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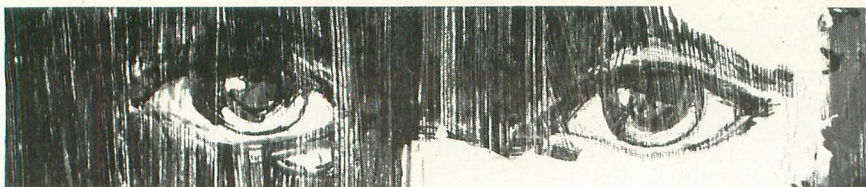
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**the people of
Kotongwana
can't read...**

By BILL JONES

THE BUSH ROADS of Ivory Coast are bumpy, to put it mildly. The one to the village to Kotongwana is no exception. Kotongwana is located about eight miles off the ►



► main road and about 18 miles from Koun, our home station. It is a small village with 150-175 population. To get there we have to cross a crude bush bridge constructed of two logs running lengthwise. A slip to either the left or right, and we would be there a long time.

Our mission to Kotongwana last Friday was a little different than our usual bush preaching treks. It was a more difficult one to accomplish, in some ways. And desperately important!

Kotongwana now has six Christians. We know that if they are to grow into effective disciples they must read the Word daily. But the people of Kotongwana can't read. Our mission on this trip: teach them to read.

Jimmy Aldridge and I this year are giving emphasis to literacy classes that will lead to autonomous worship services in our African villages. Often it is an exasperating task. To point out the simple difference between an "o" and an "a" and expect the student to remember it forever brings the teacher to the brink of despondency.

The Christians of Kotongwana gave us their best house to stay in. It had two rooms with mud walls, no ceiling and a grass roof. It was "best" because it had a cement floor. We managed to make room for our camp cots in the midst of old bicycle parts, the owner's bed and general paraphernalia accumulated over the years.

After settling in, we were served food prepared for us by our Kotongwana friends, pounded yam and thin soup, regular diet of people in this area.

That night, we invited everyone to assemble to see the filmstrip we brought, "The Ten Commandments." Most of the villagers listened carefully as the pictures were explained. Afterward many stayed to ask questions or listen to the answers. The witness was given. We finally went to bed.

Saturday was our big day. Because of teaching

responsibilities at the Bible Institute in Koun, we could spend only one full day teaching our Christians to read. So we started early, about 7:30. Pointing to the various characters of the alphabet, we pronounced their sounds and had the students repeat them. This routine was repeated over and over. It is hard work, and concentration extended over a long period of time is difficult at best.

After an hour of this kind of drill, we had our students copy the letters they were learning. Then after an hour or so of this, we taught them a song.

At 11 o'clock we stopped for lunch. Again it was yam and thin soup. At two we resumed our drill, reviewing what we had covered during the morning and working on those letters causing the greatest difficulty. By four o'clock the students were obviously weary. We called it a day.

The evening meal was a carbon copy of the others. During our evening service, the way of salvation was made very clear. We were already rejoicing before the service because during the afternoon a young man had received Christ.

Again we showed a film. Afterward we exhorted the Christians concerning their responsibilities now that they are saved. Lack of depth in understanding Bible truths produces error easily, so we must instill in each convert the desire to follow only the Truth as revealed in the Word of God, another reason they must learn to read.

Sunday morning we met together for a service of worship and Bible study. We told them the importance of meeting together in prayer and praise even without the presence of the missionary. Our hearts longed to have more time to spend with them. But we know the power of the Holy Spirit to witness to their needs.

Prayer is our most important preparation; it is also the most important part of follow-up. We pray both before and after going to a village for this type of ministry.

Also, we seek to improve our methods and materials. But it will take many trips to teach the people of Kotongwana to read the Word comprehensively. And God is giving us the patience to do the job which must be done if the Church is to be permanently planted here, not only in Kotongwana, but also in the hundreds of villages like Kotongwana scattered throughout our mission field in Ivory Coast. May we see the job done, and done well! □

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Dear Heartbeat

☐ I just saw my first copy of HEARTBEAT. I want to tell you how much I enjoyed reading your paper. I am a firm believer in mission work and support it to the best of my ability. I did not know that Free Will Baptists had such a publication. How can I receive this informative paper? I learned more from one copy about our mission work than I learned from six years of church attendance.

MRS. JANNETTIA BURCHETT
South Webster, Ohio

☐ I would like for you to know how much we enjoy and need HEARTBEAT. I look forward to it because it gives us such an insight to our mission fields. I do have one suggestion! I feel through this far-reaching magazine, we should have articles from our missionaries about their specific needs, worries, dangers that will let us go in mind with them to the fields.

MRS. C. E. GRIBBLE
Santa Paula, Cal.

☐ I would love to continue receiving your magazine. It is both rewarding and enlightening in a world darkened by sin and mistrust to know that there are those who still care about the souls of men.

MRS. T. L. HOLLIDAY
Northport, Ala.

☐ My heart is thrilled at the reports of mission work appearing in HEARTBEAT. Truly, God is blessing all the missionary efforts of the Free Will Baptist people. The prayer-beat of my heart is to see the work enlarged by the Lord of the Harvest.

ROGER RUSSELL
Columbia, N.C.

Across the Editor's Desk



THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE!

THE SIGN GLARED back the words of Romans 3:22-23: *There is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

☐ "Wait a minute, Lord! There is a difference!" I murmured inwardly as I saw skid row bums stagger to their seats in Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, for a gospel service. "Look at that one! He hasn't shaved in months! And the smell!" The man was so emaciated by liquor and living in the streets that his appearance may not have indicated his true age. But his hair was gray and long. His beard rested on his chest. His clothes hanged from the soil of gutter and weather. I looked at the big sign hanging on the side of the auditorium again. *There is no difference!* ☐ "But, Lord, I'm wearing a new silk and wool suit, and shined shoes. *There is no difference?* I'm a college graduate, and I live in a nice home." *There is no difference!* ☐ As I glanced over my left shoulder, I shuddered when I saw sitting behind me a man whose face was heavily bandaged. His eyes were bruised and bloodshot. His clothes were torn. The smell of whiskey reached my nostrils. He had just been pieced back together following a drunken brawl. And the words penetrated even more forcefully: *There is no difference!* ☐ I bowed my head. I thought of reminding the Lord about my important responsibilities, my modern, efficient office, my loving family and dedicated associates. But I knew it was no use. God's word would not change. *There is no difference!* As tears, which seldom flow from my eyes, trickled across my freshly shaven face, I thanked God for reminding me that the only real difference between them and me is my "being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). The importance of knowing Jesus Christ as Savior! ☐ In the gutter man is chained by dope, drink and dirt. On the Avenue he is bound by pride, greed and lust. But *there is no difference* in God's sight. His remedy for every man is the same, a new birth and the impartation of a totally new kind of life. ☐ Has Jesus made the difference in your life? If He hasn't, you can find help by writing HEARTBEAT, Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. Christ alone makes the difference!

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).



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A SPECIAL EDITOR'S

JOHNNY CUBA wasn't in the mood for serious discussion when I met him at Freedom House only minutes after his arrival at Miami's International Airport. The lines of fatigue were pushed back by smiles of unabashed joy in the sensation of release. The days of harrassment were over. He and his family finally were safe. He could preach with freedom from fear of arrest and death. It was time to greet old friends who had made it out ahead of him, to buy milk for his seven-year old boy who last tasted it at age two, to breathe prayers of thanksgiving, to cry a little.

Next day, Johnny was ready to talk. Yet, he found it difficult to express his inner feelings. How does one explain to a pampered American the difference between living and merely existing? Between freedom and prison? Between expression and coercion? Between life and death?

Johnny's real name is Edelmiro Cuba. He was nicknamed Johnny by "Pop" Willey and fellow students during days of study at the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute back when communism was a subject for discussion rather than a way of life. At 16 he was the youngest student to be admitted to the school. Johnny was converted through the witness of hometown friends, Benito Rodriguez, Melitino Martinez and Mario Perez, Cuban Free Will Baptist pastors now serving Spanish communities in the States.

Following several years pastoring Free Will Baptist churches in Cuba, Johnny entered the Methodist ministry in 1959. "I am very indebted to Free Will Baptists," Johnny asked me to express for him. "It was because of Free Will Baptists that I came to know the Lord and was prepared for His service. I will always be very, very grateful."

The tall, handsome preacher pastored in Cama-

guey until five years ago when he began his last pastorate in the communist stronghold of Manzanillo, the town where Fidel had his first battle on the road to conquest and the first town to elect a communist mayor. Ironically, it is also the only place where the communists have allowed a Protestant orphanage to continue operation.

Are living conditions really as bad as we are being led to believe, Johnny?

"The situation is impossible. Shelves are empty. Products available, what few there are, nobody wants. We could buy one pair of shoes per year if we could find them. All medicine is weakened. It takes several shots of penicillin to get the effects of a single normal one. Most of the medicine comes from Russia. Could be experimental stuff. It often causes severe reactions to the user."

Johnny said that there is only one place—between Havana and Oriente—where one may purchase cold milk. Each person is allowed one quarter of a pound of beef per week (four ounces), no pork. Chicken is available for the sick only.

Is Castro as popular as he would like the outside world to believe?

"It is difficult to determine the degree of popular support for Castro. Outwardly, most people show support. They must. But the sympathy of many is not with him."

What is the condition of the evangelical church now?

"Great numbers of Christians have left the island and continue to do so. They are the ones under greatest harrassment and therefore the strongest Christians. Those left behind are weaker, less trained members. But churches are maintained out of sacrifice. The black market takes most of the money. Average monthly salary is about \$85."

LEHOLD

REPORT ON CONDITIONS INSIDE CASTRO'S CUBA

Johnny, we hear conflicting reports about the freedom or lack of it to preach the gospel. Exactly what is the picture?

"We recently held a memorial service for a Cuban Methodist pastor who was killed in an automobile accident in the States. No one considered it necessary to secure permission for this. But as a result, several hundred Christians and pastors were arrested."

All religious activity outside the church was prohibited by a "Law of Associations" set forth by the Castro regime in 1963. This law forbade sale of Bibles, required a complete list of members to be furnished the government and limited pastoral visitations to those whose names appear on membership lists. No one under 18 can join.

Johnny continued, "We are free to preach, but watch what you say! Intelligence agents, at least one or two, have been planted in every congregation."

"We can't invite children to services, but parents bring them because of their hatred of communism. We have more attending now than before, even though the communists often plan entertainment for children in front of churches during times of services."

Do you foresee a time in the future when evangelical churches will be forced out of existence as we know them now?

"Gospel preaching, fundamental churches, yes."

Other reports indicate that the stage is being set more and more for only those churches connected with the government-controlled inter-church agency to be allowed existence. This was the format in China, and every indication is that the trend will continue toward this end in Cuba.

"Already, some churches are finding it impossible to continue and thus cease operation."

What happens to the believers in this case? Do they continue to meet "underground"?

"Meeting in homes is extremely difficult. Groups doing this are easily pictured as counter-revolutionary, making it very risky business. When chapels close, believers move to larger churches."

British Editor J. D. Douglas confirms Johnny's appraisal of the situation in a report published in the May-June *Latin America Evangelist*. Douglas, editor of *The Christian* of London, visited the island in December. He says he felt obliged to balance the "highly selective and misleading account" concerning the Cuban churches which was issued as a news release by the World Council of Churches late last year picturing the situation of Protestant churches as difficult but not intolerable.

Douglas declares, "I do not question the integrity of the WCC observers. They have reported something of what they have seen. They are, nevertheless, committed to following a certain procedure which in this case ensures that their ministerial hosts in Cuba are those who in some degree have come to terms with the regime—and are concerned to exhibit its most favorable aspects."

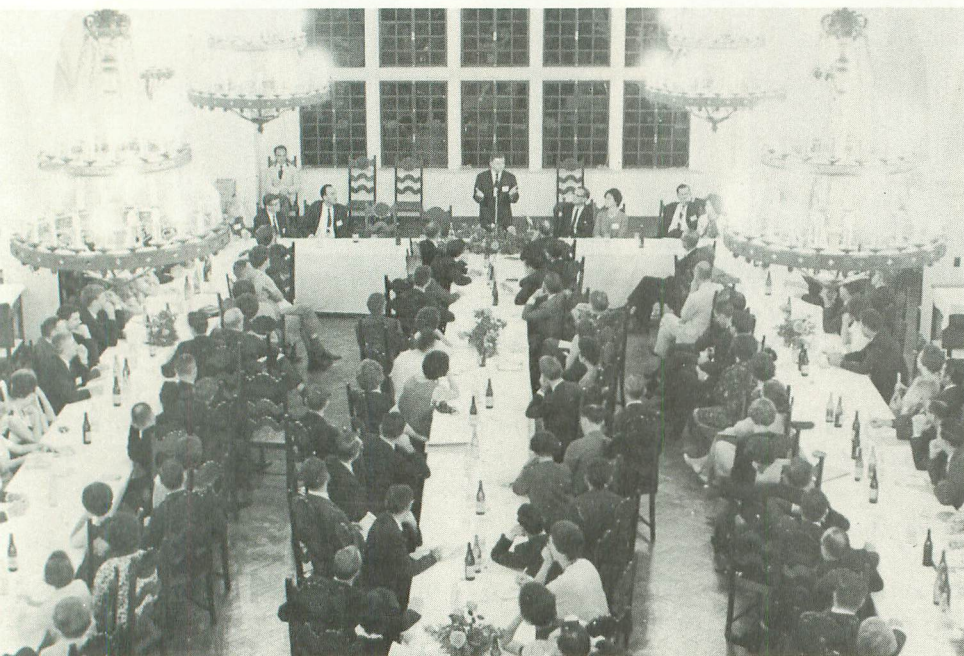
After enumerating various forms of harassment now being administered by the Castro government against Christians, Douglas declares that the object of the harassment is unmistakably clear. He quotes a spokesman for the Ministry of the Interior as having said, "When the present generation of believers dies, the churches will disappear forever."

However, Douglas quotes evangelical sources reporting that "most young Christians who are subjected to the most intense program of attempted indoctrination are standing fast and finding that God is able to give much more than the world can take away."

WITH YOUR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD



BRAZIL



Noted Christian Psychologist Henry Brandt holds special seminar with evangelical missionaries of Brazil.

Construction of sanctuary-educational unit launched by Araras congregation

Araras (A-da-das)—The Free Will Baptist Church here is in process of constructing a new sanctuary. Thus far since its beginning the church has met in rented facilities.

The church saved money for several years to purchase a lot which is located seven blocks from the center of town. It is approximately 80 feet by 130 feet which, though small by American standards, is considered large by Brazilian values.

A brick campaign was started by the group in which gifts for the purchase of bricks were sought.

SHORTSTUFF / *Dave and Pat Franks* are scheduled to arrive in Baltimore on June 15 to begin a year of furlough. They have completed two terms in Brazil . . . *Earnie and Jean Deeds* arrive in Little Rock June 14 to start furlough following their first term in Brazil . . . Construction of hospital unit at Doropo is underway, supervised by the *Howard Gages* of Oklahoma.

Funds were secured to buy 25,000 bricks, but price increases and the fact that building specifications require more brick than originally planned now necessitates a second brick campaign.

A similar campaign for lumber is near completion.

It was hoped that construction would begin before June 1. Blueprints and specifications were placed in the hands of city government officials for approval several weeks ago. Construction begins when plans are officially approved.

The building is part of a three-unit plan. It is the smallest unit and will eventually become the educational unit. It will include five small Sunday school rooms and an auditorium that will seat approximately 125.

Missionary Jim Combs, who has been advisor to the church in their construction planning, is pleased with the response of his people. Funds for construction are being provided totally by the Brazilian church.

STATESIDE

Africa film being planned

Nashville—Script preparation is underway on a missions promotion film on Free Will Baptist ministries in Ivory Coast, West Africa.

A basic story treatment has been developed that will depict in a dramatic documentary the various aspects of evangelistic and church planting activities maintained by Free Will Baptist missionaries. Shooting is planned on all major African stations.

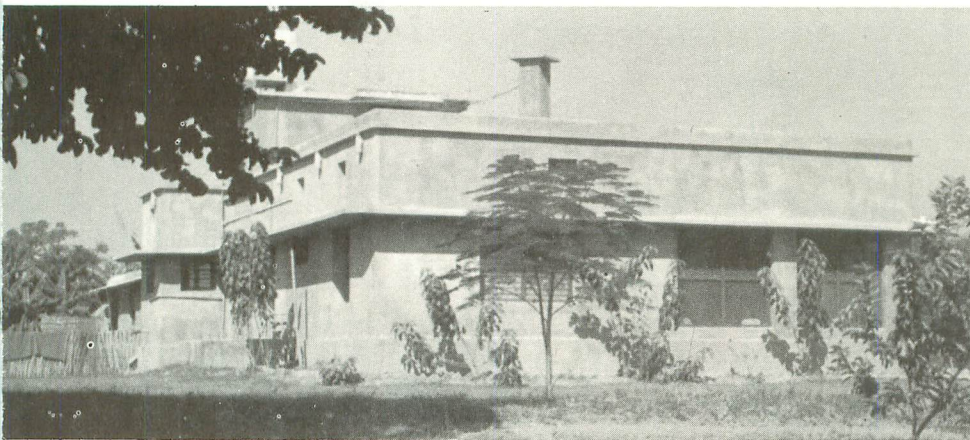
Working with Producer Jerry Ballard in script development are Jim Grant, noted Christian writer, and Missionary Bill Jones, field Liaison. It is hoped that fieldside research will be completed by the end of 1967. Shooting in Africa is tentatively planned for 1968 with release of the film set for 1969. Scheduling will depend on available audio-visual funds, an account presently heavily deficit.

New production procedures are being used by the department in the African film which allow closer control by the communications division than in previous films. Longer time allowed for script development will grant greater state-side and field perusal.

PANAMA



Tom Willey, Jr., and an American friend wade swollen streams to reach villages deep in Panamanian bush with gospel.



This mission residence recently completed by Dan Cronk at Kishanganj, N. India.

Association formed in famined India

Kotagiri—The first Free Will Baptist association of South India was formed here in March. Known as the Tamilnad Association of Free-will Baptist Churches, the new organization encompasses three churches, those located in Kotagiri, Gopalapuram and Metupalayam. Outlying mission posts also are included in the group's fellowship.

Pastor Dorairaj of Kotagiri was elected president of the association. Pastor S. Benjamin was named secretary and Pastor Peter Nateson, treasurer. All officers are Indian.

The association brings Free Will Baptists of South India into fellowship for mutual exhortation and planning essential to further development of the denomination's witness in the south.

These are critical days in the history of the world's largest democracy. Famine is reaching serious proportions, especially in the north. Gunfire is again being heard on the Kashmir front as India and Pakistan rekindle war sparks. Internal social and political struggles threaten disintegration of national security.

Yet, God continues to work through his servants to build His Church. On April 9 a new Free Will Baptist church in Mettupalayam was duly organized. Peter Nateson was installed as national pastor.

The church, called Calvary Free-will Baptist Church, was formed with 28 charter members. Twenty-two of the members were baptized on March 24.

Meanwhile, attempts continue to secure visas for the Sherwood Lees, under appointment to North India, and the Joe Haases, under appointment to South India. The Lees were refused on first application. Attempt is now being made to gain entry as replacements for the Daniel Cronks, due furlough this summer.

The Haases are applying for entry as replacements for Miss Volena Wilson who is in the States on medical leave.

"It will take a definite miracle of the Lord for us to be successful in securing visas at this time," General Director Reford Wilson declares.

SPECIAL

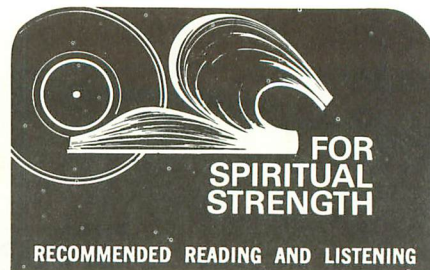
Palmer, Hersey in need

Nashville—The accounts of two veteran missionaries remain in serious need as scheduled return nears.

The Fred Herseys are \$3,500 short with return set for August. Also still needed is \$225 in monthly faith commitments. Both needs must be met before the Herseys may return to Japan.

The Lonnie Palmers of Ivory Coast are \$5,500 short on cash in their account. They need an additional \$150 in monthly support. The Palmers are scheduled to return in August, too.

Special appeal is made for both cash gifts and faith commitments so these missionaries may return to their fields on schedule.



ON THE TURNTABLE

Take My Hand. George Beverly Shea (RCA LPM-3760)

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Bless This House, The White Sisters (Word W-3318-LP)

Gospel singing's most popular female trio has another hit album. Includes in addition to title song: "Wayfaring Stranger," "Beyond the Sunset," "It's About Time."

ON THE BOOKSHELF

The Mind of Japan by Takaaki Aikawa and Lynn Leavenworth (Judson, 160 pp., \$4.95)

The student of modern Japan will want this one. In his foreword, Douglas MacArthur II terms the authors "uniquely qualified to explain . . . Japan's struggle for self-identity, national integrity, democracy and social advancement."

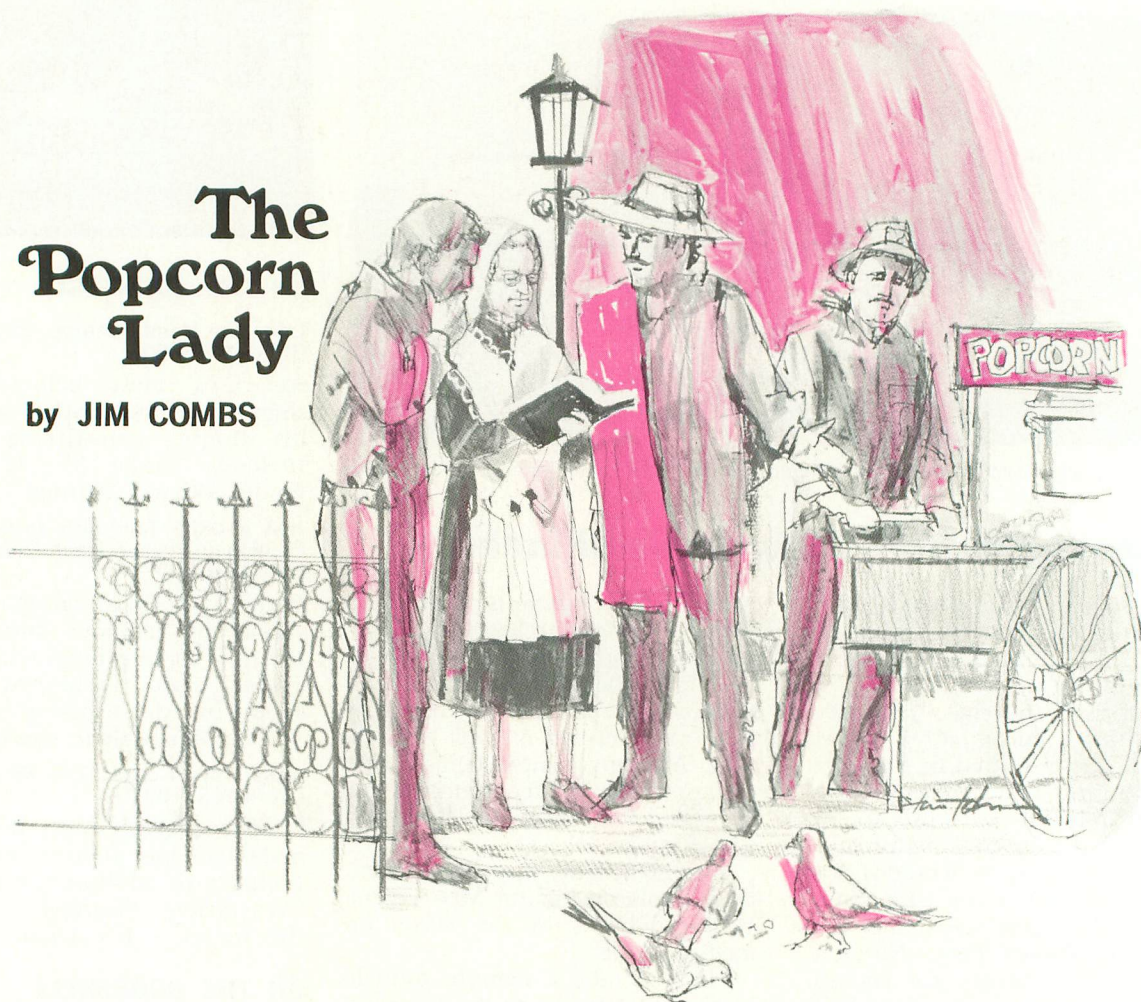
Evangelicals at the Brink of Crisis by Carl F. H. Henry (Word, 120 pp., paper, \$1.75)

An overview of pressing concerns in theology, evangelism, social action and ecumenism in aftermath of the Berlin Congress on Evangelism. Valuable for the serious student of the Congress, pro or con. Major congress papers are available for review in *One Race, One Gospel, One Task, Volume I* (World Wide, \$4.95).

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Hilton, a convert of less than six months, very simply but forcefully told of his long search for peace of heart. His quest for salvation had led him to the threshold of several religions, including spiritism, only to find nothing capable of satisfying his thirsty soul. At last God sent a student into his English class at the high school in Jaboticabal. The testimony of this Christian student was used by the Holy Spirit and Hilton found that for

One Sunday last February she brought a neigh-

bor boy, Carlos, aged 11, to the services. He soon was saved and joined her in being a faithful church attender and Bible reader.

Through the efforts of both, along with visits and prayers of other church members, his mother, a lady of the streets, began to come. Dona Dirce once had been a lady of society but had reached the depths of despair through her sinful life. But the infinite power of God's Word touched her wayward soul, and she was gloriously converted.

Another son, Dirceu, had followed the example of his mother and was considered by the people of Araras as one of the worst hoodlums of the city. His sinful experiences made him seem much older than his 18 years.

Wrecked automobiles, drinking, dancing and women had made him one who seemed beyond hope. But, through his mother's and brother's influence he began attending church and soon was saved. While attending our Free Will Baptist youth camp in Jaboticabal he was called to preach and completely dedicated his life to do God's will.

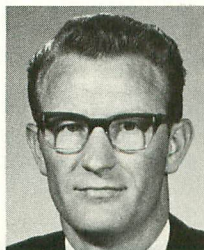
At the opening of the next semester of our Bible institute, Dirceu enrolled to begin preparation for a life of service to God. At the same time he enrolled in the high school at Jaboticabal to complete his last semester of studies.

Through the course of time he made a lasting friendship with his English professor, and before long Hilton Galvani accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of his life.

One little popcorn lady, saved at an age some people think too old to be useful to God, shared her faith with others, and a chain reaction was started. And Dona Mariana hasn't stopped in her efforts to win the lost. Besides these mentioned above, she has been influential in winning at least two others during the past year, one of whom also is studying for the ministry. "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. And he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). □

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jim Combs with his family is stationed at Araras, Brazil, where he maintains an active missionary witness through every available means. The Araras work was begun by Missionary Bobby Aycock.



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SUNDAYS

AFRICA

- Lonnie Sparks continues his witness to Kwame Mafo. Effects of God's Word are evident. Implore God for Kwame's conversion.
- Pray for the four young people who recently made a decision for Christ under Sparks' ministry.
- Fifteen thousand copies of Luke 5 in tract form are expected to arrive shortly, written in the Kulango language. Earnestly pray that these may be used to turn many to righteousness. John and Romans are mimeographed and in use. Pray for the translation work.

- The Bible class of Koun is flourishing. Pray as the Jimmy Aldridges seek to make further progress in the literacy work.

MONDAYS

EUROPE STATESIDE

- A Thursday afternoon's children's class has been started in

France. Margaret Merkh needs your prayers as she conducts this each week.

- Pray for the newly organized Bible class in English.

■ Deputational Director Henry Van Kluyve needs much prayer as he guides missionaries in conference ministries and special services.

- Pray for the needs of the operational fund. Remember it daily.

■ Directing the work of each field requires wisdom, patience, compassion and zeal. Remember General Director Reford Wilson as you pray.

TUESDAYS

FAR EAST

- The Fred Herseys and Jim McLains are scheduled to leave for Tokyo on August 30. Pray desperately that their monthly support will be underwritten by our churches.

- Pray for the Herbert Waids as

they strive daily to reach lost souls. Ask God to keep them faithful and filled with His Spirit:

- Fujita Sam is a Christian now. He is 25, a printer and outspoken. Pray for the Wesley Calvays as they lead the new convert to a full Christian life.

■ Revival fires are beginning to burn in Aileen Chapel at Sapporo. Pray for believers there and Calvery, their missionary.

WEDNESDAYS

NEAR EAST

- Urgent prayer is needed for the land of India and our ministry there.

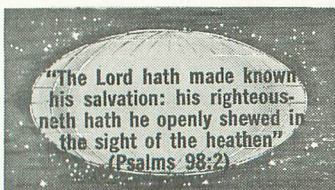
■ Cry to God on behalf of visa approval for Joe and Barbara Haas for South India. Application has been made.

- Pray that the Lee's visa will be approved after reconsideration is given by Indian officials.

- Missionaries Hanna and Cronk

PERSPECTIVE

ON THE WORD AND THE WORLD



by RUFUS COFFEY

THE MISSIONARY enterprise is not a new concept of man. It did not originate with William Carey, the father of modern missions or even Paul, the great New Testament missionary.

Missions began in the heart of God. Because of His compassion and concern for fallen humanity, He gave His Son to restore man to fellowship with Himself.

The story of God's love, mercy, salvation and righteousness for all men through Christ is found in

the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation we see its missionary character. In contrast to other sacred books, the Bible tells us of God's search for man instead of man's search for God.

The Bible takes it for granted that those who have been transformed by its power will share this experience with others. What value is faith to us if it has no value for others? God expects each of us to show forth His saving grace and power (II Corinthians 3:2-3).

need daily prayer as they labor under much pressure. Pray to God for spiritual and physical strength for these families.

THURSDAYS

LITERATURE,
RADIO, FILMS

■ While in Brazil for the translations of *Carnival of Pretense* into Portuguese and Spanish, Director Dan Dunkelberger had opportunity to talk at length with one of the leading characters of the film, Marlena, and her husband. These are people of great influence, and both are eager to really know the Lord and the purpose He brings to life. Pray as missionaries continue the witness to them that they will continue their search to know reality in their lives.

■ Sound recording on a series of filmstrips covering all Free Will Baptist foreign fields is set for the week of June 19. Pray that this vital part of production will be finalized in a manner pleasing to the Lord. The first strip in the series will be released in July.

FRIDAYS

PORTUGUESE
AMERICA

■ Fifty decisions for Christ were recorded recently at the close of a five-day vacation Bible school in Araras, Brazil. Pray for Jim and Shirley Combs as they follow up these results.

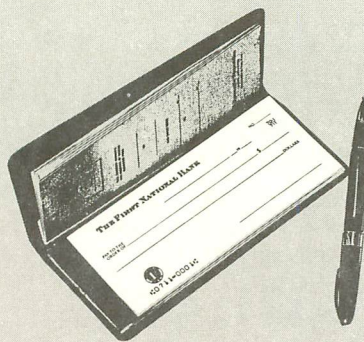
■ In Araras, Senhor Jose is interested in the gospel but fears leaving the Roman Catholic Church. Pray for this man and his conversion.

SATURDAYS

SPANISH
AMERICA

■ The Tom Willeys, Jr., are laboring to build up the group at Isla de Canas in the Central Provinces of Panama. Pray for success here.

■ Senor Tomas Chimborazo was saved on a hospital bed in Quito, Ecuador. A gospel message the night before was used by God as Ella Rae Jones pointed him to Christ. Pray for Tomas' growth in the Lord.



THE FINANCIAL STORY

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CASH IN BANK APRIL 1, 1967 \$39,250.66

RECEIPTS

State Quotas	\$38,074.00	
Other Income	297.53	38,371.53
		\$77,622.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields	\$34,621.30	
Travel & Promotion	3,400.95	
Administrative	7,277.04	45,299.29
		\$32,322.90

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Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge	\$ 3,562.90
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Rev. and Mrs. Jim Combs	1,404.68
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Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Lee	5,630.24
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew	326.11
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh	2,926.42
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Rev. and Mrs. Jim McLain	6,796.20
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Africa Medical Building	1,028.89
Africa Bible Institute	277.80
Africa Vehicle	114.15
Brazil Vehicle	1,662.19
Furlough Car Loan Fund	954.26
Mayhew House	3,660.08
North India Building	374.27
Repatriation Fund	3,370.73
Deed of Trust	3,000.00
	\$88,026.40

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Miss Molly Barker, R.N.	\$ 631.87
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Rev. and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson	1,681.29
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.	2,345.79
Miss Volena Wilson	1,426.08
Audio-Visual	16,774.21
Brazil Bible Institute	499.81
Cuban Emergency Relief Fund	3,416.05
Operational Fund	7,070.71
	\$55,703.50
	\$32,322.90

STATE QUOTAS—1967

STATE	APRIL RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 1,267.80	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,908.17	\$ 11,091.83	\$
Alaska	-0-	300.00		300.00	
Arizona	238.35	2,500.00	850.38	1,649.62	
Arkansas	1,280.03	15,500.00	6,234.55	9,265.45	
California	2,532.66	34,000.00	8,466.16	25,533.84	
Colorado	26.45	1,250.00	120.33	1,129.67	
Florida	522.82	15,000.00	3,480.51	11,519.49	
Georgia	1,037.02	23,500.00	7,111.38	16,388.62	
Hawaii	-0-	250.00	45.00	205.00	
Idaho	61.16	500.00	221.34	278.66	
Illinois	1,006.72	13,500.00	3,340.51	10,159.49	
Indiana	109.50	3,750.00	755.93	2,994.07	
Iowa	140.00	1,500.00	697.39	802.61	
Kansas	241.91	3,500.00	707.12	2,792.88	
Kentucky	638.32	6,500.00	2,009.36	4,490.64	
Louisiana	18.64	250.00	86.78	163.22	
Maine	80.00	2,000.00	370.00	1,630.00	
Michigan	2,176.24	50,000.00	12,242.77	37,757.23	
Mississippi	302.56	7,250.00	1,446.21	5,803.79	
Missouri	2,189.72	34,000.00	10,071.23	23,928.77	
Nebraska	-0-	250.00		250.00	
New Brunswick, Canada	9.00	250.00	35.00	215.00	
New Hampshire	16.83	1,000.00	153.67	846.33	
New Mexico	77.65	1,000.00	309.88	690.12	
North Carolina	4,758.09	60,000.00	21,486.63	38,513.37	
Ohio	1,554.89	19,000.00	5,674.05	13,325.95	
Oklahoma	3,259.54	45,000.00	13,512.55	31,487.45	
Oregon	7.93	250.00	113.88	136.12	
South Carolina	3,253.55	25,500.00	10,502.05	14,997.95	
Tennessee	4,949.18	40,500.00	15,522.67	24,977.33	
Texas	2,922.33	15,000.00	5,704.97	9,295.03	
Virginia	2,288.15	15,000.00	5,920.68	9,079.32	
Washington	31.77	750.00	175.49	574.51	
West Virginia	1,075.19	12,500.00	3,017.98	9,482.02	
Miscellaneous	235.53	3,265.57	2,789.82	475.75	
Total	\$38,309.53	\$469,315.57	\$147,084.44	\$322,231.13	



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GOD IS CONCERNED ■ God is not blind. He has not lost His attribute of omniscience. He knows we live on this earth in this Twentieth Century. He is aware of our race-troubled, riot-torn revolutionary society. ■ Is man's exploration of space an attempt to discover something new or an escape from his corrupt environment? Modern man could well ask the question of the Psalmist, "Whither shall I flee from thy presence?" In heaven, in hell or in the uttermost parts of the sea, God is there. ■ Demographers have caused alarm by projecting their study of population growth until every man will have only a square yard of earth on which to stand. How comforting it is to know that God keeps a record of births and deaths. He who sees the sparrow fall and numbers the hairs of our head understands the dilemma of our population explosion. He still commands, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to *every creature*." ■ The hungry, homeless and diseased multitudes wait for their sufferings to be alleviated. According to James, faith demonstrates itself in ministering to others (James 2:14-17). Are we satisfied that the "cup of cold water" be given in the name of government rather than in the name of Christ? It is probably too late for the church to regain its glory of benevolent service. Socialism has usurped this position of service, and taxation has brought man into servitude to meet these needs. The church, however, can invest its manpower and money in the proclamation of the gospel. ■ Some churches and/or Christians need to break their treasure boxes and permit the aroma of Christian love and truth to fill the air. Are there those churches which from its treasury can give so that others may go? Are there Christians who can rise up to fill the gap where so few labor? May I hear from you soon?