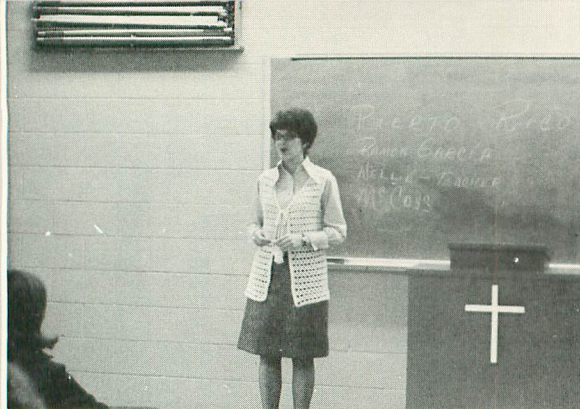


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Heartbeat

**Compelled
to Serve**





A Witness In The Dark

by Arilla Wode

I wasn't going to stay in Nassian by myself, so I readily agreed to go with the Cousineaus to a near-by village. We got into the van and drove over to pick up an 11 year-old boy who acted as interpreter.

When we arrived at the village, a few red-orange fires dotted the darkness. We could hear the low mumble of voices and the fires crackling as the supper meals cooked.

Mr. Cousineau returned to tell us that the chief had been arrested and taken away but the elders had given him permission to have a service. Immediately we got out and began greeting villagers in our frail Koulango phrases. They seemed pleased that we spoke even a little of their language. After the portable generator and the film-strip projector were set up, we were ready to begin. The villagers did not know the hymns, so the six of us sang Koulango hymns by flashlight. Then the filmstrip about the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace was begun.

The picture of the fiery furnace appeared on the screen. Would these people spend their eternity somewhere like that picture depicted? I wondered how much of this I would believe if I had never heard of God. Judy and I were given a time to witness. They listened, but I wondered how much they really understood.

In our devotions at home that night, Mr. Cousineau said that tonight was the second time those people had ever heard the gospel. We estimated that 300-600 people had listened that night. I want to go back because I see a need that is so great. Village after village, just like the one mentioned, where people have never heard about Jesus Christ. Those people are real people with an eternal destiny. Will they be reached for Jesus?



A Tangible Dream

by Judy Smith

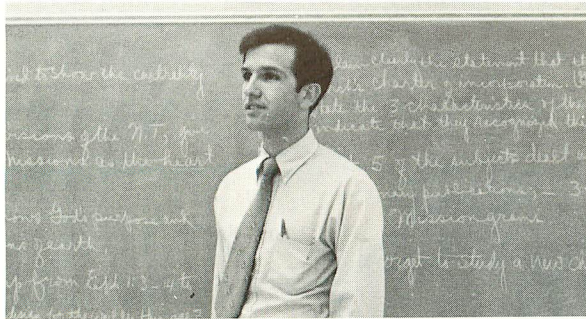
Dreams can become tangible, real. It happened for Arilla and me the summer of 1970 when we went to the Ivory Coast, Africa. What made the dream become real was the intensity of the sultry climate that hit us when we got off the plane in Abidjan.

Arilla and I got accustomed to our change of surroundings when we got involved in the work that the missionaries had for us to do. After our first night with the Norman Richards family, we were in Goumère for a week with Lonnie and Anita Sparks. While there we typed notes for a Koulango dictionary. We visited several Koulango villages with the Sparks and shared in the African services.

Our next assignment found us at Nassian with the Frank Cousineau family. Our week with the Cousineaus was a time of relaxation and learning. We learned that monkey meat and termites are good to eat.

Three and a half weeks in Doropo was a time of orientation. Not only did we learn how to make marshmallows and peanut butter, how to filter and boil water, how to straighten medicine bottles on shelves and sew wraps for sterilizing instruments, but we also learned how to give shots, dress sores, address envelopes, and ride a Honda. We visited villages with the Paynes and the Lees and had the opportunity of seeing Eddie lead a Lobi woman to the Lord. I praised God as we watched the African woman return to her hut to get her fetishes. As we watched them burn, I realized the power of God to save those people from the darkness of the heathendom they are in.

That incident touched me more than any other. That moment strengthened my desire to return. The truth struck home then that "the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up" (Matthew 4:16).



To France, With Love

by Dennis Teague

Paris, the Eiffel Tower, the beautiful cities, the romance, the excitement—all these describe France. But these are not the things that remain in my memory of my summer as a missionary to the country of France.

My summer in France was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and one of the greatest privileges the Lord has allowed me to have. The trip was an adventure in trusting the Lord for many things, and He never once let me down. I know God can and will supply our physical and spiritual needs.

I was able to live with our missionaries and see that they, too, have needs as we do. Because of this, I know how to pray more effectively for them and how to share in their ministry through prayer.

I suppose the most important thing that came from my trip was something the Lord embedded within my heart. Somehow the Lord used this to burden my heart for lost souls everywhere. No matter where mankind is found, he is in need of a Savior.

During the summer of 1971 I will be going back to France. I really thank the Lord for the opportunity to return. The main reason I'm going back is because I feel it is God's will for me to use my summer in this manner. Of course, there are other reasons for wanting to go back. I left some very good friends in France I would like to see. But much more important than that is the fact of the great need for workers in France. There are so few labourers to tell the French people of our Lord Jesus, I simply want to be used of the Lord to tell some of them about Him. The Lord has done so much for me, how can I but share it with others.



When God Speaks

by Jerry Gibbs

It was an ordinary Friday afternoon. I was calmly sitting in Missionary Prayer Band as the speaker gave an appeal for those who spoke Spanish to consider summer mission work in Puerto Rico. Thinking of my years of high school French, I thought to myself, "Lord, if you want someone to go to France I would go." Much to my surprise, the next statement the speaker made was that someone go to France. This was the beginning of God's dealing with me about summer missions.

Dennis Teague and I planned to fly from Nashville to New York together, and from there to France. On my way to Nashville, the airline lost my luggage. Then, the night before we were to leave, Dennis announced that our passports were missing. We asked God to help us find them. The next day, Sunday, the vice president of our bank opened the doors of the bank so that we could recover our passports left there the day before.

The first few weeks we worked in the house papering walls and painting woodwork. We learned that there is more to missionary life than conducting services.

After only a few weeks, I found myself falling in love with the people of France. It was not long before I could feel God burdening my heart for the people. The need for more laborers is tremendous.

My summer missions work increased my faith in Christ more than anything else has ever done. It caused me to fall in love with the people of two churches in France. Last, it broke my heart for France, and in doing that, showed me God's will for my life.

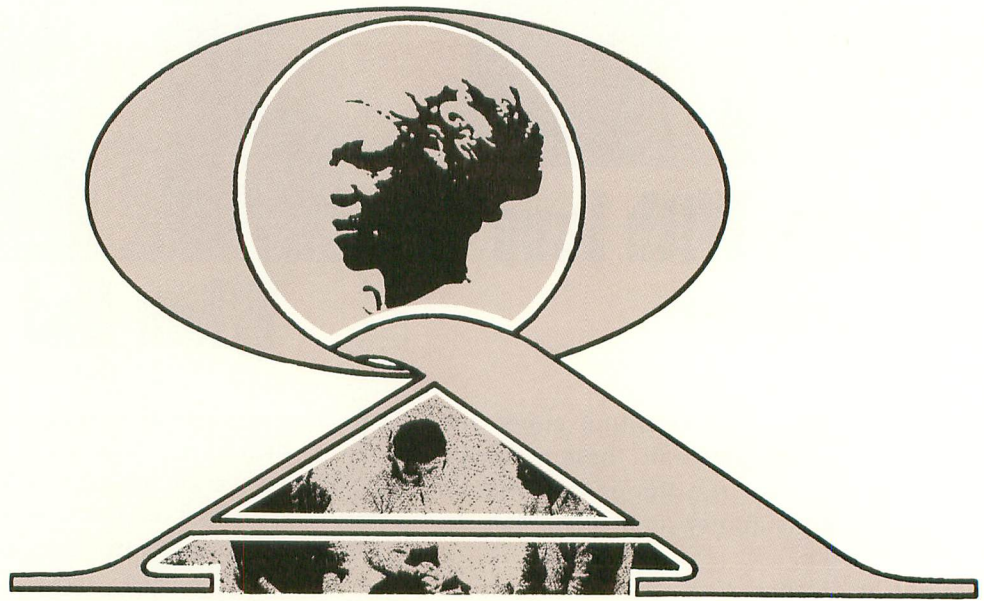
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Missionary Response

Africa, Brazil and France welcomed summer missionaries in 1970. Among the missionaries on the field then were Eddie Payne in Ivory Coast, Ken Eagleton in Brazil and Joe Haas in France.

Q. Are the summer missionaries worth the money it costs to send them to the foreign field?

A. PAYNE—Of course they are not worth what it costs to send them, but neither are any of us out here. You could ask this same question about many of our projects such as a \$150,000 church for 100 members. Why not just put all our money in a missionary account? The dollar sign must not be our standard for determining the worth of a project.

HAAS—I feel they are worth it because we cannot overlook the fellowship and prayer support one gains from having summer missionaries. We feel definitely that we have been prayed for more in Prayer Band at Bible College because of the testi-

mony of these two fellows. It was refreshing to have English-speaking fellowship from the Word, also.

EAGLETON—Yes, I think so. Phil Cook, who came to visit us, was a help in many ways. I think it was worth the cost.

Q. Are they able to minister in such a short time and especially in view of their lack of knowledge of the language?

A. HAAS—The greatest help that summer missionaries can be is to aid with physical work. By this, I mean tract distribution covering a complete area with advertisements of the church and things such as this. The two fellows that were here with us last summer made and distributed more than 20,000 advertisements. And with each one of these we give a tract and invitation to our church. They also helped with a tremendous amount of work on our house that we were painting and papering.

They are not able to minister in the normal understanding of the term. Language makes that almost impossible. They do minister, however, to the missionaries by giving a new contact with life and thought back in the States, a freshness and vitality that help perk us up. To the Christians here they show that some young people do care. Their lives are a constant reminder of the saving grace of God. EAGLETON—Yes, they can minister by their testimony and by preaching even with the missionary translating. Too, their being here is a witness to the Greatness of God; and they can share this in their contacts with young people here in Brazil.

Q. What are the hindrances to ministry?

A. EAGLETON—I would say the language is the greatest hindrance. Of course, a summer missionary must also have some kind of orientation before he comes and some type of understanding as to what he should expect.

HAAS—The language is the main hindrance. The fact that they cannot communicate hinders them because they feel that they could do better. It also hinders the people because they cannot understand them. It's a tremendous difficulty, but we have found that there are things that speak louder than words. The boys that were here with us made a lasting impression on our people and I feel were instrumental in winning a family to the Lord by their consistent testimony. Their willingness to work and to try to communicate, their neat appearance and their dedication to God all left a tremendous testimony here.

PAYNE—I agree that the language is the greatest hindrance. And yet, I feel that another hindrance to the effectiveness of their ministry is the short duration of the visit. We would like to see them take the entire three months.

Q. Are they worth the time that it takes the missionary himself?

A. HAAS—Yes, I think it's well worth the time. Of course, they do need to be careful and not look upon it as a summer vacation.

PAYNE—It takes some of our time and even costs us some money, but it is well worth every minute, every penny, every ounce of spirit and energy, and every dollar to have a part in helping young people determine God's will for their lives.

EAGLETON—Yes, they are worth our time. It is an investment on our part in their lives.

Q. What do summer missionaries expect?

A. PAYNE—I think there could be a danger here.

It could become a glorified sight seeing tour; you know, visit the "unholy land." They need to expect hard work and dirty, unglamorous, undignified jobs that may be required. No bums needed; no lazy jokers, either.

EAGLETON—I think they need to have a time of orientation in the States by some of the missions staff before they come to the field so that they can have some realism in their expectations. I believe they would then be able to minister more effectively.

HAAS—Problems will arise if students look upon the summer missionary program as a vacation instead of as a work assignment. They cannot expect the missionary to act as their guide to all the interesting places they might want to see. If summer missionaries are not willing to fit into a family situation, too, this can be rather touchy. If they expect to be waited on all the time, it will leave the missionary wife tired and weary from acting as hostess all summer.

Q. What are some conclusions you would leave with the students?

A. HAAS—I believe that summer missionaries should be told in the beginning that they will not be speaking much and that most of their work will be "shoe leather work." This will be stuffing mailboxes with advertising, etc. I also believe that the field has much to do with the need of summer missionaries. Here in France where everyone reads and where the people live much like us, summer missionaries help meet a very real need. We are looking forward to more.

EAGLETON—We believe that summer missionaries can fill a vital place in our ministry in Brazil. If they are willing to work within our framework to help us and to work with students especially, we believe they can fill a very vital role in the short time that they have outside the U. S. But they must be willing to accept the missions program as it is and as it is practiced in our area. Once they do this, they, too, can have an effective ministry even though they don't know the language or the people too well.

PAYNE—I approve of the summer missionary program with closely supervised, carefully screened volunteers sent as requested by missionaries in various fields. We await our new group this summer with real joy. We believe God will use us together to glorify Himself through us and direct them into God's perfect will for their lives.

Missionary Missionary Internship Internship

by Jim Sturgill

You are a missionary appointee, and you have been told that next year you are to attend Missionary Internship in Detroit, Michigan. What does it mean? Education is past; experience is past, and you are looking to the mission field, not another school.

Missionary Internship was founded by R. E. Thompson, a veteran missionary from Japan, in 1952. He began with 15 candidates. Today M.I. works with about 30 mission boards and helps 100 missionary candidates each year. They also offer programs for furlough missionaries and pastoral residents. Today it is under the direction of Reverend Fred C. Renich.

Missionary Internship is an on-the-job, supervised training program. It provides opportunity for actual Christian service under the supervision of experienced missionary leaders. It has several objectives. But especially it was created:

1. To reinforce our understanding of basic Biblical principles, underlying Christian living and practical, effective service.
2. To discover how to apply what we know and learn to live in situations in which we are currently involved.
3. To sharpen our understanding of the tools of our trade.
4. To develop a greater and more realistic awareness of what the missionary will face during his first year of service abroad.

Missionary Internship begins with the thesis that the trainee is already a missionary. Right where he is, he is a missionary. The church regards him as a missionary, a person who is capable of doing missionary work. M.I. recognizes the trainee as a missionary actually involved in a term of service.

But this does not mean that one leaves the United States. M.I. is located in the Detroit, Michigan suburb of Farmington, about a 30-minute drive from most of the Free Will Baptist churches in

the area. The M.I. trainee works under the direction of a mission board but under the personal supervision of the M.I. staff. The trainee is also placed in a local church situation where he is a missionary in training under the direction of the pastor or whoever the pastor designates to direct the trainee. This may include visitation, secretarial office work, manual tasks, youth work, music. It all depends on the needs of the church.

The trainee has a workshop where one week out of each month is spent on the campus of Missionary Internship. The total student body is divided into groups of 25 to 30 with a different group at the M.I. campus each week. Monday through Friday noon is spent on campus. All interns are expected to stay on campus during their week of workshop, except for those having children in school. Regular attendance is required.

Each term of M.I. begins about the middle of September and goes through the end of April the following year. Missionary Internship is more than just a school. It is more, even, than just a practical school. It's a place where experience and training, theoretical and practical, mesh together. Even the intern who has been pastoring for several years finds things there that he did not find in the pastorate. Experienced missionaries are able to relate to the intern what is actually experienced on the field of service. The missionary intern finds that he is better prepared after his year at M.I.

M.I. can be as profitable as the intern wants it to be. A genuine eagerness to learn will result in better preparation for his deputational ministry as well as his first year on the mission field. Love expressed in personal involvement with the church to which he is assigned will stimulate them to prayer when he does arrive on the field.

M.I. should not be a "stage" of frustration, but rather a continuing step of preparation—one of the last before stepping outside the U. S.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

youth camps

Araras, Brazil—Missionary Ken Eagleton reports many decisions were made in the camps conducted for three age groups which included a camp for university-level students, a "first" is the camp program. Don Robirds asked his landlord to allow his children to attend camp. Ken writes,

"The owner of his (Don's) house is a Spiritist doctor whose wife is also a doctor (Catholic). When Don talked to them about the possibility of his four children going to camp he was enthusiastic about it. He questioned Don real good about the daily program, about discipline, etc. and then said that they could all go. Well, the first week the 10 year old girl went and she made a decision. The second week two boys went—one just 13 and the other 14. Both made a decision. The younger made a clear-cut decision and was in church the Sunday following camp both morning and night. The older has made a decision but has some problems to get straightened out concerning reincarnation. The 16 year old will be in camp with the university group. She is reported to be a "brain". She has already attended our church in Ribeirao Preto several times, so is not against the Gospel. However, I learned during this past week of

youth camp



camp that she teaches a catechism class regularly. Pray much for her as we try to reach her, too, with the Gospel demands. The day after camp the mother came to Don's house and told them that the 13 year old came home and told them of his decision and she said that there was already a change in him and she could tell it. Praise the Lord for that!"

taylor bequest

E. Rockingham, N. C.—The Reverend Jesse Benoist writes, "Mrs. Laura Taylor, a widow, was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hamlet. She went home to be with the Lord recently. Her request was for her property to be sold and divided into twelve parts. A check for \$583.34 is included for foreign missions. May God bless you and our foreign mission work."

Every Free Will Baptist should face the question as to whether foreign missions should be included in his will. The bequest from Mrs. Taylor is one of two bequests that the foreign missions department has received recently.

Attorneys have always been disturbed over the hundreds of people who never make wills. Their lack of foresight has caused their families, institutions and Christian work literally millions of dollars. We hope you are not among that number.

State laws which govern wills

wilson responds



vary greatly. For this reason it would be well to consult legal counsel in your state. This grants you the assurance of a will that will stand up in court proceedings.

When making your last will and testament, do include foreign missions. If you are in need of help, our Department of Finance will be very happy to give you any guidance necessary.

standing in the gap

Centerville, Tenn.—The Foreign Missions Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Bible College sponsored a missions retreat at Na-Co-Me campground March 5-7, 1971, near Centerville, Tenn. They chose Ezekiel 23:30, "I sought for a man . . . to stand in the gap" as their theme. Speakers included missionaries, missions staff, F.W.B.B.C. instructors, and a special treat for everyone, the Reverend and Mrs. Paul Woolsey.

The Woolseys were our pioneer missionaries in northeastern India. They have also been our missionaries in East Tennessee. His dedicated humor and informality added to the sincere appreciation of everyone for God's plan in their lives.

It seemed the Holy Spirit caused the thoughts of everyone to zero in on the place God had for them in world evangelism. Of the approximately 140 students who were present, the feeling was that a good majority of them will fill their place on the foreign field.

woolsey challenges



tokyo church

Tokyo, Japan—Land in Tokyo is scarce and very expensive. The Free Will Baptist church is small and not rich. Property for a church building had to be a gift from God. It was, through a retired Christian schoolteacher who made property available to the congregation at about 2/3 of its real value.

Although it is a house, not a regular church building, the Christians are glad to have their own property. In addition to providing worship facilities, the house will be living quarters for Pastor Ohsawa and his family.

The new building is about two miles from the old location and was obtained for less than \$15,000.

Immediately after the purchase of the property, an additional room was added to the largest room of the house in order to have enough seating space. Approximate seating capacity now is 60-70.

About a third of the money needed was provided through a loan to the church by a carpenter who is not a Christian but whose wife is a faithful member of the church. He also built the additional room.

tokyo english class



pastor ohsawa and hersey



missionary giving

Nashville, Tenn.—An anonymous letter was mailed last week to the foreign missions office. It said, "I was saved January 1, 1961. I knew nothing about missions until late 1962 when Reverend Tom Willey Sr. came to our church. I will never forget that night, and I thank God for sending Brother Willey my way."

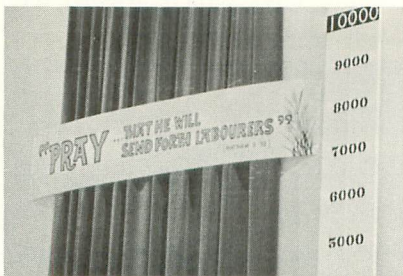
"God has blessed me and my family in every way, and I have learned that you cannot outgive God. My gross income for 1961 was almost \$9,500. For 1970, it was \$39,000. In 1963 I gave \$175 to foreign missions. In 1970 I gave over \$3,400 to foreign missions. My total tithes and offerings from 1961 through 1970 was \$27,970.85."

Another letter was received from a pastor of a small church in Cisne, Illinois. The Reverend David Shores writes, "The Blue Point Free Will Baptist Church had a 1970 average of 84. Until 1966 we only half heartedly supported missions. Offerings were taken only on special occasions. However, we began a program that increased our missions giving tremendously. In 1965 we gave to home and foreign missions \$329. In 1970 we gave to foreign missions \$1,239.50 and to home missions \$833.15."

"These figures are not astronomical, but they are commendable. Our program is very simple. We simply ask the people to give each week. In 1970 our church almost reached a per capita missions giving of \$25. We hope it will exceed \$30 in 1971."

"This giving is above our sup-

missions goal



port of the Cooperative Plan and a weekly radio program. I believe that people should give that others may live."

Lack of money is not the only thing that hinders missions outreach, but lack of money is one contributing cause. God is being heard by more and more Free Will Baptists. As they respond, the Good News is spread even farther abroad.

obc missionary conference

Moore, Okla.—An annual missionary conference can become "the same old thing." But at Oklahoma Bible College, the 1971 missionary conference was not the same old thing. Missionaries LaVerne Miley and Sam Wilkinson, F.W.B.B.C. student and summer missionary Arilla Wode and Director of Home Missions Homer Willis shared with and challenged the students of O.B.C. March 17-19. The conference was climaxed on Friday night with several students dedicating their lives to God and whatever calling He had for them.

The visiting speakers shared in Missionary Prayer Band and showed their slides.

It was the first time a summer missionary had participated in such a conference. From her viewpoint as a student, Arilla enjoyed sharing with other students what the Lord had done through her as a summer missionary to Africa. She was also anxious to share with the other students the possibilities of being summer missionaries. She felt that the response by the O.B.C. students was gratifying and that many of them will be looking to the mission field as a result of the things they heard during the three-day conference.

o.b.c.



coming & going

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary families are on the go again, coming to the U. S. for furloughs and going to the field following furlough.

Bobby and Geneva Poole plan to arrive in Nashville from Brazil on May 2, 1971. Fred and Evelyn Hersey are due in San Francisco from Japan on June 21. Lonnie and Bernice Palmer are also expected in from the Ivory Coast during May.

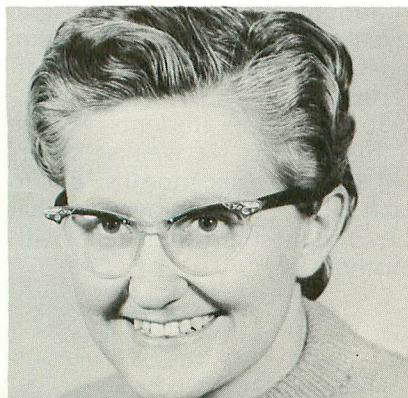
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley and son Larry anticipate returning to the Ivory Coast near the end of June. Both Molly Barker and the Bill Fulchers expect to go to their respective fields of Uruguay and Panama sometime in June. At present their accounts lack the necessary cash for returning. Pray that sufficient funds will come in for them to depart on time.

Archie and Sarah Mayhew will also be traveling when, on April 14, they depart from Switzerland to return to the Ivory Coast to resume their ministry among the Koulangoes.

bill fulcher family



molly barker



call-a-thon

Nashville, Tenn.—Sunday, April 18 was no ordinary day. Call-a-thon, anxiously awaited, ended as a day of praise.

Mrs. John Norris, pastor's wife, called in at 10:55 (C.S.T.) from Manchester, Tennessee. Their new church, with only 33 members, had received an offering of \$80.52 for missions. A new church with a great vision started the phone ringing on a special day.

Before 6:00 p.m. 140 churches from 20 states had voiced their participation in Call-a-thon '71. The total passed \$10,000, 9:00 a.m. Monday.

The largest single offering was called in by the First Church in Mountain Grove, Missouri. They gave \$779.84. Many churches did not call in, and the gifts are expected to go above those of 1970.

discount for church libraries

Nashville, Tenn.—In order to encourage more of our churches to start a library, the Randall Book Store offers a 20% discount on all books purchased for this purpose.

All orders must be clearly marked, "For Church Library" in order to qualify for this discount. A free brochure entitled "Start A Church Library" is available through the Sunday School Department. It contains guidelines for establishing an effective church library. Write for your copy today to Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

laverne and lorene miley



financial facts

THROUGH FEBRUARY 1971

ON DEPOSIT MAR. 1	\$154,729.70
RECEIPTS THROUGH FEB. 28	114,628.29
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH FEB. 28	94,914.11
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THROUGH FEB. 28	112,442.98
TOTAL 1971 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	674,657.90

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS *

Aldridge	\$ 8,440.30	Robirds	\$ 3,603.66
Aycock	(1,404.71)	Sparks	388.23
Barker	924.41	Stevens	82.29
Bryan	3,900.05	Sturgill	(819.40)
Calvery	1,303.58	Waid	4,383.23
Combs	3,169.31	Wilkinson	9,743.29
Coscia	4,916.65	M. Willey	711.56
Cousineau	1,548.55	Willey, Jr.	1,647.95
Craft	7,294.58	Africa Bible	
Cronk	74.39	Inst.	298.80
Deeds	12,027.40	Africa Med.	
Eagleton	11,619.17	Bldg.	1,061.29
Ellison	5,570.08	Audio Vis.	49.08
Franks	11,217.19	Brazil Ch. Bldg.	
Fulcher	(2,124.08)	Loan Fd.	50.00
Gage	3,092.21	Brazil Inst.	381.43
Haas	(1,815.19)	Brazil Veh.	4,812.17
Hanna	17,406.71	Ecuador	7,656.02
Hersey	(2,210.03)	Furlough Car	
Hughes	4,944.11	Loan Fd. \$	(1,645.74)
Lee	6,657.41	Med. With-	
Mayhew	1,358.98	drawal	(9,873.40)
Merkh	(1,043.96)	Operation	
Miley	9,330.90	Fund	4,262.32
McLain	(2,079.65)	Project 5000	6,167.00
Palmer	(3,652.34)	Repatriation	3,370.73
Payne	5,113.13	S. India	(950.21)
Poole	761.10	Trust Fund	3,000.00
Richards	1,719.74	Willey Mem.	
Robinson	2,866.27	Loan Fd.	5,423.14

STATE QUOTAS 1971

STATE	RECEIPTS THROUGH FEB. 28	QUOTA	UNDER/ OVER (+) QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 2,900.07	\$22,000.00	\$19,099.93
Arizona	568.76	3,250.00	2,681.24
Arkansas	2,921.24	23,500.00	20,578.76
California	4,637.36	38,500.00	33,862.64
Canada	61.00	500.00	439.00
Colorado	245.98	1,750.00	1,504.02
Florida	3,451.82	18,750.00	15,298.18
Georgia	3,281.98	30,000.00	26,718.02
Hawaii	110.00	500.00	390.00
Idaho	96.00	1,500.00	1,404.00
Illinois	2,137.04	19,000.00	16,862.96
Indiana	1,021.88	5,700.00	4,678.12
Iowa	115.25	2,500.00	2,384.75
Kansas	885.04	6,500.00	5,614.96
Kentucky	1,800.76	11,500.00	9,699.24
Louisiana	10.00	1,500.00	1,490.00
Maine	168.00	3,000.00	2,832.00
Maryland	30.00	1,000.00	970.00
Michigan	6,852.46	67,000.00	60,147.54
Mississippi	1,735.57	11,500.00	9,764.43
Missouri	11,538.48	47,000.00	35,461.52
New Hampshire	312.00	1,250.00	938.00
New Mexico	462.42	1,500.00	1,037.58
North Carolina	17,039.51	82,000.00	64,960.49
Ohio	5,056.49	27,000.00	21,943.51
Oklahoma	12,083.13	60,000.00	47,916.87
Oregon	0.00	500.00	500.00
South Carolina	6,979.41	42,000.00	35,020.59
Tennessee	17,776.47	75,000.00	57,223.53
Texas	1,956.12	15,500.00	13,543.88
Virginia	3,344.09	25,000.00	21,655.91
Washington	265.90	1,500.00	1,234.10
West Virginia	2,596.61	16,250.00	13,653.39
Miscellaneous	375.65	10,707.90	10,332.25

* Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits

view from this side

editor's catchall

STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

Students are more mobile as well as more involved today. Foreign students are found in every major university in the U.S., and American students are found in hundreds of universities in Europe and the Far East. Many colleges have special courses for students who can afford a summer abroad. They receive credits for the time they spend in Europe, Mexico, South America, almost anywhere in the world. This mobility of students has provided an extraordinary setting for the Christian witness.

Christians witness wherever they are. Christian students, whether in Rennes, France or in Tokyo, Japan, provide an example of what God can do through the youth. But students are capable not only of witnessing within a university but also as a special missionary force.

During the summer of 1970 Free Will Baptists enabled five students to go to Brazil, France and the Ivory Coast. These students preached, sang, helped type a Koulango dictionary, arranged medicine bottles, distributed tracts and assimilated much

of what it's like to be on the mission field. Their lives were changed by last summer; but even more important, the lives of many others were touched with a truly sincere Gospel witness.

Summer 1971 will see four more students going out with another ten being approved for short term service during the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan. These students go seriously considering the mission field as God's place for them to labor. They go wanting to do something now to be more involved than they ever have been. They go recognizing their service will be limited by a lack of language knowledge and cultural adaptation. But they go believing that the Holy Spirit can speak through them to the Frenchman, to the Lobi, to the Japanese.

Students of today offer a unique challenge. Their questioning mind demands truth.

Christianity can provide truth. Their suspicion of the establishment demands honesty with not even a smell of hypocrisy.

Christianity is honest.

Their longing for fulfillment demands sincerity, "the real thing."

Christianity provides reality.

Christianity has been confused with institutions, with programs,

with ritual. But Christianity lived through the daily life of a student or anyone else, that Christianity will provide the answer to every man.

Students feel they have something special to say to the world today. Christian students do have something special to say. Not a political solution for the U.S.; not an answer to the old problem of overpopulation in China or India, nor is it the answer to pollution of the air.

Their answer concerns the pollution of the mind and spirit, the heart and soul of every man. The answer is very old, yet as new as the latest current event. Their awareness of the Good News is fresh and vital, and this convinces others as much as the orthodoxy of their witness.

And millions have found in accepting this answer that political solutions do follow—because the people are changed and accept honesty as standard behavior. They have found solutions to other problems, too. Because the fundamental problem of man and his Creator has been solved—through Christ.

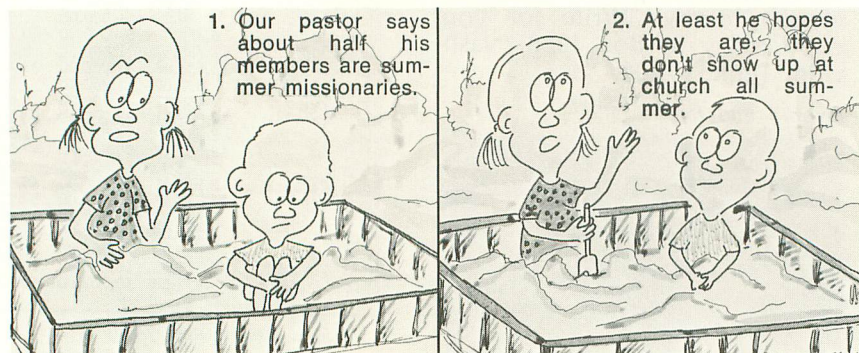
Students want to be where the action is. They do a lot of theorizing among themselves, but their best is evident only when they are implementing some idea. This restlessness has led many of today's youth into the light of the TV camera as they sought to change the "system." Under the disciplined leadership of the Holy Spirit, this same drive has been used to reach men for Christ in all countries of the world.

Students get tired of wordiness and meaningless cliches. They demand action and answers.

Christianity is the answer. And if students will permit Christ to reveal Himself through them, those who will respond are numberless.

Some of the students will be going out for six weeks; others will be away six months. But in each case, their prayer is that they might share their faith with another.

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'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

NO FOREIGN LANGUAGE

I learned my greatest lesson in prayer in a Lobi village in West Africa. How many times have you heard a sermon in prayer? Praying is not preaching. I learned in that village that prayer is not an utterance of eloquent words or correctly phrased religious clichés. Have you heard someone say, "That was a beautiful prayer."? Does the beauty of prayer make it more effective at the Throne? Is prayer the means of rebuking a listener in an evasive manner? I learned that prayer is not a confession of other's sins to condemn their acts of transgression. I also learned in one moment what missionaries have told me for years—that language is no barrier in prayer. How did I learn these lessons in prayer?

I went to a Lobi village with our Medical Missionary, Dr. LaVerne Miley. After a service under a tree in the village, we were invited to visit a sick man in his hut. The Lobi hut is a mud wall, flat roofed dwelling with small openings for windows and doors. While in this darkened room, a young lady who had attended the services entered. She spoke anxiously with Dr. Miley. She was a young Christian with spiritual problems. She gave a courageous testimony in the presence of others and requested prayer. All of the conversation had been in French and Lobi. I had not understood her words but Dr. Miley explained her testimony and request. We bowed our heads in prayer and Dr. Miley asked me to pray. Could I pray? In French? In Lobi? It was there and then I learned a basic lesson in prayer. Prayer is communication with God, not man. In this circumstance, I was made aware that the words of my prayer were meaningless to

those around me. It was a ministry of the Holy Spirit to convey to this African Christian grace for her need in answer to my prayer. "And the Father who knows all hearts knows of course what the Spirit is saying as He pleads for us in harmony with God's own will" (Romans 8:27, Living Letters).

There is no strange language or unknown tongue to God. The cry of an illiterate soul can reach God's throne as quickly as the well formed prayer of the theologian. Therefore, no one can excuse himself from a ministry of prayer.

Prayer enriches the experience of faith. The help of God is requested to supercede the ability of man. Too often our prayers are limited to a performance where no faith in supernatural power is required. This is to assure success in our prayer life. Failure in prayer is for some an acknowledgement of a lack of faith or an impure motive in asking, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts" (James 4:3). Prayer is conditional but the conditions can be met, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us" (1 John 5:14).

I was confident that day in the Lobi village that God heard a prayer in English and answered in Lobi. The answer to your prayers for national believers on the mission fields are translated by the Holy Spirit. There is wonder working power in prayer. Prayer is more than a devotional habit. It is more than a rite in a Sunday worship service. It is more than an item on the agenda of a convention program. Prayer is the voice of the soul. God has provided through prayer a way for man to go beyond himself in the affairs of the kingdom of God. Therefore, I ask you to use this privilege to go beyond yourself in our missions ministry, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much: (James 5:16b).

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Henry Van Kluyve

GOD HAS USED IT

Our projects, plans and programs are means by which we continually strive to more effectively take the gospel to the unreached souls the world over.

Nothing can replace the power of God's Spirit and His direction, but the Lord does use human efforts to extend His Kingdom.

Recently, I wrote to all five zones of our Project 5000 family. Two areas of our worldwide ministry were emphasized—the Japan Land Project in Tokyo and the Jim Combs account. The response was gratifying. As of March 25th, \$7,814.55 has been received.

However, I want to share with you a few things about the response. The total letters sent numbered 2,200. This represented \$22,000 in gifts if everyone responded. But only 780 responses have been recorded to date, or about 35%.

The total response by zones recorded the following:

ZONE 1 — 157 of 595
ZONE 2 — 201 of 216
ZONE 3 — 158 of 460
ZONE 4 — 144 of 405
ZONE 5 — 158 of 524

While we rejoice in the 35% response, there is much to be desired.

But Project 5000, as designed, should bring a far greater response. Won't you help us by sending your \$10 in today? Perhaps you laid the letter aside, or postponed sending your gift. We would love to hear from you. The ideal is always worth striving for, and in this type of project a 100% return is not out of the question.

May God bless your life. I count it a privilege to be a partner with you in carrying out the great commission of our Lord.

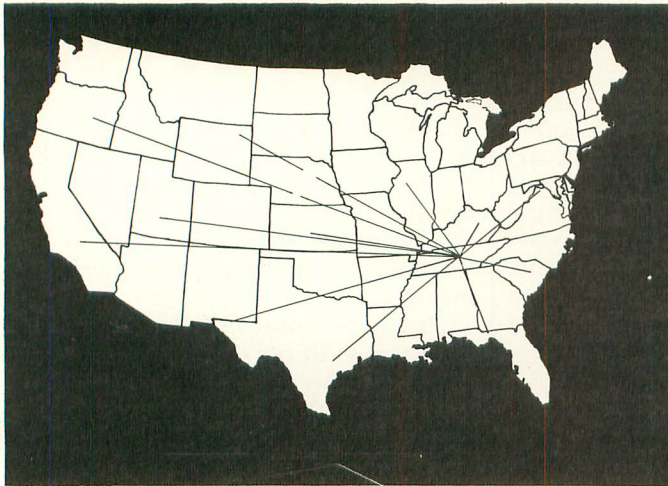
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Attend the National Association July 12-15



Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, Tennessee

Every local Free Will Baptist Church is reminded that it can have a part in decision-making at the national level. Each local church is entitled to one delegate to the National Association that meets July 12-15.

Printed below is the credentials card that each delegate should bring.

DELEGATE'S OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

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Baptists from _____,
(Name of church)
_____ of _____, _____
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(Only one signature is required)

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