

Heartbeat

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by Don Robirds

"Who stole my boots?" "What was that n-o-i-s-e?" "Shut that door, I don't want them to see me cry. They might think I'm sick."

Did you ever hear such strange things as these from Christian workers? Especially missionaries?

Sounds like these came from the Good News Team during their six months special assignment in Sapporo, Japan.

Is that witnessing? Is that what a missionary does?

Yes, that is witnessing! Yes, that is some of what a missionary does, because these young people were involved in "living." Their living was one of the chief factors involved in their witness in Japan. Christianity in action! Examples of lives changed by the power of God. Tempers brought into subjection. Fears placed in the hands of an almighty God. Joy in being alive. Tears shed in rejoicing when a soul finds Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. These are all expressions of what Christ does in the life of a believer.

As we pull back the curtain, look at some of the "happenings in Sapporo" during the past few months:



Sandra Ogletree was part of a film (non-Christian) shot for television. She relates some of her experiences as she describes the "star" in the show and her chance to witness: "His name is Yamauchi-Ken. He was a movie star and now he has a television show. The first day we were in Ishikari. In one scene we were on a boat in the sea. From there it skipped to a sleigh ride to the restaurant . . . They offered me wine both places and I refused. This was an opportunity to witness. Then, they asked me to just play like I was drinking it for the show. Of course I could not because nobody else would know the difference.

"On the trip from Sapporo to Isikari we had plenty of time to talk. And of course he asked questions about the youth center, why we were here, and what we were doing. It gave ample opportunity for Oyaji (Wesley Calvery) to talk to him in his own language about what we are doing and our purpose as Christians. He was interested enough that he came back to the youth center with us and fellowshiped with us for about an hour."

Judy Smith shares an experience from a trip to Koshimizu, Shari, Abishiri and Bihoro: "Seldon, Rudy and I went on the trip with Brother McLain and two Japanese Christians—Shodenka, who'll be coming back to the States with us to go to Bible college, and Yuresan, a Japanese girl who became a Christian while we were on our trip.

"We left in Brother Jim's Volkswagen van. That night we all stayed at a farm house near Hamakoshikizu. (The rat that ran across the ceiling sounded like a horse . . . then he ran all around the bed.) For supper that night Rudy and I were elected to cook. I cut up three chickens and Rudy began frying—Georgia style. Meanwhile I began making biscuits. What a laugh. My biscuits—all 25 of them—turned out . . . TEXAS style. They were about 5 inches in circumference and about two inches high.

"That night Yuresan told Shodenka of her decision to become a Christian. The next night after preaching service the three Japanese Christians with us scattered into the group of visitors. Before five minutes they were talking about the Lord. Yuresan, who had been saved the night before, led a girl to the Lord and was really witnessing to

another. She doesn't know much English but she came into the room where we were and said, 'I'm so happy, I'm so happy.' Shodenka also led a boy to the Lord. The thing that's almost as great as witnessing for oneself is to be here and watch the Japanese Christians do it."

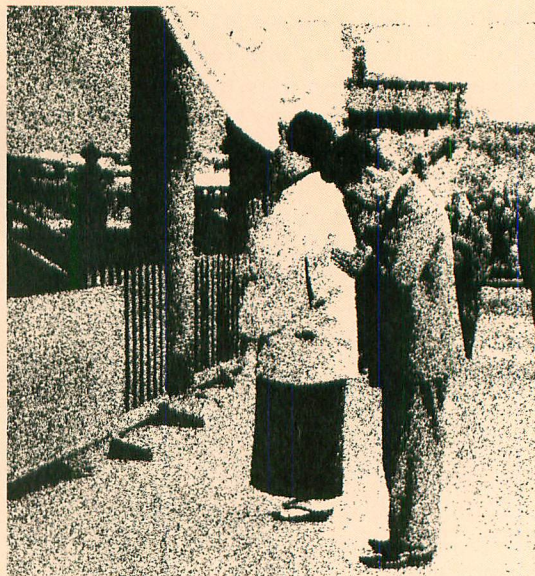
Dale Bishop sounds excited: "I led Yamashita to the Lord! The first time we saw Yamashita was when we went to Sapporo University on Friday, January 21. We went for dinner and folk singing, and later some of the boys from the university took us to the gym to play basketball. On the way to the gym I spoke my first words to Yamashita. I asked him if he was studying English, and he said no, that his second language was Russian. But he came to the youth center later that day to speak with us. He came back the next weekend, talked and played the guitar with us for quite a long while. In fact he asked if he could spend the night. Later on that night, after being at the center the whole day, he said he wished he could express in English what he felt in his heart. He said this with tears in his eyes. He could not speak enough English for us to really communicate about his feelings.

"He was supposed to go to school the next day at 10:00. But at 1:00 he was still at the center helping in whatever way he could. He spent that whole day and on into the night. It was that night that I had the privilege of leading Yamashita to the Lord. We were all sitting around singing and talking when Oyaji came in and Yamashita called him over. He told Oyaji that he would like to be a Christian and wanted someone to show him how. He was sitting beside me so Oyaji asked me to get our bilingual tract called 'The Four Spiritual Laws' and show Yamashita how to be a Christian. After I explained in English and he read in Japanese, he accepted Christ and we prayed together—he in Japanese and I in English." (Yamashita was baptized on Sunday, May 7.)

The "Team" has wrapped up its activities by now and they are thinking of their various ministries at home. They were scheduled to arrive in the States on the 5th of June. But whatever their future, without a doubt SOMETHING DID HAPPEN IN SAPPORO!



SHINTOISM JAPAN'S CREATION



by Fred Hersey

Shinto shrines—everywhere!

Wherever one travels in Japan, from one end of the islands to the other, he soon becomes aware that Shinto shrines are there. But what is Shintoism?

This very simple religion has existed from the beginnings of Japanese history. During World War II the religion was cleverly used by government leaders to strengthen patriotism and loyalty to the emperor. Even though this "State Shinto" was outlawed after Japan's defeat in 1945, the religion itself quietly maintains its place in Japanese life.

Shinto festivals draw large crowds in modern Japan, and even the smallest village boats have a Shinto shrine. Most weddings are conducted according to ancient Shinto ceremonies and the work on most supertankers and skyscrapers begins with a brief ceremony presided over by a priest whose flowing white garments date back to ancient times.

At some future time, once again the latent power of Shintoism might be harnessed to the force of nationalism. No foreigner can claim a relationship with it, but every Japanese can. It is said that every Japanese can claim to be a descendant of the gods.

The word Shinto means the "way of the gods or spirits." Shintoism has been defined as the indigenous faith of the Japanese people, and is relatively

unknown among the religions of the world. Gods are known as "kami" in Japan, meaning superior, upper or top. They are higher forces, above average but are not credited with extraordinary, miracle-working powers. They are generally kind, intelligent and endowed with good taste. These gods (the English term is a little too strong, but the terms "gods", "spirits", "deities", or "divinities" will have to serve) preferred beautiful spots in which to dwell. They inhabited groves of trees, springs, waterfalls, mountaintops, unusual stones, rocky formations and similar places.

Mythology describes the creation of the Japanese Islands and how the imperial family came to be descended from the sun goddess. In about the fourth century shrine buildings were built in the sacred groves to certain gods. The gods came to be separated from each other; some were recognized as having special qualities and duties, and the rulers appointed priests to tend to the business of the shrines. This kept the shrines under governmental control.

All other religions are foreign to Japan. Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity are to some extent alien even today. Shinto is the taproot. The other religions have never been able to grow anything more than feeder roots. Shinto is in many ways so broad and all-inclusive, and at the same time so vague and hazy that it has been adaptable to many purposes. Shintoism does not ask for any

favor from its believers except in the innate goodness of man, neither does it require any effort, nor expect any unusual attention to its gods. Shintoism does not claim to be the only road to salvation. Another unusual characteristic of Shintoism is that it possesses no scriptures or sacred writings.

I would like to point out the six main types of Shinto:

1. *Popular Shinto* centers around the everyday activities of the people. This has also been known as unorganized folkways.
2. *Domestic Shinto* centers in the home altar.
3. *Sectarian Shinto* emphasizes shrine worship as a State Cult and the nationalization of shrines.
4. *Imperial Household Shinto* is the name given to rites conducted at the three shrines within the palace grounds where the emperor lives.
5. *Shrine Shinto* is the oldest and most prevalent.
6. *Great Shrine of Ise* is the highest expression of respect given to the emperor and to all that is best in the culture, history and racial consciousness of the Japanese people.

Shintoism teaches the existence of four main elements in worship: purification, offering, prayers and sacred feasts. Inside the grounds of the shrine where one goes to worship he will always find a fountain. Usually many small wooden dippers are provided so that each worshipper may take a dipper to his lips and rinse his mouth with "holy water." How my heart has ached as I have seen many people trying to purify themselves by this method to prepare themselves for worship in a shrine. In so doing it is said that one removes all pollution, unrighteousness and evil out of his life.

What can wash away my sins? I'm thankful for the precious blood of Christ every time I see a scene such as this.

Ideally offerings are to be given daily. Sometimes this is done twice a day and might consist of money, rice, salt, water or even some symbolic objects. Prayers likewise are to be offered daily. A "sacred feast" could be sitting together at the shrine with the kami (gods) and sipping rice wine which is served by a priest or girl attendant.

We should note some of the main spiritual characteristics of Shintoism. Since no scriptures or sacred writings exist, it is not easy to express creed, doctrine or philosophy. The Shinto or kami-faith has been transmitted from heart to heart from daily life experiences. It has been well stated that Shintoism has to be "caught and not taught."

The world is said to be progressing from chaos to order, from the confusion of contradictions to a state of perfect harmony and unity. Man is a child of kami (god) and is therefore inherently good. As far as sin is concerned there is no fixed system of standards but depends on each situation. Nothing—murder, stealing, etc.—is regarded as unconditionally evil.

Man seeks salvation by bringing the kami (god) into the daily life of the home, the market place, his place of employment, etc. Life is considered to be very good and death is evil. The shrines were dedicated to the service of the enshrined kami (god) and were not places for other rites or functions. Shinto generally avoids any connection with the dead and insists on cleansing after contact with death and disease and other so-called evils.

This is a racial religion and its followers see no need to send out missionaries to other lands. All people of all races and nations are to express gratitude to the kami (spirits) of their own land, ancestors and society.

This fact alone makes Christianity vastly different to the philosophy of Shintoism. Jesus gave us the responsibility to "go into all the world" and to "preach the gospel to every creature." We have shown the people that we are different. We are in Japan to show them what a genuine faith in the Lord Jesus Christ can do for a life. We have given ourselves to this task. Our lives have been put before the Japanese people as a display of what Jesus Christ has done for us and what He wants to do for them.

Our approach has been largely that of pointing them to the person of Jesus Christ using I Thessalonians 1:9-10. We show them that they need to "turn to God" first and in turning, they will turn "from idols." One of the most difficult things for the Japanese people to face is leaving off their "old traditions," but it is far more difficult for them to turn from these if they have not first turned "to God." But praise God, some have turned!

Quite naturally due to these "old traditions" it is much easier to reach the youth of Japan, for they have not become so bound by tradition. They are eager to learn and are much more open to the gospel message. But even these are faced with great problems after having made a decision for Christ. They have difficulty relating to their families and their families find it difficult to relate to them. Yet they are Japanese. And as they turn to Christ, others will also turn.

SPOTLIGHT:

Special Missionaries

LARRY and JOAN CONDIT



"Brother Wesley Calvery presented a wonderful message and it touched the hearts of all the people there, especially mine. After the service, I told him that I would like to go to Japan for at least a short-term." This is how missionary service started with Larry Condit and his wife, Joan. Then, in August of last year the couple departed from the U. S. on special assignment: youth evangelist, builder, singer and special assistant to the missionaries along with the Good News Team for the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan.

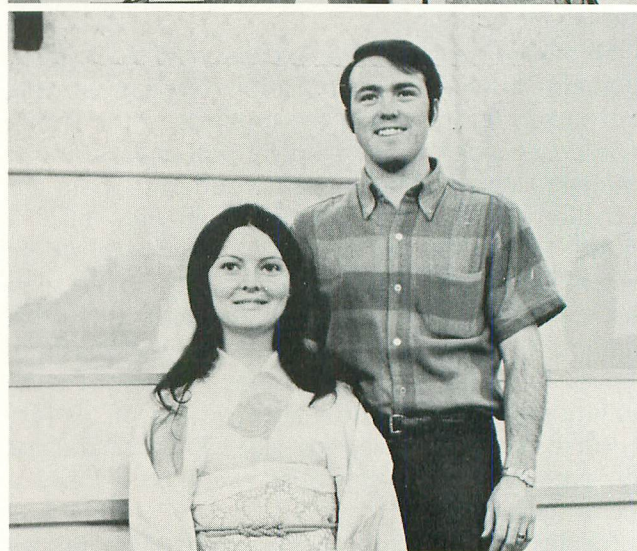
Hailing from the state of California, Larry and Joan attended California Christian College where Larry graduated with a B. S. degree in 1971. Larry sang with the college quartet during his school days at CCC and is well known over the state of California. He is the son of the Reverend and Mrs. E. B. Condit, Concord, California. "Joanie" is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Giles, Salinas, California.

From the time of their arrival in Japan, they were involved with the Japanese people. Larry started immediately preaching in English for their youth meetings on Saturday and Sunday nights. His experience in construction was put to use when Bob Partee arrived and the new church building at Sapporo was started.

Joanie started giving cooking classes and teach-

ing English. She has been very important to Missionary Wesley Calvery since she kept daily records of special happenings and occasions which involved the Good News Team and the work in Sapporo during their stay.

Larry and Joanie Condit have put themselves into the work. They will certainly share in the blessings of souls born into the Kingdom of God during the time of their special ministry.



missions in action



by Paul Robinson

MISSIONS IN ACTION! That's what I call it. And in this case, Free Will Baptist missions in action.

It all started back many years ago when Thomas H. Willey, Sr. felt that tug from the Lord to "go to the regions beyond." After a hitch in the jungles of Peru, and another in Panama, he finally began his ministry in Cuba for Free Will Baptists. While there, he came in contact with a young Cuban boy, Benito Rodriguez. Benito, a former Catholic-spiritist, was converted and later came to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville to study.

In April, 1950, the Reverend Raymond Riggs invited this dedicated young man to speak in a Sunday night service in Highland Park, Michigan. I happened to be present when Brother Riggs announced that this Cuban would be speaking. So I found myself present once again on the night Benito was to preach.

While serving in the Navy in World War II, I had promised the Lord I would go to church if He would spare my life. But, alas, I had not kept my vow except to occasionally make an appearance. Yet, there I was, 22 years ago, listening to this fine, dedicated young man give his testimony. And God broke my heart as he told how he came to know Christ as his Saviour. It was a tremendous service and I, along with others, left that church a saved man. I went home and told my brother, Bill, that I had been saved. Well, praise the Lord, a short

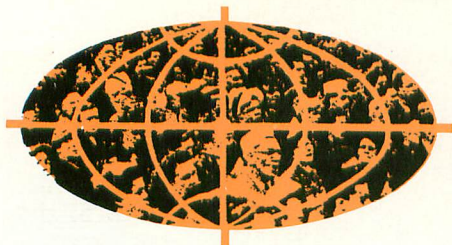
time later Bill accepted the Lord.

Over the years God worked in our lives in a very real way. Bill answered the call to the ministry. I answered the call to foreign missions work in Uruguay, South America.

On April 26-30 this year (1972), the Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, a rural church near Dunn, North Carolina, hosted a mission conference. My brother, Bill, is their pastor. From the opening night until lingering moments after the final benediction on Sunday night, enthusiasm and blessings abounded. Attendance was excellent. It was easy to see that much groundwork had been laid.

The leaders cooperated in every way possible. And the conference was highlighted at the close of the last service with a check. Not a check for \$1,000 as had been hoped and prayed for, but a check in the amount of \$1,442.93! The church was wonderfully blessed as they participated in world evangelization.

And it goes without saying that the Robinsons—Paul, Amy and Becky—had their souls elevated and their faith strengthened during these days. Yes, I say this is "missions in action." From here to Cuba to here. Then a brother to a brother. That brother to a church which "sends" a brother to Uruguay to win others who will be able to win still others. Missions in action? Without a doubt!



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

pooles return to brazil

Nashville, Tenn.—Scheduled to leave the U. S. July 6 for return to their missionary activities in Brazil, South America, is the Bobby Poole family. The Pooles resided in Effingham, South Carolina while home on furlough from the mission field.

This will be the third term of service for the Pooles. They will be returning to the state of Sao Paulo, but are not certain where they will be working during their next four years. While in Brazil they worked in the city of Ribeirao Preto, Sao Paulo, where they started a church during their first term and led in a building program their second term.

witness at festival

Koun, Ivory Coast—As harvest time ended and the Africans celebrated their annual "yam festival", Missionary Norman Richards received permission from the chief of the village to attend. He witnessed their dancing, singing and special sacrifices. "The animals were slain and their blood poured on the altar," writes Norman. "Prayers of thanksgiving were prayed and requests were made for an abundant harvest for this year. After the offerings were made, the wine 'flowed freely' and by nighttime a great many were drunk." As Norman had an opportunity to witness even in the midst of such darkness, two

people came and wanted to be saved.

The Richards have also reported that the Christians in two of the villages where they are working have started construction on their own church buildings. This is a special blessing as the Richards are nearing their furlough time.

missionaries on hand

Nashville, Tenn.—Several returned missionaries are tentatively scheduled to be on hand for the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held in Fort Worth, Texas next month. Those expected to be present include Dan and Trula Cronk, Earnie and Jean Deeds, Walter and Marcia Ellison, Dave and Pat Franks, Joe and Barbara Haas, Fred and Evelyn Hersey, Jim and Olena McLain, Lonnie and Bernice Palmer, and Paul and Amy Robinson. Jerry and Carol Pinkerton and Jim and Vickie Sturgill, missionary appointees, are also scheduled to be on hand.

doctor becomes patient

Doropo, Ivory Coast—Notice was received recently that Dr. LaVerne Miley was the patient in an appendectomy. According to the brief message Dr. Miley is reported to be recovering nicely.

dr. miley



films provide opening

Tubarao, Brazil—Approximately 300 attended Moody Science Film open air showings recently in Braco do Norte about 25 miles from Tubarao. Missionary John Craft and national worker Ivan Lopes returned later to the small town to talk with 16 young people who had signed up for Bible study courses. They were surprised to find that the parents received them well and others demonstrated interest in Bible study. They have since been able to show the films in the high school to about 800 students.

John wrote recently, "This town has no Protestant work except a Lutheran church which does not have services . . . We need to pray that God will keep the door open."

broadcast hindered

Uberaba, Brazil—Missionary Louis Coscia wrote recently that their radio program had been "practically forced off the air." The station would only allow them radio time at a very early hour when few people in the city would listen. They also priced the program at a very high rate.

If time, price, competing factors, etc. make it practical or possible, the Coscias are still hoping to get the program on another station. Join them in prayer for the program.

lopes, craft & wilkinson



the pooles



haases arrive in nashville

Nashville, Tenn.—Arriving at the Nashville metropolitan airport Friday, April 28, were the Joe Haas family who have served the past four years in France. The Haases have established residence in the Nashville area and began itinerate services immediately. They will be in the U.S. only four months during which time they need to clear their deficit account and raise sufficient faith promise support to carry them through the next several years in France. The Haases will be returning to France in September.

hughes car stolen

Campinas, Brazil—Stolen recently from the carport of the Tom Hughes home was their newly acquired chevrolet "Opala." The thief apparently drove the car around the vicinity (a total of about 220 miles), stripped the exhaust system from the car and broke the steering wheel locking system. Local police located the abandoned car two days later still in town. Repairs due to the theft cost something over \$100.

bible institute started

Livramento, Brazil—A Bible institute has been started in the Livramento church by Missionary Walter Ellison. Starting in early March, the institute has a total enrollment of 16, including six men, three women, and seven young people. Around 20 others are attending the classes without formal enrollment. Teaching in the institute at the present are Joao Carlos, an independent

the haases



Baptist preacher, teaching Bible survey; a Christian lady from Livramento, a highly talented Brazilian music teacher, music; Walter, evangelism and church administration; and Marcia is teaching one class a week in their home on Friday nights.

The development of the institute program is a very important phase of the work since the Ellisons will be leaving Brazil in early July for furlough. Workers must be trained to carry on the work in their absence.

more villages open

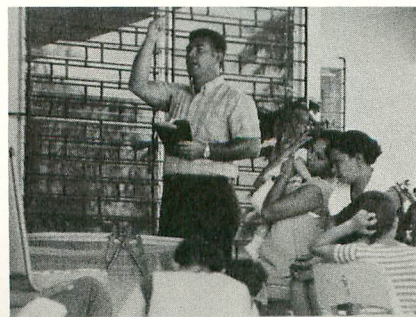
Nassian, Ivory Coast—The Frank Cousineaus send word that two more villages have been opened to the gospel in their area. In one of the villages (Depeigno) 17 adults have "prayed" and in the other 12 have apparently prayed. Frank and Marie recently spent a week living in the village and teaching the people.

two new buildings

Panama City, Panama—Two new church buildings have been in construction in Panama under the direction of Missionary Bill Fulcher. Recently completed was a building in San Juan where approximately 50 people are attending.

Also under construction is the church building in Agua Buena. According to a recent report Bill indicated the roof of the new building was almost completed. The building was expected to be usable by the middle of May. Several attendance records have been set in recent months in the Agua Buena work. This makes the new building vital to their ministry.

fulcher preaches



arriving missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries arriving in the U. S. during the month of May were the Dan Cronks (May 13), the Howard Gages (May 18) and Arilla Wode, Good News Team member from Japan, (May 13). The Cronks and Miss Wode returned to the States early due to health problems. The Gages returned after Howard had finalized his building program in Africa.

Also scheduled to return soon are the Dave Franks (June 2), the Jim McLains and the Good News Team (June 5). The Earnie Deeds family will be arriving around June 16.

radio broadcast

Barbacena, Brazil—Radio broadcasts have been started here by Missionary Bobby Aycock. The 15-minute broadcast is carried daily, Monday through Friday on a local station. The Aycocks hope by this medium to sow the seed and to open the doors for new contacts as they try to establish a Free Will Baptist church in this area. They are currently using Moody Science Films and English classes as other "door openers."

tragedy strikes

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Lorna Merrill summer missionary appointee to Brazil was critically injured when a bus on which she was riding hit a large truck head-on near Knoxville, Tennessee recently. She suffered two broken legs, chest injuries and possible brain damage. She had just graduated from FWBBC two days before the accident.

lorna merrill



view from this side

editor's catchall

ONLY THE NAME IS THE SAME

MISTAKEN IDENTITY is often a case of a hurried look, an unintentional oversight, etc. But sometimes a mistaken identity is due to a direct misrepresentation or a deliberate impersonation by another. While I will not go so far as to accuse our competitor of this direct intent, I must say he is doing a good job of "confusing" many people.

I am referring to a new magazine which started one year ago. Yes, this magazine has the same name, HEARTBEAT. Many times it even appears in almost the same format as our own. It is published in the same frequency and is received by many of our people across the U. S.

This magazine does not in any way represent our missions department nor our denominational doctrinal position. It is pentecostal in doctrine with the express purpose of promoting the "charisma" movement. Some may have been deceived by the appearance of this magazine into thinking that Free Will Baptists

have changed their view and have suddenly adopted the doctrine of a second work of grace.

We have written on different occasions to the editors of this new magazine and asked them to "reconsider" their publication name, but their response has been less than considerate to say the least. What would you do? We are doing what we can, but in the meantime will you please examine very carefully your next issues of HEARTBEAT to see that they are published by your Free Will Baptist Department of Foreign Missions. An ounce of "attention" may be worth more than a pound of "lure."

WE HOPE to have published by the National Association a small booklet written by Genevieve Waddell, wife of the Reverend Eugene Waddell, pastor of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville. The book is a fiction story based on facts taken from our mission area among the Lobis in Ivory Coast, Africa. Mrs. Waddell is a good writer who has written especially with the teenager in mind.

The heart-warming story reveals some of the problems a teenager faces as a missionary child on the mission field. Also

shown are some of the opportunities of a young person to be a real blessing to the family as they witness.

We hope to offer this book at our booth at the National Association at Fort Worth, Texas. Stop by and see!

WE WOULD like to thank all of you who have been thoughtful enough to respond to our plea for copies of the September-October 1970 HEARTBEAT. We have now received sufficient to bind the 1970-71 volumes into books. Your cooperation in this matter is commendable.

YOU CAN save missions money! All facts on receipts must be coded for data processing. It is sometimes difficult to determine the correct church to credit when the treasurer's address is in a different town, etc. You can save the expense of costly errors if you will do the following:

1. Identify your church plainly.
2. Include the zip code.
3. Send gifts to the department for which they are intended. (Do not include home missions or Bible college money in the foreign mission check.) This is very important.

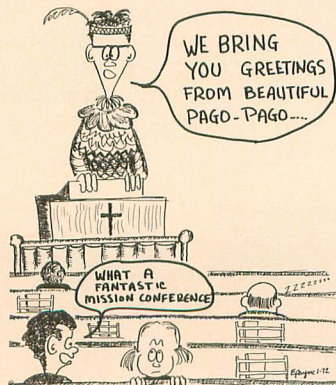
As you cooperate in these areas you will be saving your foreign missions department money which can be used to advance the cause of Christ in the regions beyond.

UPDATED MAPS and Foreign Missions Directories should be available by the time this issue reaches you. If you have ordered some, you should receive them soon. If not, you might want to order some.

special notice

Due to the transfer of bookkeeping to the data processing system, FINANCIAL FACTS are not shown this month. Look for them in the next issue of HEARTBEAT.

payne's people



'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

WHO WILL GO

Men, message, the Holy Spirit and prayer are essential to fulfill the Great Commission.

Jesus had chosen certain men from among the disciples and He taught them special things in a special way. On these men depended the development and success of the Christian church. The question is hypothetical but what would Jesus have done, had these men failed? He could have chosen others but these were the men with varying temperaments who were given a worldwide task (Mark 16:15).

These were the men who had run in fright from Gethsemane. Only Peter had enough courage to show himself in the court when Jesus was on trial. But even he denied any knowledge of Jesus. Not one of His intimate friends volunteered to carry His cross. In fear they hid in an upper room away from the world. Could these fearful eleven be depended upon to obey the command of Christ? They would be encouraged by His post-resurrection appearances but could they also face the possibility of death?

Of the thousands who had heard Jesus speak and who had seen His miracles only 120 were "waiting for power" (Luke 24:49). These believers were to learn the necessity of prayer. Almost every chapter in the book of Acts has its "closet of prayer." No Christian and no church can know the power of God without times of prayer. The endowment of power does not come from required hours of study, nor from the giving of tithes and offerings—as good as these are; neither does it come from the lectures of successful men nor from well planned seminars. In the "one accord of prayer fellowship," God met the need of the disciples. The Holy Spirit came to

give them power to witness in Jerusalem and to "the uttermost parts of the earth."

In answer to prayer the Holy Spirit gave them boldness to speak the Word of God (Acts 4:31). Our timidity is indicative of a lack of prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Witnessing power is supported not by money power but by prayer power.

We have seen a wonderful answer to prayer. An urgent request for prayer was put on "Hotline" for a family being attacked by demons in France. The demons were resisted and God has given the missionaries and the family a victorious experience.

The early missionaries with their message and courageous faith set Jerusalem astir. The authorities by direct order and by punishment tried to silence these messengers. But in the face of this they had the boldness to speak the truth, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). It was these men with the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit who "turned the world upside down."

In this generation we, too, can change our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have the message but we need men of prayer who by the Holy Spirit will go everywhere preaching the Word. We have rapid transportation and means of instant communication.

I am writing this in Rennes, France, where I have seen scores of apartment buildings with 75-95 families in each. I have seen university campuses with 30,000 students. This city has a small Pentecostal church, a Reformed church (with no salvation message) and our Free Will Baptist Church—three Protestant churches for a city of 200,000. The Brittany area of France with its six million people has less than 20 evangelical churches. Men of courageous faith are needed to cover this land with the "Good News." It is an open door. Who will enter?

konference korner

Henry Van Kluyve

HATS OFF

Recently I spoke at the First Church of Florence, Alabama. The woman's auxiliary sponsored a special missions emphasis on Wednesday night. Several rooms were decorated, each representing a country.

Following the main service, the people were given a tour of the rooms. Two or three ladies in each room were dressed in the native costume of that country. Bulletin boards displayed letters, pictures, etc. Tables were adorned with articles and in some cases music played, giving a native atmosphere.

A missions retreat sponsored annually by the northern Ohio auxiliary was held May 5-7 at Youngstown. Two of our missionaries took part. Special services in the area churches on Sunday were also a part of the retreat. This missionary vision and desire to challenge pastors and churches is commendable.

Across our country woman's auxiliary conventions have sponsored special projects for missionaries and have sought to promote world evangelization. Hardly a month goes by without some member of the auxiliary asking for help to keep "missions alive in my church."

It has been said by some that the woman's auxiliary is the "war department" of the church. Well, ladies, continue making war on the devil by extending Christ's Kingdom to the regions beyond. If your pastor is lukewarm, you can build a fire under him for missions through your prayers and dedication!

Now, to all of you who have so faithfully labored through the national, state, district and local ministries, I want to say, "Thanks a million," and hats off to each of you!

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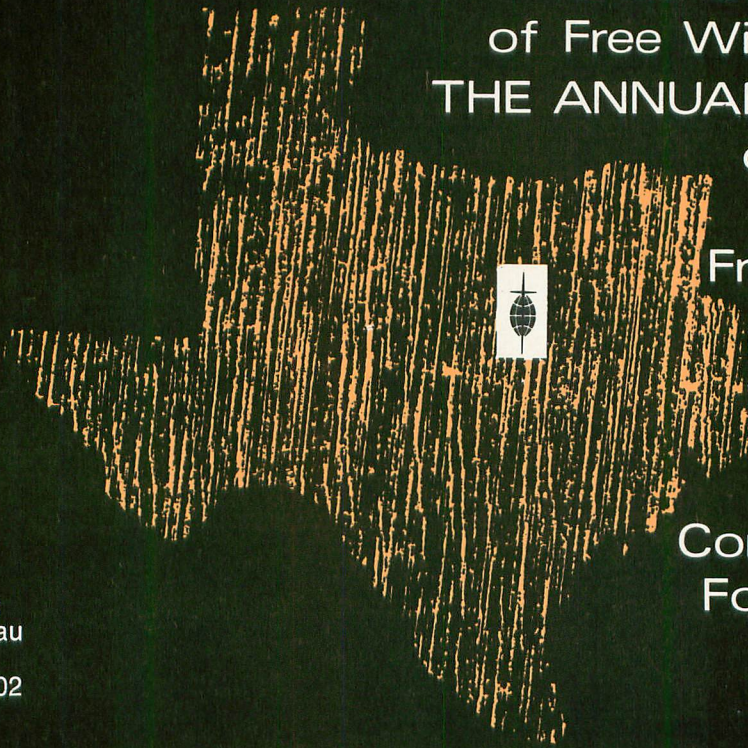
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_____ of _____, _____
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