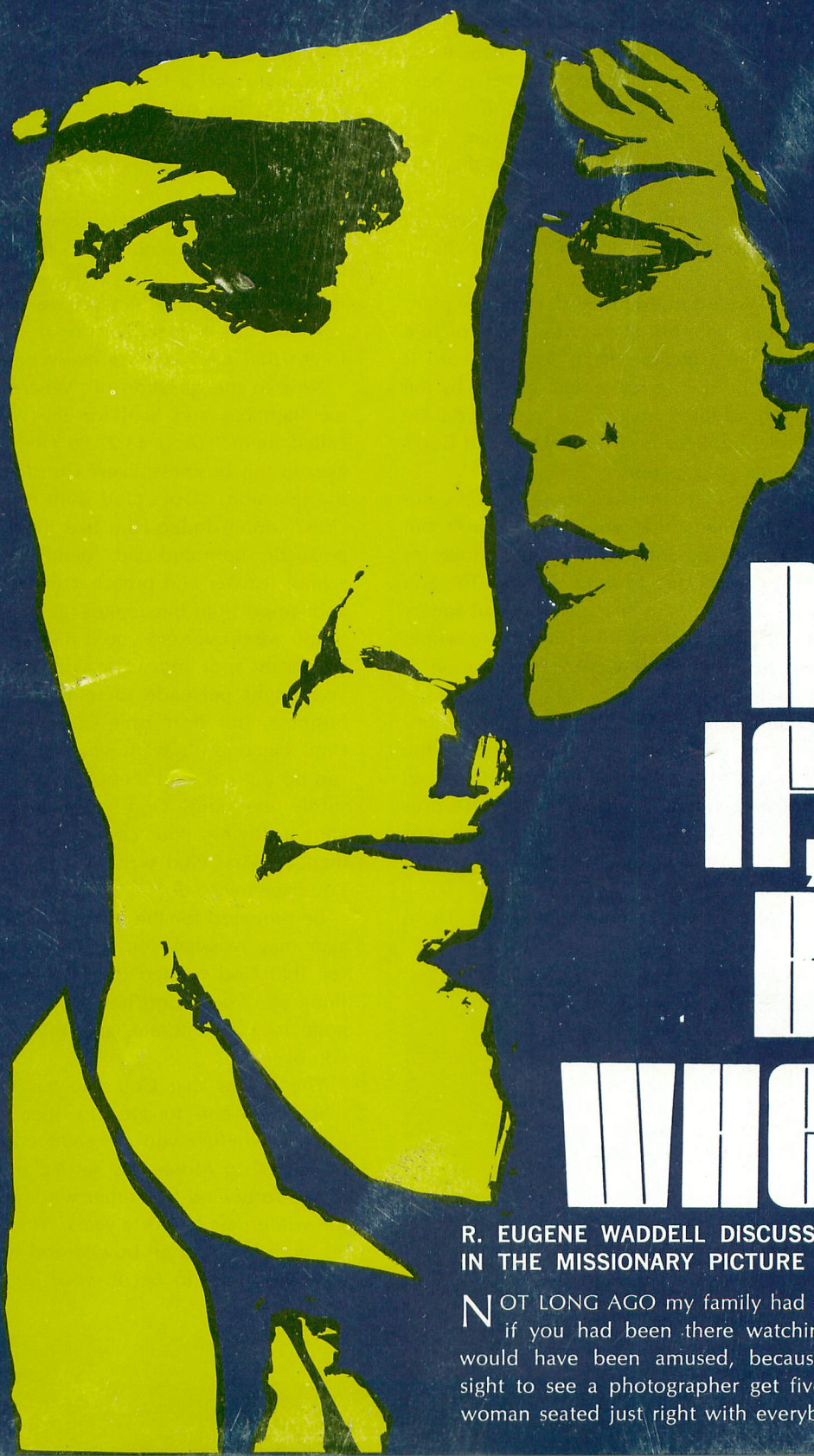


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NOT IF, BUT WHERE

R. EUGENE WADDELL DISCUSSES YOUR PLACE
IN THE MISSIONARY PICTURE

NOT LONG AGO my family had a portrait made. And if you had been there watching us get ready you would have been amused, because it's an interesting sight to see a photographer get five kids, a man and a woman seated just right with everybody smiling, > > >

“ In God’s portrait...not ‘if’ but ‘where’ ”

> > > looking in the right direction and nobody closing his eyes at the wrong time. Some of the proofs looked ridiculously funny, but there is one mistake we didn’t make. We didn’t leave anyone out.

I think some Christians intend to be elsewhere when God gets ready for those involved in missions to have their pictures made. That isn’t God’s plan. God intends for every member of His family to have his picture taken when it comes to missions. Every Christian is in the missionary picture.

Missions is why Jesus came. We are all involved. If you are a Christian it is not a question of “if,” but “how” and “where.”

You might think, “Well, I’m excluded because my plans call for other activities. I am not in this missionary picture because this is not the vocation that I feel the Lord is calling me into.” But if you are redeemed, bought by the blood of Christ, and adopted into God’s family, you are in the missionary picture. Because every member of God’s family is in the business of missions.

It was God’s burden that launched the missionary enterprise. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. It was His love for this lost world that caused Him to send His Son. The Son therefore occupies a prominent place in the missionary picture. He died on the cross for the sins of the whole world. With His resurrection the plan of salvation is victoriously complete.

So God has commissioned all of us to be His missionaries, to tell the good news. The Lord Jesus said on the night of His resurrection, “As the Father has sent me, so send I you.” Therefore we find our place in God’s program, if our hearts beat like His, and we’ll have to pose for the missionary picture. This means that we must find our place in His plan.

Finding God’s place is not an impossible task. There

are many openings in this business of missions. Obviously not everybody in God’s program is commissioned as a foreign missionary. But everyone can be a witness. And anyone who witnesses is a missionary for God.


The only difference between a so-called professional missionary and a lay witness is that the former devotes all of his time specifically to the propagation of the gospel, while the latter cares for his secular job and at the same time propagates the gospel as opportunities are presented.

I believe the greatest problem in our churches today is that most people say, “Well, there’s Rev. So and So. He is our pastor and he does the visiting and the praying and the witnessing. That’s what we pay him for. Me? I’m a salesman (or a mechanic or a farmer).” But such folk forget that God expects every believer to be a witness.

Now to the question of “Where.” God said, “Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.” (Acts 13:2) So God is the personnel manager in this business. Every Christian should honestly face the question: “Does God want me overseas?” If He says, “Yes,” don’t dodge Him like Jonah. You may be able to persuade mom and dad, friend and classmate, or Sunday school teacher and preacher that you can get a good job and support ten missionaries by staying at home, whereas if you went overseas you’d just sink your life in some insignificant spot and waste your talents on those heathen. You might persuade them that this is good missionary business, but if it isn’t God’s will you can’t persuade Him. He doesn’t want your arguments about how you can do a good work here at home. He doesn’t want your subtle reasonings. God doesn’t respect your rationalizing, your justifying, your compensating. He wants your obedience. What God wants you to say is “Lord, what will You have me to do?”

Be prepared for the possibility that the Personnel Manager may reassign you if He wishes. Some people have felt that God wanted them to be a teacher but the first thing you know God has them in a pastorate. Men have gone into a pastorate, and then God has said, “I want you overseas.”

This means that God also has the right to assign you when He wants to. He can open a new field of service for you whether you are eighteen or eighty. That’s what happened to Moses. He settled down in the palace and at age forty God had other work for him. He moved into the wilderness for forty years. At eighty, gray, long bearded, with his back all bowed and bent, Moses heard God say, “Go now, to Egypt, your biggest work is ahead of you.”



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God still works in us, regardless of age. There is ample evidence of that in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Consider Howard Gage, settled in an Oklahoma pastorate, with a family and all the comforts of home. God called him forth and sent him to Ivory Coast as a builder.

Why, God may even want you to serve as a lay witness overseas without being sent out by the mission board. Millions of American tourists are traveling abroad each year. In addition, thousands of Americans are working in foreign countries in government service and for private enterprise. One might go abroad as a teacher, an agriculturist, an engineer, a mechanic, a business administrator, a secretary, a doctor or a nurse. Or you might find a place in any one of a dozen other professions. The main thing to remember is that your work overseas will be beneficial only to the degree that you are a faithful witness.

While we wait on God's leading as to the exact type and place of service we must be constantly aware of dangers. Watch out for that trinity of enemies — the world, the flesh, and the Devil. They cause all kinds of pitfalls. Beware of the love of creature comforts, conveniences, and gadgets. Watch out for the love of salaries and fringe benefits and retirement plans and nice homes. These are material blessings and to love them is to disobey I John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things in the world." This is the essence of worldliness. And a preacher can be as guilty as a layman.

On the other hand there are people who have heard missionary work glamourized and dramatized, its dangers and responsibilities magnified to the extent that they are overwhelmed. They say it's too big a job for them to handle. But remember Paul's conviction "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 1:21).

Another danger we must watch out for is the danger of rejecting the missionary program because some missionary personality or program has its flaws. Some missionary may not be as attractive and may not make as good an impression on you. If you are not careful, Satan can use this subconscious rejection as a barrier to serving God. The fact that "X" missionary may be unattractive, doesn't affect your responsibility to missions. You have a God-given responsibility to be willing to go anywhere He might send you, regardless of any person or board. If He wants you to go He'll lead you and the board.

Every Christian fits into the missionary picture by witnessing where God wants him. And another responsibility is prayer. We all need to pray for each other in our witnessing opportunities, but especially for the missionaries overseas.

Look at Paul. He was a man of power, filled with the Spirit, able to work miracles. He had risked his life for

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Christ many times. But in Ephesians 6:19 we find this giant of Christian service asking for prayer. "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

Doesn't this speak loudly to us concerning the place of intercessory prayer in the missionary picture?

Giving is another place where you fit into the missionary picture. Some people say, "I don't like to hear people ask for money for missions." Others say, "Take the Pauline approach, and don't mention money." But Paul got pretty direct at times when dealing with "money," as you notice in Romans 15:24. He intended to go on a missionary journey through Rome and on to Spain. Here he says, "Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you for I trust to see you in my journey and by you to be furnished with the necessities of travel on to Spain" (Wuest translation).

He is saying this to a missionary church, or what is popularly referred to as a "younger church." This shows us that God expects everyone of us to give — sacrificially that the gospel can go on to the ends of the earth.

So God expects our witness, our prayers of intercession, and our sacrificial gifts as we find our place in the missionary picture. Finally we're left with one question: how will you respond?

Jesus told a parable about two sons. Their father said, "Go work today in my vineyard." One son said, "Sure thing, Dad. Right away." But he didn't go. Now this son might have been busy. He might have felt that he had an excuse. Something might have turned up at the last minute. The Bible doesn't say why he didn't go. It only says that he didn't go.

This is like a lot of Christians. They've heard God's admonition to get involved in world evangelism. But they busy themselves, spend their time and their money on non-essentials. They may be doing good but not the best for they have failed to obey the Father.

But the other son is the one for us to pattern ourselves after. His first response was, "No, Dad. I don't want to get involved in that costly, tiring work in the vineyard." But this son soon repented — changed his mind and got busy in the vineyard.

Jesus asked, "Which one do you think did the will of his father?" — And let me add this question, "Which one do you think was happier when the day was over?" □



inter-mission **DIPLOMAT**

Since the early days of its development, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions has been rendered invaluable service through membership in Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. In the interests of understanding the nature and purposes of this association, the following article is presented.

FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS overlooking one of Washington's busiest intersections, the staff of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association carries on a constant program of missions diplomacy. Its functions include intramural troubleshooting, government relations, conference planning and leadership, information and communication and a variety of other services to its membership.

Heading up this embassy-like activity is Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, EFMA's executive secretary, who also serves as general director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Much of EFMA's history is reflected in Taylor's dual role, since the EFMA grew directly out of the organization of NAE back in the middle '40's.

The choice of a central Washington location at 14th and G Street, N.W., was deliberate. The office is just two blocks from the White House and about halfway between Capitol Hill and Embassy Row. Numerous government departments and agencies, as well as scores of non-governmental organizations having interests and activities

around the world, are within walking distance of EFMA's headquarters.

Taylor and his assistant, the Rev. Wade Coggins, tend to reflect Washington's worldwide scope of interest, its involvement in international relations, its orientation to problem-solving diplomacy and its willingness to accept political realities for what they are, at least as a starting point.

EFMA has a membership today of 64 missionary agencies, up from 40 just ten years ago. Its member organizations have a total missionary staff of 7111 persons working throughout the world.

Much of EFMA's current activity is in inter-mission relations. Concerns of this nature brought EFMA into being in the first place, and nothing has happened in two decades to eliminate the need for such services.

Inter-mission relations are handled on three levels. First there are matters among two or more missionary agencies in EFMA's membership. Secondly, there are matters involving the Inter-denominational Foreign Mission Association (IFMA), which represents another 44 evangelical mission agencies. Thirdly, but less frequently, there are matters involving mission boards outside the membership of EFMA and IFMA.

In handling inter-mission relations EFMA operates under an official statement of its position on "comity." At

one time this term primarily suggested the geographical divisions of field responsibility. In order to avoid duplication of effort, mission boards made it a general policy to begin work only in areas not covered by other Protestant agencies.

Changes in population mobility and rapid urbanization in most areas overseas have altered this pattern so that geographic comity is rarely a factor any more, except in certain primitive areas. In addition, mission agencies have been shifting the weight of responsibility toward the national churches on most fields, so that it is not so much a question of inter-mission relations but of interchurch relations on the field.

There are, however, other dimensions to the question of comity which involve EFMA's services from time to time. These include personnel situations, which by their very nature tend to be sticky.

In one case a member mission agency found it necessary to discipline one of its very talented field leaders in Southeast Asia. Rather than submit to discipline the missionary applied for membership in another mission which was also a member of EFMA. The matter was so tense that it threatened a break in relations between the leadership of the respective agencies. As a result of several sessions between Clyde Taylor and the leadership of the two boards, along with voluminous correspondence, the worst aspects of the matter were solved. The missionary did make the move to the second agency, but attitudes between the two agencies remained friendly.

Comity also involves mission promotion. Member agencies are required to exercise care that they represent their work fairly, and they are prohibited from taking any credit for the work of any other mission agency. Infractions become a sort of policing responsibility of the EFMA.

In relations with mission organizations outside its membership, the EFMA is guided by its very explicit statement of faith. Because the Inter-denominational Foreign Mission Association holds an almost identical doctrinal position, there is a rapidly growing cooperation between the two groups in recent years.

But cooperation with other missions is quite another thing. Agencies related to the National Council of Churches or to the World Council of Churches are not regarded as being bound to a similar doctrinal position. Furthermore, the presence of liberal or neoorthodox theology among the mission agencies of the larger denominations, along with frequent predominance of humanitarian concerns, makes the EFMA doubtful that any relationships at this level will be constructive or fruitful.

EFMA is also concerned about the tendency for doctrinal liberalism to spread to the younger churches over-

seas. To guard against this, it has concentrated on maintaining relations with churches and mission operations overseas which clearly ascribe to its statement of faith. At the same time it maintains a distance from churches and mission agencies whose position may be more nebulous. The EFMA's statement of faith includes its belief in the inspired Bible, the triune God, the deity of Jesus Christ, the salvation of sinful men by regeneration, the ministry of the Holy Spirit in producing a godly life, the final resurrection of both the saved and the lost, and the spiritual unity of believers in Jesus Christ.

Another aspect of EFMA's diplomatic function is handling government relations for its members' missions. Currently the staff is concerned about India's tighter policy regarding visas for missions personnel. Although Indian officials assert that policy has not changed, procurement of visas is getting tougher.

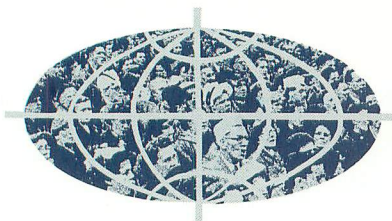
The EFMA is taking steps to determine India's underlying policy in the matter to see whether that policy might be modified, and if not, to see how best to work within its limitations. Whatever the outcome, EFMA has a role in pursuing the best long-range interests of its member agencies who have work in India, and beyond that in protecting the interests wherever possible, of the growing Church in India.

Missionaries serving in troubled areas sometimes benefit from EFMA's intervention through government channels. When Colombia was the scene of recent persecution of Protestants, numerous representations were made both to the U. S. State Department and to the Colombian Embassy in Washington. Official contacts were usually carried forward under the auspices of the National Association of Evangelicals, in order to avoid repercussions upon mission agencies and to bring the weight of NAE's constituency to bear on the matter.

There is no way of measuring the total effect of EFMA's services during those troubled years. But it is known that one U. S. diplomat at a high-level diplomatic function remarked to the Colombian ambassador that most Americans knew more about the persecution of Protestants in that country than they did about Colombian coffee. The ambassador was visibly shaken, and he soon made it a point to relay this information back to Bogota. Eventually the persecution let up, and today the reports of harassment of Protestants in Colombia are infrequent.

On various occasions Taylor and Coggins have intervened by one means or another to plead the cause of Christians in Spain, Greece, Italy, Russia, Congo, the Arab countries, Israel, Burma, Japan and numerous other nations. The situations covered run from outright persecution to tangled questions of tax treatment of missionaries,

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EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

stateside: hold policy lifted

Nashville—In a five-day meeting that saw board members, staff and missionaries turn a critical eye toward operations, the board of foreign missions modified its "hold the line" policy, appointed its first new missionaries in several months, continued its consideration of major policy revisions and approved for recommendation to the National Association a 1969 foreign missions budget in access of \$600,000.

These actions came during the board's annual spring session here April 29-May 3.

In modifying its tight ban on personnel expansion, the board felt financial conditions had sufficiently improved to make new appointments to meet pressing personnel needs. The board expressed, however, that future missionary appointments will be on an even more selective basis than in the past.

Appointed during the session were Robert and Judy Bryan of Virginia and Oklahoma respectively. They are the second lay couple to be added to the present foreign staff. Bryan, who worked for the foreign department while a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College, received specialized training in journalism and literacy techniques at Syracuse University, from where he received a masters degree in journalism this month. Both Robert and Judy are graduates of FWBCC.

The couple will begin itinerary ministry in August preparatory to assignment to the Ivory Coast staff. They will be utilized in an expanded literature/literacy outreach in Africa.

Related to this was the approval of plans to build a literature/literacy center in Bondoukou, a key city in the department's Ivory Coast field, in 1970.

board members at work



In other business, the board reviewed 1969 budget requests from the fields and will submit a \$611,308.36 budget for consideration by the association in annual session July 15-18 in Oklahoma City. Resignations of two missionaries, Dr. Ruby Griffin and the former Eula Mae Martin, were accepted. (See related news items.)

The board continued its consideration of major policy changes but deferred action until further staff and field analysis can be made. It is hoped that action on policy revisions may be taken at the board's winter session, set for December 9-13.

stateside: dr. griffin resigns

Nashville—Dr. Ruby Griffin, an associate of Dr. LaVerne Miley in the medical ministry in Ivory Coast, West Africa, has resigned from active missionary service. Her resignation has been officially accepted by the board.

Dr. Griffin's decision came after "many months of prayerful consideration." She said, "This has been an extremely hard decision to make, and I don't know exactly why after such a short time here the Lord would lead to return (to the States); however, this is my firm conviction."

The physician returned to the States in December and was on a leave of absence. General Director Reford Wilson commented, "We are truly grateful for Dr. Griffin's ministry while Dr. Miley was away from the clinic in language study. She served at a time of great need."

In commenting on reasons for Dr. Griffin's decision, Wilson said, "She apparently found it difficult to adjust to environmental circumstances and requested that she be released from missionary duties."

dr. ruby griffin



stateside: call-a-thon results

Nashville—Nearly \$9000 came in as a result of the foreign missions "call-a-thon" campaign on Foreign Missions Sunday, April 21, to erase existing deficits in missionary accounts.

About 135 telephone calls were recorded in a four-hour period as spokesmen for Sunday schools from 24 states called in their receipts.

This campaign, first of its kind in the history of the department, saw reports of offerings from 157 sources, the majority of them individual Sunday schools, but some representing districts and state associations.

Among states with most calls were Tennessee with 21; Florida, 13; Missouri, Georgia and Alabama with 12.

Other states contributing included North Carolina, Arkansas, Ohio, California, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Kansas, Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Illinois, New Mexico, Indiana, Arizona, Maryland and Iowa.

Largest receipt was \$500 from Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville, Ga. Damon Dodd is pastor.

New interest was evident in the giving as several churches contributed for the first time to missions. A three-week old mission in West Texas responded to the campaign. Ken Brandon is pastor. Maryland entered the Free Will Baptist missions picture

jimmie and janie aldridge are welcomed by board member guy owens as they arrive in florence, s.c., from ivory coast, west africa



for the first time, while numerous small churches across the nation registered donations.

"I was well pleased with the wide response," reported department head Reford Wilson. "Although I was somewhat disappointed in the number of churches responding, I felt that the contributions from those responding were generous.

"Next year's call-a-thon has already been set for April 20. We plan a much more extensive campaign with wide publicity. This first one came off rather sudden for effective publicity before our people. I am positive, from indications this year, that this call-a-thon will be a very effective supplement to our total program.

"I would like to add my appreciation to the National Sunday School Department for their wonderful cooperation in this effort. And I am especially grateful to those Sunday schools across our nation who set aside their offering for this world ministry of missions."

brazil: wedding bells

Ribeirao Preto—It was wedding bells for Missionary Eula Mae Martin March 28, according to official word from Brazil.

Eula Mae, who has served in Brazil since January, 1959, married Helio Fornel, Italian descent, Brazilian born, age 30. The wedding took place in the Free Will Baptist church at Ribeirao Preto. Missionary Bobby Poole officiated.

Eula Mae submitted her official letter of resignation to the missions board saying, "I request continued prayer for me as I begin a new life that I fully believe to be the will of the Lord."

Eula Mae is continuing her Christian witness through teaching English in the Cultura Brasileira-Estados Unidos.

eula mae martin, r.n.



brazil: sanctuary dedicated

Araras—About 400 people, including the city mayor, assembled here April 6 to dedicate the newly-constructed Free Will Baptist sanctuary.

The church was founded in 1962 by Missionary Bobby Aycock and was officially organized in 1965. Missionary Jim Combs is pastor.

"Although inflationary prices and difficulty in obtaining bank loans have hampered construction of the building," Missionary Don Robirds reports, "this church has sacrificed and given to build this beautiful sanctuary. Almost all the money has come from Brazilians."

Those attending included missionaries, students from the Free Will Baptist institute, church members and visitors.

uruguay: first area meet

Riviera—About 125 persons attended the first area meeting of Free Will Baptists in this border city April 12, reports missionary Bill Fulcher.

Four newly-formed congregations participated in the event.

Included in the day's activities were Bible quizzes, special music, testimonies, a message, and reports from the four churches.

The next conference is scheduled for October 12.

santa teresa church



brazil: film winning

Campinas—Copies of the youth evangelism film *Uma Carta Para Anita*, known in the States as *CARNIVAL OF PRETENSE*, have been in use here for several weeks with exceptionally good results.

Decisions for both salvation and rededication have been seen from the first showing earlier this year. The film will receive wider usage as additional copies arrive in the country.

In a special report to the board of foreign missions last month, Don Robirds, communications missionary in charge of the film ministry, said, "I have been thrilled with the results from showing the film . . . I definitely feel the Lord will greatly use it." The film is expected to play a key role in stepped up evangelistic activities throughout the State of Sao Paulo.

Also, a Spanish edition of the film is now in use in several sections of Central and South America.

The English edition is available from the department's film library, Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

panama: address change

Panama City — Check your address book! Estenio and Anita Garcia have a new address in Panama:

Apartado 6931

Panama,

R. de Panama

Garcias' address as it appears in the Missions Directory should be changed, since mail will not be forwarded to them from the old address.

"carta" star fausta rocha



Are the Heathen really lost?

by DICK HILLIS

CHAPTER 8 My Great Obligation

IF MEN ARE lost and I know how they can be found, how great is my obligation? If men are in darkness and I have the light, how serious is my responsibility? If men are dying of spiritual hunger and I have the "Bread of Life," how important that I do my utmost to reach them!

There might be a little easing of responsibility if I could report to you that through the great ethnic religions souls are being saved. During my many years in the Far East I have talked to thousands of "the faithful" — men and women who have spent their lives praying, worshiping and sacrificing in the temples of the different Oriental religions. Never have I met one who could say with assurance, "My sins are forgiven; I am on my way to Heaven."

When Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father *but by me*," He meant exactly that. Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed — name them all — call them sages, prophets or holy men; none can save. They do not qualify as mediators between sinful man and Holy God. "For there is *one* mediator between God and man, the *Man Christ Jesus*."

Dr. Henry Frost has said, "A saving religion must be first a divine revelation and, second, one which shall provide a remedy for the guilt of sin. There is no other than the Christian which bears these test marks of truth. In short, the salvation which the natural religions offer is from man and is that of man's works. The salvation which the Christian religion offers is from God, and is that of His grace."

Searching the Scriptures I have found no evidence of salvation apart from Christ. We are plainly told, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). How great then is my responsibility! Let me illustrate.

I see a man dying of what medical science calls an incurable disease. The only doctor in the world who knows the cure is my doctor. I once had disease and he gave me life. I *know* he has the remedy because I experienced it. If I do not tell the dying man about my doctor and his cure, I am guilty of criminal neglect.

All men everywhere are afflicted with the soul-destroying disease of sin. Christ has the only cure, and I have experienced this cure — His salvation. It is now my responsibility to share this remedy with others.

BLOODY HANDS

In Ezekiel 3:18 we are given a stern admonition: "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou



givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; BUT HIS BLOOD WILL I REQUIRE AT THY HAND."

It is good to remember that this teaching of blood guiltiness is not confined to the Old Testament. Many rejected Paul's words to those in Corinth as he sought to persuade men that "Jesus was Christ." "And when they *opposed themselves*, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean" (Acts 18:6).

Paul clearly recognized a blood guiltiness until he had proclaimed Christ to the Corinthians. If they rejected the gospel, the responsibility was theirs. But it was first his responsibility to give them the gospel.

You and I cannot evade the issue. If the gospel is not taken to every person in every nation in this generation, God will hold *us* responsible. This should be the great purpose for which we live and work. The poet well said —

If I GO NOT to those who have not heart;
If I withhold from them God's precious Word;
If sin-cursed heathen go to Christless graves
Having never heard that Jesus saves,
If by my negligence some souls are lost
Despite God's mercy and Calvary's untold cost;
If I care not for those in distant lands,
Shall not their blood-guilt be upon my hands?
If I PRAY NOT for those who witness bear;
If I no intercessory burden bear;
If God's dear servants ne'er are upon my heart,
And in their labors, I share no part;
If by my prayerlessness there comes an hour
When they lack wisdom, grace, strength or power,
And captive souls escape not sin's strong bands,
Shall not their blood-guilt be upon my hands?
If I GIVE NOT, and by my selfishness
I cause God's work and workers sore distress;
If my poor stingy heart will hardened be
To needs of others, their necessity;
If by my failure some shall never hear
The message of salvation, then I fear
Mine is the sin, and justice fair demands
THAT I ACCEPT THE GUILT OF BLOODY HANDS.

The sad condition of the lost and the plain command of Christ should cause us to proclaim the message of salvation to all the world, by life and by lip, by prayer and by purse.

From Scripture it is abundantly evident that the evangelization of the world lies nearest to the heart of the Savior. That which concerns Him must concern us.

How much do I love Christ? The measure of my zeal for

missions is the measure of my love for Him. The measure of my prayer for the lost is the measure of my fellowship with the Savior. The measure of my support of missionaries is the measure of my appreciation of Christ's saving work.

Would you stand up in your Church and vote to close its missionary program? Would you dare to suggest that all mission hospitals, orphanages and schools be closed? Would you ask faithful missionaries to leave the dark lands of their labors? Would you recommend that heathenism be allowed to continue . . . that idolatry and superstitions be condoned?

Of course you would not! And yet, if you do nothing for missions this month, that very thoughtlessness and indifference is your vote against missions.

I am not thinking of missions as a human agency. I am thinking of missions as the outreach of the love of Christ.

We are to pity the heathen — Christ wept over the unbelieving city of Jerusalem. But the primary basis for our missionary concern must be a personal love for the Savior. Jesus said, "*If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments.*" His command to his followers is to preach the gospel to the "uttermost" part of the earth.

Paul's missionary zeal was the fruit of his personal devotion to Christ. He declares, "the love of Christ constraineth me."

As I love Christ I will gladly spend and be spent to reach the world for Christ. I will, like Paul, declare myself a debtor and do all possible to pay my debt to God and lost men.

I will acknowledge my responsibility as a steward "of the manifold grace of God" and be faithful in giving.

I will thank God that I have been made "a trustee of the gospel" and do my utmost to take the riches of Christ's grace to the heirs of salvation.

Failure in the past can only be corrected by faithfulness in the future.

Jesus said, "*If ye LOVE me, keep my commandments.*" My heart responds, "I love Thee, Lord, I will keep Thy commandments." □



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inter-mission DIPLOMAT

or the ownership of property by mission agencies.

In carrying out its responsibilities EFMA utilizes the services of several spinoff organizations which it has helped get started in recent years. These regional organizations vary, however, in their responsibilities and their method of operation.

In Africa, for instance, EFMA and IFMA jointly sponsor the Africa Evangelical Office in Nairobi headed by the Rev. Kenneth L. Downing. This office arranged for the conference in 1966 from which an African association of evangelicals emerged. The stated purpose of the office, and of the association, is to encourage evangelical churches and missions "in their stand for the truth as it is in Jesus Christ." The office also promotes the formation of evangelical fellowships in the various African nations.

The regional arrangement for Latin America is different. In this case the office is based in Wheaton, Illinois, and is known as the Evangelical Committee for Latin America. Again, it is jointly sponsored by EFMA and IFMA. It operates under the direction of the Rev. Vergil Gerber, a former missionary to Latin America. Primary function of this office is to interpret developments in Latin America to the leadership of evangelical mission organizations.

Because of strong feelings of independence on the part of the national churches in Latin America, ECLA does not actively promote the formation of permanent evangelical organizations for Latin America. Exceptions to this are two specialized organizations, LEAL covering literature and DIA in broadcasting which help to coordinate evangelical efforts in these two fields.

In Asia, where national evangelical organizations have a longer history, cooperation is handled through the World Evangelical Fellowship. The Rev. Dennis Clark serves as WEF's international secretary and makes his headquarters in Toronto, Canada.

In India, the evangelical cause is served by EFI, the Evangelical Fellowship of India. The Rev. Ben Wati, who directs the ministry of EFI from his office in New Delhi,

was recently elected president of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

Information is another important function of EFMA. Wade Coggins edits and publishes *Missionary News Service*, a summary of mission activities which is mailed twice each month to the leadership of EFMA's member organizations and to other subscribers.

Another service is publication of the *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, under joint sponsorship of EFMA and IFMA. Edited by James Reapsome under the direction of an editorial board, it focuses primarily on matters of missions policy.

Discussions are currently under way, and a proposal is being drawn up, to combine the information and publications activities, together with additional research services, under an organizational entity known as Evangelical Missions Information Service.

EFMA also operates Universal Travel Service in Chicago which specializes in missionary travel. In New York City, EFMA operates a purchasing office as a service to its members and to other Christian organizations and churches through the discount purchasing of a wide variety of equipment, automobiles and supplies.

Possibly the most far-reaching of EFMA's services are the conferences and seminars it conducts: a retreat for mission executives at Winona Lake, Indiana, each fall; church growth seminars; special conferences centered around timely subjects or special organizational objectives. Largest of these special conferences was the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission held at Wheaton, Illinois, in April 1966.

Budget for the office in Washington and other EFMA activities amounts to almost \$40,000 a year, including about \$8000 for joint EFMA-IFMA activities. Most of these funds come from member agencies through dues and assessments. This relieves EFMA from going to the Christian public with appeals to support "another Christian organization," and it saves the valuable time of the staff from endless fund-raising activities.

One drawback to this system is that it fails to provide for new demands for services in keeping with the expanding needs of member agencies. On the other hand, lean financing has kept EFMA from involvement in the kind of bureaucracy which tends to be an "industrial hazard" among adequately financed church organizations.

Several of EFMA's service functions are self-supporting. The travel agency earns its own keep and puts a small margin of earnings back into the parent organization. The purchasing office is self-supporting in theory, but subsidies are required from time to time to cover overhead. The news and publishing operations come close to carrying their own weight. □

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'out of my heart'

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS ☐ What would you wish for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions if God granted you one request? ☐ "Ask what I shall give thee." This promise of the Lord was given to Solomon. The king asked for an understanding heart to judge his people. Prayer is asking and the King of kings has said to you and to me, "Ask, and it shall be given you . . ." (Matthew 7:7). Where are the answers to our prayers? Perhaps a better question, *where are our prayers?* We accomplish God's work not by unique plans and programs but by divine unction of the Holy Spirit. The devil uses excellent plans to sell his program but he does not have divine authority. Our devotion to Jesus Christ to obey His command assures us of conquering power (Matthew 28:18-20). ☐ Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions needs your prayers. Pray for spiritual power to overcome satanic forces. Jesus told His followers that this power comes by "prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21). Prayer is more than a habit learned before meals and at bedtime. ☐ Pray for wisdom to cope with the rapidly changing conditions of the world. How does the missionary in Africa explain the riots and assassinations in his "Christian" country? How does the missionary and the young church adjust to spiraling inflation? James writes, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . ye have not because ye ask not" (James 1:5a; 4:2b). Prayer is an exercise of the soul requiring discipline as in the training of an athlete. ☐ Pray for an entrance to unreached villages and deliverance of sinners from pagan religions. How do you penetrate a small village which has seven witch doctors? How do you determine which city or village you enter next? Paul was prevented by the Holy Spirit and circumstances to go as he had planned but he entered Phillipi (Acts 16:6-9). The city of Capernaum pressed their needs upon Jesus. He spent the early morning hours in prayer. Many were seeking for Him. But He said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also" (Mark 1:33-38). ☐ Prayer for missions is more than a cry for money and men. It is more than a special moment on Sunday or Wednesday night directed by the pastor. Prayer is one's continuous devotion of faith expressed toward God who is able to give strength, wisdom and deliverance. No believer can excuse, exempt or escape his responsibility to pray. Will you pause now to pray? ☐

J. Reford Wilson

GENERAL DIRECTOR



may 1968*

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT APRIL 1 \$ 78,122.09
RECEIPTS DURING APRIL 53,457.49
DISBURSEMENTS DURING APRIL:
Foreign \$26,654.40
Travel, Promotion 3,854.29
Administration 5,599.43 36,099.12

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT MAY 1 \$ 95,480.46

state quotas — 1968

STATE	APRIL RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	(OVER) UNDER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 2,265.93	\$ 21,500.00	\$ 6,142.15	\$ 15,357.85
Alaska		500.00		500.00
Arizona	46.76	3,500.00	703.84	2,796.16
Arkansas	1,567.75	21,500.00	6,734.31	14,765.69
California	2,217.36	36,000.00	9,283.67	26,716.33
Canada	46.04	300.00	164.29	135.71
Colorado	86.46	1,750.00	204.87	1,545.13
Florida	1,124.75	18,750.00	5,392.82	13,357.18
Georgia	2,061.88	28,500.00	5,383.88	23,116.12
Hawaii		500.00		465.00
Idaho	34.38	1,500.00	116.88	1,383.12
Illinois	1,236.61	18,000.00	3,804.31	14,195.69
Indiana	309.85	4,000.00	1,320.96	2,679.04
Iowa	621.13	2,500.00	787.13	1,712.87
Kansas	382.84	5,500.00	933.50	4,566.50
Kentucky	1,254.46	10,000.00	3,513.18	6,486.82
Louisiana	21.16	500.00	91.91	408.09
Maine	85.00	2,500.00	335.00	2,165.00
Michigan	5,057.31	55,500.00	18,240.86	37,259.14
Mississippi	898.94	9,750.00	3,178.12	6,571.88
Missouri	3,870.24	38,750.00	13,395.78	25,354.22
New Hampshire	4.00	1,250.00	128.55	1,121.45
New Mexico	84.99	1,500.00	294.62	1,205.38
North Carolina	7,339.50	67,750.00	26,314.16	41,435.84
Ohio	2,540.86	22,750.00	7,138.45	15,611.55
Oklahoma	3,498.11	55,500.00	16,820.96	38,679.04
Oregon		500.00	26.27	473.73
South Carolina	3,873.16	34,500.00	13,617.97	20,882.03
Tennessee	7,416.60	55,500.00	21,028.71	34,471.29
Texas	1,112.15	15,000.00	3,130.85	11,869.15
Virginia	2,250.09	19,750.00	6,217.70	13,532.30
Washington	71.26	1,500.00	164.32	1,335.68
West Virginia	1,214.90	16,250.00	3,479.82	12,770.18
Miscellaneous	431.96	8,317.96	2,100.51	6,217.45
	\$ 53,026.43	\$581,367.96	\$180,225.35	\$401,142.61

APPROVED 1968 FOREIGN MISSIONS

BUDGET \$581,367.96
NEEDED THROUGH APRIL 30 \$193,789.32
RECEIVED THROUGH APRIL 30 \$180,225.35
INCOME NEEDED DURING MAY \$ 62,011.10

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

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

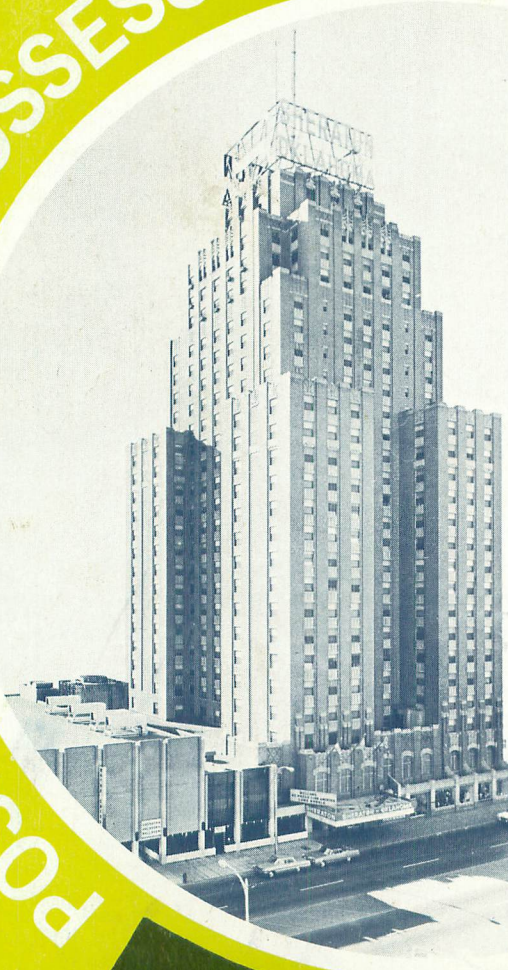
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