

Heartbeat

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Report to the People



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by General Director J. Reford Wilson

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is the extended arm of evangelism of the local church across America. This is your report—what God is doing through your missionaries.

First, praise God for His blessings! Last year I announced to you our program of advance for the '70's. Our plans call for 100 new missionaries, two new fields and a budget of two million dollars by the end of this decade. God is answering prayer and confirming these plans.

Four missionaries have been appointed and four more will appear before the board for appointment in August. In our recent annual board meeting, the country of Spain was added to our list of fields. One survey of this country states that only 200 of the 9,000 towns and villages in Spain have a gospel testimony with regular meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Loriet Hernandez, son-in-law and daughter of the Reverend Rafael Joshue, our senior pastor in Cuba, live in Madrid. They have urged our board to send missionaries to join them in their witnessing.

Our financial response in missionary conferences and special services shows the potential of Free Will Baptists to sustain an increasing outreach. A survey of Free Will Baptist churches giving to foreign missions listed only seven giving more than \$5,000 and only one of these giving more than \$10,000. Most of these churches will exceed \$10,000 this year and others will be added to the more than \$5,000 list.

The most significant progress in the area of finance is the liquidating of our deficit accounts. Our Total Ministry Cost support plan has proved successful. (Read "Out of My Heart" in this issue of HEARTBEAT for information on TMC.) Our strategy for deputation calls for the missionary returning on furlough to concentrate his deputational ministry first in his area of support. After securing adequate monthly support he will be scheduled in other areas for missions services. It is impossible to fill all the requests for missionaries with the limited number of appointees and missionaries on furlough.

Our director of deputation usually has less than ten to meet the demands of hundreds of speaking

engagements. Our executive staff, board members and concerned pastors are also assigned for missionary conferences and special services.

Our "Father's business" has always been big business but it is becoming bigger business for Free Will Baptists. The field reports give a bird's-eye view of Free Will Baptist missionaries at work.

BRAZIL:

\$84,162.12—1970 field disbursements
13.4%—of total disbursements
24 missionaries and 32 children

Representing Free Will Baptists in a country of 97 million souls are twenty-four missionaries. The work has largely been concentrated in the state of Sao Paulo but is now being extended in the states of Minas Gerais and Santa Catarina. The Tom Hugheses and the Jim Sturgills will join the staff in Brazil. Special evangelistic campaigns in local churches saw 335 decisions during 1970 and an enlarged radio ministry has extended the witness to surrounding towns. Literature and films have been used effectively and these medias will be used extensively in opening the new areas. Eight church groups are established in the state of Sao Paulo with three pastors and eight lay preachers.

CUBA:

\$6,902.80—1970 field disbursements
1.1%—of total disbursements

The Free Will Baptist Association of Churches has become completely self-sustaining. Twelve pastors serve 14 Free Will Baptist congregations with the help of lay leaders. Government regulations restrict their church activities but in the face of these limitations they have maintained their witness and fellowship. In February more than 400 attended their annual convention. Plans call for the reopening of the Bible Institute. Though no longer dependent on our gifts for their work, we maintain our fellowship through prayer and communications.

FRANCE:

\$41,556.31—1970 field disbursements
6.6%—of total disbursements
6 missionaries and 10 children

Opportunities abound in this country of 50 mil-

lion people. The growth of Free Will Baptists in these five short years has been miraculous. Two growing groups meet regularly at Nantes and Rennes. More than 90 people attend services in these two cities each Sunday. The area of these cities encompass more than one million souls with little or no other evangelical witness in the area. The Don Sextons will join the Merkhhs and Haases next year.

INDIA:

\$35,864.18—1970 field disbursements

5.7%—of total disbursements

4 missionaries and 4 children

The land of multiplied millions—597 million—still rejects the gospel. Government restrictions prevent the addition of any new missionaries. National pastors have assumed complete leadership of the Free Will Baptist churches in South India. The Association in North India has ordained 4 pastors and they are in charge of the work in their area. The political situation has restricted the activity of the missionaries but evangelistic teams have been sent into the villages for services and literature distribution. The civil war in East Pakistan has brought thousands of refugees into our area of ministry. We need reserve funds to meet the emergencies created by these circumstances.

IVORY COAST:

\$117,149.71—1970 field disbursements

18.7%—of total disbursements

22 missionaries and 18 children

Missionaries continue to emphasize evangelism, church planning and training national leaders. Several new villages have been entered with the gospel. Some of the "Preacher Boys" have gone to live in these villages to preach among the people. The Cousineaus are in a new area and from their station have gone to surrounding villages. The maturing of the church is seen as the preachers find Christian girls for their wives and legal marriages among the believers are contracted.

The Youth Center at Bondoukou is having an effective ministry. The National Celebration of Independence will be in Bondoukou in August. The missionaries plan to saturate the city with literature published especially for the event. They seek 1000 prayer partners for special evangelistic efforts during that week.

A doctor and two nurses are urgently needed for the medical ministry. A special project to publish the New Testament in Koulango is in the budget for next year. A literacy program to teach the Africans to read is vital to establish believers strong in the faith. Unlike most of our other fields, we are the only witnesses of the gospel in this area of the Ivory Coast.

JAPAN:

\$47,205.84—1970 field disbursements

7.5%—of total disbursements

8 missionaries and 15 children

The gospel is preached regularly by Free Will Baptists in Japan in seven places. Three groups meet in Tokyo with the others meeting on the northernmost island of Hokkaido. Pastor Osawa and his church in Tokyo bought property this year.

Sapporo, capital of Hokkaido, will be host to the Winter Olympics in February 1972. The Larry Condit of California have been given a short-term assignment as youth evangelist for special evangelistic services in Sapporo. They will join the Calverys and McLains in September. A team of ten students will saturate the area with literature, conduct conversational English classes, present musical concerts and give testimonies in a concerted effort to evangelize more than 30,000 homes in our church area of Sapporo. They will be on a six month assignment during which time they will share their ministry in other areas where Free Will Baptists witness.

PANAMA:

\$12,300.44—1970 field disbursements

2%—of total disbursements

5 missionaries and 6 children

This Central American field has not been the most responsive to our witness but progress has been made in Panama. The responsibility for six groups of Christians fell on Tom and Ruth Willey when the Garcias returned to the states early last year. The Willeys were overdue for a furlough and lay leaders became responsible for the groups. Tom Willey, Bill Fulcher and Benito Rodriguez have made periodic visits back to the field. The Bill Fulchers have been transferred from Uruguay to Panama and will establish their residence in Panama City in September. The Willeys will return to their work in August.



Mrs. Mabel Willey has been given an assignment to Panama. This was the place where she and her late husband, The Reverend Tom Willey, Sr., began their missionary ministry for Free Will Baptists.

URUGUAY:

\$27,363.99—1970 field disbursements

4.4%—of total disbursements

5 missionaries and 6 children

Free Will Baptists have had an unusual response in the border area of Livramento-Rivera. Five established groups form the fellowship of Free Will Baptist churches. A national pastor, Ubertil de los Santos, serves the churches in Rivera and Santa Theresa. He is the preacher for the radio ministry and teaches in the Bible Institute.

A special evangelistic crusade in January, 1971 resulted in more than 230 decisions. The meeting hall in Livramento has become inadequate to accommodate the crowd attending the services.

TRAVEL AND PROMOTION:

\$65,036.24—1970 disbursements

10.4%—of total disbursements

Activities behind the scenes are vital to field ministries. You have a right to know and you must know if you are to pray intelligently and support adequately. Funds are required for travel and promotion to provide these ministries of information and inspiration. More than 49,000 copies of each issue of HEARTBEAT are distributed; filmstrips are produced; informational literature is published; travel to local, district and state meetings, missionary conferences, pastor's conferences and overseas travel is necessary. Through these avenues you are kept in continual touch with your missionaries.

ADMINISTRATION:

\$90,358.98—1970 disbursements

14.4%—of total disbursements

The home staff is part of the missionary team. Coordinating the ministries of missionaries serving in eight countries on five continents is the work of the home office. The support needs of missionary accounts must be acquired and properly distributed. Gifts must be acknowledged. Communicating with constituency at home and personnel overseas is essential for an effective operation. Dedicated men and women have given themselves to this ministry of proclaiming the gospel.

OTHER MISSIONARY EXPENSES:

\$99,480.35—1970 disbursements

15.8%—of total disbursements

Other expenses relate to the total ministries of your missionaries—medical coverage, social secur-

ity, cost of living, deputational ministries and miscellaneous. All of these operations cost money, but for thousands, it is their only hope of hearing the gospel.

This review of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is a report of God at work through your missionaries. The facts and figures cannot describe the transformation of lives, the deliverance of men who all their lifetime have been bound by fear and lived in the long night of ignorance. Reports cannot show the joy of learning to read nor the relief of suffering through the tender care of the medical missionaries.

Your faithfulness to give, to pray and to send will be rewarded by Him who said, "Go ye . . ."

20 YEARS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS GIVING

1951	\$54,564.68
1952	63,586.27
1953	63,572.80
1954	73,601.09
1955	82,840.71
1956	102,628.65
1957	125,379.45
1958	148,152.05
1959	172,401.85
1960	192,140.06
1961	216,016.04
1962	239,909.78
1963	289,845.38
1964	347,034.05
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1967	522,217.10
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1969	605,109.72
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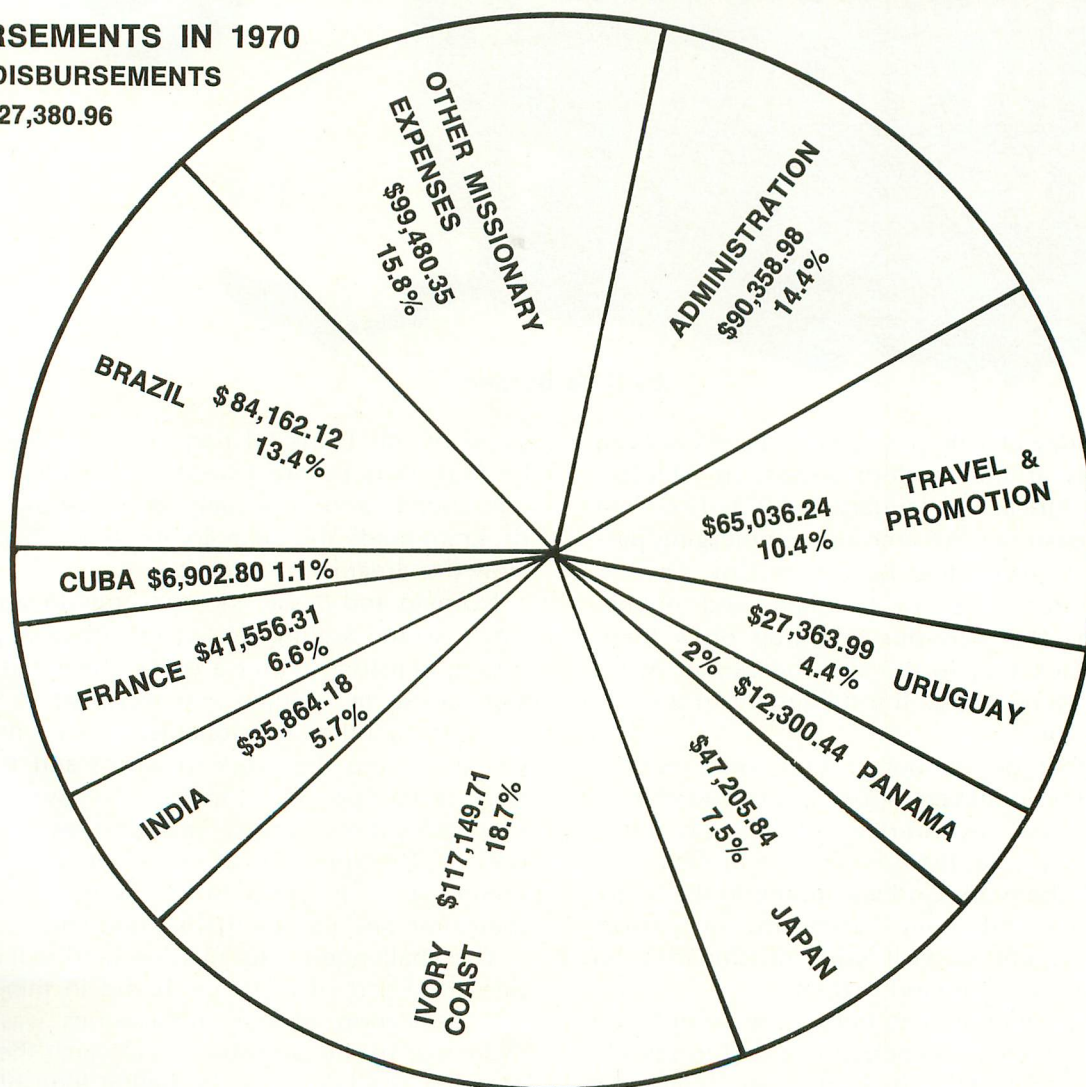
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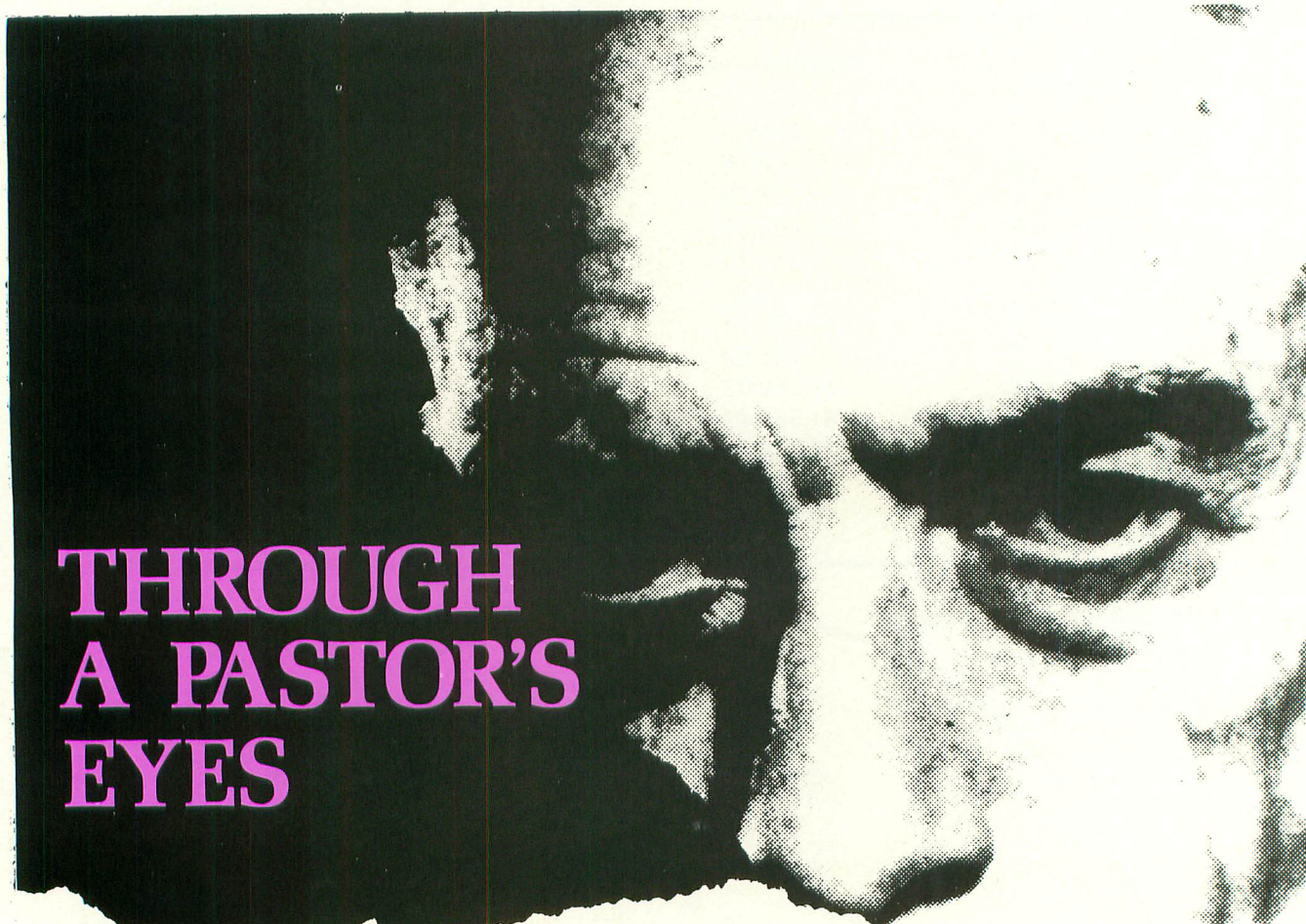
	1968	1969	1970
January	44,005.95	59,193.56	57,143.55
February	46,358.13	43,508.72	45,533.07
March	36,457.29	42,082.14	48,998.86
April	53,457.49	57,220.20	63,319.74
May	47,180.91	51,062.81	57,354.93
June	40,497.12	50,178.06	60,149.49
July	43,740.67	49,239.57	53,800.52
August	39,540.82	44,859.46	49,420.12
September	41,564.43	45,826.98	58,934.17
October	47,672.76	46,978.69	54,728.11
November	42,499.60	44,924.85	47,439.07
December	43,605.31	71,330.59	68,037.39

DISBURSEMENTS IN 1970

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$627,380.96





THROUGH A PASTOR'S EYES

by Dale Burden

Every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. a large Pan-American jet lands at the modern airport in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Africa. On January 5, 1971, two Free Will Baptist pastors were among the emerging passengers. They were the Reverend Guy Owens, pastor in Florence, South Carolina, and myself, Dale Burden. This was our first stop on a three and a half week visit to our missionaries in Africa and France. More, it was the fulfillment of a long-standing dream.

For me, that dream began four years earlier. Missionary Harold Stevens spoke in our church one Sunday night and reviewed what God was doing through Free Will Baptist missionaries in Africa. As he described the work God was doing in that field, he injected the statement, "Some of you pastors and laymen ought to visit your missionaries on the field and see what God is doing."

That thought had already been in my mind. The missionary's statement clinched it. I said to myself, "I'll go and see first hand what is happening on

some of our fields." I had not intended for it to be four years before I went, but involvement with our church and especially an extensive building program made the delay longer than I had wanted. Now the dream was a reality.

Norman and Bessie Richards, missionaries to the Anyi, were waiting to meet us and guide us through customs. After a quick change at the mission house in Abidjan, we were off to the bush to visit our other missionaries. We spent two full weeks visiting the work in Africa and then eight days in Europe. The trip took us away from our pulpits for three Sundays and cost several hundred dollars. The question arises, what is the purpose behind it? Is it worth two busy pastors spending their time and money to visit the fields?

The challenge of the mission field strikes deeply into the heart of a pastor. It did in mine. Seeing the dedication of our missionaries was a great challenge to me personally. To watch them laboring with the language, struggling long hours with

translation, patiently dealing with uneducated and sin-shackled minds, and following faithfully their Lord without the benefits of church services and Christian fellowship that is such an asset to us here at home—seeing these things firsthand warmed and blessed my own heart.

I had known for a long time that Free Will Baptists have a staff of missionaries second to none. I know it even better now. Watching them build a work for God in a foreign society, realizing there is no social prestige of being a “success” there like there is at home—observing this has challenged my own heart to be a more faithful servant of God.

Needless to say, my heart was challenged by observing the staggering needs of the field. The needs at home are great. Anyone who loves the lost is aware of this. The needs of the foreign fields are certainly no less, and they are complicated by such things as cultural differences and centuries of sinful traditions. In Africa the barriers are so big, it seems that one worker cannot expect to reach vast numbers of people. Hence, the need for more workers. In Europe, education and culture are not the barriers that they are in Africa; but the vastness of the multitudes makes one realize the great need for workers. Without a doubt the main thing that has happened to my own heart from this trip has been a desire to see more workers called into the needy fields of earth. It will affect my preaching and pleading with Christians from now on. Jesus taught us to pray for laborers for the whitened harvest fields. Having seen more of these fields, I am challenged to pray more for these workers.

The second main reason I wanted to go visit some of our fields was to let our beloved missionaries know that the folks back home do care about them and their ministries. I am sure that Satan has suggested many times to these servants of God that it is no use—that no one really cares, that they may as well give up. Loneliness, the separation of thousands of miles, the fewness of other laborers on the field—these things could furnish ammunition for Satan to use against the minds of the missionaries. I have long wanted to go as a representative of the pastors back home to let our laborers on the field know that we do care—that we care with more than our dollars, we care with our hearts and our lives.

It was our privilege to be in Africa for the Annual Field Conference. During those three days together we preached, prayed and fellowshiped. It is our hope that we brought some degree of

blessing to the missionaries. Certainly they were a blessing to us. After a good service at the Conference, one of them remarked, “I don’t know how long it’s been since you’ve been in revival, but it’s been a long time for me; and to me, this is revival.” For their sake, I’m glad we went. I believe it was time and money well spent. Months before making the trip, I asked a dedicated pastor, “Would you give the money to missions or would you suggest using it to visit the fields?” Unhesitatingly, he said, “If you can go, go!”

Another purpose for the trip was to educate my own mind to the point I could speak more intelligently to my people about missions. As a result of the trip, I believe I can better talk with my young people about what is involved in missions. I hope I can relieve some of their fears, brush away some of their false and romantic ideas about missions, and in general help them to come to grips with the question of whether or not God wants them on a foreign field. I believe that as a result of my trip my preaching about missions to my people will bear more weight. I want them to know that when I speak of missions that it is not a minor part of the Lord’s work.

My going to the field has made my people know that their pastor does have a burden for missions and therefore enables me to preach and plead for laborers in a more effective way. It has already sparked new interest in missions in my church. Each Sunday school class is adopting a missionary and seeking to raise money for him. The main purpose is not to simply raise money, but to educate our young people to the responsibility of Christians to evangelize their generation.

In summary, I visited the fields to challenge my heart, to let the missionaries know we care, and to benefit my own church. I believe it has brought benefits in all three areas. I am grateful to my God for the privilege of making the trip. My church is glad I went. The Christians on foreign soil seemed very glad to have us come. One of them in Africa said, “Thank you for coming. We could not come to visit you, and we’re so glad you came to visit us.”

We don’t need a flood of fellows visiting the field. The staff can’t absorb that many. And certainly we don’t need casual sightseers. But as God lays it on the heart of some of our pastors, it would be a blessing to them, a boon to the work, and a joy to your missionary to have them visit our mission fields.

by Charles Harris

The key to a successful missionary conference, I believe, is information that the Holy Spirit can use placed in the hearts of everyone who is present. At Sherwood Forest we use posters, skits, special singing, facts and Scripture to present the challenge of missions. And God used this information, and our people were blessed as a result.

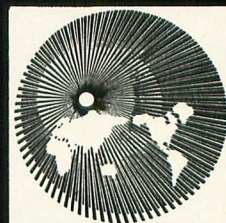
We have a mission board in our church, and several months before the conference we begin to pray and plan that this might be the best yet. We get the names of the missionaries who will be with us and start praying for them. Then, in our monthly Wednesday evening missions service, information is given to the congregation regarding the progress of the plans made for the missions conference.

In one of our board meetings a board member proposed that we promote the 1970 conference especially through the Sunday school. We had never done this before. Up until then we had divided the congregation up, and each member was contacted individually to determine how they could participate. This new plan placed the Sunday school teacher as team captain for their own class. Each class and member was challenged by the teacher to reach goals they might set. It was a new idea but seemed to be from the Lord, so we agreed to try it. I am glad we did!

The board next attempted to set a realistic goal. Our church usually just surpassed the \$5,000 mark, and had never reached a conference goal before. We set our goal for 1971 at \$2,000 cash and \$4,000 in faith promises for a total of \$6,000.

On Wednesday evenings we have a Sunday school teachers' meeting thirty minutes before the evening service. We used these meetings to challenge our teachers for missions as our conference drew near. In addition to this, a month before the conference began we had general assemblies for the whole Sunday school to emphasize missions. Fifteen minute programs with a missions theme (using members of their own departments) were presented. It was here that we used special singing, skits, facts and Scripture. Posters were also made, and these posters were explained as they depicted the fields and ministries of the men who would be with us in the conference.

I do not believe in high pressure promotion in our church. I do believe every member ought to face up to his responsibility and then do what God



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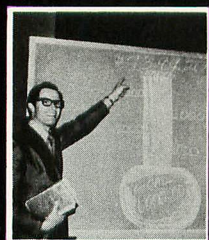
tells him to do. Faith promise cards were passed out every night of the conference just before the offering was taken, and as pastor I asked everyone to pray about what God wanted them to do with that card. I explained that if God wanted them to wad the card up and throw it away, to go ahead. But don't dare do it without God's approval, as I felt He wanted everyone to give something every month. (Not many cards were thrown away.)

God blessed our missionary conference. We exceeded our goal by more than \$2,600. Our people were blessed by the ministry of the missionaries, and two young men in our church who are seriously considering the mission field were stirred and their vision broadened as to what they could do. I thank the Lord for what He has done.

Our church believes in giving as a body of believers. Members pay their pledges into the church, and we divide the money going out on a percentage basis. We also do not make a hard distinction between "home" and "foreign" missions. We support the missionary God lays on our heart. In 1971, our percentage breakdown will be 60% for the Jerry Barrons, who are members of our church. We also support the Robirdses, Mayhews, Combses and Willeys, Jr.

Looking back, I see at least two things that are an absolute must as ingredients for a successful missionary conference. The pastor must be concerned, or the conference will never get off the ground. And secondly, sufficient prayer and planning on the part of those responsible beforehand is essential to insure the participation of all later on.

Planning the MISSIONARY CONFERENCE



by Henry Van Kluyve

The final services of the missionary conference were in progress at Wilson, N. C. Reverend Gordon Sebastian sat on the first pew to my right, his wife by his side. He was hoping for a response from his people that would total \$5,000 per year in foreign mission giving. And by the time the sun had set on Mother's Day, 1971, a record-breaking total of \$7,404 was realized. An outstanding victory!

When viewed from where I sit, opportunities for missionary involvement are unlimited. Resources yet untapped challenge us on every hand. These resources must be added to our base support. More pastors need to get involved with our world-wide outreach, and thereby, more churches will be added to the support base.

The first step to be taken in promoting a local church conference is to enlist the pastor's full-pledged cooperation. During a revival I held with Reverend Sebastian last November, I sought to get the "green light" from him for an all out effort in getting his people more involved in obeying the Great Commission. He willingly consented, and the dates for missionary services were set. Bobby Aycock and his family were scheduled for services at the church, and I followed one week later with additional emphasis including the "faith promise" appeal.

The Peace Church already supported the Aycocks. Bobby was from the area, and the church had been giving \$100 per month to his account for some time.

May 9, Mother's Day, was chosen as the day I would be with Gordon. After speaking to all the Sunday school classes (primaries through adults) for the first hour, I had the privilege of preaching during the worship service. Following the message, the faith promise cards were passed out to everyone present. The first hour with the Sunday school classes is very important, as it prepares hearts for the message and the appeal for faith promise giving.

What pastor enters his pulpit and immediately extends an invitation to people without first preaching the Word and preparing hearts to respond? Yet, many go through a missionary conference without preparing their people. Then they wonder why the enthusiasm and excitement was at a low ebb and only a few responded to participate in missions.

What about the results at Wilson, North Carolina? That morning \$332 per month was promised. We were praying for \$500 per month to be pledged. At the close of the evening service, \$185 was added, giving us a total of \$517 in faith promises.

The goal was exceeded! Excitement ran high! This was the first time anything like this was tried. Even children were deeply moved. The service was charged by the Spirit of God. The pastor's heart bubbled over, and his people were rejoicing.

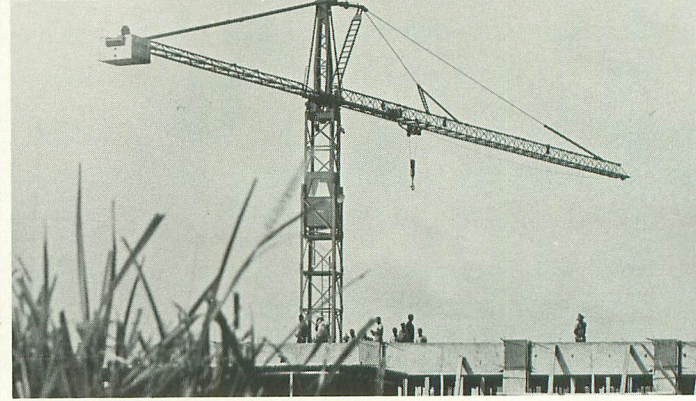
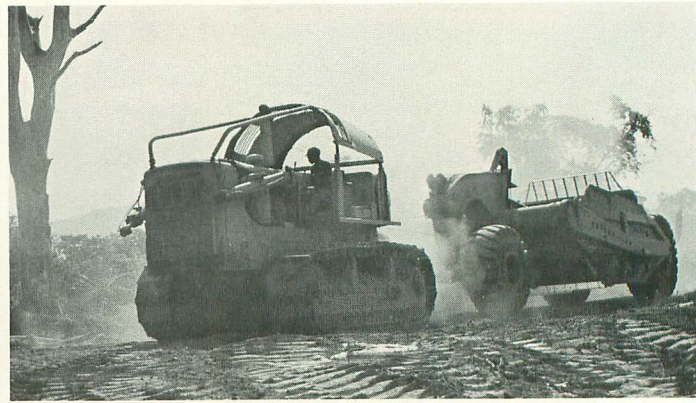
The annual total in faith promises came to \$6,204 per year. Add to this the \$1,200 from budget giving, and Bobby and Sue Aycock now receive \$7,404 per year from the Peace Church.

The victory at Wilson, North Carolina on May 9 is just one of the many I have personally experienced during 4½ years with the foreign missions department. I anticipate countless more as we cast our nets into the deep.

To our great and Mighty God be all the glory, for He has certainly done above and beyond even our fondest expectations. That Sunday at the Peace Free Will Baptist Church will long be remembered, and because of it, souls now in heathen darkness will walk heaven's streets with us and all the redeemed saints, the world over.

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SOMETHING NEW IN BONDOKOU

by
Jimmy Aldridge

Bondoukou's day of glory approaches furiously. The rat-a-tat of air hammers 40 yards from our window wakes us at 6:00 a.m. now. It has replaced songs of birds and the pounding of yams. Bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, plumbers and ditch-diggers trip over each other as they try to stay out of the way of bulldozers.

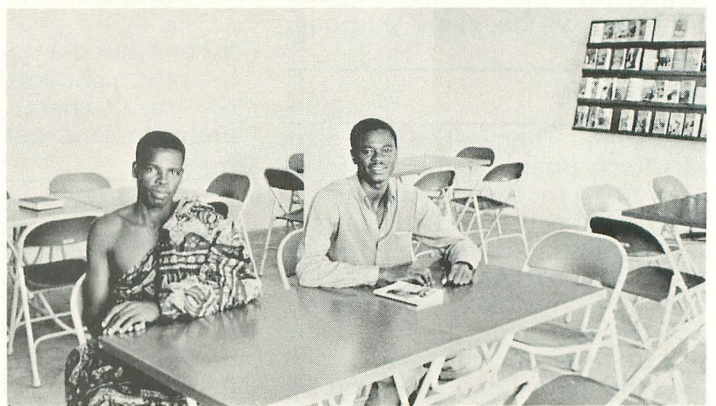
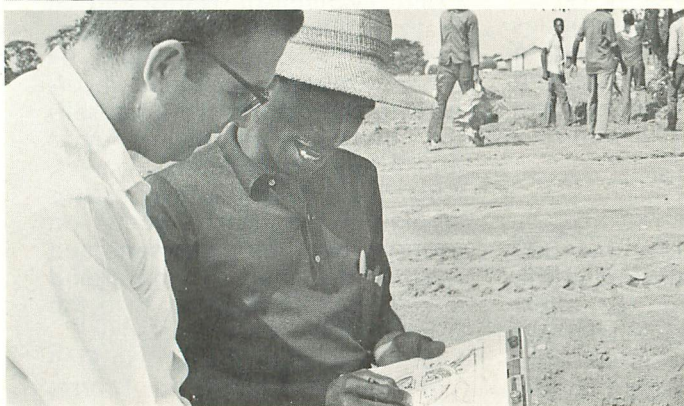
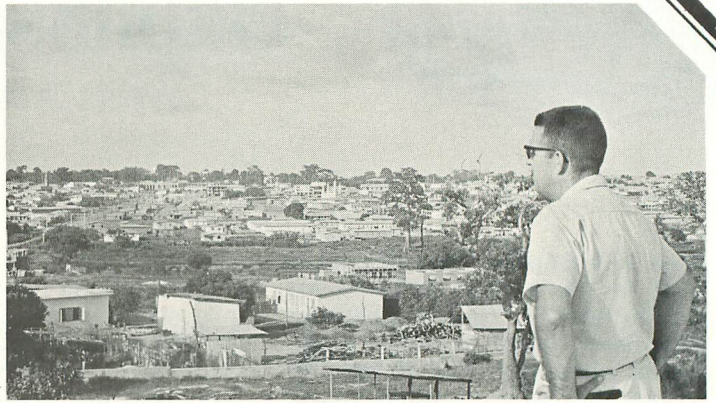
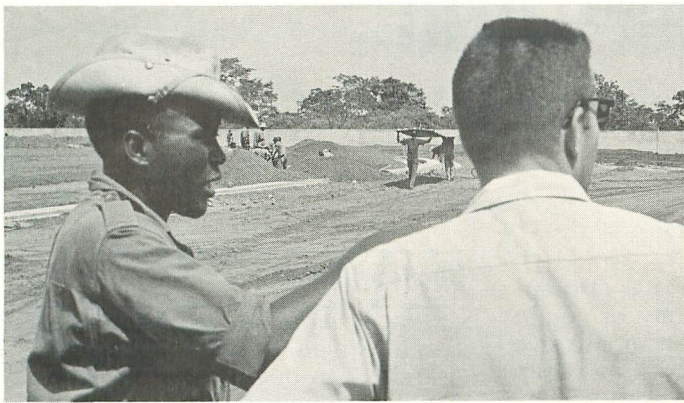
All this because, for three days beginning August 5, Bondoukou will be the capital of the Ivory Coast. The president and the entire ministerial cabinet will be here for the Independence Day celebration.

New government buildings, water and power lines, a public marketplace, a sports stadium, two hotels, a motel and about 200 new private houses are under construction. The government is spending \$5½ million to rebuild the city. Everybody is

out to get all he can. Many are enjoying unprecedented prosperity. But other results are also visible.

Drunkenness and drug addiction are beginning to show. Clever "financiers" are in jail for fraud, and others will be caught. One worker was killed accidentally last week as a result of the shoddy work inspired by shortcuts to gain more profit.

Free Will Baptists have maintained a witness in Bondoukou since 1967. Believers built a church building in 1968. Bondoukou is a center where people move in and out regularly. Because of this, the attendance has fluctuated greatly. Up until 1970 a small corps of faithful believers kept the church going. However, by the time of our arrival in January 1970, only one Christian remained who had not moved away. We had to virtually start over.



In the past few months some 20 people have turned to the Lord. Some became acquainted with Christ as a result of our school and reading room ministries started last fall. Most of these have come out of Catholicism, and the extreme pressure from priests and their families has scared some away. But most faithfully follow the Lord today.

Among those who have stayed true is seen a new sense of responsibility for evangelizing others. One of these new Christians assists regularly in the reading room. Others come occasionally to witness to those who gather to read the books we have on display. Two high school students are witnessing to their classmates about their new Friend, Jesus.

Special plans are being made for an evangelistic thrust during the National Independence Day celebration August 7. The 10,000 population will more than double during that week. We are printing a special tract, "Born in Freedom," which will be distributed at that time. The project has been underwritten by the radio program, "Preaching the Truth in Love," of the Reverend Guy Owens, Florence, South Carolina. Also, we will distribute "The Catholic Bible Has the Answer" by the Reverend J. Oswald Smith. A free Gospel of John and a cor-

respondence course will be offered to all who request it. Evangelistic services in French and Koulango will be held each evening. We will reach as many as possible in these days of unprecedented opportunity for evangelism in Bondoukou.

We believe that God is able to do something new spiritually for these people. The population is overwhelmingly Moslem. The Catholics and animists control the rest. There are fewer than 30 faithful Christians, and probably not more than 100 who even call themselves protestant. The need is tremendous.

In order to influence this town, we need *much* prayer. Only God can draw men to Himself. We can preach and give out the message of salvation, but we need people who will pray for that seed as it is sown. Matthew 18:19 says, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, *it shall be done for them* of my Father which is in heaven."

Would you be one of one thousand Free Will Baptists who will agree with me to pray that God would touch every person living in Bondoukou and every visitor during that week?



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

Free Will Baptist churches have sent in more than \$11,000 for Call-a-thon '71. The total amount has been used to help erase deficit accounts. The remaining money that will yet come in will be used for the same purpose.

board meets

Nashville, Tenn.—The Foreign Missions Board gathered from May 10-14 for their annual meeting. They decided to, among other things, recommend to the National Association a budget increase of almost \$200,000. As one board member put it, "Our faith will be tested on this one."

In the budget and approved by the board are such things as the Koulango New Testament which will be printed next year, and might cost up to \$25,000. Short term missionaries going to Japan also causes the budget to rise sharply. However, the board sensed the presence of God in all their decisions and are trusting God to meet the need.

94 to go

Nashville, Tenn.—During the decade of the '70's the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board has said they would like to send to our fields 100 new permanent missionaries. Don and Billie Sexton, approved in May 1971, brought the number to six who have been approved for missionary service in the last year and a half. Others are expected to be approved later this year.

foreign missions board



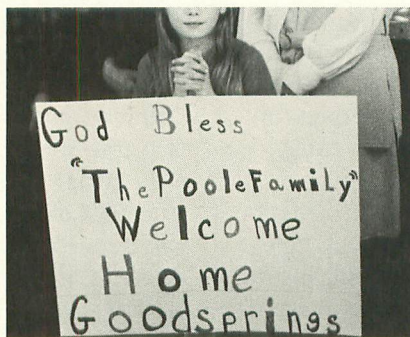
The mission board has also approved the sending of eight summer missionaries and twelve short term missionaries to Japan later on this fall and early 1972.

The figure of 100 missionaries is considered a minimum; and in the next eight years, as expressed by our General Director, we prefer to send out 294 more.

pooles arrive

Nashville, Tenn.—More than 300 Free Will Baptists gathered at the Nashville airport Sunday afternoon, May 2. Bobby, Geneva and their two sons descended from the airplane to be hugged, kissed and greeted by relatives, friends and prayer partners.

About a dozen area Free Will Baptist churches were represented in welcoming the Pooles home after their second term of service. Bobby and Geneva will make their home in South Carolina.



pooles welcomed



shelia williams

Quito, Ecuador—Miss Shelia Williams arrived in Quito, Ecuador March 12 to begin her work with Child Evangelism Fellowship in that city. She says, "I will be continuing the ministry begun by other workers—maintaining offices in the downtown area, selling literature, supplying tracts and Bibles for children's classes. Also, I am teaching two classes weekly. One class meets on Monday near my apartment, and most of the children who attend are illiterate. The other is in the C.E.F. office each Wednesday."

Shelia is from the Ecorse Free Will Baptist Church in Ecorse, Michigan.

walk-a-thon

Nashville, Tenn.—The Southern District C.T.S. of the Cumberland Association sponsored a Walk-a-thon for the Youth Project in Sapporo, Japan. 134 walkers ran, limped, walked and staggered 15 miles May 15 to help raise over \$3,000 for the special evangelistic thrust during the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, February 1972.

Wesley Calvery presented a carved Hokkaido bear to Jean Picirilli, the young person who had the most money pledged to her for walking the distance. John Yasuda autographed and presented records made by the Calvery family and himself to 15 walkers who had \$50 or more pledged to them for walking.

calvery joins walkers



missionary fathers die

Nashville, Tenn.—Mr. Don McLain, father of Jim McLain in Sapporo, Japan, died April 29. He died in the Lord.

The Reverend Richard Norris died May 1, 1971. He was the father of Mrs. Barbara Haas in Rennes, France. He, too, stepped into eternity to be with the Lord.

We extend our sympathy to the families of these two men and pray God's grace will be rich and meaningful in their lives.

calvary day

Ft. Smith, Ark.—Sunday, May 2 in Fort Smith, Arkansas climaxed a revival in the First Church by the Reverend Joe Ange. The pastor, the Reverend Rupert Pixley and his people set aside this Sunday as special in another way. They called it "Calvary Day."

They invited Reverend Reford Wilson, General Director of the foreign missions department, to come and be with them as they honored the veteran missionary to Japan who had lived in Fort Smith the year he had been on furlough. To show their interest in a tangible way, Fort Smith Free Will Baptists gave over \$3,700, designating it for the Calverys. They promised an additional \$3,000 to be given in the year ahead.

The youth of the church had raised over \$700 of the total in a Walk-a-thon the day before. The church expresses in this manner the close relationship they feel with one of our missionary families to the country of Japan and their concern that the people in this crowded country be given the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Christ.

jean picirilli wins bear



spain

Madrid, Spain—Loriet and Mercedes Hernandez write that a Bible study is held regularly in their home in Madrid. Several have accepted Christ in the last few weeks. Mercedes continues, "We thank you for praying for us. Our group is not big, but we try to testify and help others as well as we can. We are very concerned about our future. There are almost two years since we came here, and we praise God for His loving care over us. Although we don't know what we will do, we would like that a missionary will come before we leave, if at last we have to. We are praying about very much."

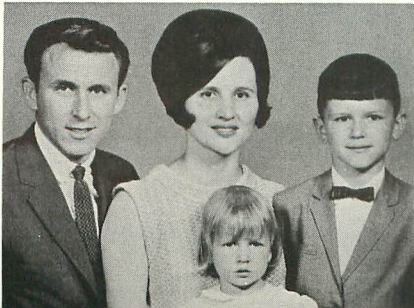
She continues by giving the news of one of the few conferences that Free Will Baptists have had in Cuba in the past few years. More than 400 Cubans gathered to praise the Lord during the four day conference. She says, "Most of them slept in the floor, but they had great joy for the opportunity of worship together."

At their annual meeting, the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved Spain as a field to enter by Free Will Baptists. Everyone is urged to pray that the right persons will be selected to enter this demanding field.

hughes commissioning

Nashville, Tenn.—Tom and Nancy Hughes will be commissioned July 11, 1971, at the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. They plan to leave for Brazil 11 days later.

hughes



financial facts

THROUGH APRIL 1971

ON DEPOSIT MAY 1	\$153,969.39
RECEIPTS THROUGH APRIL 30	243,667.22
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH APRIL 30	208,083.92
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THROUGH APRIL 30	224,885.96
TOTAL 1971 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	674,657.90

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS *

Aldridge	\$ 8,432.72	Stevens	\$ 136.29
Aycock	492.35	Sturgill	91.72
Barker	1,365.12	Waid	5,111.79
Bryan	2,065.41	Wilkinson	9,565.17
Calvery	2,372.49	M. Willey	301.51
Combs	9,718.53	Willey, Jr.	4,779.45
Condit	252.65	Africa Bible	
Coscia	4,485.94	Inst.	298.80
Cousineau	881.32	Africa Med.	
Craft	6,567.64	Bldg.	288.79
Cronk	824.45	Audio Vis.	447.99
Deeds	11,127.80	Brazil Ch.	
Eagleton	12,169.23	Bldg.	
Ellison	5,285.66	Loan Fd.	50.00
Franks	10,539.00	Brazil Inst.	381.43
Fulcher	2,670.39	Brazil Veh.	3,112.17
Gage	3,930.12	Ecuador	7,656.02
Haas	1.25	Furlough car	
Hanna	19,517.53	Loan Fd.	(1,635.74)
Hersey	(1,730.41)	Japan Land	
Hughes	5,611.45	Fd. Tokyo	30.00
Lee	4,442.72	Med. With-	
Mayhew	(1,351.65)	drowal	(9,603.40)
Merkh	2.00	Operation	
Miley	12,764.08	Fund	2,315.84
McLain	(346.61)	Proj. 5000	3,324.55
Palmer	(3,128.03)	Repatriation	3,370.73
Payne	5,939.53	S. India	(940.70)
Poole	409.72	Trust Fund	3,000.00
Richards	1,508.14	Willey Mem.	
Robinson	1,831.28	Loan Fd.	5,425.14
Robirds	4,002.52	Youth Ctr.	
Sparks	2.19	Hokkaido	434.70

STATE QUOTAS 1971

STATE	RECEIPTS THROUGH APRIL 30	QUOTA	UNDER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 7,790.56	\$22,000.00	\$14,209.44
Arizona	1,684.33	3,250.00	1,565.67
Arkansas	7,549.44	23,500.00	15,950.56
California	11,154.16	38,500.00	27,345.84
Canada	126.00	500.00	374.00
Colorado	399.16	1,750.00	1,350.84
Florida	7,627.74	18,750.00	11,122.26
Georgia	7,915.45	30,000.00	22,084.55
Hawaii	154.00	500.00	346.00
Idaho	208.83	1,500.00	1,291.17
Illinois	4,417.88	19,000.00	14,582.12
Indiana	1,914.19	5,700.00	3,785.81
Iowa	568.75	2,500.00	1,931.25
Kansas	1,595.95	6,500.00	4,904.05
Kentucky	3,929.92	11,500.00	7,570.08
Louisiana	20.00	1,500.00	1,480.00
Maine	646.00	3,000.00	2,354.00
Maryland	50.00	1,000.00	950.00
Michigan	16,858.66	67,000.00	50,141.34
Mississippi	3,615.68	11,500.00	7,884.32
Missouri	22,698.32	47,000.00	24,301.68
New Hampshire	512.00	1,250.00	738.00
New Mexico	607.46	1,500.00	892.54
North Carolina	36,654.12	82,000.00	45,345.88
Ohio	9,253.11	27,000.00	17,746.89
Oklahoma	22,651.29	60,000.00	37,348.71
Oregon	30.00	500.00	470.00
South Carolina	16,334.44	42,000.00	25,665.56
Tennessee	32,128.03	75,000.00	42,871.97
Texas	3,565.07	15,500.00	11,934.93
Virginia	7,965.03	25,000.00	17,034.97
Washington	409.42	1,500.00	1,090.58
West Virginia	8,077.47	16,250.00	8,172.53
Miscellaneous	841.18	10,707.90	9,866.72

*Amounts in parenthesis indicates deficits

view from this side

editor's catchall

PLANS

No time for regret or satisfaction. The needs of the hour demand preparedness for the day. The year behind us should help in preparing us for the coming year.

"Report to the People" shows in part what God has done. Some of the news items hint of what is in the planning stage. Like 100 new missionaries in the '70's or over \$800,000 income in 1972. Spain is ready to be occupied by Free Will Baptists.

Today is a day of unprecedented opportunity of being able to participate in missions. Christians can now visit the mission fields for less time and money than it would have taken 20 years ago. And mission fields offer more opportunity than ever before for the personal witness of a concerned missionary.

Problems are present. The devil has seen to that. Without, the diabolic opposition to the man or woman of God. Within, the devil would stir up strife with the tools of envy and jealousy. But God still reigns, and His is the Voice that the right thinking and right acting witness is listening to today.

This past year provided additional foundation for the edifice of what is ahead. The Lord taught

us to look forward, utilizing the right tools. He taught our missionaries to reach out into new areas. He taught us what it meant to purge His Church. He also taught many Christians the meaning of the word Comforter as they came under intense persecution.

This year should be one when a step forward is taken. We need to increase our missionary staff. We need to place better tools in the hands of our missionaries. They need to know how to best utilize each tool. We need to understand how the Holy Spirit is leading and calling out in order to build His Church. We need that sense of completeness found only in Christ so that we can better share it with others. As Free Will Baptists in the United States we need to be more of a personal participant in missions. No one has the right to sit on a bench. God has a place for everyone, and that place should be filled by the right person at the right time in the right way.

For this coming year we call on Free Will Baptists:

To understand the Voice of the Holy Spirit as He touches lives across our denomination;

To obey the Voice of the Holy Spirit as He directs many to the mission field and many others to send them; and

To rejoice in the Holy Spirit as they see the fruit gathered in around the world.

NEVER SAY CAN'T, biography of Thomas H. Willey, Sr., by Jerry P. Ballard, Creation House, \$4.95.

Almost any portion of the life of "Pop" Willey would make worthwhile reading. His entire life, compressed in the pages of one book, is a lesson in living, especially for Free Will Baptists.

From the time of his approval as a Free Will Baptist missionary in 1935, Pop Willey has crisscrossed the United States, visiting Free Will Baptist churches in almost every state where one exists. His charm and his compassion and the way he shared the Word made an impact that all who met him will never forget.

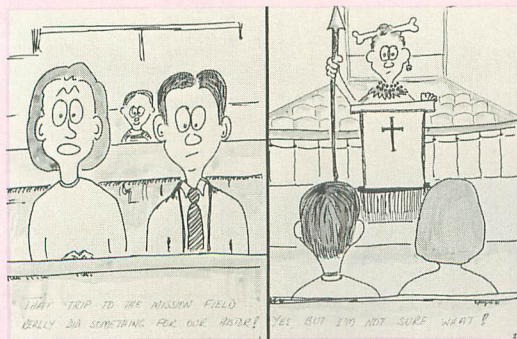
NEVER SAY CAN'T begins with his boyhood in New Jersey, traces his life through conversion and Bible training, to missionary service in Peru, back to the States, marriage and his meeting with Free Will Baptists. It tells how he went to Panama. And after being forced out of Panama, how he went to Cuba and helped establish the church that stands today.

Pop suffered in Cuba, and the book does not omit this. He visited the political prisoners; and after Castro forced missionaries out, he was one who welcomed the exiles when they arrived in Miami. When the Lord called Pop home, many sons in the faith of many nationalities gave thanks to God for this man's life.

Jerry Ballard first met Pop Willey as a youth. The impact this missionary made on his mind never left him. After training as a journalist and almost a decade with the foreign missions department as Director of Communications, Jerry is uniquely qualified to write Pop Willey's biography.

NEVER SAY CAN'T will be on sale during the National Association at the Randall Book Store booth. Mrs. Willey will also be there to autograph copies bought during the National Association. After the National, the book may be purchased in any state Free Will Baptist bookstore as well as Randall Book Store, Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

payne's people



'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

QUESTIONS

The asking of questions is a natural process of learning. A child looks at a quarter-lighted moon and asks, "Daddy, why is the moon broken?" The father has a natural teaching situation.

We are asked questions, too: *Are the heathen lost? What happens to people who have never heard the gospel?*

The Bible, not philosophy or logic, is our authority. The Bible teaches that salvation is only through the Lord Jesus Christ. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:6; "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" Acts 4:12; "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" I Timothy 2:5,6.

The most primitive people have a degree of knowledge of the truth and revelation of God, but they lack the power, the desire, the ability to live up to it. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God-head; so that they are without excuse." Men are lost without the gospel. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" Romans 10:14. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15.

Another question many people ask: *How much does a missionary cost? What do you mean by Total Ministry Cost (TMC)?*

The cost will vary according to the field of service, the size of the family and the type of min-

istry performed. The base amount of accumulated cash necessary for a new missionary is \$10,000. This includes the cost of a vehicle, tickets, freight, customs and appliances—stove, refrigerator, washer and essential household furniture. The monthly support includes basic salary allowance, rent and utilities, children's education—correspondence courses or tuition, room and board, medical, social security, transportation—operation cost and repairs of vehicle, ministry cost—literature, radio, rent on meeting places, evangelistic campaigns and cost of furlough travel back to the States. All of these costs are projected and prorated for the full term of the mission to determine monthly need. The basic salary amount is the personal money of the missionary. A family of four children receives \$295 basic salary with an additional cost of living allowance according to economic cost in their country. A ten percent increase in basic allowance will be given each missionary in January, 1972.

Another question seems to be on many lips: *Does the Board of Foreign Missions send single women to the field?*

Our first missionary was a single woman. This policy has never been changed. Where a need exists and a qualified woman can meet that need, she would receive appointment. The object of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is the fulfillment of the Lord's commission by proclaiming the gospel to every soul in those areas entered by the direction of the Holy Spirit, to make disciples and establish them in the fellowship of Free Will Baptist churches. If men will not respond to fulfill this purpose, God may choose to send women.

Biblical principles call for Christians to unite in the fellowship of world evangelism. Our Free Will Baptist churches have chosen to send forth missionaries under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions. We rejoice in the progress God has given to our ministry.

konference korner

Henry Van Kluyve

THOSE MISSIONARY SERVICES

To some pastors, a missionary conference or special service seems like a "thorn in the flesh." If the missionary is not a dynamic gospel preacher with a hundred and one gestures, he does not "go over" in many of our churches. If he preaches long and hard, his score doesn't rate high because, after all, he should simply inform.

And then other pastors consider—at least this is the impression received—the missionary emphasis and the presence of the missionary as a necessary evil. One pastor wrote that the only thing that failed in his church was a missionary conference. In reality, this is an indictment against himself, because a missionary crusade should and can be the highlight of the church year.

Every missionary conference should be designed to reap the greatest possible harvest. The Bible urges us to pray that God will send laborers to carry His message to the ends of the earth. The missionary conference/crusade affords an opportunity to reach hearts and challenge them to respond to the leadership of God to foreign fields.

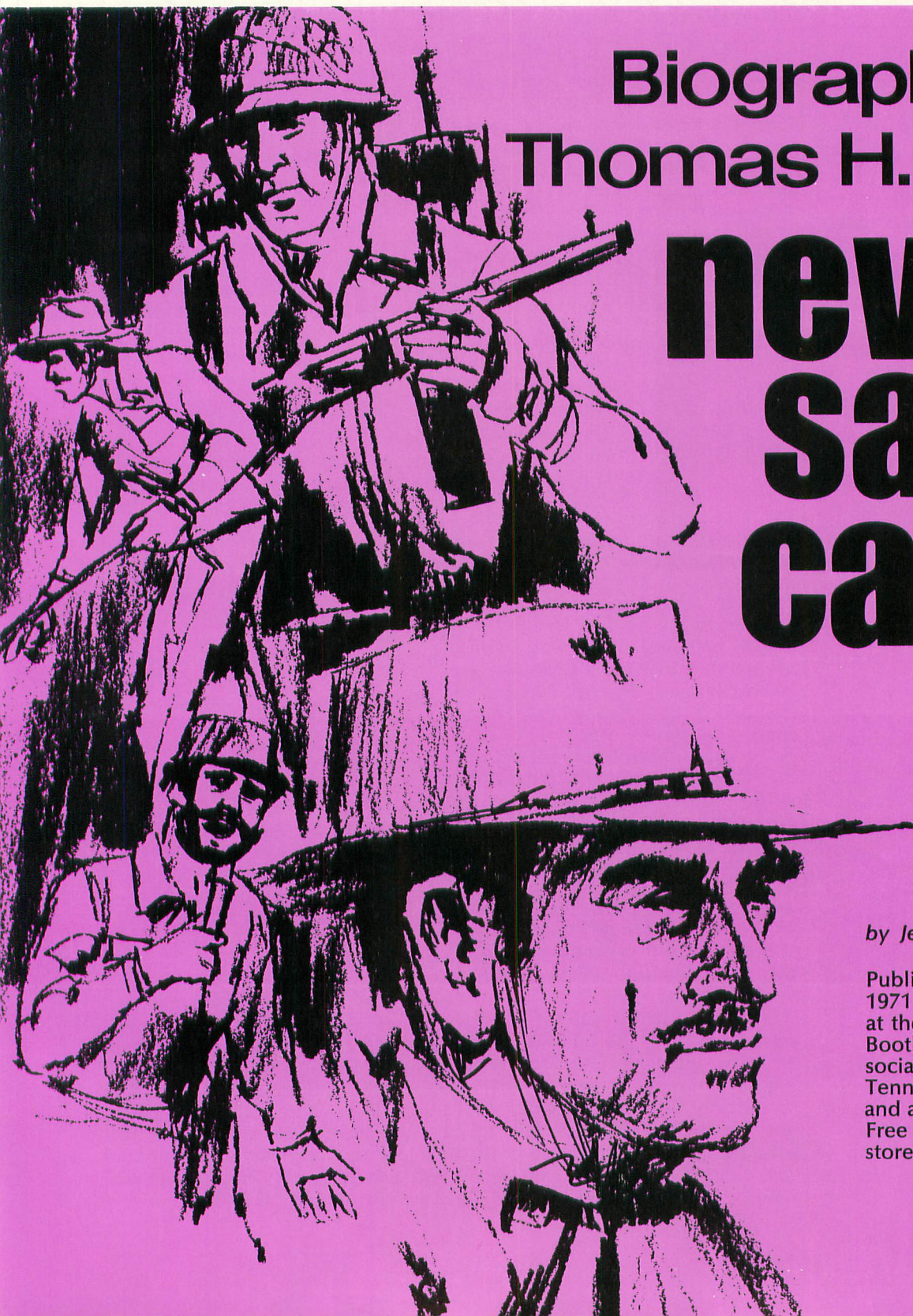
The pastor is the key to the success of the foreign missions ministry in the local church. For the most part, his congregation will follow his leadership. Pastor, are you involved? Are you affording your people an opportunity to hear the facts and respond to the needs?

When the Holy Spirit grips the hearts of a father, a mother, a boy or girl, their response may surprise you. They deserve the right to respond. The Holy Spirit seeks the opportunity to challenge them. Why not expose your congregation, allowing them to get personally involved with getting the gospel to the unreached souls around the world.

Heartbeat

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