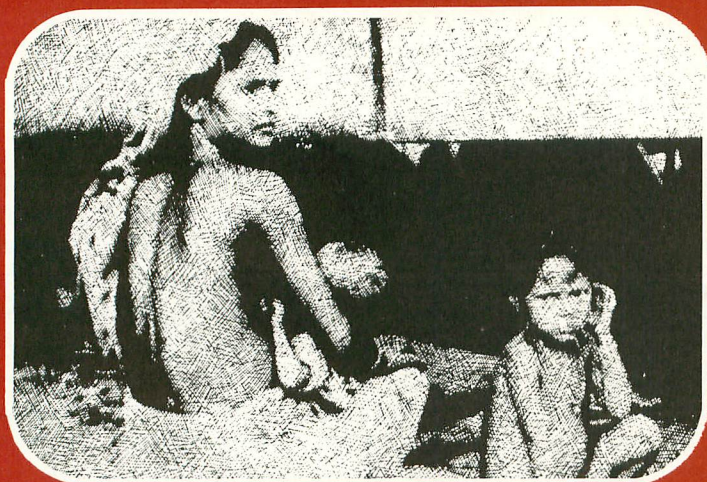
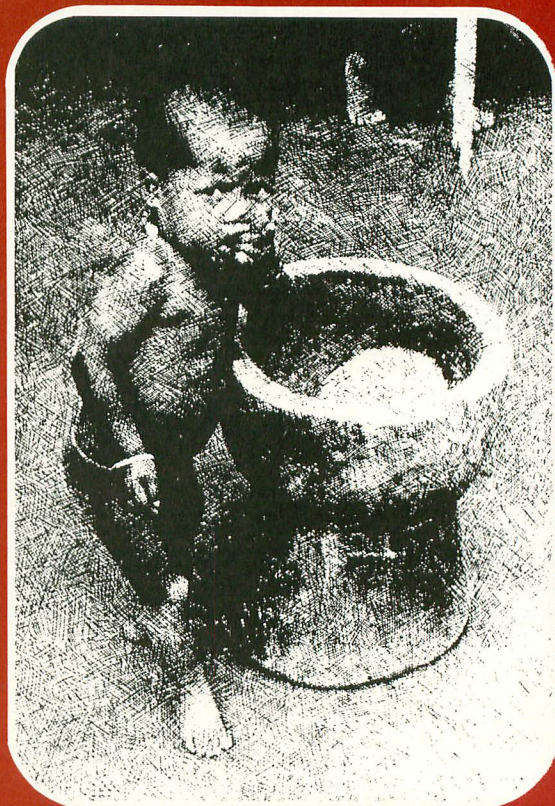
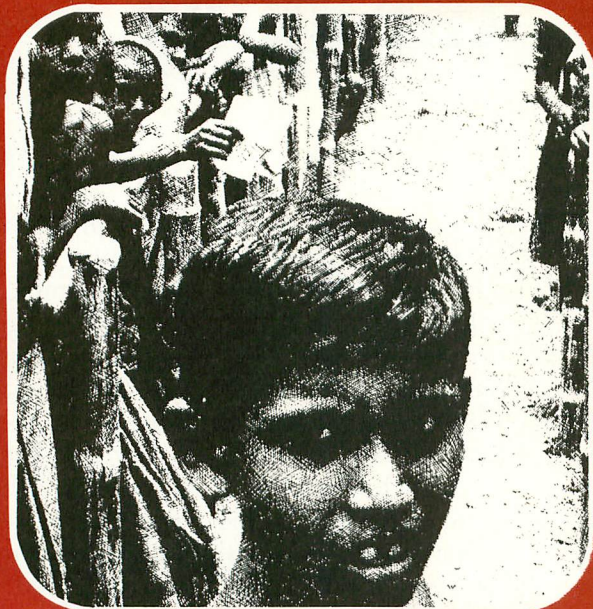
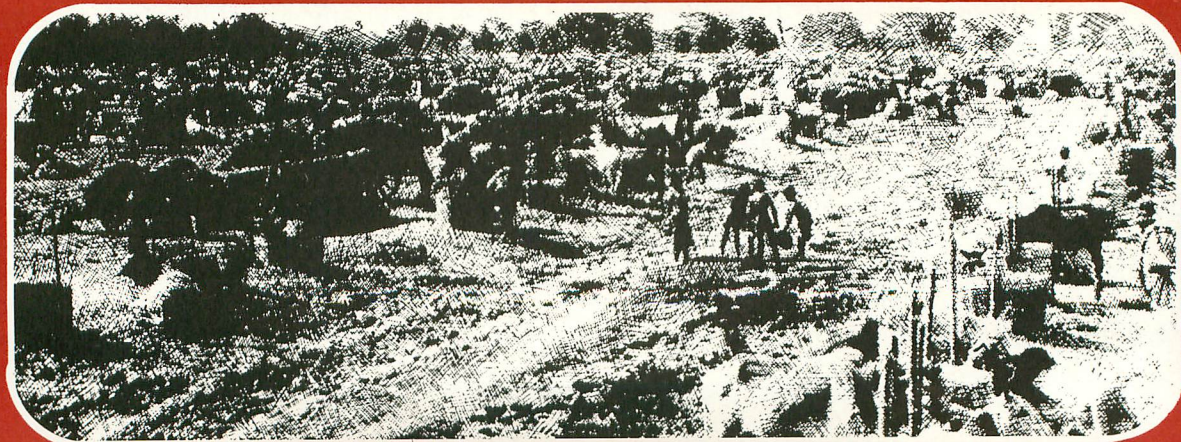


# Heartbeat

SEPTEMBER 1972



**Living despite  
the Dying**







# Living despite the Dying

by Trula Cronk

**L**ow points and glow points are part of personal experience. We are able in the glow points to see the hand of God. We can look back upon the low points and see how they, too, had their reasons for being. Human history also has its high and low spots. The year 1971 was for all of humanity a year of disgrace. Disgrace for the Pakistani soldiers who behaved like beasts. Disgrace for the international community which proved itself powerless and without influence to stop the murder, rape, disemboweling, bayoneting, looting, shooting and burning. A disgrace for us Americans, whose government proved strangely silent through eight long, suffering months.

Our government spoke no public word of condemnation for action in which a leader chosen in a free democratic election was branded a traitor, arrested, tried in secret and sentenced to death while his electorate was terrorized and gruesomely eliminated. Not only were they shot, they were buried alive and fed alive to hungry tigers whose cages were still there beside the mountain of human bones when the liberators arrived. Thirty per cent of Dacca University's 20,000 students lie in mass graves. Three million people died, 10 million fled for their lives and another 20 million who couldn't get out are now destitute.

In East Dinajpur District, the district adjoining ours, 75,000 people died, and of the 2½ million left at least two thirds are classed as destitute. Two hundred thousand women were ravished. A few days after the war ended one Catholic order had already registered 4,000 women who were expecting babies from rape in the Dacca area alone. The babies being born there now are not wanted either by their mothers or by the people around them. Twenty years from now we will reap the bitter fruit of this situation in further tragedy.

These are not just statistics to us who were there, listening to the stories of the refugees and

seeing their agonies as they tried to find any kind of shelter in the pouring rain of the Indian monsoon. Tired, hungry, discouraged, and mostly naked, they slumped under any improvised roof, from a wooden bed on four poles to a simple piece of plastic tied to sticks at the four corners.

I learned how death smells—quite literally. A lot of us did. For the first time in his life Doug Cozart who had spent six years in relief work in Vietnam including the Tet Offensive saw people actually dying there in those Indian refugee camps. He slogged along in ankle deep mud helping us organize a field hospital that we might snatch from the cold grasp of cholera a few living bodies. As we sank exhausted at the end of a 23 hour stretch without sleep or rest, with little food or water and viewed our feeble efforts—a mere drop in that vast ocean of need—we could only ask, "WHY?"

WHY the cry of a teen-aged Christian boy in a field hospital where he had lain between life and death for days. He had been lined up with others (three deep because the soldiers could afford only one shell for three men) and shot, then had been buried alive. Sympathetic villagers had helped him out of his shallow grave and he had managed to get to India before infection put him unconscious.

WHY the cry of a seven-year-old boy as he sat apparently happy at my table eating cookies and drinking milk, but who would go into screaming hysterics at any sound like that of a gun. He had seen his whole village shot up including his parents and grandparents. He and two other boys had managed to get to India, a country which was trying to give food and shelter to all who came. She watched in turn her own reserve food grains dwindle and her own people become restless and frightened as prices shot up and essential commodities disappeared from the markets.

When India, out of desperation, ordered her army into East Pakistan to stop the blood bath and



make it possible for the refugees to go home some thumb-twiddling western governments had the nerve to call her an aggressor. To the refugees and the other millions cowering in fear she was no aggressor. Certainly liberation from the western sector did not solve the grave economic crisis, nor bind up the wounds of those left maimed, nor bring solace to those who had lost their loved ones, but it did bring hope to the millions of refugees squatting in the squalor of the camps. Suddenly they were no longer poor refugees but bonafide citizens of a free country. I stood in the door of a shop and watched them on their victory parade in the small town where we lived. I alternately wept and laughed as they shouted, "Joi Bangla!" They could laugh again because they had come through alive and they had a place to go.

It was not a very happy place, mind you, but it did hold promise that there they could begin to rebuild their shattered lives. Toni Haagen, Swiss U.N. chief said, "All disaster relief operations in the past have no comparison with the magnitude of the task in Bangla Desh."

But I don't propose to discuss Bangla Desh nor to indict Pakistan alone. The whole world stands guilty. We have our own Mai Lais. The experiences of the last few years should have convinced us that we can expect to live in a state of revolution from here on out. Change with new dimensions has been introduced and we can never expect anything else. How could we expect tranquility in a world perched on the brink of disaster?

For a Christian there is no place nor time to withdraw into a peaceful, restful, rustic, pastoral kind of contentment. Non-involvement brings the Christian and the church he represents into disrepute. We must learn to live in a pluralistic society without partaking of anything that smacks of syncretism. As neighbors we ought to seek human goals in common with all those who are trying to make a better world in which to live. We ought to realize that the protesters, the revolutionaries are often fighting the same evils, the same decline in human values that we fight. But we must never accept as final any solution that does not go to the root of the problem. That root is sin!

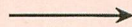
Being a satisfied, contented Christian can, unfortunately, become a curtain behind which one

evades the real battle. It would be very easy to turn anti-intellectual because advance in knowledge has not enhanced the quality of life as we expected it would. Advance in medicine has led to massive problems of overpopulation, advance in industry has led to progressive deterioration in environment, and advance in science has led to the threat of nuclear war. Because of these obvious problems and due to disillusionment with a materialistic society many young people are turning from reason as an acceptable way of life. They are turning oftentimes to superstition, to the occult, or to the mystic religions of the east for an answer to the human problems we all face.

Last year we had people in our home from over 20 nations and almost as many languages. Some of them were the disillusioned young of the west come out to India in the hope of finding some reality outside themselves.

We are people of our time and however much we may disapprove, we are part of the intellectual and moral confusion of our age. And we are influenced by it. We cannot disassociate ourselves from the world's problems by wishing. In fact, it is God's purpose that His children be in the world at this time. It is a time of judgment. Romans 1:24 has never been more true. "God gives them up." Man refuses to accept divinely revealed purpose and spends his time trying to make some other sense out of life. He does not know that apart from revealed purpose which is to glorify God, life becomes a kaleidoscope always changing. And any attempt to fix a pattern for it will always end in frustration. "God gives them up." Man in his self-seeking defiance has fallen into divine judgment.

Judgment does not consist of God's striking a man dead but in His giving him up—leaving him to his own way, to his own wretchedness and compelling him to pursue his own way to the very end. There is nothing worse than a man left to his



### WNAC BANQUET ADDRESS

Given by Trula Cronk  
in Ft. Worth, Texas



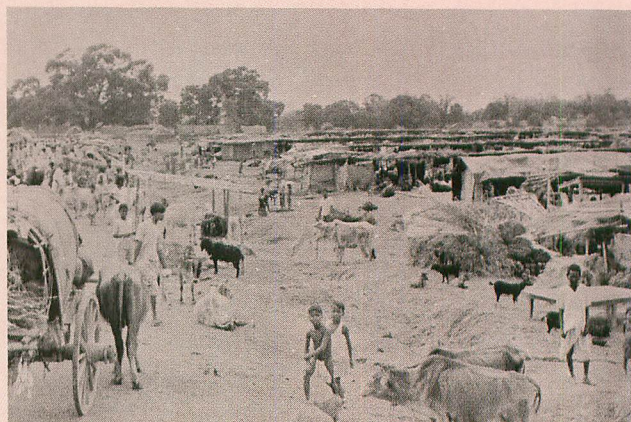


own way—just as there is nothing worse than a child left to his own way. Both men and children left to their own way become savage. Bangladesh is only one example of where man's own way takes him. When a man is left to himself those wonderful instincts and energies which were intended for fellowship with God turn in upon him and he becomes the victim of his own self seeking. God leaves rebellious men to their own consequences; they must drink the drugged cup to the last drop . . . the wages of sin is death. On every continent, in every land there is evidence that the wages are being paid—in full.

DEATH is symbolic of our culture. Our world smells of death. Our artists see it, our musicians feel it, and our writers describe it. Some of us rather piously condemn them for being the authors of morbidity and despair. They are not the authors; they merely describe. Louis Mumford in his book *The Myth of the Machine* says that our culture is death oriented. It's a point well taken. Many of the serious writers of the last century have been telling us the same thing. James Thomson found himself, because of his atheism, in a *City of Dreadful Night*. Joseph Conrad depicted civilization as engulfed in a pitch black *Heart of Darkness*. T. S. Elliot looked up from his *Wasteland* and saw his religious beliefs go p-s-s-s-t! James Joyce frankly listed himself among *The Dead* in his book by that name. T. S. Elliot's famous lines, "We are hollow men . . . head pieces filled with straw" testify to man's death penalty.

Many writers, writing out of their despair, have concluded that we are mere animals. William Golding wrote his *Lord of the Flies* in which he attempts to trace the defects of society back to the defects of the individuals, the flies, if you please. Eugene O'Neil sees us as *The Hairy Ape*; Delmar Swartz as the *Heavy Bear*, Robert Penn Warren as a *Brother to Dragons* while Kalka descends to the drains to depict man as a lowly cockroach.

I am not depressed by the tale our artists sing, neither do I despise them for putting a mirror to our culture, for that's exactly what the Bible does. "All creation," the scriptures say, "is groaning in travail, longing to be set free from its bondage to decay." Eighteenth century thinkers ignored this to predict a golden future, man ruling himself by reason: one utopia after another. But God really meant it when He said, "HE THAT HATH NOT THE SON HATH NOT LIFE." Should we quarrel with our writers for telling us the same thing? It is because



they are one with these dead men that they go on quoting back and forth to one another ideas like that reflected in Paul Simon's "Patterns". He says in effect, "I can see myself in the unalterable pattern of life, destined to follow just 'like a rat in the maze' this same old pattern until I die."

But that is not the whole story. God has not made a closed system. The pattern can alter. Christ can come into man's heart and give it the beat of an abundant life. God has given us an organic life which we share with plants and animals. He has given us an intellectual life which we share with all mankind, but in Christ He offers man the crowning life, a spiritual life which only those in Christ can know. God really means it when he says, "HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE." It is time that living men in our culture started telling the other side of the story in words that our world can understand. I am sure that I have partaken of this abundant life and am no longer a part of the dead men because daily I become more alive. Though I creak in some joints and ache in others, deep inside where I really live I have never been more aware that God is wise, good, just, transcendent, and that His ways are right whether I understand them or not. Many times this past year I did not understand His ways, but I learned to accept them. In all those nine months of horror I never for one moment forgot the judgment of God nor doubted His justice. Man is guilty. Man is reaping the wages of sin. But amidst all the death, God offers to any man who will accept His terms the privilege of being alive. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature." We who have taken Him at His promise are new creatures, alive in a world full of color, music, dance, and festival, but it is also a world throbbing in anguish and despair.

Because I am alive I am more aware of the





agony and the lostness of the dead men in our world. I never for one moment lose sight of the fact that a very great number of people in the world never get enough to eat. My pillow is sometimes wet with the tears I shed over the grief in the world. But I do not alleviate suffering by pulling a long face myself. I don't escape death by refusing to live. I do not make life brighter by cataloguing its horrors. We are alive in a world which is a sad, sick, sorry mess where the eyes of suffering millions speak a heartrending speech of despair. If it were not for revelation, optimism in our present world would be a leap in the dark. Because of revelation and our experience of new life in Christ we know how it's all going to end. Out of all the mess Christ is going to triumph.

We've been in the shadow the last year and nothing we can do will atone for the depths to which man descended. In the 20-odd years in the east we have learned a lot about the raw gutty situations where most men live, but nothing in all that 24 years prepared us for last year. Often I wanted to run away, away from seeing and hearing of the grief around me, but I did not. I knew that if I were less alive among the scenes of grief than I would be away from it all, then I was basing my life on something other than the new life Christ had given me. There is an abandonment in all true living, an unfurling of the sail, a letting go. I like Dorothy Canfield Fisher's philosophy where she says, "If ye just about half live, ye just the same as half die." I know only too well that even one alive in Christ cannot sail always in a sea of bliss. Sometimes our bodies are painful. Sometimes we have to be lonely with Jesus. But if you are not from time to time bathed in an incommunicable joy, you are less alive than you ought to be.

We resent it when our writers relegate us to the

autopsy room along with their dead characters without checking for the vital signs: pulse, respiration, blood pressure, the beating heart. It is our own fault if they pile us alive into their mass graves. When one is filled with the Spirit, the abundant life which Christ gives, he is too alive to be accidentally mistaken for the dead. If you are less alive than you ought to be, what you need is not a charismatic experience, you need only more of Christ. That which integrates life, which fills the void at the center is Christ.

One of the wonderful things about being a Christian is that we may always be what we might have been. Don't misunderstand, we may not do what we might have done but we can always be all that we will allow Christ to make us—perfect in Christ Jesus.

Life is a hundred times too short for us to miss any part of it. We must not isolate ourselves from the rich tapestry that God is weaving with all His children—His children of other races, cultures, languages, and denominations. Life is too precious for us to deny ourselves any part of it. If we do, it is we who are the poorer. Identification with the ways of the world is surely non-Christian but identification with the sinner in the world is Christ-like. Our job is to invite men and women to live new lives in Christ Jesus, but we must ourselves be examples of that life.

It is true that we are all refugees—refugees from a dying world order. There may be the smell of death about us because we are as living souls plucked out of the heap of the dying—brands plucked from the fire with its odor still about us. We are refugees because our hope is not in anything this world has to offer. This world stands under judgment—God's judgment for rejecting His Son. And God's judgment is death.

The time to die may come when life is at its sweetest but for one alive in Christ there is no death. We have escaped from danger. A MILLION THANKS TO JESUS, WE HAVE A PLACE TO GO. But let's let the world know that we enjoy the journey. Something great hovers on the horizon. It may be catastrophe. It may be triumph. Since the King went away His return has been certain. Now the long awaited event is an exciting possibility. That thought alone ought to quicken our breath, bring color to our cheeks and sparkle to our eyes. It ought to bring a spring of buoyance to our arthritic steps. Let the world make no mistake. We are alive in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

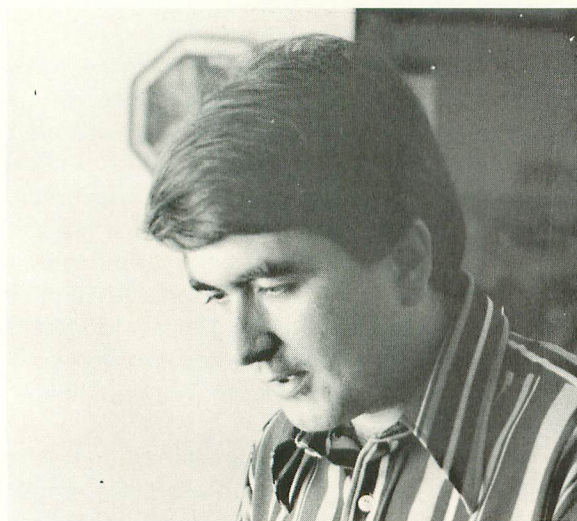


# SPOTLIGHT:

**VALDIR MARQUES DA SILVEIRA**

**--Object of God's grace**

**--Subject to God's call**



**T**o a foreigner, Americans may appear somewhat "distant" at times. They sometimes may be critical or cynical. But to Valdir Marques da Silveira there were a few "who cared" and as a result this Brazilian from Porto Alegre, Brazil, and his wife found Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Valdir and his family migrated to the U. S. about two years ago and settled in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area. Through some Brazilian friends whom he met in the area and some returned New Tribes missionaries in the Free Will Baptist church in St. Paul, Valdir came in contact with the gospel. The Reverend Bob Francis, pastor, had the privilege of being directly involved in Valdir's conversion.

Valdir, 24, and his wife Renir have three children, Silvia, Marcio and Marcello. They come from strong Roman Catholic background in Brazil. But the thing that caught his attention, says Valdir, is "they (Christians) had something I believe they would even die for."



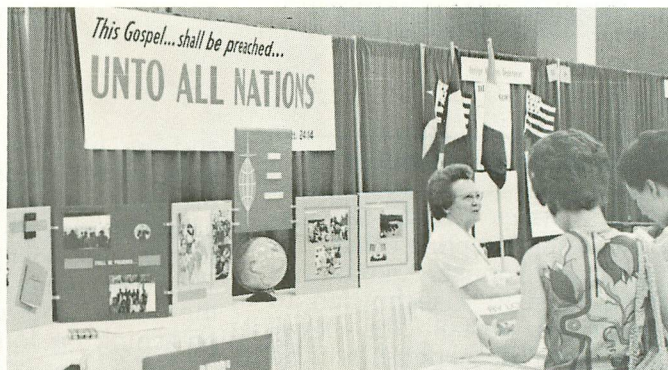
Though they spoke very little English, the Silveiras attended the church several times before their decision for Christ. The Holy Spirit had been dealing with Valdir in a special way the week before his conversion. He had prayed, while driving his car one day, that the Lord would show him something that he could know without a doubt. Already aware that he had to accept Christ as Savior, he told God he would. The following Sunday, God gave him a real desire to go to the Free Will Baptist church instead of the Catholic church. And when the pastor gave the invitation, Valdir claims, "I nearly fell over. For the first time I understood the invitation. I had never heard it before. I asked my wife if she would go and she said she would. When I started to move I was just floating." Though he couldn't understand Pastor Francis, Valdir says he could feel what he was saying. "It was like the Holy Spirit making a bridge between us." Without Valdir's knowledge his wife had already made a decision by telephone.

Now, a little over a year later, Valdir feels the call of God to preach His Word. (He has already preached in English five times.) And more specifically he desires to return to his people and help them to find the truth as he has found it. Already he has shared these truths with his family by correspondence. His father, mother, two sisters and 80-year-old grandmother in Porto Alegre have now been saved.

God only knows the effect this conversion will have on others, here and in Brazil, for this is missions in reality. This is part of God's program to reach the world. Some exchange student, foreign visitor, or foreign neighbor might be reached for Christ by any Christian. Who knows, it might be someone like Valdir.



# Foreign Missions in Fort Worth



The 36th annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in Fort Worth, Texas during the week of July 10-13. More than 3,000 Free Will Baptists were on hand to view displays, meet old and new friends, participate in business sessions and hear challenges from God's Word.

The Foreign Missions Department display featured the slogan, "This gospel . . . shall be preached . . . unto all nations." Free literature representing all the fields was received by many of those attending. More than 1,000 "Djoro!" booklets were given away.

General Director J. Reford Wilson gave his report on Wednesday morning, July 12. Giving brief reports from their fields were Jim McLain, Japan; Dan Cronk, India; Dave Franks, Brazil; Howard Gage, Ivory Coast; Paul Robinson, Uruguay; and Joe Haas, France. The assembly approved a record foreign missions budget of \$963,512.00 for 1973.

Trula Cronk was special speaker for the WNAC Banquet on Monday evening and Don Robirds spoke at the 11:00 o'clock hour on Tuesday, using

the theme of the auxiliary, "Proclaim His Name."

The Wednesday evening missionary service featured the introduction of some six special and 29 regular missionaries from the foreign department and some 21 home missionaries plus two Christians from Hawaii and Mexico respectively.

Mrs. Gladys P. Sloan was awarded a plaque in honor of her more than 22 years with the Foreign Missions Department. She will be retiring at the end of 1972. Walter Ellison, missionary to South Brazil-Uruguay, brought the evening message giving details of the Lord's working in his ministry as well as that of his family. Missionary offering for the night totaled \$3,576.81.

Action taken at the National which will affect the missions department is the withdrawal of Free Will Baptists from the National Association of Evangelicals and its subsidiaries. Directly affected is the relationship of the missions department with Evangelical Foreign Missions Association. The body granted permission to continue this relationship during this year.

The Reverend Raymond Riggs was re-elected to serve on the foreign missions board.





# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## equipment to be installed

*Doropo, Ivory Coast*—Dr. LaVerne Miley reports that Dr. Nystrom of Topeka, Kansas, has agreed to send a technician to Doropo to install the x-ray equipment. The expense will be covered by Dr. Nystrom, who originally donated the machine for use in the Ivory Coast.

Dr. Miley continues to urge Free Will Baptists to pray "for another doctor soon."

## door opener in tubarao

*Tubarao, Brazil*—Missionaries Shirley Combs, Connie Craft and June Wilkinson recently sponsored a "coke in" in the Combs home. Thirteen attended and heard a Brazilian pastor's wife speak on the subject, "Is the Bible for or against the total liberation of the modern woman?" The ladies planned to sponsor another on the "Four Spiritual Laws" at a later date.

## prayer answered

*Goumere, Ivory Coast*—Since Archie Mayhew made a request for people to pray for the chief and village of Saroude, God has been at work. Archie writes: "Five have been saved at Saroude since the chief's opposition . . . A girl fourteen years old, demon possessed, is now saved, delivered from demons,

## clinic in doropo



and her mother (though a moslem) is not opposing it." Also, the runaway son of a Nigerian preacher recently made a decision in the village of Sandege. Two old men in Tanda claim they met God during filmstrip preaching on Jonah.

## evangelistic campaign

*Livramento, Brazil*—A special campaign was conducted here June 18-25 with Missionary Jim Combs acting as evangelist. The services were held in the new church building and were all broadcast on radio.

Seven decisions were recorded during the campaign. At the close of the meetings, Missionary "Dub" Ellison baptized eleven adults.

## news briefs

*Agua Buena, Panama*—A new high in Sunday school attendance was recorded in the church here on July 17 when 105 were present in the new church building.

*Bondoukou, Ivory Coast*—The field council here recently agreed to set aside time after lunch on every Thursday to pray for the field of Ivory Coast.

*Livramento, Brazil*—Missionary nurse Molly Barker returned to Livramento recently after about two months in the U. S. on emergency leave. Her father

underwent surgery and has been in serious condition in a North Carolina hospital.

*Sapporo, Japan*—Self-addressed, postage-paid tracts have been placed in 1,000 homes in the vicinity of Airin Chapel. Pray for the response and the followup work to be done.

*Bondoukou, Ivory Coast*—Jimmy Aldridge has reported the first moslem convert in Bondoukou.

## missionaries arrive

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Uniquely three missionary families from the Ivory Coast arrived in the U. S. during the months of July and August. Norman and Bessie Richards arrived with Sherwood and Vada Lee on July 27. The Lonnie Sparkses arrived on August 6. They will soon begin deputational ministries.

## marie hanna home

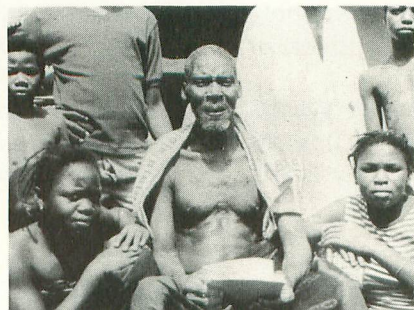
*Nashville, Tenn.*—Missionary Marie Hanna arrived here from North India August 9 with daughter Brenda who will enter Free Will Baptist Bible College this fall. Carlisle and their sons, Donald and Mark are expected to arrive in November for a short furlough.

The Hannas are the only FWB missionaries now in India since the Dan Cronks are also on furlough. Pray for Carlisle as he continues alone.

## three missionary families



## chief of saroude





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### **sturgills delayed**

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*Nashville, Tenn.*—Due to a delay in paper work from the federal offices in Brazil, the Jim Sturgills have been detained in the U. S. awaiting the arrival of the necessary papers. They were scheduled to leave in early July and begin language school early in August. Pray that the Lord will provide a solution to their dilemma.

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### **bryan prepares literature**

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*Bouna, Ivory Coast*—Missionary Robert Bryan has started to print the Koulango translation of Genesis, Joshua and Judges. Robert has been working on a production room for the mimeograph and other equipment. He has also been involved with the production of a revised Lobi primer.

The Bryans are studying the Lobi language as well as doing work among the believers in the area of Bouna.

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### **missions retreat**

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*Nashville, Tenn.*—Thirty-seven missionaries gathered here at Free Will Baptist Bible College August 7-11 with board members and staff for the ninth annual missionary retreat. Missionaries shared their burdens and spent sessions in problem solving, orientation and Bible study. The mission board met during the week with returned missionaries, candidates, and appointees.

Action taken by the board included the approval of Jerry and Barbara Gibbs for Missionary Internship and the assignment of

*missions retreat*



Dock and Norma Caton to the field of Spain.

A planning session was held with Herbert Waid and Fred Hersey. Plans in the Tokyo area include an evangelistic center at Irumagawa and land purchase and construction of a church building for the Iriso church. Costs for the evangelistic center were estimated at \$35,000. The church building would require about \$15,000.

The David Turners submitted their resignation as appointees to Ivory Coast.

The board was notified that Frank Cousineau had accepted secular employment in Ivory Coast, thereby severing his relationship with FWB Foreign Missions.

(Note: Frank has since repented of his action and returned to the U.S. for a special meeting with the board. He was reinstated and returned to the field on August 26.)

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### **church building dedicated**

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*Jaboticabal, Brazil*—Christians here dedicated their new church building recently after Missionary Earnie Deeds had departed for furlough. While still on the field, Earnie was instrumental in initiating the construction of the brick building but was unable to see it completed. The people of the church did much of the construction work.

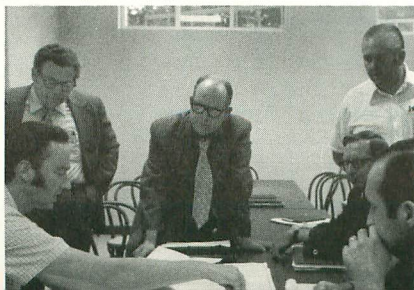
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### **sextons past first step**

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*St. Legier, Switzerland*—The Don Sextons recently completed their first course in the French language school here. They have enrolled for summer classes and will continue their studies in September in Albertville.

*planning for japan*



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### **surgery for emma ruth**

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*Panama City, Panama*—Emma Ruth Willey, missionary wife of Thomas Willey, Jr., underwent a mastectomy the last of June in Panama City. She is reported to be recovering well. The latest laboratory reports were negative.

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### **youth work in brazil**

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*Jaboticabal, Brazil*—Youth Camp was held here during the week of July 10-17. Attending the camp this year were 50 young people from the states of Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais and Santa Catarina.

Among the several who made decisions to receive Christ were three young men from Tubarao, Santa Catarina. Most of the decisions were made by unchurched young people.

Sam and June Wilkinson recently moved from Tubarao, Santa Catarina to the farm property and will be directing youth activities for the entire area.

Plans include youth camps, retreats, Bible study courses in local churches and church conferences dealing with youth problems, parent-child relationships, drugs, etc.

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### **missionaries return**

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*Nashville, Tenn.*—Furlough over, Paul and Amy Robinson departed in mid-July for Uruguay. The Robinsons went via Spain, where they viewed the opportunities for a new mission thrust.

Returning to Japan and Ivory Coast respectively during August were the Fred Herseys and the Lonnie Palmers. Joe and Barbara Haas are scheduled to return to Rennes, France in September.

*youth in brazil*





# view from this side

## editor's catchall

### NEW VANTAGE POINT

THIS WAS my first opportunity to see the National Association from the standpoint of a staff member. What a difference! Work is a mild term for part of it. But there is a tremendous reward in the warmth of people, the fellowship with the missionaries and the cooperative spirit of collaborators. All-in-all it was a tremendous experience to participate in this year's meeting in Fort Worth.

The Woman's Auxiliary graciously asked me to speak at the 11:00 o'clock service on Tuesday, July 11. It was an opportunity to share my heart-burden with those present.

Trula Cronk and Walter Ellison shared their burdens also. Experiences on the field hold deep meaning for those involved. And every missionary would love to share in a way that you, too, might be "involved" with them.

In this issue Trula's words are printed that you might really sense her concern and compassion for souls.

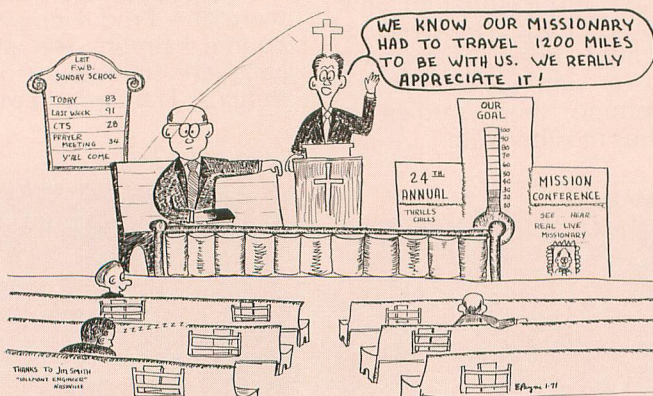
OCTOBER 15 is Literature Sunday. We would like you to plan an emphasis on that Sunday to raise money to help print the Koulango New Testament. We will need something like \$25,000 to be able to get the job done. Plan a special offering, special projects, special "Koulango Bible Day" or something.

We have remaining in stock several of the booklets, *Djoro! Lobi Initiation Rites*, by Genevieve Waddell. It is a fiction story based on facts from the field of Ivory Coast. We would like the young people from our churches to have a copy.

If your church or Sunday school class would make a special effort on Literature Sunday, we will send a dozen booklets to your church for a \$5.00 offering or more. Why not make this a project now?

I HOPE our magazine has not been what it was inadvertently labeled recently. Given permission to reprint an article from a past issue of HEARTBEAT, another publication mistakenly printed the credit line as follows: "by permission of *Heartbreak Magazine*." It almost broke my heart!

## payne's people



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Henry Van Kluyve

### MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The following seven point plan for a missionary conference is contained in a pamphlet published by our department:

1. INTERCEDE—Weeks in advance of the conference organize prayer groups. Call each missionary by name as you pray, especially those participating.

2. PUBLICIZE—Use posters, bulletin inserts, news media, etc., similar to those used for revival efforts.

3. PLAN—Perhaps your church can underwrite the missionary's full support, part of it, or maybe help support several missionaries. Talk it over and have a definite plan!

4. SET A GOAL—The informed pastor knows the needs of the missionary and the church's ability to meet those needs. What is the Lord leading you to do?

5. USE THE FAITH PROMISE PROGRAM—Each church member receives a faith promise card to be turned in at the close of the conference. Encourage Sunday school classes, the Woman's Auxiliary, the Master's Men, CTS groups, the choir, etc. to give through faith promises.

6. PREACH MISSIONARY MESSAGES—The Holy Spirit will move through the preached Word. Emphasize the proper motive in missionary giving and above all seek decisions for foreign missionary service.

7. COMBINE NIGHTLY OFFERINGS—Each missionary should receive an equal share of the nightly offerings.

The success of a missionary conference will depend largely upon the pastor. Every missionary conference should challenge hearts to respond to the call of God to take the gospel to the world.



# 'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

## WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSE?

"Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?" There is no acceptable excuse for non-involvement in foreign missions. "Closed doors" cannot be an excuse. We have open doors to France, Japan, Panama, Brazil, Spain and Ivory Coast. In these areas where Free Will Baptists are ministering we have millions unreached.

"God has not called me" is no excuse. Christ has commanded His church to go. It isn't a question of why should I go but why shouldn't I go? I am practical enough to know that everyone will not be led of the Holy Spirit to go overseas. I do believe, however, that the Holy Spirit has led many to go who have not gone. Because in foreign countries the needs for the gospel are so many, I believe many young people are being directed into foreign missions. In some of our fields, experienced pastors are needed. God is still asking, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Some pastors should respond with, "Here am I, send me."

Those who are willing to go should write for preliminary application forms. After the application is received in our office, references are processed and an interview with the candidate committee is arranged. Our booklet "Compelled by Love" sets forth the qualifications for missions service and will be sent to those requesting it.

"Can't raise my support" is a third excuse given by some for not going to the mission field. The factor of support frightens some missionary candidates. Our system of personalized area support has met with a good response. The faith promise plan has been used successfully by both small and large churches.

Free Will Baptist churches with 75-100 members have given \$200-\$300 per month to foreign missions through the faith promise plan. We have many more churches of this size who can support those whom God sends.

I believe we have areas ripe for harvest. I had a thrilling experience in Abashiri, Japan. The Calverys, McLains and I were overnight guests in a Japanese home. The only son of this family has become a Christian. (He is preparing for the ministry.) Some of the daughters of the family had become Christians and had suffered opposition from their parents when they were baptized. The mother had said she believed but out of respect for her non-Christian husband she had not confessed her faith publicly.

As we sat on the floor around their dinner table, God gave me the opportunity to witness to this father. He told me he had read the Bible but it was hard to understand. It was the opening I had been praying for. I spoke of the difficulty of understanding history and prophecy, but explained that the way of salvation is very plain. Speaking through an interpreter I told him how salvation could come to his house. It was the next morning while holding his grandson in his arms he told us he was "new born." Before leaving this home, we sang "Glory to His Name" and "The Haven of Rest." Hearts were broken, tears were shed, prayers were offered and there was great rejoicing. A prominent Japanese man, 62 years of age, had been converted. I told about his conversion in my message at Sapporo on Sunday morning, and three more Japanese confessed faith in Christ.

I have seen the evidence of the power of the gospel in many lands. It is the message of the Bible which transforms lives. There can be no excuse for not presenting this gospel in every land. God's command is "Go ye into all the world." What excuse have you given?

# financial facts

## THROUGH JULY 31

ON DEPOSIT JULY 1	\$287,070.85
RECEIPTS THRU JULY 31	500,101.72
DISBURSEMENTS THRU JULY 31	467,808.44
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THRU JULY 31	492,371.90
TOTAL 1972 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	844,460.42

## MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS\*

Aldridge	\$10,225.99	Sexton	10,880.32
Aycock	6,423.01	Sparks	930.91
Banks	25.00	Stevens	702.34
Barker	2,870.85	Sturgill	11,821.81
Bryan	4,007.36	Turner	(1,447.74)
Calvery	6,590.52	Waid	4,058.34
Combs	17,603.72	Wilkinson	7,933.42
Condit	269.18	M. Willey	2,175.63
Coscia	3,768.69	Willey, Jr.	6,344.87
Cousineau	(342.16)	Africa Bible	
Craft	199.05	Inst.	313.80
Cronk	4,305.33	Africa Med.	
Deeds	2,869.43	Bldg.	483.52
Eagleton	16,700.86	Audio Vis.	1,808.75
Ellison	(854.48)	Brazil	
Franks	5,620.44	Cr. Bldg.	
Fulcher	1,406.12	Loan Fd.	250.00
Gage	7,415.68	Brazil Inst.	476.48
Haas	7,759.71	Brazil Veh.	89.17
Hanna	29,053.44	Japan	
Hersey	3,678.99	Land Fd.	
Hughes	3,088.80	Tokyo	115.19
Inscoe	(.49)	Operation	
Lee	682.45	Fund	36,078.32
McLain	(672.85)	Proj. 5000	1,113.00
Mayhew	2,326.85	Repatriation	3,370.73
Merkh	(374.11)	S. India	2,040.08
Miley	12,438.86	Spain	3,828.01
Palmer	7,986.51	Students to	
Payne	116.30	Japan	3,894.86
Pinkerton	7,899.56	Summer Miss	1,617.79
Poole	5,293.11	Trust Fund	2,589.74
Richards	(922.97)	Willey Mem.	
Robinson	8,302.05	Loan Fd.	2,377.39

## STATE QUOTAS—1972

STATE	RECEIPTS THROUGH JULY 31	QUOTA	UNDER/ OVER (+) QUOTA
Alabama	\$16,883.81	\$ 30,000.00	\$13,116.19
Arizona	1,300.38	4,500.00	3,199.62
Arkansas	20,550.14	32,000.00	11,449.86
California	16,007.02	48,500.00	32,492.98
Canada	277.00	650.00	373.00
Colorado	392.84	2,250.00	1,857.16
Florida	17,247.57	21,500.00	4,252.43
Georgia	17,526.67	37,500.00	19,973.33
Hawaii	528.20	650.00	121.80
Idaho	190.14	1,950.00	1,759.86
Illinois	14,730.75	24,000.00	9,269.25
Indiana	4,289.69	6,600.00	2,310.31
Iowa	627.10	3,000.00	2,372.90
Kansas	2,936.01	7,500.00	4,563.99
Kentucky	9,723.82	17,000.00	7,276.18
Louisiana	175.00	1,950.00	1,775.00
Maine	566.00	2,400.00	1,834.00
Maryland	512.41	1,500.00	987.59
Michigan	34,702.62	72,000.00	37,297.38
Minnesota	199.29		
Mississippi	7,654.50	16,800.00	9,145.50
Missouri	42,681.70	56,750.00	14,068.30
New Hampshire	812.50	1,500.00	687.50
New Mexico	329.17	1,950.00	1,620.83
North Carolina	77,047.20	102,000.00	24,952.80
Ohio	22,662.71	34,000.00	11,337.29
Oklahoma	43,773.30	73,000.00	29,226.70
Oregon	138.00	750.00	612.00
South Carolina	30,227.41	55,000.00	24,772.59
Tennessee	68,323.58	93,500.00	25,176.42
Texas	7,215.93	20,000.00	12,784.07
Virginia	19,732.75	35,000.00	15,267.25
Washington	840.91	1,950.00	1,109.09
West Virginia	13,305.06	22,000.00	8,694.94
Miscellaneous	5,935.07	14,810.42	8,875.35

\*Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits



## Heartbeat

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**OCTOBER IS LITERATURE MONTH. LITERATURE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 15.**

Literature is one way to intersect the course of the millions who are stampeding toward eternity without hope. Through literature, and especially the Bible in print, we can confront them with the "Good News."

This year we would like to raise funds to print the Koulango New Testament which has been translated by Lonnie Sparks. Plan now to have a special literature emphasis in your church. Do your part to make God's Word available in the native tongue of these people in Ivory Coast, Africa.

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