



HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

FEBRUARY 1967

*a pastor evaluates results of missions
education in his church and
makes practical suggestions*

THE FIRST Wednesday night in December, 1963, was set aside for a church business meeting in a small Free Will Baptist church in South Carolina. The board of deacons met a few days earlier and prepared a recommendation that the church increase its missionary giving. The recommendation was to be made even though the treasurer was finding it difficult to pay all bills on time, several ►

'CAN
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by DENNIS WIGGS

'EXERCISE YOUR FAITH AND WATCH IT GROW!'

improvements were needed on the church building, the church membership consisted of less than 12 active families, and the church was responsible for meeting the financial needs of its new, full-time pastor.

Following the mid-week Bible study and prayer time, the pastor, in fear and trembling but with faith in God, faced his audience, "The board of deacons recommends that we increase our missionary giving from \$37.50 to \$75.00 per month, designated to Missionary Carlisle Hanna in India." Silence. The question running through everyone's mind was "Can we afford it?" In fact, one member asked that question.

Finally, another said: "Can we afford NOT to increase our missionary giving?" This perspective gave the small congregation faith enough to pass the recommendation. During that year, 1963, the church gave less than \$500 to spreading the gospel in America and on foreign soil. The following year missionary giving tripled; in 1965, the church gave \$2,500; in 1966, over \$3,500 with an average active membership of less than 25 families.

The slogan "exercise your faith and watch it grow" proved to be true in the coming months for our small congregation in Charleston. Because missionary faith was exercised, not only did giving to world missions increase, but financial involvement in education, benevolence and pastor's provisions increased. The church built a lovely parsonage and renovated the church sanctuary. The small assembly of born-again believers began to fulfill what William Carey exhorted, "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

But how does a small congregation composed of Christians in various stages of spiritual growth become a missionary-minded group of people? First, and basic is *instruction through Bible preaching*. The pastor must preach the scriptural truth that the "mission of the church is missions." Missionary fire from the pulpit will set ablaze the born-again believer with the flaming vision of the spiritual needs of a lost world. It only takes a few concerned church members to lead a church into a "triumphant missionary ministry."

Secondly, the pastor must provide the congre-

gation with *interesting and challenging missionary information*. This is where the foreign missions home office comes into the picture. In the last few years our foreign missions department has performed an excellent job in educating Free Will Baptists regarding our ministries overseas. HEARTBEAT magazine is the best information agency that enters my home. It has done more to inform our people of missionary principles, conditions and needs than any other method employed. Regardless of cost and circulation, HEARTBEAT must remain free of charge and available to all Free Will Baptists.

Our home office must continue to offer attractive and informative bulletin inserts, bulletins, maps, charts, films and other services. I suggest that our department provide in the future more individual filmstrips or slides of each mission field, mimeograph stencil cut-outs of pictures of each missionary and a weekly, one page newsletter of pertinent, missionary information. In this information I would expect to receive all available news, whether good or bad.

Thirdly, *the pastor must promote missions*. This should be done in cooperation with the missions department. I believe we must emphasize three things in 1967 in order for our churches to become more concerned about the heartbeat of Jesus—that of winning lost souls to himself:

- (1) An annual missionary revival in every church.
- (2) The "Faith-Promise Plan" of supporting missionaries.
- (3) The Christian's personal interest in individual missionaries.

An annual missionary revival or conference will do more for a church than anything I know. At the Charleston church we depend on the missions department to provide missionary speakers and plenty of literature, offering envelopes, newspaper releases and other helps. It is imperative that the department and the pastor have close coordination of conference planning with advance understanding of which missionary is coming, when he is to arrive and leave, whether his family is coming and the missionary's financial needs.

The "Faith-Promise Plan" should be emphasized by the home office. I believe this is even more important than giving from the church treasury. This plan proves to be an unexcelled blessing to the individual once he begins to exercise real faith in giving. The missions department owes it to our people to present this plan, plainly stating that it is a commitment between the individual and God, is above regular church giving and is strictly by faith.

Also, a Christian needs to have personal interest

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Dear Heartbeat

Across the Editor's Desk



'THE NCC—A CRITIQUE'

☐ Please rush us addresses for the Miami Project LIFE Campaign. The ladies of the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church are taking this as their project.

We plan to combine work and fellowship by bringing our pens and typewriters to our social.

We will then divide into small group for a series of prayer meetings in which each name on the list will be called in prayer.

MRS. BETTY ROSS
Ashland City, Tenn.

☐ I have been intending to write you for some time to let you know that I have been well impressed by your publication HEARTBEAT. I have also been favorably impressed in reading your annual missions reports and I want to commend and encourage you in your outreach . . . in this crucial time.

Your article entitled "How?" in the October issue of HEARTBEAT is especially provocative. I would like to have your permission to repeat this article in my own column in our GOOD NEWS BROADCASTER.

G. CHRISTIAN WEISS
Back to the Bible Broadcast

Mr. Ballard's article appeared in the January GOOD NEWS BROADCASTER with the following editorial comment by Weiss:

I was much impressed by the following article from the pen of Jerry Ballard, editor of the Free Will Baptists' monthly missionary publication, HEARTBEAT. . . . The Association of Free Will Baptists, considering the size of their denomination, carry on a very impressive foreign missionary work and their publications communicate a real world concept of the gospel.

WITH ALL the banner waving, confusing dialog, charging and counter-charging and public relations mumbo-jumbo forced on the ears and eyes of fundamentalists today, it is no small wonder that we have any sense of direction at all with regard to prevailing theological and organizational trends. Thus it is refreshing to find a clear-headed, responsible evaluation of the danger posed to evangelical Protestantism by the ecumenical line of the National Council of Churches. ☐ Dr. James DeForest Murch in a pamphlet just released by the National Association of Evangelicals asserts, "Ramifications of the Council (NCC) affect most spheres of life in the churches and the nation in a manner similar to influences of the Roman Catholic system in our land. It has gone beyond an adventure in interchurch cooperation to a species of super-church domination." ☐ Dr. Murch, an old-line veteran in ideological warfare between responsible fundamentalism and liberal ecumenics, makes this charge following a review of NCC history and a listing of the divisions, departments and commissions that make up the NCC's complex organization. ☐ The Council's basic philosophy, which determines the nature and direction of its materials, "puts man at its center, instead of God," Murch further charges. "It sees truth as relative, never ultimate." ☐ Murch declares that "education is the National Council's strong arm. Through its services for and controls over media of instruction and propaganda it is changing the course of thought and action in American Protestant churches. Every conceivable branch of Christian education has been brought under the general supervision of the Council." ☐ Murch sees "thousands of ministers and lay members in the churches committed to the National Council program who maintain their biblical evangelistic beliefs and practices" but warns that "their churches are being slowly but surely infiltrated and 'brainwashed' by the liberal concept of evangelism. . . . The approach is so cleverly veiled with biblical words and phrases that the average person is unaware of the liberal poison which will inevitably destroy all convictions and motivation for salvation of the lost." ☐ Every serious student of modern trends in Protestantism will want to study this evangelical evaluation of the NCC. Available from the National Association of Evangelicals, Box 28, Wheaton, Ill. 60187, 25 cents each, \$2.50 a dozen. Ask for "The National Council of Churches—a Critique."



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Your Church—Enlightened or Apathetic?

RUFUS COFFEY EXAMINES NEED FOR MORE
MISSIONS EDUCATION IN LOCAL CHURCHES

IN THIS MODERN AGE of intellectual enlightenment and scientific advancement, there is a tendency to feel that the gospel is no longer relevant to our time. On the contrary, it is more important than ever to proclaim the message of peace, hope and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The proclamation of the gospel to an unbelieving and hostile world is our supreme task. This is the epitome of missions. The evangelization of lost souls everywhere is the true concept of missions, the guiding purpose of the Church.

Many Christians do not have a clear understanding of the meaning, the motive and the methods of missions. Some have only a partial vision while other more enlightened but apathetic believers fail to do anything about what they know.

This situation presents an urgent need for an intensive missionary education program in every local church to enlighten and better inform every Free Will Baptist about how he can become more deeply involved in world evangelism.

A clearer understanding of our foreign missions department as only a part of the whole is needed. One department cannot do the job alone. Expansion of our witness to the regions beyond depends upon the growth and development of every phase

of our denominational and local ministry. Proper missions education will give us a balanced emphasis and a successful total church program.

Without a doubt, missions education in the local church is the key to the full missionary potential of our denomination. It is an absolute necessity. We teach doctrine, soul winning, stewardship and Sunday school courses. Why not teach missions and the relationship of missions to each aspect of the local program? Missions is the answer to man's spiritual problems. It is the panacea for the world's social and moral ills.

If the world's needs are to be met, they must be known. Christians must be informed so they will have an intelligent and sympathetic knowledge of these needs. There can be no fervor for that we do not know. Sincere zeal must emanate from true knowledge.

Missions is not a project; it is the passion of the church. Perpetual propagation is essential to survival. We must not be sloven or derelict in our duty. Missionary education is essential to adequately challenge each member to participate personally in reaching a lost world with the good news of salvation for all who will believe.

The heart must be moved before the will is stirred to action. True facts will stimulate the heart more than mere emotional appeals. To attempt to generate genuine interest in missions by playing upon people's sentiments and human emotions is insufficient. Genuine and lasting enthusiasm must be based on a sound and *continuous* educational program.

Nothing so inspires the heart as hearing and learning of God's mighty workings in and through the missionary. The story of God's supernatural doings kindles a fire in the soul.

Who does not thrill to hear over and over about Laura Belle Barnard's response to go to India and the task she accomplished there for the glory of the Lord.

How our hearts pulsate to hear repeatedly of Pop and Mom Willey's going to Cuba and blazing a trail for God and Free Will Baptists. The faith and yieldedness to the Holy Spirit that enables them to triumph over hardship inspires our souls. Who does not rejoice to learn of Benito Rodriguez's conversion in Cuba and how he later came to America and preached the gospel in Detroit. There, Paul Robinson was converted. Paul is now a missionary in Uruguay and the cycle continues.

When men have a deep conviction of their personal missionary obligation based upon knowledge, they will *increase their giving*.

Knowing the true conditions will *stimulate the right kind of praying*. Much of our praying is of little value and generally ineffective because of our lack of understanding how we can pray specifically. It is not enough merely to exhort men to pray, but they must be taught to pray intelligently and definitely.

A campaign of missionary education is a must to *help young people obtain a goal in life*. A recent survey revealed that a very small percentage of missionary candidates became interested in missions or had their interest increased through the local church. This is a tragic revelation. While hearts are young and tender, we must enlist them in the service of our Lord or possible recruits will slip through our hands. A stronger missionary education program in every church would conserve the loss of missionary candidates to secular interest.

Systematic instruction will benefit churches locally. It will overcome selfishness. It will enable congregations to get their eyes off self and will enlarge the heart, love and faith of each member. No church can afford to limit or suspend its missionary obligation. It must increase its missionary concern. Only a strong missionary emphasis will accomplish this. ☐

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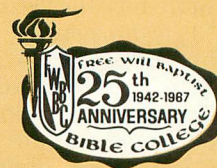
in the missionary. This can be achieved as the individual avails himself of information provided by the home office about the missionary God has placed on his heart. More and more personal information must be made available, such as how the missionary was called to a certain field, what he does on the field, his heartaches, his joys, his plans, his needs, his accomplishments. Informed people give more and pray more.

Then, the missionary must realize the tremendous importance of his correspondence back to the States. We realize that the missionary's mailing list is huge and that he must send mimeographed or printed letters. However, a sentence or two at the bottom of the page adds a personal touch that most folks love to receive.

Dr. A.J. Gordon once said, "Though our task is not to bring all the world to Christ, our task is unquestionably to bring Christ to all the world." For that to become a greater realization for Free Will Baptists, we must be adequately educated to the great spiritual needs of an unreached world.

The combination of wide-awake pastors, involved laymen, God-called missionaries and determined home staff is a volatile force for God that is absolutely essential if we are to reach our generation for Christ. ☐

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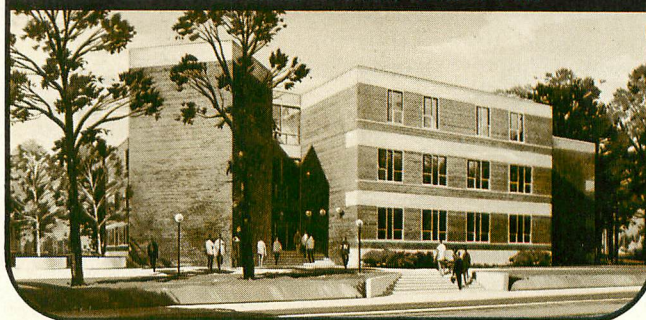


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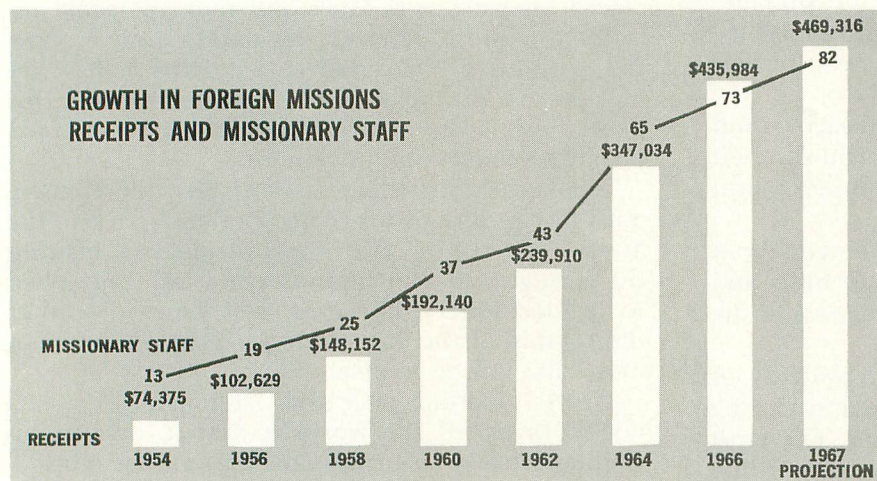
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STATESIDE



1966 Foreign Missions Giving Up By Ten Percent; Totals \$435,984

Nashville—Record highs were set for 1966 foreign missions giving as 17 states exceeded quotas, pushing total receipts \$40,457.23 above the 1965 figure.

Total for the year was \$435,984.44, a ten percent increase over 1965 receipts of \$395,527.21.

North Carolina for the second consecutive year contributed the largest single amount for any state in a single year, giving \$59,495.32 and topping her quota by 22 percent.

Tennessee was next with \$47,445.69. Oklahoma, third largest contributor, exceeded 1965 giving by more than \$11,000, with a total of \$45,527.52.

Washington state doubled her quota with a 100 percent increase. Tennessee had the next largest overage of 48.2 percent while Maine and Missouri went over by 42 percent. Other states going over the top were Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon and South Carolina.

Smaller, younger states far exceeded larger ones in per capita giving. Alaska headed the list with \$16.50, followed by Iowa with \$13.01. Michigan followed with \$8.28. National per capita average was \$2.44, compared with \$2.25 in 1965.

PER CAPITA GIVING TO FOREIGN MISSIONS IN 1966

NATIONAL AVERAGE: \$2.44 PER MEMBER

| STATE | MEMBERSHIP* | PER CAPITA |
|-----------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 1. Alaska | 12 | \$16.50 |
| 2. Iowa | 121 | 13.01 |
| 3. Northeastern Association | 200 | 9.40 |
| 4. Michigan | 4,822 | 8.28 |
| 5. Idaho | 173 | 5.63 |
| 6. California | 4,470 | 5.47 |
| 7. Northwestern Association | 247 | 5.37 |
| 8. Colorado | 121 | 4.57 |
| 9. Hawaii** | 35 | 4.18 |
| 10. Kansas | 724 | 3.74 |
| 11. South Carolina | 8,063 | 3.69 |
| 12. Arizona | 408 | 3.37 |
| 13. North Carolina | 18,250 | 3.26 |
| 14. Illinois | 3,399 | 3.11 |
| 15. Indiana | 898 | 3.10 |
| 16. Missouri | 11,153 | 3.08 |
| 17. Tennessee | 17,155 | 2.76 |
| 18. Oklahoma | 18,206 | 2.50 |
| 19. Florida | 4,890 | 2.39 |
| 20. Virginia | 7,654 | 2.14 |
| 21. Ohio | 7,633 | 2.01 |
| 22. Mississippi | 3,511 | 1.97 |
| 23. Georgia | 10,265 | 1.84 |
| 24. Texas | 5,000 | 1.76 |
| 25. New Mexico | 385 | 1.65 |
| 26. West Virginia | 7,343 | 1.16 |
| 27. Alabama | 16,711 | .92 |
| 28. Arkansas | 15,606 | .91 |
| 29. Kentucky | 10,768 | .49 |

*As Reported in 1966 Minutes of the National Association
**Estimated

IVORY COAST

Church Building Site Proposed at Doropo

Doropo—A proposed site for a church building here awaits approval by government officials, Dr. LaVerne Miley reports.

"The proposed site appears to be very favorable," the medical missionary said. "A government official came to Doropo to help in selecting the site."

Dr. Miley also said that attendance at the Doropo church has reached as high as 95, sign of considerable increase in interest.

In other news from the Ivory Coast, literature evangelism played a significant role in opening a new village under the ministry of Jimmy and Jane Aldridge. The village, N'dakro, is the largest in the area with a population of 1500.

Ten villagers of Kpanan have made decisions for Christ, according to Missionary Archie Mayhew. In addition to these, two Moslems have been converted, one at Bondoukou and one in the Kulango area. The Mayhews also report their first Bible reading class with 37 teenagers participating.

The American Bible Society has approved the Kulango translation of Romans by Missionary Lonnie Sparks. The Kulangos now have the books of *Mark*, *John* and *Romans* available to them. The David C. Cook pictorial "Life of Christ" in Kulango is expected to have wide distribution. A Kulango primer is in shipment to Ivory Coast now.

Van Kluyve Arrives

Nashville—The Rev. Henry Van Kluyve arrived January 30 to begin director of deputation ministry.

Van Kluyve will coordinate deputational schedules of missionaries and appointees in planning missions conferences and itineraries.

The move frees the Rev. Rufus Coffey to work exclusively in the field assisting pastors and local churches in developing stronger missions education programs. His title has been changed to director of missions education to better designate his prime responsibility.

General Director Notes New Spirit Of Enthusiasm South of the Border

Nashville—A greatly encouraged general director arrived home January 27 following a four-week administrative mission in Panama and Brazil.

"A new sense of responsibility and an aroused spirit of enthusiasm now pervades our Latin ministries," General Director Reford Wilson declared in a general evaluation of the present status of Free Will Baptist missionary efforts in Central and South America.

Wilson was in Brazil for the annual meeting of the Brazil field council, administrative organization of Free Will Baptist missionaries in South America's largest country. Major emphasis during the session was given to more effective coordination of Brazilian ministries for maximum saturation of Brazil with the gospel and greater involvement of nationals.

A series of fellowship meetings for Brazilian Free Will Baptist churches is planned. These will be preparatory to formation of a Brazilian association of Free Will Baptists. First meeting is set for April.

"I was greatly encouraged by the response of the Campinas church to its new Brazilian pastor," Wilson commented. The new Campinas pastor, Sebastian, is the first Brazilian Bible Institute product to assume pastoral responsibility. The Campinas church built a parsonage

and is maintaining his salary.

"One of the goals in our work is to repeat this same thing in each of our churches in the country," the director added.

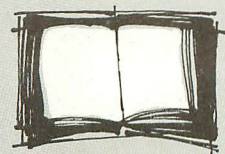
Wilson was in Brazil January 2-19. The council meeting was held January 2-7. Remainder of the time was spent in consultations with each missionary family in their respective fields of service.

While in Brazil, Wilson assisted in selection of office facilities for the Portuguese literature division, ROCHEDO EDITORA.

In Panama Wilson was given a taste of the dangers of bush evangelism. While landing with missionary pilot Bill Phipps at Isla la Canas, a remote community in the Central Provinces, a brake lock flipped the single engine Cessna on its back. The plane received moderate damage. Phipps, just recovered from injuries in a December auto accident, sprained ligaments in his neck, but not seriously. Wilson was unhurt. He reported that he "gained a new appreciation of the value of faithful and continual prayer support."

Wilson discussed possibilities of expansion with Panama workers. "We've just begun in Panama," the director remarked. "Our opportunities in the Central Provinces are as great as anywhere in the world today."

Wilson participates in field council deliberations with Free Will Baptist missionaries to Brazil.



PREPARATION

"God is preparing me for something."

The words could not escape her as Anita Sparks read her Bible intensely.

"He was so real and close to me that it seemed necessary to spend most of the day in prayer," she later wrote the home office. "God, in his loving-kindness was preparing my heart for the shock."

Only two weeks earlier, Lonnie had lost his mother. And the news of death was about to strike the missionary couple again. A cablegram was on its way to Anita about the death of her mother.

But still another tragedy was engulfing the Christians of the Goumere, Ivory Coast, church that Saturday morning in November:

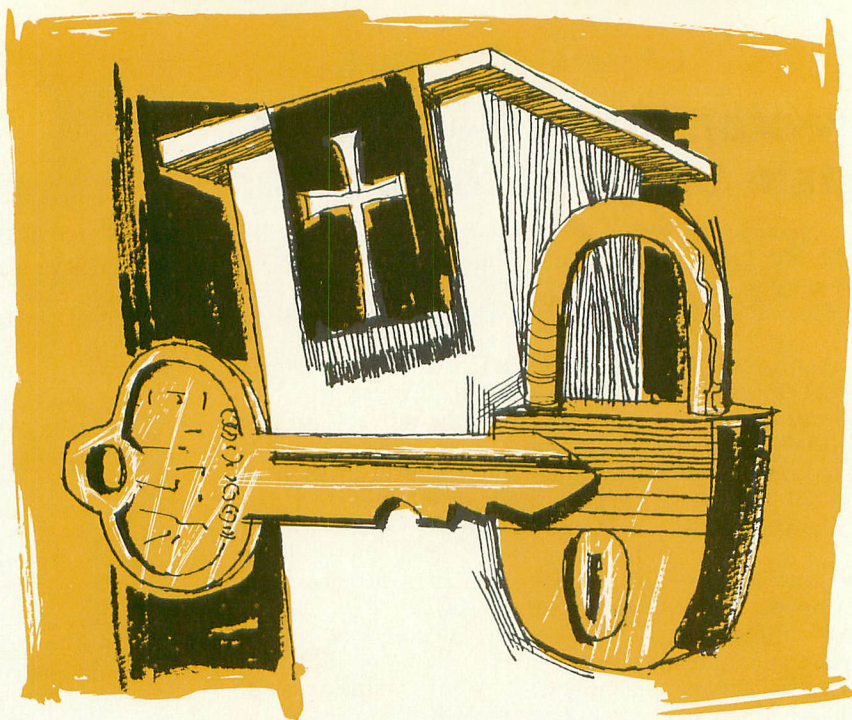
"Two little girls called me from my devotions," Anita recalls, "to tell us that the father of one of our Christians had died. Lonnie and I went to the village immediately. After expressing our sympathy to the mourners we went to the Christian's room. Lonnie embraced him, whereupon he began to cry bitterly, saying, 'My father is lost, my father is lost.' It was a sad experience."

Two hours later, word reached Lonnie and Anita that her mother had died.

"Within a period of one month," Anita reports, "five Christians in the Goumere church, including ourselves, lost a loved one. We believe God is drawing us to Himself through sorrow."

The Lord dealt in other ways with the people of Goumere. In early December five were saved.

"We praise the Lord for a growing concern for the lost on the part of our young men," Anita writes. "Pray that we might always set the example."



Your Pastor—Lock or Key?

HAROLD LINDSELL DISCUSSES THE IMPORTANCE
OF A MISSIONARY-MINDED PASTOR

A CHURCH DOES NOT rise above the level of its pastoral leadership. Thus a church whose pastor lives a defective Christian life will be deformed in its life; a church whose pastor's concern for missions is minimal will have only a minimal interest in missions; a church whose pastor is disinterested in evangelism or Christian education will be deficient in these fields too. Therefore the best interest of any church is served when it has a minister whose life and emphasis reflect genuine commitment to the gospel and the great commission.

There is a deeper dimension to the missionary side of a man's ministry than the term "missionary-minded" suggests, however. Missionary-mindedness is only the beginning of what is needed for a pastor to lead a church into a significant missionary ministry. It is quite possible for him to be truly interested in missions and yet do nothing to make his church a missionary church. The fault may lie, not at the level of intention and purpose, but at the level of performance. It may be a lack of leadership skill, the failure to put into practice what he knows. Indeed there are instances of pastors who have more zeal than knowledge while others have knowledge but no zeal. Ultimately the real answer to the question "Is your pastor missionary-minded?" can be known only when a "yes" reply has been given to the following four questions.

First, *is he a missionary educator?* If he is he will be well informed about the theology of missions, the biblical data, and he will know much about missionary operations today. He must know Christ's plan for the church. He must educate his people so that they know what this plan is, and he must keep them informed. Hearts must be moved before the wills are touched, and hearts are moved by information. Where are there unreached people? What people still have no part of the Word of God in their own tongues? What fields are closed and require urgent intercession for their reopening? How much money is needed and how will it be spent? Is the investment already made paying off dividends?

If the pastor passes this first test he is well on his way to being considered a missionary-minded pastor. His people will respond to his educational efforts and his continued education of the people will keep them abreast of developments and inspire in them a concern for the outreach of the church.

Second, *is he able to raise money for missions?* The pastor must raise money for it is a necessary instrument of power in furthering the missionary cause. Open doors can become shut doors without money. One of the supreme needs of any church is for consecrated money, money given not only from one's surplusage but also that which comes from genuine sacrifice and the willingness to do

without. The missionary-minded pastor will preach on stewardship and stress proportionate and regular giving. He will help his people to realize that sacrificial giving based on the right motivation is rooted in self-denial and is spiritually rewarding. He will be a liberal giver himself and set an example.

In money matters there is no substitute for the biblically endorsed principle of tithing. A tithing church is a church with sufficient funds to carry on a magnificent missionary program. No less than fifty percent of the church's budget should be devoted to missions. Today the unfortunate fact is that the average annual gift for missions by individual members of most of America's largest denominations is less than three dollars. This means an average per capita gift of five cents a week for foreign missions. One can gauge the true interest and concern of a church member whose weekly giving for foreign missions is five cents. The average per capita income for the United States in 1965 was \$2,724. For a tithing church with 200 members this means contributions totaling approximately \$55,000 a year. But if the church has a considerable number of members who are quite affluent the income should be even greater. Local overhead and outreach should easily be covered by half of this income with \$25-30,000 going to train and send workers throughout the world.

Third, *is he a good recruiting agent?* It is the pastor's solemn duty to discover, enlist and train suitable candidates for the mission fields—and for the home ministry. There are never enough missionaries to do the job. Replacements are always needed for those who retire or return to the homeland because of health or for other reasons. Pioneers to go out into unreached fields are always in need. The church that does not enlist volunteers from among its own families is failing in its responsibility. The pastor must challenge young hearts to commitment for missions. He must convince parents who hesitate and hold back when God speaks to their own children. He must hold out the missionary career as a noble and exalted calling, a challenging opportunity for the most highly gifted men and women. He must see that the church has missionary conferences, that he preaches missionary sermons on commitment to full-time service, that he does not hold back on his own commitment and that he cheerfully involves himself in the lives of his young people. A personal word from the pastor is often the key difference between a life invested in secular pursuits as over against vocational Christian service.

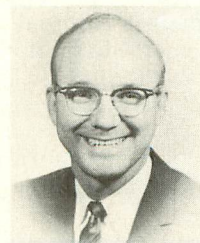
Finally, *is the pastor a dynamic spiritual force?* Spiritual churches are missionary churches, and missionary churches are spiritual churches. These two characteristics go hand in hand. One need only name men like Zinzendorf, Spener, Francke,

Wesley, Brainerd, Carey and Judson, whose lives illustrate how spirituality and missionary interest are linked together. It is the business of the pastor to quicken the spiritual lives of the congregation. He does this by preaching the whole counsel of God and by making the church a praying church and by giving a large place for prayer in the weekly prayer meetings. Prayer is the greatest power in the universe, not excepting atomic power. It is a spiritual weapon that is available to the simplest saint or the youngest child.

The missionary-minded pastor must be a saint, a sanctified servant of Jesus Christ whose life manifests the fruits of the Spirit. He must be a praying saint whose great power in the pulpit comes from the greater power of being on his knees. Power in the pulpit is, after all, an evidence of prayer power manifested before men as they are gripped by the preaching of the Word of God. Moreover the spiritual power of the pastor is evidenced most when in his own life he is detached from the temporal and deeply attached to the eternal. He must stand like Christian in *Pilgrim's Progress* with his back to the world, his face toward heaven and his Bible in his hand.

Now the question comes: Does your church have a ministry that is missionary-minded in the sense that it passes the tests we have set up above? If so, God has marvelously blessed, the people have been helped, and the gospel of Jesus Christ has gone forth. Untold thousands have been reached with the message of eternal life and only in heaven will the extent of the blessing be made known to men.

But if your ministry doesn't measure up, you still have time to join the forces of God in world evangelism. The battle is not over, the last lap of the race has not been run. More land must be possessed, more people must be challenged, more money must be raised. The task ends only with death. The opportunity never ceases. Onward, then onward, while the day lasts and before the night comes; onward, still onward, for the greater glory of God, till the great commission is fulfilled and Jesus comes. But until this happens, God needs missionary-minded pastors to raise up missionary-minded congregations to do His will. □



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"O THOU THAT HEAREST PRAYER, UNTO THEE SHALL ALL FLESH COME" (Psalms 65:2).

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YOUR MISSIONARIES DAILY BEFORE THE LORD

SUNDAYS

AFRICA

- Howard and Willie Gage arrived in Ivory Coast early this month. Pray for grace in making adjustments to the new country and ministry.
- Pray for wisdom for Dr. LaVerne Miley as plans are made for enlarging medical facilities and ministry at Doropo.
- Jimmy Aldridge reports three boys saved a N'dakro, a village near Koun. They were Catholics and face heavy opposition. Pray that they will stand firm for Christ.
- Archie Mayhew is taking French Bible recordings into local schools. Pray that the Spirit will open students' understanding as they listen to and read the Word.
- Pray for strength for new converts in all the villages.

MONDAYS

EUROPE STATESIDE

- Dan and Margaret Merkh hold weekly children's Bible classes in the Baptist church in Grenoble, France. Pray that many young people will be reached and that entrance will be gained to their parents through this class.
- Pray that the Merkh's will gain a thorough workable use of French as they continue language study.
- Missions-minded pastors are the backbone of missionary outreach.
- Pray that pastors will be burdened for missions and will be able to share this with their people.
- The Fred Herseys' account is more than \$3,000 deficit. Pray that deficit will be erased and regular support secured so that they can return to Japan this summer.
- More missionaries are needed

for Japan ministries. Free Will Baptists have only eight missionaries and a few nationals in this densely populated country. Pray for laborers.

- Pray for God's direction for ministries of national pastors Yamada San and Oikawa San in Hokkaido and Osawa San in Tokyo.

WEDNESDAYS

LITERATURE, RADIO, FILMS

- The Junglabita church, North India, has been enduring much persecution recently. Pray for grace to remain faithful to Christ.
- Continue to pray that visas will be granted soon for the Sherwood Lees.
- Pray for continued improvement in health of Volena Wilson. Pray for wisdom regarding her future ministry.
- David and Zaitum, national workers in North India, lost their first baby recently. Pray for grace in this time of distress.

TUESDAYS

FAR EAST

MISSIONARY WORK is seed sowing. There can be no reaping without sowing seed. The soil must be properly prepared. Plowing, tilling, cultivating, removing the stones and smoothing the land precedes seed scattering.

This is the essence and substance of our scripture and the context in which it is found (verses 23-29). A farmer does not sow on hard ground. He first breaks it up. This may be tiresome, back-breaking and discouraging because he does not see immediate fruit.

The missionary perseveres in his

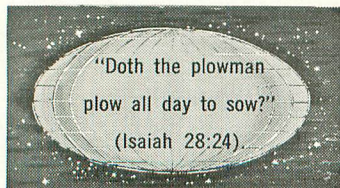
labors and prays for God's wisdom to lead him. With anticipation of the harvest, he prepares the ground and scatters the seed of God's word.

All around us we find wayside land in the form of hard, indifferent unresponsive hearts. Even in our churches many allow the cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches to choke out fruitfulness. What can break up this fallow ground?

The answer is in communicating the Word of God more effectively to the unbeliever and in properly instructing the church.

PERSPECTIVE

ON THE WORD AND THE WORLD



by RUFUS COFFEY

THURSDAYS

NEAR EAST

- The Project LIFE Miami campaign is set for April. Pray for God's direction concerning choice of workers and other decisions.
- Pray for effective outreach of weekly radio program maintained by Sam Wilkinson in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.
- Gospel Light Sunday school literature is being translated into Portuguese for Brazilian churches. Pray for wisdom for Don Robirds and others on the interdenominational committee as this strategic work is completed.

FRIDAYS

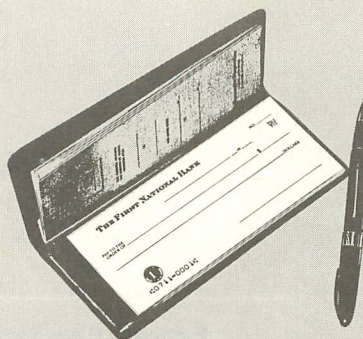
PORTUGUESE AMERICA

- Prayer is asked that God will supply needed money to buy property and to build in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. Rental at present location is being doubled.
- Pray for area youth rally meeting March 4 in Jaboticabal. Young people from Jaboticabal, Monte Alto and Ribeirao will attend.
- Mary Ellen Rice came home on furlough in early January. Pray for fruitful deputational ministries.
- Pray for ministry of Sam and June Wilkinson on farms of Albertina and Santa Amelia, outside Ribeirao. Several are waiting to be baptized at Santa Amelia.

SATURDAYS

SPANISH AMERICA

- Pray for continued witness through C.E.R.F. in Miami. Pray that physical help will open door for spiritual aid. Wisdom is needed by Benito Rodriguez, heading the ministry.
- Molly Barker is teaching several children's Bible classes in churches near Rivera, Uruguay. Pray that many will be saved.
- Pray for continued healing for Bill Phipps, injured in December auto accident in Panama.
- Estenio Garcia, on leave from Panama, requests prayer for guidance regarding his return to that country. He is presently working with Cuban refugees in California.



THE FINANCIAL STORY

FREE WILL BAPTIST
FOREIGN MISSIONS

DECEMBER 1966

CASH IN BANK DECEMBER 1, 1966 ... \$53,279.15

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| State Quotas | \$37,744.74 | |
| Other Income | 1,228.67 | 38,973.41 |
| | | \$92,252.56 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Foreign Fields | \$30,934.88 | |
| Travel & Promotion | 3,966.17 | |
| Administrative | 8,131.66 | 43,032.71 |

CASH IN BANK JANUARY 1, 1967 ... \$49,219.85

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge | \$ 3,172.64 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock | 1,926.71 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery | 1,181.24 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Jim Combs | 1,762.65 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia | 890.34 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton | 3,617.68 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison | 1,589.29 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher | 1,673.00 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Howard Gage | 3,342.66 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia | 931.02 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones | 4,072.96 |
| Miss Ella Rae Jones, R.N. | 3,471.40 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Lee | 2,595.37 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew | 10.58 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh | 2,878.04 |
| Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley | 9,995.65 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Jim McLain | 4,691.54 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer | 898.01 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole | 2,943.62 |
| Miss Mary Ellen Rice | 832.62 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Norman Richards | 3,061.61 |
| Mrs. Josephine Stevens | 414.99 |
| Miss Patsy Tyson, R.N. | 4,601.47 |

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid | 1,568.81 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr. | 2,200.55 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr. | 626.09 |
| Africa Medical Building | 6,888.44 |
| Africa Bible Institute | 277.80 |
| Africa Vehicle | 114.15 |
| Brazil Bible Institute | 298.19 |
| Brazil Vehicle | 2,471.64 |
| Furlough Car Loan Fund | 954.26 |
| Mayhew House | 3,660.08 |
| North India Building Fund | 369.27 |
| Repatriation | 3,370.73 |
| Trust Fund | 3,000.00 |
| | 86,355.10 |

DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| Audio-Visual | \$ 6,822.21 |
| Miss Molly Barker, R.N. | 905.70 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk | 4,358.92 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds | 2,141.93 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks | 38.54 |
| Miss Ruby Griffin, M.D. | 704.06 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna | 1,943.95 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey | 2,304.63 |
| Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N. | 416.51 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne | 214.66 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps | 1,324.49 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson | 255.60 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds | 3,744.49 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks | 311.88 |
| Rev. and Mrs. Sam Wilkinson | 833.97 |
| Miss Volena Wilson | 2,394.52 |
| C. E. R. F. | 2,617.05 |
| Notes Payable | 4,161.86 |
| Operational Fund | 1,640.28 |
| | \$37,135.25 |
| | \$49,219.85 |

STATE QUOTAS—1966

| STATE | DECEMBER RECEIPTS | QUOTA | TOTAL RECEIPTS | UNDER QUOTA | OVER QUOTA |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Alabama | \$ 1,140.18 | \$ 13,000.00 | \$ 15,400.32 | | \$ 2,400.32 |
| Alaska | 7.28 | 300.00 | 198.10 | 101.90 | |
| Arizona | 22.80 | 1,050.00 | 1,378.29 | | 328.29 |
| Arkansas | 1,073.58 | 13,500.00 | 14,201.47 | | 701.47 |
| California | 2,142.15 | 25,500.00 | 24,476.31 | 1,023.69 | |
| Colorado | 54.90 | 750.00 | 553.70 | 196.30 | |
| Florida | 1,179.95 | 13,000.00 | 11,701.28 | 1,298.72 | |
| Georgia | 1,166.57 | 18,750.00 | 18,962.79 | | 212.79 |
| Hawaii | | 200.00 | 146.62 | 53.38 | |
| Idaho | 54.93 | 200.00 | 974.76 | | 774.76 |
| Illinois | 707.45 | 13,000.00 | 10,582.26 | 2,417.74 | |
| Indiana | 77.38 | 3,500.00 | 2,789.91 | 710.09 | |
| Iowa | 153.01 | 1,000.00 | 1,575.03 | | 575.03 |
| Kansas | 224.68 | 2,750.00 | 2,708.64 | 41.36 | |
| Kentucky | 280.03 | 6,000.00 | 5,367.53 | 632.47 | |
| Louisiana | 13.57 | 200.00 | 210.72 | | 10.72 |
| Maine | 125.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,419.12 | | 419.12 |
| Michigan | 5,748.75 | 45,000.00 | 39,943.96 | 5,056.04 | |
| Mississippi | 689.87 | 6,750.00 | 6,920.29 | | 170.29 |
| Missouri | 2,962.78 | 24,250.00 | 34,399.08 | | 10,149.08 |
| Nebraska | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | |
| New Brunswick, Canada | | 300.00 | 114.67 | 185.33 | |
| New Hampshire | 25.91 | 750.00 | 446.83 | 303.17 | |
| New Mexico | 36.17 | 500.00 | 637.29 | | 137.29 |
| North Carolina | 4,956.00 | 48,750.00 | 59,495.32 | | 10,745.32 |
| Ohio | 1,240.63 | 15,500.00 | 15,372.29 | 127.71 | |
| Oklahoma | 4,499.80 | 45,000.00 | 45,527.52 | | 527.52 |
| Oregon | 117.43 | 100.00 | 337.08 | | 237.08 |
| South Carolina | 2,679.86 | 23,250.00 | 29,804.27 | | 6,554.27 |
| Tennessee | 3,506.61 | 32,000.00 | 47,445.69 | | 15,445.69 |
| Texas | 411.80 | 14,000.00 | 8,840.30 | 5,159.70 | |
| Virginia | 1,778.03 | 18,500.00 | 16,412.88 | 2,087.12 | |
| Washington | 82.45 | 400.00 | 801.85 | | 401.85 |
| West Virginia | 585.19 | 10,250.00 | 8,536.32 | 1,713.68 | |
| Miscellaneous | 176.79 | 4,595.55 | 8,301.95 | | 3,706.40 |
| | \$37,921.53 | \$403,895.55 | \$435,984.44 | \$21,408.40 | \$53,497.29 |



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for thinkers only

DAVID LIVINGSTONE: God had an only son, and he was a missionary.

MARTIN LUTHER: None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.

"Only the brave go forward," cried the man of God.

Only the brave go forward to walk where the saints have trod.
With Egypt far behind them, and the Red Sea stretched before;
Only the brave went forward in the name of their wonderful Lord.

A path being made through the water by God's miraculous plan,
Only the brave went forward to sing on yonder strand.

As it was with the children of Israel, so it is with us today;
Only the brave go forward to work, to witness, to pray.

The shadows of evening are gathering, and the night is hastening on;

Still only the brave go forward to reach the great heathen throng.

The voice of God is still calling "who will go work for me?"
Will you join the brave in their labor in helping to set men free?

Only the brave go forward in missions afar and nearby.

Only the brave go forward to dare, to do, and to die.

When the labor of the brave has ended, and the armour of battle is laid down;

Each will join the redeemed in heaven to receive his bright, shining crown.

—Wade Jernigan

