

Heartbeat

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by Lorene Miley

Any resemblance to experiences of our own children is purely intentional.

Dearest Debbie,

I've received your two letters from Africa, and they made me so homesick. I'm sorry I haven't answered sooner, but Dad has been speaking lots, and we went with him for awhile. But now that school has started, I guess we're stuck in one place.

Let me tell you, good old America is not all it's cracked up to be. It stinks! It's cold, smelly, noisy and crowded. Give me Africa anytime. School is a drag, homework a bore, the teachers don't even know you exist and the kids are stuck-up. They have their own cliques, and it's hard to get people to accept you.

We don't even speak the same language. They speak English all right, but did you know a pot is not something to cook in and grass is not green? Fuzz isn't lint or a pad a cushion. Way out doesn't refer to distance or square to size. Cool has nothing to do with temperature or neat to appearance.

Cat is not a feline animal, a pig is not found in a barnyard, or a chick in a coop. Did I think I had trouble understanding French? It's nothing compared to this jargon being thrown at me.

I met this nice guy who talked this way all the time. Once he asked me to go with him to see "Sly and the Family Stone." What kind of talk was that, I thought in desperation. I finally concluded he wanted me to go home with him to meet his parents. "I can't today, Mike," I said, "my Mom's picking me up for a dental appointment." He looked at me kinda puzzled-like, then a smile covered his face. "You dope! They aren't coming 'til the 21st!" Then I knew. It was the latest rock group. "You sure have a sense of humor," he said, knocking his fist against my arm. Humor! I was crying inside.

But I've learned to keep my mouth shut when it

comes to music because just as sure as anything I'll make a boo-boo. Like the other day. Some of the kids were discussing Canned Heat, and I asked them if it was like the canned ice we used in Africa while traveling. That was cool, too. But literally!

MK's sure have their ups and downs. It's hard to make friends. My parents are always buggin' me about this, but the friendliest kids of all are those they frown upon—those who smoke and experiment with drugs and whose parents drink. At least they aren't hypocrites. I'm getting fed up with hypocrisy, and I've seen a lot of it in our churches, in the adults as well as the kids.

The church kids could care less whether you come to church or not. Shyness is mistaken for snobbishness, hesitation for unwillingness and ignorance for lack of interest. After all, how can you get all excited about a progressive dinner when you've never even heard of one? And what's so thrilling about riding on a bale of hay?

Debbie, I've done a lot of soul-searching (pretty big word for a 15 yr. old, wouldn't you say?) since we've been in the States. Remember how sinful we thought Mary was when she came back from furlough? It's hard for me to accept things by just hearing about them. I need to try them out for myself. But how far can one go along to be with the in crowd and not compromise one's convictions? Which brings up a very important point—one's convictions. Are they really mine or rather those I've inherited from my parents? Do I not attend movies because I believe it's morally wrong or because my parents do? Same with dancing. Does the Bible condemn wine drinking or is it only a religious no-no of our culture? Is premarital sex really wrong if you deeply love the guy? Is marijuana an enlightening experience and does LSD expand your mind? And if your convictions honestly do coincide with those of your parents, does that label you Oldsville, U.S.A.?

Sometimes I yearn for the carefree life in Africa when the extent of one's decision was whether to work on geography that day or take the typing test.

Just call me stupid. So many things I don't know. Like not knowing how to use a pay telephone or keep a bowling score or work an automatic washing machine. And how embarrassing to go shop-

ping. I never know if I have enough money or not because of silly taxes. Why don't they just put the real price on things and be done with it? People have a big laugh and explain, "Look, she's from Africa. She doesn't know any better." Or, "Hey, kids, she's lived in France and doesn't even know what French kissing is." Ha, ha. Sometimes I get the feeling I'm being used. But I guess God still cares about me.

Speaking of ignorance, I think MK's are desperately ignorant about Bible facts. Our Africans weren't quick to learn and evidently we went over and over the same things. I know well the stories of Jesus, but who was Balaam and Barak? And can you list the books of the Bible in order? Or quote the 1st Psalm? Let me tell you about last Sunday. I was never so embarrassed in all my life. The teacher asked me to quote John 3:16, and I fumbled around for this elusive quotation playing hide-and-seek in my brain creases. I finally quoted it in French, but the kids stared at me like I hadn't quoted it right. Their scorn seemed to say, "A lousy missionary. Don't even know John 3:16!"

So you will readily admit MK's are faced with all kinds of problems when we arrive in the good old homeland. Is there a tried and true formula for a successful adjustment? Lois found a solution, but then we all can't get married! Luck-ee! Now she has someone all her own to love her and share things with.

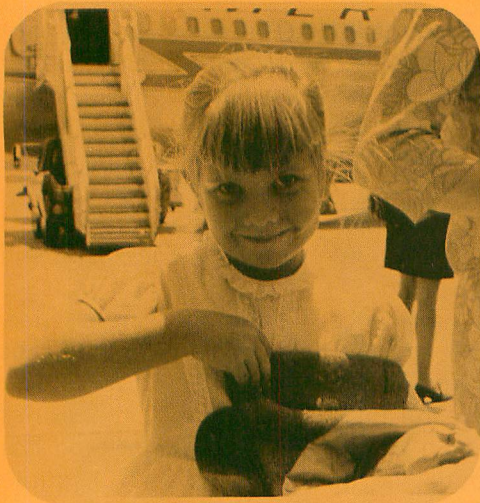
The easiest way is to cop-out. Drop out of their schools, ignore their snobs, contribute nothing. You do your own thing, and I'll do mine. You in your small corner and I in mine.

But I'm certain there's a more satisfying answer. (Your best bet is to keep your parents out there as long as you can.) Don't worry about me. I've got both feet on the ground and Christ in my heart. He is my Saviour and Friend, and He helps me over the rough places. I really *know* Him, Debbie, not just *about* Him, and I know that He loves me and is with me. And whatever comes or goes or wherever I am, I know that He will never leave me or forsake me. After all, what more can a MK hope for?

Your friend,
Sandy

P. S. Answer soon.





by Bill Jones

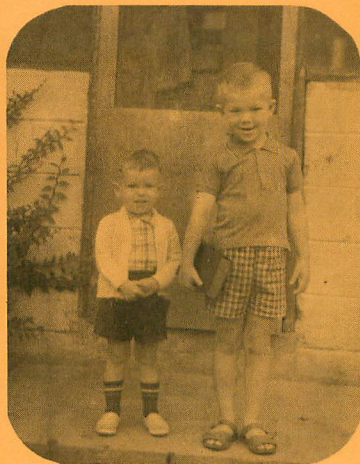
He can't understand fully why we want him to go and that it's only because we feel it will be a blessing to him."

The goodbyes always make the deepest creases.

For Mom. For Dad. For the MK left behind at a boarding school.

But it isn't all "goodbyes." MK's, as they are called, enjoy some of the greatest things that can

THEY, TOO, SERVE



happen to kids. For most people, one must attain college age before he leaves the States. Randy Cronk has been around the world twice and has yet to graduate from high school. Most kids never really learn another language. Debbie Payne, 5 years old, can speak English, French, some Lobi and some Djula. Most kids eat beans and potatoes and never know the gourmet tastes of raw fish and seaweed or peanut butter soup and flying ants. Most kids take their heritage for granted, but MK's learn it, live and, for the most part, love it.

Of course, certain dangers exist. A son of a Southern Baptist missionary was kidnapped by terrorists in Uruguay while they staged a bank robbery. A son of a missionary in Ghana was burned to death when the motor he was refueling exploded. A son of a missionary doctor almost died when his body reacted adversely to medicine he had taken for malaria.

One former MK describes the culture of the missionary child as a "third culture." He says it can be restrictive and frustrating, even cruel; but most of the time, it is "thrilling, widening, maturing and learning from several cultures."

Missionary children are effective missionaries. Naturally friendly, they persuade friends to join them in attending church. They help in teaching their own age groups. They pray. They give. And many return to the mission field—missionaries in their own right.

The MK has a lot of advantages, but he pays for them. Pray for our MK's, all 91 of them. Pray for them as they leave parents to go to boarding school. Pray for them as they return to the States for college. Pray for them in their choice of spouse and life work. Pray for them that the richness of their heritage will cause them to be counted among the great Christians.



Convention Highlights

Larry Powell, home missionary to the Virgin Islands, shared with more than 5,000 Free Will Baptists Wednesday night, July 14, what God is doing in their church in Christiansted. The Holy Spirit used his message to speak to every heart in that record-breaking congregation. Over 200 went forward that night, indicating a response of complete dedication to what God wanted them to do. All ages were represented in those who went forward.

Missionaries were also seen at the Youth Banquet, as the Calverys and Willeys sang and testified of the grace of God. They were at the booth, helping distribute literature to inform more people who might become more involved in missions. Dr. Miley spoke at the pastors' luncheon, and others served on committees. Missionaries involved themselves in the activities of the Woman's Auxiliary, the youth and the actual convention. They shared in General Director Reford Wilson's report, and today Free Will Baptists are more aware what is

going on and the possibilities that face us than they have ever been before.

Missionaries representing Brazil, Ivory Coast, Japan, Panama, Uruguay and our "home" fields were introduced to everyone on Wednesday evening. The flags representing countries where Free Will Baptists labor were carried by the Hillmont summer engineers. As the missionaries were spotlighted, we became aware once again of the need to reach around the world with the Gospel in this generation. Perhaps the revival spoken of at this National Association will spark a fire that will sweep through Free Will Baptists and reach our generation for Christ.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

sextons approved

Nashville, Tenn.—Three days before the National Association met in Fresno, California, in July of 1970, Don Sexton celebrated his 40th birthday. During the Association, God gripped his heart with the need of fifty million Frenchmen without the Gospel.

Don and Billie, his wife, said yes to the call of God. A yes that continued a "yes" said over twenty years before in eastern Kentucky. Out of work, Don had gone to a revival meeting and said a "yes" that revolutionized his life. Only a few days later, a deacon in a small Free Will Baptist church asked him to preach for them. Don did not feel he could do a lot for the people. But somehow he sensed that God was speaking to him through this deacon, and he began a ministry that was to be fruitful and blessed.

He has pastored in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. He was Tennessee's first home missionary, opening a work in Chattanooga in 1964. He was recognized as a dependable leader in the state. Don had always been conscious of missions and a personal responsibility to witness to all people. But not until 1970 did God separate him for a work outside his homeland.

He goes to France. As he and Billie prepare to leave family and friends, Free Will Baptists are asked to show their acknowledgement of God's hand on them by sending them. May it be a reality quickly!

sextons



missions retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—Board members, missionaries and members of the foreign missions staff met together on Free Will Baptist Bible College campus August 2-7 for the annual missionary retreat. Missionaries presented papers on developing national leadership and subsidization. Board members led discussion groups. The time together helps and inspires everyone who attends.

board chairman is honored

Greenville, S. C.—The Reverend Joseph G. Ange, pastor of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church of Durham and chairman of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at Bob Jones University in convocation exercises on June 2. Dr. Ange has pastored the Liberty church for the past 4½ years, seeing the attendance climb to over a thousand. He conducts a daily radio ministry as well as a Sunday telecast.

For more than ten years he has been a member of the foreign missions board and has served as chairman since 1963. He is well known as conference speaker, evangelist and soul winner. *Heartbeat* congratulates Dr. Ange and wishes for him an even richer ministry in the years ahead.

dr. ange



missionary coming and going

Nashville, Tenn.—LaVerne and Lorene Miley have returned to the Ivory Coast with son Larry. Dr. Miley returns to Doropo to continue a medical ministry now ten years old. He has seen medicine open a door to witness to the Lobi. He hopes to see this ministry extended.

Sam and June Wilkinson and Tom and Nancy Hughes arrived in Brazil July 22. Tom and Nancy begin Portuguese language study immediately. Sam and June join the Combses and Crafts in extending our Free Will Baptist witness to the south in the state of Santa Catarina.

Mrs. Mabel Willey joins Tom Jr. and Emma Ruth as they return to Panama. Bill and Glenda Fulcher hope to arrive in this strategic country about the first of September. Free Will Baptists in Panama have been without full time supervision for a year. Our missionaries are looking forward to an increase in the work there.

Paul and Amy Robinson returned to the United States August 1, following two terms in Uruguay. They are especially concerned for the churches in Rivera in the face of possible Communist gain in the elections to be held this fall.

Randy Cronk, son of missionaries Dan and Trula Cronk, has returned to the United States for his junior year of high school.

Summer missionaries back in the States include the Catons from Brazil, the Sluders from



Africa, Gary Madray and Dennis Teague from France.

Larry and Joan Condit will be in Japan for about a year as they share the Word with Japanese youth. They will help especially during the Winter Olympics in Sapporo in February, 1972.

elections this fall

Rivera, Uruguay—Paul Robinson, preparing to return home for furlough, is vitally concerned that God might speak to hearts in Uruguay as they prepare for politics this fall. He reports that the work is in need of revival, that the economic situation is real bad and that many are dissatisfied with the status quo. He writes, "Yesterday a Catholic priest was arrested in the city of Artigas which is about 100 miles from us on the Brazilian border for teaching guerrilla warfare in his church in private classes to two boys, 11 and 13 years old."

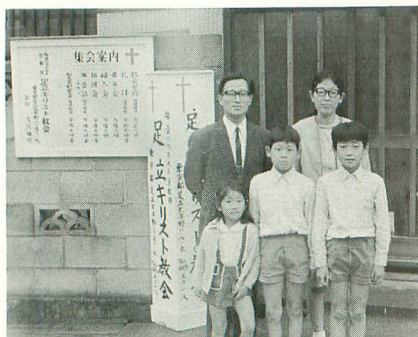
He requests prayer that the small group of Christians will stay true to God no matter what faces them, that the principles they have learned will stay with them and keep them true and faithful.

mass campaign

Tokyo, Japan—Fred Hersey reports a city-wide campaign in Tokyo held in June 1971. Our two Free Will Baptist churches cooperated with two other churches and saw between 250 and 300 Japanese fill the Farmers Hall each night. Missionary Hersey says about 100 decisions were recorded.

Pastor Ohsawa is following up many of the decisions. He is especially trying to get new converts into a local church. Herbert Waid and Pastor Bonde San are doing the same in the Irumagawa

ohsawa family



church. Fred requests prayer for Pastor Ohsawa and the other Christians that they may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord in the coming months.

It has been difficult to establish a work in the Tokyo area, but the campaign has generated a "revival" excitement. The church is looking forward to a more effective and far-reaching witness.

new work started

Tubarao, Santa Catarina—John Craft and Jim Combs arrived in this southern Brazilian town the 3rd of June with two truckloads of furniture and a couple of sick children. The furniture has been arranged in rented houses, and the children are healthy again.

John continues, "I have rented a small hall. It is just down from one of the larger schools and will be used as a reading room, for English classes and Bible classes. It is in a nice location, is a nice size and rents for a nice price. The Lord really opened the door for us; it only rents for about \$30 per month."

Our missionaries face an uphill task in establishing a church in this area. They have requested our prayers as they use every available means to reach the Brazilian for Christ. The Wilkinsons plan to join the Combses and Crafts as quickly as possible.

reaching out



refugee situation grave

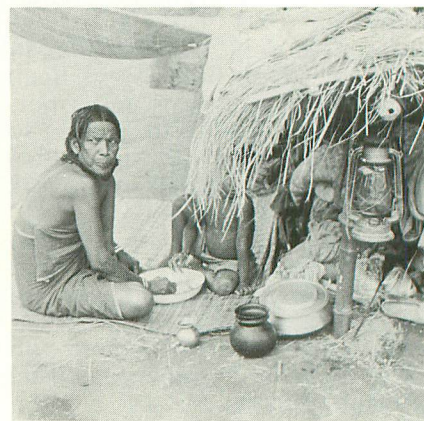
North East India—Response to the appeal to help the Pakistani refugees has been great. But the need grows. Six million people have flooded northeastern India with thousands of them coming into the area where our missionaries work. Both the Cronks and Hannas are active in helping the refugees and sharing with them not only food, clothes and medicine but also the Good News of eternal life.

The Cronks' home has become headquarters for refugee operations in the surrounding area. Refugee workers are seeing a cholera epidemic of terrifying proportions. Monsoon rains hinder efforts to clothe, house and feed the thousands of people streaming into the area.

The Hannas report camps of 50,000 refugees. The Indian government is finding it absolutely impossible to do even the minimum in feeding and clothing the people looking to them for aid. While many have responded, the need is still tremendous.

Carlisle Hanna writes of one Pakistani refugee who has been converted. Our missionaries are

patagora refugee camp



one well for thousands



expecting many more to follow in his steps.

Trula writes, "It's a relief to know that we are going to have money from our own mission to fall back on. You can't imagine the muck we've been wading in. The 'field hospitals' we've just built (cement floor, no walls, tin roof) will help tremendously." She reports that hundreds are dying with cholera. But she also says, "I came too close to too many not to be aware that it was the Lord Who kept His hand on mine that night!"

week of the bible

Nantes, France—After a summer of special efforts with Moody films, Dan Merkh reports that he and the Haases are planning a "Week of the Bible at St. Sebastien." He requests much prayer as they "plan to put a piece of literature in every mail box in the city of St. Sebastien of 15,000 people at least three times during the period. We plan many posters, etc. with Bibles placed in all the stores that sell magazines, etc. During the week . . . we will have special services. We will show a documentary film on the Bible. . . . The dates are September 20-October 3."

Rolande Niogret, having finished the Bible Institute at Lamorlaye in France, will arrive in the U.S. in time to begin first semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall. Rolande has been with Dan and Margaret almost since their arrival in France. She is considering mis-

sionary work with Free Will Baptists in Africa and hopes to complete her education here in the United States.

lobi wedding

Doropo, Ivory Coast—Etienne Some and Flehinami Siep were united in a Christian wedding ceremony by missionary Sherwood Lee, April 24.

"This is a milestone for the church among the Lobis," says Lee. "The tribal custom is for the girl to be given to the boy, and they begin living together. When Flehinami was given to Etienne, he refused to live with her, preferring to wait until they were old enough to be legally married (18 years old). This couple shows to our other young people that a Christian marriage is possible."

"Several other Lobi couples, married under the tribal custom before they became Christians, are now legalizing their marriages. We hope soon to have a nucleus of Christian families, which is extremely important for the growth of the church here."

Howard Gage is also at Doropo and reports the construction work should be completed before the Mileys return the first of August. Three rooms and a bath are being added to the house originally built for Dr. Ruby Griffin. The Sherwood Lee family will be living in the completed dwelling.

After completing the work at Doropo, Gage will be in different missionary homes doing repair work for several weeks. His next major project is to add the second floor to the missionary house in Abidjan.

lobis wed



financial facts

THROUGH JUNE 1971

ON DEPOSIT JULY 1	\$190,262.64
RECEIPTS THROUGH JUNE 30	380,513.97
DISBURSEMENTS THROUGH JUNE 30	259,507.52
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THROUGH JUNE 30	337,328.94
TOTAL 1971 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	674,657.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS *

Aldridge	\$ 8,573.53	Sparks	\$ 161.63
Aycock	1,565.57	Stevens	187.54
Barker	2.24	Sturgill	10.17
Bryan	1,850.13	Waid	5,069.11
Calvery	7,668.40	Wilkinson	8,647.03
Combs	11,235.54	M. Willey	361.13
Condits	1.77	Willey, Jr.	5,804.96
Coscia	4,362.70	Africa Bible	
Cousineau	1,241.19	Inst.	313.80
Craft	4,433.21	Africa Med.	
Cronk	210.66	Bldg.	.79
Deeds	10,390.68	Audio Vis.	647.92
Eagleton	13,367.42	Brazil Ch. Bldg.	
Ellison	4,909.44	Loan Fd.	50.00
Franks	9,781.84	Brazil Inst.	401.43
Fulcher	5,063.59	Brazil Veh.	3,712.17
Gage	5,414.40	Ecuador	7,656.02
Haas	2,047.44	Furlough Car	
Hanna	21,038.53	Loan Fd.	(2,635.74)
Hersey	573.74	Japan Land Fd.	
Hughes	4,987.07	Tokyo	60.00
Lee	2,197.61	Med. With-	
Mayhew	823.64	drawal	(9,603.40)
Merkh	740.26	Operation Fd.	2,976.61
Miley	10,385.16	Proj. 5000	3,675.67
McLain	6.27	Repatriation	3,370.73
Palmer	(1,440.66)	S. India	2.21
Payne	9,182.07	Summer Miss.	(1,315.27)
Poole	7.50	Trust Fund	3,000.00
Richards	780.97	Willey Mem.	
Robinson	2,329.68	Loan Fd.	5,425.14
Roberts	3,813.42	Youth Ctr.	
Sexton	1,400.20	Hokkaido	2,341.78

STATE QUOTAS—1971

STATE	RECEIPTS THROUGH JUNE 30	QUOTA	UNDER/ OVER (+) QUOTA
Alabama	\$11,242.50	\$22,000.00	\$10,757.50
Arizona	2,510.13	3,250.00	739.87
Arkansas	15,172.38	23,500.00	8,327.62
California	19,954.85	38,500.00	18,545.15
Canada	195.00	500.00	305.00
Colorado	624.19	1,750.00	1,125.81
Florida	10,906.11	18,750.00	7,843.89
Georgia	13,039.26	30,000.00	16,960.74
Hawaii	504.09	500.00	+ 4.09
Idaho	269.56	1,500.00	1,230.44
Illinois	9,214.68	19,000.00	9,785.32
Indiana	2,900.12	5,700.00	2,799.88
Iowa	686.40	2,500.00	1,813.60
Kansas	2,905.34	6,500.00	3,594.66
Kentucky	6,889.72	11,500.00	4,610.28
Louisiana	20.00	1,500.00	1,480.00
Maine	833.00	3,000.00	2,167.00
Maryland	172.22	1,000.00	827.78
Michigan	23,892.79	67,000.00	43,107.21
Mississippi	5,534.96	11,500.00	5,965.04
Missouri	35,000.14	47,000.00	11,999.86
New Hampshire	690.70	1,250.00	559.30
New Mexico	812.21	1,500.00	687.79
North Carolina	56,207.76	82,000.00	25,792.24
Ohio	15,139.29	27,000.00	11,860.71
Oklahoma	36,497.63	60,000.00	23,502.37
Oregon	30.00	500.00	470.00
South Carolina	23,891.64	42,000.00	18,108.36
Tennessee	51,222.66	75,000.00	23,777.34
Texas	6,028.19	15,500.00	9,471.81
Virginia	11,430.91	25,000.00	13,569.09
Washington	475.42	1,500.00	1,024.58
West Virginia	10,616.65	16,250.00	5,633.35
Miscellaneous	1,228.32	10,707.90	9,479.58

*Amounts in parenthesis indicates deficits.

rolande niogret



view from this side

editor's catchall

A LAST WORD

Missionary children have received no special call. Most of them are too young to understand what it means when their parents first leave the United States. Growing up in a country different from that of their fathers, they gain an insight into men's ways of doing things that very few have. They learn to appreciate people of other color and culture. They also learn to distinguish between conviction and tradition. And when they mature, they are usually found among those who lead.

Missionary children are very precious. They are adopted by churches and other missionaries become their aunts and uncles. They receive attention and love, but the loneliness of their station in life makes an indelible imprint on each one.

We are glad and grateful to our missionary children. Glad that God gave them to us and that we can teach them His way. Grateful for their understanding and courage and their insight as they teach us many things.

The National Association '71 attracted a real good crowd. Number-wise, we were more

than we ever have been. Quality-wise, as one person stated, "We have grown up." He was referring to the almost complete absence of personal interchange on the floor. It was a good crowd, and we hope that each one present was a little better for having heard the messages and attended the business sessions and for having stopped at the booths.

More and more the National is becoming a family affair. Free Will Baptists take their vacations and before and after the National they manage to see much of America. Many of the families who came to Nashville continued east, west, north and south to see the hills or the plains that they had never seen before. We hope this spirit will continue because it reflects a perspective that will keep us all involved in our total work. It also reflects an abundance of God's material blessings on many. Praise God for this.

In June 1971, as you can see in Financial Facts, Free Will Baptists broke all records in giving to foreign missions. Over \$76,000 was receipted by Mrs. Sloan. There was no special promotion and no special appeal. Instead, it was simply Free Will Baptists who have learned that God expects them to share themselves with the whole world. We pray that this glow will burst into a flame that will result in our generation being evangelized.

The Board of Foreign Missions at a special meeting Monday, July 12, accepted my resignation as Director of Communications. When you read this column, I shall be at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma. A year ago when I came and accepted the post of Editor of *Heartbeat*, I had no idea of returning to teaching this soon. However, we believe the Lord has directed us in this, and we request your prayers as we accept the Presidency of Hillsdale.

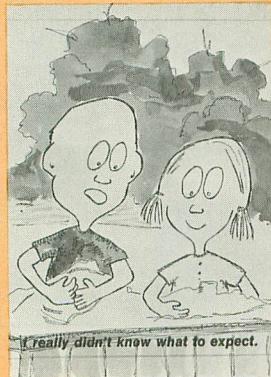
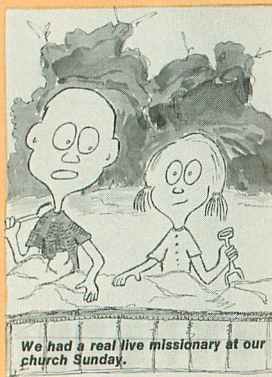
This past year has been a great year. God has taught me many things in working with our missions staff. Keeping our fingers on the pulsebeat of missions as seen in the work our missionaries do has been exciting and challenging. The leadership provided by our General Director Reford Wilson has been inspirational. And working with the others has proven to be a blessing and a maturing experience.

I do not leave without regret. Only because I feel it to be the will of our Lord. Nor do I leave understanding all the reasons why God has led as He has, but I am convinced that He has led. I do not leave expecting to forget about missions; rather, I hope to continue actively involved in our missionary program.

God has done great things for our school in Oklahoma. We believe that He will do even more. Excitement is high as enrollment is up. We are praying earnestly for missionary zeal to characterize the student body and a missionary involvement to characterize the faculty.

Pray for the person God has as Editor of *Heartbeat*. He will be undertaking a demanding task. *Heartbeat* mailing list is now over 50,000. In 1972, ten issues of *Heartbeat*, will be printed rather than the present six issues. With the other informational materials, the new editor will have his hands full. Pray especially that he will effectively communicate to you what God is doing through our missionaries.

payne's people



'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The uncertainty of the future and the inevitable climax of the final conflict requires a careful analysis of present mission operation and strategy for the future.

The indigenous method—self-propagation, self-government and self-support—is the ideal plan for world evangelization. Foreign personnel and money will never adequately meet all the needs—to evangelize every village, town and city. This fact “forces” reliance on the indigenous principle. This method requires a transitional motion from the beginning. The future of world evangelization depends on mobilizing every believer both at home and overseas to share in this glorious task.

No area of the world is to be overlooked or neglected. Countries once closed are now open and some countries once opened are now closed. Plans should include a means to reach closed areas by every means of communication. Radio broadcast can penetrate areas where missionaries cannot work and literature can effectively reach the masses.

Special attention should be given to difficult fields. These cannot be neglected because who knows when such a field may suddenly become responsive as in Indonesia or as was the case in Ethiopia. God is sovereign and He can cause “dry bones to live again.”

There should be thoroughness in planning and implementation. The message must be properly communicated in understandable terms. The mission will need to clarify its objectives in defining “evangelizing a field” to determine the thoroughness of its operations. Principles which can serve as guidelines include:

The openness, responsiveness, to the gospel message.

The population of the area and concentration of people in a given

geographical area—a crowded city or numerous small towns.

The extent or effort which has been made to evangelize the area. Whether the field has been totally neglected or only token effort made to reach it would affect planning.

The economic and political status of a country are factors to be considered. The rising influence of Japan economically and politically could definitely affect strategy for all of Asia. Our mission must be flexible to cope with economical and political changes. The power of the Gospel is forever the same but the presentation of the message may vary according to circumstances. The changing attitude of the government of India has made it necessary for the national church to assume greater responsibility.

We at home must be alert to our challenging opportunities. We need young men and women committed to Jesus Christ to obey His command. Training institutions are needed which have world evangelization as their objective and prepares their students for this task.

One great need is a pastor who has a clear vision of world evangelism. He can show his church its place in God's great program. Regardless of training, any spirit-filled pastor should have a missionary passion in his heart. He should be able to convey this passion and vision to his people. He should have a program of missions education in his church. The spiritual life of his church will develop when missions is primary in his church life. The pulpit is his throne from which he can direct the giving and prayer ministry of his church. He can plan missions study courses. He should stay well informed of missions developments in the world. An annual missionary conference with other services during the year will keep a church involved. The pastor is the key and his church is the door through which men and women will go to evangelize the world.

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HERE COME THE APPOINTEES

Currently, three new missionary couples are engaged in deputational ministry.

When our board approves candidates for foreign service, they become known as appointees. They differ from the returned missionary only in that they have not had any time on the field. Otherwise, their needs are the same. The appointee must have \$10,000 in his account at time of departure. His monthly need must also be underwritten.

But he has two strikes against him. Not everyone wants him for conferences and special services since his experience is limited. The returned missionary is always welcomed. Remember, though, the appointee's needs are no different while his call is the same.

Don and Billie Sexton (France), Jim and Vickie Sturgill (Brazil), and Jerry and Carol Pinkerton (Ivory Coast) are preparing to take the gospel to unreached souls. Don and Billie are natives of Kentucky. Jim hails from West Virginia. Jerry was born in Upland, California. Vickie Sturgill and Carol Pinkerton are natives of North Carolina and Missouri respectively.

Twenty-eight Kentucky churches giving \$50 per month will underwrite the support of the Don Sextons. If 23 West Virginia churches gave \$50 per month, Jim Sturgill's need would be met. Of course, North Carolina will be asked to help, too. The Pinkertons will look to California, Missouri and Tennessee for their support.

The Foreign Missions Board and staff are preparing for at least 100 new missionaries in the '70's. Will you help? Pastor, I look to hear from you! Your church can give \$50 per month if they really try! Open your heart, your church and your pocketbook. Here come the appointees!

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