

HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

MAY, 1966

Carnival: Spirit of Brazil

JERRY BALLARD

IT WAS THE final night of Carnival, sometimes called Mardi Gra, the annual orgy that starts at noon on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday and continues until midnight Tuesday. This year it ran February 19-22. Don Robirds and I secured permission to photograph festivities inside a private club in Santos, a coastal resort city east of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The ballroom was a congested sea of bodies swaying to and fro in response to intoxicating vibrations from Carnival brass and percussion. The smell of whiskey pervaded the smokey atmosphere of total revelry.



➔ Teen-aged girls and young men were brought to near traumatic stages by rhythmic pulsations that drove away all sense of propriety. Sparsely clad girls danced on tops of tables as the entire entourage gave vivid resemblance to a drunken community bunny hop.

LAST BIG FLING

I found my emotions torn between disgust, prompted by my relatively sheltered Christian background, and genuine sympathy, produced by the compassion of the Lord Jesus for souls lost in the pleasures of sin for a season.

Carnival is the last big fling before Lent. It has become a national event in Roman Catholic countries, especially in Latin America.

Anything goes. "Get it out of your system," they say, "because our bodies must be controlled during Lent." So Carnival becomes a nation-wide orgy of drunkenness, immorality and abandonment to lusts lurking inside each human heart. And Ash Wednesday becomes the "great day of confession" when all the sins of Carnival are forgiven.

Carnival is the spirit of Brazil, a spirit reflected not only in religious life but also in political and social affairs.

To an outsider, the attitude of Brazil seems to be "Live it up today. Tomorrow may not be as good." This happy-go-lucky feeling gives Brazilians an admirable capacity for forging ahead in spite of overwhelming obstacles. Problems that have dealt death blows to lesser nations are taken in strides of normality in Brazil.

LATE GETTING INTO GAME

To properly understand the complex pressures on South America's largest country (Brazil has approximately one half the land area and population of the South American continent), it is necessary to realize that Brazil was late getting into the development game. Thus the nation is forced into accomplishing in

months what the United States took years to do. This produces enormous strains on the social complexion and economic stability of a people.

And Brazil for years was handicapped by political struggles that hampered development progress. Only with the present administration has stability been seen in the past decade. And this stability is strained.

Politically, although the country is outwardly as it was a year ago, today growing impatience with the government's handling of inflation and other major national problems is seen throughout the land.

It appears to an outsider that the government is honestly doing what it feels is best for Brazil, which is more than can be said for most past administrations. But reforms of the magnitude needed in this great country require time. And the ever important question is whether the grass roots will have enough patience for governmental reforms to prove their validity in stable programs economically and socially.

As is the case in most nations of the world, the situation in Brazil is conducive to overnight revolution. And revolution would almost of necessity carry anti-American overtones, since America has given open support to the present administration.

Brazilians on the whole have a healthy respect for Americans. The American is considered trustworthy and sincere, an attitude not always seen throughout the world. Naturally those are present who because of communist propaganda are not in love with American ways. But this element seems to be in the minority. However, one must remember that it is part of the nature of Latin American people to change attitudes completely overnight. What may work for our benefit one day may work to our detriment the next.

TIME IS RIPE

Present laws regarding religious freedom in Brazil protect the evangelical witness. When reprisals come, they stem from cultural pressures of a historic Roman Catholic Church society rather than legal roots. In isolated cases, the priest has enough control of local governmental authorities to illegally thwart evangelical advance. Such control is through ties of superstition which are lessening with each passing day as the people of Brazil become independent of Papal control and more intellectually honest in consideration of religious interests.

The phrase "Brazil, land of evangelical opportunity," has become a cliché in our day. The time is ripe for Gospel penetration to a degree seen in few countries.

The Carnival-spirit has produced deep-seated dissatisfaction with the status quo. When the revelry ends, men are left with themselves, and the pretense of Mardi Gra comes painfully into focus. "There must be more to life than this," the searching heart cries out within. And the vacuum thus created becomes an open door for witness to the reality of new life through the Lord Jesus Christ. ✝

Dear Heartbeat

■ The ladies of the auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington, S.C., would like to express their appreciation for HEARTBEAT. Through this paper we are able to keep up with our foreign missionaries and to know their needs. We were very much pleased to receive the January issue with all the personal information about each one and because of this issue we have each taken a missionary family to correspond with.

Mary T. Byrd
Darlington, S.C.

■ I truly enjoy reading HEARTBEAT each month. I feel as though I know each missionary even though I haven't met many of them personally.

Mrs. Ronald Garrett
Broken Arrow, Okla.

■ Let me say HEARTBEAT is really a blessing to me. I especially liked the January issue. May the Lord continue to bless this publication.

Ruby Barker
Morehead City, N.C.

■ I want to say I am proud of HEARTBEAT. It lets us know what is going on. Praise God for the work of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.

Bufard A. Price
Memphis, Tenn.

■ I enjoy getting HEARTBEAT. It makes me very much concerned about the ones who do not know our Saviour. May God bless you in your efforts to bring the good news to them.

Mrs. Ruth Arrowood
Greeneville, Tenn.

If you have questions about foreign missions or comments regarding HEARTBEAT, this column is for you.

Across the Editor's Desk



THE COST OF STANDING

THE BIBLE is clear on this point: We're never to retreat in our Christian walk or witness. The Psalms ring with the chorus "I shall not be moved!" The Apostle Paul received the same Holy Spirit-breathed exhortation: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable!"

But the "take your stand" bit seems to have a hollow ring today. In some fundamentalist circles it has become more of an empty status symbol than a positive course of action. We proudly sit in the safe cloisters of our evangelical monasteries and shout to the top of our prefabricated open beams, "Here we stand!" Or we snuggle at our typewriters or hide behind the broadcast mike out of the crossfires and take aim at sinner and saint in the same sweep—all in the name of "taking a stand."

During college days, I was once invited to sing at a special afternoon rally which was to feature a speaker known for his ability to "shell the corn." He was billed as a bold preacher who wasn't afraid to preach the gospel truth. The preacher took the podium amidst sighed prayers, "Bless 'm, Lord." And the sermon began. The speaker launched into high gear attacking the liberal theologians of our day. The amens arose to near deafening point. He took a good crack at prostitution rings openly at work in the city. Again the amens and shouts of "glory."

Now, mind you, much can be said about the liberals of our day and about growing immorality. But the fact that struck me was that the preacher really opened up on the areas that gained the loudest "amens." Such preaching smacks more of "ear tickling" than "boldness." It's relatively easy to preach hard when folks agree with us. It's more difficult to take our witness into Satan's camp and stand steadfastly.

Perhaps it's the contrast between present day evangelical connotations of "take your stand" and the valiant stand of God's dear servants on the firing lines of the world that has stirred my heart at this point.

We received a letter a few days ago from a missionary in India who told the cost one of our Christian girls is paying for her steadfastness. Her Christian conviction would not allow her to marry a Hindu as her parents had arranged. The cost? She was harshly beaten and seriously burned. If she lives, her body will always carry the scars of her stand. And this is only one case of thousands.

Thus the hollow ring to much of our standing for Christ. Stained glass windows seem a pale substitute for blood-stained bodies. Can I any longer brag about my stand? Can you?



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MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES TO BRAZIL

POPULATION: 76,409,000
AREA: 3,286,170 sq. mi.
CAPITAL: Brasilia (pop. 130,968)
LANGUAGE: Portuguese
LITERACY: 60 per cent
PRIMARY RELIGION: Roman Catholic
FREE WILL BAPTIST ENTRY: 1957
MISSIONARIES: 20
CHURCHES: 5
PREACHING POINTS: 3
MEMBERS: 165



**BOBBY,
SUE
AYCOCK**

A FOREIGN MISSIONS film and the conviction that God wanted them on the field led Bobby and Sue Aycock to South America's giant nation of Brazil.

The Free Will Baptist foreign missions production, *Letter to Melitino*, was seen by Bobby and Sue as teenagers at different times and in different places.

"I felt that the Lord was leading me to the foreign field," Bobby testifies. "It was an abiding thing, I don't think I could be happy anywhere else."

Bobby, who was 38 April 1, is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and in 1960 was married to the former Sue White of Warren, Ark. Sue, born September 3, 1937, also attended the college.

Following language study the two opened work in 1962 in Araras, located in a rich farming area. The city, with a population of 40,000, is the American-Brazilian cultural center of the district. Although strongly opposed by Roman Catholic clergy, they succeeded in establishing a ministry there.



**JIM,
SHIRLEY
COMBS**

RANKED AS A technician in the United States Navy, Jim Combs had his opportunity to go far in the business world, but he relinquished material gain to prepare himself for God's work. While at Free Will Baptist Bible College he turned his eyes toward the mission field as God lay a burden on his heart.

The 28-year-old West Virginian received his B.A. degree from the Bible college and in 1963 was married to the former Shirley Roberts of Crowder, Okla. Shirley, born Jan. 14, 1942, also graduated from the Bible college.

Jim and Shirley were appointed to Brazil in April, 1964, and departed for

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 RIBEIRAO PRETO •
 PIRASUNUNGA • • ARARAS
 CAMPINAS •
 SAO PAULO •

language study in December of that year.

In January they were assigned to Araras to take charge of work there. Jim and Shirley have been experiencing a good response from the youth of the city.



**LOUIS,
FLORINE
COSCIA**

LOUIS COSCIA, born in Memphis, Tenn., December 4, 1925, planned his life's work in the field of agriculture and had already received his education in that field when God changed his plans. Realizing that the mission field was God's place for him, Louis returned to college, this time to study Bible.

After receiving the B.S. degree from Mississippi State College, Louis attended Wheaton College, Mid-South Bible College and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

In 1963, he married the former Florine Faulkner of North Carolina. Florine, born January 1, 1935, received the B.A. degree from Bible college.

The two were appointed in October of 1963 and departed for language study in August of 1964. They are now serving in the city of Pirassununga.

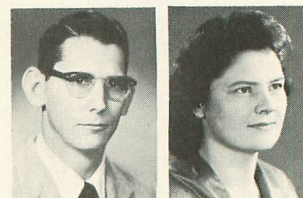


**EARNIE,
WILLIE
JEAN
DEEDS**

A CHINESE CHRISTIAN, speaking in college chapel, was the instrument God used to stir the heart of Earnie Deeds regarding His purposes in the world. "The challenge was something I never got away from," Earnie remembers. Today, Earnie and his family serve in Campinas, Brazil.

"During the summer between my first and second years at college," Earnie, 33-year-old native of Oklahoma, testifies, "I knelt by my bed one day while at home and yielded my life to the Lord to use wherever He wanted me. Through missionary prayer band the needs of the world became more vivid. The fact that eight out of ten missionaries were women also challenged me."

Earnie married Willie Jean Barker of Arkansas in 1957. Both graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College a year later. Earnie pastored churches in Arkansas prior to appointment for service in Brazil. They arrived in Brazil in 1963.



**KEN,
MARVIS
EAGLETON**

GOD USED SEVERAL circumstances to lead Ken Eagleton to surrender his heart to the will of God and become His ambassador to Brazil. The ministry of a Free Will Baptist Bible College quartet, the son of a pioneer missionary for a college roommate, visit to a Toccoa, Ga., missions conference and a summer stay in Cuba brought Ken to recognize that "all men are lost and doomed to an eternal hell without Christ as their Saviour."

Ken, born July 1, 1928, graduated from the Bible college and attended Winona Lake School of Theology. In 1954, he was married to the former Marvis Anderson, who also attended the Bible college. Both are natives of Texas. The two were appointed for missionary service in 1958

and departed that year for language study.

The Eagletons joined missionary Dave Franks in Campinas, Brazil. Following furlough, Ken was named president of the new Brazilian Bible Institute near Jaboticabal which opened in March 1965.



**DAVE,
PAT
FRANKS**

FOUR YEARS at Free Will Baptist Bible College and one month on the island of Cuba placed within the heart of Dave Franks a burden to tell others about Christ. But he didn't do anything about it until almost a year following his graduation when he realized God wanted him on the foreign field.

The realization came as result of a message Dave heard at a Bible conference at college. His commitment to foreign service led him to open work for Free Will Baptists in Brazil in 1957.

During his year of language study, the Alabama native established a beachhead in Campinas with the assistance of a national pastor. A church was organized in April of 1958 with nearly 30 members.

During furlough in 1963 following his first term of service, Dave married the former Pat Sturgill of West Virginia. Today, Dave works with the Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal. He and Pat, a registered nurse, teach at the nearby Brazilian Bible Institute.

Dave is also field director for Brazil.



**EULA
MAE
MARTIN**

"LORD, I'LL DO anything you want me to." A simple statement, but it had profound repercussions for Eula Mae Martin.

"Many times I prayed," Eula Mae testifies, "Lord, what will you have me to do?" One day, I finally said, 'Lord, I'll do what you want me to.'"

The Lord began to make His will plain to her then, and she entered Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1952 for a three-year course of study. She was then directed into nurses' training at McLeod Infirmary School of Nursing, Florence, S.C. In 1958 she received the R.N. degree, and in 1959 she sailed for Brazil.

Her first term was served in Campinas. Now in her second term, she works in Ribeirao Preto.



**BOBBY,
GENEVA
POOLE**

BOBBY POOLE, 30-year-old Tennessean, was converted at the age of 12. From early childhood, the Lord seemed to be dealing with young Bobby, and seeds of foreign missionary service were sown in his heart.

Probably no one can trace the seeds sown within him. It may have been planted by a pastor, a parent, or a friend, but the Lord nourished that desire until it ultimately became his commitment to God at the end of his second year at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Bobby and Geneva were married in 1960, and departed for Brazil later that year.

Their four-year ministry in Ribeirao Preto, a city of 170,000, from 1962 to 1966, was a fruitful one through preaching services, Sunday school, door-to-door contacts, frequent trips to nearby small villages, and a regular Gospel radio program on a local station.



**MARY
ELLEN
RICE**

BURDENED BY THE sight of multitudes who have not heard, prodded by a growing dedication to doing the will of God, Mary Ellen Rice gave herself to make Christ known in the regions beyond.

Born in Morehead City, N.C., September 9, 1934, Mary Ellen was saved at the age of 12.

"I knew God had a special purpose for my life," she testifies. "I somehow felt that God wanted me to be a missionary on foreign soil. And in college I gained full assurance that this was God's will for me."

While in missionary internship in Detroit, Mich., Mary Ellen recognized anew the needs of the world and within one year from the date of her appointment in 1962 departed for Brazil.

She is presently teaching at Brazilian Bible Institute, conducting vacation Bible schools, and other child evangelism ministries during vacation months.



**DON,
CAROL
ROBIRDS**

FULFILLING THE COMMAND "Go ye!" may mean standing behind a pulpit to some, teaching in a classroom to others, or knocking on doors to still others. But to Don Robirds of California it isn't that simple.

"Go ye!" to Don means hours of consultations with translators, artists, printers and distributors, an endless string of creative editorial planning sessions, days on the road in search of information to make a literature evangelism program more effective.

It was during Bible college days that the Lord first began to deal with Don's heart about foreign service. His wife, the former Carol Ann Waring of California, had long felt God's leading to the field.

"One day in a prayer meeting," Don recalls, "the Lord spoke definitely to me in a very real way. I felt a strange longing to be able to supplant communism's supply of literature with literature from a Christ-dedicated press. This became the burden of my heart."

As plans for an expanded literature outreach in Brazil developed, Don's place of service became obvious. The Robirds arrived in Brazil December 28, 1964. Earlier this year, Don began his full-time assignment as a literature missionary. He and his family live in Campinas.



**SAM,
JUNE
WILKINSON**

THE FACT THAT a missionary's testimony can vitally affect young people with whom he comes in contact is clearly seen in the lives of Sammy and June Wilkin.

Saved at the age of 12, Sammy was influenced by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, pioneer missionary to India.

"I never forgot things I learned from her," Sammy testifies, who was her Bible student in grammar school in Georgia. In 1949, he entered Free Will Baptist College and there surrendered his life to the will of God for foreign service.

June, too, was saved at the age of 12, and three years later during a message by Wesley Calvary, missionary to Japan, came to realize that abstaining from worldly amusements was not enough, but that one had to crucify self and follow the leadership of the Lord. Sammy and June met at Bible college, and the Lord led them together into foreign service.

In December, 1959, they began language study in Campinas and assisted in the work there. In the summer of 1961 they moved to Jaboticabal where an unusual response to the gospel was being witnessed. A church was organized in 1963 in that town of 27,000 people.

Following furlough last year, the Wilkinsons were assigned to Ribeirao Preto, a city of 170,000.

WITH YOUR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD



Jerry Ballard discusses mass appeal magazine with Peter Cunliff, editor of Brazil edition of Christian Life.

BRAZIL

Response Favorable To Mass Magazine Idea

Sao Paulo—Ideas for a mass appeal magazine designed to reach the man in the street gained favorable response from missionaries and literature people contacted during Director of Publications Jerry Ballard's stop here February 19 to March 7.

"I am becoming increasingly excited about our publishing program in Brazil," Ballard commented on his return to Nashville. "I found unexpected interest on the part of other missions in our proposed mass appeal publication. We have been able to work out immediate legal and functional problems and are now engaged in a final research phase to determine the exact type of publication that will best reach the mass audience."

Ballard had praise for Literature Missionary Don Robirds. "Don has a good grasp of the situation and is proceeding immediately to set up an office in Campinas."

Two booklets for new converts and a book on Free Will Baptist doctrine are in various stages of production. Others are planned.

STATESIDE

New missionaries appointed to India, Ivory Coast, Japan; \$469,315.57 budget proposed for next year.

Nashville—Appointment of six new missionaries highlighted the annual session of the Board of Foreign Missions here March 21-25.

The Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Lee were appointed for service in North India, the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Richards for service in Ivory Coast and the Rev. and Mrs. Jim McLain for service in Japan.

Lee, a 1964 graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, has pastored in South Carolina since graduation. The 24-year-old South Carolina native and wife, Vada, are the first missionaries appointed to India in recent years. The Indian government has refused visas to American missionaries in the past, but recent laxities in this regard give room for optimism.

General Director Reford Wilson calls on Free Will Baptists across the land to pray fervently for acquisition of government permission for the Lees to enter this needy field.

The McLains, who also have studied at the Bible college, are the fourth couple appointed to Japan. Jim hails from Virginia and wife, Olena, from Missouri.

The Richards, both natives of Arkansas, are currently pastoring in Tennessee. Norman is a 1961 graduate of the Bible college. Upon completion of deputational work, they will study French in Europe in preparation for permanent assignment in Ivory Coast, West Africa. They bring the total number of missionaries appointed to Ivory Coast to 17.

Major discussion during the annual board session centered around preparation of the 1967 foreign missions budget to be presented to the Na-

tional Association in July.

More than \$73,000 was approved for Africa, nearly \$65,000 for Brazil to head foreign allocations. Of the \$469,315.57 proposed, \$332,268.86 will be spent on the field, \$60,013.02 in travel and promotional ministries, \$69,960.41 for administration.

In other action, a committee was appointed to study the overall structure of administrative and promotional phases of the department to determine personnel and procedural needs for maximum effectiveness.

A literature committee was appointed to assist Publications Director Jerry Ballard in further development of the department's overseas literature program.

Special funds were appropriated for stepped-up evangelistic thrust in North India where a mass movement to Christ by some 50,000 Santals is possible.

The board established the policy of permitting missionary children left in the States to visit parents on the field once during a term.

Also established was the policy of appointing qualified persons for special assignments.

Sparks on 'Outstanding' List

Nashville—Lonnie Sparks, missionary to Ivory Coast, West Africa, is one of 10,000 men between 21 and 36 chosen for inclusion in the 1966 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America." The publication recognizes young men who have "distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor to the point of being outstanding."



Mr. Lee

Mrs. Lee

Mr. McLain

Mrs. McLain

Mr. Richards

Mrs. Richards

Winter in the States is summer in Brazil. And summer is Vacation Bible School time. These youngsters are part of the Araras school. VBS has become an effective tool for child evangelism.



Wiley Undergoes Surgery

Miami—Thomas H. Wiley, Sr., veteran missionary to Latin America, underwent plastic surgery to correct facial appearance impaired by removal of a cancerous gland last October.

Special tests revealed no recurrence of cancerous tissue, so doctors proceeded on Good Friday, April 8, with corrective surgery. At last reports, Wiley was making good progress in recovery and anxious to get back to work.

The Wileys express their warm appreciation for the many cards and gifts received during this illness. Praise is given to the Lord for the remarkable recovery He has given His servant.

INDIA

Mrs. Gandhi Gives View on Church-State

New Delhi—Mrs. Indira Gandhi, India's new Prime Minister, declared in an interview a few hours after her election that her country's ideal of secularism means India will give "equal respect to all religions" and is "not against religion." Observers believe this to mean that there will be no major change in the government's attitude toward Christianity.

Shortstuff

Eula Mae Martin has recovered satisfactorily from recent surgery in Brazil . . . Molly Barker, R.N., has arrived in Uruguay to begin her permanent assignment. She will use her medical skills in personal evangelism.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

MARCH 1966

CASH IN BANK, MARCH 1, 1966... \$ 53,775.42

RECEIPTS

State Quotas	\$ 32,893.95	
Other Income	190.62	33,084.57
		\$ 86,859.99

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields	\$ 23,562.40	
Traveling & Promotion ..	3,763.81	
Administrative	6,398.61	33,724.82

CASH IN BANK APRIL 1, 1966... \$ 53,135.17

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Trust Fund	\$ 3,000.00	
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge	1,734.00	
Miss Molly Barker, R.N.	2,990.44	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	4,914.14	
Rev. and Mrs. James Combs	1,818.63	
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia	626.04	
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Eagleton	3,667.22	
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison	2,268.26	
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks	385.64	
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher	1,677.15	
Miss Ruby Griffin, M.D.	4,225.58	
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones	3,415.90	
Miss Ella Rae Jones, R.N.	4,593.20	
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh	390.83	
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley	10,084.49	
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman	1,687.92	
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne	1,011.87	
Rev. and Mrs. William Phipps	815.00	
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole	554.12	
Miss Mary Ellen Rice	546.29	
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson	1,559.41	
Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds	1,673.26	

Mrs. Josephine Stevens	912.25
Miss Patsy Tyson, R.N.	4,874.72
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid	1,782.67
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Jr.	1,417.07
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Willey, Sr.	286.94
Africa—Medical Building	6,540.77
Africa—Vehicle	114.15
Brazil—Bible Institute	906.43
Brazil—Vehicle	1,461.64
Mayhew House	3,660.08
North India Buildings	369.27
Palmer House	23.55
Payne House	38.07
Repatriation	3,370.73

Total Unexpended Funds \$ 79,397.73

DEFICIT

Operational Fund	\$ 347.77
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycok	1,326.71
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk	1,146.25
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds	194.87
Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia	3,391.55
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	1,253.21
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey	3,235.76
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N.	128.92
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew	102.42
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer	3,676.53
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks	715.18
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Wilkinson	145.63
Miss Volena Wilson	3,517.79
Africa—Bible Institute	162.32
Audio-Visual	6,092.16
C.E.R.F.	774.75
Furlough Car	50.74

Total Deficit \$ 26,262.56

Cash in Bank April 1, 1966 \$ 53,135.17

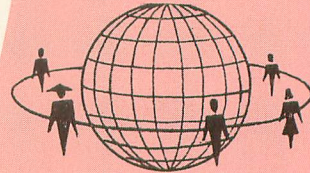
STATE QUOTAS—1966

STATE	MARCH RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 500.42	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 5,788.78	\$ 7,211.22	
Alaska	19.66	300.00	61.61	238.39	
Arizona	123.26	1,050.00	339.23	710.77	
Arkansas	1,081.95	13,500.00	3,552.92	9,947.08	
California	2,963.52	25,500.00	8,074.09	17,425.91	
Colorado	61.89	750.00	124.68	625.32	
Florida	549.03	13,000.00	3,109.92	9,890.08	
Georgia	1,313.62	18,750.00	3,255.10	15,494.90	
Hawaii		200.00	31.62	168.38	
Idaho	236.22	200.00	359.49		159.49
Illinois	1,123.45	13,000.00	1,859.34	11,140.66	
Indiana	418.88	3,500.00	864.65	2,635.35	
Iowa	87.05	1,000.00	177.91	822.09	
Kansas	296.15	2,750.00	621.62	2,128.38	
Kentucky	225.60	6,000.00	787.05	5,212.95	
Louisiana	7.25	200.00	22.25	177.75	
Maine	30.00	1,000.00	110.00	890.00	
Michigan	2,440.18	45,000.00	7,449.84	37,550.16	
Mississippi	683.14	6,750.00	1,722.73	5,027.27	
Missouri	2,406.06	24,250.00	6,630.23	17,619.77	
Nebraska		300.00		300.00	
New Brunswick, Canada	4.00	300.00	8.00	292.00	
New Hampshire	36.28	750.00	63.95	686.05	
New Mexico	122.46	500.00	194.59	305.41	
North Carolina	6,250.40	48,750.00	13,812.35	34,937.65	
Ohio	827.41	15,500.00	3,728.27	11,771.73	
Oklahoma	2,822.59	45,000.00	8,748.19	36,251.81	
Oregon	78.15	100.00	113.15		13.15
South Carolina	2,119.48	23,250.00	6,325.90	16,924.10	
Tennessee	2,853.51	32,000.00	9,764.50	22,235.50	
Texas	1,127.14	14,000.00	2,585.63	11,414.37	
Virginia	1,384.52	18,500.00	3,385.63	15,114.37	
Washington	73.01	400.00	73.01	326.99	
West Virginia	627.67	10,250.00	2,232.64	8,017.36	
Miscellaneous	185.62	4,595.55	499.73	4,095.82	
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ON THE CONGRESS ON THE

Church's Worldwide Mission



WHEATON, ILLINOIS—APRIL 9-16, 1966

SECULAR FORCES opposing the gospel. A resurgence of ancient ethnic religious systems. Problems created by rampant nationalism and growing social changes. The effects of the ecumenical movement on Protestant churches and missions alike. A rising tide of uncertainty among some evangelicals regarding the mission of the Church. The erosion of many Christians' commitment to Christ and His mission.

These problems among others prompted the convening of the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission at Wheaton, Ill., April 9-16.

Called by the Evangelical Foreign Mission Association (EFMA) and the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association (IFMA), the Congress was set to bring into Biblical focus the supreme task of the Church. The main thrust of the Congress was an in-depth study of contemporary issues facing the Church in her fulfillment of the Great Commission.

EFMA and IFMA missions groups have a total missionary force of over 13,000. With inclusion of 50 evangelical societies not affiliated with either EFMA or IFMA, the Congress represented the largest North American missionary force today. Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is a member of EFMA.

A Bible exposition opened each day's activities. Some subjects presented were: Mission—and the Church's Authority; Mission—and the Church's Message; and Mission—and the Church's Consummation. Evening services included brief reports of missionary opportunity in major areas of the world and brief reviews of specialized ministries. A challenge from the Word closed each day.

The more than 900 registered delegates, from 70 countries and representing 149 missions societies and 55 colleges, heard two study papers each day, probing vital issues in missions. After each paper was read, the delegates were assigned to smaller groups where the issue was discussed and a statement formulated. These statements are a consensus of the delegates' thinking and prayer on these problems.

Representing Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions were General Director J. Reford Wilson, Crusades Director Rufus Coffey, and Foreign Missions Board member Eugene Waddell. Robert Bryan and Thurman Pate, Jr., represented the Foreign Missions Fellowship chapter at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Portions of the Wheaton Declaration, adopted unanimously at the close of the Congress, follow:

MISSION—and Syncretism

Syncretism . . . is the attempt to unite or reconcile biblically revealed Christian truth with the diverse or opposing tenets and practices of non-Christian religions or other systems of thought that deny it.

Great clarity must be sought in presenting the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and the precise message of His saving work as revealed in the Bible.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT while seeking greater effectiveness in the communication of the Christian faith, acknowledging the uniqueness and finality of Jesus Christ, we shall expose the dangers of syncretism.

THAT in the communication of our faith we must avoid unbiblical cultural accretions and emphases that may tend to obscure Christian truth.

MISSION—and Neo-Universalism

The teaching of universalism, which we reject, states that, because Christ died for all, He will sovereignly and out of love bring all men to salvation. If men do not believe the gospel in this life—even if they reject it—their guilt and punishment will ultimately be removed.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we will ourselves be more forthright and thorough in our preaching and teaching of the testimony of the Bible on the awful reality of eternal loss through sin and unbelief.

THAT the repudiation of universalism obliges all evangelicals to preach the gospel to all men before they die in their sins.

MISSION—and Proselytism

The word “proselytism” means “the making of a convert, especially to some religious sect, or to some opinion, system, or party.” Recently the word has also been used as a charge against evangelistic effort. . . .

The proselytism that includes forced conversion or the use of unethical means . . . is contrary to the gospel of Christ, and should be distinguished from that which is biblical and genuine.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT all followers of Christ must disciple their fellowmen. From this obligation there can be neither retreat nor compromise.

THAT we shall not use unbiblical, unethical methods of persuading people to change their religious allegiance. However, when we seek the conversion of unregenerate men, even though they may be attached to some church or other religion, we are fulfilling our biblical mandate.

MISSION—and Neo-Romanism

Some remarkable changes have taken place within the Roman Catholic Church that have introduced a new climate in its relations with Protestantism, Orthodoxy, Judaism, and the secular world.

And yet, whereas Roman Catholic practices may change, they say their dogmas are unchangeable.

Though the Roman Catholic Church has a high view of Scripture, tradition continues to have a determinative authority. They have not abandoned any of their unbiblical dogmas concerning Mary, papal infallibility, etc.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we rejoice in the wider use of the Scriptures among Roman Catholics.

THAT we shall urge evangelicals to seize today's unique opportunities for witness among Roman Catholics.

THAT we recognize the danger of regarding the Roman Catholic Church as “our great sister church,” even as we reaffirm the abiding validity of Scriptural principles of the Reformers, that salvation is through faith in Christ alone and that the Bible is the only rule of faith and practice.

MISSION—and Church Growth

The Church's work is to preach the gospel and plant congregations in every community.

In today's world vast untouched areas are still to be found near existing churches. It is God's will that churches be multiplied. Thus the missionary still has an essential place in this dynamism of church growth even as he continues to exercise a spiritual ministry in the churches already established. But his particular ministry will be in the vanguard of planting new congregations.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we reaffirm our confidence in and dependence on the Holy Spirit and call on the church to pray for that revival which is indispensable for its growth and outreach.

THAT we urge that research be carried out by nationals and missionaries in all parts of the world to learn why churches are or are not growing and make such knowledge available.

MISSION—and Foreign Missions

In this day of unprecedented missionary activity urgent questions are being asked. The issue is whether missionary service as presently conducted is in accord with Scripture.

Currently many claim it is impossible to maintain on biblical grounds the concept of the missionary society as a sending agency distinct from any national organization of churches on the field. Such thinking tends to obliterate the distinctive ministry of ‘foreign missionary.’

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we encourage church and mission leaders to define the role and to enlarge the vision of those called to pastoral or missionary service.

THAT the mission society exists to evangelize, to multiply churches and to strengthen the existing churches. Therefore we recognize a continuing distinction between the church established on the field and the missionary agency.

MISSION—and Evangelical Unity

The unity of the Church of Jesus Christ is directly and significantly related to her worldwide mission.

Christians having been regenerated by the Holy

Spirit and who agree on the basic evangelical doctrines can experience a genuine biblical oneness even if they belong to different denominations. Such genuine biblical oneness cannot exist among those who have not been regenerated or among those who disagree on the basic evangelical doctrines. . . . Evangelicals, however, have not fully manifested this biblical oneness because of carnal differences and personal grievances and thus missionary advance and the fulfillment of the Great Commission have been hindered.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we are one in Christ Jesus, members of His Body, born again of His Holy Spirit, although we may be diverse in our structured relationships.

THAT we shall encourage and assist in the organization of evangelical fellowships among churches and missionary societies at national, regional, and international levels.

MISSION—and Evaluating Methods

A new age of intellectual advance has brought with it radical changes that require appraisal of missionary methodology.

The best results come when, under the Holy Spirit, good principles of communication are combined with clear understanding of cultural and social patterns and applied to the proclamation of the Gospel.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we acknowledge our utter dependence upon the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our missionary calling.

THAT we will engage in periodic self-criticism in the light of the Scriptures and contemporary insights, and seek more effective ways to attain our objectives.

THAT we will make the best use of all means for communicating the Gospel. . . .

MISSION—and Social Concern

Whereas evangelicals in the 18th-19th centuries led in social concern, in the 20th century many lost the biblical perspective and limited themselves *only* to preaching a gospel of individual salvation, without sufficient involvement in their social and community responsibilities.

Evangelicals look to the Scriptures for guidance as to what they should do, and how far they should go in expressing this social concern. . . .

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we reaffirm unreservedly the primacy of preaching the gospel to every creature and we will demonstrate anew God's concern for social justice and human welfare.

THAT evangelical social action will include, wherever possible, a verbal witness to Jesus Christ.

THAT we urge all evangelicals to stand openly and firmly for racial equality, human freedom, and all forms of social justice throughout the world.

MISSION—and a Hostile World

The world is hostile to the Church because it is hostile to God.

In our age, however, this hostility has been intensified by the rise of atheistic communism, extreme nationalism, resurgent ethnic religions, secularism, and corrupted forms of Christianity.

WE THEREFORE DECLARE:

THAT we will seek to recognize Satan's devices in the light of Scripture, and resist him in the power of the Holy Spirit, and on the basis of the finished work of Christ.

THAT we are deeply moved by the courageous witness of suffering Christians in many lands; that we will sustain them more faithfully by prayer; and that we will trust God for grace should we be called upon to suffer for His sake.

As delegates stood to read the conclusion to the declaration, it was with a prayer that God would make the Wheaton Declaration more than merely a statement, more than just a consensus of some of His servants; that He would use this declaration to call to action all evangelicals to band together in biblical oneness and love to reach a dying world.

IN THE SUPPORT OF THIS DECLARATION

WE

the delegates here assembled
in adoration of the Triune God
with full confidence in Holy Scripture
in submission to the Lord Jesus Christ
and looking for His coming again

DO COVENANT TOGETHER

for God's eternal glory,
and in response to the Holy Spirit,
with renewed dedication
and in our oneness in Christ as the people of God,

TO SEEK

under the leadership of our Head
with full assurance of His power and presence,

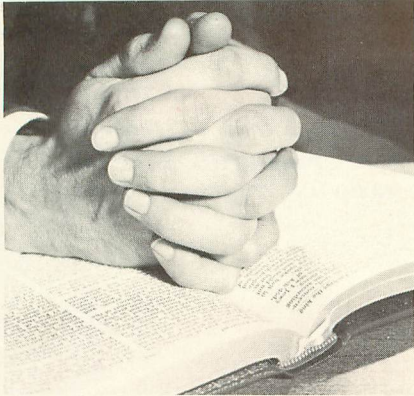
THE MOBILIZATION OF THE CHURCH

its people, its prayers and resources,

FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION

so, help us God!
Amen.

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"PRAY FOR US UNTO THE LORD OUR GOD . . ." Jer. 42:20

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

MAY 15: Praise God for three missionary couples appointed at Foreign Missions Board meeting in March: The Jim McLains to Japan, the Sherwood Lees to India, and the Norman Richards to Ivory Coast.

MAY 16: A special evangelistic effort will continue through this week in Karamadai, South India. Ten evangelists led by Sekharan Benjamin, pastor of the church there, will attempt to reach more than 20,000 through literature, personal witness, and open-air preaching. Pray for a harvest of souls.

MAY 17: Tom and Emma Ruth Willey need several hundred dollars in their account before they can return to Panama. Pray that the Lord will supply this need as He wills.

MAY 18: Praise the Lord for "Pop" Willey's recovery from plastic surgery necessitated by his operation last fall.

MAY 19: Christians in the Koshimizu, Japan, church maintain regular witness in Shari, a nearby city of 10,000. Pray that many will be reached in this evangelistic outreach.

MAY 20: A youth rally for Ribeirao Preto, Monte Alto and Jaboticabal young people has been formed. Pray that God will use this to challenge many for Christian service.

MAY 21: Bill Phipps, Panama, reports good prospects for establishing a work at Isla de Canas. Pray that many of the 500 population will be reached.

MAY 22: Missionary pastors play a vital role in stimulating prayer and giving for missions. Pray that God will use these men to strengthen the denomination's missionary outreach.

MAY 23: Eddie and Sandra Payne request prayer for continued physical and spiritual stamina for clinic ministries at Doropo, Ivory Coast.

MAY 24: Don Robirds, Brazil, writes: "I witnessed to a spiritist man and his family recently. I gave them much of the Word of God so pray that the Lord will sink His words deep into their hearts."

MAY 25: Jimmy and Janie Aldridge ask prayer for evangelistic ministries among villages near Koun, Ivory Coast.

MAY 26: Dan and Margaret Merkh continue deputational ministries. Pray that funds for passage and support will be given soon to assure departure for France on schedule.

MAY 27: Pray for radio program aired each Friday evening by Jim Combs in Araras, Brazil.

MAY 28: Bill and Glenda Fulcher minister in deputational services and youth camps in Missouri through the rest of May and June. Pray for enlarged missionary vision for those attending services.

MAY 29: An Ivory Coast missionary writes: "We feel there is an immediate need to double the present staff of 15. If this can be done within the next three years, we may be able to reach this generation for Christ. If not, there will be certain areas that may not be reached." Pray that God will call forth laborers for this field.

MAY 30: Pray for Laerico Fernandes, the first young man from the Araras, Brazil, church to enter Brazil Bible institute to prepare for the ministry.

MAY 31: Rufus Coffey, planning Crusades for World Evangelism and missionaries' itineraries, needs prayer for the Lord's direction in these duties.

JUNE 1: Unusual opportunities for witness have developed among the thousands of Santals near North India mission station. Pray that God will supply Indian evangelists to carry the Gospel to this fertile field.

JUNE 2: Jim and Olena McLain, appointees to Japan, begin itinerary this month. Pray that prayer and financial support will be secured quickly to ensure soon departure.

JUNE 3: Seven were saved at first communion service in Rivera, Uruguay, church. Praise the Lord for these and others recently reported saved.

JUNE 4: Jim and Shirley Combs and Mary Ellen Rice are teaching Bible classes weekly in Brazilian elementary and high schools. Pray that Christian students will be grounded in the Word and that unsaved students will accept Christ.

JUNE 5: Dr. Ruby Griffin completes language study in Switzerland this month. Pray that travel arrangements to Ivory Coast will work out smoothly and that she will know God's direction in initial ministries there.

JUNE 6: The Lonnie Palmers and Fred Herseys, home on furlough from Ivory Coast and Japan, begin itinerate ministries this month. Pray that the burden of missions will grip those attending services.

JUNE 7: Pray that Estenio Garcia will be able to reach many with the Gospel through the church at Aqua Buena, Panama.

JUNE 8: Ella Rae Jones, R.N., and Patsy Tyson, R.N., are in last quarter of language study in Costa Rica preparatory to initiating Free Will Baptist ministries in Ecuador. Pray for thorough comprehension of Spanish.

JUNE 9: Pray that God will lead students at Brazil Bible institute into pastoral, teaching and other leadership positions in the Brazil church. Pray that a strong national church will be established.

JUNE 10: Pray that many stateside youth will be challenged to missionary service through camps held throughout the summer.

JUNE 11: Bobby Poole is in deputational services in Missouri through the 15th. Pray that needed prayer and financial support will be supplied.

JUNE 12: Dub Ellison, Uruguay, writes: "We need some young preachers here." Opportunities are many, but extra workers are necessary to meet these.

JUNE 13: Although missionaries are allowed to return to India, few American missionaries have been allowed to enter the country in recent years. Pray that the Lord will control legal procedures required and that a visa will be secured soon for Sherwood and Veda Lee.

JUNE 14: Pray that new youth evangelistic film, "Carnival of Pretense," and other films from the Department's Audio-Visual Division will be used by God to lead many young people into His service.



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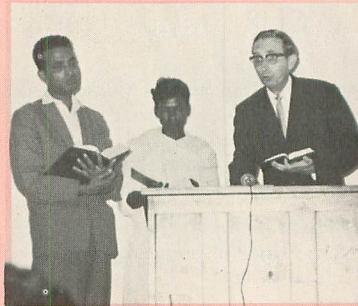
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'OUT OF MY HEART'

A word from the General Director

J. Reford Wilson

IDOLS! ● Millions of idolators. I saw the snake charmer sitting in front of the famous Hindu temple in Madras, India. Towering in the sky was the entrance gate carved with thousands of figures depicting the power of many gods. Devout worshippers removed their shoes and entered the sacred area to meditate. More than 320 million souls follow Hinduism. ● I cannot forget the scenic beauty of Nikko, Japan, with its 1,300 trees planted along the cryptomeria avenue. In contrast to the green background of the cryptomerias is the bright red Rannoji Temple, rated highly in artistic value. In this precinct is the Toshogu Shrine, a mausoleum of Founder Iyasu of the Tokuguwa family who reigned over Japan from 1603-1867. Buddhist and Shintoist structures are mixed in this area. More than 250 million souls follow Buddhism and Shintoism. ● The first and tenth commandments—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me . . . Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's"—are the binders of the book of commandments. They are basic to the Christian's motivation in obeying the Great Commission. ● It is alarming that one billion souls are under the dominating power of the atheistic philosophy of communism. One communist writes of his dedication, "It is my life, my business, my religion, my hobby, my sweetheart, my wife and my mistress, my bread and my meat. I work at it in the daytime and dream of it at night. Its hold on me grows, not lessens, as time goes on." ● Our answer is to say with Peter, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee." ● How idolatrous are we? A plea comes from the Ivory Coast to double staff in the next three years. Where are experienced, prepared men and women who will say, "Send me"? Where are the loyal supporters who are like the widow of whom we read, "She of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living"? Or those who live like the early Christians, "Possessors of lands and houses sold them . . . and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet" (Acts 4:34, 37)?

