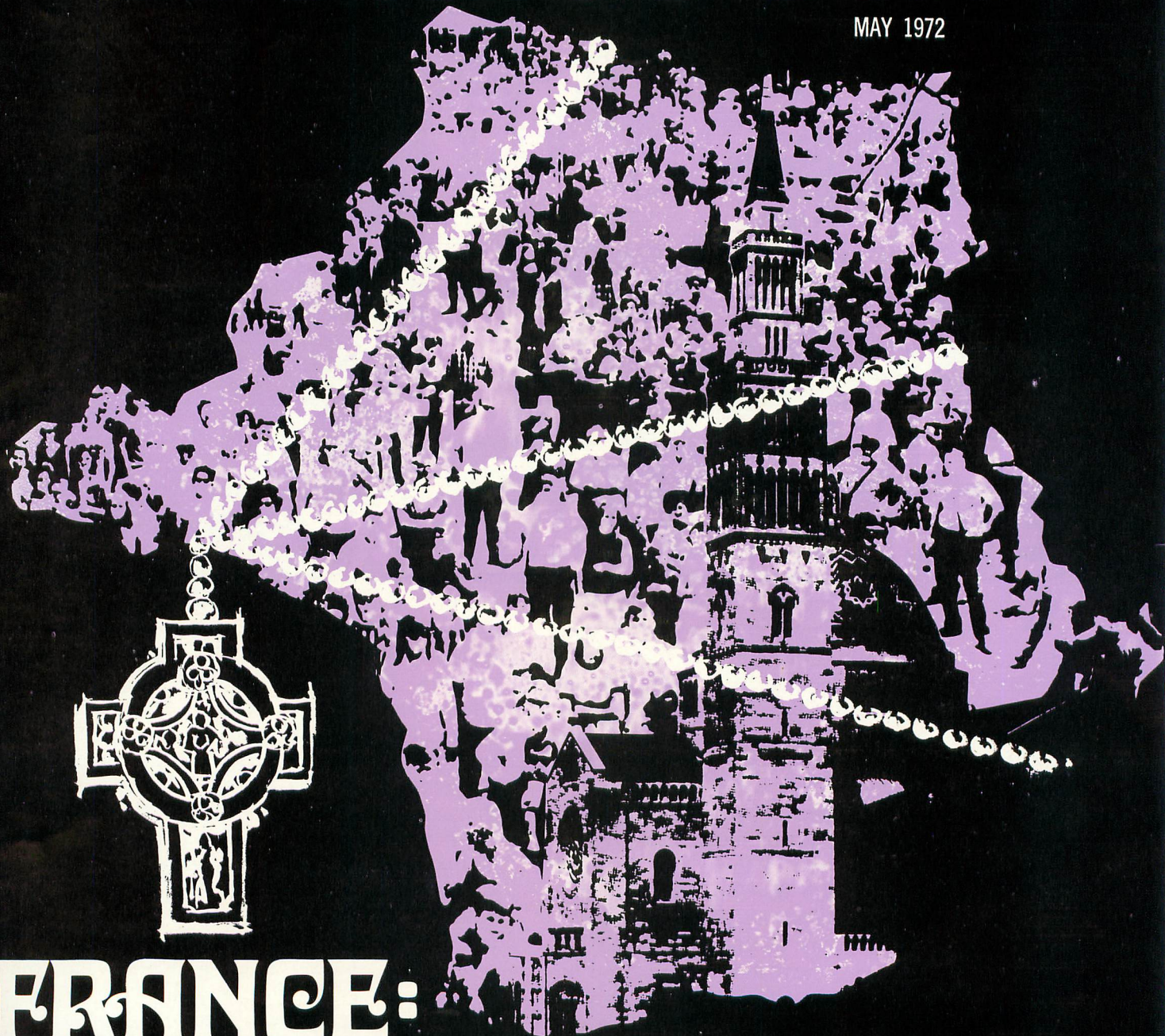


# Heartbeat

MAY 1972



**FRANCE:  
CATHOLIC COUNTRY**



by Joe Haas



# FRANCE: CATHOLIC COUNTRY

Who, me? Oh, I'm Catholic," then almost in the same breath comes, "but not practicing." This is the common reply one receives when witnessing in France. Simply, they mean they are not faithful to their church!

Without a doubt France is a Catholic dominated country. The narrow streets are lined with high walls and towering houses where the statues of guarding saints can be seen. These small images or statues have a special place on most houses. At the most conspicuous corners in town one finds the statues of the Virgin with Jesus in her arms, Jesus on the cross, or one of France's patron saints.

Entering Rennes, a city of 200,000 people, the first thing to be seen is the statue of Mary atop the Notre Dame Catholic Church. Traveling along the highways the many statues and shrines make one aware that France is indeed "Catholic country." Yes, well over 80% of France's 50 million people are Roman Catholic—Roman Catholic in name, that is; however, officially the Roman Catholic Church considers this great country a mission field.

Dr. Robert Evans says in his book *Let Europe Hear*, "The outward facade of French Catholicism

is impressive enough in itself. Within seventeen archdioceses and eighty-six dioceses, 43,000 church edifices raise their steeples in 38,800 parishes. This means that virtually every town in France has at least one church. The parishes, with their numerous institutions, are manned by 51,000 priests, 42,500 of them from the lay orders.

"Some 8,500 theological students prepare for the priesthood in ninety-three seminaries. One seminary is attached to a state university, while the church maintains five free universities of its own. In Catholic secondary schools 334,000 children study, with 912,000 more in primary grades. For social and charitable institutions, like hospitals and orphanages, 17,000 nursing sisters and other workers are provided. There are 100 publishing houses, 39 newspapers, and 488 other regular publications to reach the reading public."

## THE CHANGING FACE

Many in France are discussing the changes taking place in the Catholic church. These discussions are varied and opinions differ. Someone has said, "If ten Frenchmen are discussing something, there will be ten different opinions." Nevertheless, the



Roman church is having internal problems in France. Many of the older priests are bound to church traditions and give unquestioned obedience to Rome. However, the younger priests and those involved with the people are questioning some traditions, and a number are beginning to leave them.

A neighbor lady, an older and devout Catholic, has recently quit the large Catholic church, left the old priest and has started attending a verse-by-verse Bible study conducted by a younger priest. Many are beginning to see that they have been held in darkness.

Others are losing faith in the church because of internal changes. Told that the church was right, they cannot understand nor accept the change, therefore many are searching for the Truth.

The youth are "down on the church" because of the hypocrisy within. One French student recently saved in English Bible study testified that he had completely lost faith in the Catholic church.

But in spite of outward changes which make the Catholic church appear to be turning more evangelistic, it should be made clear that the goal of the Roman church is still the same. The Pope is still considered infallible and ecumenism in France is only to strengthen the Roman church.

#### CATHOLICISM—AND THE FRENCHMAN

The average Frenchman is affected by the Roman Church in several areas of his life. It starts with infant baptism. Every Catholic parent wants his children baptized in the church whether he is a faithful Catholic or not.

The second family excitement about the church comes at communion. The child has finished his catechism at this point and is ready to be accepted into the church. Children in shining white robes march along with family and friends to church; then after the communion ceremony to the photo studio and on to a nice restaurant to "wine and dine." Finally, at home they receive presents from family and friends. The children look forward to communion with all of the presents as our children look forward to Christmas.

The next step in church-related matters is marriage. Though the family may never go to church, they desire the blessings of the Virgin Mother on the marriage of their children.

Finally, all must face death, but the Catholic funeral will cause the heart of a genuine Christian to bleed. Believing the priest to have power to "help" their departed loved ones, the French family continues to mourn their dead for many months.

#### REACHING THE FRENCHMAN

The most important question one must face is, "How can we reach these precious souls bound by these chains of paganism?" Many obstacles stand in the way: we are foreigners, we speak with an identifying accent, and we have come with a new religion (to them the same as the Mormons or the Jehovah's Witnesses who continually barge into their homes). We must cry out to our Heavenly Father to help us overcome these obstacles.

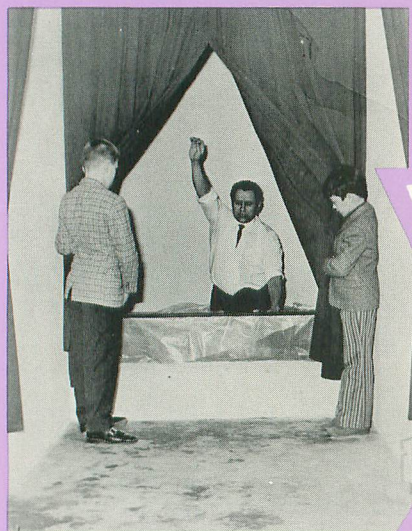
Before any effective witnessing can be done there must be that initial contact and many times this is very difficult. How can we contact the people living behind high walls and locked doors? We have used newspaper advertising which brought a few "spectators." Literally thousands of advertisements have been put in mail boxes. Each time we do this, we gain a few. Our summer missionaries the past two years have made and distributed many advertisements with a gospel tract enclosed in each. But word of mouth by our Christians is one of the best ways to make contact, so we urge our people to be faithful in witnessing and bringing their friends to church.

When these contacts have been made, the joyous but strenuous task of bringing them to Jesus has just begun. As they come to our worship services and Bible studies we get to know one another. We witness at every possible opportunity—watching very carefully for the moving of the Holy Spirit in their lives. When we sense conviction in their hearts, we usually invite them for an evening meal. In the relaxed atmosphere of our home, the Spirit of God is ever present, as "face to face" and through the Word, we give the simple plan of salvation to a hungry soul. We have found that our most fruitful gathering of souls has been "one by one." Afterwards, they have made public professions.

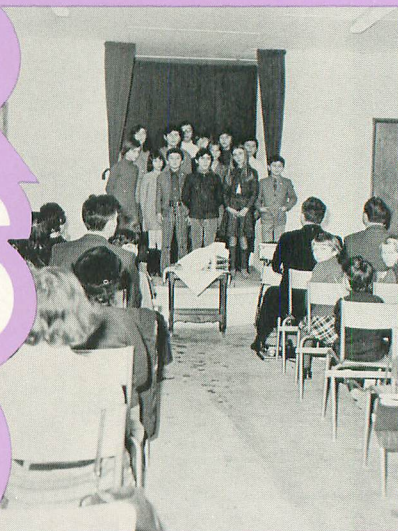
Without a doubt the Lord is building His Church in France in spite of the obstacles and we are privileged to be a part of His great plan.







# FOUR YEARS AGO



**D**iscouraged and ready to give up, the Dan Merkhs returned to the camping tent which they had set up at Nantes, the seventh largest city in France. They had spent a week of fruitless apartment and house hunting. Was the Lord trying to tell them to look for another city? Or was the devil trying to dampen their zeal? That Friday morning in June, 1967 they made their petition in desperation to the Lord, "Lord, we will look one more time in the paper and call one more agent . . . and if nothing is found, we will consider it is not your will that we come to Nantes, and we'll go to St. Nazaire to look."

That "last agent" had a house just a few miles from the center of the city—"would they be interested?" When Dan and Margaret drove up in front of the house with the agent, they both exclaimed at the same time, "This is it! This is where God would have us start!" In August the Merkhs moved from Grenoble where they had been studying the French language to this "house provided by the Lord."

To introduce them to their new place of service, the Lord arranged an interview with the journalist of the local paper. The Merkhs never learned how the journalist knew they were in town. But the local paper in a predominantly Roman Catholic area ran a large picture and three columns on their arrival and plans for a Free Will Baptist church.

Their work began with a Wednesday night Bible study followed shortly by a Thursday morning

children's class. Then on the last Sunday in January, 1968 the first Sunday morning worship was held with the missionary family and three local residents and Rolande Niogret who was living with the Merkhs at the time. (Rolande is presently a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.)

Located in Saint Sebastien, one of the suburbs of Nantes, the church today, four years later, has some fifty people who regularly worship the Lord together.

The fourth anniversary of this church was celebrated in January. Eighty-seven people were present including a busload from Rennes 60 miles north where the second Free Will Baptist work has been established by Missionary Joe Haas. Preaching at the special event was new missionary Don Sexton who had just arrived in France with his wife to start language study. This was the first time three Free Will Baptist pastors were together in a common service in France. Following the preaching the group had lunch together in a local restaurant and returned to the church for an afternoon of singing, testimonies and a baptismal service. Both Missionary Haas and Missionary Merkh baptized converts.

But does all this signify a victory? Yes! Does this mean that the work is done? No! But still one must reflect the fact that just over four years ago Free Will Baptists were without a witness in France. Thank God, it is no longer so!



**T**hrilling things have been happening in Sapporo, Japan since January of this year! The Good News Team along with special missionaries Larry and Joanie Condit and Missionaries Jim McLain and Wesley Calvery had at last report handed out approximately 21,000 posters advertising the youth rallies—this in addition to all the gospel tracts introducing the GNT members, etc. These were given out with a “personal touch” from door to door.

Using the English language as a means of contact, the GNT has made it a point to attend English clubs and English societies in Sapporo. Singing has added its own door-opening effect as the group has had performances at universities, high schools, kindergartens, Yamaha Music Studio, and at the Hokkaido Christian Center. The girls also sang for the annual Hokkaido women's meeting.

Recently they conducted their first high school rally. They have been holding regular youth rallies in the Youth Center where attendance has been very good. Bible studies have been carried on by the Japanese Christians in conjunction with the work of the GNT.

The daughter of a Buddhist priest has been attending the rallies, etc. and has expressed recently a real interest in Christianity. She has also expressed fear of her parents if she were to become a Christian. But the Holy Spirit is evidently dealing with her since she continues to question the group.

Some members off the GNT are living in non-Christian homes. They have been able to be a real witness for Christ in this way.

At least five decisions have been recorded as a direct or indirect result of this special witness in northern Japan. Many others are seeking the Truth. The presence and example of the Good News Team has had a tremendous influence on the Japanese Christians who have sensed in recent days their responsibility to “witness.” One new convert became concerned after a preaching service and was able to lead another to the Lord on his second day as a Christian. The Team members rejoiced, cried, and shouted as they were seeing in reality what they were working to see—themselves without a job.

For the month of April a special “April Showers of Blessings Team” made up of Rudy Woods, Dale Bishop, Mirial Gainer and Joyce King lived and worked in the area of Shari and Koshimizu. Several decisions were made in this area recently.

The next several weeks will be a “transfer” period in which most services will be conducted strictly in Japanese rather than translated from English. The GNT, the Condits and the McLains will be leaving soon to return to the U. S. Preparation must be made to cushion the shock of their sudden departure. Summer missionaries will help to cushion this shock, but the best sign of all is the willingness of the Japanese to start “carrying the ball,” or better yet—the gospel!

# SOMETHING'S HAPPENING IN Sapporo

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY**  
インターナショナル ユース ラリー

John Yasuda  
John Smith  
Larry Condit  
Judy Smith  
Paul Singer  
Yoko Singer

**And The Good News Team**  
グッドニュース チーム

Singing  
Discussion  
Message  
Cooking  
English Conversation  
A Good time  
Fellowship

Cost: Free  
Place: Asahi Chapel Higashi Sapporo 1st 6 Chome TEL. 831 4618  
Phone: 電話 744-1111 1867日  
Group Bus: Nango Eigincho yuki Matsuo 1st 6 Chome Bus Stop  
Meeting: 1867日  
Time: Every Saturday and Sunday at 7PM (Jan. May 1972)  
時間: 毎週土曜日 午後7時 1867日



# SPOTLIGHT:

## REV. AND MRS. FRANCIS BOYLE

Perhaps a "visit" doesn't sound like anything extra special. But Jesus emphasized the fact that sometimes a visit is very important: "I was sick and ye visited me." Then He concluded that a visit to one of His disciples was as though we visited Him.

In the eyes of a missionary—often tired, discouraged, lonely and sensing the need of fellowship—a visit from "home" is a welcome sight. His visit is that "something special" that may help to encourage, strengthen and even counsel the missionary on decisions to be made.

The Reverend and Mrs. Francis Boyle conceived some ten years ago the possibility of a visit to all Free Will Baptist foreign mission fields. In 1962 they began "pinching pennies" to be able to finance the trip of their dreams. Then, on October 12 of last year Reverend Boyle took a leave of absence from his position as director of Executive Church Bonds and they began their "round-the-world" trip. It took them to all our foreign mission fields except India and Uruguay. They returned to the States on February 29, 1972.

Financed totally from personal monies, the entire trip proved to be a blessing to the Boyles as well as the missionaries. Said Mrs. Boyle, "Even if it had cost more, it would have been worth it. I would encourage others to take a trip like this even if only to one field."

Japan was the first foreign mission field on the itinerary of the Boyles. They enjoyed the warmth of the people and the fellowship with the missionaries. They viewed the site of the Winter Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, and the foundation of the new church building in the same city. They were amused at the number of times they had to take off and change their shoes in this "Land of the Rising Sun."

From Japan they stopped off in various other countries on their way to France. They were



challenged by the great potential and need in France, such a modern country yet so ignorant of the Truth. The family life of the Haases in Rennes, France particularly impressed the Boyles.

On to Africa they went where they spent four weeks enjoying the fellowship of the missionaries. Here they were impressed with the dedication of the missionaries and the great opportunity to preach the gospel. Reverend Boyle spoke three times during the annual field council meeting in January.

In Brazil the Boyles met up with foreign missions General Director J. Reford Wilson and board chairman Dr. Joe Ange. They participated here also in the annual Brazil Field Council meeting. Due to transportation problems, etc. they did not go on to Uruguay, but rather went to Panama, where they were met by the Thomas Willey Jr.'s, Mrs. Mabel Willey and the Bill Fulchers.

To finish up their adventures they visited the home mission fields in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Mexico. The first stop on their trip had been Hawaii, also in the area of home missions.

All in all it was a long, tedious, expensive journey—but it was a journey which shall be remembered a lifetime, by the Boyles, many a missionary . . . and by the Lord.





# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## breakthrough in tubarao

*Tubarao, Brazil*—Missionary Jim Combs reports, "We had our first decision. The girl who helps us asked me to come to their house to pray for them. Actually, they wanted an explanation of the plan of salvation. I met with the entire family for about two and a half hours reading the Bible and answering questions. In the end her father made a decision and the others seemed to be very close to making the step."

Presently the Combs, the John Crafts and the Sam Wilkinsons are serving in the Tubarao, Santa Catarina, Brazil area. They are using English lessons, visitation and radio programming to spread the gospel in their area. The Wilkinson family has been requested by the field council to move back to the Sao Paulo area and work in youth camps. They plan to move to the farm property in Jaboticabal in June or July. This will leave the Tubarao work with the Crafts and Combs.

## south india association

*Kotagiri, S. India*—South India Free Will Baptist association of churches met at Mettupalayam on January 26 of this year where Mr. Augustin Salin, Director of Ambassadors for Christ, spoke to the group of about 60 members. Pastor D. Dorairaj indicated

## sunday school in tubarao



many new decisions such as a new ministry in Coimbatore, a three months' training for deacons and the licensing of a new preacher. He also indicated that souls have been saved recently and are awaiting baptism which they planned for Easter Sunday.

## first baptismal

*Ivory Coast, Africa*—Missionary Jimmy Aldridge reports their first baptismal in Bondoukou on Easter Sunday. Seven adults were baptized including the married couple that runs the FWB bookstore in Bondoukou. Writes Jimmy, "So far as I know, these were the first believers to be baptized in the history of the world in Bondoukou." This is a very significant step in the process of establishing a lasting church in this area.

## summer missionaries

*Nashville, Tenn.*—A record number of college students have been approved for summer missionary service in three countries.

Judy Hovis of Richmond Heights, Mo. will be helping the Tom Willey, Jr. family in Panama.

Following up the Good News Team and assisting Wesley Calvery in Sapporo, Japan will be Virginia Bays of Webbville, Ky., Linda Potter of Atkins, Ark. and Wayne Patton of Wheelersburg, Ohio.

## summer missionaries



Five students will be going to Brazil. Lorna Merrill of Whitefield, N. H. and Pam Orr of Roan Mountain, Tenn. will be under the supervision of Ken Eagleton in the Araras area. Jim Moser of E. Wenatchee, Wash. and Tom Oster of Johnson City, Ill. will serve in the newly opened area of Barbacena with the Bobby Aycocks. Missionaries Jim Combs and John Craft in the Santa Catarina work will have the assistance of Dennis Owen of Winter Haven, Fla.

These summer missionaries will serve approximate ten week terms beginning in June and are responsible for raising their own support and travel expenses to and from the field.

## new system

*Nashville, Tenn.*—After more than twenty years using the old bookkeeping and receipting system, the Foreign Missions Department out of necessity has now installed a computer system. The computer will coordinate with the computer system of the Sunday School Department. Since Mrs. Gladys Sloan took over the bookkeeping department 22 years ago, the yearly income has increased from \$28,-678.14 to a proposed \$844,-460.42 for 1972.

The new system will enable the missions department to keep abreast of pertinent financial information and thereby furnish accurate up-to-date information.

## computer system





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## **missionary conference**

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Moore, Oklahoma—Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and Southern Oaks FWB Church of Oklahoma City sponsored a joint missionary conference March 15-17. Services were conducted at the college during the day and in the church at night.

Each day started with Bible study led by a missionary. Those attending were then divided into four groups, each headed by a missionary, to discuss different aspects of mission work. After this all joined for a panel discussion followed by a morning service.

Those participating in the conference this year from the Foreign Missions Department were the Lonnie Palmers, Africa; the Paul Robinsons, Uruguay; and Fred Hersey, Japan. Roy Thomas represented the Home Missions Department. Several made commitments during the conference.

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## **special services**

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Panama City, Panama—Special Easter week services were held March 29-April 2 in the Panama City FWB Church under the direction of Missionary Thomas Willey, Jr. Special films on the life of Christ and the life of Paul as well as one on the Bible were shown during the week. Each night featured a different speaker. Missionary Bill Fulcher was one of the speakers during the week. Included among special music were some group arrangements played on "bells." Several decisions for Christ were

### *work in panama*



recorded during the week.

Other special services were conducted by Missionary Willey during the week of March 20-26 on the island Isle de Canas. Six made decisions during these special services.

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## **furlough time**

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Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries scheduled to arrive in the U. S. by summer for furloughs include the Dan Cronks, India, the Howard Gages, Ivory Coast, and possibly the Dave Franks, Brazil, in May; the Earnie Deeds, Brazil, and the Jim McLains, Japan, in June. In July the Walter Ellisons are scheduled to arrive from Southern Brazil. The Norman Richards and the Lonnie Sparks, Ivory Coast, plan to arrive in August. Actual arrival dates are unknown at the present.

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## **board meeting**

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Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions is scheduled to meet in Nashville May 22-26. They will hear reports from the various departments, plan budgets, interview prospective and furloughing missionaries, and will receive the reports on recent trips to South America, Europe and the Far East by General Director J. Reford Wilson.

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## **ellisons rejoice**

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Livramento, Brazil—After a recent visit to the doctor in Campinas where John Ellison has been under treatment for a throat problem, the Walter Ellison family is rejoicing that the

### *the ellisons*



doctor has released John as a "case cured." John will continue to have a yearly examination as a safeguard but all evidence shows it to be a positive cure.

The Ellisons are scheduled for furlough in July. Walter will be speaking at the National Association in Fort Worth. They are presently trying to work out plans for the churches in their area during furlough. They are also giving consideration to their future ministry, perhaps in another area of Brazil.

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## **paynes arrive in africa**

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Ivory Coast, Africa—Arriving in the Ivory Coast on March 11, Missionary Eddie Payne and his family have resumed their work in Doropo, Ivory Coast. The Paynes left the U. S. on February 24 after spending thirteen months in the States due to a back ailment on the part of Mrs. Payne. Their current mailing address is Mission Protestante Evangelique, B. P. 20 Bouna, Ivory Coast, West Africa.

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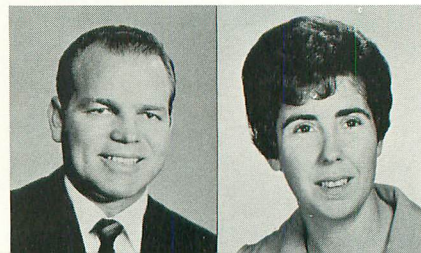
## **dr. winkle visits africa**

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Seattle, Washington—Dr. and Mrs. Ronnie Winkle returned March 16 from a short visit with missionaries in Ivory Coast, Africa. While in Doropo, Ivory Coast, Dr. Winkle and his wife visited Missionary Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley. They were able to assist Dr. Miley in the hospital on a few cases. Mrs. Winkle is a nurse.

Dr. Winkle commented on the work being done, "There is rarely a case of closed doors in a Lobi village as a result of our medical work . . . I think Dr. Miley's opportunity to share the gospel with the people in Doropo has given him a key

### *dr. & mrs. winkle*





place in reaching these people."

Presently Dr. Winkle is working in a rehabilitation center near Seattle, Washington. He is a graduate of FWBBC class of 1957.

### fmf student retreat

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Gathering at Na-Co-Me campgrounds about 60 miles from Nashville April 7-9 for the annual FWBBC Foreign Missions Fellowship retreat were FMF members and other students from Free Will Baptist Bible College. More than 112 were present for the special retreat which used the theme "How Shall They Hear?"

Missionaries Fred Hersey and Bobby and Geneva Poole, Director of Communications Don Robirds, Home Missions Field Missionary E. B. Ledlow, and independent missionary Patsy Tyson were present to share in the weekend event.

The Reverend Rufus Coffey, Executive Secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists, delivered the final message of challenge on "The Second Coming of Christ and Missions."

### special notes

**John and Connie Craft**, Tubarao, Brazil, have a new baby girl born on March 25. Andrea Leigh Craft weighed in at 9 pounds.

**Joyce King**, Good News Team member, recently had an emergency appendectomy while on a special assignment on the island of Hokkaido, northern Japan.

### fmf retreat



### inscoes end training

**Detroit, Mich.**—The Larry Inscoes, missionary appointees, have just about completed their missionary training at Missionary Internship in this city. They will terminate their nine-month program this month, and will begin immediately their itinerate services to raise necessary financial support for their travel and missionary expenses in Panama.

Larry and Priscilla come from the North Carolina area and hope to get the majority of their support from that area. They will need at least \$10,000 cash and \$1,200 per month in faith promise support.

### call-a-thon

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Offerings called in to the foreign missions office for Call-a-thon on Sunday, April 16 totaled \$9,448.22. Although disappointed that this fell so short of the goal of \$20,000, the mission staff is grateful to those churches who responded.

The greatest single offering of \$542.24 was called in by St. John's FWB Church in Patrick, S.C.

It is hoped that the final figure will be much higher since many churches send in their offering without calling in. The total shown and the churches listed are only those who did call.

The following churches called in offerings Sunday, April 16, Call-a-thon Sunday:

**Alabama**  
First, Sylacauga  
First, Opelika  
Center Point,  
Birmingham  
Whiterock, Phenix City  
Forestdale, Birmingham  
Spring Hill, Gordon  
Hickory Grove,  
Abbeville  
E. Birmingham

Mt. Zion, Pell City  
Decatur  
Fairview, Leeds  
Russellville  
Cedrom Grove, Carbon  
Hill  
Pocahontas, Carbon  
Hill

**Arizona**  
Trinity, Phoenix

### the inscoes



### Arkansas

First, Russellville  
Union Grove, Atkins  
Sutton, Pocahontas  
Catcher, Van Buren  
Oak Park, Pine Bluff  
Pine Hill, Star City  
Pocahontas  
Victory, Springdale  
Plainview  
**California**  
Lompoc  
Greenfield  
Garden Grove  
Sherwood Forest, El  
Sobranite  
Santa Paula

### Florida

Malone  
Shiloh, Bratt  
Damascus, Marianna  
Harmony, Lake Butler  
Piney Grove, Chipley  
First, Auburndale  
Beulah, Pensacola  
St. John's, Perry  
First, Ocala  
First, Milton  
Sewanee Springs,  
Live Oak

### Georgia

First, Tifton  
Corinth, Alma  
Pine Level, Alma  
Ebenezer, Glennville  
First, Thomaston  
Whitehall, Waycross  
First, Brunswick  
Arlington  
Alabama, Blackshear  
Christian Hill, Rochelle  
White Oaks, Macon  
Trinity, Mauk

### Illinois

Union Grove, Galatia  
Waltonville  
Bethel, S. Roxana  
Oak Hill, Ewing  
Ina  
Bakerville, Mt. Vernon  
Harmony, Benton

### Indiana

Emmanuel, Wabash  
Chesterfield First,  
Anderson

### Kansas

First, Wichita Falls

### Kentucky

First, Glasgow  
Toler

### Michigan

First, Benton Harbor  
Fellowship, Taylor  
Fifteen Miles, Sterling  
Park

### W. Wayne

Adrian  
Kirby, Taylor  
Bethel, Dearborn  
Grace, Taylor

### Minnesota

First, St. Paul

### Mississippi

Antioch, Randolph  
Popular Springs, Iuka  
Lovewell, Richton

### Missouri

First, Farmington  
New Harmony, Greentop  
Hazel Creek, Kirksville  
Fellowship, Flat River  
Hurryville  
Copper Mines,  
Fredericktown  
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana  
Grant Ave., Springfield  
Buffalo  
**New Hampshire**  
Littleton

### call-a-thon



### North Carolina

Stacy  
Mt. Olive, Plymouth  
Faith, Cary  
Ben Ave., Kannapolis  
Trinity, Greenville  
First, Marion  
First, Raleigh

### Ohio

First, Springfield  
Dayville, Waverly  
Headquarters,  
Mechanicsburg  
Community, Canal  
Fulton  
Rosedale, W. Jefferson  
Germany Hollow,  
Wheelersburg  
Tick Ridge,  
Wheelersburg  
Powellsville, Franklin  
Furnace  
Antioch, Wheelersburg  
First, Toledo  
Westside, Columbus  
First, Dayton  
Urbana

### Oklahoma

First, McAlester  
Capitol Hill, Okla. City  
Henrietta  
Hall, Antlers  
Silver City  
First, Moore  
First, Tulsa  
Trinity Temple, Tulsa  
Sand Springs

### South Carolina

Tabernacle, Cowart  
First, Chester  
St. John's, Patrick  
First, Florence  
Poplar Hill, Hemingway

### Tennessee

Donelson, Nashville  
First, Jackson  
Horton Heights,  
Nashville  
Good Springs,  
Pleasant View  
Morgan Branch Chapel,  
Roan Mountain  
Oak Ridge

### First, Erwin

Faith, Manchester  
Sylvan Park, Nashville  
Donbar, Indian Mound  
E. Nashville  
Shady Grove,  
Clarksville  
Friendship, Ashland City  
New Hope, Pleasant  
View

### Oak Lawn, Pleasant

### View

### Portland

### First, Memphis

### Trinity, Nashville

### Texas

Pine Prairie, Huntsville  
First, Pampa  
First, Waco  
First, Austin  
Christ, Corpus Christi  
First, Garland

### Virginia

Bethel, Hampton  
Calvary, Sterling  
Bloss Memorial,  
Arlington  
First, Richmond

### West Virginia

Kilsyth  
Dry Branch  
Wevaco  
Winifred  
Pleasant Valley,  
Barboursville  
First, Chesapeake



# view from this side

## editor's catchall

### WITH THE WILL THERE'S A WAY

We've often heard the old adage "where there's a will, there's a way." It certainly makes sense when one looks at the prospects of continued giving to God's program of world evangelism. How better could one leave a legacy of genuine interest in the lost around the world than through a will naming missions the benefactors?

Such has been the case recently. One lady in Kentucky had told her pastor and friends in the church she wanted her estate to be divided equally between Free Will Baptist foreign and home missions. She had written a note to this effect and placed it with her will. Before her will could be changed, however, she died in an accident. A jury ruled in favor of the note, but for nearly three years it has awaited the ruling by the judge. It may be several years before the money is received, but it is "reserved for the Lord."

Another lady, a retired school teacher, has included Free Will Baptist foreign missions to share equally with two other religious organizations in her estate. The estate consists largely of savings.

On March 26 in Bristol, Virginia, "Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Wagner Day" was observed at Temple FWB Church. The special services featured the deciation of Wagner Memorial Library in the church and the presentation from the Wagners' estate of a cash gift to the FWB Children's Home and a cash gift of \$500 to FWB Foreign Missions.

Seeing the wisdom of being good stewards of that which God has provided them, these people have made their commitment not only "until death" but "after death." Yes, where there's a WILL—there's a way!

Have you ever given consideration to such a possibility? Perhaps you could give more people spiritual life after you have gone to be with the Lord than you did during your life. Legal assistance can be provided for this purpose through the Foreign Missions Department if desired. Write for information to the Director of Finance, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

## konference korner

Henry Van Kluyve

### VARIETIES

As you enter the store, you glance over the shelves and discover a variety of toothpastes, deodorants, shave creams, etc. Different colors, shapes and sizes catch the eye. You see, producers know that a variety is needed to attract people.

What about applying this to your missionary conference? If the word "conference" doesn't strike a live chord then try "crusade." Maybe you could use the term "missionary revival", "missionary miracles", "send the light crusade" or "missions in action."

Try using variety as you plan the special services. For instance, a youth breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. will add spice and at the same time involve your young people. Sunday school teachers could have a missionary luncheon using the hours from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Or you could plan an evening dinner meeting perhaps from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. to include all church officers. If the missionary wife is present, the woman's auxiliary could plan a special luncheon get-together for all the ladies of the church. Of course, at all of these functions the missionary would be the speaker.

Why not begin using some variety as you prepare for your foreign missions emphasis? Keep in mind, though, that prayer is vital! Cottage prayer meetings the week prior to the crusade should be planned.

Someone has said, "Structure without dynamics is worthless. Skeletons no matter how arranged are still a boneyard without the breath of God." So liven up your activities and employ some varieties, but make sure they are bathed in prayer and empowered by the Spirit of God.

## payne's people





# 'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

## A DECADE OF PROGRESS

An estimated 148,000 people will read this issue of *Heartbeat*. The majority of the readers will be members of Free Will Baptist churches. Many have been reading *Heartbeat* since its first issue, January 1961. Reverend Rolla Smith, General Director, wrote in that issue, "Look Back, Look Abroad, Look Ahead." He wrote, "I trust that among Free Will Baptists there is a determination to press on together and seek by faith, prayer, giving and every other means to accomplish great things this year toward world evangelization."

In that year we had 41 missionaries in five countries and eight of these were new missionaries in language study. Of these 41, seven have returned to ministries in the States. God has sent others so that now 80 Free Will Baptist missionaries serve in seven countries and many national workers labor in Cuba and Spain.

February 19, 1962, I walked through the doors of the national office building at 3801 Richland Avenue and began my duties as general director of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. A new thrust was made to involve the "grass roots", the local church in worldwide evangelism. God had given me a team of workers dedicated to fulfill the great commission. An emphasis on annual missionary conferences in local churches made necessary a fulltime director of deputation.

In these past ten years, we have seen the awakening of a denomination to its missions calling. The requests for missionary services are more than our missionary personnel can fulfill. Pastors see beyond their city limits and county lines to foreign fields where people do not know that only through Jesus Christ is

the forgiveness of their sins. College students have again become sensitive to spiritual needs and see the mission field as an opportunity to fulfill their holy calling. Sunday school teachers and training leaders challenge young people with the command of Christ to take His gospel to other nations. This is a thrilling development to sense the work of the Holy Spirit in our churches as He worked in the church at Antioch to send forth Saul and Barnabas.

The potential of Free Will Baptist churches is for greater things. The states of North Carolina and Tennessee exceeded \$100,000 in giving to foreign missions in 1971. This is commendable but only ten churches giving as some of the churches gave would exceed this amount. What if 50 churches in each of these states gave accordingly!

Young men and women are saying as Isaiah said, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Our goal is 100 new missionaries for this decade. God has already given us 16 of that number. The day of foreign missions for Free Will Baptists is not over. It has just begun! Men to "stand in the gap" are still needed. They may not perform the same duties of 19th century missionaries but they will go with the same message. There can be no slowing down of the missionary process but in the tempo of the times there must be a speeding up to make the Message known.

In April, I was with our missionaries in India to counsel with them regarding our future ministry in the sub-continent. I was evaluating with our missionaries in Japan the special services of the Good News Team. You, our *Heartbeat* readers, are my helpers. As I minister to these serving in the regions beyond, I need the wisdom and power of God. Physical strength and spiritual stamina are essential to be able to do the job effectively. Stand faithfully with us to reach the millions who have yet to hear.

# financial facts

## THROUGH MARCH 1972

ON DEPOSIT MARCH 1	\$228,915.51
RECEIPTS thru MARCH 31	194,951.63
DISBURSEMENTS thru MARCH 31	198,754.68
PROJECTED RECEIPTS thru MARCH 31	211,115.10
TOTAL 1972 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	844,460.42

## MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS\*

Aldridge	\$ 9,044.27	Sparks	\$(3,877.20)
Aycock	7,101.15	Stevens	676.20
Barker	2,629.36	Sturgill	3,023.45
Bryan	4,175.61	Waid	4,205.70
Calvery	6,154.46	Wilkinson	6,939.02
Combs	16,209.92	M. Willey	967.79
Condit	1,082.23	Willey, Jr.	4,668.95
Coscia	3,654.91	Africa Bible	
Cousineau	(336.74)	Inst.	313.80
Craft	1,942.56	Africa Med.	
Cronk	1,735.20	Bldg.	274.67
Deeds	7,273.44	Audio Vis.	1,306.95
Eagleton	15,744.36	Brazil	
Ellison	3,978.35	Ch. Bldg.	
Franks	8,303.08	Loan Fd.	50.00
Fulcher	2,236.06	Brazil Inst.	476.48
Gage	7,428.14	Brazil Veh.	1,789.17
Haas	(1,407.61)	India	
Hanna	29,341.97	Refugee	3,805.56
Hersey	3,099.42	Japan	
Hughes	2,070.74	Land Fd.	
Inscoe	656.98	Tokyo	110.00
Lee	2,562.51	Operation	
Mayhew	408.64	Fund	23,023.52
Merkh	1,054.17	Proj. 5000	2,975.00
Miley	8,457.88	Repatriation	3,370.73
McLain	(1,429.85)	S. India	2,007.11
Palmer	7,713.99	Spain	3,828.01
Payne	337.36	Students for	
Pinkerton	473.65	Japan	4,130.01
Poole	6,178.11	Summer Miss.	461.31
Richards	(827.24)	Trust Fund	2,589.74
Robinson	6,029.26	Willey Mem.	
Sexton	6,451.61	Loan Fd.	3,532.37

## STATE QUOTAS—1972

STATE	RECEIPTS THROUGH MAR. 31	QUOTA	UNDER/ OVER (+) QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 5,487.08	\$30,000.00	\$24,512.92
Arizona	244.36	4,500.00	4,255.64
Arkansas	7,603.05	32,000.00	24,396.95
California	7,520.92	48,500.00	40,979.08
Canada	111.00	650.00	539.00
Colorado	147.33	2,250.00	2,102.67
Florida	6,714.09	21,500.00	14,785.91
Georgia	6,600.38	37,500.00	30,899.62
Hawaii	277.20	650.00	372.80
Idaho	98.04	1,950.00	1,851.96
Illinois	5,513.89	24,000.00	18,486.11
Indiana	1,950.80	6,600.00	4,649.20
Iowa	166.50	3,000.00	2,833.50
Kansas	1,412.69	7,500.00	6,087.31
Kentucky	4,169.53	17,000.00	12,830.47
Louisiana	24.00	1,950.00	1,926.00
Maine	231.00	2,400.00	2,169.00
Maryland	118.40	1,500.00	1,381.60
Michigan	14,338.33	72,000.00	57,661.67
Mississippi	3,056.78	16,800.00	13,743.22
Missouri	15,890.94	56,750.00	40,859.06
New Hampshire	539.00	1,500.00	961.00
New Mexico	10.00	1,950.00	1,940.00
North Carolina	32,798.89	102,000.00	69,201.11
Ohio	6,201.22	34,000.00	27,798.78
Oklahoma	17,668.33	73,000.00	55,331.67
Oregon	.00	750.00	750.00
South Carolina	13,545.32	55,000.00	41,454.68
Tennessee	27,970.99	93,500.00	65,529.01
Texas	1,806.78	20,000.00	18,193.22
Virginia	6,570.52	35,000.00	28,429.48
Washington	203.11	1,950.00	1,746.89
West Virginia	3,597.36	22,000.00	18,402.64
Miscellaneous	1,336.61	14,810.42	13,473.81

\* Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits



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