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ARLOS JIMENEZ stared blankly at the empty glass in his hand. The smell of liquor sifted through the hot, stagnant summer air. Perspiration soaked the table

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where his arms lay. Perhaps he should have gone to mass. Nothing seemed to make sense anymore. His conscience vibrated as he thought of what he had seen and heard only a few minutes earlier. He felt guilty. He had to think. It was as though his whole world were beginning to crumble. And Carlos wasn't drunk. He'd been drinking, but he wasn't drunk.

Why had he done it? Why? He thought back to the experience that started it all. It was Christmas day one year ago. Carlos had been out late the night before . . . drinking, carousing. Still he awoke early. Too hot to sleep. Uruguayan summers are sticky hot. And Carlos had a pounding headache.

Things were quiet outside. Peaceful. It was a holiday. Carlos' Christmas was like any other day, except it was a holiday. He didn't have to work. This made it a bad day. Too much time to think. To worry. To feel lonely. No work to escape into. As usual on special days, Carlos thought of attending mass. And as usual he decided against it. He would feel funny. It had been years since he'd been in church. What he needed was a long walk to clear his mind.

So Carlos pulled his clothes on. They were still damp from perspiration evoked by a night on the dance floor. His head was spinning as he aimed himself toward the door leading away from his crude, one room home. The fresh air, though hot, was greeted like an old friend. Immediately, Carlos felt better.

He had walked for several minutes when he heard the sounds of joyous singing. The words were strange to him, but the tunes had been played over his aging radio. Magnetically, Carlos was drawn to the small stucco house from where the music came. It was the foreigner's house. Without thinking about it, resentment arose in Carlos'



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mind. What are they up to now? Why are they here anyway? He heard that they were C.I.A. agents. They must be. They never worked. It was obvious that they had not come to make money. Must be government spies. Foreign spies. They should be run out of the town. But nobody would do anything about them.

As Carlos neared the rock fence that enclosed the foreigner's home, he had a clear view of what was going on inside. They were acting so strange. In a corner was a tree with beautiful colored objects on it. And lights blinked on and off. The singing had been replaced by laughter. Everyone looked so happy. They quickly tore open gaily-wrapped packages stacked under the tree. Something for everyone. And the children squeeled with delight. The foreigner and his wife sat on the sofa, their eyes glistening with the reflection of their children's joy.

Carlos had never seen anything like it before. Why should these foreigners be so happy when his people were so sad. It was unfair. Somebody had to do something about it.

As the weeks sludged by, Carlos remembered what he had seen. Subconsciously, he laid his plans. For a whole year he snarled inside when he saw the foreigner. Why is he always smiling? He must hurt like I hurt, Carlos determined. As Christmastime came near once again, Carlos' subconscious plans came to the surface. No, I can't do that, he first thought. But his bitterness had been fed by his own frustration. His mind was clouded with hopelessness. And he decided he would do it. He had to. The American could not remain happy if he couldn't.

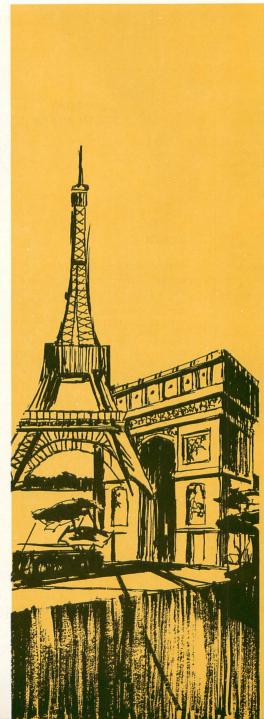
Near midnight of Christmas Eve, Carlos set his plan into motion. He stealthily slipped over the rock fence and into the foreigner's yard. Everything was dark, quiet. It only took a moment to break the lock. And he was quickly inside. Now to the tree. There they were . . . the presents that made everyone so happy. One by one, Carlos stacked them in his arms. Finally, he had them all. And he slipped back into the night.

As last Christmas, Carlos couldn't sleep. The daylight made his actions look so different, so bad. He opened his Christmas bottle. Had it worked? Sure it had. Now the Americans would feel like he felt.

But Carlos wanted to see for himself. He placed his unfinished glass on the table and hurriedly made his way to the foreigner's home. As he rounded the corner of their street, he once again heard the singing. It couldn't be true. He had put a stop to that. Once again Carlos peered over the rock fence through the large window. Once again he saw the Americans singing. There was a difference. The children looked like they had been crying. But everybody was singing. The foreigner

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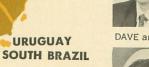
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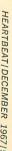
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... as a reminder to pray!
Remember missionaries daily by name. Make this directory your missionary prayer list.

Always send letters airmail. Do not enclose money or checks since theft is common. Special gifts are transferred by bank draft by the home office upon request. Always use green customs stickers when sending packages. And before sending packages, be sure to correspond with missionaries regarding his needs. Sometimes he can buy it cheaper there.

Your regular monthly missionary offering designated to your missionary keeps him on the field. This is a vital link with him and a sacred responsibility before the Lord. Missionary support needs are continually published in Heartbeat to keep you informed.

The Other Christmas

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and his wife were smiling... not as much as before, but they were smiling. Then the father opened a Book and began to read to his family. And he made comments on what he was reading. Heads nodded, slowly at first. Then almost in unison as everyone seemed to agree with what the foreigner was saying. What was he saying?

Carlos lost control. He rushed into the room through the door he had broken open earlier.

"You can't be happy!" he shouted. The children huddled together as their father turned quickly to defend his family. But just as quickly he sensed the agony in the intruder's heart.

"You are the thief," he said in Carlos' own language. "Why did you do it? Why?"

Carlos' fabricated mission of revenge suddenly seemed to him to be the crime it was. The guilt he had dammed up within rushed to the surface.

"I'm the one," he confessed. "I took the presents to make you sad. How can you still be so happy?"

The missionary took Carlos by the arm and led him to the sofa. While his family listened quietly, the missionary explained to Carlos that the presents were merely the expression of the love his family felt for each other and a symbol of the love of God who sent His Son on a mission of salvation. To lose the presents did not change the love. Neither did it change God's love for them. Their real reason for being happy could not be taken away.

Carlos was confused. He was embarassed. He wanted to leave. But the missionary took a small book he called the New Testament from a nearby shelf and placed it in Carlos' hand.

"This is our Christmas present for you," he said.

Carlos could stand it no longer. He lunged for the door and dashed into the street.

Back at the table in his little room, Carlos picked up his glass. Yet, no longer did it seem to hold the answer. For the first time, he felt new hope. If the foreigner could forgive, perhaps God could, too.

Carlos pulled the New Testament from the pocket into which he had jammed it during his quick exit from the missionary's home. He knew what he was going to do. He would take the presents back. And maybe the foreigner would tell him more about Christmas.



emphasis

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

stateside: policies studied

Nashville: Revision of policy and financial structure received primary attention during the semi-annual session of the board of foreign missions held here December 4-7.

"Policy changes are necessitated by two factors," explained General Director Reford Wilson. "First, our work on the field has mushroomed in the last five years. Updating our operations is mandatory for better efficiency. Second, reorganization of operations on the homefront brings the need for a clearer definition of personnel responsibilities."

Discussions centered around a revision of the department's handbook *Unto the Uttermost*. A complete analysis of approved modifications of policy will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Heartbeat*.

In surveying the department's financial picture, the board gave thanksgiving to the Lord for His marvelous provision. Income thus far for 1967 has met budget needs. November's income of more than \$55,000 was the largest income month in the department's history.

However, internal financial structures have allowed imbalances to develop surpluses in some accounts while creating deficits in others. For this reason, much attention was given to reports by a study committee regarding possible corrective actions

(Since the board is still in session as this issue goes to press, more reports will follow in the January issue.)



ivory coast: help!

Doropo — A frantic call for help has been received from Builder Howard Gage who is constructing a hospital unit on the mission here. However, the call was not concerning the construction, but, rather, well . . . you read what he says.

"We need some help . . . When our dear friends send packages either by steamship or airmail with a vellow customs sticker attached, we have to pay high customs on the package's value plus freight. We recently received a package valued at about \$8. The sender had invested another \$12 in airmail postage. It cost us \$20 for customs and freight from Abidjan to Bouna. The \$8 gift cost all totaled around \$40. The Mileys are getting sheets and bandages for the hospital sent with the yellow customs tag. Last week, they paid \$80 for several packages; expensive bandages!

"The situation is easily corrected if everyone sending packages overseas secures a *green* customs sticker from the post office, not the *yellow* one. We're surely grateful for the kindness of our people, and if we can solve this little color problem, we will receive the gifts and not be reduced to *zero franc.*"

Green stickers everyone? Please! On all overseas packages.

palmers return to post

Laoudi — Lonnie and Bernice Palmer returned to their Ivory Coast station earlier this month to begin their second term of missionary service. They have spent the past three months in Switzerland in a language refresher course. They left Switzerland December 2.



india: official no

Washington — Official word from the Indian Embassy is that visa applications for the Joe Haases have been rejected.

In a letter dated Nov. 16 embassy officials said:

"The Government of India has regretted their inability to grant visas to Mr. and Mrs. Haas."

No explanation for their rejection was given.

It is apparent from both this and other information from other mission bodies that attempts to get new missionaries into India are futile.

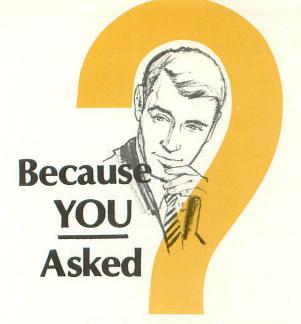
The rejection follows a note of optimism about the Haases' possible entry into that country based on unofficial sources last month. According to EFMA (Evangelical Foreign Missions Association) which serves as governmental laison to the Board of Foreign Missions, it is getting extremely difficult to get new missionaries into India.

The foreign missions board at press time was considering other assignment possibilities for the Haases and the Sherwood Lees whose visa requests were rejected earlier. A report of this session is expected next month.

stateside: thank you

Nashville — Receipts are being handled more efficiently these days thanks to the cooperation of donors in using the special designation forms returned with each gift acknowledgement. Bookkeeper Gladys Sloan says that it surely has taken a lot of the guesswork out and has enabled her to process contributions with greater facility. So, a great big thank you!





General Direc<mark>tor J. Reford Wilson discusses questions vital to your foreign mini</mark>stry

PART I: DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

A PLAN OF SUPPORT

PART 2: WHAT DOES A MISSIONARY COST?

What does it cost to keep a missionary on the field?

The cost varies depending on the size of the missionary's family and the country in which he serves. This variation is from an average of \$650 per month to \$900.

Many people seem to have the idea that the missionary receives only \$75 per adult. Can you explain this?

Years ago when our work first begun, this was the personal allowance of our missionaries. However, since then this allowance has been adjusted to increasing cost of living scales. Yet, it never was the full cost of the missionary. Many other provisions are made for him.

What are these provisions? In other words, what is included in the monthly support need you just gave?

We start with the basic or personal allowance which varies from \$173 per couple in Uruguay and Ecuador to \$204 per couple in France. The difference is due to variation in costs of living. Since the dollar will buy more in one place than another, we seek to equalize purchasing power in our various fields.

Additional allowances are made for each missionary child. For those up to five years old \$15 monthly is provided; 6-11 years, \$22.50; 12-18, \$30. Children away from home in boarding school require an allowance of \$50 per month. This amount is also provided for missionary children attending an approved college.

Then a long list of provisions must be added — housing, varying from \$35 to \$165 per month depending on

country in which missionary is located; travel to and from his field; language study costs, freight and customs; an automobile; travel costs on the field, varying from \$40 to \$75 per month due to extent of vehicle use; Social Security, the department's only retirement provision at this time; medical, dental and optical allowances totaling \$200 per year per adult and \$58 for each child; tuition for children's education; small vacation allowance equaling one half of one month's basic allowance; furniture and equipment allowances of \$1,000 for new missionary, \$500 for second term and \$700 for third term.

In addition to these costs, funds must be secured for supporting ministries such as educational, medical and communications ministries. Subsidies to national workers figure in here, too, along with other expenses of the missionary's ministry including administrative and promotional costs.

When all the costs of the missionary's ministry are totaled up, it comes to around \$6,000 per year per adult. It is interesting to note that in spite of inflation and additional services added, this cost has been kept relatively the same over the past ten years.

Why do missionaries have to accumulate such large cash amounts — \$6,500 to \$10,000 — before being allowed to depart for their assigned fields?

The new missionary has the greatest need at this point. He has several large one-time expenses that must be made when he begins his overseas service.

One of these is his initial travel to the field, freight and customs. Costs of furnishings and essential missionary equipment must be added to this. His original vehicle must be provided for. Languages study costs must be covered.

New policy provisions under study will eliminate this huge cash amount for returning missionaries. After all, these are the ones who must get back on schedule or the work on the field may be jeopardized. His travel costs, furniture and equipment replacement costs and vehicle replacement expense may be included in his base support and funds accumulated during his term to meet these needs.

What about funds for houses, properties, institutional buildings and special projects of this kind?

The things you mention continually face us as special project needs. Naturally, our first concern is that the missionary himself be adequately underwritten. Then we seek special project funds to meet these additional needs.

Project 5000 is very important to us at this point. As we find these 5,000 people who will stand with us in committing themselves to special \$10 gifts upon request

How do operational fund ministries relate to the missionary's ministry?

I would answer this question with two words — coordination and information. We now have 77 missionaries in nine foreign countries. Although our objectives in each country are the same, the peculiar problems of each country and each missionary's personal responsibility vary tremendously. All of these factors must be brought into perspective so personnel and supplies may be most effectively deployed. This coordination of vital ministries becomes in itself a staggering task that is essential to the effective achievement of our basic purposes. The operational fund provides personnel and facilities for this ministry.

Then, the supporting constituency must be informed of what God is doing through Free Will Baptist missionaries if they are to pray effectively and continue to stand faithfully with their counterparts overseas. Information is a two-way thing. If Free Will Baptists at home are going to contribute prayer and money to our work overseas, those overseas must contribute information to our churches here at home. The operational fund provides funds for Heartbeat and other informational services. More than 41,000 subscribers are receiving this issue of the magazine, giving an estimated 102,500 readers or nearly half the membership of the National Association.

The operational fund also works directly overseas through foreign literature ministries supported by undesignated gifts. In addition to these ministries and services are scores of detailed operations that contribute vitally to the overall welfare of our foreign ministry. But these are the main things.

Some have the misconception that the cooperative plan of support takes care of these ministries. While the plan provides some undergirding in this area, the fact is that less than five per cent of this need is provided by cooperative giving.

Our big problem with the operational fund has been the lack of any increase in undesignated giving during the past ten years while demands for services to meet the needs of our missionaries have multiplied. This problem has been under study for several months, and possible solutions are now being weighed by the board here and missionaries in the field.

the financial story

OCTOBER 1967

CASH IN BANK October 1, 1967 . RECEIPTS	\$ 49,987.82 43,130.08
DISBURSEMENTS Foreign\$30,696.63 Travel and	93,117.90
Promo- tion 3,603.98 Adminis. 5,982.96	40,283.57
UNEXPENDED FUNDS	\$ 52,834.33
Bobby Aycocks Molly Barker, R.N. Jim Combses Louis Coscias John Crafts Dan Cronks Ken Eagletons Bill Fulchers Howard Gages Estenio Garcias Dr. Ruby Griffin Joe Haases Carlisle Hannas Fred Herseys Bill Joneses Ella Rae Jones, R.N.	4,926.47 561.82 572.90 780.85 3,363.70 180.64 943.08 4,136.87 1,080.82 1,214.55 1,068.13 5,677.82 564.85 1,819.07 2,433.58 3,417.89
Sherwood Lees Archie Mayhews	7,687.30 634.71 471.95
Dan Merkhs Dr. LaVerne Mileys Jim McLains	9,182.82 10,738.84
Lonnie Palmers Eddie Paynes Bobby Pooles Mary Ellen Rice	2,424.30 765.84 2,418.61 2,622.07

Norman Richards	8,225.75
Paul Robinsons	1,565.84
Josephine Stevens	377.74
Patsy Tyson, R.N	4,379.17
Herbert Waids	190.67
Tom Willeys, Jr	210.06
Volena Wilson	1,473.13
Africa Medical Bldg	267.50
Africa Bible Institute	277.80
	114.15
Africa Vehicle	211.67
Brazil Bible Institute	3.642.19
Brazil Vehicle	3,042.19
Furlough Car Loan Fund	184.26
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Mayhew House	250.08 384.27
North India Bldg	
Repatriation	3,370.73
Trust Fund	3,000.00
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DEFICIT ACCOUNTS	1,848.16
Wesley Calverys\$	4,028.42
Earnie Deedses Walter Ellisons	974.18
Walter Ellisons	
Dave Frankses	721.33
Eula M. Martin, R.N	829.11
Bill Phippses Don Robirdses	2,946.27
Don Robirdses	800.38
Lonnie Sparkses Sammy Wilkinsons	1,025.08
Sammy Wilkinsons	646.91
Tom Willeys, Sr	1,184.32
Audio-Visual	16,121.11
Cuba Emergency	
Relief Fund	4,766.05
Operational Fund	12,933.84
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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father,

Isaiah 9.6

the prince of peace

The cry for peace carries a hollow ring today.
The militant want peace at everyone else's expense.
The irresponsible demand peace at the sacrifice of principle.
The disillusioned believe peace is an impossibility.

The face of a troubled world reflects anything but peace. Yet, here and there around the globe are those who have found the Answer. The peace of God floods their souls. They know the Prince of Peace, and He rules their hearts.

Our ministry is to those who still have not heard about Him. The militant revolutionary.
The irresponsible overprivileged.
The disillusioned underprivileged.
During this sacred season,
we pause to thank God for His marvelous blessing.
And to thank you for sharing in this ministry.

Your foreign missionary family

Representing Christ and you in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America

