College    |
| September 10: New Bern, N. C.<br>Ruth's Chapel        | September 23: Fresno, Cal.<br>Fresno Church        |
| September 10: Norfolk, Va.<br>Bethany Church          | September 24: Florence, S. C.<br>First Church      |
| September 10: Bridgeton, Mo.<br>Trinity Church        | September 24: Savannah, Georgia<br>First Church    |
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"Pray for us unto the Lord our God . . ." Jeremiah 42:20

USE THIS PRAYER CALENDAR AS YOU REMEMBER  
YOUR MISSIONARIES DAILY BEFORE THE LORD

## SUNDAYS

### AFRICA

- Praise for witness begun in another Kulango village near Laoudi-Ba, Ivory Coast. A missionary states: "There has been much stubborn opposition, but each obstacle has fallen."
- Lonnie Sparks asks prayer for salvation of fetish priest to whom he witnessed recently.
- Norman and Bessie Richards, appointees to Ivory Coast, begin itinerary ministries shortly. Pray that needed financial and prayer support will be secured soon.
- Jimmy Aldridge asks prayer for spiritual growth and understanding among believers.
- Pray for continued stability in Ivory Coast government, permitting missionaries maximum freedom in proclaiming the Gospel.

## MONDAYS

### EUROPE STATESIDE

- Praise that the Dan Merks have departed for France. Pray for God's direction in initial ministries (see May 26 POWERLINE).
- Deficit accounts total more than \$34,000 (see financial statement). Pray that God will supply these funds.
- Missionaries must be trained adequately

ly if they are to be effective. Pray for faculties and staffs of Free Will Baptist colleges as new school year starts.

- Pray for God's direction for Rufus Coffey in planning Crusades for World Evangelism and missionaries' itineraries.
- Pray that exiled Cuban pastors will have effective ministries among Cuban refugees and other Spanish-speaking groups across the States.

## TUESDAYS

### FAR EAST

- Tokyo, world's largest city, has only one Free Will Baptist church and one mission. Pray that Pastor Osawa San and Missionary Herbert Waid will have wisdom in leading these groups.
- Pray that funds for passage and basic prayer support will be supplied soon for Jim and Olena McLain, appointees to Japan.
- The church established at Tein Mou, Taiwan (Formosa), remains in need of a pastor. Pray that God will call His man for this strategic ministry.

## WEDNESDAYS

### LITERATURE, RADIO, FILM MINISTRIES

- Praise that *Agni Gospel of Mark* is in use among that tribe (see February 28 POWERLINE). Praise also for recently pub-

lished Lobi New Testament, translated for use in Upper Volta, which is usable among Lobi tribesmen around Doropo station. Pray that the Word sown will reap a harvest of souls.

- Research continues on Portuguese mass appeal magazine. Pray for wisdom for literature missionary Don Robirds as target time approaches.
- "Literature does little good if the people can't read," writes a missionary. Pray that production of Kulango primer will go smoothly and that it will be available soon for use in teaching that tribe to read.
- Jim Combs maintains a weekly radio broadcast in Araras, Brazil. Pray that God will use this to reach many who might not otherwise hear the Gospel.

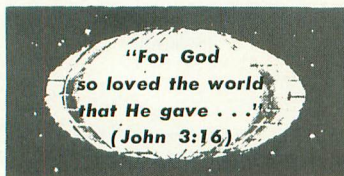
## THURSDAYS

### NEAR EAST

- Procedures for securing visas into India for the Sherwood Lees have begun. Pray that God will control situations to provide these soon.
- Pray for health of Volena Wilson, South India, hospitalized with physical and mental fatigue.
- Pray for wisdom and spiritual insight for Dan and Trula Cronk who have in-

## PERSPECTIVE

ON THE WORD AND THE WORLD



BY RUFUS COFFEY

THE BIBLE is God's textbook for world missions. This monthly meditation is an attempt to focus attention upon the Word of God as a basis for world missions and to incite more effective prayer.

John 3:16 is the greatest verse in the Bible. It is the very heart of the Bible. It is the Gospel in a nutshell. It is the Bible summed up in one single yet profound statement. It is the key to world evangelism.

The Bible does not explain God. It expresses the fact of a living God whose love compelled Him to give the nearest and dearest thing to His heart in order to save a lost and dying world from sin and hell.

Love is costly. It is willing to suffer and to sacrifice. It is self giving.

How great is your love? How much have you given of your time to pray, your energies to witness, your money to give the Word to the world?



creased responsibilities during illness of Volena Wilson.

• Praise for 14 decisions for Christ in recent vacation Bible schools in South India. Pray that the implanted Word will continue to bring forth fruit.

## FRIDAYS

PORTUGUESE  
AMERICA

• A Moslem family is attending services in Jaboticabal, Brazil. One son has been saved. Pray for conversion of others.

• Mary Ellen Rice requests prayer for teaching and supervisory duties at Brazil Bible Institute and for child evangelism ministry in nearby areas.

• Praise the Lord for land bought providing space for Araras church to build.

• A missionary writes: "We just closed out a very good youth camp. There were several decisions for salvation and about twenty young people consecrated their lives to do whatever God wants them to do." Pray that God will lead some into full-time Christian service.

• Opportunity to hold services at a farm near Jaboticabal, "São Domingos," has opened for Dave and Pat Franks. Pray that many will be reached through this witness.

## SATURDAYS

SPANISH  
AMERICA

• Carlos Trindade accepted Christ in Uruguay several months ago. He is considering entering Brazil Bible Institute to prepare for ministry in Uruguay. Pray for God's direction (see July 16 POWERLINE).

• Patsy Tyson requests prayer for a secretary in Costa Rica to whom she has witnessed (see March 5 POWERLINE).

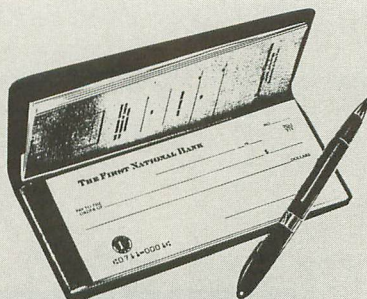
• Continue to pray for health of missionary Paul Robinson, Uruguay.

• Pray for safety for Bill Phipps, Panama, in constant flights to preaching points. Pray that many will be reached.

• The Tom Willeys, Jr., have resumed ministries in Panama City following a year's furlough in States. Pray for wisdom in directing work begun by Estenio Garcia.

• Pray for guidance and strength for Benito Rodriguez, heading CERF and pastoring the Spanish church in Miami in addition to editing the Board's Spanish publications.

USE STAFF LISTING, PAGE 16, TO  
PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES BY NAME



CASH IN BANK JUNE 1, 1966 .....\$ 62,182.46

### JUNE RECEIPTS

State Quotas .....	\$38,564.52	
Other Income .....	10,512.43	49,076.95
		\$111,259.41

### JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields .....	\$31,583.66	
Traveling & Promotion .....	5,938.20	
Administrative .....	12,458.22	49,980.08

CASH IN BANK JULY 1, 1966.....\$ 61,279.33

### JULY RECEIPTS

State Quotas .....	\$29,288.45	
Other Income .....	1,591.57	30,880.02
		\$ 92,159.35

### JULY DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields .....	\$29,548.24	
Traveling & Promotion .....	2,139.89	
Administrative .....	5,185.72	36,873.85

CASH IN BANK AUGUST 1, 1966.....\$ 55,285.50

### UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Operational Fund .....	\$ 4,903.69
Trust Fund .....	3,000.00
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge .....	3,115.81
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery .....	5,451.99
Rev. and Mrs. Jim Combs .....	2,073.60
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia .....	425.56
Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton .....	4,532.74
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison .....	1,895.75
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher .....	3,080.55
Rev. and Mrs. Howard Gage .....	99.90
Miss Ruby Griffin, M.D. ....	743.05
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones .....	4,011.79
Miss Ella Rae Jones, R.N. ....	4,023.60
Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Lee .....	33.16
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew .....	651.63
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh .....	5,940.08
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley .....	12,960.97
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehliman .....	3,085.42

### STATE QUOTAS—1966

STATE	JUNE RECEIPTS	JULY RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama .....	\$ 986.05	\$ 533.50	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 10,077.61	\$ 2,922.39	
Alaska .....	14.01	13.33	300.00	116.30	183.70	
Arizona .....	31.50	188.76	1,050.00	936.64	113.36	
Arkansas .....	1,380.32	1,118.02	13,500.00	7,601.94	5,898.06	
California .....	2,289.21	1,593.52	25,500.00	15,463.40	10,036.60	
Colorado .....	50.90	34.63	750.00	351.75	398.25	
Florida .....	588.37	769.83	13,000.00	6,771.63	6,228.37	
Georgia .....	2,199.46	1,221.61	18,750.00	10,463.53	8,286.47	
Hawaii .....			200.00	81.62	118.38	
Idaho .....	152.70	44.51	200.00	633.11	433.11	
Illinois .....	1,055.76	267.77	13,000.00	5,145.63	7,854.37	
Indiana .....	235.15	206.25	3,500.00	1,621.36	1,878.64	
Iowa .....	92.82	90.75	1,000.00	906.73	93.27	
Kansas .....	434.32	270.15	2,750.00	1,845.08	904.92	
Kentucky .....	686.52	282.34	6,000.00	2,514.60	3,485.40	
Louisiana .....	5.00		200.00	119.81	80.19	
Maine .....	265.00	75.00	1,000.00	789.12	210.88	
Michigan .....	4,954.70	3,070.81	45,000.00	22,448.79	22,551.21	
Mississippi .....	913.20	281.15	6,750.00	4,260.72	2,489.28	
Missouri .....	2,922.78	2,130.31	24,250.00	19,275.08	4,974.92	
Nebraska .....			300.00		300.00	
New Brunswick, Canada .....	1.00	2.00	300.00	45.00	255.00	
New Hampshire .....	4.56	52.33	750.00	307.11	442.89	
New Mexico .....	115.00	14.06	500.00	357.26	142.74	
North Carolina .....	4,538.46	3,936.69	48,750.00	31,191.77	17,558.23	
Ohio .....	1,427.11	1,003.58	15,500.00	8,337.81	7,162.19	
Oklahoma .....	2,427.77	3,606.41	45,000.00	22,845.39	22,154.61	
Oregon .....	10.05		100.00	188.42		88.42
South Carolina .....	2,168.90	2,589.80	23,250.00	15,835.01	7,414.99	
Tennessee .....	5,598.90	3,392.41	32,000.00	28,325.62	3,674.38	
Texas .....	1,259.36	865.70	14,000.00	5,578.48	8,421.52	
Virginia .....	961.00	1,010.20	18,500.00	8,187.42	10,312.58	
Washington .....	103.05	17.00	400.00	321.20	78.80	
West Virginia .....	691.66	606.03	10,250.00	5,178.99	5,071.01	
Miscellaneous .....	1,122.76	1,587.02	4,595.55	4,463.66	131.89	
	\$39,687.21	\$ 30,875.47	\$403,895.55	\$242,587.59	\$161,829.49	\$521.53

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JUNE-JULY 1966

### FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole .....	2,653.26
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Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid .....	1,907.92
Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr. ....	2,645.01
Africa Bible Institute .....	57.80
Africa Medical Building .....	6,869.44
Africa Vehicle .....	114.15
Brazil Bible Institute .....	126.43
Brazil Vehicle .....	821.64
Mayhew House .....	3,660.08
North India Building .....	369.27
Repatriation .....	3,370.73

\$ 91,302.43

### DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

Audio-Visual .....	\$ 7,045.20
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock .....	846.90
Miss Molly Barker, R.N. ....	690.26
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Crogk .....	2,697.57
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds .....	1,172.05
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks .....	104.03
Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia .....	2,340.16
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna .....	3,034.69
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey .....	4,689.19
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N. ....	414.89
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr. ....	1,532.03
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne .....	97.74
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps .....	433.07
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks .....	446.86
Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson .....	828.63
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. ....	173.93
Miss Volena Wilson .....	4,210.01
Cuba Relief Fund .....	1,932.85
Notes Payable .....	2,009.91
Willey, Jr. Vehicle .....	1,316.96

36,016.93

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## OUT OF MY HEART'

A word from the General Director

*J. Reford Wilson*

**JOY** • Sing with joy. Preach with joy. Serve the Lord with gladness. Don't be a sad-sack in the choir, in the pulpit or in the pew.

• The Christian's smile is not a Halloween mask to be worn only on a special occasion. The pastor's joy doesn't depend on a unanimous vote of confidence. The church's joy is not a record attendance or large reserve in the treasury.

• James wrote, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." The apostles faced death, but they left the court "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41).

• We live in a problematical age. The atmosphere is polluted with demon power. Sensual pleasures, modern conveniences and material abundance have made church members wonder if heaven can be better than this earth. On the other hand, hate, riots, war, disease, suffering and immorality have made some wonder if hell can be any worse. Yet, the Bible declares that heaven is much, much better (Revelation 21:3-5) and that hell is far worse (Revelation 21:8; 10:10, 15). Many have no joy because they have neither hope of heaven nor fear of hell.

• The joy of the preacher often is quenched by the indifference of his people and their lack of respect for his calling. The pastor is God called, and his life and message deserve the admiration and attention of his people. He is to be all things to all men in order to win some. The pastor finds great joy in winning a sinner to Christ, reconciling an estranged husband and wife and counseling a disturbed youth. He needs the spiritual counsel of Godly deacons and the assistance of trained workers.

• The church can sense the joy of the preacher in his message. They need the pastoral prayer, the listening ear and the compassionate heart of an understanding shepherd. This kind of relationship brings joy to pastor and people.

• What is the source of joy? Record attendances? Sufficient finances? Eloquent preaching? Cooperative members? Persecutions? True Christian joy comes when one is filled with the Spirit. "The fruit of the Spirit is . . . joy . . ." (Galatians 5:22). This joy finds its best expression in the exercise of Holy Spirit power. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).