

HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS
MARCH 1966

MISSIONARY BILL FULCHER
VIEWS TWIN CITIES
OF RIVERA-LIVRAMENTO

Clouds of Promise

A report on Uruguay
by JERRY BALLARD

MOST OF MY flight from Sao Paulo, Brazil, to Rivera, Uruguay, was over, under or through rain clouds. The last leg was literally through the rain bouncing along in a DC-3. It was certainly not the ideal weather for cloud hopping, but I knew that Uruguay, at least along the border area, was in a drought, and rain would certainly be a welcomed sight.

The dam-produced lake near Rivera,

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Clouds of Promise

from which the twin cities of Rivera-Livramento receive their water supply, was dry. Water ration was in effect. Two wells had been dug to help meet what was becoming a more serious situation with each passing, sun-filled day.

The rain accompanied us to within 15 minutes of Rivera. Suddenly we broke through the clouds and left them behind. Not a drop of rain was in sight when we arrived. Only the promise of distant clouds.

This is somewhat the history of Uruguay. For some reason, the tiny republic, South America's smallest, has been plagued by intermittent sieges of drought and promise politically, economically and spiritually.

Uruguay, named for the River Uruguay which means "the water from which the painted birds come," is home for two and a half million people. This thinly settled land is little larger than the State of Missouri with only half the population. It is dwarfed by its giant neighbors of Brazil on the north and Argentina on the south.

Uruguayans are proud of progress since their nation became a republic in 1828. For a short time it was annexed to Brazil, but in 1825 Argentina joined Uruguay in war against Brazil. The British intervened in 1828, and Uruguay received recognition from Brazil and Argentina as an independent republic.

Except for size, Uruguay compares in many ways with Texas. The terrain is much the same—rolling plains with scattered vegetation. Cattle and sheep raising employ half the population, making Uruguay's vast pastureland its most valuable resource.

Most people speak Spanish and have Spanish or Italian ancestry. The literacy rate is exceptional for

South America—90 per cent. The law requires all children to attend elementary school, starting at age six.

POLITICAL SETUP

While other South American republics shuffle from president to president, Uruguay has solved the problem by not having one. The country is governed by a nine-man national council with duties similar to those of the President of the United States. A General Assembly functions similar to our Congress. A two-party system is in operation with the majority party placing six men on the national council and the minority placing three. Chairmanship of the council is rotated.

Thus, a fairly stable political situation has existed in Uruguay. The political openness, however, has given Communism an open door. It has been said that the strongest Communist Party in South America operates in Uruguay.

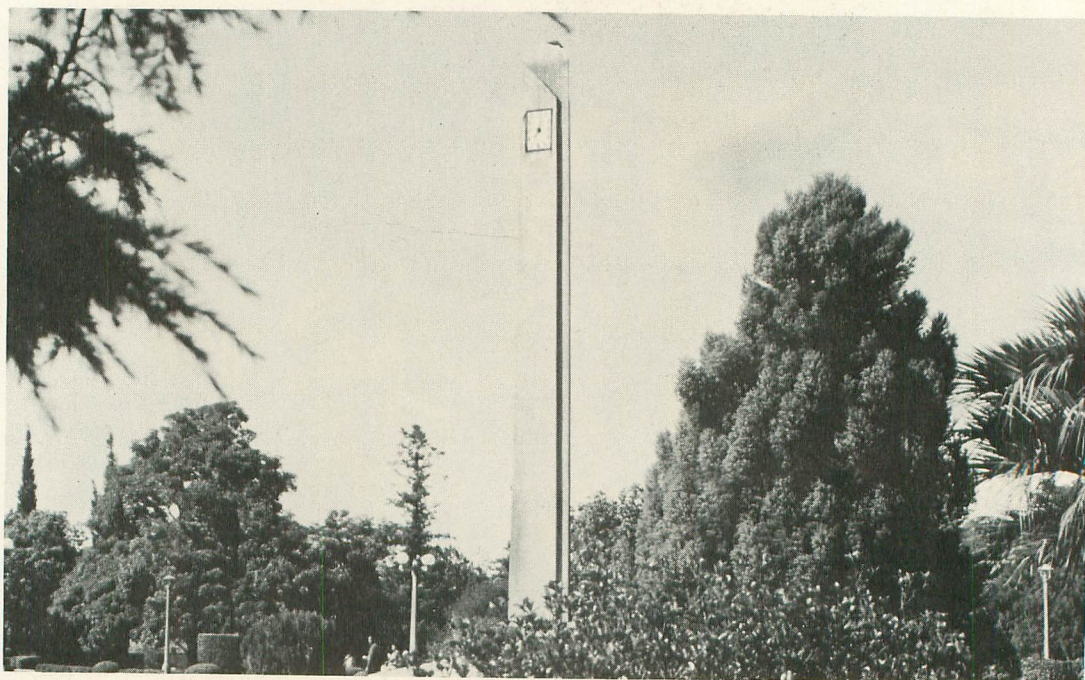
My impression, though, is that Uruguayans aren't going to get too worked up over anything—politics, Communism, religion—with the one exception of materialistic quests.

ECONOMIC PICTURE

The past several months have seen a deteriorating economic picture due to sharp rises in cost of living without a corresponding increase in wages—the prevalent trend in many Latin countries.

I didn't see the depth of poverty in Uruguay that I have witnessed in India and the Orient, but neither did I see the prosperity found in many other places. The average wage is 60 cents per day. I watched one of our leading church members chop wood with a simple ax, a job he does day in and day out from sunrise to sunset for 22 cents per day. ➤ TO PAGE 10

**THIS MONUMENT
STANDS ON THE
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Across the Editor's Desk

NOT IMPOSSIBLE NOW/Jesus asked the impossible in the year 30, but it is possible in the 1960's.

His last words after His resurrection were: "Go and make disciples of all nations. . . . You shall be my witnesses to the end of the earth. . . ." Under the stupendous intoxication of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they went out and tried—how they tried! Philip, Paul, Silas, Peter, Mark, Barnabas, Timothy, Priscilla, Aquila, Silvanus, John, and Apollos, and thousands upon thousands of others tried and died trying. They took sailing boats westward on the Mediterranean; they followed the Roman roads westward into all Europe. In two centuries they captured the Roman Empire!

But they could not go southward because the Sahara desert had no roads, only limitless, deadly sand. So Africa below the Sahara did not hear of Christ. They could not cross the Arabic desert to the East, and the other deserts, and the impassable Himalayas. Not enough Christians penetrated into Asia to win it to Christ. So China and Southeast Asia never heard the Gospel of Christ. Thomas, the tradition says, did reach the tip of India where the Thomasite Church still exists. Jesus had asked the physically impossible. His disciples could go to all the Roman Empire, but they could not go to "all the world."

A combination of circumstances make this the *FIRST* period since Jesus gave His command when we could really carry it out.

—from *Each One Teach One and Win One to Christ*
by Dr. Frank Laubach

AN ITXM OF INTXRXST/Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfectly. It is trux that thxrx arx 46 kxys that function wxll knough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx kxys arx working propxrlly. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I am onx pxrson, I won't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx. A church to bx xffctivx nxxds thx activx participation of vxxy pxrson.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxxbxxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a KXY pxrson in this congrxgation, and I am nxxdxd vxxy much."

—From *Evangelical Fellowship*
of the Evangelical Fellowship of India

CHECK APPEAL LETTERS/Information has been received indicating that some Roman Catholic missions are sending to Protestant mailing lists appeal letters that do not reveal Catholic nature of mission. Anyone receiving appeals from any organization with which they are not familiar should learn more about the organization before making donations.

Dear Heartbeat

■ Through your courtesy we have received *Heartbeat* throughout 1965. We hasten to express our appreciation for this. It has made your publication available to our entire seminary family. I am sure our Christian outreach has been enriched by it. We would be pleased to be retained on your mailing list during the coming year.

J. J. Edwards, Asso. Librarian
Conservative Baptist Seminary
Denver, Colo.

■ Just received the latest edition of *Heartbeat* and sat down and read it through. I look forward to it each month. Thank you.


Mrs. H. B. Harper
Alvin, Texas

■ I earned this money today for two hours of babysitting. I pray that it will help some foreign person to learn about Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Olinger
Wabash, Ind.

■ Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 which our Missionettes earned selling candy. It is for the Mayhew and Robirds accounts. We are thankful for our teen-age girls here in the Norwalk church.

Juanita Rogers
Norwalk, Calif.



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POPULATION: 2,556,020 AREA: 72,172 SQ. MI. LITERACY: 90 PER CENT
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MOLLY BARKER

THE FIRST medical missionary to serve with the Free Will Baptist mission to Uruguay will arrive there in May of this year. Molly Barker, born December 19, 1935, in Norfolk, Va., was saved at age 13 in a revival conducted in her home church in North Carolina.

"After my conversion," she recalls, "I tried to yield my life completely to God. Even in high school I felt God had some special work for me, but I was not sure what it was."

When she finished high school, Molly entered Free Will Baptist Bible College. "At college," she states, "I learned about missions and the great need. I felt that God would have me take the Gospel to those who have never heard."

Following God's leading, Molly served with the Board of Home Missions on the Mexican border for two years before entering nurses training in Nashville. She was appointed for service in Uruguay in 1964 and departed for language study in 1965.



WALTER AND MARCIA ELLISON

WALTER ELLISON had never given thought to missionary service before entering Free Will Baptist Bible College. Born January 11, 1935, in Knoxville, Tenn., he was converted at the age of 22 in his home church.

"Shortly after coming to Bible college in 1958," he recalls, "I was shown that the heathen are lost. From that time there has been a tugging at my heart to witness to the lost who have not had opportunity to hear the Gospel."

Marcia was born in Rockwood, Tenn., November 14, 1939. Saved at age nine, she says, "The desire to do foreign missionary work has been instilled in my heart since that time."

The Ellisons were appointed for service in November, 1963, arriving in Brazil in August, 1964, to begin language study.

In September, 1965, they assumed ministries in Rivera, Uruguay, replacing the furloughing Bill Fulchers. Dub's proficiency in Spanish as well as Portuguese has been a decided asset in this bi-lingual border city.

Preliminary contacts are being made in the twin city of Livramento, Brazil, where Dub and Marcia will continue permanent ministries.

The Ellisons have two children: Stephen Christian, born July 20, 1960, and John Christian, February 24, 1964.



BILL AND GLENDA FULCHER

GOD USED a term of military service in Korea to awaken Bill Fulcher to the needs of a world without Jesus Christ. Bill, born May 6, 1933, in Bridgeton, N.C., was converted at age 12. During his last year of high school he rededicated his life and yielded to God's call to preach.

Two years in the armed services gave opportunity to see conditions prevailing where people do not know Christ. When Bill returned and entered Free Will Baptist Bible College, God used those experiences to challenge him for foreign service.

Bill testifies, "The Lord began to deal with me concerning foreign missions during my first year at school. I yielded my life for foreign service."

Glenda, born November 4, 1938, in Shook, Mo., was saved at the age of 11 and from conversion had the desire to be a foreign missionary. While at the Bible college, she made her commitment public.

Bill and Glenda were married on August 2, 1957. After Bill's graduation in 1959, the couple moved to North Carolina where Bill pastored for two years. They were appointed to missionary service in October, 1960, and departed for language study in April, 1961.

The Fulchers have three children: William Lester, born December 10, 1959, John David, October 2, 1962, and Timothy Marvin, July 25, 1964.



PAUL AND AMY ROBINSON

"A LAYMAN? I thought a missionary had to be a preacher!" Perhaps you think this. But consider Paul and Amy Robinson, lay missionaries to Uruguay.

Paul, born in Liberty, Tenn., on June 20, 1925, is a direct result of foreign missionary ministry. More than 20 years ago Free Will Baptists sent missionaries to Cuba. As a result of their ministry, Benito Rodriquez was converted and called to preach. When Rodriquez later preached in a service in Detroit, Mich., Paul was saved.

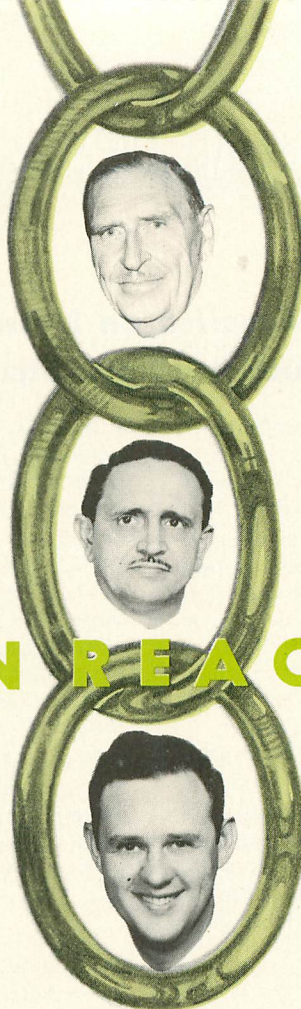
Soon after conversion, Paul joined Central Free Will Baptist Church in Detroit. Later he was elected to teach the young married couples Sunday school class. "This proved a real challenge to me," Paul recalls, "and was one of the greatest helps to my Christian life because I was forced to really study the Bible. As my knowledge of the Word increased, so did my vision of a world in need of the Saviour."

Amy, a minister's daughter, was born on May 13, 1929. She was saved at age 12. She and Paul were married in September, 1950. "After I was married," she states, "I began to realize my responsibility to God as His child, and I rededicated my life to follow Him more closely."

Through the counsel of his pastor, the Rev. Charles Thigpen, now dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Paul recognized God's leading into full-time church work in a lay capacity. After serving in the church four years, the Robinsons entered the Bible college in 1959. They were appointed for missionary service in 1960 and entered Uruguay in 1962.

Paul and Amy have two children: Kenneth, born Feb. 13, 1952, and Rebecca Ruth, Dec. 7, 1961.

CHAIN REACTION



A MISSIONARY WINS A CUBAN WHO WINS AN AMERICAN WHO BECOMES A MISSIONARY WHO WINS URUGUAYANS

MORE THAN a quarter of a century ago, the first Free Will Baptist missionaries to Latin America arrived in Cuba to share the Gospel.

Thomas and Mabel Willey proclaimed the message through every way available. And Cubans responded.

Benito Rodriquez had been exposed to Roman Catholicism and Spiritism. But his soul found rest in neither form of religion, and he continually sought peace without finding it.

One day Benito heard something he had never heard before. Missionary Willey's message of salvation and hope found fruit in Benito's heart. Benito wanted release from his life of sin, so he came to Jesus Christ.

As the young Cuban grew in grace and knowledge of Christ, he received the call of God into His service and began training for the ministry.

In Detroit, Mich., in 1950, an American young man was searching for the same power that changed Benito's life a few years earlier. His name was Paul Robinson.

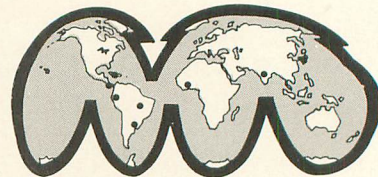
The Rev. Raymond Riggs, pastor

of the Detroit church, now the largest church in the denomination, invited Benito, who was furthering his training in the United States, to preach. Benito's message was simple, but direct. And Paul Robinson responded to give his heart to the Lord.

The new power that had taken charge of Paul's life began to draw him into the Lord's service. Chosen to teach a Sunday school class, Paul was driven to study the Word of God. "As my knowledge increased, so did my vision," Paul recalls. And Paul began a life of witness to the reality of Christ and the power of God to transform lives.

This desire to witness was coupled with the knowledge that the masses of humanity outside the United States have not been given opportunity to know the Saviour. So Paul, a link in a chain reaction that started when a Free Will Baptist missionary was sent to Cuba years before, became a foreign missionary himself. Today, he serves in Uruguay sharing Christ with those in the regions beyond. ☩

WITH YOUR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE 'WORLD



Brazil

Ballard in Latin America on Literature Mission: To Finalize Production Plans, Strategy in Brazil

Campinas—Director of Publications, Jerry Ballard, arrived here February 19 on the main stop of a five-week literature mission in Latin America.

Uppermost on the agenda is finalization of plans for a mass appeal magazine for South America's largest nation. Literature Missionary Don Robirds has completed preliminary investigations, and Ballard is reviewing these findings and conferring with the Brazil literature committee to implement Portuguese literature production plans.

Major discussions are being held regarding a literature evangelism strategy for Brazil. The literature staff must determine whether magazine is best approach and, if so, how it may best be circulated.

"What we are searching for," states Ballard "is the most effective strategy of penetration for Brazil and, for that matter, our other fields. This strategy will utilize radio, literature and personal witness in a stepped-up program of evangelism and church planting."

Ballard will participate in discussions the first week of March in Sao Paulo with literature leaders of other evangelical missions and James Johnson, executive director of Evangelical

Literature Overseas. These discussions will lead to greater evangelical cooperation in literature ventures and less overlapping, it is hoped.

Ballard, who will return to Nashville March 14, left the States on February 6. His first stop was Monterrey, Mexico, where plans were laid with Missionary Arthur Billows for a permanent distribution set-up in Mexico for the Spanish magazine *Impacto*.

Plans also were finalized for a Mexican edition of the magazine to make it more effective in that country. Dave Cochrane, instructor at Mexican Bible Institute, was named liaison for *Impacto* in Mexico.

A stop was made in Costa Rica for discussions with the literature staff of Latin America Mission and visit with Free Will Baptist missionaries in language study.

A week was spent in Panama to complete shooting for a filmstrip to be released late this year or early 1967. Discussions were held with the Panamanian field council regarding budget needs and plans for 1967. Similar consultations were held with the Brazilian and Uruguayan field councils.



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JAMES JOHNSON (L) AND JERRY BALLARD PARTICIPATE IN PANEL DISCUSSION ON MISSIONS MAGAZINES AT RECENT EVANGELICAL LITERATURE OVERSEAS REGIONAL MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA. BALLARD ALSO ADDRESSED THE CONFERENCE ON NEW LITERATURE VENTURES IN LATIN AMERICA.

Stateside

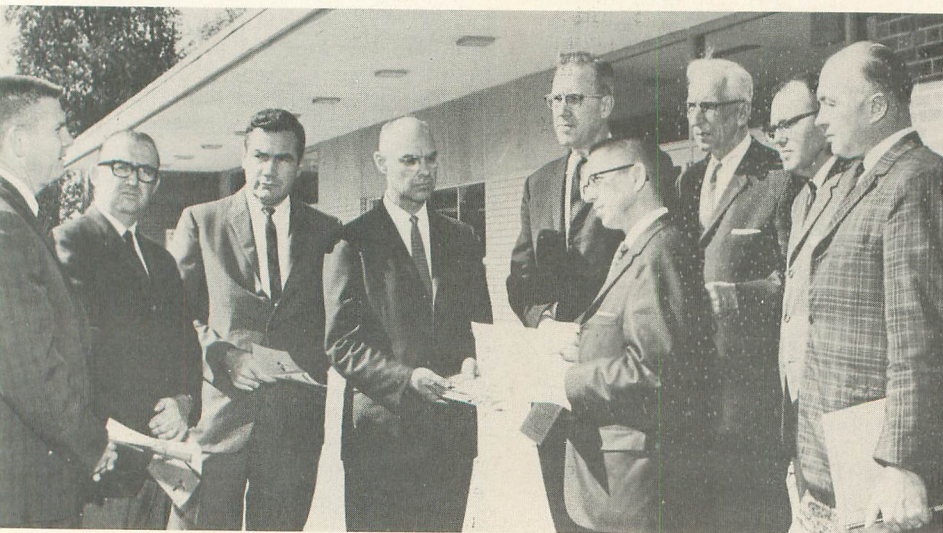
1,000 Expected at Congress

Wheaton—One thousand delegates are expected to converge on Wheaton College campus April 9 for the week-long Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission, a missions strategy meeting sponsored jointly by EFMA and IFMA.

Missions leaders representing the majority of the Protestant missionary force will participate. The evangelical imperative regarding missions will be renewed, it is hoped.

General Director J. Reford Wilson and Crusades Director Rufus Coffey will represent Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. Also attending will be Foreign Missions Board Chairman, Joe Ange and Board Member, Eugene Waddell.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE DISCUSSES ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE. LEFT TO RIGHT: THOMAS BURTON, WHEATON COLLEGE; NORMAN CUMMINGS, OVERSEAS CRUSADES; WADE COGGINS, EFMA; LOUIS KING, C&MA; DR. VERNON MORTENSON, TEAM; VIRGIL GERBER, CONGRESS COORDINATOR; GORDON BEACHAM, NORTH AFRICA MISSION; E. L. FRIZEN, JR., IFMA; DR. MILTON BAKER, CBFMS.



General Fund Changed To Operational Fund

Nashville—A change has been made in the name of the fund out of which basic foreign ministries are supported. Previously called the "general fund," the fund will be known as the "operational fund" in the future.

The designation "general" has caused misunderstanding in the past since it does not imply the nature of expenditures from this fund. These moneys maintain essential operations of the denomination's foreign ministry.

A major item supported from the operational fund is the foreign literature division which is now providing evangelistic and teaching materials in seven languages.

Also provided from the fund are *Heartbeat* magazine and other publications by the informational services division. Allocations are made to the audio-visual division for new motion pictures and filmstrip productions.

The conference ministries division is supported by the operational fund. The fund also maintains the administrative division through which the entire foreign ministry is coordinated and all funds are channeled as earmarked. Costs of maintaining the home office are paid from the operational fund.

Additional gifts earmarked for the operational fund are needed to maintain expanding foreign literature publishing, audio-visual production and other basic ministries.

Calvary Address Changed

Nashville—A new address for the Wesley Calverys has been received. Correspondence to the Calverys should be addressed to Nishi, 2, JO, 3 Chome, Tsukisamu, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan.

Back Issues Needed

Nashville—An urgent need for back issues of *Heartbeat* has developed. They are needed for binding as reference copies for various divisions of the foreign missions department.

Needed are the following issues: 1963—January, February, March, April, June and December; 1964—June and July.

If you have any of these you can assist the department by sending them to *Heartbeat*, Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.



CASH IN BANK JANUARY 1, 1966 ..\$ 59,9434.36

RECEIPTS

State Quotas	\$ 33,190.25	
Other Income	316.79	33,507.04
		\$ 93,454.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields	\$ 24,905.80	
Traveling & Promotion ..	3,413.66	
Administrative	4,245.75	32,565.21

CASH IN BANK FEBRUARY 1, 1966..\$ 60,085.19

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Operational Fund	\$ 2,976.05	
Trust Fund	3,180.14	
Repatriation	3,190.59	
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge	1,532.64	
Miss Molly Barker, R.N.	4,099.39	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	4,831.73	
Rev. and Mrs. James Combs	1,895.49	
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia	613.09	
Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton	3,656.29	
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison	2,099.14	
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks	526.25	
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher	1,714.40	
Dr. Ruby Griffin	4,233.38	
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones	3,810.04	
Miss Ella Rae Jones, R.N.	4,568.40	
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N.	135.13	
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh	161.94	
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley	7,919.05	
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman	1,271.28	
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne	3,945.44	
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps	1,030.08	
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole	40.07	

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FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

JANUARY 1966

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Africa Vehicle	114.15
Brazil Bible Institute	1,274.53
Brazil Vehicle	961.64
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	83,102.30

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Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks	604.98
Miss Volena Wilson	2,887.94
Audio-Visual	6,208.70
CERF	245.04
Furlough Car	50.74
Palmer House	334.81
	22,217.11

CASH IN BANK FEBRUARY 1, 1966...\$60,885.19

STATE QUOTAS—1966

STATE	JANUARY RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 1,069.64	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 1,069.64	\$ 11,930.36	
Alaska	18.70	300.00	18.70	281.30	
Arizona	136.24	1,050.00	136.24	913.76	
Arkansas	722.46	13,500.00	722.46	12,777.54	
California	3,689.78	25,500.00	3,689.78	21,810.22	
Colorado	30.38	750.00	30.38	719.62	
Florida	1,588.17	13,000.00	1,588.17	11,411.83	
Georgia	208.74	18,750.00	208.74	18,541.26	
Hawaii	31.62	200.00	31.62	168.38	
Idaho	81.64	200.00	81.64	118.36	
Illinois	364.96	13,000.00	364.96	12,635.04	
Indiana	369.03	3,500.00	369.03	3,130.97	
Iowa	7.86	1,000.00	7.86	992.14	
Kansas	127.47	2,750.00	127.47	2,622.53	
Kentucky	231.71	6,000.00	231.71	5,768.29	
Louisiana	15.00	200.00	15.00	185.00	
Maine	25.00	1,000.00	25.00	975.00	
Michigan	2,336.70	45,000.00	2,336.70	42,663.30	
Mississippi	766.56	6,750.00	766.56	5,983.44	
Missouri	2,652.88	24,250.00	2,652.88	21,597.12	
Nebraska		300.00		300.00	
New Brunswick, Canada		300.00		300.00	
New Hampshire	4.33	750.00	4.33	745.67	
New Mexico	61.85	500.00	61.85	438.15	
North Carolina	4,170.81	48,750.00	4,170.81	44,579.19	
Ohio	1,464.24	15,500.00	1,464.24	14,035.76	
Oklahoma	3,119.65	45,000.00	3,119.65	41,880.35	
Oregon		100.00		100.00	
South Carolina	2,371.55	23,250.00	2,371.55	20,878.45	
Tennessee	4,319.24	32,000.00	4,319.24	27,680.76	
Texas	1,317.70	14,000.00	1,317.70	12,682.30	
Virginia	1,350.20	18,500.00	1,350.20	17,149.80	
Washington		400.00		400.00	
West Virginia	536.14	10,250.00	536.14	9,713.86	
Miscellaneous	128.71	4,595.55	128.71	4,466.84	
	\$ 33,318.96	\$403,895.55	\$ 33,318.96	\$370,576.59	



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**BILL PHIPPS WITH AIRPLANE
NOW IN USE IN PANAMA**

IVORY COAST

Field Council Reports Most Fruitful Year Yet; Agni-French Translation of Mark Expected Soon

Goumère—Reports given in annual field council session held here in January pointed to the most fruitful year in the history of Free Will Baptist work in the Ivory Coast.

A total of 166 conversions plus numerous other decisions by Christians were tabulated, according to Bill Jones, field correspondent.

Thirty-six preaching points are being maintained with approximately 620 regular attenders. Christians have church buildings in 10 villages with others under construction.

"Excellent results were seen during 1965 Kulango summer camps," Jones reports. "Missionaries went into villages for special days of teaching and preaching. This not only stabilized Christians but also encouraged others to be converted."

This year, a youth camp is planned for girls. In past, camps have been exclusively for boys. Camps are held in August and September.

In translation work, Lonnie Sparks has completed *Acts* in Kulango and is starting the *Gospel of John*. Lonnie Palmer has translated the *Book of Genesis* into this language.

The *Agni Gospel of Mark* is printed and en route to Africa. It is the first publication in the newly-written tongue and will be used in extending teaching and evangelistic ministries.

The *Gospel of Mark* in Kulango was scheduled to have been printed earlier this year, but a fire at the composition plant used by the American Bible Society destroyed all standing type, necessitating complete resetting of the edition.

Literacy classes have been started to teach nationals to read their own languages. Primers are in production now and will be shipped to Africa in a few weeks, according to Director of Publications Jerry Ballard.

Greater emphasis is being given literature distribution this year, Jones says. *Tam-Tam*, children's magazine in French produced in cooperation with other evangelical missions in Ivory Coast, is well received in the denomination's area. Jones, who is in charge of distribution for all French-speaking countries of western Africa, is traveling throughout the region setting up distribution outlets. *Tam-Tam* is a full color, illustrated monthly. Initial circulation is 20,000 copies.

The French Bible Institute at Koun is in operation with five students from four tribes, Jones reports. A Kulango institute, begun last year, is maintained at Goumère. Medical ministries continue to play an important role in penetrating the area for Christ.

PANAMA

AIRPLANE PURCHASED TO REACH BUSH VILLAGES

Las Tablas—A gift of \$3,500 from Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker of Huntsville, Ala., made possible the purchase of an airplane to be used in reaching bush villages unreachable by auto.

The airplane, costing a total of \$5,000, is being used by Missionary Bill Phipps in reaching a totally unreachable area in the Azuero Peninsula encircled by impassable mountains and jungle.

The airplane makes possible Gospel witness for the first time for the more than 75,000 inhabitants of the central provinces of Panama.

APRIL

FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH

**HELP CLEAR PRODUCTION COST OF BRAZIL YOUTH EVANGELISM FILM
WITH A GENEROUS GIFT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

**\$12,000
NEEDED**

Special offerings are requested during April for the Audio-Visual Division to clear cost of new youth evangelism film and provide revolving fund for future productions.

PASTORS: Special Foreign Missions Month materials have been prepared. Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service customers will receive them automatically. Other churches may receive materials upon request.

COMING IN APRIL

Young Man from Rio

WORKING TITLE

A university student seeks reality in Christ and finds himself grappling with the crosscurrents of family and social ties. This film demonstrates what it means to stand for Christ in Latin America.

Filmed in Brazil by Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions and International Films to reach Brazilians for Christ. Now released in the States to reach American young people with the same life-changing message.

Premieres planned for April and May!

Watch for announcement of premiere in your area!



Clouds of Promise

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The economy of Uruguay cannot be termed bad compared to the general economic picture in South America. But it isn't as good as it has been in the past. This is affecting ability to purchase extras—such as Gospel literature.

RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENT

A bookstore man in Montevideo said to me, "The trouble with our country is religious freedom. We've had religious freedom so long we are in a religious vacuum. Nobody takes religion seriously, be it the Roman Church or Evangelicals."

The average Uruguayan is conditioned against religion. He is absorbed in workaday activities. Because of historic religious freedom, Uruguay has been deprived of the heroic demonstration of victorious faith wrought by persecution, a malady we suffer in the United States as well.

This is largely the reason Uruguay has become recognized not as the most difficult country in Latin America for gospel witness, but the most unresponsive. As in the United States, few people get upset because

Roman Catholicism embraces two thirds of the people. Anglican and Methodist churches are the major of more than 20 Protestant groups working in the country.

DENOMINATIONAL WITNESS

Free Will Baptist ministry centers in the border city of Rivera, the sister city of Livramento, Brazil. Actually, the two cities are in every respect one, except that half lies on the Uruguayan side of the border and the other half lies on the Brazilian side. There is no river, wall or check point separating the halves. Traffic back and forth flows freely. The only way one knows which side he is on is to observe a monument in the center of town. Everything north is Brazilian; everything south is Uruguayan.

The language situation is Spanuguese, I guess you could say. On the Uruguayan side, it is Spanish corrupted by Portuguese. On the Brazilian side, it is Portuguese corrupted by Spanish.

Missionaries Bill Fulcher and Paul Robinson and families entered Uruguay in early 1962. After three years of ministry, one church is firmly planted and two additional works begun.

The missionary team spent first months in the community of Santa Teresa, located about three miles outside Rivera. It is a rural section fairly heavily populated for Uruguay. With only token opposition, they invited interested people in the community to come to services, and souls were saved. The work grew.

Several Christians are meeting in regular week-night Bible institute classes. Out of this we trust will come strong national leadership.

Missionary Robinson is in charge of work at Santa Teresa and nearby Curticeiras. Missionary Fulcher spent several months, prior to furlough last September, opening work in downtown Rivera. A meeting hall was rented and attractively decorated.

Work in Rivera is going to be slow. We do not have the advantage of a community situation as at Santa Teresa but must draw from scattered sections. We will have to contend head on with Roman Catholicism, Spiritism and Mormonism. But the promise is encouraging. Missionary Walter Ellison, assigned to develop work in Rivera's sister city of Livramento, Brazil, is maintaining the Rivera mission in Missionary Fulcher's absence.

A regular weekly radio broadcast is maintained. The Spanish Bible study magazine *Impacto* has been excellently received. Use-worn copies can be found in home after home. It is used in Sunday school on the adult level.

In many respects, we have more to show for the time and manpower effort in Uruguay than in any other area. And this is specially heartwarming when one considers the history of the evangelical witness in Uruguay and the unresponsive nature of the people. "To God be the glory, great things he has done."



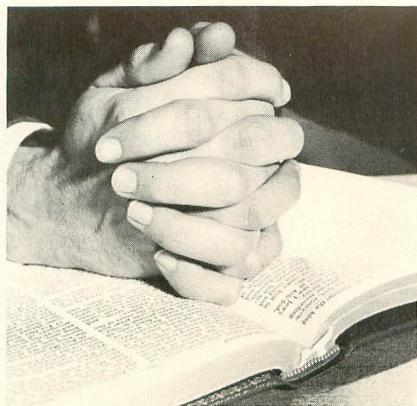
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**MISSIONARY PAUL ROBINSON CHATS
WITH SANTA TERESSA CONVERT.**

of one's testimony. Rather, they ignore him.

Separation of Church and State has brought an anti-clerical reaction, caused by abuses from the Roman Catholic Church but expressed to all religions.

In high schools and universities, atheism and agnosticism are both popular and prevalent and are generally considered to be quite acceptable intellectually. Those in the middle and upper class sections of society consider it a sign of weakness to commit oneself to a personal God. With a relatively high standard of living, advanced culture and numerous social benefits, people feel little or no need for God. Even the Roman Church struggles to hold its own.



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"MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY . . ." LUKE 18:1

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

MARCH 15: Pray that God will extend witness of Walter and Marcia Ellison through church in downtown Rivera, Uruguay.

MARCH 16: Final mixing is being done this week on evangelistic youth film shot in Brazil last year. Pray for God's blessing in premiere showings.

MARCH 17: An Ivory Coast missionary writes: "Pray for a Holy Spirit revival on our field. Thousands have heard, but relatively few have responded!"

MARCH 18: Pray that the Lord will call Japanese workers to assist in churches already established and to build new churches. Pray for continued guidance for pastors in Tokyo, Koshimizu, Abashiri and Bihoro.

MARCH 19: Eula Mae Martin, R.N., is seeking medical registration with the Brazilian government. Pray.

MARCH 20: Praise the Lord for completion of translation of *Acts* and *Genesis* into Kulango. Pray that they will be produced and in the hands of the people as quickly as possible.

MARCH 21: The Foreign Missions Board begins week-long meetings today. Pray for God's direction and wisdom in strategic decisions that must be made.

MARCH 22: Pray that witnessing opportunities provided through dispensaries and clinic in Ivory Coast will result in solid conversions to Christ.

MARCH 23: The Sammy Wilkinsons are working with the church in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. Pray for increased effectiveness in their ministries.

MARCH 24: Pray for the growth of Mrs. Sarojini, a Hindu woman recently saved in Mettupalayam, South India. She is already going house to house with the Bible woman, Miss Annammal.

MARCH 25: Praise the Lord for supplying the funds to complete purchase of a plane for Bill Phipps' ministry in Panama.

MARCH 26: Paul Robinson, Uruguay, writes: "Pray for national workers. Villages without a witness need national preachers, because missionaries cannot effectively open needed new works."

MARCH 27: Ken and Marvis Eagleton direct Brazil Bible Institute. Pray that they will know God's leading in administrative and teaching activities.

MARCH 28: Pray that God will challenge many to His service through ministries of missionaries on furlough: the LaVerne Mileys, Bill Fulchers, Bobby Aycocks, Bobby Pooles, and Tom Willeys, Jr.

MARCH 29: Pray for the Lord's direction in plans being made for a literature distribution campaign in Miami in late spring or early summer.

MARCH 30: Hostel ministries of Carlisle Hanna and Dan Cronk are vital to continued growth of the church in North India. Pray for wisdom and strength in these teaching ministries.

MARCH 31: Antonio and Laercio are two promising young men in the Campinas, Brazil, church. Pray that the Lord will use them to build a strong, indigenous church.

APRIL 1: Pray for God's direction for Director of Publications Jerry Ballard in implementing a literature evangelism strategy and planning further development of publications ministries overseas.

APRIL 2: Praise the Lord that the recently established church at Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, has assumed support of Bible institute students at Goumère.

APRIL 3: Missionaries and missionary pastors must be adequately trained to minister in a modern world. Pray for administration and faculty at Free Will Baptist Bible College, California Bible Institute and Oklahoma Bible College.

APRIL 4: A ten-day Bible camp for men will be held this month in Zululand, Africa, with Harold and Josephine Stevens. Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence.

APRIL 5: Wesley and Aileen Calvery are attending remedial language study in addition to regular duties. Pray that they will quickly regain facility in the Japanese language.

APRIL 6: Pray that Eddie Payne's village evangelism around Doropo, Ivory Coast, will effectively establish believers as well as reach the unsaved.

APRIL 7: Molly Barker, R.N., completes language study in Costa Rica shortly. Pray that last weeks of preparation will be profitable, and that travel arrangements to Uruguay will go smoothly.

APRIL 8: Louis and Florine Coscia write: "One of our greatest challenges is training converts in the faith and knowledge of the Scriptures." Pray for wisdom as they teach the church at Pirassununga, Brazil.

APRIL 9: The Estenio Garcia account is more than \$3,500 in the red. Pray that God will challenge individuals and churches to assume this support.

APRIL 10: Archie and Sarah Mayhew continue study of Kulango in Bondoukou, Ivory Coast. Pray that they will gain a thorough grasp of the language.

APRIL 11: Pray that young people in Brazil Bible Institute will be renewed in their vision to reach Brazil with the Gospel.

APRIL 12: Lonnie and Bernice Palmer, Laoudi Ba, Ivory Coast write "We have a terrible problem with unbelieving wives of some Christians. Pray that the Lord will give wisdom in dealing with unfaithful wives and divorced couples."

APRIL 13: Pray for Franklin Achish, South India, who is studying at a South Indian Bible college preparing for the ministry.

APRIL 14: Ella Rae Jones, R.N., and Patsy Tyson, R.N., are more than half through language study in Costa Rica. Pray for continued strength for learning Spanish prior to medical ministries in Ecuador.



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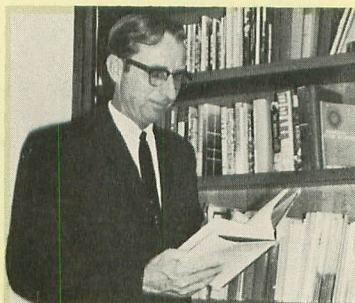
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'OUT OF MY HEART'

A word from the General Director

J. Reford Wilson

THE GLORY OF GOD • "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). This is creative glory revealing the eternal power of the Godhead "so that they (people of the world) are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). • The conscience of a man who is sensitive to divine impulse is the glory of man. In his being is the thirst for knowledge, the capacity for love, the freedom of will and the nature of God. But exercising his innate ability to disobey God, man became a sinner. The glory of man degenerated into a guilty conscience (Romans 2:15). • The god of this world, Satan, has blinded man, keeping him from discerning the creative glory of God. He has bound man with practices of sin to make captive all his talents. • What if all paintings expressed the beauty and holiness of God? What if all music praised the Triune God? What if all works of man provided for the needs of all people? What if robbery, rape, murder and warfare ceased? • The answer to these questions lies not in a return to Rome. Nor in a monolithic organizational structure. Nor in eloquent oratories by premiers, governors, presidents, dictators or kings. • The answer is in redemptive glory, "God in Christ reconciling the world into himself" (II Corinthians 5:19). The tragedy overshadowing this glorious truth is that two thirds of the world have not heard of redemptive glory. Another tragedy is that millions who have heard do not believe. A further tragedy is that many who have heard and believe do not care whether the rest of the world's millions ever hear. • The church in its glory is a soul-winning, missionary-sending people, a church in which the names of missionaries are often called in prayer, one in which its people give generously to send its sons and daughters as ambassadors of Christ. • The prayer of Christ is a prayer for the church in this hour: "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy *"church"* that thy *"church"* may glorify thee."

