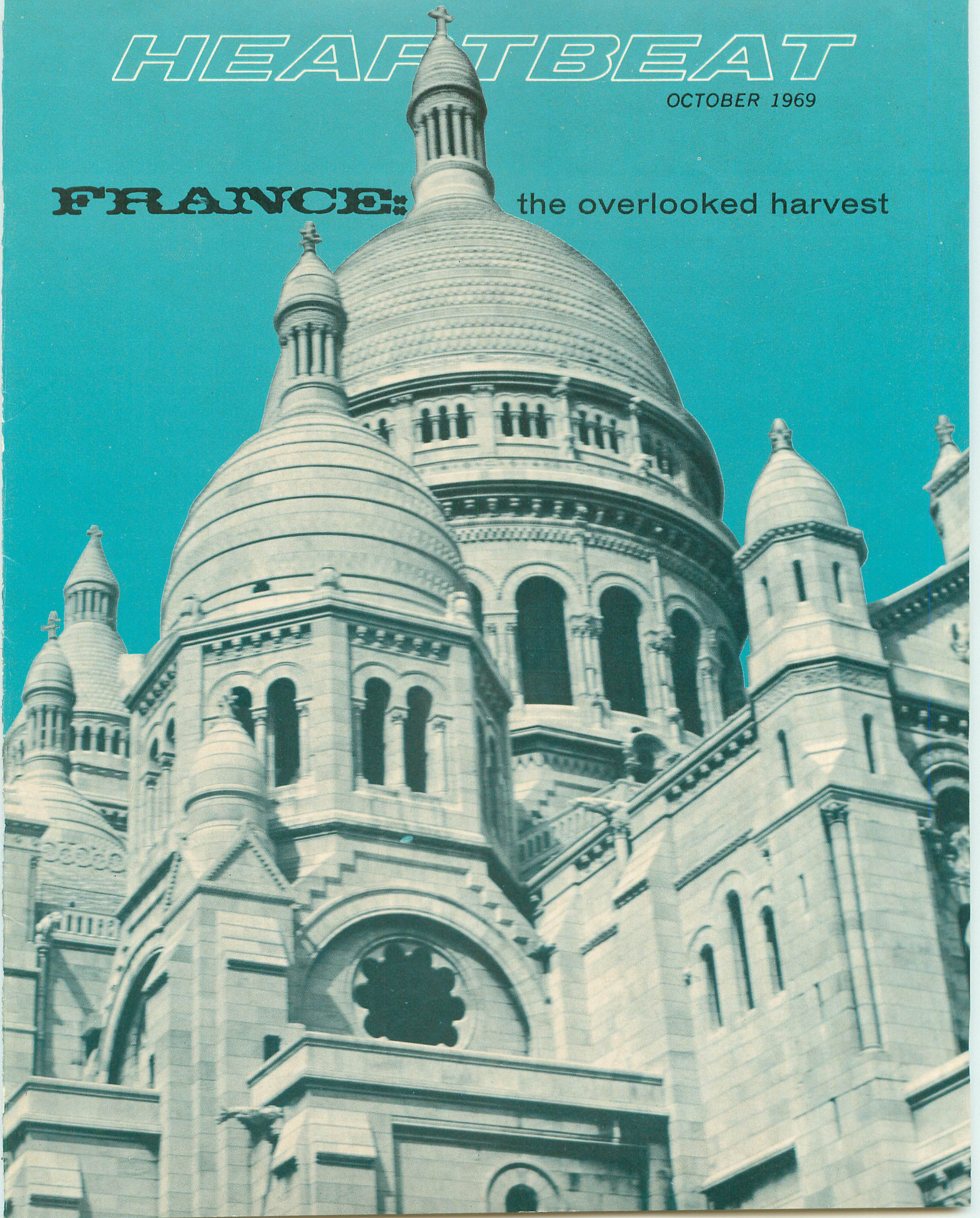


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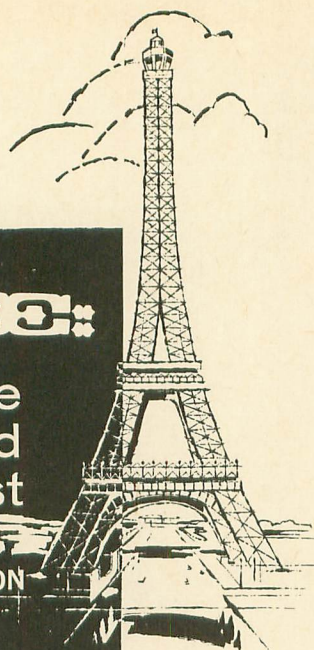
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FRANCE:

the overlooked harvest

by J. REFORD WILSON



HISTORIC CHATEAUS in the Loire valley . . . high rise apartments in Nantes, Potiers, Paris . . . farmers harvesting grain . . . highways congested with vacationers . . . tourists crowding scenic places . . . this is France.

Composite of many peoples bordered by Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Spain, France possesses a national pride and linguistic unity which makes it a distinct nation. "Whoever speaks French as his mother tongue is French."

The history of France is stained with the blood of wars and monarchical executions. Joan of Arc was the heroine of the Hundred Years' War in which the English were driven from most of France. There were internal conflicts during the Protestant Reformation. Then came the French Revolution and exploits of Napoleon Bonaparte. In this century the country has been scarred by two world wars, the Indo-China War and the revolt of Algeria. These wars have decimated the male population of France. It is remarkable that France has recovered and regained her prominence among the nations of the world.

Is France a mission field? Is Brazil? France has 50 million people of which less than two per cent are Protestant. Brazil has 90 million of which five per cent are Protestant.

Evangelicals number more than 3,313,000 in Brazil with 250,000 Baptists in more than 2,000 Baptist churches. In France, only 995 evangelical churches represent 34 denominations. These are listed as 322 Pentecostal groups, 239 Plymouth Brethren Assemblies, 96 Baptist congregations and 158 representing various missions. France has less than 3,000 Baptists.

Following the Reformation, 25 per cent of the population were Protestant. It was a time of persecution by the Roman Church. On St. Bartholomew's Day, 10,000 Huguenots (Protestants) were slain. The Edict of Nantes (1598) finally granted religious freedom to Protestants, but the Edict was revoked in 1685 and in a brief period of time, 2,000 church buildings were destroyed with thousands either killed or exiled.

The religious picture in France is one of a disillusioned, deceived and disheartened people. This generation of Frenchmen have not heard the gospel. They are as lost as the pagans of Latin America, Africa or anywhere else.

Yet, the Catholic Church is losing much of its power and prestige over its people. To many, the Church is only a place for baptisms, weddings and funerals. To quote Dan Merkh, "Roman Catholicism is not just a simple religion, but a heritage of centuries. A Baptist French pastor told me that after 30 years in the ministry he still has difficulty throwing off Roman doctrine. The average man is typical of the plumber who just did some work in our house. He is a baptized Roman Catholic that followed his early training in the Church. I asked him if he had ever seen a Bible and he answered, 'I have never seen one or touched one.'"

Church buildings have become museums and architectural tourist attractions. I visited one famous cathedral during a mass and found more tourists walking through the building than worshipers in the chapel. The Roman Church which once presented an image of absolute unity and authority is now divided between liberalism and conservatism, and its papal declarations are questioned. This dilemma in the Roman Church could be the open door for evangelicals to proclaim the Truth.



A stylized map of France is centered on a light blue background. The map of France is a solid black silhouette. Surrounding the map are numerous thin, white, wavy lines that resemble topographic contour lines, creating a textured border. Several cities are marked with small black dots and labeled in white capital letters. The word "FRANCE" is written in large, white, spaced-out capital letters across the middle of the map.

• PARIS

• RENNES

• ST. NAZAIRE

• NANTES

• CHOLET

• POITIERS

FRANCE

CAPITAL: Paris

LANGUAGE: French

AREA: 211,208 square miles

POPULATION: 51,200,000

RELIGION: Roman Catholic

“We need personnel . . . who will live godly in a pagan society.”

The cults are having a “heyday” in Europe. More spiritualist healers reportedly are at work in France than medical doctors. The Jehovah Witnesses had 50,000 attending a convention in London this summer. The Mormons had 50 missionaries in language school when Dan Merkh was in French study three years ago.

Frenchmen are more philosophical than they are practical. Their arts express this characteristic. The Louvre, largest art museum in the world, has eight miles of galleries and among its 5,000 paintings is the famous Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci. Paris has 362 art galleries.

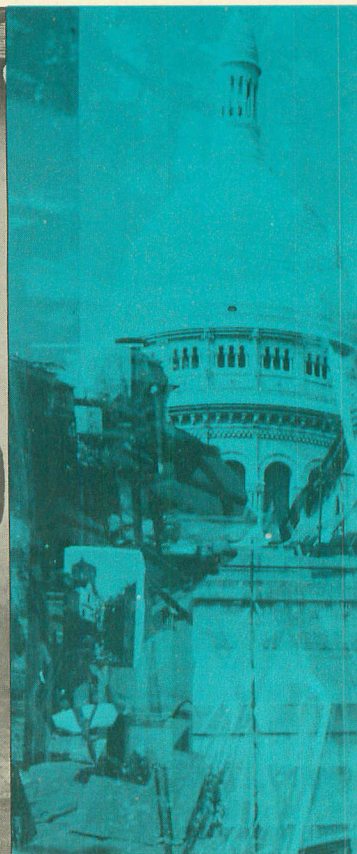
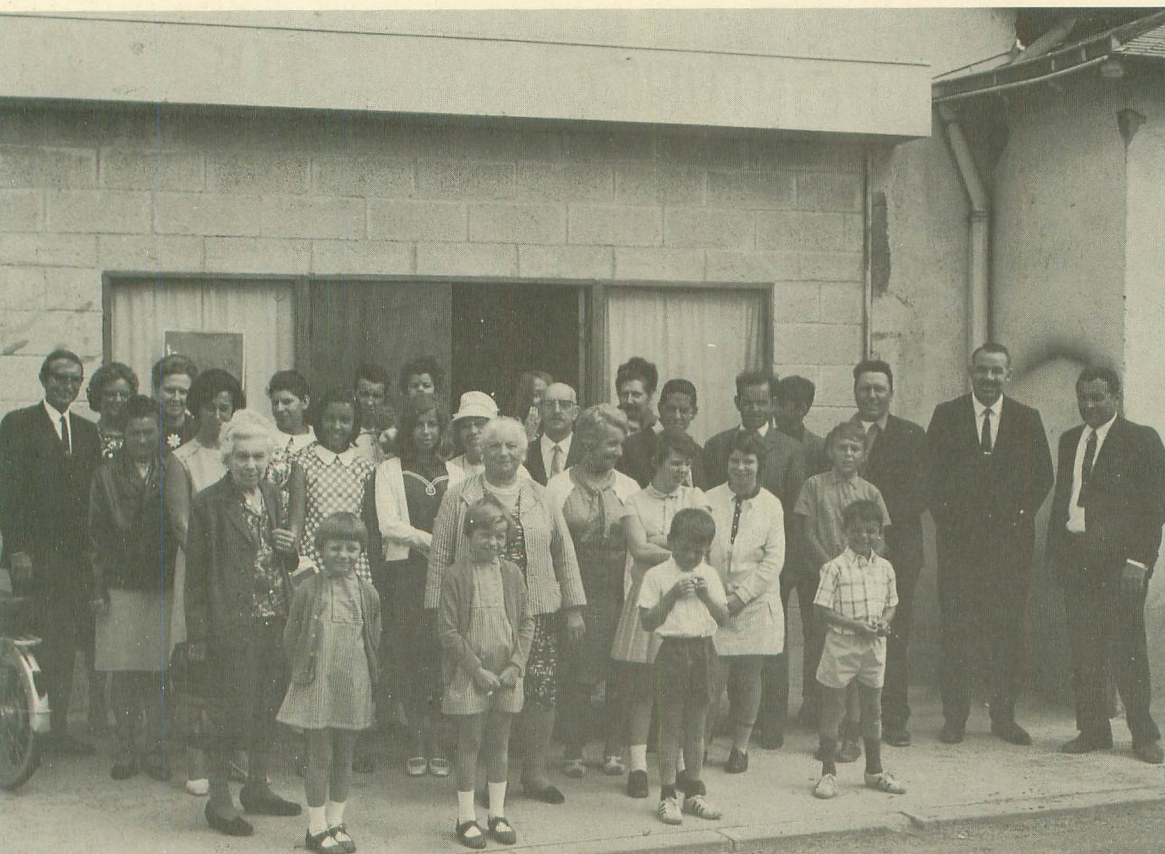
Approximately 500,000 university students study in France. Intellectualism is highly respected and the Frenchman has a fear of appearing ignorant. He will often appear cynical and pretend to believe in nothing.

He is frank to express an opinion, but it may not necessarily be his own. He respects the right of others to freely express themselves but is sensitive to any coercion to ac-

cept that which he does not want to believe. This is a motivating factor in his behavior and greatly affects his making a personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Patience with persuasiveness is essential for effective Christian witness.

The Frenchman is individualistic and respects the independence of fellow citizens. This behavior pattern is an important factor in mass and personal evangelism. Because of his independence, he may not be easily influenced by a mass appeal to declare his faith publicly. Because of respect for privacy, personal evangelism is not a natural approach in the French culture. The proverb, “A man that hath friends must show himself friendly,” cuts across all cultures. The winning of friends through genuine interest is essential to an effective witness for Christ.

France is a mission field. Robert Evans writes in his book *Let Europe Hear* that 36,000 towns and villages are without a gospel witness. I drove across central France and saw



many of these cities. One of the first was the city of Bourg, 40,400 population, with no witness; Montlucon, 60,000 with one small Plymouth Brethren assembly and a small Pentecostal group; Poitiers, a university city with 75,000 and a Baptist work is just beginning; Rennes, 188,000, with two small Pentecostal groups; Cholet, 43,000, and no church. Many other cities could be listed.

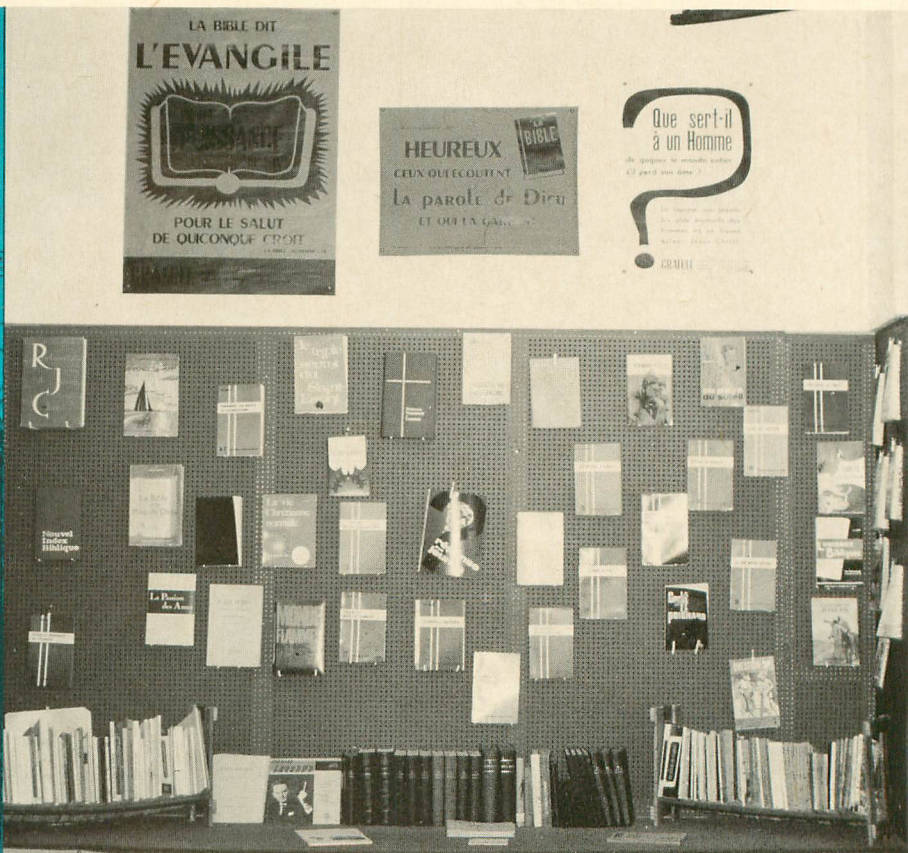
Our missionary, Dan Merkh, and family moved to Nantes, an area of 400,000, and began a Bible study, in October of 1967. The first Sunday morning service was held on January 28, 1968. From this small beginning in his living room has emerged a group of nearly 50 regular worshipers. The growth has been amazing. It is comparable in size to most Baptist churches in France, some of which have been established for 20 years.

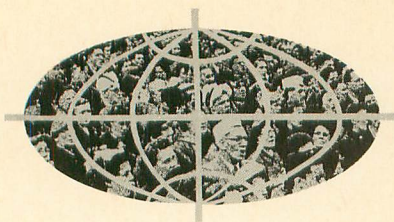
The congregation consists of families, youth and elderly people. A rented building has been attractively redecorated for a place of worship. One young girl from the

church has enrolled for Bible school training at Lamorlaye.

Missionary Joe Haas and family will complete language study and assume the work at Nantes when the Merkh's return for furlough next June. It is projected for the Haases to open a work at St. Nazaire, 64,000, which has one small Pentecostal group.

These missionaries are pleading for help. We need mature, experienced personnel who will have an understanding love, who will learn French and become capable of teaching others, who will live godly in a pagan society and yet patiently nourish young believers; who will manifest a friendly concern; who will sacrifice American biases and be sensitive to the nationalistic pride of the French; who will faithfully present the Word and trust the Holy Spirit to produce the miracle of the new birth in the hearts of Frenchmen. We need couples whose church or association will send them to one of the greatest present-day mission fields — France. □





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EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

worldwide: cuban church grows

Nashville — The Cuban field is spiritually and financially stronger than it ever has been, according to a recent report given by General Director J. Reford Wilson.

He received the information via a meeting in Europe with the Rev. Rafael Josue, elder statesman of the Cuban work. Deputational Missionary Mrs. Mabel Willey was also present. She and her husband, the late Rev. Thomas Willey, Sr., pioneered the work in Latin America and Cuba.

In three provinces, eight pastors, three women Bible teachers and 15 churches remain as evidence of God's presence in Cuba today. These churches combine to form the Cuba Association of Free Will Baptist Churches of which Antonio Echevarria is the president. Highlighting the month of June, a youth convention drew 400 people to the Cedars of Lebanon church conference center (formerly seminary property).

Regular chapel services are allowed and are being conducted. However, for special services, such as baptisms, weddings and conventions, permission must be obtained from the government 15 days in advance of the event.

Since Castro's take over in 1959, several meeting places have been closed. They were mainly those at local homes located in farming communities, where no permanent church buildings existed. Evangelistic outreach is confined to regular church services, since visitation, religious broadcasts and literature distribution are prohibited. Despite these restrictions, conversions are still occurring and the church is growing.

Since the revolution, some Free Will Baptists have left Cuba for other coun-

tries, such as the United States and Spain. Formerly a pastor in Cuba, Benito Rodriguez maintains a vital ministry for the refugees through a church and day nursery in Miami. In Madrid, Loriet and Mercedita Hernandez lead a Bible study group. He was a youth director, and she, a church organist, in Cuba.

ivory coast: a child dies

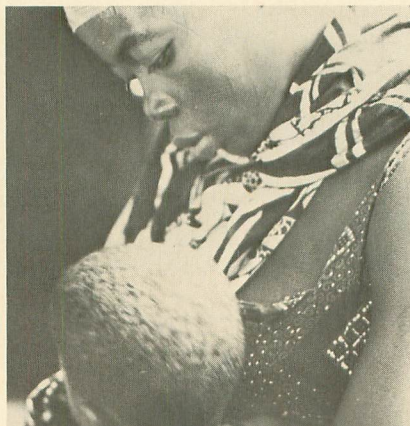
Bondoukou — Missionary Lonnie Palmer, Jr. writes compassionately about the death of an African child:

"The services have ended for the night. The Christians have gone to bed and the village is silent. The lonely cry of the bush-baby in the distance makes us realize afresh where we are and the situation around us.

"Our thoughts turn again to the little four-year-old child that we buried yesterday. He had been sick for a month. The only medicine given to him was something conjured up by a witch doctor which had no power to relieve the suffering or pain, nor to cure.

"He had been deprived of the parental love, sympathy, understanding, and the good things of this life that so many of us take for granted. Now he was buried, wrapped in an old cloth, and placed in a wooden box made of rough planks nailed together.

"How hopeless is the lot of man in the world! But how thankful we are that we can speak of a resurrection in Christ Jesus, of a compassionate God who offers happiness and immortality, and of death as the door into the joys of the Lord."



mrs. willey and josue in europe



stateside: biography begun

Nashville — Communications Director Jerry Ballard left his headquarters desk mid September to begin the first draft of the biography of the late Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.

Mr. Willey, veteran Free Will Baptist missionary to Latin America, died October 18, 1968. In December of the same year, the Board of Foreign Missions authorized Ballard to write the biography.

Research finalized, Ballard is now beginning the first draft of the book in North Carolina.

ivory coast: a "typical" sunday

Doropo — In a recent newsletter, Norman Richards, missionary to Ivory Coast, writes an interesting account of a typical Sunday:

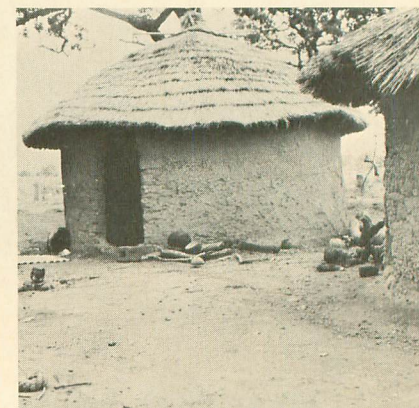
"Sunday is a busy day . . . beginning with services at 8:00 a.m. at the Doropo village church. After this service, we go to a bush village recently opened to the gospel witness.

"Occasionally something happens which disrupts our schedule. For example, on two consecutive Sundays we had a flat tire on the way to the bush village. Without a spare tire the second week, we walked three miles (round trip) into the bush for a service and two more toward Doropo. Lorene Miley, thinking something to be wrong, came to our rescue in her car.

"Our reward for this extra effort to preach the Word? One man came and confessed his sins, wanting to live for the Lord."

Richards also mentions matters for prayer: a house in Bouna and physical strength against malaria, an imminent threat during the rainy season.

african huts



stateside: why a-v deficit

Nashville — Explanation of the continuing deficit in the department's audio-visual fund is warranted by apparent misunderstanding in some circles.

Since the audio-visual fund was established more than five years ago, no missions money has been accredited to it other than income from offerings and rentals in connection with film showings. The current deficit of \$14,510.70 is the difference between cost of maintaining the department's film library and producing new films and filmstrips and the amount of income from showings. No capital investment has been made in the audio-visual division since the initiation of this fund.

Actually, only approximately half of the income due the a-v fund has found its way there. Department records show that nearly 50 per cent of offerings taken for film showings has been designated to individual missionary accounts or received undesignated and applied to the operational fund. This is assuming that offerings were received with every showing as stipulated in booking agreements.

Prorating the present deficit over the past five years of a-v ministry, the net cost per year for operation of the library and production of films is \$2,836.96. The department considers this investment fully justified for missions educational value.

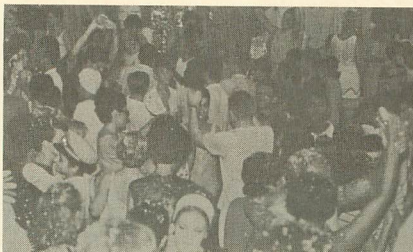
It has been erroneously assumed by some that the current deficit is primarily due to the production of the motion picture "Carnival of Pretense" which was filmed in Brazil in 1965 and released in English in 1966. Actually, the major portion of cost of the Brazil film has been recovered from state-side showings. From an original cost of nearly \$13,000, the deficit on the Brazil film now stands at only \$5,624.81 and will eventually be elimi-

nated by royalties on future showings.

The major portion of the present deficit is from maintenance of the department's film library and deficits carried over from old films which are no longer in circulation and thus have no source of income. A new film library arrangement that will eliminate this part of the deficit is under study. Also under study is a plan for capital financing of new productions rather than operating the audio-visual division without capital investment, thus keeping it forever in the red.

Here is a complete film-by-film breakdown of the current a-v deficit (deficit accounts in parenthesis):

THE ACCUSER	(\$ 113.63)
BEYOND THESE SKIES ... (	116.08)
BRAZIL, AWAKENING	
GIANT	(138.15)
CARNIVAL OF PRETENSE (	5624.81)
FAMILY THAT CHANGED	
THE WORLD	30.91
FLIGHT PLAN	30.83
THE GOING TO FAMILY . (	34.25)
THE HARVESTER	(75.88)
INHALE THE INCENSE ...	205.95
IVORY COAST	
MOTION PICTURE ... (	250.00)
LETTER TO MELITINO ... (	199.25)
MIGHTIER THAN THE	
SWORD	(68.98)
ORANG DYAK	121.70
SUCH AS I HAVE	(33.90)
SUICIDE MOUNTAIN ...	59.99
SUN AND SHADOW ... (	275.36)
TASHI FROM TIBET ... (	104.87)
VENTURE FOR VICTORY . (	93.16)
WILD COUNTRY	(90.00)
FILM DEFICIT	(7094.84)
OLD FILMSTRIP SERIES .. (	6626.53)
NEW FILMSTRIP SERIES .. (	789.33)
TOTAL DEFICIT	(\$14510.70)



worldwide: news bits

Nashville — According to the number of individuals requesting instructions for sending gifts to missionary families, Free Will Baptists overseas should be looking forward to Christmas this year.

However, certain problems arise when high customs duties must be paid by the missionaries for gifts. Customs regulations are continually changing, making it impossible for the foreign missions department to offer specific instructions to those who are sending packages to the various fields. But here are some suggestions:

Send a cash gift to the Foreign Missions Department, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. Mark it "personal gift" and it will be sent to the missionary, rather than being placed in his regular allowance.

If you want to send a package, correspond directly with the missionary. Request his preference and advice for mailing packages from the States. In this way, he will be able to avoid paying customs duties.

Always send packages via air mail, never parcel post. Obtain the proper sticker from the post office before mailing the gift.

In other news, Free Will Baptists will be participating in a prayer chain instituted by the national church in India. Prayer will continue from October 15 through November 30.

Congratulations are in order for two couples. Bill and Glenda Fulcher, missionaries to Uruguay, have a new daughter, Susan Janell, born June 12. During September, Bill and Joy Jones adopted a son, Steven Marion. Former missionary to the Ivory Coast, Jones is now a member of the foreign missions board.

pray for india



An exciting panorama of Free Will Baptist missionaries in action giving the world's teeming masses...

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E VANGELICALS ARE USING mass media hardware on an unprecedented scale. Computer programming seminars have become an expected item in communications conference agendas. Religious cinematography is making great strides forward. National Religious Broadcasters whose membership has tripled in the last three years estimate their combined annual radio and television budget is \$50,000,000. In Los Angeles alone, 3,184 gospel radio broadcasts are heard every month and approximately three-quarter million are aired annually across the country. The evangelical dialogue is no longer whether to use the mass media for the witness of Jesus Christ, but how to use it effectively.

Take the \$50 million expenditure in television and radio, for example. It would be difficult to evaluate its effectiveness, but it is fair to say these programs have not arrested the decline in church attendance. The latest Gallup poll indicates that for the last 10 years church attendance decreased each year in our country — with the exception of 1967 when it rose one per cent. In 1968 it dropped to the lowest point in 10 years. In spite of the fact there has never been such a vast effort to communicate the gospel, church attendance dropped 12 million in these 10 years.

Let's look at the world. In 1830 Protestants represented 25 per cent of the world's population. By January 1960 they represented only eight per cent. "If this trend continues, by the year 2000 Protestants will be statistically nonexistent in our world," was the ominous statement of Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the famous First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. The solution isn't a matter of buying a huge mass of time on radio or television. We cannot change this trend unless we learn to communicate effectively.

Marshall McLuhan devotes an entire page in his pro-

vocative book to print this one sentence: "There is absolutely no inevitability as long as there is a willingness to contemplate what is happening." As Christians, are we willing to face the facts and contemplate what is actually happening in the communication of Jesus Christ?

Christ was the master of communication. After you listened to Him you said, "Never man spake like this man." Why was it He gripped and arrested people with what He said? If we discover more of the secrets of His folded-up power — and I think we can — we can arrest the tragic trend downward.

It is true Mark 8 and the feeding of the multitude reveals Christ the humanitarian, but it also presents Christ the communicator. By changing only one letter in verse one, the statement describes our own times as well, "In those (these) days the multitude being very great . . ."

Confronting the multitude, Christ called His disciples and spoke to them. He didn't pray. He didn't speak in parables. But in six revealing words He unveiled the powerful ingredient of successful communication — "I have compassion on the multitude." If we can't say this we can't communicate His gospel — no matter how successfully we study the techniques and manipulate the hardware.

Jesus Christ and 12 men faced the challenge of feeding 4,000 people. I am going to ask you to think of that ultimate multitude — everybody, every creature — beloved by Jesus Christ. As His disciples we are committed to one supreme task, their evangelization. If we honestly face it, demands will be made on our faith and time that would never otherwise be made. Our limitations will show. The point is clear — you can't feed a multitude unless you witness a miracle.

Without miracles we carry on our work like CBS or UPI

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or *Look* magazine. We develop techniques and study everything from direct mail to cinematography. But after we have become skilled in all these the unfed multitudes still number hundreds of millions of people.

The tragedy is that we have settled for feeding a few. If Christ and His disciples had fed four instead of 4,000, this passage wouldn't be worth reading. But that's the story of so much of our Christian work today. We settle for small goals we can reach without a miracle. And while it's happening, more than two billion people go hungry without a morsel of the gospel bread.

Before a multitude is fed there must be cooperation. (This may be the greatest part of the miracle!) Christ found a boy who cooperated by giving up something he needed for himself. Unless this happens the multitude is never fed. Maturity wasn't a prerequisite. Just love. A lot of us who are so wise and mature can sit with folded hands while two billion people starve without the knowledge of Christ. But there was a boy whose love for the Master included those the Master loved, and he surrendered his lunch. With some it could be a new car. If the Christians of this country would be willing to drive used cars instead of buying new ones and invest the difference in missions, the world could receive a witness so quickly you wouldn't believe it.

The goals of your mission — to tell everybody — are absolutely impossible to attain by human endeavor. Here at World Literature Crusade we must see miracles every day or we utterly fail in our task of introducing an average of 1,000,000 people to Jesus Christ every 24 hours. Because we have set humanly impossible goals we have used thousands of hours of time on hundreds of radio stations since 1946 to mobilize more than 90 million quarter-hours of prayer. Remember, you don't touch the resources of

God until you attempt the impossible.

What a thrill to see the Miracle-Worker in action every day! The first-century disciples broke the bread. In our offices we break the envelopes, but it is the same Christ who blesses them to feed the multitudes.

I challenge you to give up something you need for the multitude and see what Christ will do.

Christ's miracle was based in compassion. "I have compassion on the multitude." Compassion comes from two Latin words, "suffer with." Over and over Christ relates compassion to the multitudes. We can buy all the radio and television time we want, but if we don't have compassion nobody is going to get turned on to this gospel.

Christ was moved with compassion and nothing else but compassion will move us. Only compassion will make us give up something we need for others. Only compassion will cause you to pick up a wounded stranger and let him ride your donkey while you walk.

I love Christ's dogmatic statements. He didn't say: "I sense a feeling of compassion" or "What is needed in the situation is compassion." He said: "I have compassion. . . ." Let me ask you a clear-cut question: "Do you have it?"

Disciples without compassion always have excuses. If you base your decisions only on facts when you face a communications assignment to a multitude you'll always come to the same conclusion. No amount of research and know-how will take us beyond this fact — expertise in communications hardware is impotent without the supernatural presence of a miracle and the element of compassion.

Don't ever tell Jesus Christ it is impossible to verbalize and dramatize His love to the multitudes. As long as He can find a selfless someone who is a communicator of His compassion — there is hope . . . for everybody. □

THIS COLUMN is coming to you live from my hideaway here in beautiful North Carolina where I am working on the first draft of the Thomas H. Willey, Sr. story. Usually when working on a writing chore, my biggest problem is lack of information. In the story of Pop Willey, my problem is too much material and thus determining what must be left out of the book.

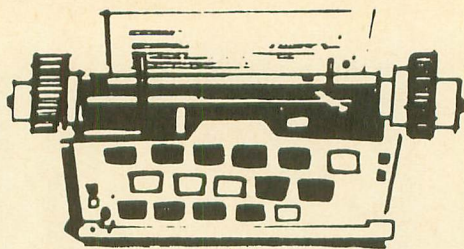
As I boarded the plane en route to my writing retreat, I pointed to a heavy, 20-inch long file box and told the airline attendant, "You may not believe this, but all that's in that box is a single book." He didn't believe it. I should have told him that the book wasn't written yet, that the file contained hundreds of pages of published and unpublished manuscripts by or about Pop, letters and notes made in Pop's own handwriting covering nearly a half century of thoughts about all aspects of life but centering primarily on the wonders of the great God of redemption.

Pop's life was a full, rich, complete one. His memoirs reflect this. To capture this life in feeble type is an impossible task. My hope is through print to cast enough of his reflection that the import of what he was will speak for generations to come.

AN UNSCHEDULED STOP last night was the annual missions rally of the North Carolina State Convention in Middlesex. It was an unofficial visit as guest of my father, the Rev. L. E. Ballard who is a minister of the convention. You will recall that this is the segment of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina that withdrew from the national association several years ago over a polity dispute.

I was appreciative of the warm reception I personally received, and I was heartened to see an increasing desire by many in the convention to assume their share of great commission responsibility.

The N. C. Convention mission board now sponsors missionary activity in Mexico and Rhodesia. Harold Jones and his family were appointed during last night's rally for service in the Philippines in association with the General Baptist foreign department. A



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missions offering of \$6,939.22 was received.

The convention mission board reported \$71,218.65 in receipts for the fiscal year ended June 30 and proposed a budget of \$75,000 for the coming year, approximately 69 per cent of the \$65,612.82 spent went to foreign projects.

The Rev. Joseph Ingram is director-treasurer. His commission concern is self-evident.

DOES THE CHINA CHURCH still exist? After a quarter century of Communist reprisal and harassment, has a gospel witness in the world's largest concentration of population survived?

Writer George N. Patterson says, "Yes," in the new Word Books release *Christianity in Communist China* (174 pages, \$4.95).

I was especially interested in what Patterson has to say because of my work on the Willey biography and continuing study of God's working on the island of Cuba. Castro's govern-

ment in many ways is following the Chinese approach in dealing with the Church.

The Church in Cuba today is about where it was in China in the mid fifties, according to recent reports from the island and Patterson's history of the Church in China. For this reason, Patterson's book may provide insight as to what's ahead on the island, assuming some variations in Oriental and Latin thinking.

If the Church has truly survived the past quarter of a century in China, it can survive anywhere. The evidence Patterson presents suggests that communism in China has not succeeded either in eliminating a vital Christianity or in compelling all Christians to conform to the Party line. Contrarily, Christians are a force potent enough to frustrate and infuriate the Communists. And the Church seems to be increasing in numbers and activity.

It is a different kind of church than the one with which we in the free world are familiar. It has been forced to return to early Church concepts of underground home congregations. Whereas Christianity in its institutional, formal form has been practically eliminated, Biblical Christianity survives through its basic spiritual unity that transcends bricks and mortar, programs and superstructure.

In this 20th century parallel with the experiences of the first Christians, American believers are given the prototype for survival in our own critical philosophical environment.

COMING NEXT MONTH in *Heartbeat* is an exciting story of God at work in Panama, an appraisal of the missionary's role in a revolutionary world and a "tell it like it is" accounting of the cost of the care and feeding of missionaries. Planned for future issues are articles presenting an Indian's view of India, re-examination of the mission approach to India, the changing face of Romanism in Latin America, an evaluation of the Roman Catholic experiment in Panama and implications for evangelicals, relationship of missions support with church growth in the States, and synopses on the world's religions.

PAYNE'S PEOPLE by Eddie Payne



Help!! Helen, it's Missions Sunday, and I can't find the kids' piggy bank . . .

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL becomes increasingly important in these days of theological, moral and social revolution.

In the ecumenical movement, theological liberalism has flourished. Biblical truths have been compromised, unholy alliances formed and questionable declarations made as the authoritative voice of Protestantism.

Only the man who has no perception of sinking could deny we are in a moral quagmire. Literature, music, television and movies stimulate the evil passions of men and women. The crime, violence and soft punishment for lawlessness reveal the depravity of our society.

Finally, a social maelstrom of materialism has engulfed us. Ear-tingling song bits, eye-catching, colorful ads, easy non-solicited credit cards and keeping up with the latest trends have enslaved us to things.

However, Paul offers an articulate solution to our moral dilemma: "Your old evil desires were nailed to the cross with Him; that part of you that loves to sin was crushed and fatally

'out of my heart'

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wounded, so that your sin-loving body is no longer under sin's control, no longer needs to be a slave to sin; For when you are deadened to sin you are freed from all its allure and its power over you. And since your old sin-loving nature 'died' with Christ, we know that you are now sharing His new life." (Romans 6:6-8, *Living Letters*).

The new birth, giving man a new nature, is the answer to our problems. We believe the gospel changes men, and men can change the world. This is why Jesus commanded us to go to every nation. He said, "I send you forth as lambs among wolves."

Is it enough to decry iniquity from

the safety of the pulpit? Is the compassionate voice from the pulpit communicating God's condemnation of sin? To clear the air of disturbing moral and religious issues, the gospel must be effectively lived on your block as well as in the church. The means can be a Bible club in the high school, a Man for Missions group, or a neighborhood women's Bible study.

We need more courageous soldiers in these arenas of conflict. The power of God is better demonstrated in the heat of the battle than in the cool of the shade. The miracles of God are seen more in places of darkness than in places of light.

To be missionary demands confrontation. Should not the church be more concerned with getting the gospel to the ends of the earth than with refurbishing its building? If we declare an alarming concern about these trends, how can we justify our tremendous expenditures (75 to 100 per cent) on our local church ministries? How can we explain why the Holy Spirit is not sending more missionaries from our churches?



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Travel, Promotion	9,615.58
Administrative	7,708.19
FUNDS ON DEPOSIT	84,377.33

missionary accounts**

Jimmy Aldridges	\$5,760.63	Lonnie Palmers	1,739.24
Bobby Aycocks	2,896.92	Eddie Paynes	1,859.43
Molly Barker, R.N.	1,995.01	Bobby Pooles	73.29
Robert Bryans	6,087.70	Norman Richardses	4,696.92
Wesley Calverys	(5,160.88)	Paul Robinsons	5,005.29
Jim Combes	639.32	Don Robirdses	1,858.16
Louis Coscias	5,456.12	Lonnie Sparkses	4,102.24
Maurice Cousineaus	5,056.81	Mrs. Josephine Stevens	.55
John Crafts	7,142.94	Herbert Waids	(1,884.92)
Dan Cronks	639.42	Sammy Wilkinsons	(4,591.77)
Earnie Deedses	13,082.12	Mrs. Mabel Willey	(100.92)
Ken Eagletons	3,772.97	Tom Willeys, Jr.	(2,756.74)
Walter Ellisons	6,409.08	Africa Bible Institute	283.80
Dave Frankses	10,684.44	Africa Medical Building	885.69
Bill Fulchers	716.60	Audio-Visual	(14,184.80)
Howard Gages	301.15	Brazil Bible Institute	232.15
Estenio Garcias	(346.46)	Brazil Church Loan Fund	35.00
Joe Haases	1,135.80	Brazil Vehicle	6,482.19
Carlisle Hannas	4,628.36	Ecuador Funds	7,656.02
Fred Herseys	413.60	Furlough Car Loan Fund	(1,545.74)
Tommy Hugheses	86.62	Operation Fund	(24,779.98)
Bill Joneses	(1,366.13)	Project "5000" Japan	7,086.07
Sherwood Lees	5,753.19	Repatriation	3,370.73
Archie Mayhews	(2,167.52)	South India	(337.87)
Dan Merkhs	467.68	Trust Fund	3,000.00
LaVerne Miley	1,369.89	Willey Memorial	4,928.89
Jim McLains	5,809.03		

\$84,377.33

state quotas — 1969

STATE	AUGUST RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS	UNDER (OVER) QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 1,852.03	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 16,802.92	\$ 5,197.08
Alaska	— 0 —	500.00	— 0 —	500.00
Arizona	77.95	3,000.00	1,331.03	1,668.97
Arkansas	1,923.59	22,500.00	12,224.16	10,275.84
California	1,361.45	36,000.00	18,666.09	17,333.91
Canada	21.83	300.00	204.70	95.30
Colorado	35.26	1,750.00	309.83	1,440.17
Florida	1,222.91	18,750.00	9,335.15	9,414.85
Georgia	1,077.57	28,500.00	14,482.57	14,017.43
Hawaii	10.00	500.00	110.05	389.95
Idaho	4.64	1,500.00	175.93	1,324.07
Illinois	926.69	18,000.00	10,621.49	7,378.51
Indiana	184.23	5,700.00	2,179.57	3,520.43
Iowa	100.00	2,500.00	812.75	1,687.25
Kansas	224.15	5,500.00	3,800.08	1,699.92
Kentucky	642.10	10,000.00	7,049.59	2,950.41
Louisiana	— 0 —	1,500.00	11.91	1,488.09
Maine	145.25	2,500.00	839.50	1,660.50
Michigan	3,426.81	60,000.00	41,188.01	18,811.99
Mississippi	723.31	10,000.00	6,366.56	3,633.44
Missouri	2,861.99	40,000.00	31,139.13	8,860.87
New Hampshire	151.85	1,250.00	603.50	646.50
New Mexico	56.00	1,500.00	877.92	622.08
North Carolina	5,056.21	78,000.00	50,536.93	27,463.07
Ohio	1,249.20	25,000.00	15,188.27	9,811.73
Oklahoma	5,280.37	57,000.00	39,485.61	17,514.39
Oregon	— 0 —	500.00	— 0 —	500.00
South Carolina	2,683.37	35,000.00	27,297.37	7,702.63
Tennessee	9,954.92	57,000.00	50,795.47	6,204.53
Texas	1,298.56	15,000.00	7,422.71	7,577.29
Virginia	1,410.88	25,000.00	14,136.22	10,863.78
Washington	8.16	1,500.00	339.55	1,160.45
West Virginia	793.61	16,250.00	6,439.15	9,810.85
Miscellaneous	94.57	7,308.36	5,975.19	1,333.17
	\$44,859.46	\$611,308.36	\$396,748.91	\$214,559.45

1969 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	\$611,308.36
NEEDED THROUGH AUGUST 31	214,559.45
RECEIVED THROUGH AUGUST 31	396,748.91

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administrative staff: J. Reford Wilson, general director; Jerry Ballard, director of communications; Harold Critcher, director of finance; Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation.

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