

# HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

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by Your Missionary

**M**ISSIONS RESPONSE among Free Will Baptists during the past two decades has been tremendous. There was a time when missionaries spent much more time among the churches raising finances for necessary equipment and monthly support. Yet, after several years on the field, I am certain my equipment was not complete when I left the States.

From the standpoint of personal preparation, I must be about average with a degree from Bible ►



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college and graduate work, as well as experience in the pastorate. My language ability also is par for the course.

Apparently, I have adjusted normally to the climate and the people. This doesn't mean that I always know what to do in every situation. There still are moments of indecision and uncertainty, but I'm learning.

When I answered the call for missionary work, the Lord gave me real peace and joy. These are still present. I know I am in the Lord's will and place for me.

The opportunities for witnessing on my field are limitless. During parts of the year I have as many as nine services weekly, as well as my other ministries. As a result, some have prayed, fewer have shown fruit of real conversion, but very few have given themselves completely to the Lord. And this is the problem. How am I to turn back the heavy blanket of pagan darkness and lead my people to firm faith in Jesus?

It is apparent that my being well-equipped (i.e., car; house, beds, tape recorder, camera, etc.) doesn't assure me of souls. It shows me the interest of some in my denomination for getting me into contact with those who need to hear. So, here I am with all my equipment to face the pagans, the false religionists and the ecumenists, and I'm expected to get the job done.

I've tried to do it. How I've tried! I've preached in village after village. I've distributed hundreds of pieces of literature. I've shown scores of films. I've witnessed, prayed, cared for the sick, but few have been saved. Why?

What is missing? I think I discovered the answer in the Bible the other day. It is the element that induces God to intervene in the affairs of men, and yes, even of the devil! It is prayer. If we are ever to break down the strongholds of satan, it will be only *in answer to prayer*.

Jesus tells us, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive . . ." (John 16:24a). With one word Jesus destroys all preconceived ideas of prayer, saying, in John 14:13, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, *that will I do*, that the Father may be glorified." God sets as a condition for His intervention in the affairs of this world the prayers of believers. He does things in answer to prayer.

So if my desire to win the heathen is to be realized, it will come only in response to prayer. Yet, I have prayed that prayer many times, and I knowingly withhold nothing from God for the accomplishment of this task. But, so few have been really changed. If through my prayers a few have been drawn to Christ, might not many come if many pray?

This is what is lacking in my equipment—real, earnest, daily, effectual prayer. Did you call my name in prayer today? Did you pray for our national Christians? Did you pray for the young preachers we are training? Did you ask God to save the witch doctor, the Roman Catholic school teacher, the fetish chief? Did you pray for my health and my spiritual strength? Did you pray for my evangelistic work (literature, preaching, personal witnessing, films, etc.)?

So you gave \$5, \$10, \$20 in the offering. Your church sent \$500, \$1,000, or bought a car. And you recited at prayer time, "God bless our missionaries on the foreign fields." As a result, I'll have money to buy food this month, but your money won't buy the blessings of God. It won't buy a moving of the Holy Spirit that draws sinners to Jesus Christ.

What I'm saying is this, missionary work—in spite of all the mundane affairs such as eating, traveling, working—is a spiritual ministry, and our weapons are of the Spirit. If we ever are to see any sizable victory, *YOU* must become involved, because if you really pray and ask specifically for me and the others working here, God has obligated Himself to get involved. He isn't hesitant or afraid to do so, He just waits for us to ask Him, since He made that the condition.

So if you want to see souls saved on the mission fields, don't just send us out and give your money to keep us here. Get into the battle yourself. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." □

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# Dear Heartbeat

☐ We would like to take this opportunity to tell you how much we enjoy receiving and reading HEARTBEAT . . . It has helped us spiritually as well as informed us on the work of our missionaries. We feel that through HEARTBEAT, we are learning who our missionaries are and their individual needs, and it is helping us to pray more earnestly for them.

We would like to say to each person who has a part in preparing the magazine, that it is getting better and better with each edition.

MRS. BOBBIE DREW  
Darlington, S.C.

☐ HEARTBEAT is terrific, but I would like to see more pictures of our mission churches and see a more complete write up of activities on the mission field, such as number saved, the number of churches, the progress we are making. . . . I believe it would stimulate us to a greater effort. Just a suggestion from one of your readers.

M/SGT. RALPH STYRON  
Palm Springs, Fla.

☐ The Woman's Auxiliary of Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church, Van Buren, Ark., . . . certainly enjoy Heartbeat. There is no finer publication of its kind . . . Keep it coming, and may the Lord somehow convict Sgt. James T. Smith.

MRS. VERDA HAWKINS  
Van Buren, Ark.

☐ I receive HEARTBEAT and through it have recently become aware of the fact that I and others in our church have failed God by neglecting to pray for those on the mission field.

MRS. CHARLES SNYDER  
Johnson City, Tenn.

# Across the Editor's Desk



**THE CRITICS/** *"And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?" (Mark 14:4).*

SOONER OR LATER everyone travels the road of criticism. The greater the life, the nobler the endeavor, the more certain is this consequence. The Apostle Paul was often unjustly condemned; the disciples were sinfully described as "drunk" at Pentecost; and men even accused our perfect Lord of being demon possessed. In the story related in Mark 14, a woman graciously lavished a very precious box of ointment upon the Savior; yet some were offended and found fault with her. Jesus, however, defended the action, saying, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me!"

Few people criticize in love, most are vindictive and cruel and act very superior. In fact, it is not very wide of the mark to say, "Criticism is frequently pride in action!" The acid test of Christian character is this: can you take it? can you labor without reward and receive unjust censure without bitterness? If so, God will be pleased, and will bless your life with His joy!

To guarantee flawlessness in his publication, a printer hired two proofreaders. However, they did not get along, and were constantly criticizing each other's efforts. In the course of time, one came across some words in a manuscript which spoke of "Tabasco sauce." Never having heard of Tabasco, he supposed the author must have meant tobacco; so he changed the first word. When the second proofreader came to the same phrase and saw "tobacco sauce," he immediately reasoned that such was utterly unthinkable. He therefore proceeded to make a seemingly rational correction by changing the second word. Imagine the consternation of the author and the publisher when the story appeared referring to the use of "tobacco juice" on food—instead of "Tabasco sauce." It goes to show that we do not always know what the other fellow is thinking, and it behooves us not to be over-critical, lest we ourselves be misunderstood.

BY HENRY G. BOSCH

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THE ONLY exercise some folks get is jumping to conclusions, running down their friends, sidestepping responsibility and pushing their luck.

BY LOUIS CALDWELL  
*in If You Talk to Teens*



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Robert Bryan discusses the place  
of students and Foreign Missions Fellowship  
in Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

# THE WORLD CHANGERS

**S**TUDENTS ARE world changers. Tired of the status quo and troubled by world conditions, they give their energies to remake decadent society and to build a different world. Almost every major movement has been built around youth and students. Communism will spend millions of dollars this year appealing to students to join the march into their "glorious future." LSD advocates have found ready acceptance among many students. The civil rights movement has gained impetus from a willing cadre of students of all races.

Too often church leaders have criticized this energy as mis-directed and ill-spent without realizing that the church itself owes much to students. Martin Luther's study of the Scriptures while a young man preparing for the priesthood planted the seeds that led to the Protestant revolution. The modern missionary movement owes its existence to students who dared to ask God to do great things and then attempted great things for Him.

Five young men met to pray in a maple grove in Massachusetts. Caught by a sudden August afternoon thunder shower, they sought shelter under a nearby haystack. Soon one of them, Samuel Mills, was urging the others to join him in dedicating their lives to become foreign missionaries. America at that time had no missionary overseas and not a single foreign missionary society. Four of the five

pledged themselves to foreign service. They became the first of America's missionary volunteers.

A few years later, near the turn of the century, the Student Volunteer Movement was born. The revival spirit was fanned into white heat by such men as John R. Mott, Robert Speer and the Studd brothers. Thousands of young people, in the prime of health and with high scholastic attainments, gave themselves through this movement to renewed efforts to reach the world for Christ.

The first 30 years of the Twentieth Century saw a gradual shift in emphasis in the SVM. Concern with social issues began to overshadow the evangelistic fervor, and theological dilution took place. In June, 1936, a student conference was held at Ben Lippen Conference Grounds, Asheville, N.C. From Bible Teaching and missionary preaching arose the feeling that something must be done to band students together in this important cause. Out of the meeting came an organization eventually known as Student Foreign Missions Fellowship.

S.F.M.F. was founded on prayer and commitment by students. Teams of college students traveled great distances to share with others their burning conviction that students must renew their efforts to reach unreached millions. One hundred forty years intervened between the haystack prayer meeting and the meeting at Ben Lippen. But the



vision and faith of those five left their marks on succeeding generations of students.

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions has been built largely by men and women who sensed God's direction while students. Since the inception of Free Will Baptist Bible College, the foreign outreach has been integrally related to students.

In 1942 the Bible college in Nashville was beginning its first year. Miss Laura B. Barnard, unable to return to India after furlough because of the war, was teaching a class in missions, called "The Progress of Worldwide Missions." During one of these classes, the Spirit of God was so evident that class was dismissed as the students broke into prayer for missions. This spontaneous prayer meeting was the beginning of student missionary effort on campus.

Since one prayer meeting was good, continued prayer meetings would be even better. Going on this assumption, students began gathering daily to pray for missions. Special time was allotted in the schedule by the college administration.

The students were few, however, and they realized that many more were needed for a sustaining prayer ministry. They asked laymen and women across the denomination to pledge to pray with them each day at one o'clock. A newsletter helped keep them informed of the news and prayer needs.

God began to move through faithful prayer support. Within a decade the work in India had expanded greatly, Cuba was solidly established as a strong work, and missionaries were preparing to enter Japan for Free Will Baptists.

Later, through the visit of Dr. Norton Sterrett, missionary to India, the ministry of Foreign Missions Fellowship was introduced on campus.

F.M.F. and prayer band existed separately for several years. Led by Dr. J. P. Barrow, prayer band continued its vital ministry of intercession for missions and missionaries. The two organizations were merged into one in 1961, unifying missions emphasis on campus.

What does F.M.F. do on campus to encourage missions interest and to present the challenge of foreign service? Under the counsel of sponsor Laura B. Barnard, a many-faceted program is carried on. An annual event is the missions project. In 1965 the members of F.M.F. voted to raise \$500 to purchase a generator for a North India mission station. At the close of the campaign, just before the students left for Christmas holidays, more than \$800 had been given. Then it was disclosed that another \$700 was needed to transport the generator to the field. The students willingly carried the need to their home churches. When the final report was in, more than \$1,600 had been gathered from this project.

F.M.F. at Free Will Baptist College cooperates with F.M.F. chapters at other Christian colleges in the southeast to form the Southeast Regional Stu-

dent Foreign Missions Fellowship. Twice-yearly conferences featuring Bible teaching with burning missionary messages have become a highlight of the school year.

An emphasis week has been held in past years to acquaint students with a specific phase of missionary activity. The theme for 1966, for example, emphasized the changes taking place in the world and the Christian's continued obligation to witness of Christ's salvation.

Every other Saturday night is F.M.F. meeting time. Missionaries often share experiences from the field or from personal lives, showing how God led in their missionary service. Missionary films dynamically present the uncompleted task facing the Church. Panel discussions examine popular conceptions of the missionary call or problems of adapting to a new culture.

Perhaps the most popular part of F.M.F.'s program is prayer band. Daily after lunch students gather in six groups to pray for specific needs which have been received from the fields.

What effect does F.M.F. have on the Free Will Baptist foreign missionary program? Plenty! Almost every missionary now serving with Free

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Will Baptist Foreign Missions tells of the effect that Foreign Missions Fellowship had on his life.

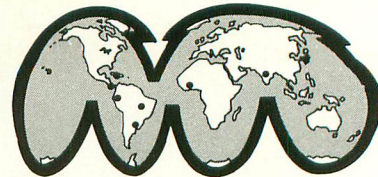
The testimony of a missionary candidate is typical. "When I came to college, I had no idea at all of becoming a missionary. But after I attended several meetings of Foreign Missions Fellowship and prayer band, the Lord began to deal with me about missionary service. Before my first semester was ended I had given my life to God for service overseas as He directed."

A missionary to Africa states that "it was not until I came to Bible college and attended several F.M.F. services and made contacts with missionaries that I surrendered to the Lord." A missionary to Brazil states that he first learned of Free Will Baptist foreign missions through F.M.F. and prayer band. He goes on to say that "the prayer band and F.M.F. services kept me enlightened and challenged continuously . . . I became interested. . . ."

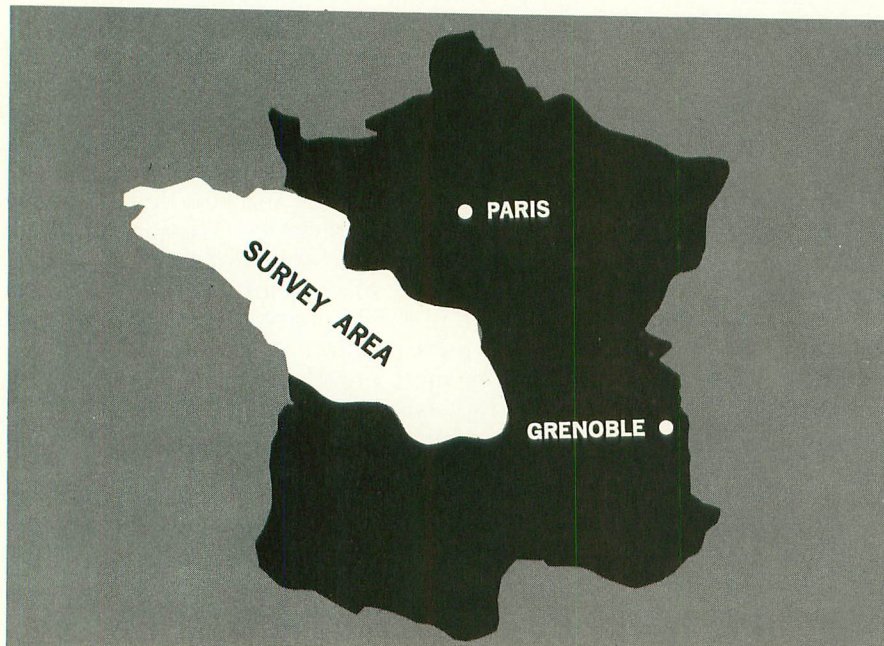
Foreign Missions Fellowship is a pair of binoculars given to the student to focus his eyes on the world that Christ died to save. It is a magnifying glass, clearly outlining the command in the Word to "Go . . . into all the world . . . and preach the gospel . . ." It is a microscope, pinpointing the need for the student to become totally involved in Christ's desire and design to reach the world, through prayer and commitment for service. □



# WITH YOUR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD



## FRANCE



## Brittany, West Central France to be Viewed As Possible Sites for Future FWB Ministry

*Grenoble*—Late this month, Missionary Dan Merkh will make a 15-day survey swing through Brittany, on the northeast coast of France, and several departments in the west central region to determine the area of greatest need for establishment of Free Will Baptist witness. Merkh and his family have been in language study in Grenoble for the past six months.

Preliminary research already indicates that this area is relatively untouched by evangelical witness, Merkh reports. "Here are four and one half million people in an area about the size of Tennessee with only 33 evangelical churches," Merkh says. "We have been told that many of these churches, indeed most of them, are very small, and in some instances only ten or 15 people." Some departments in the area have no churches, others only two or three.

In requesting prayer for the survey, which will begin March 23, Merkh declares, "This trip may be the most important trip in our min-

istry in this country. It may be the determining factor in our work, and future of Free Will Baptists here."

**SHORTSTUFF**/Dr. Ruby Griffin is living in her new mission residence at the medical station in Doropo, Ivory Coast . . . *Eddie Payne* reports still more villages in Doropo area requesting gospel services . . . the *Sam Wilkinsons* will move to Jaboticabal, Brazil, in June and work with the Bible institute and the Jaboticabal congregation . . . *Paul Robinson* has undergone tests in a Detroit hospital to determine cause of recurring spells of dizziness. Results show no need for surgery and indicate that Paul's condition can be controlled by medication. A gift of \$1,300 was made to the Robinsons by Detroit friends at a surprise dinner in January . . . *Bill Fulcher* reports first Christian wedding in mission church in Uruguay. Says it was a real time of testimony . . . *Mary Ellen Rice* is recovering from surgery undergone last month.

## INDIA

### Indian Authorities Reject Visa Applications for Lees

*New Delhi*—The Indian government in mid-February rejected visa applications for Sherwood and Vada Lee, prospective Free Will Baptist missionaries to North India. No reason for rejection was given.

General Director Reford Wilson is filling an appeal for reconsideration, the only recourse possible at present.

After hearing the news, Lee wrote: "Last night was a hard service for me, especially after the news about the visas. Yet, who are we that we should choose our way. The Lord will choose, for He knows what is best for us. If we all trust completely, He may still give us visas."

## BRAZIL

### Institute Begins New Term

*Jaboticabal*—A new president and a new school year will greet the dozen or more students who arrive at the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute here this month to open the third year of operation.

Missionary Bobby Aycock, who returned from furlough in January, is the newly elected head of the school. Former president Ken Eagleton, who is now stationed at nearby Monte Alto, will continue a teaching load.

As many as six students from Uruguay were expected to be enrolled, the first from outside Brazil. The Free Will Baptist work in Uruguay is in a bi-lingual area on the Brazilian border.

## STATESIDE

### Overseas Expenditures Up

*Nashville*—A larger percentage of foreign missions funds were spent overseas in 1966 than in 1965, the board's annual audit reveals. In 1966, 76 percent of expenditures were on the field as compared to 72 percent in 1965.



## Missionaries Describe Annual Field Council Session as a 'Fresh Breath from Heaven'

by BILL JONES

Koun—Long plumes of dust signaled our departure for Doropo and the annual field council meeting of January 17-19. For us at Koun, it meant driving 220 miles. For the others at Goumère and Laoudi, it was a bit closer. The clouds of dust that are common during our dry season could not stifle our anticipation of the joy and refreshing that awaited us.

God had placed upon all our hearts, we learned later, to pray especially for this meeting. And then He met with us in an unusual way. There was a sense of unity from the very first that made everything, from singing to playing volley ball, a source of true joy. The messages penetrated our hearts, and God used them to draw out the sludge that would hinder His work. And then we sat in His presence, experiencing what it must have been like in the early days of the Church. If someone felt a need to pray, we prayed; if someone had a song, we sang. If someone had a testimony or confession, he spoke. God met us in the living room at Doropo.

We needed it. More than once our attention was called to the Christians in Acts. Persecuted, ridiculed, their only recourse was to God, and He filled them with His Holy Spirit. That was sufficient. They went forth to conquer.

The reports from the different areas included the words, "We have reached a turning point in our work." It was the sentiment of us all. The reports also included the news, "There is persecution here as never before." At Doropo, even the missionaries have been told by those who were friendly before that during this particular time (Lobi initiation ceremonies) they "don't know them." The last white man to be killed in the Ivory Coast by the African was the last initiation ceremonies seven years ago. The words "faithful unto death" have taken on new meaning.

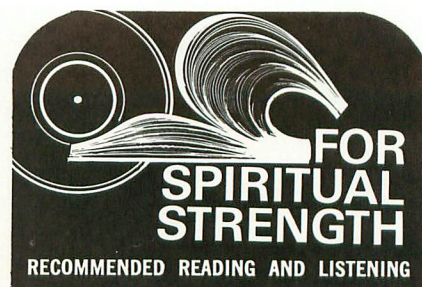
At Laoudi, too, the Christians are undergoing persecution. Their parents are chasing them from their houses and even beating them. Yet the persecution thus far has not had its intended result, but rather has purified the Church and caused the witness to go a little farther. Still, it hurts to see little boys, eight and nine years old suffer.

So God gave us exactly what we needed: a fresh breath from heaven. Those few minutes in His presence strengthened, renewed and encouraged. The year of 1967 is no longer long months to be endured or feared: instead, we see days of unparalleled opportunity: witnessing, teaching, being an example. This year is going to be a glorious year of victory in the Ivory Coast!

### PANAMA

#### Phippses on Early Leave

*Las Tablas*—Bill and Barbara Phipps left here February 12 to begin furlough in the States. The early leave was recommended because of Bill's need for rest and treatment for injuries sustained in an auto accident in December (see Jan. 1967, p. 6). His recovery was aggravated by strained neck ligaments suffered in a minor plane accident in January (Feb. 1967, p. 7). The Phippses will make furlough residence in North Carolina.



### ON THE BOOKSHELF

#### The Church's World Wide Mission

Harold Lindsell, Ed., Word, \$3.95  
Presents major study papers delivered at the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission, Wheaton, Ill., April 9-16, 1966. From these papers and their discussion came the clear-cut declaration of the evangelical position on today's critical issues, known as the Wheaton Declaration.

#### The Missionary Wife and Her Work

Joy Turner Toggy, Moody  
The missionary wife struggles with a complicated problem—how to discharge her God-given responsibilities to husband and children and yet fulfill her responsibilities in evangelizing the world. The most intimate corners of missionary life are illuminated as balance is sought in her roles as a Christian, wife, mother, missionary, homemaker. The author's practical, authoritative statements are based not only on personal experience, but emerges from correspondence and interviews with 89 missionary wives representing 35 different fields. This valuable reference offers solutions to pertinent problems, but, more important, erases frustrations involved in pledging "whither thou goest, I will go."

(reviewed by LORENE MILEY)

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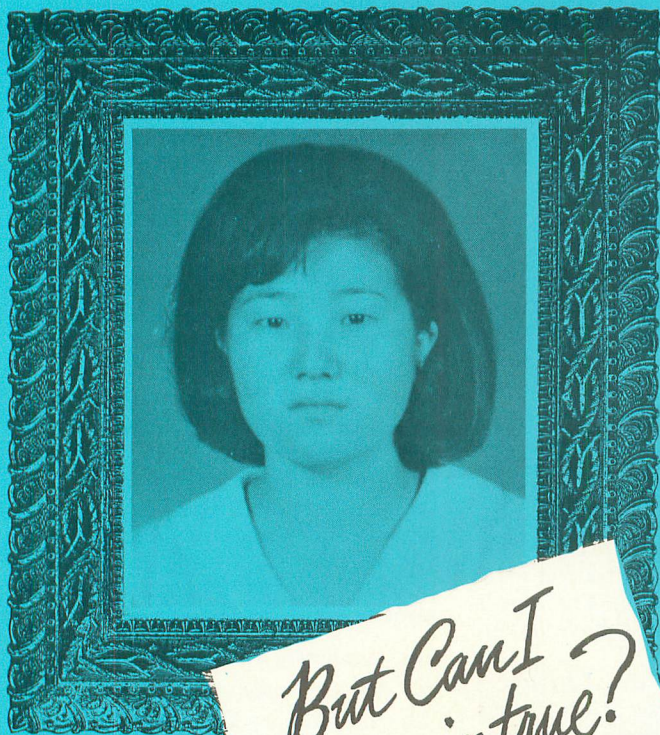
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WHEN I WAS a little girl in Japan, my mother used to tell stories of Buddhist miracles to my brother and me. My family strictly followed the Buddhist religion. I knew nothing else and asked no questions, since my only contact was with Japanese who are nearly all Buddhists themselves.

Then 12 years ago my family came to Brazil to build a new life in the western world. Until this time, I doubt that I had even thought about God.

The first two years were difficult for my family. We lived in the hot and dry Amazon River Valley. All of our time was spent in securing daily bread. Finally we moved to Campinas in the State of Sao Paulo and found better times. My father is a journalist and edits a small Japanese newspaper.

As foreigners in a strange land we were confronted with many problems which had to be overcome. The language was one. Soon I enrolled in a grade school and began to learn Portuguese. Abruptly I was made aware of differences in religion. I became a subject for ridicule—my different customs, clothes, language and religion. How many times I cried at school because I had no friends, no one to stand with me!

As children have a way of doing, I quickly began

to adapt to new ways and new ideas. I found that by conforming to Brazilian dress and customs I could make myself more acceptable to my school mates. I even began attending religion classes to try to be more like my friends.

When I was 12 years old, my older sister and I were baptized into the Roman Catholic religion. We thought it was the true religion, perhaps because there are so many Catholics in Brazil. Our parents were very upset, but we faithfully attended mass every Sunday.

During my third year of junior high I met two Baptist girls whom I learned were my neighbors. We spent many hours discussing religion. They pointed out to me errors in the Catholic Church. Although I was convinced of the negative side, I didn't know what was right. Neither did I want to know, because I didn't want to change religions again. I was afraid I would lose all my friends.

My sister married and moved away. I became lax in attending mass. For some reason I didn't enjoy it any more and began to feel more and more uneasy. I couldn't understand my feelings. Perhaps I didn't want to.

During my last year of high school, a friend and I began to attend a Mormon Church. We were interested in the English lessons they offered. As I made friends with several members and manifested interest in their doctrine, a couple of Mormon missionaries began to come to my home regularly to instruct me in Mormon beliefs. It didn't take me long to spot error in their teaching. I couldn't understand why they made such an issue out of drinking tea and coffee while at the same time condoning dancing and worldly music in their church and social hall.

But the thing that provoked me to the point that I refused to have anything more to do with them was the explanation they gave for not accepting Negroes into their church. They explained that Negroes were decedents of Cain and therefore a race of sinners. I replied, "Then you won't accept me either, because I am not of the white race. Look, I am Japanese, and my skin is yellow. I, too, must have come from a sinful race."

At times I found myself wanting to become a member of the Mormon church in spite of the racial prejudice and inconsistency of the missionaries. I suppose it was the deep desire to be a part of something.

Then I made an acquaintance that began a series of events that was to lead to the greatest experience of my life. I had learned of an American lady who might be persuaded to give me private help in English. Her name was Mrs. Jean Deeds. I went to see her. She agreed to help me.

As I went regularly to study English, we became close friends and had many long conversations. The subject of Christianity always came up. I began to go to their church, the Free Will Baptist Church.



At last I was convinced I had found the truth. But this was not the end of my problems.

By this time I was taking a course of higher study, and my philosophy classes were a constant frustration to me. It seemed that in every class philosophy and theology were compared with philosophy being exalted and theology condemned. I had to study philosophy to pass, but how I struggled against the doubts it brought to mind! Where could I find the peace of mind and assurance that I so desperately needed?

Many of my classmates openly claim to be atheists. They speak of an unchanging superior force. But they never call that force God.

In my desperation I began to read the Bible diligently at night, and I attended services at the Free Will Baptist church regularly. I wanted to accept Christ as my Savior, but I was afraid my studies in philosophy would destroy my faith. I had no one to help me at home or at school. But God knew my plight and sent help.

July is a month of vacation from school. I decided to spend it in Ribeirao Preto where my married sister lives. I wanted to get acquainted with Free Will Baptists there. Also I wanted to go to Jaboticabal where the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute is located. It was there that I met the Eagleton family.

I told Pastor Ken about my problems. He helped me to see that my problems could be solved. I was almost ready to ask Jesus to come into my heart, but the fear of remaining true dominated me. I hesitated.

When I returned to Ribeirao Preto I went to the Free Will Baptist church there and heard Mary Ellen Rice and Eula Mae Martin give their testimonies. For the first time I realized that I was not the first to face problems. These girls had faced many, and they had conquered many. I opened my heart and received Jesus Christ as my Savior. I knew my new life would not be easy, but I also knew that with God's help I would succeed. Yes, this confidence God gave was the beginning of His divine help to me.

I returned to Campinas feeling within a new power and confidence to face my problems. I remembered something Mrs. Jean had once said to me: "When we accept Christ Jesus, our lives are transformed."

Later I learned that Mrs. Jean had asked many to pray for me. Thanks to these prayers I was able to see the error of my way and to turn from it.

What a surprise it was to learn that my parents were not against my decision. They not only didn't seek to hinder me, but desired to attend my baptism.

Problems still come, but I now have Someone to help me face them. And I am sure that God will never leave me, for Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."



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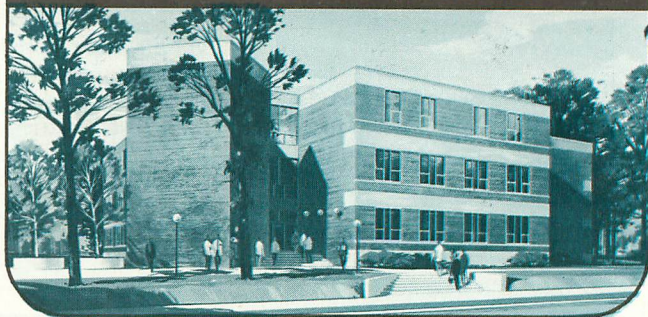
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## SUNDAYS

### AFRICA

■ Forty one villages in our area of the Ivory Coast now have Christians in them. Pray that these groups will become firmly established in the faith and that African pastors will be called forth to shepherd the flocks.

■ Lobi initiation rites, which occur every seven years, create severe problems for young Lobi believers. Pray that the Lord will turn this period of testing into a great occasion of witness to His power.

■ Christians at Bouna, Ivory Coast, have secured land for a sanctuary and desire regular services. Pray for additional workers—African and American—to meet unprecedented opportunities. Pray for those who must do more than their shares.

## MONDAYS

### EUROPE & STATESIDE

■ Late this month, Daniel Merkh will make a strategic survey trip through the west central section of

France to determine relative need of gospel witness. Pray that God will make known His will for the future of Free Will Baptist outreach in France as Merkh gathers information regarding sites to begin works.

■ Pray for the Merkhs' language study that they will quickly gain good conversational usage of French.

## TUESDAYS

### FAR EAST

■ Pray for Sugishita San, a recent Tokyo convert, as she seeks to be a witness to her family. Pray for the salvation of her sister and mother, who have attended services.

■ Pray for Bonde San who graduates this month from Tokyo Christian College. Pray that God will direct him in his ministry and use him mightily in witness to his own people.

■ The older of our two Tokyo churches faces expulsion from present location within a year. The need for property on which to build is great. Pray for these young

Christians as they trust God for what is seemingly an impossible task, since property values are rising faster than money can be saved for this purpose.

## WEDNESDAYS

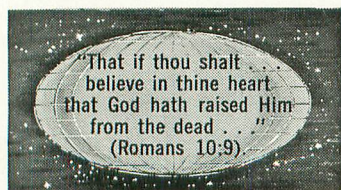
### NEAR EAST

■ Later this month a special Easter season literature campaign directed toward Spanish-speaking families of Miami will be launched. Praise the Lord for the more than adequate response of women to type envelopes. Also praise the Lord for the student team which has been selected. Now pray that God will use the mailings coupled with personal witness to lead many to the Lord Jesus Christ during this campaign which will last from March 20 through April 14.

■ Deficit in the Audio-Visual Division stands at \$15,702.05 as of February 1. This deficit must be retired if planned informative and inspirational productions are to be produced as scheduled. Pray for God to lay this need on the hearts of individuals and groups so that this vital informational and evan-

## PERSPECTIVE

ON THE WORD AND THE WORLD



by RUFUS COFFEY

EASTER SUPPOSEDLY comes from the word "Eostre," who was the pagan goddess of spring. Each spring the Saxons held a festival in her honor to commemorate the rebirth of nature.

When the gospel came to England through the missionary zeal of Pope Gregory, converts celebrated the resurrection of Christ which fell at the same season.

While pagan influence still lingers, Easter means more than a heathen celebration of the goddess

of nature's redawning. It means that the crucified Son of God triumphed over death, the grave and hell.

Faith in the resurrection is absolutely essential to salvation (Romans 10:9-15). It is for this reason that we must consider the force of the resurrection message and our divine obligation to proclaim it to all men. It is not our duty to investigate God's revealed truth concerning the resurrection. We are commissioned to "Go tell!"



gelistic arm will not have to be cut back.

■ Pray for *Carnival of Pretense* as it continues in evangelistic use in the States and in Latin America.

## THURSDAYS

LITERATURE,  
FILMS & RADIO

■ Request for reconsideration by the government of India of visas for the Sherwood Lees has been filed with appropriate authorities. Although first application was rejected, a miracle of the Lord could still grant permission for the Lees to enter India. But it will definitely take a miracle. Pray that God will prove His power and bring glory to Himself through provision of visas as He so wills. Pray for the Lees that they will have all needed strength during days of waiting.

■ Pray for Daniel Cronk as he continues administration of his ministry in North India as well as supervision of work in South India. Pray for protection as he travels continuously between these two fields.

## FRIDAYS

PORTUGUESE  
AMERICA

■ Pray for the Ambrosios—father and two sons and families—who are attending the Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, church.

■ Pray for services held monthly on a farm near Campinas, Brazil. Attendance has averaged 60. Earnie Deeds is preaching.

■ Pray for students beginning a new year of study at Brazil Bible Institute this month.

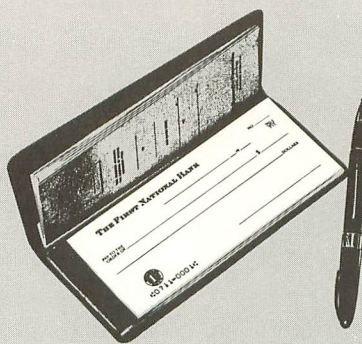
## SATURDAYS

SPANISH  
AMERICA

■ Pray for complete recovery of Bill Phipps from injuries sustained in recent accidents.

■ Pray for Estenio Garcia as he concludes his year's leave of absence and determines the Lord's will regarding his future ministry in Panama.

■ Pray for Carlos and a recently married couple, Anselmo and Gladiz in Rivera, Uruguay, that God's will may be perfected in their lives.



# THE FINANCIAL STORY

FREE WILL BAPTIST  
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January 1967

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

### RECEIPTS

State Quotas	\$34,946.20	
Other Income	2,205.87	37,152.07
		<b>\$86,371.92</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Fields	\$26,698.72	
Traveling & Promotion	3,961.57	
Administrative	6,433.15	37,093.44

CASH IN BANK FEBRUARY 1, 1967 ... \$49,278.48

### UNEXPENDED FUNDS

Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge	\$ 3,434.56
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock	3,148.98
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	1,146.34
Rev. and Mrs. Jim Combs	1,914.94
Rev. and Mrs. Louis Coscia	796.28
Rev. and Mrs. Ken Eagleton	3,793.68
Rev. and Mrs. Walter Ellison	1,460.12
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Fulcher	1,969.25
Rev. and Mrs. Estenio Garcia	1,494.11
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones	4,133.18
Miss Ella Rae Jones, R.N.	3,573.61
Rev. and Mrs. Sherwood Lee	2,912.42
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Mayhew	336.49
Rev. and Mrs. Dan Merkh	2,806.54
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley	10,652.86
Rev. and Mrs. Jim McLain	5,101.77
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer	1,415.66
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne	50.08
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole	3,220.67
Miss Mary Ellen Rice	761.66
Rev. and Mrs. Norman Richards	2,861.50
Mrs. Josephine Stevens	445.49

Miss Patsy Tyson, R.N.	4,456.80
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid	1,563.22
Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr.	2,282.05
Africa Medical Building	6,890.44
African Bible Institute	277.80
African Vehicle	114.15
Brazil Bible Institute	98.19
Brazil Vehicle	2,775.64
Furlough Car Loan Fund	1,454.26
Mayhew House	3,660.08
North India Building	374.27
Operational Fund	3,884.13
Repatriation	3,370.73
Trust Fund	3,000.00

**\$91,631.95**

### DEFICIT ACCOUNTS

Miss Molly Barker, R.N.	\$ 867.40
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk	4,303.55
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds	2,288.40
Rev. and Mrs. Dave Franks	167.88
Rev. and Mrs. Howard Gage	848.00
Miss Ruby Griffin, M.D.	39.67
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	1,819.33
Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey	2,342.80
Miss Eula Mae Martin, R.N.	518.36
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps	573.30
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson	297.53
Rev. and Mrs. Don Robirds	3,688.46
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks	292.76
Rev. and Mrs. Sam Wilkinson	1,013.02
Rev. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Sr.	2,712.97
Miss Volena Wilson	2,313.94
Audio-Visual	15,702.05
Cuba Emergency Relief Fund	2,564.05

**\$42,353.47**

CASH IN BANK FEBRUARY 1, 1967 ... \$49,278.48

### STATE QUOTAS—1967

STATE	JANUARY RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 1,022.70	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,022.70	\$ 13,977.30	\$
Alaska		300.00		300.00	
Arizona	12.50	2,500.00	12.50	2,487.50	
Arkansas	1,825.97	15,500.00	1,825.97	13,674.03	
California	2,480.30	34,000.00	2,480.30	31,519.70	
Colorado	34.34	1,250.00	34.34	1,215.66	
Florida	560.77	15,000.00	560.77	14,439.23	
Georgia	2,044.15	23,500.00	2,044.15	21,455.85	
Hawaii	45.00	250.00	45.00	205.00	
Idaho	112.29	500.00	112.29	387.71	
Illinois	979.97	13,500.00	979.97	12,520.03	
Indiana	290.85	3,750.00	290.85	3,459.15	
Iowa	243.12	1,500.00	243.12	1,256.88	
Kansas	146.91	3,500.00	146.91	3,353.09	
Kentucky	546.70	6,500.00	546.70	5,953.30	
Louisiana		250.00		250.00	
Maine	80.00	2,000.00	80.00	1,920.00	
Michigan	2,401.04	50,000.00	2,401.04	47,598.96	
Mississippi	461.69	7,250.00	461.69	6,788.31	
Missouri	3,161.19	34,000.00	3,161.19	30,838.81	
Nebraska		250.00		250.00	
New Brunswick, Canada	10.00	250.00	10.00	240.00	
New Hampshire	56.00	1,000.00	56.00	944.00	
New Mexico	54.86	1,000.00	54.86	945.14	
North Carolina	5,164.33	60,000.00	5,164.33	54,835.67	
Ohio	1,214.76	19,000.00	1,214.76	17,785.24	
Oklahoma	3,741.72	45,000.00	3,741.72	41,258.28	
Oregon	78.44	250.00	78.44	171.56	
South Carolina	2,472.98	25,500.00	2,472.98	23,027.02	
Tennessee	3,033.00	40,500.00	3,033.00	37,467.00	
Texas	609.62	15,000.00	609.62	14,390.38	
Virginia	1,443.15	15,000.00	1,443.15	13,556.85	
Washington	69.11	750.00	69.11	680.89	
West Virginia	548.74	12,500.00	548.74	11,951.26	
Miscellaneous	1,205.87	3,265.57	1,205.87	2,059.70	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,152.07</b>	<b>\$469,315.57</b>	<b>\$36,152.07</b>	<b>\$433,163.50</b>	



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## 'out of my heart'

a word from the general director

*J. Reford Wilson*



**SIGHTS AND SOUNDS** • A young man's face glows with an understanding of the gospel. A young Japanese girl is baptized and her Buddhist home is opened for a Christian witness. An elderly believer with tears in her eyes pleads with a young father to be saved. A Brazilian pastor preaches the assurance of salvation to his people. A Sunday school teacher prepares her paper sack with puppets for a Bible story. Missionaries discuss personal problems, mission policies and praise the Lord for blessings on their labors. All of this I saw and heard in Brazil and Panama. • There are other sights and sounds. I saw the rush of the thousands in Sao Paulo, Campinas and Panama City. I heard monotonous strings and drums, getting ready for "Carnival," blended with horns and screeching brakes of traffic. This is a time of sinful pretense and license. • An unsaved businessman talked of increased taxes and higher living cost. I told him of an eternal gain in contrast to his perishing treasures. A young man who once confessed Christ but is now living in sin listened for two hours as I counseled and prayed with him. A church member is guilty of living with two women and brings reproach on evangelicals. • The missionary has experiences of victory but also suffers the blows of defeat. The missionary may say with the Apostle Paul, "We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going" (2 Corinthians 4:8-9, *Living Letters*). • The missionary may gaze on his victories, relax and lose the battle of today. He may brood over his defeats and lose his courage to resist or attack opposing forces. • Our prayers provide for his spiritual needs. Our gifts supply his physical needs. The missionary is a member of our denominational family. And he wants to know—are you with him?

