

tim Johnson

Where Is the Man Who The sun was just going down in a beautiful, golden western sky. My wife had dinner almost prepared, but we were lacking that all im-Needed My Help? DON ROBIRDS



□ "A Denominational Apple can be too full of worms, such as worldly wisdom, half truths, immature whim-following, the go-get'ums, and a dozen other wigglers."

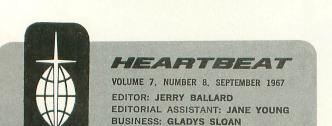
□ "Too often the church will crucify creative nonconformity more rapidly than any other group in this static, thing worshipping age."

□ "Ecclesiastical power centers have been as self contained as a house trailer but there the comparison ends because house trailers are designed to go somewhere."

☐ "God never called us to be dour judges, standing in the robes of prudery. We are in the business of redemptive involvement—not hyper-righteous investigation."

□ "Modern Christians must realize that we are in sales—not management . . . The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are saying, "Leave the driving to us."
 □ "If one lonely preacher plants himself firmly on the New Testament and there abides, the world may not appreciate the preacher or remember his name; but it will be drawn closer to the cross . . . and that is what preachers are for."

"The modern church can parade a galaxy of gimmicks. We use these to pump up the tire but we never patch the leak. This is why pastors serve a congregation of Neurotics Unamimous who walk down the psychopath, live in the psycottage, and need to rest in the shade of the old psychiatry."



CIRCULATION: JIM COX

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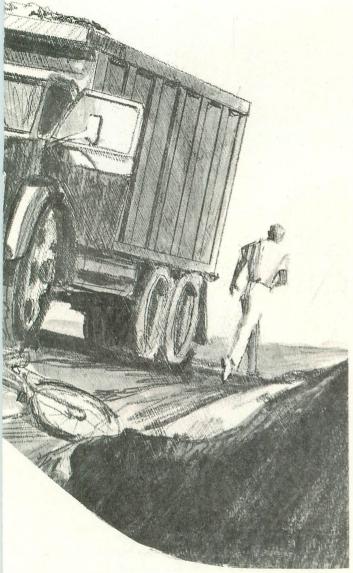


▶ portant part of our meal—especially in Brazil— "pao" or bread. Brazilians wouldn't think of having a meal without it. Since we cannot buy bread at just any store in Brazil, especially sliced bread, I got in the car to go to the bakery. It had been a nice, typically warm autumn day that gave me a somewhat gay feeling as I coasted down the little hill and around the corner on my way to the "padaria" (bakery).

As I rounded the corner, I noticed a large dump truck stopped near the middle of the street. The left front door was open, and a man was lying underneath as though working on the truck from the underside. Then an awful thought struck me as I saw a bicycle lying in the street directly behind the truck and noticed the man was not moving: "Someone has been hit by the truck!"

I pulled the car to the curb and quickly got out to notice that only two other men were around. They were standing in front of a little store gazing toward where the truck hovered over the twisted form of a man in his late 20's or early 30's.

Approaching the men I asked rather shakily: "Is he dead?" One said, "Yes, he's dead." The other



spoke rather uncertainly as though he thought the man might still be alive. I moved to the truck and saw the victim move slightly. Then I realized that what I had thought to be a pool of radiator water was in reality blood rapidly gushing from the man's body. By this time others were arriving at the scene.

As soon as I realized that he might still be alive, I began hurriedly to ask by-standers if there wasn't some way to get the truck off him. His arm was pinned under the right front wheel. When I asked about the truck driver, the answer came calmly, "He fled." This is a common situation in Brazil. No one wants to become "involved."

"But isn't there something we can do?" I pleaded. One man looked under the truck for a

moment, and I thought I might have some help. "No," he said, "there's nothing we can do. He's pinned underneath." Being unfamiliar with Brazilian law and being a foreigner made me leary of taking the situation into my own hands. And, after all, I could not move the truck by myself. So I stood, watching helplessly as a soul went to face God. Lost? Most likely! And he probably had never heard the truth of salvation through faith in Christ.

When the ambulance arrived, about 15 minutes later, the doctor pronounced the victim dead. The air of calmness of those standing around was significant. These are people who fear death, yet they seem to have little value for the life of another.

I have thought much about that scene. Are we not the same on many occasions? Do we not also take life for granted and fail to value the destiny of souls other than our own? Do we not stand by carelessly as they grow older, their heartbeats getting slower until they finally go to meet their Creator and Judge? Are we deadened to the awfulness of an eternity separated from God?

I bought the loaf of bread although I no longer felt like eating. Bread is a symbol of our continuing life. And we have the Bread of Life. But the man—where is the man who needed my help?

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annual report

WITNESS TO A PERISHING WORLD

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

THE LORD IS... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Christ has commanded "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

Through your Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department you have a witness to the perishing multitudes. Free Will Baptists believe that only in Jesus Christ is there salvation (Acts 4:12), and he who does not believe in Jesus Christ is condemned already (John 3:18). Therefore, a Bible believing Christian is missionary in thought, in word and in deed. His attitude, testimony and work is prompted, anointed and guided by the Holy Spirit. This Bible basis of missions is the reason Free Will Baptists are responding more and more to our ministry of foreign missions.

On the behalf of our 77 missionaries, their 82 children, our board of foreign missions and our home office staff, I express thanks to you at this 1967 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists for your gifts and prayers. Humbly, I submit to you one of the most important reports ever given to a Free Will Baptist assembly.

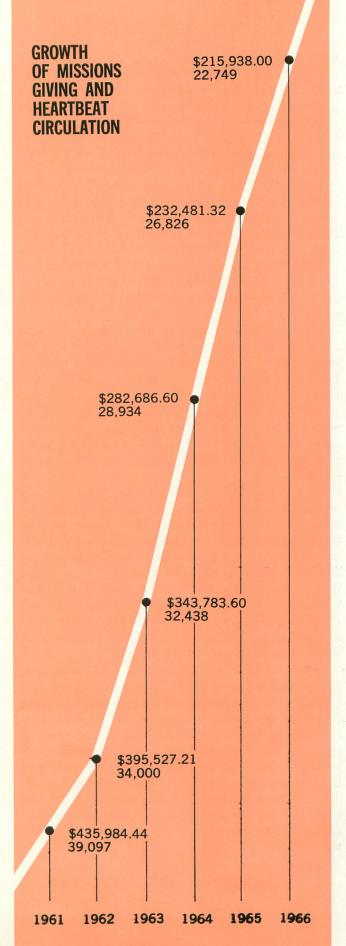
First, I present individual field reports:

BRAZIL: 22 missionaries; five churches, four preaching points; one Bible institute with eight students; three radio broadcasts; "Carnival of Pretense" now in premiere showings and a pilot issue of an evangelistic magazine scheduled for later this year.

Many more missionaries can be used effectively in Brazil, and plans are made to enter other areas in the country.

CUBA-MIAMI: Our Christians in Cuba have continued their faithful witness under the restrictions of a communist-controlled government. In spite of the limitations, sanctuaries often are filled with worshippers. Pastors are harassed and intimidated, but they suffer for Jesus Christ. Thousands of refugees continue to come to the United States. The Reverend and Mrs. Benito Rodriguez have operated the Cuban Refugee Center (CERF) in Miami. However, clothing and money have not been adequate to provide the needs and serious consideration is being given to closing the center as an operation of the Foreign Missions Department.

Cuban Free Will Baptist pastors who have come to the States have continued their Christian service. One is pastoring in Texas, another in Florida, one in California, one is with American Sun-



► day School Union in Texas, another with the American Bible Society in New York, one is manager of a Christian Book Store in Miami, one is a missionary to Panama and another has made application for appointment to Panama.

The Reverend and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. are deputational missionaries and have traveled extensively this year in missionary services.

ECUADOR: Two missionary nurses assigned to World Radio Missionary Fellowship. Ella Rae Jones is ministering at the hospital in Quito and Patsy Tyson is stationed at the Shell Mera hospital, both operated by WRMF.

FRANCE: Two missionaries. The Reverend and Mrs. Dan Merkh have made a survey of west-central France and have uncovered a desperately needy area.

Mr. Merkh has requested five more couples to come immediately to this field. In one area of his survey, there are four cities of 10-20,000 with no Protestant church and six cities of 5-10,000 with no Protestant church.

INDIA: Four resident missionaries; one missionary on medical leave; four missionaries under appointment; nine churches; 46 preaching points; two hostels; two kindergartens; two elementary schools.

Miss Volena Wilson returned last September on medical leave and is now well and doing deputational work. A request has been made for the Reverend and Mrs. Joe Haas to enter South India as a replacement for Miss Wilson. The Reverend and Mrs. Dan Cronk are returning to the States in late August for furlough. A request has been filed with the government of India for the Reverend and Mrs. Sherwood Lee to enter North India as replacements for the Cronks. Pray that visas for these missionaries will be granted.

IVORY COAST: 19 missionaries; 35 preaching points; one Bible institute; two dispensaries; one medical clinic. The Reverend and Mrs. Howard Gage are on special assignment to supervise the building program in the Ivory Coast. The medical clinic is being enlarged to provide hospital facilities. Lonnie Sparks and Bill Jones have continued translation ministries. The field council has requested more workers. It is encouraging to receive the reports of many new converts, including village chiefs, and to learn of their faithful witness among the villagers.

JAPAN: Eight missionaries; six churches; one radio broadcast. Literally millions are perishing in

Japan with no knowledge of Jesus Christ. I urgently issue a strong and passionate plea for missionaries for the islands of Japan. Herbert Waid writes of the overwhelming task in Tokyo. Wesley Calvery writes of the thrilling response in Sapporo. The Fred Herseys leave in late August for this field. Pray that the Jim McLains, who are under appointment, will soon join them.

PANAMA: Six missionaries; two churches; several preaching points. Bill and Barbara Phipps came home in February on medical leave. Estenio and Anita Garcia have been on a leave of absence but are now reappointed to Panama. We could easily use five more couples in this country immediately. Tom and Ruth Willey, Jr. have assumed tremendous work responsibilities. Pray for others to help in this work.

URUGUAY-SOUTH BRAZIL: Seven missionaries; two churches; three preaching points; four students attending Brazil Bible institute. Walter and Marcia Ellison have been given an early furlough to provide medical treatment for their son John. Your prayers are requested for his healing. A commendable work has been done in this area, evidenced by the number of students now in training and the fact that some of the work is already under the ministry of national workers.

Your Board of Foreign Missions and home office staff are conscious of their stewardship responsibilities. A special committee consisting of three board members and the general director made a special study of job responsibilities and a survey of policies and practices of other mission boards. As a result of this study, the Reverend Rufus Coffey was named director of missions education to conduct mission seminars for pastors and students in addition to preaching in missionary conferences. The Reverend Henry Van Kluyve was brought to the department as director of deputation. He is responsible for scheduling itinerary and conference services and will assist in representing the

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department at district and state associations.

I am proposing a special study of our financial structure for changes which I believe must be made. Our major problem lies in the fact that we have an uncontrolled income by designating giving with a controlled outgo by budget appropriations or by board direction. To illustrate, we may receive a designated gift of \$10,000 for one field which may not need but \$6,000 while the budget allows \$10,000 for a need in another field which receives only \$6,000. This creates deficits in some accounts while accumulating balances in others.

To be consistent with a policy in allocating gifts according to designations, many missionaries in deficit would have to be brought home for lack of funds.

What can be done to correct this problem? At the present we are endeavoring to eliminate deficits by your special gifts to these accounts; we are securing monthly support for these accounts from new support and by requesting donors to rechannel their gifts from those who have more than enough support to those missionaries whose support is not adequate to sustain their ministry; we are not permitting any missionaries to go to their fields until adequate support is underwritten; the board has adopted a "hold the line" policy by not appointing any additional missionaries until deficit accounts are cleared and all present missionaries are adequately underwritten.

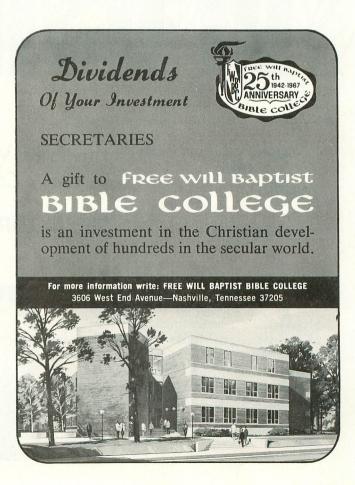
I do not propose to deny the donor his privilege of designating his gift. However, your Board of Foreign Missions and its executive staff are charged by the National Association to supervise this worldwide ministry of evangelism. Latitude and sympathetic understanding must be given if we are to wisely distribute funds according to budget appropriations approved by this association.

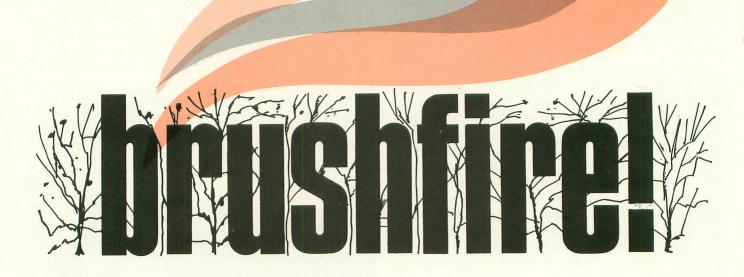
I would also point out that gifts to the operational fund have not increased over the years proportionately to our growth. Though we have greatly increased services and work loads, receipts to the operational fund have stayed in a range from 112,943.09 to \$114,731.13 each year for the past five years while designations to other accounts have increased several times. This has not been sufficient to meet the needs of our expanding ministries. You can see from allocation percentages given earlier that we have maintained a wholesome ratio in disbursements of our funds.

The Project 5000 plan of special support has received commendation by many friends. A mail-

ing was made to all pastors after annual meeting of the National Association last year requesting their support in securing commitments from their members. The response was disappointing. A direct mailing was made to our complete mailing list in the Western Zone, of 7,500, and as of June 10, 1967, we had 307 commitment cards in our file. We have a total of 343 commitments from the other four zones combined, zones which have not been contacted by direct mail. Letters were sent in June to Zone One requesting gifts to return the Lonnie Palmers to the Ivory Coast, and letters were sent to the other zones for the Fred Herseys. I believe this is an excellent plan to meet special needs but more people must be enlisted to make it effective. This is an effective means of support by which we can send missionaries to reach the perishing millions.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not *perish*, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Dare I ask the question, what have you given?





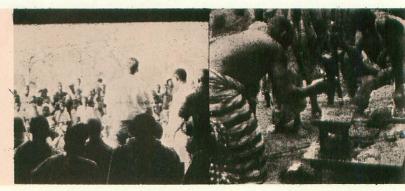


the Free Will Baptist mission in Ivory Coast, West Africa

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emphasis

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

stateside: record budget set

Jacksonville—More than a half million dollars in foreign missions expenditures was approved for 1968 by the 3,000 delegates and visitors attending the 31st annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists held here July 10-13.

Brazil received the largest single appropriation of \$95,869.75 of the total budget of \$581,367.96. Ivory Coast was next with \$88,147.50.

The Rev. Rufus Coffey, director of missions education for the foreign department, was elected executive secretary of the association, replacing Dr. Billy Melvin who resigned to become executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Coffey began his new duties August 26.

The Rev. Guy F. Owens, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, S.C., was elected to a seven-year term on the board of foreign missions, replacing the Rev. Lonnie Davoult of Oklahoma City.

In other action affecting the denomination's foreign ministry, the association severed relations with the American Bible Society after hearing allegations of liberalism among some members of the ABS field staff and ecumenical leanings by ABS spokesmen in Africa. The association voted down a special committee recommendation to investigate the charge in depth and report back to the next annual convention in favor of immediate severance of relationship on the strength of verbal testimony by Missionary Lonnie Sparks of Ivory Coast.

ABS has given technical and production assistance to the Free Will Baptist Ivory Coast mission in providing scriptures for the Kulangoand Agni-speaking peoples.

project 5000 lagging

Nashville—More response to the Project 5000 plan for securing funds for special projects and to return missionaries to the field is urgently needed, General Director Reford Wilson reports.

Project 5000 is a plan to secure 5000 people who will give \$10 twice a year upon request for special needs. Approximately 650 have responded thus far.

"I still feel this is an excellent plan," Wilson said, "But we must reach the grass roots if it is to be effective."

Wilson added, "I am writing soon our entire HEARTBEAT constituency to seek the involvement of every layman. I trust you will prayerfully consider my letter and become a part of *Project 5000.*"

Pray for enlistment of concerned Free Will Baptists in Project 5000.

Guy Owens, new board member.



brazil—araras saturated

Araras—A July campaign to literally saturate this city with the gospel has born fruit, and followup work continues.

During the five-day campaign, handbills, store posters, street streamers and loud speakers announced that "Cristo E a Resposta" ("Christ Is the Answerl"), theme for the special activities.

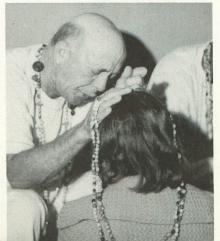
Forty decisions for salvation were recorded with numerous rededications to the Lord as Bible institute students and missionary personnel joined with local believers in covering the city with literature, radio, street services, personal witnessing and nightly evangelistic rallies.

Follow-up of those making decisions is extremely important in Latin America. Often decisions come easy, but real conversion may require weeks of intensive Bible study, explanation and prayer. Thus the full results of the campaign are yet unknown.

And as follow-up activity continues, interest in the gospel is being found in unexpected places.

Pray for Jim and Shirley Combs as they counsel new converts and maintain a witness for the Lord in Araras. Pray also that a national pastor will soon be available to minister to the Araras congregation of believers.

Many Brazilians seek the answer in a spiritist prayer and vain repetitions.



Anita Sparks speaks to women's dinner.



india: awaiting visa

New Delhi—Requests for visas for the Sherwood Lees and Joe Haases are still pending before Indian government officials here. At presstime, no word has been handed down on either.

Free Will Baptist representatives in both North and South India have sought every possible means to assure the government's granting the visas.

In South India, leaders of the Indian church have petitioned the Secretary of Home Affairs in behalf of the Haases stating, "The missionary is very important for the work in our area as far as administration and training of national leaders is concerned."

Meanwhile, the Dan Cronks have left India for a year's furlough in the States, Mrs. Cronk arriving in New York August 7. Dan Cronk traveled by way of Africa and South America and is scheduled to arrive in Miami September 6.

God is able to do the impossible! He can overrule all influences to accomplish His purposes. Do you have the faith to trust God with the Haases and Lees for His provision of these visas?

A naked Sahu (holy man) of North India.



east-west: they return

Nashville—The Fred Herseys left the West Coast August 30 to begin their third term of service in Japan. Earlier in the month on August 9, the Lonnie Palmers sailed from New York for Europe en route to their second term of service in Ivory Coast, West Africa.

The Herseys will serve in the Tokyo area where they will initiate a new work. The Palmers will spend several weeks in refresher language study in Switzerland before moving to their field assignment in Africa.

Last minute response in cash offerings and faith commitments enabled these missionaries to return to their ministries on schedule.

It had been hoped earlier that two new couples would be able to depart for the field with them, but a delay in departure of the Jim McLains (Japan) and the Norman Richards (Ivory Coast) was necessitated by lack of support.

The McLains have sufficient cash in their funds, General Director Reford Wilson reports, but still need approximately \$400 per month in faith commitments. "Ten churches committing themselves to only \$40 per month can send the McLains forth," he asserted.

The Richards need additional cash in their accounts and \$445 per month in promised support. "It is the biblical responsibility of local churches to send forth their missionaries," the director reminded.

Pray for churches and individuals who will respond to these needs.

Fred Herseys (top), Lonnie Palmers.



japan: more baptisms

Sapporo—Five more converts were baptized here in July bringing the number of baptized believers in the Sapporo Free Will Baptist mission to 13, according to a report from Missionary Wesley Calvery.

This degree of response so early in a new work in Japan is unusual and encouraging.

Missionary Calvery will direct a Youth for Christ team on tour in Hokkaido in October. "We hope to reach many young people through their ministry," he says. The group is a popular Christian singing team from the United States.

Pray for these new Japanese converts as they grow in grace. Remember also the special youth ministry during October.

uruguay: youth emphasis

Rivera—A new youth organization was launched here recently, kicked off by the first in what may be a series of youth rallies, reports Missionary Bill Fulcher.

The youth movement is in cooperation with other Bible-believing Christians in the area.

In other news, John Ellison, son of Walter Ellisons, underwent surgery in a Nashville hospital recently for papillomas in the throat. The operation was successful, and doctors feel further observation and treatment can be maintained on the field without difficulty. The Ellisons are in the States for a year's furlough.

Pray for the new youth movement to be greatly used in reaching teens for the Lord Jesus.

The Walter Ellison family on the field.





A MAN'S JOB
Should women be drafted for military service? Ought they be given front line assignments? Could they survive in the mud and blood of Viet Nam battlefields? I am in no wise suggesting that our military forces become female brigades. War is a man's battle. I would insist that we be consistent with our manpower for our religious front lines.
Missions is for men. Missions is not a special project for women or a gemmick for a children's contest. Why do more young women than young men apply for foreign missionary services? □ Women do not have a priority on prayer fellowships for missionaries. Men mighty in prayer are men of spiritual stature. Daniel was not too busy to pray three times a day. Paul laboured fervently in prayer. We need men for intercessory prayer. We have yet to see what Free Will Baptist men can do for missions.
War is costly. In Viet Nam alone, we are spending three million dollars an hour. The cost of missions can hardly compare, yet money is essential to sending and sustaining missionaries in their work. Few Free Will Baptist men have made a faith commitment to missions. We need men committed to regular monthly support.
Business men could observe a day a month in which profits of that day are given to missions. Men in factories could make overtime or a certain day of the month their missions day. Farmers could designate mission acres, and that which it produced could be given to sow the seed in other lands. Cattlemen could select a calf for market as a special gift. Men of other denominations are enlisted in such mission projects; why not Free Will Baptist men? We need a revival of stewardship that permeates our spiritual lives from which flow a consistent concern for the total ministry of our church.
Give me men, lots of men with a faith strong in the Lord. We must go forth! Give me men, stout-hearted men with a vision of the fields.

J. Reford Wilson GENERAL DIRECTOR

the financial story

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the way safe ... clean ... livable. In many ways, the missionary in Ivory Coast is like a brushfire . . . its flame, the Word of God . . . the field to be cleared, the African heart. Yes, we are here with our brushfire . . . cutting through beliefs which entangle men's souls . . . burning down the deceptive superstitions of the past . . . forcing out the fear of spiritual darkness ... making it possible for Africans to live honoring the same Lord who has called us to Ivory Coast . . . the same Christ who calls you, too ... calls you to have a part in this necessary and glorious brushfire!

AREA: 124,503 square miles POPULATION: 3,850,000 RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND: pagan animism LANGUAGE: French and native languages DATE OF ENTRY: 1958 NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES: 19









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