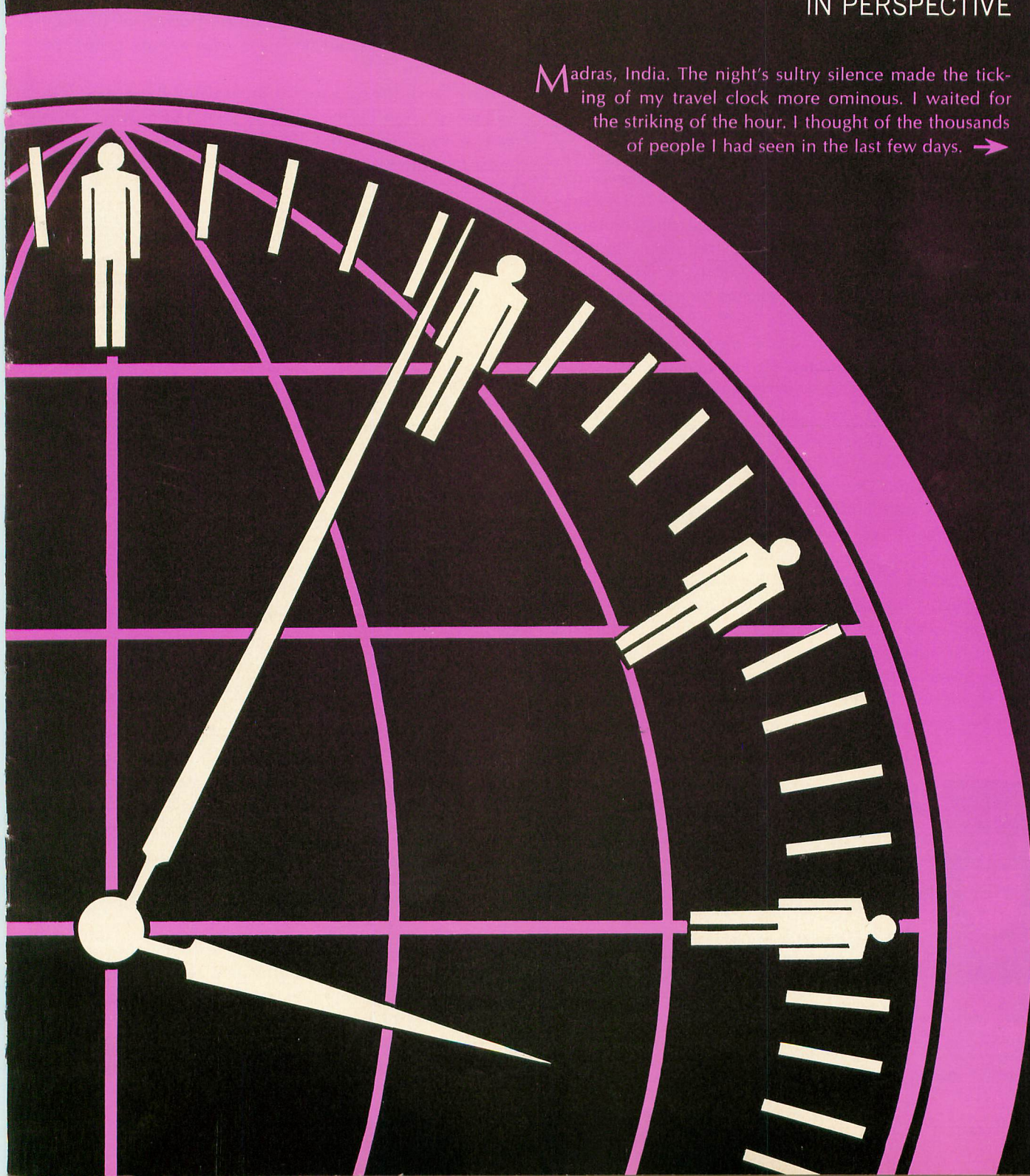


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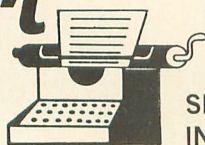
GENERAL DIRECTOR REFORD WILSON  
PUTS MISSIONS INTEREST  
IN PERSPECTIVE

Madras, India. The night's sultry silence made the ticking of my travel clock more ominous. I waited for the striking of the hour. I thought of the thousands of people I had seen in the last few days. →





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## SHOULD WE BE IN VIETNAM?

□ Newsfilm of Vietnam horror took on new meaning as word arrived stateside that five missionaries and the father of a missionary had been brutally slain during the current Viet Cong offensive. Two others were kidnapped. □ The martyred were Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries. On the Sunday following release of the news in America, I attended worship services in a C. M. A. church in Syracuse, N. Y. A special memorial service was held during Sunday school. Several young people committed their lives to the Lord for missionary service, even to take the place of those killed in Vietnam should the Lord desire. □ The message that morning centered on the actions of unregenerated men. The Viet Cong have never heard of the Lord Jesus. They have never been allowed even one chance to experience the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit. Should we, then, be amazed at their actions? Have we forgotten that unsaved men do horrible things? □ The question of recalling missionaries in the face of potential death is a difficult one for missions executives. Yet, it seems that where Satanic power is greatest is where the gospel is most needed. It is where men have been denied their opportunity to know the One who transforms hatred into love, tearing down into building up. □ Should missionaries stay in Vietnam? Yes, and they will. And although Free Will Baptists have no missionaries there, our brothers in the Lord are on the scene. And we should be there, too . . . through Christian concern for those who proclaim the "good news" of Christ amidst the sounds of gunfire and mortar attacks . . . through faithful prayer that many will be saved through their witness, that no more will have to die for the sake of the gospel and that we will share the burden should God will that they do.

(JPB)

➔ In villages of North India, tens of thousands in Calcutta and before that, Hong Kong and Tokyo. Then it began — one, two, three. . . . Was it the midnight hour? I counted each dong — nine, ten, eleven, and it stopped. One more hour and then midnight. Twenty-four hours and 180,000 more people gone into eternity; the vast majority of them go to Hell because they have not heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. How many of those that I had seen the last few days were already gone? The clock ticks on.

How much do we care for these dying thousands? Can our compassion be measured in men and money? God's love is measureless but He did express His love in the most tangible manner — Bethlehem . . . Jesus Christ . . . Calvary! "O Zion, Haste" is a missionary hymn of urgency and the last stanza proposes a tangible expression of concern: "Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious." We need "sons" to preach in other lands. Why is it that 94 per cent of the ordained preachers in the world minister to nine per cent of the world's population who speak English? Free Will Baptists have one ordained missionary overseas for every 322 ordained ministers in the states. Is one per cent of our ordained clergymen on foreign fields a true picture of our concern? Where are the young men asking, "Lord, what would you have me to do?"

Is our compassion measured by the dollars we give? According to the minutes of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, \$6,296,467 was spent for local causes. Our foreign missions disbursements for 1967 were \$492,622. Can we justify spending 92 per cent of our denomination's income to operate our local programs and use only eight per cent to reach millions who have never had one chance to hear? We invested more than six million dollars edifying our church members and evangelizing communities which are given many opportunities to receive Christ. We cannot stop. We cannot retreat. We cannot do less. But it is strikingly evident there is an imbalance. Is the Holy Spirit giving you a new zeal, a new love and conviction of greater personal concern? "O Zion, Haste . . . Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way."

A wise businessman regularly evaluates his investments. The pastor and his church would do well to evaluate their program of evangelism. One gospel preaching church with 60 active families, a Sunday school average of 150, an average attendance of 185 for morning worship, 175 attending on Sunday evening, an average of 90 for Bible study on Thursday evening, gave \$72,975 to support its missionaries. This church has missionary prayer groups; fourth Sunday of each month is missions Sunday, and in October it has its annual




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missionary convention. It is not a Free Will Baptist church but its size, people and location are comparable to many of our churches. Some Free Will Baptist pastors have set their goals for giving as much to missions as they spend locally. Hasten the day when this shall be because the clock ticks on and thousands have never heard.

Jesus witnessed not only to His disciples but also to the multitudes. Both Jerusalem and the uttermost parts were to be evangelized. Can we wait until the clock strikes midnight to reach the uttermost? Do we have the personnel? We could strategically place 20 qualified couples *now*! We need two doctors and two nurses in the Ivory Coast *now*! We need a teacher for missionary children in Brazil *now*!

We seek to increase the outreach of missionaries with literature, films and radio broadcasts. These media can reach thousands unreached by foreign missions personnel. How concerned are we to use these tools of evangelism? Look at it from this standpoint: the Sunday School and Church Training Service departments reported sales of \$323,330. This does not include purchases by churches from other sources or of literature for Woman's Auxiliary or Master's Men chapters. What is the concern? It is not overspending. It is not too much literature. Our people must be taught. They must be trained. They must be informed in order to effectively perform Christian service. But we spend \$325,000 for those who have heard again and again and only spend \$11,500 in our foreign literature ministry. Feel the impact of these figures: 99.7 per cent for ourselves and three tenths of one per cent for millions who have a small chance to read, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A request comes from the Ivory Coast for \$2,500. This is a small investment in a children's magazine and literature center in Abidjan, the capital city.

There is an urgent request for \$3,000 from our mission to assist in publishing Sunday School lessons in Tamil for our Sunday Schools in South India. We do not have the money available but here is a way to reach thousands when missionaries cannot enter in person.

I share more needs with you. On my desk are requests for loan funds to help young missionary churches in erecting places of worship. Requests come from Brazil, \$12,000; from Japan, \$15,000; from Panama, \$10,000; from France, \$5,000. These requests total \$42,000 which is not more than an average Free Will Baptist Church would assume in a building program.

How do I answer these requests? "Dear Missionary, I regret to inform you that we do not have the money to meet your needs." This is not true. We do have the money, but it has not been given to provide funds

desperately needed. Treasures on earth lay idle. Thieves break through, kill and steal. Moths, rust and fire destroy what we would hold in reserve.

April is designated on our denominational calendar for special emphasis for foreign missions. It would be wonderful if every pastor of every Free Will Baptist Church preached a series of missionary sermons. Give young people an opportunity to respond to God's call. Give every member an opportunity to invest in God's work overseas through Free Will Baptist missionaries. Call your people to special prayer time for particular missionaries and their ministries.

What is your concern? Where is the expression of your love? Listen to the ticking of the clock. Every 60 seconds 125 people die. Most of them will spend eternity in hell. They have not heard that Christ died for sinners. The hour is late . . . but not too late if you act now. □

**General Director Reford Wilson in India  
watches literature distribution efforts**





# VICTOR'S VICTORY



by **VICTOR** as told to **JIMMY ALDRIDGE**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: When Josephine was miraculously returned to her husband Victor ("Josephine's Trial," March 1968, pages 1-3), God was doing far more than reuniting a couple in love. He was molding a chosen servant. This is a sequel to last month's story of deliverance. It is the story of the making of a disciple. Victor is the first Free Will Baptist national evangelist in the Ivory Coast.*

I HAVE A very happy witness to give to my brothers and sisters in the United States. I must go back to the beginning of my story five years ago.

□ Pastor Lonnie (Palmer) came to my village of Kpanan to tell us about God and what He tells us in His Book. It was the best news I had ever heard. I wanted to become a Christian. So I prayed.

But it isn't easy to live as you should in a village like ours. Although several of us wanted to follow the Lord, we were not very strong.

Then about three years ago I was invited to youth camp. During the camp I knew in my heart that things had to be different. If I was going to live for Jesus, I was going to have to stand for what God said was right. And I would have to tell my village about Jesus. I told the Lord I wanted him to have my whole life.

When I returned home, I told those who wanted to be Christians that they would have to start doing what is right. Even then, God was preparing me for His service.

Pastor Archie (Mayhew) came to our village regularly and told us more about what God says in His Book. We began to destroy our fetishes.

The main village fetish tree was near my house. My brother and I challenged it before the village. We dug a trench around the tree to challenge it to do something evil to us if it had any power. We waited 24 hours, but nothing happened. Then we cut the tree down and scat-

tered the fetish rocks out in the bush so no one would be able to find them. This made some very angry. But the village saw that the fetish gods had no power.

Although I had been called to preach for a long time, I wouldn't acknowledge it until one day when I went to my home village with my wife to visit our Christian brothers and sisters there. We had moved to Bondoukou.

I was speaking from the pulpit when I asked why more of my brothers were not preaching and witnessing. "What is keeping the Holy Spirit from doing His work here at Kpanan?" I asked.

Before this, the Lord had already told me in my own heart that I should go to Ghana to preach. When I questioned my brothers, the Lord spoke to my heart and asked, "Why haven't you gone to Ghana where I've called you?"

I made many excuses to the Lord. I told Him, "I don't have enough money to pay my transportation over there." But when I read the fourth chapter of John, I saw where Jesus was tired from walking. And it was while He was resting that He found a place to talk with the Samaritan woman at the well. I asked, "Why should the Lord Jesus while He was here on earth have to walk and yet I can't myself?" When I saw this — that I had tried to make myself better than Jesus — it broke my heart, and I cried.

The next day I started praying, "Lord, you'll have to send me somebody to go with me to translate, because I don't know Ashanti (the language for that section of Ghana to which the Lord was directing)."

The next day, Samuel, one of my Christian brothers in the village, came to me and asked, "Hey, when are we going to Ghana to preach?" Samuel had once lived in Ghana, and he knew the Ashanti language well.

I answered, "Next week."

He said, "OK, I'm ready."

We left for Ghana on June 20, 1967, with only one



purpose in going — to preach the good news of what Christ had done for us. It took several days to walk the nearly 250 miles to Kumasi, the most distant point of our trip, not counting the miles we walked to get to villages along the route.

God was with us all the way on this trip. We had His leading and His power upon us as we preached.

My wife accompanied Samuel and me. Before we had married, I had wanted to go to Ghana to get her father's permission. But no one knew where he lived over there. Now I know why the Lord kept me from finding him before the marriage.

When we got to Kumasi, we saw someone from Kpanan and asked him where Josephine's father lived. We were told he was in a village not too far away. We decided to go there to see him.

When we arrived the next day, he wouldn't accept our greeting or provide a place for us to sleep. The man was very angry. He had been told that I was trying to turn the heads of the children in Kpanan, that I was telling them not to obey their parents. He had already decided that the day he saw me he would kill me. But that day, he was afraid to kill us.

He spoke a lot and really denounced us for making our marriage. Then he seized my wife and held her as prisoner and chased Samuel and me out of the village. Many of you have already heard this part of the story and have been praying for her release.

Even though my father-in-law had taken my wife, I kept on preaching. On our way back, we came to a village where there were a lot of young girls. These girls were used as fiery darts of the devil because they tempted us, trying to lead us into immorality. But since God had given us His armament for all our bodies and souls, they weren't able to lead us into sin. Then we asked the Christians to pray for us that we would not be led into sin. In our culture it is very dangerous to be single.

The day I came back to Bondoukou, I went off into the bush and stayed away from everybody in prayer for two days. I didn't drink or eat. The day I returned to Bondoukou, I found Enoch, one of the Christian brethren here at Bondoukou. He asked "When did you come from Ghana?"

I answered, "Two days ago."

He asked further, "Then where have you been?"

Today I have to confess my sin in this affair. I told him I had been in a village nearby. I didn't tell him the truth, that I had been hiding in the bush in prayer for two days. While I was in the bush, it rained on me, and the sun shined on me. But I cried to the Lord and He

heard my prayer. Yet, I sinned when I told Enoch a lie by saying I was in the village when I was really in the bush.

A long time passed. Then one day Pastor Jimmy told us that time had come when we should go to Ghana. When I first heard this, I was a little bit worried. I went into my room and prayed. I said, "God, if it is your will for us to go, then let us go, but if it isn't your will, then keep us from going."

God gave us permission to go. So we went to the village where Josephine was being held. And God went before us arranging all affairs according to His will.

The Lord has liberated Josephine from the hands of her parents. I thank all of you in America who have prayed for my wife and me during this time. God has truly answered your prayers. This shows that you are His children. You asked for Josephine to be released, and God has answered your prayers.

I'm sure that none of you asked God to keep me a bachelor, to keep me single. Because God didn't do that. He gave me back my wife. It is because anything we ask in faith, God gives us.

It is wonderful to rejoice in this sinful age in which we live, because we are going to have to suffer if we are to reign with the Lord. But don't forget that while we suffer, He is preparing us for a heavenly city.

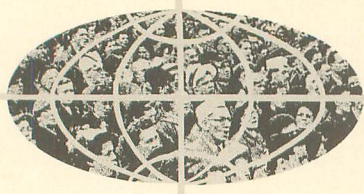
When my wife was in Ghana, the Lord gave me more strength than ever before to preach His Word with power. Now I'm at Bondoukou to preach the Word of God.

One of your prayers has been answered concerning me, but now I have another request to give you. Now people listen to the words of the world and of the devil. They won't listen to the words of God. I want you to pray that whenever I preach wherever I happen to be people won't say, "This boy preaches real well," but rather that I may be hidden in God so they can see the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of the people glorifying those of us whom God has called to preach, we want them to glorify God. We don't want to be swelled up with pride as many people in the world are, but we want to be empty of ourselves so we can point people to Christ.

This is why I am asking you to pray that God will keep pride out of my life and keep me away from vain words and words that have no meaning.

I thank God for Pastor Jimmy and Pastor Archie who went with me to Ghana, because I'm sure that God directed them regarding the time to go. For all of you who have prayed, as my brothers and sisters in the Lord, I pray that God will bless you richly and that He will lead you in the light of the gospel of Christ. □





# emphasis

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## stateside: Willey, Sr., ill

Miami — Veteran Missionary Thomas H. Willey, Sr., was admitted to Jackson Memorial Hospital here Feb. 24, for treatment of a malignant tumor in the cheek according to reports from Miami.

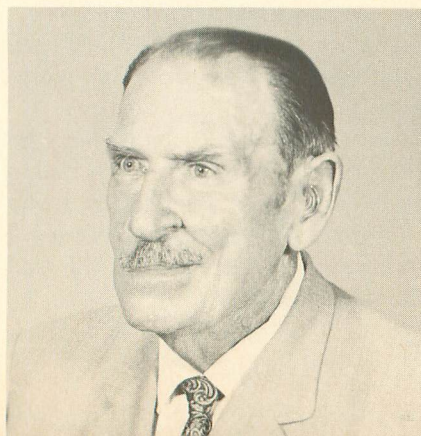
The recurrence of cancer follows a series of facial operations on the 69-year-old missionary. Doctors expect to begin cobalt treatment as soon as his health permits.

First reports described "Pop" Willey as "very weak . . . and in much pain resulting in loss of appetite and sleep". However, he has improved since entering the hospital.

The senior missionary who spearheaded Free Will Baptist work in Panama and Cuba has been in Miami since 1961, helping Cuban refugees find homes and co-working with the Miami-based Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions center. In addition he and Mrs. Willey have traveled extensively since returning from Cuba, heading missions conferences and joining other missionaries in special services.

Rev. Willey's first operation for cancer was in 1966, and since he has been under close observation. Doctors advocated rest but the veteran of foreign missions, in holding to his traditional pace of early missionary years, would not rest because, in his classic words, "the whole world must know about Jesus."

Thomas H. Willey, Sr.



## stateside: changing pastures

Nashville — Change is the latest word on several missionaries as furlough and departure time draws near.

The Estenio Garcias will be leaving for Panama soon, missions head Relford Wilson announced. Appeals for financial aid have gone out to Florida churches in an effort to get the newly-commissioned couple on the field immediately. Their first work there was begun in 1964 when they left Cuba. The couple came to the States for an indefinite rest and orientation period.

The Garcias have other good news besides their commissioning and future departure for the field. Their baby girl, Janet, was born Feb. 18.

Norman and Bessie Richards departed for language study in Switzerland March 21. They are assigned to the Ivory Coast staff.

In other changes Jimmy and Janie Aldridge are expected to land in New York April 8, for their first furlough from service in the Ivory Coast. They will fly directly to Florence, South Carolina, April 9.

Paul and Amy Robinson have arrived back on the field, according to latest word in the home office. They left the States Feb. 20 after a one-year furlough.

Herbert and Geraldine Waid, due for a furlough this year, were granted a one-year extension of their term in Tokyo, Japan. They requested the extension to continue their ministry with a newly-organized church in Tokyo. They hope to turn the work over to a national pastor before returning stateside.

Carlisle Hanna



## india: Hanna injured

North India — Missionary Carlisle Hanna suffered a multiple fracture of the shoulder Feb. 5, when thrown from a moving train near Kishanganj.

The 38-year-old missionary is said to be in fair condition but in much pain. After the accident, he drove to Kishanganj for medical aid, but X-ray equipment was not available. The next morning he was taken to Siliguri for X-ray examination.

Hanna may have to go to a mission hospital or to Calcutta for treatment. At press time, no further word on his condition had been received.

Missionary Hanna had taken two conference speakers to Kishanganj to board a train about midnight. He had just gotten them on the crowded train when it began to move, throwing him off.

*Injury and sickness are constant hazards to our missions personnel as they travel and work in difficult regions. Pop Willey and Carlisle Hanna need your prayers for recovery of their health and for the Lord's guidance.*

Estenio and Mrs. Garcia with baby, and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. (right), after commissioning service





### **stateside: commissioned**

*Nashville* — Two missionary couples were commissioned in separate services recently, Director of Foreign Missions Reford Wilson announced.

Sherwood and Vada Lee, in dedication ceremonies at Florence, S. C. Feb. 25, were commissioned for service in Ivory Coast. Dr. Robert Picirilli of Free Will Baptist Bible College, delivered the commissioning message. Rev. Joe Ange, chairman of the foreign missions board, and Rev. Guy Owens, pastor of Florence Free Will Baptist Church and foreign missions board member, presided.

In another service March 3, Estenio and Anita Garcia were commissioned at the Spanish-speaking Free Will Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. Rev. Reford Wilson, general director of foreign missions, officiated.

### **uruguay: missions progress**

*Uruguay* — A Daily Vacation Bible School has opened a new area of work in Livramento, according to Missionary Molly Barker.

An average of 30 students attended the Bible school.

It wasn't just the attendance record that made this school a success. The children sent an offering to missionaries in India to help spread the gospel there.

In other news from South America, the Brazilian Bible Institute has reopened. Fifteen students are enrolled, according to Missionary Bobby Aycok, director of the school. Five of the 15 are from Uruguay.

Ken Eagleton will be teaching at the institution until his furlough in June.

**Norman and Bessie Richards**



### **viet nam: missionaries killed**

*New York City (MNS)* — The Viet Cong offensive in Viet Nam has claimed the lives of five missionaries and the father of a missionary, it was announced here by Dr. Nathan Bailey, president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

The six victims were brutally shot at the site of their residences on the outskirts of the village of Banmethout, in the highlands, on January 31.

The dead are: Rev. C. Edward Thompson, 43, and his wife Ruth, 44, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania; Rev. Robert Ziemer, 49, of Toledo, Ohio; Miss Ruth Wilting, 42, of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Carolyn Griswold, 41, of White Plains, New York; and Miss Griswold's father, Leon C. Griswold, 66. Mrs. Ziemer was wounded in the attack but survived until rescue came by the American forces.

The missionary residences were blown up by the Viet Cong. When American forces were able to get to the area they found that two of the bodies had been wired with booby traps.

Missionary Betty Olsen escaped after the attack but was later reported a prisoner of the Viet Cong.

A Wycliffe Bible translator, Hank Blood, and his family, who lived in the same vicinity, were abducted by the Viet Cong. Mrs. Blood and the children were later released unharmed, but no further word has come regarding the husband.

The District Superintendent of the Evangelical Church in the area and two other national church leaders were captured at Banmethout. No in-

**Paul Robinson talks with Mr. and Mrs. Willey just before departing for Uruguay with family**



formation is available on the situation of the churches scattered across the areas hit by the Viet Cong.

At the time of these Viet Cong attacks the C&MA had well over a hundred missionaries stationed in Viet Nam, all of whom have been reported safe with the exception of the casualties already described.

The Evangelical Church of Viet Nam has a constituency of some 40,000, making it the only major Protestant body in Viet Nam. This church is the outgrowth of the ministry of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, which has served in the country since the early part of this century.

### **india: more converts**

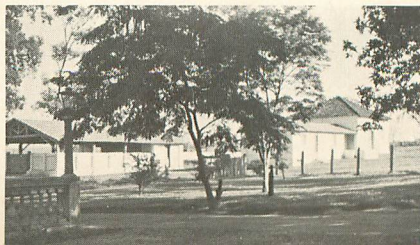
*Mettupalayam* — Baptism of seven more converts here in this South India city is reported by Indian Pastor Peter Natesan. Work here has been growing in a miraculous way since Natesan moved here several months ago.

A new Sunday school has been started in nearby Nanjappa colony with good attendance reported. Natesan hopes to begin still another school near a high school located in a populous industrial community.

Regular services here in Mettupalayam continue to see good attendance. Unusual interest is being seen in Sunday night and midweek services. Cottage prayer meetings have become a vital part of the local ministry as have weekly Bible study groups.

This report gives cause for rejoicing in the knowledge that God is continuing His work through Indian nationals at a time when American missionary personnel face severe entry restrictions by the Indian government. *Pray for faithful Indian Free Will Baptist pastors and evangelists who are enlarging their outreaches in both North and South India.*

### **Brazil Bible Institute**





# Are the Heathen really lost?

by DICK HILLIS



## CHAPTER 5 If Men Are Not Lost...!

WHEN I FIRST approached the subject of this booklet, it was with a sincere desire in my heart to prove that the heathen are not lost. How much less responsibility I, as a Christian, would feel toward those in pagan lands if I could prove that even in their dark and evil lives they would somehow get to Heaven. On the other hand, if the Scriptures show that they are eternally lost, "without God and without hope," how grave is my responsibility!

□ If the heathen are not lost, the birth of Christ is of little significance. At the time of His birth it was announced that His name should be called Jesus, "For he shall save his people from their sins."

That this salvation was not to be limited to the Jew is clear. When the aged Simeon beheld the Christ-child, he said, "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of *all people*; a light to lighten the Gentiles (nations), and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32).

The angel of the Lord said to the shepherds, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, *which shall be to all people*" (Luke 2:10).

Later on, when John the Baptist introduced Christ to His followers he said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

If the heathen are not really lost, then many of the teachings of Christ become absurd. The familiar verse, "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," is totally without import if men and women without Christ are not lost.

How can we explain such a statement as "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that *the world* through him might be saved," except on the basis of the world's need of salvation?

And how are Christ's claims to be "the Light of the World" and "the Bread of Life" to be understood, apart from the fact that men are walking in spiritual darkness and hunger?

If the heathen are not lost, Christ's postresurrection and pre-ascension commands to His disciples are a mockery. In Luke 24:47 He commanded "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name *among all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem."

In Matthew 28:19 He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

His last words given to His followers, in Acts 1:8, read, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost



is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." *These verses might well be stricken from the Scriptures if men without Christ are not lost.*

If the heathen are not really lost, then the Lord was in error when He said to His disciples, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). Why did the Father send Him? Jesus Himself explained that "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Did Christ misguide His followers when He sent Paul to preach the gospel throughout all of Asia Minor, William Carey to India, David Livingston to Africa, Hudson Taylor to China, and hundreds of thousands of other missionaries to the great fields of the world? If men are not lost, then is not the whole missionary program a ludicrous blunder? Millions of dollars have been spent on a useless program; thousands of Christians have wasted time and talent in endeavoring to win men and women to Jesus Christ.

If the heathen do not need Christ and His salvation, neither do we. Conversely, if we need Him, so do they. The Scripture becomes a bundle of contradictions, the Savior becomes a false teacher, and the Christian message becomes "much ado about nothing" — if the heathen are not lost.

"The question as to whether or not the heathen are lost is raised by Christian people in those lands where the gospel is known," says Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College. *"Those in heathen lands have no illusion or question on the point.* They know the reality of sin. Most of them are familiar with the fearfulness of demonism. They recognize that their sins have separated them from the true God, however little they know about Him. Anyone who has lived among non-Christian people is familiar with the darkness and hopelessness with which they face death and eternity." As a missionary, Bible scholar, and educator, Dr. Edman speaks with authority.

I cast my assumption to the winds. The Bible teaches that the heathen are lost.

#### IF MEN ARE NOT LOST . . . !

A hundred thousand souls a day,

☐ Are passing one by one away,  
In Christless guilt and gloom,

Without one ray of hope or light,  
With future dark as endless night,

They're passing to their doom.

The Master's coming draweth near,

The Son of Man will soon appear,  
His Kingdom is at hand.

But ere that glorious day can be,  
This Gospel of the Kingdom, we  
Must preach in ev'ry land.

They're passing, passing fast away,  
A hundred thousand souls a day.

In Christless guilt and gloom.

O Church of Christ, what wilt thou say  
When in the awful judgment day,

They charge thee with their doom?

— A. B. Simpson

## CHAPTER 6 What does it mean to be Lost?

I AM SUFFERING the pangs of the damned," cried Talleyrand Parigold with his last breath.

Tom Paine wrote "Age of Reason," declaring that enlightened men should cast aside their superstitious belief in God. Through his writings he destroyed the faith of many. But as he neared the dark gate of death, he sobbed, "Oh, Lord, help me! Oh, Christ, help me! Stay with me! *It is Hell to be left alone.*" Yes, it is Hell to be alone — alone before a holy God, facing Him in all His righteous wrath. Alone without a mediator — alone with no defense lawyer — guilty, and now forever hopelessly lost.

The French atheist, Voltaire, facing eternity without Christ, uttered these frightening words, "I am abandoned by God and man! I shall go to Hell! O Christ, O Jesus Christ!"

Just what does it mean to be lost? In part it means darkness, separation, sorrow and anguish for ever and ever. While yet alive, these men pulled back the curtain just a little to let us understand how terrible it is to be lost.

Turning to the Scriptures the picture becomes even clearer as a man in Hades testifies of its horrors. He had lived a full life of comfort and delight. So wealthy was he that he dressed daily in purple and fine linen. This was the attire of royalty. He thought of himself as a community king. He reveled and feasted in splendor every day.

Just outside his gate a destitute beggar was dying, but the rich man cared not for God or man. When the rich man died, relatives spent vast sums to give his body a splendid funeral. The epitaph on his grave stone sang his praises. But was it the end? Was it all over when he shut his eyes and gasped his last breath? Was there continuing life, or did the closing of the grave end it all?

The Scriptures tell us that in Hades he cried for even so much as one drop of water to be placed on his tongue "for I am tormented in this fire." He was *lost* . . . lost eternally to God. As there is no end to eternal salvation given us in Christ, just as surely there is no end to ➔





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#### TOO LATE

When a man dies, nothing can be done for him. He is now beyond the realm of help, either human or divine. What he sowed he reaps throughout eternity.

The rich man now thinks of his five brothers, and he pleads to Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to strongly warn them "so that they may not come to this place of torment." For the first time the rich man has a missionary concern. At last, and too late, he sees the need of his own family.

When death comes, our opportunity to serve God and our privilege of carrying the gospel to the lost is forever gone. Procrastination is dangerous. Sinners under deep conviction have accepted the satanic suggestion to "wait until tomorrow." Tomorrow never comes. They go out into a Christless eternity — lost.

As a Christian, how often I am guilty of procrastination. I carelessly put off until tomorrow what God wants me to do today. The word of witness to my neighbor . . . the letter about salvation to a relative . . . the investment for missions I have promised the Lord I am going to make . . . even the will I am planning to write so that family and His cause will be rightly remembered should I be suddenly taken.

Tomorrow . . . tomorrow. It is the devil's word. God's word is *today*. The writer to the Hebrews repeatedly quotes the commandment, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Life is too short, too uncertain, to talk about reaching the lost tomorrow.

It is impossible with pen to describe the full meaning of "LOST." No illustration can adequately explain it. The Scripture plainly states, "He that believeth not is condemned already." Man is not going to be lost when he dies. Through his sins he is already separated from God. He is without hope unless God does something.

And God *has* done something. Indeed the enormity of Hell is seen most clearly by the price He has paid to redeem and reach the lost. "Not willing that any should perish," God gave His only Son that lost men might be found. Christ became man and gave His life that lost men might be saved.

Go back to Calvary. Stand and watch as the sinless Son of God is falsely accused, beaten, spit upon, and maltreated until it is impossible to recognize Him. All this

and more He suffers for me. He is despised, rejected, stricken, bruised and wounded. Yet in all this physical and mental torment, "He opened not his mouth."

Suddenly, by divine act, all your sins and mine are poured upon Him. "He became sin for us." Blackness covers the earth. Darkness separates Him from God. He is "lost." Now, in indescribable agony of soul, He cries, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Only if we multiply this scene by eternity can we comprehend what it means to be lost.

The great missionary Paul was willing, if need be, to forfeit his place in Heaven for the lost. Sensing the agony of eternal separation from God, he cried, "Woe, woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

John Knox, on his knees for lost souls in the little country of Scotland, pleaded with God, "Give me Scotland or I die."

Hudson Taylor as a young man looked across the thousands of miles to the unreached multitudes of China and cried to God, "I feel that I cannot go on living unless I do something for China."

Henry Martin, after landing in India, said, "Here I am in the midst of heathen midnight and savage oppression. Now, my dear Lord, let me burn out for Thee." In 12 short years he burned out reaching men for Christ.

Adoniram Judson, the great missionary to Burma, spent long, exhausting years in translation work. In the midst of it he was dragged away to prison. While he was in prison his wife died. After his release he was smitten down with disease and breathed out this prayer, "Lord, let me finish my work. Spare me long enough to put the saving Word into the hands of the people."

So concerned was James Chalmers for those without the Savior, that it is said of him, "In Christ's service he endured hardness, hunger, shipwreck and exhausting toil, and did it all joyfully. He risked his life a thousand times and finally was clubbed to death, beheaded, and eaten by men whose friend he was and whom he sought to enlighten."

Robert Arthington could not go overseas, but through sacrifice he could enable others to reach the lost. He lived in a single room. He cooked his own meager meals. Thus he gave over \$500,000 to foreign missions. He wrote, "Gladly would I make the floor my bed, a box my chair, and another box my table, rather than that men should perish for want of the knowledge of Christ."

These men, and many more, have caught sight of what it means to be lost. They have recognized that through Christ alone men can be saved. They let it cost them everything to carry the gospel to those who are perishing.

What has it cost you?

TO BE CONTINUED





# the financial story

march 1968\*

## 'out of my heart'

**LOYAL DISCIPLESHIP** ☐ Loyalty has its reward and desertion has its stigma. Loyalty is more easily demonstrated than defined. The emotional involvement, either love or fear, can motivate one's loyalty. It was to test Peter's love that Christ asked, "Lovest thou me more than these?" The sudden death of Ananias and Sapphira brought "great fear upon all the church" (Acts 5:11). Love and fear can both be proper motives for loyalty to Christ. Love Him as Savior. Fear Him as Judge. ☐ The characteristic of loyalty is tragically missing in the lives of many church members. Too often loyalty depends on our likes or dislikes of certain people in the church, program of the church or the preacher in the pulpit. True loyalty is a magnetic attraction to Jesus Christ which has power to resist all interference. These are times when our loyalty must be expressed in obedience to the commands of Jesus Christ. ☐ A conviction of religious faith was dramatically expressed when a Buddhist priest soaked his robe and set himself afire. Saul of Tarsus persecuted Christians to demonstrate his loyalty to his beliefs but later confessed his error and died for the faith he once despised. Why would five missionaries die to reach one lost tribe of Indians in Ecuador? Why would a doctor leave a lucrative position to die in the Congo? I find the answer in one word: "loyalty." ☐ Is this not descriptive of our Christ? Christ said, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will but the will of Him that sent me" (John 6:38). Again He said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4). On His cross He was heard to say, "It is finished." ☐ The cross is a strange symbol of loyalty but Christ still says, "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). This is a call to loyal discipleship. There is an involvement of separation, of service and of suffering. Loyalty in Christian living is not optional. ☐ The reward is to him who is faithful unto death. Such devotion to Christ constrains us to give men at least one chance to live. "They have waited long the good news to hear, We are so slow — the night draws near; Give them at least one chance to hear." ☐

*J. Reford Wilson*

GENERAL DIRECTOR

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT FEBRUARY 1 .....\$ 75,486.01  
RECEIPTS DURING FEBRUARY ..... 46,358.13

### DISBURSEMENTS DURING FEBRUARY:

Foreign .....\$33,125.37  
Travel, Promotion ..... 4,132.26  
Administrative ..... 5,749.59 43,007.22

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT MARCH 1 .....\$ 78,836.92

### state quotas — 1968

STATE	FEBRUARY RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	(OVER) UNDER QUOTA
Alabama .....	\$ 863.60	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 2,897.95	\$ 18,602.05
Alaska .....		500.00		500.00
Arizona .....	2.62	3,500.00	263.98	3,236.02
Arkansas .....	2,090.37	21,500.00	3,305.83	18,194.17
California .....	3,490.13	36,000.00	5,733.26	30,266.74
Canada .....	27.53	300.00	83.70	216.30
Colorado .....		1,750.00	74.41	1,675.59
Florida .....	2,483.81	18,750.00	3,194.25	15,555.75
Georgia .....	1,744.79	28,500.00	2,745.50	25,754.50
Hawaii .....		500.00	35.00	465.00
Idaho .....	10.69	1,500.00	82.50	1,417.50
Illinois .....	1,042.09	18,000.00	2,024.27	15,975.73
Indiana .....	425.77	4,000.00	784.61	3,215.39
Iowa .....		2,500.00	157.40	2,342.60
Kansas .....	346.40	5,500.00	449.41	5,050.59
Kentucky .....	1,159.88	10,000.00	1,811.02	8,188.98
Louisiana .....	60.75	500.00	65.75	434.25
Maine .....	95.00	2,500.00	175.00	2,325.00
Michigan .....	3,775.79	55,500.00	9,081.67	46,418.33
Mississippi .....	755.44	9,750.00	1,558.11	8,191.89
Missouri .....	1,819.61	38,750.00	5,745.33	33,004.67
New Hampshire .....		1,250.00	124.55	1,125.45
New Mexico .....	45.98	1,500.00	155.30	1,344.70
North Carolina .....	6,265.64	67,750.00	12,373.94	55,376.06
Ohio .....	2,054.04	22,750.00	3,212.02	19,537.98
Oklahoma .....	4,738.85	55,500.00	8,799.77	46,700.23
Oregon .....		500.00		500.00
South Carolina .....	3,770.28	34,500.00	7,100.27	27,399.73
Tennessee .....	5,584.01	55,500.00	11,066.77	44,433.23
Texas .....	790.52	15,000.00	1,364.08	13,635.92
Virginia .....	1,382.46	19,750.00	3,026.21	16,723.79
Washington .....	41.79	1,500.00	41.79	1,458.21
West Virginia .....	842.81	16,250.00	1,796.32	14,453.68
Miscellaneous .....	617.48	8,317.96	910.61	7,407.35
	\$ 46,328.13	\$581,367.96	\$ 90,240.58	\$491,127.38

### APPROVED 1968 FOREIGN MISSIONS

BUDGET .....\$581,367.96  
NEEDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 31 ..... 52,888.71  
RECEIVED THROUGH FEBRUARY 29 ..... 46,358.13  
INCOME NEEDED DURING MARCH ..... 54,977.91

**board of foreign missions:** Joseph Ange, chairman; Raymond Riggs, vice chairman; Rolla Smith, secretary; Winford Floyd; Guy Owens; Gene Rogers; R. Eugene Waddell

**executive staff:** J. Reford Wilson, general director; Jerry Ballard, director of communications; Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation

**overseas staff\*\*:** BRAZIL — Bobby and Sue Aycock, Jim and Shirley Combs, Louis and Florine Coscia, John and Connie Craft (\$400.00), Earnie and Jean Deeds (\$328.00), Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Dave and Pat Franks (\$266.00), Eula Mae Martin, Bobby and Geneva Poole, Mary Ellen Rice (\$280.00), Don and Carol Robirds (\$610.00), Sam and June Wilkinson (\$495.00); CUBA — maintained by nationals; ECUADOR — Ella Rae Jones, Patsy Tyson; FRANCE — Dan and Margaret Merkh; INDIA — Dan and Trula Cronk (\$365.00), Carlisle and Marie Hanna, Volena Wilson\*\*\*; IVORY COAST — Jimmy and Janie Aldridge, Howard and Willie Gage, Ruby Griffin\*\*\*, Bill and Joy Jones, Archie and Sarah Mayhew, LaVerne and Lorene Miley, Lonnie and Bernice Palmer, Eddie and Sandra Payne, Norman and Bessie Richards, Lonnie and Anita Sparks (\$300.00); JAPAN — Wesley and Aileen Calvery (\$595.25), Fred and Evelyn Hersey, Jim and Olena McLain, Herbert and Geraldine Waid; PANAMA — Estenio and Anita Garcia (\$200.00), Bill and Barbara Phipps\*\*\*, Tom, Jr., and Emma Ruth Willey; URUGUAY-SOUTH BRAZIL — Molly Barker, Walter and Marcia Ellison, Bill and Glenda Fulcher, Paul and Amy Robinson; ASSIGNMENTS PENDING — Joe and Barbara Haas (\$125.00), Sherwood and Vada Lee (\$355.00); DEPUTATIONAL MISSIONARIES — Thomas, Sr., and Mabel Willey (\$430.00).

\*Financial report is for last complete month prior to press time.

\*\*Amounts beside names indicate monthly support deficits needing underwriting.

\*\*\*On leave of absence.



## **IMPOSSIBLE**

our mission in **INDIA**

**AREA:** 1,262,000 square miles

**POPULATION:** 500,000,000

**RELIGIONS:** Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam,  
less than one per cent Christian

**LANGUAGES:** Hindi, English, Bengali,  
Tamil and 10 other major languages,  
more than 200 dialects

**LITERACY:** 24 per cent

**DATE OF ENTRY:** 1935

**NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES:** 4

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One seventh of the world's people are Indians. One million more are born every month. For India, this is the arithmetic of desperation. It is an equation that hangs like a black cloud over a proud subcontinent struggling to become self-sufficient but frighteningly close to drowning in a human deluge. Out of the ancient past comes the tradition that gives the world such heart-clenching beauty as the Taj Mahal. But that same tradition steeped in religious superstition keeps the masses tottering on the brink of starvation while two and a half billion rats eat an estimated 20 per cent of the country's food grains, protected by faithful Hindus. India is a kaleidoscope of grandeur, squalor, hope and futility. It is a pain-racked land that reveals man at his noblest and his dismal worst. The people of India are at once described as angry, hungry, stubborn and proud. They are at war with themselves, their neighbors and the elements. And they are winning few battles. We are there. Small in number, but presenting the powerful gospel of Christ. Lives are being changed. Slowly. After much patience. Hours of prayer. We need you there with us. So, we ask you to pray. Long and hard. Ask God to bless your missionaries and national pastors in their witness. Ask for insight. For funds to extend the arms of our small staff. For a way to confront all of India with the gospel. Is anything *really* impossible with God?