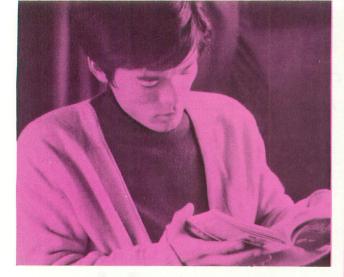
# HEARTBEAT

JULY-AUGUST 1970







# Something's Happening in Sapporo





by JERRY BALLARD

MISSIONARY Wesley Calvery thinks Japanese as well as he does American. That's the reason he can "tune in" so easily to what grabs their interest. And he knows how to convert that interest into a hearing for the gospel.

Sapporo sits in a dominant position on the cold, northernmost Japanese island of Hokkaido with a population approaching one million. It is a westernized city, one of the most western in Japan due largely to its location near what was once a

major American military installation.

The city is the intellectual capital of Hokkaido as well as the political one. Its colleges and universities have the same problems ours here in the United States have. And these problems stem from the same basic spiritual thirst.

Missionary Calvery knows this. When he moved to Sapporo in 1966 for his third term of service in Japan, he was drawn to the tremendous need for reaching high school and university students.

And he accepted the opportunity God placed before him. But how do you reach across not only a potential generation gap but a cultural gap as well?

This is where Calvery has an edge on many. His disarming smile and unpretentious compassion turns back formidable barriers. Whether one accepts Wesley's message or not, he sees a life worth imitating and in comparison senses a personal inner void.

The missionary centered his ministry in reaching young people at vital points of contact. One of these is the growing desire of the Japanese to learn English, especially in Sapporo where preparations are underway for hosting the 1972 Winter Olympics. Contacts made through English classes turned into converts, and the Free Will Baptist church in Sapporo was born.

As I glanced around the small chapel one day last March, I was startled by the difference between our congregation and that of others in Japan. All were young—students, young married couples, business men, a professor. And they were excited about their faith.

I had come to discuss with them the possibilities of special evangelistic outreach during the coming Winter Olympics in Sapporo. They had already been discussing the matter, and I could contribute nothing to their motivation and little to their planning. They had committed themselves to reaching every home in the immediate area of the church, about 30,000 families. All I could offer was technical assistance.

The Sapporo church board is composed of alert and aggressive laymen of high capability. They have more concern about evangelism than I have ever witnessed anywhere else.

But Wesley isn't satisfied. Everywhere he turns he sees Japanese young people doing their own things and finding no true perspective on life and its meaning. And he knows that comes only through faith in the Living Christ.

A great change has been underway in the sociological context of modern Japan. Young people are more free to explore new ideas than in the past. Old ties are still strong in terms of parental pressure, but an interesting group dynamic is operative in the general rebellion Japanese students feel toward traditional things, much like in our own country. In Japan this is creating a favorable en-

vironment for Christian witness. And Wesley knows this.

Several months ago he passed a group of Japanese students who were strumming their guitars and singing folk songs. Wesley, a musician in his own right, asked permission to join in. This small gesture of interest won the missionary an immediate place in these young hearts. When he learned they had no place to practice their music, Wesley invited them to use the fellowship room at the church. And the walls of inhibition toward the gospel and Christ came tumbling down.

One of the first converts resulting from Wesley's interest in folk music was John Yasuda, one of the students in that group Wesley met that started the folk singing ministry. Others have followed.

John and Wesley invited other young people to join them in forming the Peacemakers folk singing group. The team has been widely received in the Sapporo area where they have been engaged in an evangelistic ministry. Also, they were invited to share testimonies on a national television program.

The Sunday night I was in Sapporo the last of March, the fellowship room was packed with around 50 young people with their guitars and Wesley with his autoharp. I offered my prayer of praise for what God is doing in Sapporo as I heard these voices lifted in songs of praise for the greatness and love of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. No faith is quite as vibrant as young faith.

The assorted musical groups were rehearsing for Sapporo's first Christian folk rally which was held the following week. Five hundred teen-agers jammed a local auditorium to hear the gospel proclaimed through this youth medium. A phenomenal thing then happened. Japanese are reluctant to make clear-cut decisions for Christ. Usually. But at the conclusion of the Sapporo rally, more than 20 young people recorded their commitments to Christ. Today, one complete family is active in the Sapporo church and several young people attend regularly as a result of this one meeting.

What's happening in Sapporo is just a beginning. God isn't limited to our limitations. He is drawing to Himself a new generation of Japanese.

As my plane lifted skyward I hardly noticed that we left in a snowstorm. My heart was warmed by what I had seen. A real missionary reaching real people with a real gospel. "By their fruits ye shall know them."



# GOD NEEDS ONLY ME!

NANTES, FRANCE, is a city of over 400,000 people with no growing evangelical work except our own: Free Will Baptist.

After 20 years in Nantes, the only other evangelical group is now less than 50 strong with no full-time workers. Ten-thousand children are born

here each year, hundreds of workers are moving from the country to find jobs and thousands of university students also live in the area. Yet, I am the only pastor, and I represent the only growing ministry. Does God need only me?

We have recently printed a folder entitled "Free

Will Baptists—Who Are We?" that is designed to be put in mailboxes to introduce our work in the area. Two of the young boys in our church distributed about 200 folders in a large apartment section. The following Sunday a young school teacher visited our church. He had moved to town, had tried to find a place to worship the Lord, but could not find any. He received the tract, and now with his wife and baby daughter is attending regularly.

How many more are there in this city who have moved here, but can find no place to worship the Lord? Is there room for other workers, or does

God need only me?

Recently I attended a conference in Paris. I talked with an evangelist who told me about his sister-in-law, her husband and three children who moved to Savenay, just 18 miles from Nantes. Our group is the closest and only one within 100 miles of them. Last Tuesday a layman and I visited the family. The wife was nearly in tears when she found out we were Christians. They were new in town, had no friends and no Christian fellowship.

The Sunday before someone had run a stop sign and completely demolished their car. The son was cut on the face, the daughter was bruised badly and the mother's leg was hurt. When she talked with us her heart broke. She was lonely, hungry for fellowship and, as a new Christian, desperately needed Christian friends. She was convinced, and we were too, that the Lord sent us to them just when they needed help.

Before the service on Sunday morning, I drove the 35 miles round trip to bring them to the church so they could enjoy the fellowship. Now they want us to come every Monday night. Margaret can give the children a Bible study, and I can teach the adults. We hope to begin inviting the neighbors as they begin to make their acquaintance.

My schedule for the week is already over crowded, but since no one else is here, God must

need ony me. Or is God mistaken?

Monday the telephone rang. A young missionary woman told me about an elderly lady who was spending her vacation at Lyon. A group of young people handed her a gospel tract, and when she saw that it was about the Bible, she ran after them.

During the following week, she made six or seven contacts with the missionaries in the area. She returned home, but didn't lose interest. She and her husband completed several Bible correspondence courses, and even called Lyon (300 miles away) to insist that a missionary come and

spend a few days with them. They were told about our work at Nantes and Rennes, and thought we were holding services at Rennes on Thursday afternoons. Even though they work on Thursdays, they had planned to work all day Saturday instead, so they could drive to Rennes for the services. The Lord willing I will visit them this week.

Let me review my schedule for you. Monday evenings we would like to go to Savenay with our new found family. Tuesday afternoons are spent in the local prison with a class of teenagers, some 15 to 25. The Lord wonderfully opened this door, since not many foreigners are allowed to visit the prisons, and the prison director himself requested that we take the class. Wednesday night is the regular Bible study and prayer meeting at the church. Thursday morning is the children's Bible class. Thursday afternoon I drive to Rennes, spend the night in the hotel and return to Nantes in time for the Friday evening class. This gives me Thursday and Friday to visit in Rennes.

But what is Rennes? Rennes is a city of 200,000 with the same type of witness, or lack of witness that we have here in Nantes. The Baptist Federation of France attempted to work there, but were not able to continue. They told me they would be glad if we could work there. So, two months ago I began driving over on Sunday afternoon, leaving home at 1:30 p.m., driving the 65 miles in time for the 3:30 service and arriving back at Nantes at 8:30 p.m. Rennes is another miracle—a wonderful open door and certainly the Lord's doing.

But Rennes is only a center. Fougere is just a few miles away. A couple living there was saved four years ago, baptized, and have since been praying that someone would come to have a service once in awhile with them. They are still waiting. In Laval a small Baptist group exists without a pastor. The Federation has asked us to take the work, but who can go?

Missionary Joe Haas and his family will be taking our place when we come home for furlough. He will be thrust immediately into this full schedule. The Lord willing, when we return, he can move to Rennes. Already he will have the church at Rennes and three preaching points waiting for him there.

Here is the problem: If these open doors are God's doings, and I am the only one here, am I to assume that God needs only me? Or must I believe that God has made a mistake in giving so many open doors? Or, maybe, God needs you to help here in France.



FOREIGN MISSIONS is hard to communicate. It includes such abstracts as concern, understanding, love, need and vision. Even when a missionary explains the needs of his field, or you hear a pastor preach on missions, or you read a tract about the distress in foreign countries, it is hard to see the need or hear the need or feel the need.

That's why your foreign department has provided a new, expanded film service. Films communicate! They command the attention of an audience. They allow you to see, hear and feel the necessity of a foreign missions program. They involve you and others in an exciting, worldwide ministry for Jesus Christ.

Let's face it. Foreigners are not like you. They don't look like you, act like you, dress like you or talk like you. People can explain these differences, but films can show these differences, and answer a lot of questions in the meantime. Films also point out similarities, especially basic needs. And the central theme of all our films and filmstrips is man's basic need for God, and this need fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. They show you what Free Will Baptists are doing to meet this need among all men, and how you play an important part in this ministry.

You see, we don't want you to support a film ministry or even foreign missions. We want you to care about people like Jesus did. If you care about people, then the support will come in.

Foreign missions is people, and films communicate this fact. Through films, foreign missions becomes people missions. There are no foreigners to

God. Order a film or filmstrip. Then they won't be foreigners to you either.

Suggested below are tips on how to give missionary films a greater impact in your church.

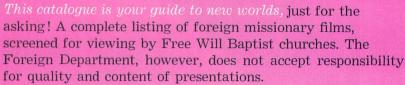
- (1) Plan your showing in advance. This will enable you to secure the film of your choice.
- (2) Vary selection of films. Show both documentary and dramatic films.
- (3) Always preview the film. The leader should first become acquainted with the film before he shows it to his audience.
- (4) Plan a program around it. After discerning the message of the film, plan a program to lead naturally into this message. Build toward definite appeal for commitment at close.
- (5) Advertise in advance. Give plenty of notice when you plan a missionary film. Send information about the film to the editor of your local newspaper. Tell when and where it will be shown. Use posters and leaflets when available.
- (6) Use only a projector in good repair operated by an experienced projectionist. Poor equipment or operator can disrupt effectiveness of presentation as well as cause expensive damage to film.
- (7) Introduce the film. A few words of introduction help prepare the audience mentally for what they are about to see. Use caution, however, and don't spoil impact by talking too much.
- (8) Close meeting on the up-beat. Too much talking at end of film can ruin impact, also. Ask audience to bow for prayer. Make invitation brief but pointed. Soft music or softly sung congregational song will help continue mood. □



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# FILM Catalog





## IN MOTION PICTURES

New agency/Randall InspirAction Films has been established by the Sunday School Department in cooperation with the Foreign Missions Department as the motion picture distribution agency for Free Will Baptist churches. It is managed by an outstanding Christian businessman experienced in the Christian film distribution ministry. Randall InspirAction is one of the largest agencies of its kind in the country.

New address/The Foreign Department has merged its motion picture library with Randall InspirAction and moved it to 7200 S. Central, LaGrange, Ill. 60525. All requests for motion picture bookings should be sent to the Illinois address.

New films/Free Will Baptists now have immediate access to all motion picture films produced by evangelical producers, more than 1,200 film productions. Included in these are more than five times the number of foreign films available from the old service.

New procedures/All requests for bookings are confirmed and invoiced by Randall InspirAction in Illinois. Payments for rental fees should be sent to the Illinois address. A percentage of all rental fees for foreign missionary films will be used for production of Free Will Baptist missionary films by the foreign department.

## IN 35mm FILMSTRIPS WITH SOUND

(See back page of this catalogue for a complete list.) Foreign Missions 35mm filmstrips with recorded sound will continue to be handled by the Foreign Department in Nashville. Filmstrips are available on a freewill offering basis and requests for their use should be sent to the Nashville address: P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

REMEMBER: Write to the Illinois address for motion pictures, and to the Nashville address for 35mm filmstrips.

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MOTION PICTURE DISTRIBUTION AGENCY FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS P. O. BOX 249, 7200 S. CENTRAL, LA GRANGE, ILL. 60525, PHONE 312/246-7990

# ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ASK and the exciting, wide world of missions will be brought before you on screen.

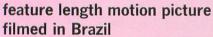
These 16 mm films will . . .

... take you into worlds you've never known before:

- the Oriental world where small orphans are gently touched by the gospel message of remote mission stations, where they are fed and reared in a Christian environment until they can care for themselves, where once in a while a smart, young boy like Fujita rises into manhood and becomes a minister;
- the African world where men like Paul Carlson give their lives to bring the gospel to a revolutionary country, where witchdoctors are often frustrated by the powers of the gospel;
- the Latin American world where the story of the Auca spears become reality, where primordial tribes hear the message of Christ for the first time, where young students are confronted with the God who loves;
- the world of India where you will experience vicariously the love of wild animals and nature of Sadhu Sundar Singh, as well as his torturous ordeals at the hands of his enemies and his subsequent transforming faith upon their lives, where William Carey attempted and gained great things for God;
- the world of need—the one that so few of us recognize, the one where spiritual hunger runs rampant across the lives of millions, where conflicts and hate thrive, where children go hungry amid disease, illiteracy, degradation and misery. This world is seen only by those who take the messages of these films to heart as they describe a dark, hungry, needy world that would be a different place altogether with the presence of the gospel. You will find this world if you look close enough, and if you care enough.

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions suggests that you take any available opportunities to view all these films. Whatever contributions or royalties are paid for their showing will further the ministry of your foreign missions department.





Against the backdrop of Mardi Gras, this film starkly contrasts the tinsel world of pretense with the dynamic world of reality in Jesus Christ. Produced as part of an expanding evangelism effort in Brazil, the film is now available to reach American teens with the message of reality and victory. A Free Will Baptist production.



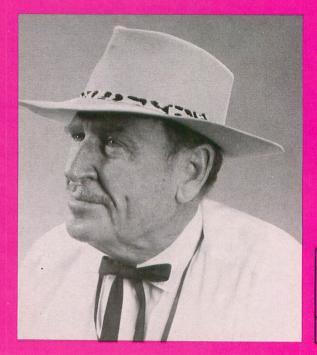


BE SURE TO SEE THESE FREE WILL BAPTIST FILMS:

# LETTER TO MELITINO

## filmed in Cuba

See Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in action in this thrilling account of the conversion of a young Cuban through the printed word and personal witness. Features veteran Latin American missionaries Thomas and Mable Willey, Sr. A Free Will Baptist production.



30
MINUTES

\$15
RENTAL

setting: FRANCE

# Recistez



It means "to resist!"

The day Marie, a charming but frustrated artist, threw her latest painting into the River Seine, a chain of events began to transpire in her life which was to culminate in her acceptance of the Christian faith.

Filmed entirely in France, RECISTEZ is an evangelistic film of special relevance to modern youth.

After seeing RECISTEZ, a young Jewish student exclaimed, "Now I understand what my Christian friends have been trying to tell me. I am ready to receive Jesus Christ as my own personal Messiah!"



setting: LATIN
AMERICA

## THROUGH GATES OF SPLENDOR

The complete story of the martyrdom and triumph of the five young missionaries killed by the savage Aucas. Much of this film was taken on the beach by the men themselves shortly before they were killed. Narrated by Betty Elliot, who with her small daughter went to live among the savages who killed her husband.



36
MINUTES

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RENTAL

An up-to-date account of the work among the Auca Indians. See up close the Auca hunters using blowguns and fishing with spears. Feel the power and majesty of the rain forest. See the power of the gospel of Christ.

# I Saw Aucas Pray





SAVAGE FLAME Exquisitely photographed in color in the vast untamed interior of South America, this authentic, exciting missionary film takes you to the world's strangest tribes of primitive natives. Dramatizing the church's true mission, the picture unfolds this moving story of a missionary family's heroic service—its healing ministry, its teaching mission, its gospel preaching.





Gil, a young pilot, flies an ambulance plane in the mountains of Central America. There he meets Mario, a young caballero desperately in need of Christ. What happens weaves a story of immense significance to the Church today.

setting: THE ORIENT

A film with a challenge to the Christian church, it tells the story of Kim Sun and Mei Lei, two Chinese high school students, and their desperate search for truth. The conflicts they face, the uncertainties of the future, woven from real life experiences in the Orient, present an unforgettable spiritual impact.



something to die for





# IN THE FACE OF JEOPARDY

This tense, dramatic film has two gripping stories to tell—the very personal account of one man's struggle between faith and fear—and the authentic, documented story of the present-day conflict between Communism and Christianity being waged today in Southeast Asia.

The deep shadow of Communism falls continually longer across the feverish earth. Yet, even longer, is the shadow of that darkness which keeps men, both in and out of the free world, from knowing the liberating truth of the Gospel. It was this second darkness which surrounded a man and a boy as they made their way into the jungles of Malaya. A Chinese boy vividly demonstrates the power of the gospel over the darkness of heathenism.

# ANGRY JUNGLE



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MINUTES

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# THE FAITH OF YUAN TAI

Yuan Tai, staunch patriot and faithful Christian, falls into the hands of the communist invaders of his homeland. When his choice must be denial of his religion or death, he gives a neverto-be-forgotten testimony of total dedication to Christ.

Tashi, forced from his homeland of Tibet, yet tied to his forefather's tradition, is confronted with God who loves and a living faith displayed in Christian discipleship. The film probes the heart of this teenager and unfolds one of the truly great epochs of modern missions. Includes shots of the Dalai Lama.









A missionary doctor in Pakistan, shocked by the overwhelming indifference of typical Christians to the millions outside Christ, discovers the difference between "token" involvement and "total" involvement.

An American businessman and his attractive wife, while touring the Orient, face the startling fact that materialism is just another form of idolatry.





# KENJI COMES HOME

This picture sketches in bold strokes the dark but challenging picture of the struggle of Christianity and democracy with communism for the youth of postwar Japan. Grim realism is the keynote as Kenji, symbol of Japanese young manhood, returns from the war to find his home destroyed, his family gone. This film is excellent for building appreciation for Japan's problems and the responsibilities of America.

# KYOTO STORY

A "G.I." in Japan gets an intimate glimpse of missionary life. Photographed in Japan.





# SHADOW OF THE CASTLE

Phyllis Barnnen creates an exciting new art form in sound-color film. Struggling against unyielding Japanese tradition, little Kenji speaks for his generation: "What I want is a new life that will last always and never get dirty or broken or old." But wanting it is not having it. See the challenge of the gospel in the hostile arena of a non-Christian culture.

A Japanese boy who, in infancy, is placed in the care of Christian missionaries by his widowed mother. Fujita's rise to the ministry is illustrated by appealing childhood scenes, his daily activities in a mission school, his marriage and his work as a rural minister. The film dramatically illustrates the potentialities of Japan's children when given proper care and training.

# Fujita, Orphan in Japan



setting: AFRICA



THE PAUL CARLSON STORY



On November 24, 1964, the attention of the entire world was drawn to the name of Paul Carlson, the missionary doctor slain in the Stanleyville massacre who, in the last weeks of his life became a twentieth century symbol of strength and dedication. The facts of his life, his medicine, his love for God, his courage and tragic death are told in this, **The Paul Carlson Story.** 

The true life story of Sammy Morris, an African prince whose miraculous conversion in the jungles of Africa began a series of events that were to alter the course of an American university and transform the lives of those he met. It expresses the need for both salvation and dedication.



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MINUTES

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RENTAL

wild country

Bobby's father, a university professor, came to Africa on special assignment to study the habits of wildlife. Bobby and his family lived on a large ranch, in the heart of Masai country, and the boy soon found himself surrounded by high adventure and a series of events leading to the discovery which changed his young life.

This inspiring documentary film is the true story of an African boy. Mbola's mother braves native superstitions and takes him to the much-feared Christian mission to see if they can heal the boy's leg. Mbola becomes a medical missionary and returns to enlighten and help his people.

# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE WITCHDOCTOR

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22
MINUTES
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RENTAL

## setting: INDIA



# journey to the sky

Sadhu Sundar Singh lived in such harmony with nature even the wild animals of the jungle became his friends. When evil men threw him into the pit of death, he escaped miraculously. Beaten and scourged, his life constantly threatened, he always responded with love and compassion.

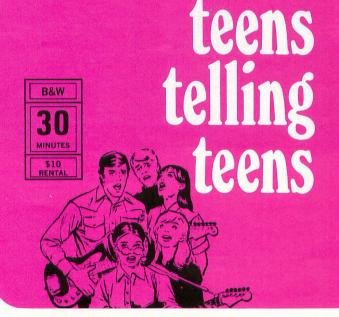
Portrayed by Manhar Desai, one of India's bestknown actors, Sadhu proclaims his message of transforming faith in a living Christ.

A story of William Carey, 17th century English cobbler, who became a pioneer Christian missionary to India. An inspirational film photographed in England, India, and Hollywood, U.S.A. The film shows the cobbler's struggle with the church for the privilege of becoming a missionary.

# empty shoes



setting: EUROPE



"The world will listen to a teenager," Ray heard the Teen Team leader say. Then, moments later, listening to the compelling testimonies of teen members who had brought their witness to multitudes overseas, something strange began to happen in Ray's heart.

Teens Telling Teens is the story of Ray, how he got onto a Teen Team to Europe, what God did through him and for him as he carried the good news of the gospel to teens in Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, Switzerland and on across Europe.

Filmed on location in Europe, Teens Telling Teens sparkles with music, testimonies, and that certain something that makes a teenager, whose life is sold out to Christ, radiantly different.

## setting: **INTERNATIONAL**





viewer into a visual encounter with the implicaica would be like if geographical reversals were

God and human folly pursue a family to The Breaking Point. The film reveals the blemishes which mar the depth of Christian character so desperately needed today. It is the story of an upper-middle class American family which has accumulated enough material wealth so that leisure hours become a major problem, and it poses the question of how deeply a modern young family should be involved in the program of the church.

# BREAKING POINT



# THE FAMILY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

What is your responsibility to your neighbor? How can you hope to influence a geographical world for Christ, if you've not faced up to the needs of your immediate world?



Dick, an alert young Christian, tries to present his faith to a group of foreign students and discovers how ill-equipped many Christians are in all areas of personal witness. A provocative motion picture bringing personal evangelism into sharper focus.

Dramatizes the importance of gospel literature in mission work around the world. People are now learning to read and write at fully twice the rate of the world's increase in population. Their hunger for something to read presents the greatest missionary opportunity of our time.

MIGHTIER





A stimulating, dramatic story of a sophisticated doctor who takes a year's vacation from his medical practice to travel around the world on a picture taking tour. But, when he comes in first-hand contact with medical missionaries and the work of the Medical Assistance Program in China, New Guinea, India and Africa, he realizes that no one who sees the need of the world can possibly remain just . . . "a free-loader."

Around the world . . . around the clock . . . the Word of God goes out by various means. The one common denominator in every culture: great and tragic spiritual need.

A "how-it's-done" sound and color film that ought to be shown in every church that believes in foreign missions.

"... never imagined someone could travel right around the world in such a short time—and really get something out of it!"

# Our Changing World



JOPINSHEI Lask

A wealthy engineer is bitterly disappointed when his son decides to become a missionary instead of entering his father's firm. Eventually through his son's work, the father begins to realize that every Christian has a job to do in helping to proclaim Christ to the unchurched millions. The father then decides to do his part by telling others of the "unfinished task" of bringing Christ to the world.

Here are today's children—tomorrow's generation. See them on India's streets . . . along the Nile . . . on floating sampans . . . in deepest Africa. Jungle drums, public sidewalks, disease, illiteracy, malnutrition, degradation. This world of children without hope touches our innermost human instincts, and challenges Christians to join those who have penetrated the furthest reaches of the globe to bring new hope to millions.

# CHILDREN OF THE WORLD



# **FILMSTRIPS**

AVAILABLE FOR A FREEWILL OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS (\$5.00 Minimum)

A survey of Free Will Baptist missionaries at work throughout the world giving people everywhere "at least one chance" to hear about Jesus. COLOR: 22 MINUTES



The Free Will Baptist mission in Japan makes Christ relevant in a totally non-Christian culture. Filmed in Japan. COLOR: 151/2 MINUTES



cuts through the underbrush of ancient tradition. Filmed in Africa. COLOR: 12 MINUTES



The story of Jesus Christ from eternity past to the startling present. Filmed in the Holy Land. COLOR: 17 MINUTES



The Free Will Baptist mission in Brazil offers reality to the spiritually disillusioned. Filmed in Brazil. COLOR: 15 MINUTES



The Free Will Baptist mission in India struggles against humanly impenetrable darkness. Has God forsaken these hungry millions? Filmed in

India. COLOR: 151/2 MINUTES

# **NEW RELEASES!**

# **TEEPLES** NOWHERE

Filmed in France.

# OPPOSITION

Filmed in Panama and Uruguay.



# Europe Diary

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR SHARES
EXPERIENCES IN SWITZERLAND AND FRANCE



## February 11-February 16 in Switzerland

The snowcapped peaks of Switzerland were in contrast to the sands of the Sahara. Missionaries here live in apartments on the campus of Bible Institute Emmaus.

Language study is an arduous task. Vocabulary is not so bad, but pronunciation poses problems, especially for adults. Sentence structure, feminine and masculine endings, verb tenses, etc., complicate the learning. Adults battle their pride to become as children not only learning to read and write, but also to talk.

I spent time with Robert and Judy Bryan talking about their language study. Their mornings are spent in class sessions and two afternoons with a private tutor. How do you tell an eager student he is pressing too much? I advised a slower process of study.

Table devotions at the Haases are as regular as breakfast. Good-byes were exchanged with the school children. What are school changes like for a missionary child? Mel Haas had his kindergarten in Oklahoma, one-half of first grade in Tennessee, one-half in Michigan, second grade in an American school in Lausanne, third grade in a French school in Switzerland and now two months in Nantes and next year in Rennes, France.

## February 17-February 22 in France

One cannot be in the home of the Merkhs without sensing the urgency and excitement of their work. It is thrilling!

Less than three years ago they moved to Nantes. No one in the city knew them, and they knew no one. A news reporter gave them a favorable interview and published their family picture in the daily newspaper. Dan distributed thousands of tracts and handbills. However, strange as it may seem

and contrary to textbook soul winning methods, most of the 40 to 50 people attending the church came looking for the missionary rather than the missionary going looking for them.

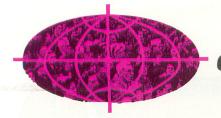
We drove to Rennes one afternoon to distribute handbills announcing the showing of a series of Moody Science films. Among the group who came to see the film on Bible prophecy were three professors and some university students. The mathematical law of probability was used in the film to illustrate the accuracy of divine revelation of prophecy. Two of the professors were teachers of math in the university. One of these was a new convert. They were so excited about these great Bible truths they requested the film be shown again. So we sat through a second showing!

The Saturday night youth meeting was opened to adults. The Moody film was shown to this group, followed by a discussion period. It is refreshing to see the eagerness and excitement of these new believers in expressing their faith. Some of these young people are permitted to attend the youth activity, but prohibited by their family from attending regular worship services. One teenager told of taking her Bible with her to read during Mass.

How has a Free Will Baptist congregation of 50 people come to be in France in less than three years? Ask the Merkhs. They say it is the work of God in answer to prayer.

On Sunday, Dan and I drove through rain showers for the service at Rennes. How do you feed these hungry, intellectual new believers? I remembered Dan had said he was not sent to them as a philosopher to counter false philosophies; he had not gone to them as a scientist to give scientific formulas; God had sent him to preach the gospel. This was something they did not know.

It was a joy to speak to this group of "Christ, Our Hope." We have the message! We must tell it!  $\square$ 



# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## stateside: jones employed

Nashville — Bill Jones, foreign board member and former missionary to the Ivory Coast, was employed as the new director of communications during the annual board meeting, May 18-22.

The decision to employ Jones followed the resignation of Jerry Ballard, who has filled the position since 1961. The board extended its commendation and appreciation to Ballard for "nine years of faithful service to the department."

Assuming his duties on July 1, Jones is responsible for all audiovisual and literature production including the editorship of *Heartbeat* magazine.

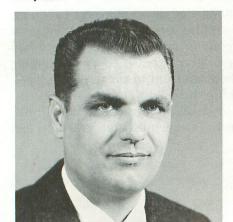
As a linquist, Jones spent nearly 10 years in Ivory Coast putting the Agni language into writing and translating much of the New Testament into that language.

After his return to the States in 1969, Jones accepted administrative and teaching positions at Oklahoma Bible College. He was elected to the foreign board at the national convention last July.

Most recently Jones completed graduate study in the field of language arts and received the M.A. degree from Oklahoma City University.

In other major board action, the 1971 budget of \$674,657.90 was approved for recommendation to the national association in July.

bill jones



The Bill Fulcher family was granted an extended furlough period and appointed to Panama. Their regular term of service will begin in June 1971.

The board also appointed participants for the newly adopted summer missionary program. They are Arilla Wode and Judy Smith for Ivory Coast, Gerald Gibbs and Dennis Teague for France, and Phillip Cook and Patrick Dickens for Brazil.

## worldwide: mini-missionaries

Nashville — Congratulations are extended to three missionary couples who have new babies.

Katherine Ann was born to Sherwood and Vada Lee on April 13 in the Ivory Coast.

Paula Renee was born to John and Connie Craft on April 22 in Brazil.

David Christian was born to Dub and Marcia Ellison on May 11 also in Brazil.

## france: haas in rennes

Rennes — Missionary Joe Haas and his family have arrived in Rennes, France to begin their permanent assignment. The Haases have been in language study in Switzerland since 1968 and now will be responsible for the French field while Missionary Dan Merkh is home on furlough.

The Haases new address is 29 Rue Anatole Le Braz, 35 Rennes, France.

### haas family



## stateside: alicia willey ill

Miami — A report from Missionaries Tom and Emma Ruth Willey states that daughter Alicia, 13, was admitted to Cedars of Lebanon Hospital to undergo examinations for nodules located under her arm and on her back.

The latest medical bulletin states that the nodules will be treated by chemical therapy rather than surgery.

### brazil: leaders convene

Jaboticabal — Sixty-two church workers assembled for the first annual Free Will Baptist Workers Conference on May 1.

At the site of the Brazil Bible Institute pastors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers and youth leaders discussed their responsibilities in serving the local church more effectively.

Participants in the event acclaimed it a success.

Osvaldo de Souza from Luis Antonio writes, "Speaking with all sincerity I enjoyed the conference. I didn't see anything lacking in the teaching. It was all 100 per cent. I hope there will be another conference next year."

Nelson dos Santos from Pirassununga writes, "I am very pleased with all that I learned today. This is going to help me very much as a Sunday school teacher. Thanks to the Lord for all that I have received from Him."

### john craft with brazil leaders



Olena McLain writes, "Jim is now the pastor of the church here in Sapporo. Once a month he will go to three other preaching points for services. Soon we hope to open a new preaching point in a town about a two-hour drive from here. Pray for Jim as he presents the message of Christ in this difficult language.

"I am teaching three classes a week at a nearby university. I teach English. There are over 150 students altogether in my classes. Pray for me that I might be an effective witness for the Lord

among these students."

## worldwide: fields and furloughs

Nashville — Missionary Herbert Waid and family were scheduled to return to Japan in late June. The Waids have lived in Japan since 1958 and will be returning for their third term.

A number of missionary families have recently arrived in the States. Arriving in May were the Dan Merkhs from France, and the LaVerne Mileys from Ivory Coast. Kathy Palmer, daughter of missionaries Lonnie and Bernice Palmer, also returned from Ivory Coast to begin college in the fall.

Arriving in June were the Wesley Calverys from Japan and the Tom Willey, Jr. family from Pana-

ma.

### waid family



## stateside: call-a-thon results

Nashville — The third annual foreign missions Call-a-thon netted \$15,855.87 in offerings on April 19. Total offerings jumped to a \$5,000 increase over last year's \$10,500 mark.

The yearly effort to reduce operational deficits climaxed foreign missions month in which churches across the United States emphasized the worldwide ministry of Free Will Baptists.

Perhaps the most encouraging aspect of the campaign was the increase in church participation which rose from nine per cent in 1969 to 15 per cent in 1970.

However, the average contribution was lower at \$48.94 (not including personal gifts) compared to 1969's figure of \$49.55. State participation totaled 25, plus Canada.

Eight states had over 20 churches participating, led by Tennessee with 33, its third year

**TOTALS** 

to run first in church participation; close on its heels, North Carolina had 30; Ohio, 28; Alabama and Missouri, 27; Arkansas and Oklahoma, 23; and Georgia with 21.

The largest offering from a single church was \$722.47 from Unity Free Will Baptist in Smithfield, N. C.

"We are encouraged by the increased response over last year," General Director Reford Wilson said. "We should have more of our churches participating, and we are already making plans for a larger participation next year. I am pleased that the contributions were so generous.

"I am especially grateful to the National Sunday School Department for their wonderful cooperation in this effort. My thanks to the Sunday schools across our denomination who set aside their offerings to make this campaign a

success."

CALL-A-THON 1970					
	CALL-A-11	10N 1970			
		CHURCHES	AMOUNT		
STATE	CHURCHES	RESPONDING	RECEIVED		
Alabama	170	28	\$ 820.95		
Alaska	1	0	0		
Arizona	5	0	0		
Arkansas	197	23	649.34		
California	74	13	467.33		
Florida	77	11	319.98		
Georgia	122	21	601.75		
Hawaii	1	0	0		
Idaho	4	1	23.85		
Illinois	43	13 2 1 2 9	858.73		
Indiana	22	2	81.16 26.15		
lowa	1 12	1	26.15 61.24		
Kansas	120	2	654.15		
Kentucky	15	9	17.50		
Maryland	44		910.76		
Michigan Mississippi	49	6	205.00		
Missouri	121	27	1,106.56		
New Mexico	10	2	36.95		
North Carolina	154	30	1,958.00		
N. E. Association	7	1	9.00		
N. W. Association	4	Ó	0		
Ohio	116	28	1,317.88		
Oklahoma	231	23	835.08		
South Carolina	81	10	578.05		
Tennessee	154	33	1,995.00		
Texas	63	7	205.70		
Virginia	104	7	362.16		
West Virginia	172	17	515.28		
Canada		1	25.00		
Personal gifts			1,213.32		

2,178

324

\$15,855.87

WHILE I was studying at Syracuse University in 1968, racial disturbances broke out in one of the local high schools. A special meeting of parents, teachers and students was called to seek a solution to the explosive situation. It was decided that my linguistic anthropology class attend to objectively evaluate a society in emotional upheaval.

The meeting was scarcely underway before the charged atmosphere gripped the student observers and they sided with one or the other elements in conflict. I couldn't refrain from commenting on the phenomenon of our lack of objectivity. The instructor didn't hedge the charge. "After all," he declared, "we all have our commitments."

He was right. Actions of rational people are based on deepseated commitments. It is of major importance that we be committed to those things which are of eternal value. And it is

important that we understand

our commitments. This is the way we understand ourselves.

Ås I come to the close of nearly ten years of ministry with our foreign department, I have sought to re-examine my commitments, and I find them to be substantially the same as when I arrived in Nashville in 1961. I understand them better now and, I trust, matured in them.

Fundamentally, every child of God should be singularly committed to the Lord Jesus as the Source of his life, energies, ambitions, hopes, desires. This should go without saying, but the obvious commitments are often the easiest to lay on the shelf of irrelevancy. How easily it is to allow loyalties to friends, a type of ministry, a denomination, an organization to take the edge off commitment to the Lord! Jesus stressed that we cannot serve two masters. Paul said we must obey God rather than men. I continually have to pull myself back to this commitment in order to retain the joy of service.

Related to this foundational commitment is a commitment to the Word of God written. This is the God-breathed revelation of the Living Word. It is the reliable,

authoritative Light to guide us through the dense jungle of life in a complex world, the seat of our faith and unique culture as the family of God. While we do not worship the Bible as the heather do a fetish, we are confident of its divine origin and present relevancy.

The Bible records the tenents of our faith for which we are earnestly to contend. We must not be deceived into contending for our own pet notions and man-derived systems of slicing up the world, and to call that contending for the faith. We must question the "faith" for which we contend and be certain it is in reality that faith set forth in the Word of God, not merely private interpretations. I am committed to the faith of the Word and to the defense of that faith.

This leads me to a third vital commitment. This Word which we hold dear must be proclaimed to all men everywhere, not as mere repetition of magic shibboleths but as the channel of Light through which the Holy Spirit works in regeneration.

Individual response to the great commission varies widely, it seems. But for me, I must dedicate my God-given resources to presenting the message where it is least available. This directs me toward the 90 per cent of the world's people who do not

speak English.

A last commitment worth inclusion here is a commitment to the body of Christ, that great host of brothers and sisters who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. To me this extends beyond the limited scope of any denomination, and I do not take this commitment as lightly as some do. When a man loves Jesus and has experienced resurrection power, he is joined with others of like precious faith in a relationship than transcends color, culture or clique. The exercize of this relationship is the most effective deterent to the Satanic influence of popularized "ecumenicity" with no spiritual

# payne's people



# 'out of my heart'

## J. REFORD WILSON

## MISSIONARY MINDEDNESS

PAUL WROTE, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Can a Christian have the mind of Christ and remain aloof from all missionary involvement? Should missionary-minded Christians be different than other Christians? Do not all Christians have the same Lord? Are not all believers members of the body of Christ?

Can the feet say to the head, "We will not walk this way!"? Can the eyes say, "We refuse to see these needs!"? On what authority can any believer refuse to obey the command of Christ to make the gospel known?

If a pastor is not a missionary-minded pastor, what kind of pastor is he? How can a preacher declare the whole counsel of God and never relate foreign missions to his local church? How long has it been since the pulpit rang the bell loud and clear challenging young people for missionary service? Is a pastor missionary-minded if he has never seriously considered the Holy Spirit giving him an overseas assignment?

Jesus said, "There are other lost sheep which are not of this fold: them also I must bring." A pastor cannot confine his ministry to city limits, county, state or national boundaries.

I realize, no one pastor can go to every ear, comfort every broken heart, bring peace to every troubled mind, give hope to every despairing soul and brush away every falling tear. But a bond of fellowship exists between pastors made possible by denominational organization whereby together we can proclaim the saving, comforting, healing message.

Some churches have been described as being missionary churches. If a church isn't a missionary church, is it a church? For what purpose did the Holy Spirit world, desperately in ne gospel, will be as was cern for Jerusalem, "a he was come near, he b city, and wept over it."

come to the church? If a church is not witnessing, sending out the gospel, is it fulfilling its spiritual purpose?

The worship of God should be centered in the church. The teaching of the Bible should be a strong emphasis in the church. The fellowship of believers should be found in the church.

But these are not the primary reasons for the existence of the church. The ordaining of the 12 apostles and the sending forth of the 70 was for preaching the kingdom of God (Luke 9:2; 10:9). The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was to enable the disciples to witness "unto the uttermost part of the earth." It is obvious that a church which does not extend its witness to regions beyond is not fulfilling its divine purpose.

Churches like individuals vary with ability. But the size of the church does not necessarily affect the supply of workers. And it is not always the largest church which is most missionary in its work

Some churches live within the confines of their own coffin, "Thou hast a name that thou livest and are dead" (Revelation 3:1). A missionary church will not limit its ministry to its four walls. With the mind of Christ it sees the millions without hope, without peace, without Christ. The church is constrained by love to take the gospel to all men.

It has long been my prayer for God to make our denomination a great missionary organization. We must believe that we are under divine command. We must believe we can fulfill this command. We must believe we have something to contribute to the total thrust of evangelism.

We must see beyond ourselves in the body of Christ to share with fellow Christians the task of world evangelism. With the mind of Christ, our greatest concern for our denomination in this world, desperately in need of the gospel, will be as was His concern for Jerusalem, "and when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it."

# financial facts

### MARCH-APRIL 1970\*

ON DEPOSIT MARCH 1 \$108,183.79
MARCH-APRIL RECEIPTS 112.118.60
MARCH-APRIL DISBURSEMENTS 93,984.80
Foreign\$67,597.32
Travel, Promotion 11.579.11
Administrative 14,808.37
ON DEPOSIT APRIL 30 126,517.59

## **MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS\*\***

Aldridge\$	6,281.36	Robirds	4,590.84
Aycock	672.09	Sparks	4,077.42
Barker	2,526.51	Stevens	215.08
Bryan	8,099.21	Waid	3,881.07
Calvery	624.92	Wilkinson .	3,685.13
Combs	(2,999.40)	M. Willey .	875.43
Coscia	5,203.33		(4,829.96)
Cousineau	9,560.88	Africa Bible	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Craft	8,454.02	Inst	283.80
Cronk	1,353.62	Africa Med.	
Deeds	13,895.03	Bldg	989.52
Eagleton	7,798.35		12,950.87)
Ellison	6,666.69	Brazil Inst.	361.43
Franks	12,396.36	Brazil Ch.	
Fulcher	(824,45)	Loan Fd.	160.13
Gage	(790.60)	Brazil	-00.10
Garcia	(707.96)	Vehicle	5,812.17
Haas	(2,484.09)	Ecuador	7,656.02
Hanna	5,792.14	Furlough Car	,,
Hersey	(891.35)	Loan Fd.	(845.74)
Hughes	1,820.66	Operation	
Lee	8,448.06		(6,476.07)
Mayhew	3,125.61	Project 5000	(-, ., -, -,
Merkh	(752.98)	Japan	2,176.07
Miley	1,071.51	Repatriation	3,370.73
McLain	2,115.27	S. India .	(497.97)
Palmer	(2,229.49)	Trust Fund	3,000.00
Payne	4,088.62	Willey Mem.	
Poole	(1,395.78)	Loan Fd.	4,663.64
Richards	4,814.07		
Robinson .	4,587.51	\$1	26,517.59
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## STATE QUOTAS 1970

STATE	MARAPR. RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS
Alabama	\$ 5,275.68	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 8,936.58
Arizona		3.250.00	844.82
Arkansas		23,500.00	5,718.97
California	6,526.94	38,500.00	13,609.32
Canada	50.00	500.00	97.63
Colorado	251.27	1,750.00	319.66
Florida	2,207.29	18,750.00	4,791.64
Georgia	4,525.13	30,000.00	10,724.36
Hawaii	20.00	500.00	130.00
Idaho	154.53	1,500.00	246.60
Illinois	3,852.00	19,000.00	5,874.74
Indiana	626.95	5,700.00	979.12
lowa	126.15	2,500.00	366.95
Kansas	1,151.20	5,500.00	2,100.28
Kentucky	2,203.78	11,000.00	3,857.84
Louisiana	10.00	1,500.00	20.00
Maine	131.90	3,000.00	214.90
Maryland	290.84	1,000.00	351.74
Michigan Mississippi	8,822.70 1,625.72	62,250.00 11,000.00	19,307.26 3,236.55
Missouri	7,508.15	42,000.00	14,948.47
New Hamp.	157.00	1,250.00	502.64
New Mex	26.95	1,500.00	212.25
No. Carolina .	14,910.90	80,000.00	28,055.87
Ohio	5,626.69	26,000.00	9,805.71
Oklahoma	8,507.99	59,000.00	16,607.69
Oregon	22.00	500.00	22.00
So. Carolina .	10,432.26	39,000.00	18.535.37
Tennessee	14,096.82	60,000.00	26,781.24
Texas	2,325.13	15,500.00	4,990.90
Virginia	3,582.49	25,000.00	6,316.15
Washington .	181.43	1,500.00	272.90
W. Virginia .	2,437.61	16,250.00	3,931.95
Miscell	711.60	9,818.50	1,583.12
	\$112,118.60	\$640,018.50	\$214,295.22

FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	\$640,018.50
NEEDED THROUGH APRIL 30	
RECEIVED THROUGH APRIL 30	214,295.22

<sup>\*</sup>Report for month nearest presstime.
\*\*Amounts in parentheses indicate deficits.

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