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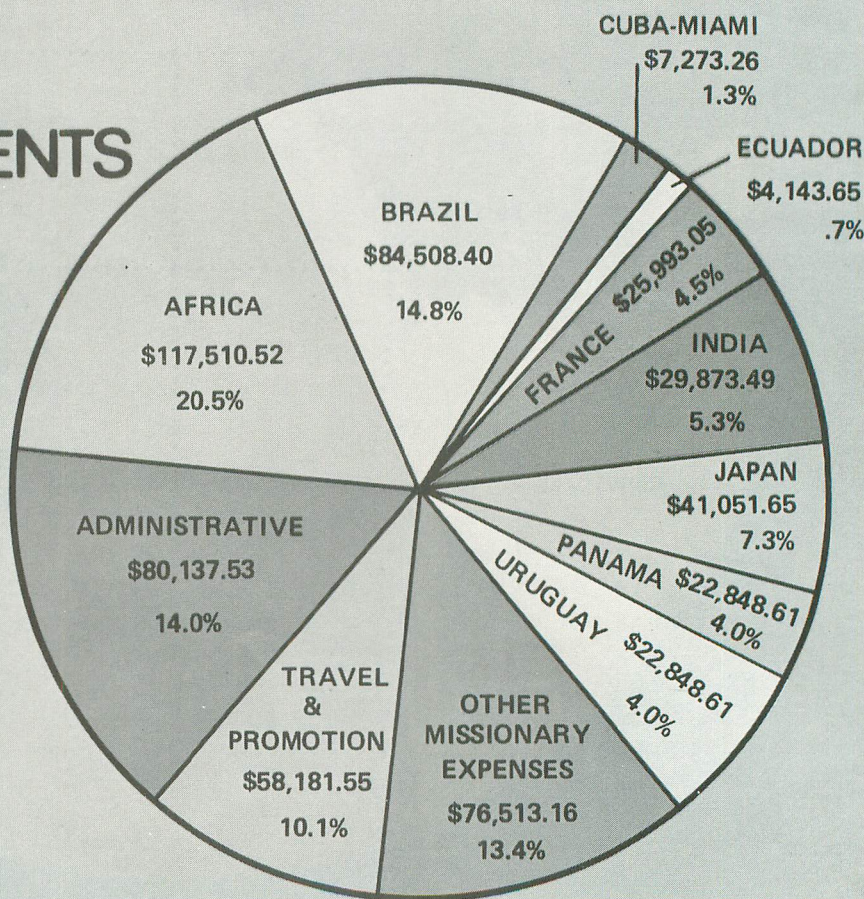
REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

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By The General Director Of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
IN SESSION JULY 13-16, 1970

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1969



I AM THE vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16a).

What do you expect God to do in answer to your prayers for missions? What results do you expect from your missions dollars? How do you measure success? One great man has said, "The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." Our Lord rewards fruitful performance, "Well done thou good and faithful servant . . ."

It is with thanksgiving to God that I and my staff join with our missionaries to acknowledge what God has done through Free Will Baptist foreign missions in Brazil, France, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Cuba, Panama and Uruguay. These accomplishments are "fruits that may abound to your account."

The remarkable response to the gospel in three years in Nantes and Rennes, France is a thrilling account of missionaries using various methods of reaching souls. This area can become a strong evangelistic center in France. Entire families, young people, University professors and students are fruits of Free Will Baptist missions.

The strategic Central American country of Panama offers its challenging opportunities. The political instability and missionary casualties have posed problems but doors remain open to Free Will Baptists in four distinct areas—Panama City, nearby towns, Central Provinces and the frontier where the Pan American highway continues to open toward South America. The "fruit" is evident: national leaders continue the work while missionaries are on furlough.

No other country has so many people compacted in such a small area as Japan. Metropolitan Tokyo with nearly 13 million people (two-thirds of all the people in California in one metropolitan area) is an overwhelming mission field. At this convention, God's blessings in Japan are represented by John Yasuda of Sapporo. He is one of several students who has come to know Christ through Free Will Baptist missionaries. Youth centers have been proposed as a means of more and more students for Christ.

More than 1,100 villages claim our attention in Ivory Coast. Young African evangelists extend the witness of missionaries to many of these villages. Three new missionary couples began their ministry in Ivory Coast last year. Over 21,000 patient visits were recorded last year at the Doropo clinic. The medical ministry has opened more doors than we can enter. The new church building at Doropo was dedicated in January. Translation of the New Testament into Kulango is nearly completed. Approximately \$20,000 is the estimated cost for printing it. Plans for the Bondoukou Youth Youth Center have been approved.

The political situation in North India poses a problem for both missionaries and national believers. In the midst of adverse circumstances, however, converts are won and believers continue witnessing. A communist threatened the life of an evangelist, but with Holy Spirit boldness he continues to preach the gospel in the village.

Faithful pastors and laymen have seen God at work in South India. A new building has been erected at Mettapalayam.

Free Will Baptist work in Brazil has been extended into the state of Minas Gerais. A thrust in another area will be made when missionaries on furlough return in early 1971. Recent reports tell of converts in several of the churches. An enlarging radio ministry has seen a good response for correspondence courses.

God has given "fruit" on the border of South Brazil and Uruguay. A national pastor conducts regular radio broadcasts, teaches in Bible institute and pastors two churches. A missionary layman is field director and has led one of his groups in constructing a building. Another missionary has seen a group established on the Brazil side of the border.

God works behind closed doors on the island of Cuba. Though greatly restricted by government regulations and economic conditions, Christians faithfully continue to give witness of their faith in Christ. "The fruit remains" as evidence of a work of the Holy Spirit begun through Free Will Baptist missionaries.

You have a vital role in our ministry of foreign missions. Because you had prayed . . . because you have given . . . because your sons and daughters



ters have gone . . . "fruit may abound to your account."

God has given Free Will Baptists the resources to make a major thrust in evangelism in this decade. We have more than 40,000 teen-agers in our Sunday schools and thousands of students attending college. We have the personnel. Less than one-half of our churches give regular support to foreign missions. We have the money!

It is my privilege to announce at this national association our goals for Free Will Baptist foreign missions in the '70s. We believe this is a decade of expectation and hope.

Our emphases for the 1970s are:

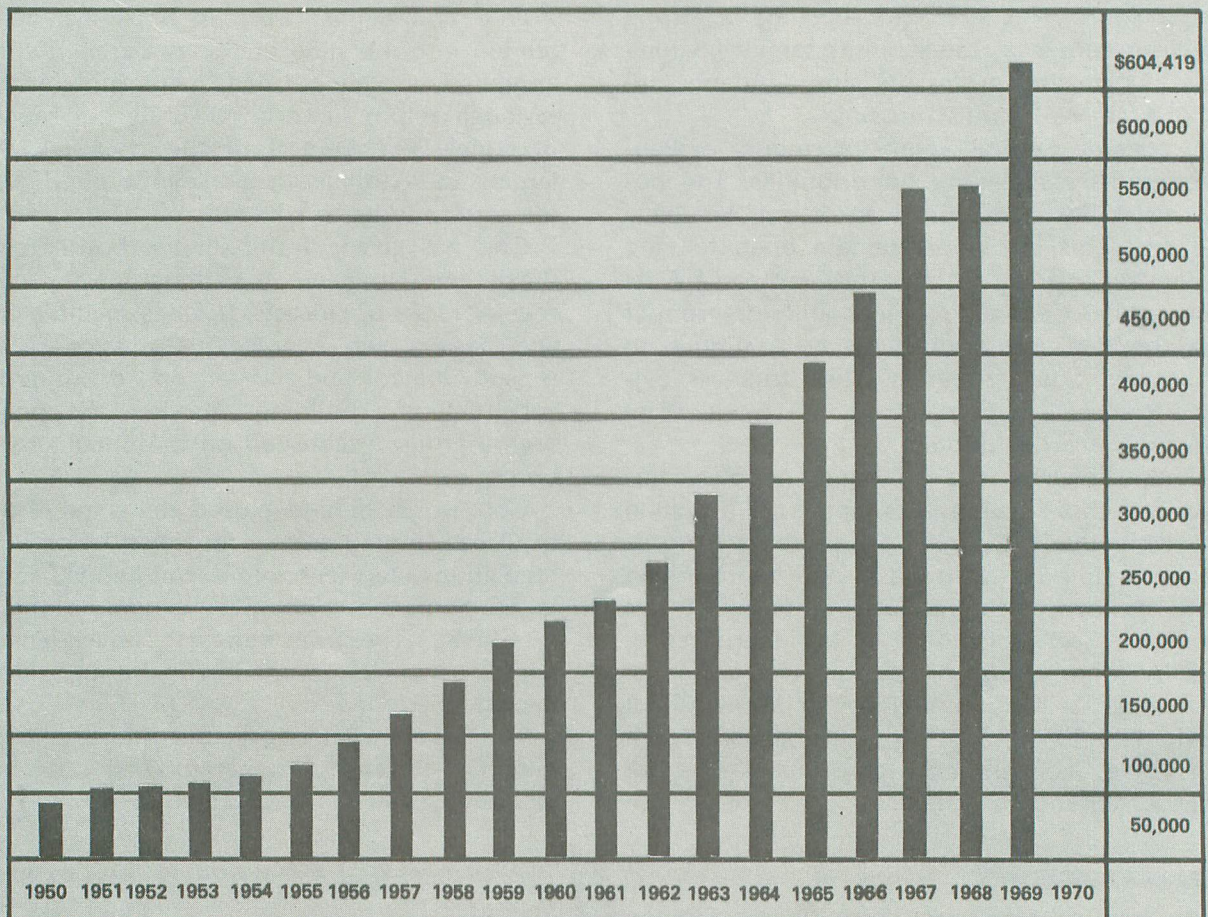
- (1) To continue enlarging our conference ministries.
- (2) To emphasize recruitment especially among students attending Free Will Baptist Colleges.
- (3) To expand Free Will Baptist penetration into at least three new areas of the world.

- (4) To send out at least 100 more missionaries.
- (5) To increase giving to sustain this growth in missionaries and ministries. We are thrusting out to enlist greater support especially from those churches that are not supporting at present.

We ask you to join us in renewed dedication to Jesus Christ to faithfully fulfill our commitment to His command—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19,20)

J. Reford Wilson
GENERAL DIRECTOR

20 YEARS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING



INTRODUCING

BILL JONES

by JERRY BALLARD



THE DIFFERENCE between Ivory Coast bushland and a Nashville desk is more than the geographical separation of 4,000 miles. For Bill Jones it represents assuming a new role in the foreign missionary ministry of his denomination.

Bill and his wife Joy and one-year-old son Steven are now residents in Nashville where Bill assumed responsibilities of director of communications for the foreign department August 1. Sounds of Africans chattering in the market place have been exchanged for the staccato of typewriters and jingling of phones. Red Ivory Coast dust is replaced with middle Tennessee smog. But the task of giving his life in reaching the unreached of this world is still the same. Only the day to day function has changed.

For ten years, Bill and Joy, both native Texans, served as Free Will Baptist missionaries in Ivory Coast, West Africa. So Bill comes to Nashville with the benefit of truly having sat where the missionary sits. His understanding of the missionary task and maturity in great commission concern are his greatest assets, along with a keen intellect and totally committed heart.

And Bill is no novice in the communication field. Before service in Ivory Coast, Bill underwent special linguistic training in the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of Oklahoma in 1957. 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. And this past spring he received the M.A. from

Oklahoma City University with a major in language arts.

In Africa, Bill put the agni (pronounced An-yi) language into written form. While translating the Scriptures into this language, he became sharply aware of the need for literature—propagating the gospel and establishing the church. So he took the next logical step and became involved in producing song books, primers for literacy teaching, a catechism and several booklets on Christian doctrine for use on the field.

Serving as an original member of the Ivory Coast Evangelical Literature Committee, he was involved in initiating the *Tam-Tam* magazine for children, traveling extensively throughout Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Niger and Mali promoting use of the colorful evangelistic periodical.

During his last term on the field, Bill was Ivory Coast representative for *Heartbeat* and made his mission the best represented on the magazine's pages.

As Bill moves into his new duties, he does so with the confident support of his predecessor. Bill is God's man for this task and has the prerequisites for getting the job done—a warm heart toward the redemptive work of God in the world today, an informed world view, a developed insight in mission operations, a sympathetic understanding of our Free Will Baptist people, an awareness of the process of communication, and an alert mind and trusting spirit that will enable him to accomplish all that God has set before him.

AFRICA THROUGH A MOTHER'S EYES



by **BILL JONES**

MOTHERS HAVE a special investment in their children. To see one leave to make a home 5000 miles across an ocean in an alien culture gives birth to all kinds of unfounded fears. The tears and bright smile, the half lifted hand, mask but do not erase even one fear. In the past two decades, more than 70 Free Will Baptist mothers have experienced these fears as they bid farewell to sons or daughters on their way to the mission field.

Mrs. Wayne Richards and Mrs. Pauline Wilson are two mothers who have waved goodbye to their children—Mrs. Richards to her son Norman and Mrs. Wilson to her daughter, Mrs. Sherwood Lee.

They have smiled brightly and bravely, but they have refused to stop there. They decided to visit both children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Wilson works at a factory and when her vacation was due this spring, she and Mrs. Richards took off to the Ivory Coast. They left Little Rock, Ark., May 25, changed planes in New York, and were met in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, the next day by their children.

When Joy and I drove up to Mrs. Wilson's house in Searcy, Ark., she had been home two weeks. Mrs. Richards had left the day before to visit her son in California. Mrs. Wilson greeted us with even more than the usual Southern hospitality.

Tall, slender and full of energy, she reflects in her home an obvious interest in flowers and neatness. We plunged right in talking about Africa and her trip.

"Abidjan is a beautiful city, but it rains all the time. We went bowling—you know, over near the new hotel. But we got wet just going in. I was glad when we left to go inland to where Sherwood and Vada live—at Doropo."

Mrs. Wilson gave the impression she could give other details that might be interesting but not essential to the story so she hit only the "high spots." "On the trip up, I concentrated on keeping the baby safe. The roads are terrible and you have to keep watching for goats and chickens that are always running across the road unexpectedly. Vada told me I should have been there during the dry season. They were really bad then."

"We stopped and spent the night at Goumère with Lonnie and Anita Sparks. The next day we went on up to Doropo. It is about 400 miles from Abidjan to Doropo and on those roads, that is too far to go in one day."

"I expected the weather to be really hot, but the rains had started and it was not bad at all. It was pretty dry, but cool enough to be comfortable. Sherwood and Vada told us we had come at the best time of the year."

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Richards arrived in Abidjan May 26 and stayed three weeks. When they arrived, Sandra Payne had been experiencing pain in her leg and back. Eddie tried to take her to another mission hospital 150 miles from Doropo, but the rains had washed a bridge away. So he took her to Abidjan instead. This meant the Lees and Mrs. Wilson were alone on the Doropo station for most of the three weeks she was there. I asked her if she were bored during this time with no t.v., telephone, or even English-speaking neighbors.

"No, I never had time to think about that. I went to the market with Vada (isn't it crowded!), kept the baby, helped Sherwood plant peas, beans, okra, corn, lettuce, and radishes, and let Bobby take me around the village and introduce me to everyone. I even got to hold Suzanne. I sewed for Bobby and learned a little French and Lobi and looked at the different kinds of flowers, which are really lovely."

"Things in Africa were pretty much like I pictured them. The houses and market places espe-

cially. But, being there, you actually see them and smell them. That makes a big difference. Also, taste. Guardian's wife fixed us some sauce and yam. She said it was not her best, but I think I could learn to like it real well. Of course, it was hot. I think I would put less pepper in."

"I like the missionary houses. They have lots of windows which make the houses nice and cool. And the way the African likes to shake hands. I'll always remember the sound of the women pounding the millet in the late afternoon and the wail that accompanied the funeral ceremony held a short distance behind the mission station while we were there. I'll also remember how in church, everyone crowded on the benches until we were right up against one another."

"One night I stayed home with Bobby and the baby while Vada went with Sherwood for a service in a village. A Lobi man came who had been in a fight. Some one had bitten his lip completely through. Bobby handled it though, and I was not really scared. Bobby told the man to wait until his dad returned. The man did and Sherwood sewed the wound up when he arrived. They need so much more help. After Sandra left, they had to close the clinic. Then, there are so many villages where one could go and teach the Word. I hope many more do go."

While we were talking to Mrs. Wilson, Wayne Richards and his wife and daughter came over, and I asked them how Mrs. Richards liked the trip. Wayne's wife is also Bessie Richards' sister, and she responded.

"Mom Richards wanted to stay longer! She really enjoyed it. She is 72 years old, but she wasn't sick at all—not even malaria or diarrhea. The people were real nice to her. They even came up to Norman and Bessie's house and gave her some gifts—a chicken, fruit, things like that. She really felt welcome. She has this real white hair and said that when they went into town, the people would gather around and just look at her hair. Before she went over there, she was scared for Gene's (her grandson) sake, now she feels much better, having met the people over there."

The tears and gestures at bidding farewell to missionary children denote more sadness than anything else. A visit to the field not only replaces the sadness with a glad confidence, but also brings into perspective how worthwhile is the work of the missionary son or daughter. □



Dona Aparecida's Decision

by **KEN EAGLETON**
MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL

OUR HOUSE does not have a living room, so we will have to sit here," the lady said as we entered her home. The "here" she referred to was a large area with a slanted roof over it.

The walls were old boards that fit so loosely that not only the breeze but the dog and cat came in at will. The walls were covered with vines to keep out the sun, wind and rain. Everything was clean, but the surroundings witnessed mutely to a life of much suffering.

And a life of many hardships is what Dona Aparecida Tolles shared with us. My wife and I were calling on a lady who had come to one of our services and had said she wanted to receive Christ as Savior.

While we were talking, a boy came to the gate to deliver a message. Dona Aparecida's husband was in the side yard repairing the fence and had ignored us when we came to the house. She went to see what the boy wanted and invited her

Letter from a M.K.*

* MISSIONARY KID

husband to come into the house to meet us. He refused. He wanted nothing to do with believers! He stayed in the yard, working the whole time we were in the house.

After Dona Aparecida was seated again, I asked her what she thought about the messages she had heard in our church. Then she told, in part, the burden of her heart:

"I was raised a Roman Catholic and went to church fairly regularly. But it seemed to do me no good. I would leave the church feeling the same way as I did when I went in. My heart was still burdened.

"One day here in the house I was so desperate. I felt so nervous. I simply did not know what I was going to do. Later that day I was sitting out here on the doorstep with my 12 year old son, when I noticed the lights of the Free Will Baptist church come on. I said to him, 'Fabio, let's go to that church!' He said, 'Yes, let's go, Mother.' So, I came back into the house and changed clothes and went.

"We heard those songs being sung, and then you read the Bible and I was able to understand it because you explained what had been read. In the Catholic church I never could understand anything that was said. They never explained things.

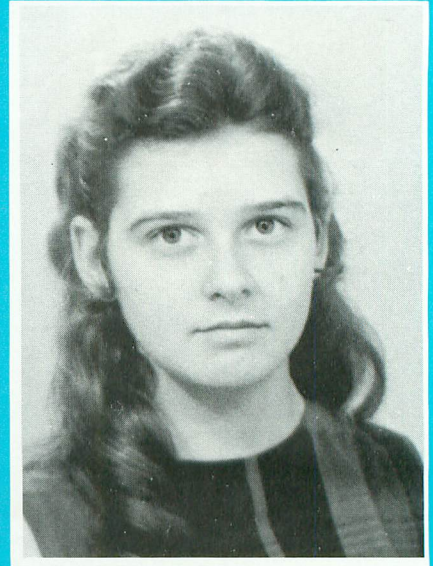
"After the service was over and we came home, it seemed so different. I felt so good inside. I knew that in that church there was what I needed."

With those words her eyes transformed themselves into little pools of water that reflected misery, suffering, and a longing for fellowship with the Prince of Peace. With my Bible open I read passages that showed the only way to real peace and happiness. I showed her Christ Jesus as Savior.

This is what she wanted. We bowed in prayer, and she asked Jesus to forgive her sins and come into her heart. Another soul was born into the Kingdom of God.

A Missionary Doctor
If I could be anyone
I wished I think I would
like to be a Missionary
Doctor to the Indians
of Brazil. A missionary
is a person who tells
others of the gospel
of Christ. Many
Indians of Brazil
have never heard of
Christ who died on
the cross to save
them from sins. I
would like to go
and tell them. Also
these Indians do not
have doctors or even
medicines. A doctor
living with them
would help them
when they are sick.
I cannot think of a
better way to spend
my life.

Robert Poole



hasta que nos encontremos otra vez*

** UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN*



God is concerned. God is not blind. God has not forgotten. He has not lost His attributes of wisdom and power. Death is not a fatal end. Death is not a fatesome prison. The Christ of the cross is also the Lord of the empty tomb. Today the Christian hope is as real and exciting as it was when the women ran from the empty tomb to tell the disciples that Jesus was risen from the dead. This Good News is a comforting message for saints and a saving message for sinners. Tom and Ruth Willey have spoken this message of hope to thousands in Cuba and Panama. In recent weeks, this divine truth has been an anchor holding them steady while their older daughter lay seriously ill.

Alicia Willey "became absent from the body and present with the Lord" on August 21, 1970. This 13-year-old daughter of Tom and Ruth Willey and the granddaughter of Mrs. Mabel Willey and the late Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. and of Mrs. Mabel Bennett and the late Rev. J. R. Bennett bravely endured a painful illness since June 8.

She, her seven-year-old sister, Kathy, and parents have lived in Panama since 1962. Alicia began her mission life with her parents in Cuba in December 1956. Her robust and zestful childhood added many exciting experiences to their missionary life. She loved the Latin people and was more at home on a horse among the rural people than in a party dress for a social event in the city. She was active among the young people in the church groups and for the past year had taught two Sunday school classes. She had attended elementary school at the Methodist Pan-American Institute and had completed her seventh grade at the Curundu Junior High School in the Canal Zone. Alicia was an honor student in each of her grades. Photography had become her hobby and slides which she had made were used recently in the annual missions retreat. One slide was of her own baptism with a group of Panamanian believers baptized on Easter Sunday.

One could question why a life so full should be so brief. Jim Elliot, martyred missionary in Ecuador, wrote, "I must not think it strange if God takes in youth those whom I would have kept on earth till they were older. God is peopling Eternity and I must not restrict Him to old men and women." Her life and death will speak for years to Free Will Baptist teenagers. Her life was a mixture of laugh-

ter and tears, strength and weakness, joy and sorrow, comfort and suffering. She is now delivered from tears, weakness, sorrow, suffering and death. The mystery of disease, suffering and death is no longer a mystery to her. She understands what Paul, the missionary wrote to the believers at Rome, "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

Her passing was not premature because it is man, not God, who measures life by time. Each man is a being of eternity and earthly existence is a minute measure of his life. God has provided that through Christ we live forever in *perfected glory*. Who then can question the right of Alicia to gain now what we believe we will receive later? Sorrow is a natural response to an experience of death. But we sorrow not as those without hope for we believe that Jesus died and rose again and that when He comes we will be raised to be forever together with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17).

I would assure you in the words of a hymn by Oswald J. Smith, "God Understands."

God Understands your sorrow,
He sees the falling tear,
And Whispers, "I am with thee,"
Then falter not, nor fear.

God understands your heart-ache,
He knows the bitter pain;
O trust Him in the darkness,
You cannot trust in vain.

God understands your weakness,
He knows the tempter's power;
And He will walk beside you
However dark the hour.

He understands your longing
Your deepest grief He shares;
Then let Him bear your burden,
He understands, and cares.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

stateside: murray on board

Fresno, Cal. — The Rev. James Murray of Oklahoma City was elected to the board of foreign missions during the annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists held here July 13-16.

Mr. Murray, a native Oklahoman and pastor of the Northwest Church of Oklahoma City for the past seven and a half years, will complete the unexpired term of the Rev. Bill Jones who resigned the board to assume the post of director of communications for the foreign department.

The 36-year-old Murray served 12 years on the Oklahoma missions board, ten as chairman. He is presently chairman of the board of trustees of Oklahoma Bible College and assistant moderator of the First Oklahoma Association.

The convention re-elected the Rev. Gene Rogers of California to a second seven-year term on the foreign board.

The more than 2,000 delegates and ministers approved a foreign missions budget for 1971 of \$674,657.90, an increase of nearly \$35,000 over the current year.

Missions night again was the spiritual highlight of the convention. More than 60 young people and adults responded to the call for commitment following a mes-

sage by Missionary Archie Mayhew of Ivory Coast.

In other convention action, the association's general board rejected "attacks made, in recent months, against many of our denominational leaders and officials by Bobby Smith, Billy Baugham, Bob Jones and Bob Jones III." The body, composed of representatives from all Free Will Baptist states, declared, "We affirm our confidence . . . in the denominational leaders who have been attacked, including Bible College officials, the executive secretary, and heads of several departments, particularly of the two missions departments, the Sunday School department and Dr. W. Stan Mooneyham."

The resolution expressed confidence "that the denomination is not moving toward either heretical doctrine or the so-called 'Neo-evangelical' mood."

It reaffirmed "our wholehearted commitment to the fundamentals of the Christian faith in general and the Free Will Baptist denomination in particular" and "our stalwart opposition to all forms of false doctrine . . . and to all philosophies which soften resistance of false doctrine, including Neo-evangelism."

missions night altar response



the james murray family



A move from the floor to "expunge" the resolution from the general board's report was defeated.

Dr. Robert Piccirilli was re-elected to a sixth term as moderator. Next year's convention is scheduled for Nashville.

stateside: mayhews depart

Nashville — Archie and Sarah Mayhew left Nashville August 25, 2:30 pm on the first leg of their return to the Ivory Coast for a second term of service. They will be in Switzerland about six months studying French.

Also departing but in a different direction were James and Vickie Sturgill. Approved as missionaries to Brazil, they left for Missionary Internship, the last stage of preparation before deputation and departure.

stateside: project appeal

Nashville — A Project 5000 appeal has been authorized in behalf of the Howard Gages, reappointed to Ivory Coast, West Africa.

As soon as the additional monthly support of \$344 is received, the Gages will sail to Africa to proceed in special building projects there.

A Project appeal is also scheduled for the Dan Merkh, who need an additional \$400 in monthly support. The Merkh are planning to return to France in the fall.

dan and margaret merkh



panama: rodriguez assists

Panama City — Benito Rodriguez, pastor of Ebenezer Free Will Baptist Church, in Miami, Florida, has assumed responsibilities of the Panamanian field until fall.

Panama was left without a regular missionary due to the furlough of Tom and Emma Ruth Willey.

Missionary Bill Fulcher, on extended furlough, will be taking Rodriguez's place for a short time during the fall. Fulcher, former missionary to Uruguay and recently appointed to Panama, will not begin a regular term on the field until mid 1971.

The seriousness of the Panamanian situation is heightened by the unexpected illness of Alicia Willey, daughter of Tom and Emma Ruth Willey. Periodic

benito rodriguez



singing in panama



visits to Panama scheduled for Missionary Willey are impossible at present. The Willeys are confined to Miami where Alicia is in the hospital.

The Willey's deputational ministry has been postponed indefinitely due to Alicia's condition. This has created a serious problem in the Willey support need. Added expenses of furlough have pushed the Willey, Jr., deficit to \$6,800. Additional monthly support of \$410 is also needed before the Willeys may return to Panama.

General Director Reford Wilson issues a special appeal for special offerings for the Willey, Jr., account and support commitments to meet this urgent need.

france: helpers help

Rennes — Missionary Joe Haas writes concerning his work in Rennes and Nantes, "We are so happy to have Dennis Teague and Jerry Gibbs here with us this summer. They have been a tremendous help to us in getting our house fixed up. They are also doing a great job in helping us get out literature in Rennes. We have made 10,000 tracts, and they have already put out 5,000 of them and will put out the rest this week. We will make another 5,000 or 10,000 this week also."

christy haas in france

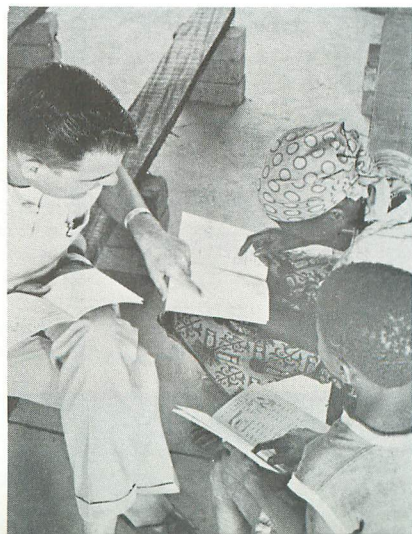


ivory coast: literature on go

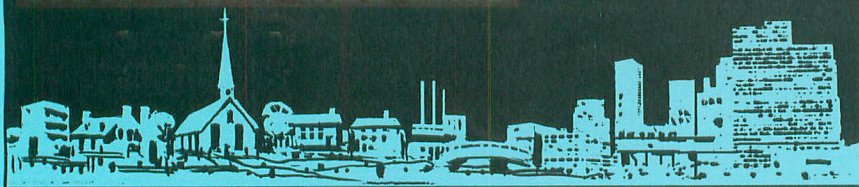
Bondoukou — A letter from Missionary Lonnie Sparks is informative concerning their printing work: "Anita has finished the song book stencils, the African church conference minutes (Kulango), and Matthew. These have been mimeographed. Matthew was being assembled and stapled by Bini Kouame when we left. The others were already completed. Anita is typing Luke stencils now. In translation, we are presently in I Timothy. All books have been completed up to there, as well as I, II, III John and Jude.

"The girls (summer missionaries Arilla Wode and Judy Smith) arrived and spent about a week with us during which they alphabetized our Kulango vocabulary cards and typed many of them to help us in preparing a Kulango dictionary."

Lonnie wrote later, "Anita has finished typing Luke and with Bini Kouame's help and help from other Christians, it was ready for the conference. A new edition of John's Gospel was, too."



view from this side



editor's catchall

A FINAL WORD

AS I SIT here to write my last column as editor of *Heartbeat*, my mind is flooded by all the unsaid things I wish I could transfer to your minds, and my heart is pounded by the array of sensations that pour in when one pulls up roots that go so very deep. In such a mixed mood, I share these last minute thoughts.

These have been great years to be a part of the foreign department team, years when God has been molding lives together at home and overseas in the single task of proclaiming the message of redemption to an unredeemed race. So much has happened, and happened in such exciting ways.

New fields have been entered. Crises have been sweated out. The missionary staff has tripled. Folks at home have grabbed the vision and more than tripled their giving. Prayer has been answered in miraculous fashion. God's working in our midst has been clearly evidenced in the

lives of some in every tribe and nation where Free Will Baptists work who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Yes, these have been great years. But the greatest could be just ahead. Could be . . . if all of us would make God's priority of world evangelism our priority. Men are known by their priorities. So are denominations. During the days immediately ahead, our priorities as Free Will Baptists will determine our directions. May they be those priorities that sent Jesus to Calvary—the need of a risen Savior for a lost, sin-wracked world, the urgency of "good news" proclamation, the living demonstration of the love and power of God.

I have a growing conviction that burdens are transferred rather than generated. The burdens God has placed on my heart come from those by whom I've been blessed through intimate association.

My own father and mother head the list. I cannot recall the first time I heard the name of Jesus or the truth of what He did for me at Calvary. Such knowledge was commonplace around my home. So was compassion for

people in need, especially those in need of the Savior.

Mom and Pop Willey come next among those who have transferred their burdens to me. Walking back through Pop's life as I work on his biography reminds me anew of my spiritual heritage.

I must add the name of Raymond Riggs whose messages I heard as ten-ager still bear fruit in my experience with the Lord. I've sought to understand and share his global concern.

The list could go on, but I will mention only one other, my dear friend and associate, Reford Wilson. We've shared many burdens together during these years of close association in the ministry. His love, encouragement, toleration and counsel have borne me over many rocky paths. Thank God for those glimpses of Himself He gives us through the lives of dedicated brothers and sisters in the Lord.

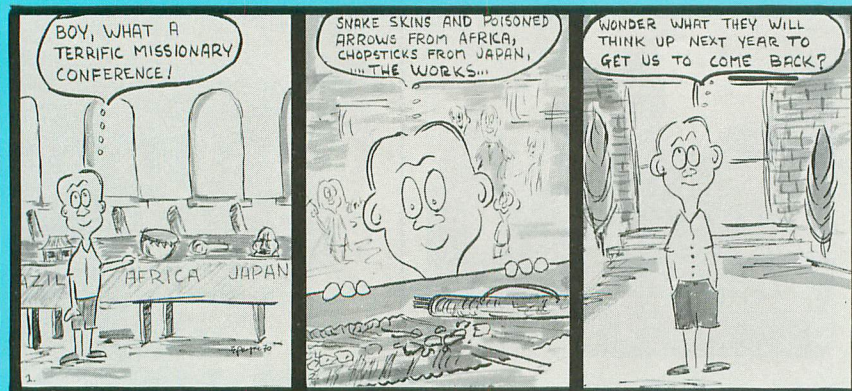
A prayer I picked up somewhere many years ago sticks with me: "Lord, break my heart with the things that break the heart of God."

What burden breaks the heart of God most? The sinsickness that engulfs man? The destitution of more than two billion souls who have no meaningful understanding of the gospel? The inability of God's people to love each other, much less a needy world? Compromise and materialism that robs the believer of total involvement in God's business? The combination of all these things?

My ministry these past years has been an attempt to transfer these concerns to you through the printed page, pulpit and film. Now Bill Jones picks up the same task. He comes with a deep-seated compassion for the cause of world missions. He has taken the message himself to the heart of heathendom. He knows the involvements of commitment. He will confront you with this compassion and commitment.

As the burdens of this office are transferred to Bill, I pledge to him my total support. And I have pledged yours, too.

payne's people



'out of my heart'

J. REFORD WILSON

IN APPRECIATION

"HONOR TO whom honor," Paul wrote to the Romans in a letter discussing respect for authority and credit to those responsible for certain duties. He also expressed thanks for those who assisted him. He valued highly his co-workers in making Christ known in all the world. I, too, am indebted to many people who share my concern for world evangelism.

Ten years ago the board of foreign missions interviewed a young man to enlarge our promotional and literature ministries. That's when I met Jerry Ballard. He shared with us his burden for an evangelistic literature ministry which would not only enlist home constituency, but would also increase the effective outreach of missionaries overseas.

Jerry brought to the department God-given talent and journalistic experience (which ranged from printing room clean-up boy to news editor!).

His missionary zeal could often be seen by his restlessness. A desire to be where the action was, in the arena with the missionaries, made traveling anything but a romantic adventure. To him, the travels meant a more direct involvement in God's business, missions, a business close to his heart.

The fruit of his labors in Free Will Baptist foreign missions will remain for many years. This award winning publication, *Heartbeat*, is the product of his missionary mind and heart. He directed a feature length evangelistic film especially for Brazil. Translated into English, Spanish and French, "Uma Carta Para Anita," ("Carnival of Pretense") has been seen on television by millions in South America. As producer of our filmstrip series, Jerry has given Americans the opportunity to view Free Will Bap-

tist missionaries at work in Japan, India, Ivory Coast, France and Brazil. Pictures, news releases, feature articles and mission reports are all a testimony of a man intent on communicating God's work. In the past 18 months, many hours of research, writing and rewriting have gone into a book, the Willey biography, which is soon to be published.

He has served as an advisor to other denominational departments in their literature ministries. Well known among other missions for his desire to communicate the gospel to all men everywhere, he has been widely used in communication seminars both at home and overseas.

It is appropriate that in this last issue of *Heartbeat* edited by Jerry Ballard, we express our thanks for a job well done. We thank God for bringing him and his family to our foreign missions department for these 10 years and pray God's blessings on his ministry as director of communications with World Vision International.

From a note of appreciation, I turn your attention to the support need of our missionaries. Some of the accounts have accumulated a sizeable deficit. The support of the missionary is *not* the responsibility of the missionary. His needs are the responsibility of his supporting churches. These needs are regulated by board policies and the budget of the field council. The missionary is sent to preach the gospel, and we are to provide the means by which he may accomplish this purpose.

Our financial statement is published each month to inform you of various needs. I believe there are churches and individuals whom God has blessed with the ability to eliminate these deficits. Just as your church votes to spend several thousand dollars on certain local needs, it could adopt a missionary account as a special church project. Free Will Baptists could erase all deficit accounts this year. Pray and give to make it so.

financial facts

MAY-JUNE 1970*

ON DEPOSIT MAY 1	\$126,517.59
MAY-JUNE RECEIPTS	118,059.80
MAY-JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	116,435.19
Foreign	\$83,962.04
Travel, Promotion	13,370.90
Administrative	19,102.25
ON DEPOSIT JUNE 30	128,142.20

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS**

Aldridge	\$ 8,420.49	Richards	4,389.35
Aycock	(204.45)	Robinson	4,221.66
Barker	2,817.10	Roberts	3,417.96
Bryan	7,706.39	Sparks	3,197.60
Calvery	645.11	Stevens	200.68
Combs	(2,483.50)	Waid	2,206.62
Coscia	5,093.13	Wilkinson	5,412.17
Cousineau	9,398.54	M. Willey	1,255.49
Craft	7,737.31	Willey, Jr.	(6,816.18)
Cronk	(262.83)	Africa Bible	
Deeds	13,181.93	Inst.	283.80
Eagleton	8,923.49	Africa Med.	
Ellison	6,403.40	Bldg.	1,096.81
Franks	12,015.83	Audio Vis.	(12,722.20)
Fulcher	(770.09)	Brazil Inst.	366.43
Gage	(14.29)	Brazil	
Haas	(5,259.49)	Vehicle	6,412.17
Hanna	6,752.09	Ecuador	7,656.02
Hersey	(529.38)	Furlough Car	
Hughes	2,162.12	Loan Fd.	(1,145.74)
Lee	7,997.42	Operation	
Mayhew	3,557.41	Fund	5,113.18
Merkh	(4,304.05)	Repatriation	3,370.73
Miley	4,529.64	S. India	591.72
McLain	1,175.07	Trust Fund	3,000.00
Palmer	(3,945.82)	Willey Mem.	
Payne	4,665.51	Loan Fd.	4,667.64
Poole	(2,258.35)		

STATE QUOTAS 1970

STATE	MAY-JUNE RECEIPTS	QUOTA	TOTAL RECEIPTS
Alabama	\$ 3,479.05	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 12,415.63
Arizona	27.00	3,250.00	871.82
Arkansas	3,029.74	23,500.00	8,802.71
California	6,786.59	38,500.00	20,395.91
Canada	50.00	500.00	147.63
Colorado	124.08	1,750.00	443.74
Florida	3,261.32	18,750.00	8,052.96
Georgia	5,514.83	30,000.00	16,239.19
Hawaii	70.00	500.00	200.00
Idaho	53.20	1,500.00	299.80
Illinois	3,308.11	19,000.00	9,182.85
Indiana	991.14	5,700.00	1,970.26
Iowa	343.00	2,500.00	709.95
Kansas	813.85	5,500.00	2,914.13
Kentucky	2,040.88	11,000.00	5,901.72
Louisiana	—0—	1,500.00	20.00
Maine	188.04	3,000.00	402.94
Maryland	87.08	1,000.00	438.82
Michigan	10,240.95	62,250.00	29,548.21
Mississippi	1,372.22	11,000.00	4,608.77
Missouri	8,990.02	42,000.00	23,938.49
New Hamp.	339.66	1,250.00	842.30
New Mex.	258.51	1,500.00	470.76
No. Carolina	15,052.81	80,000.00	43,108.68
Ohio	4,899.62	26,000.00	14,705.33
Oklahoma	14,472.83	59,000.00	31,080.52
Oregon	20.24	500.00	42.24
So. Carolina	7,819.97	39,000.00	26,355.34
Tennessee	12,621.50	60,000.00	39,402.74
Texas	1,648.20	15,500.00	6,639.10
Virginia	2,731.37	25,000.00	9,047.52
Washington	105.11	1,500.00	378.01
W. Virginia	1,800.59	16,250.00	5,732.54
Miscell.	333.33	9,818.50	2,765.81
	\$112,931.84	\$640,018.50	\$328,076.42

FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	\$640,018.50
NEEDED THROUGH JUNE 30	320,009.25
RECEIVED THROUGH JUNE 30	328,076.42

*Report for month nearest presstime.

**Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits.

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