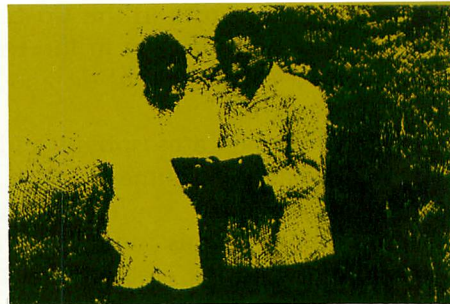
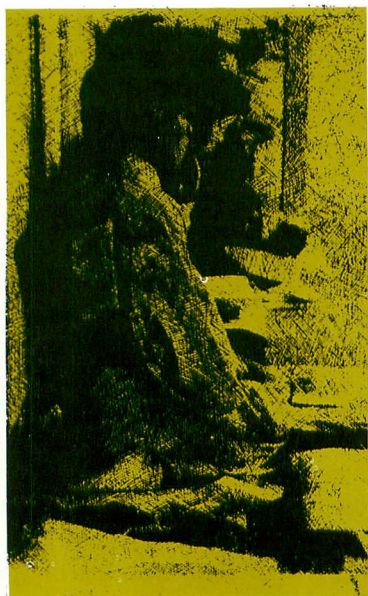
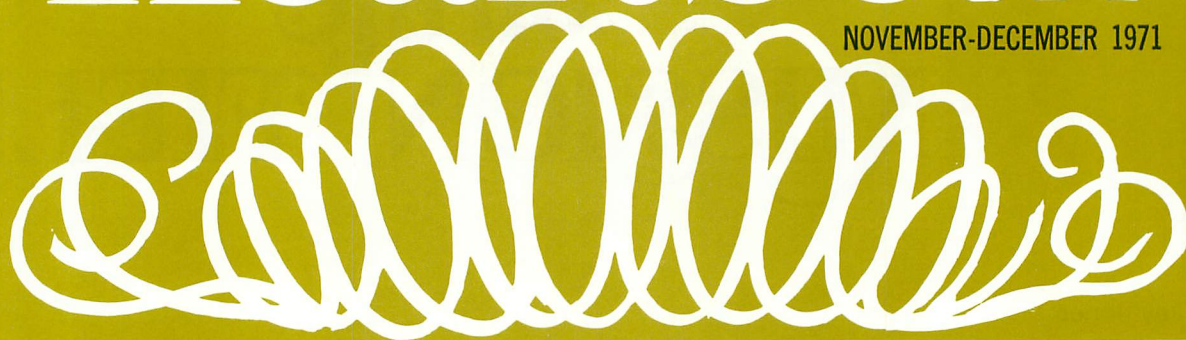


# Heartbeat

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# CHRISTMAS on the MISSION FIELD

by Joy Jones

**L**orene Miley wrote in the *Co-Laborer* describing the Christmas season in the Ivory Coast, "I left our created Christmas inside and walked out into the warm night."

Our Christmas atmosphere and spirit is a self-created thing, sometimes almost a make-believe one. And yet, there is a real Christmas spirit which is common to all missionaries on all mission fields in the midst of their created Christmas.

Christmas in Africa is centered around the family and the national Christians. For the most part, Christmas Day belongs to the national Christians. Christmas with other missionaries must be set at a time before or after Christmas Day with the nationals.

With the sun burning down making the temperature over 100 degrees and the humidity high, the "feeling" of Christmas is hard to generate. Instead of trying to transplant the reindeer and snow trimmings of the United States (we didn't have any), we decided for decorations to use palm leaves and other objects native to the Ivory Coast our first Christmas. Cards, packages coming in and Christmas carols on the radio and record player did help to make us recognize that Christmas had arrived.

The principal part of Christmas with the nationals were the plays. We wrote them ourselves, made the costumes (using African dress almost entirely), and used a barrel top with live coals for the shepherds' fire. We translated and taught Christmas carols; and then the night of the play, we had pressure kerosene lamps for the lighting with a flashlight for a spot and a live black baby for Jesus. Afterward candy was provided for all the children.

But Christmas is more than the atmosphere, be

it hot or cold. It is more than the Christmas carols sung in English or in Anyi. Christmas is more than the play, whether the actors be black or white. Christmas is the spirit of Christ manifested in the lives of His own. To know Christmas in Africa, one must:

Experience the love and loyalty of a village who has adopted you into their village family—which includes the privilege of being imposed upon and looked to for many things you would prefer not to be included in.

Experience the hostility and suspicion of a village people dominated by the fetisher who wishes the missionary were not there and is working to remove him.

Experience the joy of seeing people converted from heathenism and watching as the Holy Spirit transforms and molds that person into a truly new creation through His Word.

Experience the heartbreak of seeing some whom you have taught and worked with and prayed and cried over yield to the temptation of materialism, tribal custom, fear of the people or fetish and fall back into the heathenism from which they came.

Experience the loneliness of being utterly alone and then finding that you aren't really alone and realize the comfort and assurance of His Spirit Who said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Experience the tears that just creep out in spite of all your effort when you think of parents and family at home "all together" except for "you."

Experience also that unique closeness with brother and sister missionaries that is, many times, closer than that of real brothers, that so very strong



common bond of working together with our Lord to bring light to those who sit in darkness.

Experience the thrill of Christian fellowship and brotherly love with those one-time heathen who are now new creations and fellow members of the family of God.



by Paul Robinson

Uruguay? Where in the world is that? But maybe in these days of crisis when this small country has been in the news so much more people know that it is the smallest republic in South America, south of Brazil and east of Argentina. Our Free Will Baptists have had a work here since 1962.

Christmas-time is now similar to many other places in the world, especially in the larger cities. The commercial aspect is prevalent and everything from baby dolls to automobiles lure the prospective customer. In our place of work on the Uruguay-Brazil border we have two cities, Rivera (Uruguay) and Livramento (Brazil) that vie for sales.

In Uruguay, December 25 is known as Family Day. This is due mostly, I believe, to the attitude the state takes toward religion in general. Atheism is common in spite of the Catholic Church's having been here for centuries. Christmas is looked upon as a time for the family to be together and this usually takes place on Christmas Eve. The favorite food called "asado" (short ribs of beef cooked over open fire) is almost always served along with wine and sometimes other strong drinks. Also "lechón" (young roasted pig) is very popular.

Since the evangelical church has come to the forefront in Uruguay, let us look at some of the

What is Christmas like on the mission field? The answer is as varied as the fields and the people. But for the true and faithful believer, it is a time of awe and wonder at the pains that Almighty God went to reveal Himself to man and to provide so great salvation for all who believe.

# CHRISTMAS in URUGUAY

things we do. There is always a Christmas play, usually on Christmas Eve, in each church. This is a tremendous opportunity to witness as many people attend a Christmas play who would not otherwise enter an evangelical church. After the play the people go back to their homes and the family puts the finishing touch on the food to be served. Most of the time they start eating at midnight. Sometimes, depending on economic factors, a small Christmas tree is simply decorated and presents are shared. As a rule, though, the children wait until the Day of the Kings on January 6 when they leave their shoes at the door to receive their gifts. Just in latter years Papa Noel (Santa Claus) has begun to be popular.

The Americans who live in Uruguay find it hard to really get in the spirit of Christmas due to the absence of cold weather. The weather at this time of the year is usually burning hot and flies and mosquitos are at their worst. However, the weather has nothing whatsoever to do with the Christmas message we present. We always follow through with our Lord's life, death and resurrection. We count it a great joy and honor to be able to be here as Christ's representatives and sing from the heart, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come."







# CHRISTMAS in BRAZIL

by Geneva Poole

**N**inety-eight degree weather at Christmastime! Impossible? Not in Brazil! Christmas, December 25, falls in the hot, hot summertime. Instead of a white Christmas one dreams of a little relief from the heat. Instead of the Yule log in the fireplace, the electric fan blows a hot stream of air toward where one is working. Instead of warm coffee one finds cool refreshing iced tea.

Would you go with me at Christmastime to Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, walk where I walked and enter the stores I entered? In the mad rush of last minute shopping you almost get the feeling you are back in the U. S. Look in that store! Is it true? Yes, there is a beautiful tree with all the trimmings! And from the ceiling of another store hangs many designs of snowflakes! And over there is Santa with his sleigh and reindeer! In another window is a beautiful nativity scene! There is festivity in the air! But with a pause to wipe perspiration from the forehead, you suddenly realize you are in Brazil.

Inside the stores you see parents choosing toys (which are very expensive) for Santa to take to their children. (Some say Santa rides a horse, so the children leave hay in a shoe for the horse.) Crowds fill the clothing stores, for everyone thinks he must have a new outfit at Christmas (like Easter here). This commercialized Christmas is the only meaning of Christmas to millions of Brazilians.

Going around the corner we take a look into the open door of a spiritist center. They have plenty to do in preparation for Christmas. For weeks they

have gone door to door receiving donations—money, food, clothing and toys—to distribute to the poor. From the stacks all around there is much work to be done, but it appears to have plenty of helpers.

You ask how the Catholic celebrate? At midnight Christmas Eve some of the people will celebrate by attending the Mass of the Rooster. (Tradition says it received this name because a rooster crowed announcing the birth of Jesus.) Others make their homes gay with music, dancing and drinking.

Let us hurry to the Free Will Baptist Church to see how they celebrate. Most of the young people arrived about 7:30, quickly getting into their Biblical costumes for the program beginning at 8:00. Throughout the program you could see that to these Christians Christmas is a season to rejoice about the blessed event of Christ's coming to earth and what He later did as He died and arose victorious over death. The program closed with a live nativity scene in which a colored angel sang "O Holy Night."

For months the church people had been preparing to bring a "present for Jesus." Banks wrapped as gifts containing money collected through extra work and sacrifice were brought to the altar and given to Jesus. (This has become a custom in the Ribeirao Preto church.) The offering was the largest ever received—approximately \$500—which went into the church construction fund. God's people rejoiced as God gave a blessed Christmas!





# CHRISTMAS in JAPAN

by Evelyn Hersey

To the world, Christmas in Japan is much the same as it is in America—Christmas trees, commercialism and wild parties. Business people in Japan have recognized the opportunity to make extra money by advertising for Christmas. Beautiful, expensive and elaborate decorations are displayed in large department stores. Stores use Christmas gift wrapping paper—usually with “Merry Christmas” or Santa Claus designs. They even play Christmas music with singing in English of such songs as “White Christmas,” “Silent Night,” etc. One also hears “Jingle Bells” and other like songs which they think is Christmas music.

For further advertisement, stores employ people to dress up in Santa Claus costumes and deliver gifts to homes if parents so request. You would laugh if you could see these skinny Santa Clauses—they aren’t pillow-padded! But even though we laugh, how sad it really is that to the average Japanese this is the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Eve parties are given by companies for their executives and employees. These parties aren’t just a time of gift exchanging, but also of drinking. In fact, Japanese drink more on this night than any other day of the year. So to the Japanese, Christmas means Christmas trees, exchanging or giving of gifts, drinking parties and Santa Claus. To others, it means nothing.

A few Japanese know the real meaning of Christmas and make use of this season of the year to proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ and the purpose

of His birth. They are the Christians in Japan, those who have been born again. To the missionary also, this season of the year offers a unique opportunity to explain the true meaning of Christmas and the Christmas story. With Christmas advertisements out, people naturally talk about Christmas. One has the opportunity to tell others about the birth of Christ even in a normal conversation.

In our churches in Japan the Sunday school children give a Christmas program and invite their parents and the public to attend. This is an opportunity to give out the real message of Christmas to people who do not attend church. We may also have a Christmas party with exchange of gifts, singing, reciting of Bible verses, devotional, prayer and games. Adults also have special Christmas services and exchanging of gifts. These services often are by candle light.

Sometimes we take baskets to a poor family or to those in hospitals. Last Christmas our fifth and sixth grade Sunday School class decided on their own that they’d like to give a basket to some needy children. Sometimes we also go caroling. Christmas tracts are distributed and a few send Christmas cards.

Christmas in Japan to those outside of Christ is much the same as it is to those outside of Christ in America, but to the Christian it is a time of joy and an opportunity to give out the gospel to a larger audience.



*Heartbeat will devote this page through the first half of 1972 to reporting on the greatest single evangelistic effort attempted by Free Will Baptist missionaries. Heartbeat readers are asked to keep abreast of the events and pray specifically and in detail for the missionaries, the Japanese brethren and the means used to reach out with the Good News. Pray that the Spirit of God will infuse an unusual enthusiasm in the missionaries and an unusual receptivity on the part of the Japanese.*

by Bill Jones

# HOKKAIDO REPORT



**W**hen ten college age students go to a foreign country to the same place and at the same time as the Winter Olympics, one would normally expect them to be going for a good time. Usually, they would be. But not this time.

They are all Free Will Baptists. They have more than two years of Bible college behind them. And most of them will end up on some mission field as their life work. They are part of a growing Free Will Baptist missionary force—the “short-termers.”

Most of the college students go to the mission field during their summer vacation. Started in 1970, the program has gained popularity. But missionary Wesley Calvery, in his meeting with the Foreign Missions Board, asked them to consider sending a dozen young people to Sapporo, Japan during what would normally be their second semester in school.

The Winter Olympics will meet in Sapporo in February, 1972. Calvery wanted to sponsor an evangelistic emphasis that would use the interest created by the Olympics to reach that city of one million people. The Board agreed. In January, 1972, the ten students will join the Calverys, McLains and short-termers (1 year) Larry and Joan Condit. They will work out of a youth center, and for six months

will distribute specially prepared tracts, teach English classes, sing and witness in every way they can.

The Condit's spearhead the short-termers' thrust. Having arrived September 1, 1971, they began a language study that will familiarize them with the language. They do not expect to speak it well, but they do expect to become familiar enough with it to enable Larry to be an effective evangelist in youth meetings. Joan will start cooking classes.

Missionary Calvery has each month planned for the students so that they will be involved in either tract distribution, English classes or rallies at the Youth Center almost every day. They will find little time to “enjoy” the Olympics!

But they will have time to share their testimony in our churches from Abashiri to Tokyo. During six months of living with Japanese families and “doing the work of an evangelist,” these young missionaries will need the spiritual strength that can come from concerned prayers by Free Will Baptists on this side of the Pacific. With that divine power, they will see the goal reached they have set before them—1,000 in a giant May rally, with 200 in worship service that Sunday.





# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## 90 to go

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Four more missionaries were approved for missionary service during the missionary retreat in Nashville, August 2-6. This brings to ten the number of missionaries approved in the past 18 months. The Foreign Missions Board hopes to duplicate their action at least ten more times in the next eight years.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton were approved for service in Africa. They begin itinerary immediately on their way to the Ivory Coast and a ministry they hope will reach out among the so-far-unreached to plant churches and train church leaders. Jerry, born in California, received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1968 and has completed all his classroom hours for the Master of Arts degree in Missions from Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. He has pastored the Manchester Free Will Baptist Church in Manchester, Tenn.

Carol, his wife, is from Missouri. She also attended Free Will Baptist Bible College and Columbia Bible College. She has completed her training as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The Pinkertons have three sons, Howard (13), Jerry, Jr. (9), and Timmy (8).

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe are looking toward Panama after Missionary Internship this fall in Detroit, Michigan. They had long looked toward this important Central American country, but only this year were they assured

that God was directing them in this direction.

Larry and Priscilla are both from North Carolina. Larry graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1971. Priscilla attended Bible College and is a registered nurse. They have two sons, Johnny (3), and Mark (2).

More applications are being processed and the foreign missions staff is expecting God to do the unusual as they look forward to helping the next ninety to the field of God's choice. They are especially concerned about getting someone in Spain as quickly as possible.

## **bondoukou report**

**Bondoukou, Ivory Coast**—Jimmy Aldridge writes:

"We had the tract ready to go. The printers had done a good job. We had folded them, and everything was ready. All the evangelists were here as well as some other mature Christians.

"On Monday night we started. We had four open-air services. We reached several hundred persons who stopped and listened. Tuesday morning, I went to the police chief for permission for our mass distribution—ordinarily a routine procedure here in town. Then came the shock. The "Prefet" (governor) had seen the tract and forbidden the distribution. No reasons were given. I went to see him about it. He told

us two things. First, the Moslems and Catholics hadn't prepared anything. The Minister of Interior had supposedly telephoned and objected to it because Bondoukou is being advertised as a Moslem town and he didn't want tracts given out unless the Moslems had something, too (he is Moslem). Secondly, the "Prefet" was mad because we had printed something without first letting him know. He found a way to insult us and he thought that was what he was doing. He said it was not respecting his authority.

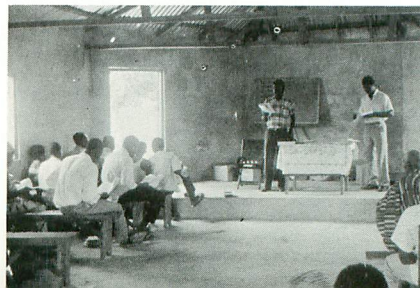
"It was a hard blow, but not a fatal one. We had about 1,500 copies of another good tract and we went on our way. It greatly hindered, but did not stop us. During the week we distributed 1,500 tracts, 100 Kulango grammars and gospels, 500 invitations to our church, 5 New Testaments and 1 Bible. There were over 2,000 people who listened to us in street services and at the reading room. More than 190 were dealt with at length personally. There was one high schooler—a Catholic—who was converted. Many contacts were made for the village works as well as here at Bondoukou.

"We don't consider the week at all a defeat. I watched those masses on the weekend and for one time we had the means—both materially, physically, and spiritually to minister—and we were hindered. I thought of Jesus as He cried out over Jerusalem and felt something of his rejection. I'm sure the Lord will settle the account with those who refuse Him."

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## annual association

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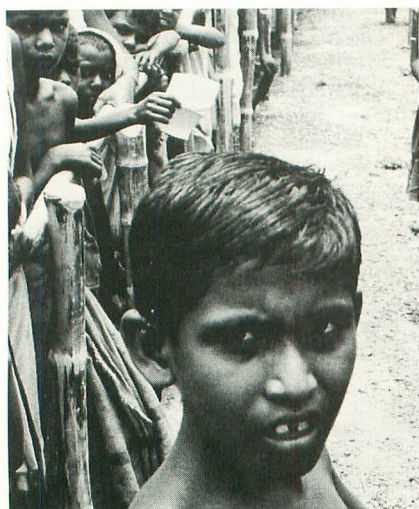
**Laoudi-ba**—The third annual conference of Ivory Coast Free Will Baptist churches met here July 13-18. More than 80 delegates and visitors attended from 15 churches. Missionaries shared in the preaching, but attended only as observers.

The Koulango, Lobi and Anyi Christians heard four 45 minute sermons each morning and gave the afternoon to discussion of questions concerning the Christian life. The most important piece of business passed was a statement setting out the requirements for church membership. Included in this statement were: confession of faith, baptism, a good testimony and, if it concerns someone married, that person has to be civilly married. The marriage requirement knocks out the tribal marriage that had been accepted in some churches.

Just before the annual conference, missionary Frank Cousineau led the church in Nassian in dedicating their building to the Lord. Lonnie Sparks, missionary in Goumere, preached the dedicatory message and Cousineau prayed God's blessings on more than 80 Koulangos gathered in their church.

Another church in the process of putting up their building is a group of Lobis in the village of Koinze. Adults were the first converts in this small town to turn to the Lord under the ministry of Eddie Payne. Sherwood Lee has continued ministering to this

stare of hunger



young group of believers and reports an unusual growth manifested by them.

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## indian relief

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**Kishanganj, N. India**—A tin shed, 17 feet by 36 feet, with a cement floor and no walls, with bamboo table-like beds serves as a field hospital for refugees in North India. The shed could accommodate 14 beds, but there are not enough nurses to care for that many patients at one time. Missionaries Cronk and Hanna are supervising an evangelical ministry to thousands of Pakistani refugees in their area.

Trula Cronk writes, "More than two million refugees are in this 160 mile border area, all under some kind of shelter provided by the government or on the verandas of private houses, schools, jails, etc. They are getting rice and a little grain but nothing else. Some still have a little money, but most are totally dependent on what they are given."

In the name of Christ, our workers in India are doing everything humanly possible to relieve the suffering. The Indian Christians out of their poverty share in this ministry of love. It is a time of testing for them.

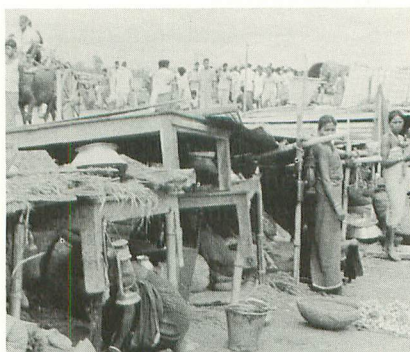
General Director Reford Wilson expressed his gratitude to the World Relief Commission for their gift of \$7,500. This gift was channeled through Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions to be used by missionaries Cronk and Hanna in the refugee ministry.

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## sympathy extended

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**Nashville, Tenn.**—Death claimed relatives of several foreign missions staff members recently. We express sympathy to these:



Marvis Eagleton, in the loss of her mother Mrs. Ella Anderson, August 18 in Henderson, Texas.

Margaret Merkh, in the loss of her brother Hubert Johnson on August 5 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Carol Robirds, in the loss of her father Raymond Waring on September 3 in Modesto, California.

Bill Jones, in the loss of his mother Mrs. Ruth Jones on September 17 in Bryan, Texas.

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## tubarao report

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**Tubarao, Brazil**—Three missionary couples in Brazil are reaching into a completely new area. The Combses, Crafts and Wilkinsons have settled in Tubarao, in the state of Santa Catarina in southern Brazil. Located on the Atlantic coast, Tubarao is central to several municipalities and fishing villages. The Brazilians, for the most part, have never heard an evangelical witness.

They started with a witness in the local radio station and invitation to write in for a Bible correspondence course. They were able to rent a building for services which only needed paint and other repairs to be usable. They are also planning an outreach into the surrounding towns.

John Craft writes:

"We plan to start in two towns—Gravatal (1,000 in the town and 8,430 in the municipality and no evangelical work) and Brace de Norte (4,000 in town and 10,790 in the municipality and no evangelical work). We also plan to start in two fishing villages. There are several fishing villages near here and we estimate that there are from 600 to 1,000 people living in each one. And as far as we can find out there has never been evangelical services there. There





are several prayer requests in connection with this work.

"1. Pray for me as I will be heading up this phase of our work.

"2. Pray that God will supply us with a national worker.

"3. Pray that God will give us wisdom as to the right way to approach these towns and villages."

## missions retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—They had been in the States at the most a few months, some less than a week. They came from Japan, Brazil, Uruguay, Panama and Ivory Coast. They represented the thinking and activities of 80 men and women serving under Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. They were Free Will Baptist missionaries.

Meeting with them on Free Will Baptist Bible College campus were the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board and Staff. From Monday morning through Friday noon, questions were asked, problems discussed and papers read to respond to the pressing needs of today's world. General Director Reford Wilson said, "This was our greatest retreat. The papers expressed a mature judgment that thrills my heart. We as a mission are coming of age. We now have enough experience to be able to speak with authority. And what our missionaries are doing on the different fields thrills my heart. Their reports at this retreat were

"mom" willey & missionary wives



the best we have ever had."

The Reverend Rolla Smith along with the Reverend Eugene Waddell and the Reverend Joe Ange shared from the Word each morning. The missionaries, appointees, board and staff were refreshed as they listened to rich Biblical truths.

The missionaries representing each field reported on their field in the evenings. Visitors came to these services and received the latest information on each field. These reports stressed unusual blessings of God—even in the middle of conflict, growth was seen. Also encouraging to those listening and watching the slide presentations was the development of national leadership on each field.

Free Will Baptists are moving ahead. "Old" fields are being expanded as new areas are entered. New fields are approved and await laborers only. Missionaries are maturing and becoming more effective. Yet every one emphasized the need of more and continual prayer support. While the future looks bright, they recognize the battle is spiritual and spiritual weapons alone will make the difference between victory and defeat.

olympics strategy planned



retreat discussion



## financial facts

### THROUGH AUGUST 1971

ON DEPOSIT AUG. 1	\$210,112.32
RECEIPTS THROUGH AUG. 31	527,657.60
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH AUG. 31	394,026.95
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THROUGH AUG. 31	449,771.92
TOTAL 1971 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	674,657.90

### MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS \*

Aldridge	\$ 8,639.64	Sturgill	\$ 71.59
Aycock	2,555.09	Waid	5,842.46
Barker	115.34	Wilkinson	6,140.46
Bryan	2,697.08	M. Willey	5.75
Calvery	7,682.97	Willey, Jr.	3,146.27
Combs	12,795.29	Africa Bible	
Condit	766.97	Inst.	313.80
Coscia	4,320.48	Africa Med.	
Cousineau	759.34	Bldg.	21.79
Craft	3,822.85	Audio Vis.	787.76
Cronk	940.15	Brazil Ch. Bldg.	
Deeds	9,847.66	Loan Fd.	50.00
Eagleton	13,940.01	Brazil Inst.	401.43
Ellison	4,545.90	Brazil Veh.	3,812.17
Franks	9,763.12	Call-a-thon	546.93
Fulcher	6,134.84	Ecuador	7,656.02
Gage	5,630.79	Furlough Car	
Haas	2,124.84	Loan Fd.	(1,635.74)
Hanna	21,982.34	India	
Hersey	(54.40)	Refugee	17,374.10
Hughes	(6,446.64)	Japan Land Fd.	
Inscoe	100.00	Tokyo	110.00
Lee	2,481.42	Med.	
Mayhew	1,106.48	Withdrawal	(8,779.71)
Merkh	2,468.00	Operation	
Miley	3,833.01	Fund	6,854.86
McLain	218.03	Proj. 5000	3,916.33
Palmer	(112.45)	Repatriation	3,370.73
Payne	9,227.80	S. India	(73.39)
Pinkerton	(120.39)	Students for	
Poole	1,089.04	Japan	672.19
Richards	190.15	Summer Miss.	(70.31)
Robinson	(163.33)	Trust Fund	2,701.68
Robirds	3,610.14	Willey Mem.	
Sexton	3,070.21	Loan Fd.	5,464.14
Sparks	477.18	Youth Ctr.	
Stevens	546.54	Hokkaido	3,618.04

### STATE QUOTAS—1971

STATE	RECEIPTS THROUGH AUG. 31	QUOTA	UNDER/ OVER (+) QUOTA
Alabama	\$14,349.65	\$22,000.00	\$ 7,650.35
Arizona	2,571.89	3,250.00	678.11
Arkansas	19,535.85	23,500.00	3,964.15
California	26,159.05	38,500.00	12,340.95
Canada	261.00	500.00	239.00
Colorado	740.34	1,750.00	1,009.66
Florida	14,178.18	18,750.00	4,571.82
Georgia	18,117.91	30,000.00	11,882.09
Hawaii	724.09	500.00	(+)224.09
Idaho	342.00	1,500.00	1,158.00
Illinois	11,466.30	19,000.00	7,533.70
Indiana	3,785.78	5,700.00	1,914.22
Iowa	886.40	2,500.00	1,613.60
Kansas	3,930.02	6,500.00	2,569.98
Kentucky	8,744.29	11,500.00	2,755.71
Louisiana	178.91	1,500.00	1,321.09
Maine	1,047.00	3,000.00	1,953.00
Maryland	371.96	1,000.00	628.04
Michigan	32,210.69	67,000.00	34,789.31
Mississippi	7,299.03	11,500.00	4,200.97
Missouri	47,118.17	47,000.00	(+)118.17
New Hampshire	817.70	1,250.00	432.30
New Mexico	896.21	1,500.00	603.79
North Carolina	76,055.73	82,000.00	5,944.27
Ohio	20,168.87	27,000.00	6,831.13
Oklahoma	51,155.26	60,000.00	8,844.74
Oregon	30.00	500.00	470.00
South Carolina	35,048.65	42,000.00	6,951.35
Tennessee	69,445.01	75,000.00	5,554.99
Texas	7,896.11	15,500.00	7,603.89
Virginia	19,588.95	25,000.00	5,411.05
Washington	784.33	1,500.00	715.67
West Virginia	13,588.09	16,250.00	2,661.91
Miscellaneous	12,195.09	10,707.90	(+)1,487.19

\*Amounts in parenthesis indicates deficits.



# view from this side

## editor's catchall

### SPAIN

Entry into Spain started over a decade ago when Free Will Baptists tried to contact Spanish nationals to serve as ministers to their own people. Only now is the prayer of men like Raymond Riggs being answered.

In 1970, General Director Reford Wilson went to Spain and was able to spend some time with Mercedita Hernandez and her husband. Mercedita is the daughter of Rafael Josue Rodriguez, Free Will Baptist church leader on the island of Cuba. Refugees in Spain, the Hernandez family shared the Word of God with neighbors, fellow refugees and others they met in this alien land, but familiar language. Wilson returned to the States with a heart burdened for this country with so weak an evangelical witness.

Nearly 33 million people live in this generally geographically inhospitable country. But the people make the difference. They have attracted 20 million tourists per year. They have inspired poetry, song and stories. They bring to mind beauty and romance. But their souls have been bound for centuries; and the very few Protestant congregations,

though with more freedom now, still hardly dent the surface of the need.

Following Wilson's visit to this land, the Foreign Mission Board asked board member Guy Owens to stop in Madrid on his return trip from the Ivory Coast to check into the specific possibility of Free Will Baptists' entering Spain in the near future. He and traveling companion Dale Burden did. Impressed by the Christians out of Cuba, and burdened by what they saw, they wholeheartedly recommended that Free Will Baptists "immediately endeavor to send missionaries to Spain."

The mission board responded with their stamp of approval and unanimous recommendation to make Spain our tenth foreign field. With National Associational approval, the stage is set. Foreign Missions Director Reford Wilson emphasizes the need for Free Will Baptists to pray the "Lord of Harvest to thrust forth laborers" into this particular harvest field.

Spain is more open today than even when Paul is supposed to have reached that frontier country. The government has passed a law enabling Protestants to live in the country with no persecu-

tion. Though still restricted in some areas of witnessing, today has impressed many people as a good day to enter Spain. Bookstores, literature and Bible schools are available to help in spreading the witness and training those who become disciples.

Today is the day. What we do with it will be accountable in the Great Day of Judgement.

### "Pass It On"

John Yasuda, Free Will Baptist from Sapporo, Hokkaido in Japan, came to the United States in the fall of 1970. He has witnessed to Free Will Baptists from California to North Carolina about his love for the Lord. Most of his traveling has been with missionary Wesley Calvery. He has also helped the Calvery family make a record. John has now made a record on his own.

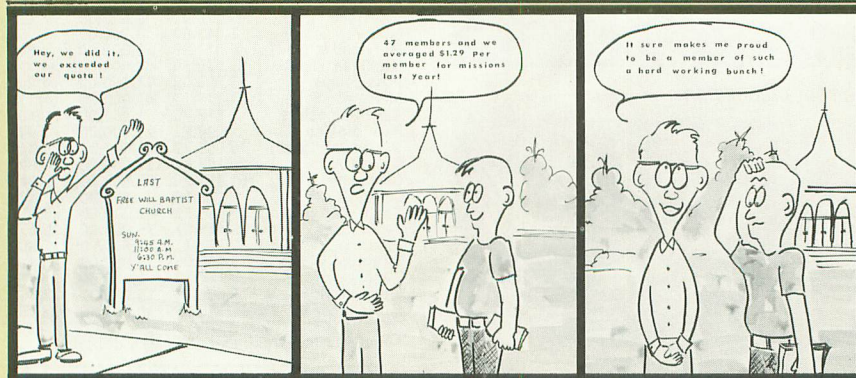
PASS IT ON or "The Fruit of Missions in Song" includes songs that John has made popular, especially among our youth. "Pass It On," "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," "The Bible" and "Come Unto Me" are all sung as only John can sing them.

As with the record John made with the Calverys, all proceeds from this record will go toward the building of a youth center-church in Sapporo. Each record sells for two dollars (\$2.00) and can be ordered from:

John Yasuda  
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist  
College  
Box 343  
Moore, Oklahoma 73060

Orders should be made as quickly as possible. John plans to return to Japan following completion of the first semester at Hillsdale. He will arrive in Sapporo before Christmas and assist missionaries Calvery and McLain finalize preparations for the kick-off of special evangelistic emphases during the first six months of 1972. John feels the Lord has called him to be a youth evangelist and plans several campaigns during the coming year.

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## 'out of my heart'

*J. Reford Wilson*

### SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

What does a baby's cry mean to you? Is he hungry? Is he in pain? Is he afraid? I am moved with compassion by the sound of his cry. Likewise, I hear the cry of millions hungry, suffering and fearful. The Spirit of Christmas compels me to share my blessings.

The wonderful story of Jesus' birth stirs my emotions. The events at His birth excite me—travel, stable, stars, shepherds, angels, mother, baby, wisemen, gifts. In man's history the birth of Jesus was long ago, but in God's eternity it was last night.

I am struck by the words of the angel—"Tidings of joy . . . to all people." JOY—ALL PEOPLE! God's plan has not changed. The command of Christ has not been withdrawn but "we are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere." Free Will Baptist men and women have gone with the message to Brazil, Cuba, France, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Panama, Spain and Uruguay.

My prayer this Christmas is for you to hear Jesus say, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). No Christian can excuse himself from an involvement in God's program of missions. Some can qualify to go, but every believer can pray and everyone can give to send those who go.

Christmas is a good time to send an encouraging letter to your missionaries. The clouds of loneliness can be scattered by your thoughtfulness at this season of the year.

As 1971 comes to an end, each church should review its work and renew its commitment to preach the gospel in regions beyond. In this issue I am making three requests.

First, I am asking you to share your blessings with your missionaries in a very special offering

this Christmas. Your board of foreign missions has established the Thomas H. Willey Christmas offering for missions. God gave us this man who traveled many places and told thousands of people of Jesus Christ. He encouraged pastors, he challenged young people and he trained workers to win others. Thomas H. Willey gave his life to his Lord and to the service of Free Will Baptists. Your Christmas gift to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions will perpetuate this dynamic ministry.

Secondly, I am asking you to be a prayer partner with us for a special group of young people going to Japan. They will be under the supervision of Wesley Calvery and Jim McLain.

The students are on a six months special assignment. They will saturate 30,000 homes with gospel literature; participate in youth rallies; teach English classes—using the Bible and sharing their personal testimony of faith in Christ; distribute tracts daily; present musical and drama programs in schools and participate in weekend services in Free Will Baptist churches on the island of Hokkaido.

These students have either graduated or are attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. Some of them attended California Christian College or Hillsdale College. They go to Japan with a sense of responsibility as witnesses for Jesus Christ. Share with the Good News Team by being a prayer partner with them for the next six months. They "bring tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

Thirdly, I am requesting from you a faith promise. A pledge is from man to man but a faith promise is from man to God. By faith I promise to pray regularly for a Free Will Baptist missionary and to give an offering above my regular giving to my church.

A New Year is before us and by faith I ask you to accept its challenge with us to make 1972 the greatest year we have known for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.

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*Henry Van Kluyve*

### GREEN LIGHT PASTORS

You approach the intersection just as the traffic light turns red, requiring you to stop. Unless the light changes to green again, your stay at the crossroads could be lengthy and confusion would result.

Since the primary task of the church is to evangelize the world, we need more pastors who will take down the stop light and allow their people to be exposed to the ministry of our foreign missions department.

During May of this year, I was privileged to participate in four church missionary conferences in Virginia, North Carolina and Illinois. I personally saw God's people respond with faith promises totaling \$28,109. Hallelujah!

But in every case, the pastor had prepared his people, opened his pulpit and allowed his church to be exposed to missions with a definite financial goal in view. Excitement ran high! The presence of the Lord was felt. And every church went over their goal.

Just two weeks ago, I took part in another conference and saw a church with an average attendance in Sunday school of about 130 commit themselves to \$3,800 per year in faith promises. This was in addition to \$2,200 already coming out of the budget for foreign missions.

These thrilling experiences were made possible only because the pastor, with a broadened vision, gave his people the opportunity to respond to the Holy Spirit. He challenged them to give their lives and their money to reach the unreached with the gospel of Christ.

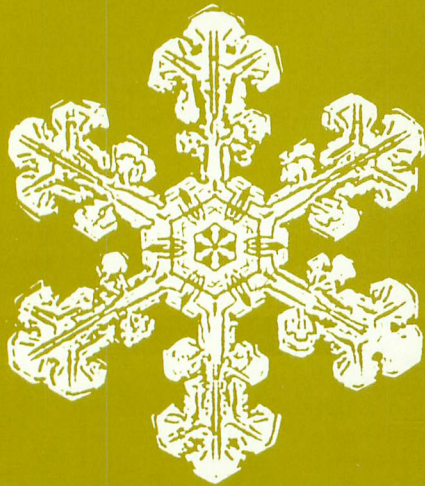
Pastor, are your people still waiting at the crossroads? Why not change to green and allow your church the thrill of acting out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus?



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# Christmas Greetings

*This Christmas the Foreign Missions Department will institute a day that will be special for many people. . . . Special for those who share in our worldwide ministry. . . . Special for those who hear the Gospel message as a result of your gifts. . . . Special because of the remembrance of the work of Thomas H. Willey, Sr.*

## Thomas H. Willey memorial offering

