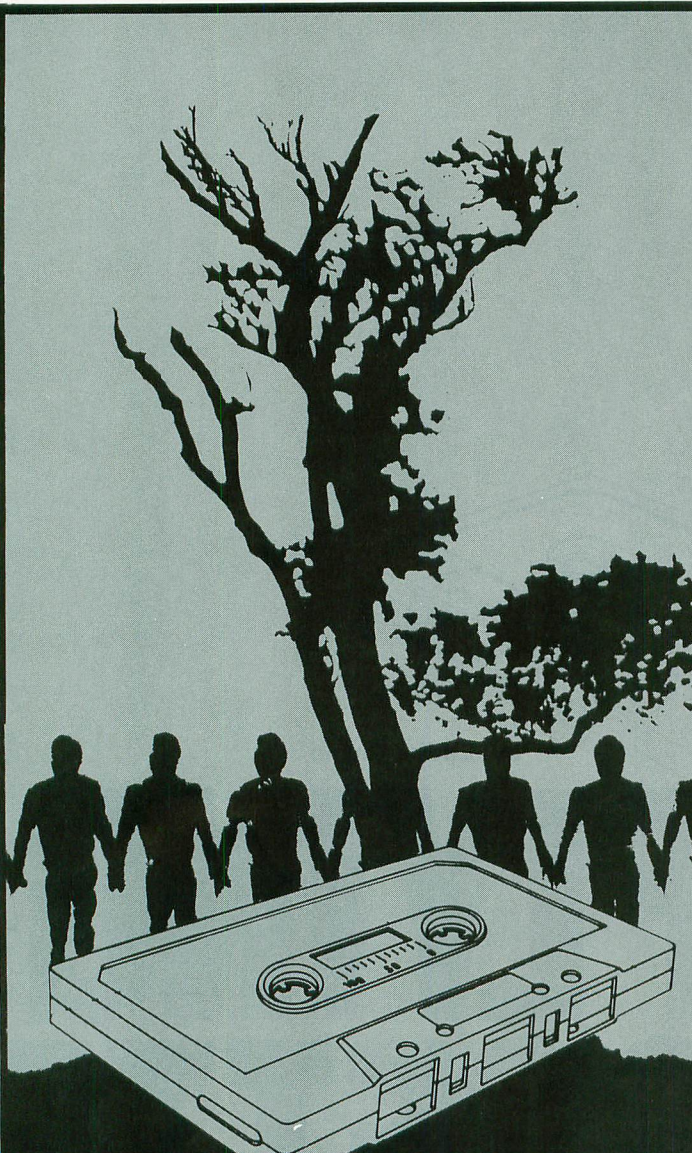


# Heartbeat

of FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

DECEMBER 1973

## UNIQUE MINISTRIES



**MULTIPLYING  
BY CASSETTE**



**NEEDLES AND  
NEEDY PEOPLE**



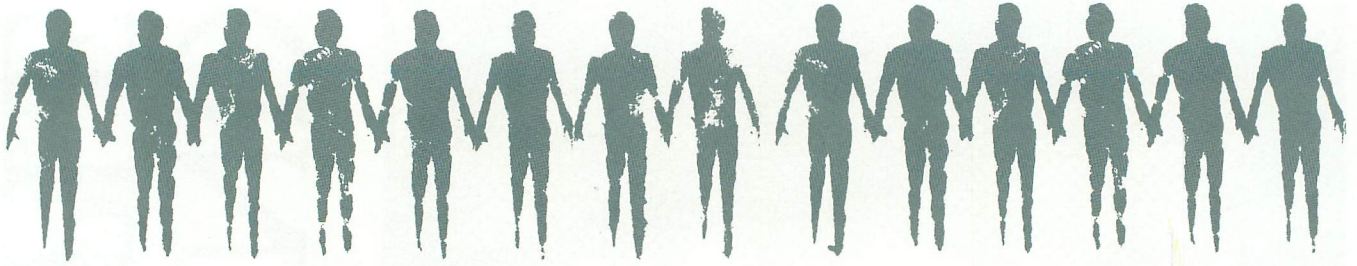


by Eddie Payne

2/DECEMBER 1973/HEARTBEAT

# MULTIPLYING BY CASSETTE





**C**ould I please have one of those 'machines' to take home and learn more about the Lord?" Lekpte, a young Lobi man, asked just after receiving Christ. "I want to learn the songs about Jesus, and know how to live this new life."

Like more than 95% of the people in northeast Ivory Coast, Lekpte is illiterate. Probably, no one in his village can read. There are no other Christians and thus no way to hear the gospel.

Sadly, I had to tell him, "I'm sorry, there are no more 'machines' available, but I'll try to find one."

Lekpte represents untold thousands of Lobis, and those of many other tribes who live in our area. Approximately 500 villages such as his need to hear the message of God's redeeming love through Jesus Christ.

But how does one go to all these villages and make Christ known to them? It is impossible to teach in all these villages! Since this is true, which villages should hear? Which tribes take the priority? Who is to have the chance to be saved?

With enough little machines like the one Lekpte requested, perhaps they all can hear.

When we returned to Ivory Coast in 1972, ten small battery powered cassette players were in our baggage. These are very simple (replay only) machines costing about \$22 each. We also brought two small Hitachi cassette recorders to produce and recopy tapes.

We feel this is a means available today to make our desires and God's will a reality. Perhaps, in this way, we can give the gospel in their own language to every village in our area.

Though this is a small beginning, it was a new effort, and we were somewhat unsure of the results. But today all of the machines are in use, proclaiming the Good News about Jesus in four different languages.

Three are in use in other areas of our field. Of these, two are being used for New Testament tapes in Koulango, and the other is being used by an evangelist for messages and songs. The remaining seven are in villages in our area, or on loan to Christians for village witnessing.

Adults who never come to a preaching service will listen to these messages on tape. Little children sit alongside the machine and recite word for word the messages ahead of the speaker.

Young men in our Bible Institute classes help in the master tape production. Messages, songs, and testimonies are prepared on C-30 tapes. Gospel records are also taped for wider use.

Cassette tapes cannot replace the missionary or the national witness. But they do serve to extend the outreach of evangelism and follow-up Bible training. The cassette player is just a tool, but it is a tool that can greatly multiply our outreach here.

These ten machines, now in use for more than one year, have not yet needed repairs. On our twice weekly tours of the villages, the machines are cleaned and batteries replaced as necessary.

At present, the preparation of tapes is a long, slow process. They are copied one by one, at normal playing speed, from the master tapes. As needs arise, new copies are made.

I would like to place a cassette player in every village even though the initial expense would be tremendous. But while we wait, they wait in the villages.

Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." He also declared, "the labourers are few." Yet, we feel the cassette ministry is one way to multiply our force and reach these 500 villages with God's Word before it's too late.







by Molly Barker

# NEEDLES, AND NEEDY PEOPLE

4/DECEMBER 1973/HEARTBEAT

I don't wear a white, starched uniform nor work in a large white building with signs of "Quiet Please" in the halls. Neither do I wheel patients around on tables with wheels or spend my time reading patients' charts.

But thanks to the women of North Carolina, I drive a small white stationwagon over anything that favors a road or path. And people know my profession without the uniform to give them a hint. Yet small children will hide or cry when they see me coming, for they know me, too.

What is my job? First of all, I'm a missionary. But my ministry involves helping people, not only

spiritually, but physically. I'm a missionary nurse.

Let me share some scenes from my life:

"Raquel, two-year-old daughter of Casildo Trindade (one of our lay preachers), is having another bronchial attack!" came the anxious words of a close friend. After learning that the girl had never been given penicillin before, I knew it called for a skin test first. But thank the Lord she showed no signs of allergic reaction. Injection applied, soon her fever was down and she was smiling once again—and complaining every now and then with her little "bottom."

"Aunt Molly, David has fallen and cut his head!



The doctor has ordered a tetanus toxoid," I heard one of the Ellison children say. "Well, here we go again!" As soon as I could get my needles and syringe boiled, (disposable needles and syringes are unheard of here) I took off in my little station-wagon. Little David was asleep when I got there, so with his parents holding him, everything went well. But the next day, he asked his daddy to put alcohol on his "mosquito bite."

Then came the time that the pastor asked me to give him a series of 30 injections for his ulcer. I almost keeled over. Thank the Lord, we both survived the treatment and the ulcer is better!

Perhaps you're wondering why I give so many injections. In our area, the doctors order injections but they don't give them. The patient either has to go to the drug store or find someone else to apply them. I don't think I'll ever forget the first time I heard about this: A woman in our church in Santa Teresa asked me to give her some injections which the doctor had ordered. It seems one of her neighbors had volunteered to give the injections. When finally asked about his experience, he calmly replied, "Oh, I know how! I have given injections to my cow when she was sick!"

Since I give so many shots (about 45 in August alone) one might think this is all I do. It really isn't. You see, people ask me for all kinds of advice. And when I think it necessary, I insist they see a doctor. Many times I even take them to the hospital.

I try to stay alert for the signs of illness among our church people. I know only too well that if they don't feel well, they will do very little work for the Lord.

Every day about six o'clock in the afternoon, you can find me sitting beside a 91-year-old American reading the Bible to him, or explaining to his wife and daughter how to make him more comfortable.

Humor often enters the picture also. One day after teaching a vacation Bible school class way out in the country, a boy asked me to buy some soap for his horse. Right away I wanted to know what kind, etc. Well, he couldn't remember the name that his mother had told him and I certainly didn't know. I have never in all my born days bought soap for a horse!

After questioning the condition of the horse, the fellow finally told me that the horse had leprosy. I thought that was strange, because our Bible lesson that morning happened to be about Naaman, the

leper.

Before I went to buy the soap, I asked Casildo what kind of soap a person would buy for a horse with leprosy. He almost choked trying to keep from laughing, but when he was able, he assured me the horse didn't have leprosy. Evidently it was something like mange. But it seems there is an expression around here that when something looks bad, the people say it must be leprosy.

I get great satisfaction out of helping these people. Once a month I go to the country and pick up a little, deformed, 78-year-old widow. (I'm short, but she comes to my shoulder due to Rheumatoid Arthritis.) She has to come to town and stand in a long line with the others to collect her monthly pension. This almost gets funny at times: I'm about the only one in line under 65 years of age. But after we get her money, we buy her staple groceries for the month. Then I take her back to her little hut where she lives all alone—except for the Lord.

Yes, I'm a missionary nurse, on call 24 hours a day for the Lord and along with shooting people with needles, I try to give them a shot of the gospel. Through helping the sick, praying for them, etc., many doors have been opened and many have been brought into contact with the gospel, a number for the very first time.

If you had been with me recently as I traveled over those bumpy roads, you would have seen me enter one of these poor homes and could have watched as I took the blood pressure of a very sick woman. You would have heard me insist that she see a doctor as soon as possible. Yes, I had discovered the reason for her terrible headaches—b/p 230. Had you been present in church the following Sunday, you would have seen her there in the first evangelical church she had ever attended in her life. Along with her were two of her eight children. And her married daughter is expected to attend soon.

In addition to my nursing ministry, my responsibilities in the church are varied. I'm involved in music, teaching both young and old, co-supervising two youth groups, and I'm advisor for the woman's auxiliary.

So, now you see, my beat is not some quiet, sterile, hospital ward! Cleanliness is not one of the assets of my work. But I'm trying to portray godliness. As Christ is living in me, I want to share Him and His love with others.



# getting to know them

(Your Missionaries)



## Serving in Brazil

### DAVE AND PAT FRANKS

Following his graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College with a B.A. degree in 1955, Dave Franks pastored the New Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Gardendale, and later the Pleasant Valley Free Will Baptist Church, Chelsea—both in Alabama.

Dave, from Marion County, Ala., was the first Free Will Baptist missionary to the field of Brazil, arriving in Campinas in January of 1958. Still unmarried at the time, Dave spent his first term working with the Bible institute and the Campinas church. He returned to the United States in 1962, married Patricia Lee Sturgill, a registered nurse from Sophia, W.Va., in June of 1963 and returned to Brazil with his new bride in July of the same year.

The Franks worked in the city of Jaboticabal, Sao Paulo State, building up the church which had been started by the Sam Wilkinsons. They also did part-time teaching in the Brazil Bible Institute which was officially opened during Dave's second term of service. Both of their children, Dave, Jr., age 8, and Suzanne, age 7, were born in Brazil during this term.

Following furlough, the Franks returned to work in the city of Pirassununga also in the State of Sao Paulo. They worked at developing the church and were involved in various evangelistic endeavors in surrounding areas. Dave conducted a regular radio broadcast which was effective in spreading the gospel in that area.

Having just returned to Brazil for Dave's fourth and Pat's third term, the Franks have located in the city of Conselheiro Lafaiete, State of Minas Gerais, to work in conjunction with the Aycocks in developing a gospel outreach in that area.

### TOMMY AND NANCY HUGHES

Tommy and Nancy (Crotzer) Hughes were appointed to Brazil in May, 1969 and arrived in Campinas in July of 1971 to begin language study.

Tom is from Craven County, N.C. He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College with a B.A. degree in 1962 and was valedictorian of his class. He married Nancy Crotzer of Davidson County, Tenn. in 1960. While still a student, Tom pastored Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Joelton, Tenn. and later he pastored Harper Road Free Will

Baptist Church, also in Joelton. He served as director of children's church at Donelson FWB Church prior to appointment to missionary service.

Having completed Portuguese language study, the Hughes are now in charge of the work in the city of Araras, State of Sao Paulo, which was started by the Bobby Aycocks. The Ken Eagletons served here until their furlough time when the Hughes took over. Tom is also overseeing the work in the city of Pirassununga about 20 miles from Araras.

The Hughes have two children, Tommy, Jr., age 11, and Lori, age 7.

### BOBBY AND GENEVA POOLE

Now in their third term of missionary service, Bobby and Geneva Poole are actively involved in developing the church in Ribeirao Preto, State of Sao Paulo. A city of nearly 200,000 population, Ribeirao Preto is an educational center with several schools and universities.

The Pooles first began the work here following language school in 1961. They have worked two terms with the church leading in a building program during their second term and again this term on the field. They have been involved in English classes as a means of witness and have now begun a Bible institute program in the church.

Bobby, one of 15 children, was born in Clarksville, Tenn. He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1958, then attended Columbia Bible College for one year. He pastored in





Cheap Hill, Tenn., and Lake City, S.C. before being appointed to missionary service.

Bobby married Geneva Hicks in September of 1960 and the couple left in December of the same year for the field. Geneva, also a graduate of FWBBC, is from Coward, S.C. They have two children, Robert, age 10 and John, age 8. Both boys were born in Brazil.

### JIM AND VICKI STURGILL

Jim and Vicki (Proctor) Sturgill are the newest arrivals in Brazil. They are presently studying language in Campinas with plans to join the Aycocks in the area of Barbacena, Minas Gerais. Jim plans to help develop sound equipment for effective open air witness as well as aid the Aycocks in extension Bible institute activities.

Jim, a licensed ham radio operator, also has had technical radio training and has hopes of aiding in the development of radio broadcasts in addition to a better communication system.

Jim and Vicki are both graduates of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Jim, brother of Missionary Pat Franks, comes from Sophia, W.Va. He married Victoria (Vicki) Proctor of Wilson, N.C. in June of 1965. He pastored the Free Will Baptist Church in Seminole, Tex. from 1967 to 1970. They left the United States for Brazil on December 6, 1972 and began Portuguese language study in January of this year.

The Sturgills have one daughter, Vicki Lynne, age 5.



### SAM AND JUNE WILKINSON

Sam Wilkinson of Glenville, Ga. and June Goode of Lexington, Tex. were married in July of 1955. Following graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1954, Sam studied at Columbia Bible College for one year.

Sam pastored in Nashville, Tenn. and in Jesup, Ga. prior to going to Brazil in December of 1959. He and June studied the Portuguese language in Campinas and worked in the Campinas church before moving to Jaboticabal, State of Sao Paulo, to open a new work. They soon organized the Free Will Baptist Church in that city and continued working there during their first term.

During their second missionary term, the Wilkinsons returned to Jaboticabal for a time then assumed the work in Ribeirao Preto while the Pooles were on furlough. They finished out their third term in Campinas.

While on furlough, Sam completed work on his M.Ed. in counseling and guidance at Middle Tennessee State University. When they returned for their third term of service, they moved to southern Brazil to work with the area of Tubarao, Santa Catarina. They were requested to return to the Sao Paulo area and direct the youth ministry in that area, which they decided to do. Presently they are living and working in Jaboticabal trying to develop the camping program and youth activities.

The Wilkinsons have three children, Kevin, age 16, Kimberly, age 15, and Kenan, age 11.



## deputational echoes

by Henry  
Van Kluyve



Recently one of our pastors spoke to us here at the National office building during our regularly held Wednesday morning prayer and praise service. Among other things he sighted the tremendous pressures that pastors are going through these days. He emphasized that much prayer should be offered on behalf of pastors in the denomination.

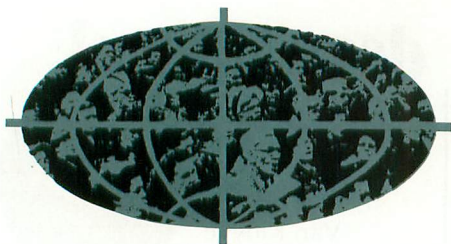
Since those of us who represent the various departments of our denomination are engaged in a ministry of service, the speaker challenged us to use this ministry to the fullest extent in order that the pastors and churches might be strengthened in the faith.

My heart was moved anew as I listened to this pastor share his heart. I thought of my responsibilities along with those of our missionary team. True, we do render a service. But then, I thought a bit more about our ministry overall. It involves more than merely providing missionaries and missions materials.

We are responsible to lead churches into a more active participation in foreign missions. We seek to inspire, refresh, remind, inform and challenge our people. Preaching is vital to every service. When a missionary conference is history and the missionaries and I leave the area, our prayer is that God's Spirit will keep alive, and cause to flourish and grow, those seeds that were sown.

The reason for the tremendous financial response, especially through faith promise commitments, is due almost entirely to this inspiration, this challenge and the prompting of the Spirit as we promote the missionary conference. We serve our Lord, we serve our churches and we desire to become involved with the pastor and his local ministry.





# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## sexton assumes lorient work

*Nantes, France*—Don and Billie Sexton have taken over the work in Lorient in addition to their continued language study. The Sextons expressed joy at assuming this responsibility which is 105 miles from where they live. They go to Lorient each Sunday night. They teach children's classes then follow with the church service. They arrive back in Nantes about 2:00 a.m.

Don will be attending the University of Nantes while Billie will be studying with a private teacher. Don hopes to make several new contacts for the church through his studies.

## aycocks seek revival

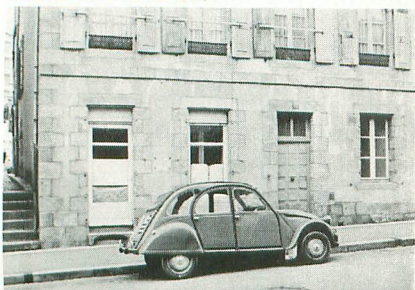
*Barbacena, Brazil*—In a recent news letter from the Bobby Aycocks they expressed earnest concern for "a spiritual revival that will result in soul-winning and holy living." According to the Aycocks' report, there have been nine first-time decisions during the past month.

A total of 415 radio programs have presented the gospel in Barbacena since the Aycocks moved here.

## news briefs

*Ribeirao Preto, Brazil*—A Bible Conference was held November 10-14 in the church here with Brazilian pastor Antonio Abuchaim doing the preaching.

*rented hall in lorient*



*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Board of Foreign Missions will meet here December 10-14 for their semi-annual session.

*Fort Worth, Texas*—Ken Eagleton's mother, Mrs. Bertha Eagleton, died Saturday, October 20. Funeral services were conducted here on Monday, October 22.

## pinkertons understand

*Vevey, Switzerland*—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton have indicated that the Lord has given them several reasons for still being in Switzerland. Jerry writes, "I think that this separation of our family is helping us to 'grow up' as a family. I feel that the Lord has caused us to be separated by a couple thousand miles so that when we are separated a couple hundred miles it will not be so difficult to face. Also these extra days have given us time with the French speaking people."

The latest report indicated that Tim was to have surgery around the 16th of November.

## van kluyve to visit fields

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Reverend Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation for the Department of Foreign Missions is scheduled to visit the fields of Brazil, Uruguay, and Panama during the month of January.

Mr. Van Kluyve is to be in Brazil for the annual Brazil field

*pinkerton car after accident*



council meeting and will then see first hand some of the field operations.

## 43% costlier in france

*Nantes, France*—Missionary Dan Merkh has informed the mission office that a personal study of his overall mission expenses for the past year show a 43% per month increase over last year. The reason for the increase is largely due to inflation and the dollar devaluation.

Dan also calculated the amount of gifts which were received into his account and found that they had increased by 20% over the previous year. But in spite of the increased giving, this left a deficit of over 20% per month.

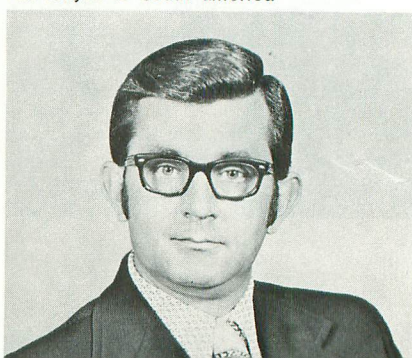
## "pray for preachers"

*Goumère, Ivory Coast*—The Archie Mayhews are scheduled for furlough next year. Recent news from the Mayhews indicated a real concern for preachers to minister in the villages where they work.

Archie writes, "All of the villages that we minister to now have a preacher except Nagafou and Yaobouo. Pray that the Lord will call someone for these villages before we leave for furlough in July."

The Mayhews are rejoicing that Enoc, one of the Christians who

*van kluyve to south america*





helped to establish the Bondoukou church, has moved to the village of Tanda. This seems to be a real answer to prayer since the Tanda group was in need of a stable Christian for spiritual leadership.

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#### **haas optimistic**

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*Rennes, France*—Missionary Joe Haas expressed optimism as he wrote recently, "We believe this is going to be our best year ever in the work here. Our services have been very good and God is moving in our midst. Last Sunday we had 46 present for the service and this will climb into the fifties soon. The students are not back in town yet, so that will make a difference."

Joe still expressed concern and urged that people pray for the purchase of the building they are seeking for their church. They are at a standstill in their negotiations.

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#### **best meeting ever**

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*Tokyo, Japan*—Fred Hersey reports that the recent evangelistic meeting held here was the best they have ever had since coming to Japan. Several new contacts were made (mostly men), Christians were rededicated and a few decisions were made for salvation.

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#### **wilson and rogers travel**

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*Nashville, Tenn.*—General Director J. Reford Wilson and the Reverend Gene Rogers, foreign missions board member from California, left November 7 for Japan where they met with missionaries to hash out mission strategy, present problems, and plans. They were scheduled to return on November 26.

*wilson and rogers to japan*



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#### **missionary conference**

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*Ribeirao Preto, Brazil*—A missionary conference was held in the church here recently using as a theme, "The Field is the World." Bobby Poole reported that Ivan Lopez, a teacher in the Bible institute, preached and challenged the group to "go, give and pray." Information about the Amazon region, Bible correspondence work, and youth ministry was shared with those present.

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#### **gainer active**

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*Nantes, France*—Special Missionary Mirial Gainer is actively involved in teaching Raymond Merkh as well as helping with the young people's meetings here. Out of three American students who have attended these meetings recently, Mirial claims one is a Christian who is taking active part in the church. The girl, Mary Thompson, attends the university but lives in a French home. Mirial requests prayer for her witness in that home.

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#### **uganda outlaws 12 groups**

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*Kampala, Uganda (MNS)*—The Uganda government has banned 12 religious groups from operating in the nation. Calling them "dangerous to peace and order," President Amin named the following which he will no longer allow to operate in the country: Jehovah's Witnesses, United Pentecostal Churches, Elim Pentecostal Evangelistic Fellowship, Pentecostal Assemblies of God, Ugandan Church of Christ, Campus Crusade for Christ, International Bible Students Association, The Navigators, East Africa

*ivan lopez—brazil institute*



Yearly Meeting (Friends), Child Evangelism Fellowship, Emmaus Bible School, and Legio Maria of Africa.

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#### **mission receipts decrease**

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*Nashville, Tenn.*—Mr. Harold Critcher, director of finance for the Department of Foreign Missions, announced that missions receipts through October were \$778,747 which is \$25,003 below that projected in the budget for this time of year.

In order to reach the 1973 foreign missions budget of \$964,511, Mr. Critcher pointed out that an average of \$92,882 was needed during the months of November and December. Churches and individuals have been urged to respond to this urgent need.

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#### **cousineau still suffering**

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*Nashville, Tenn.*—Frank Cousineau, former missionary to the Ivory Coast, is reported improved slightly after suffering severe second and third degree burns over approximately 75% of his body due to an electrical shock of nearly 70,000 volts. It is believed to be a miracle that he has survived the incident but he is still considered to be in very "serious" condition.

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#### **another sunday school record**

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*Agua Buena, Panama*—Missionary Bill Fulcher announced another record Sunday school attendance here on October 28 with 143 people present. Bill revealed that efforts had been made to reach a goal of 130. They had reached 129 on the previous Sunday.

#### **ATTENTION TREASURERS!**

*To receive credit on your state's 1973 quota, your final contributions must be postmarked no later than January 5th. Please be prompt!*



# not returning to the field?

Can a missionary quit? If he can, is it possible for him to be in the will of God? And what of the missionary who can't return because of illness—his own or a member of his family—or because of “red tape,” incompatibility, incapability or any number of other possible reasons? Are they out of God's will or have they “missed their calling”?

For many years I heard the scripture quoted: “the calling of God is without repentance.” Of course emphasis was placed on the idea that anyone called to one particular service or type ministry would always remain whether it was preacher, deacon, teacher, missionary, or whatever. If a person ever stated he was called of God for a specific task or to a specific field, that settled it forever.

We hear a great deal said about the “missionary call” and consequently, I'm afraid many people feel that anyone going to the mission field is destined to die there without alternative. And if, for some reason he should happen not to, he is labeled “drop out,” “misfit,” “failure,” “quitter,” or given some such unpopular title.

What if this happens to a missionary you support or know personally? Will you categorize him and discard him as any other program, plan, or person that you have labeled “failure”? Will you shun him? Will you make “fun” of him, call him “quitter” or will you resent the money you gave to send him out? Will you determine that he is immature or “carnal”? Will you consider him a backslider who

couldn't face the responsibility which the Lord gave him? Any of these things can become a real stumbling block to the one who fits the circumstance.

I read an article recently in *Moody Monthly*, September, 1973, which demonstrated just such a situation. Due to critical circumstances on the field and serious difficulties with their high-school-age boys who had remained in the United States to study, the husband retreated. He gradually became quiet, unsociable and finally despondent. Ultimately, doctors ordered him home, even though he loved the field and wanted to stay.

Of course, when they arrived in the States, they were looked down on by their fellow Christians. They knew that they were counted as failures. “Three pastors wrote to the mission, criticizing the husband,” says the article. “Only the president evidenced any love at all. The local church and the regional ministerial association evidenced little interest in them.”

What was the result? The husband came to feel that he was a total failure. Eventually he left home to get away from the adversities. But the wife concluded, “If only some pastor would have talked to my husband and encouraged him to know that he is still useful to the Lord, things would have been different.”

Inevitably, as our missions operation grows and the complexity of missions increases, there will be an increasing number of missionaries who will not return to the field.

Will you understand them and realize that they can still be faithful servants of the Lord at home? Will you offer them an opportunity and see that their experience can be utilized in a tremendous way through various outlets? Will you see that their “calling” is to service more than to a place? Will you see that circumstances can dictate the moving from one country to another as well as the moving from one church to another?

God does move through circumstances many times to fulfill His ultimate purpose. We must not question Him or His wisdom. We must be ready in such circumstances to offer our love, understanding, encouragement, and friendship. We must be willing to feel their dilemma and share their burden.



## 'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

### NEWS FROM "HOME"

"Good news from a far country" could take the form of a letter from you to one of your missionaries. I refer especially to one of those "homey-type" letters. A letter which tells of family, work and church activities.

You may not know the missionary personally and he may not know you. Thus, an introduction of yourself—where you live, what you do, your interest in his ministry. A brief testimony of your own conversion and some scripture which has had a special meaning to you could make the day much brighter for a lonely servant on the mission field.

You may choose to write in a journal fashion—a paragraph of daily events for several days. You might write the missionary on holidays or on special occasions—anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Long standing friendships have been established through correspondence. The missionary kids like to know what's going on at home. The church newsletter, bulletin and the school newspaper (especially where they attended while home on furlough) would be of interest to them.

An excellent project for a Sunday school class or CTS group could be a group letter—a collection of brief notes from each pupil. A little humor could bring a smile on a gloomy day. Only rarely would you write your problems—the missionary has enough of his own. Of course, an exchange of prayer requests is always in order.

Missionaries do have time for reading. Someone should be sure the missionary receives his hometown newspaper or the paper from where he has pastored

and established friends. Subscriptions to magazines, both religious and secular, make nice gifts for missionaries. To avoid duplication, be sure he is not already receiving the publication.

You may feel free to ask the missionary if he prefers a certain publication. His hobby might call for a special type of magazine. Most publishers have an overseas subscription price and will mail publications directly to the missionary. Be sure to send the publisher the foreign address.

Do remember that missionaries are busy people and may not be able to respond with a personal letter. Therefore, accept their newsletter as a reply to you personally. It is unwise to send money or checks in a personal letter to the missionary since they are frequently stolen. Gifts should be sent to our office designated as a personal gift for the missionary. Such a gift is sent in addition to his regular allowance.

Correspondence with your missionaries can broaden your missionary vision, make your praying more specific and give encouragement to those who serve. Your letter could be a "cup of water to a thirsty soul" (Proverbs 25:25).

## financial facts

### THROUGH OCTOBER 31

ON DEPOSIT OCTOBER 1	\$458,440.01
RECEIPTS THRU OCTOBER 31	780,833.82
DISBURSEMENTS THRU OCTOBER 31	766,879.44
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THRU OCTOBER 31	803,750.00
TOTAL 1973 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	964,511.00

### MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS\*

Aldridge	\$ 9,276.63	L. Miley	(\$1,328.00)
Aycock	4,956.44	Dr. L. Miley	14,486.11
Banks	821.14	Palmer	(4,584.37)
Barker	1,854.17	Payne	2,356.80
Bishop	(892.73)	Pinkerton	(2,178.33)
Bryan	2,895.19	Poole	5,209.95
Calvary	198.30	Richards	1,121.36
Caton	251.18	Robinson	12,049.89
Combs	16,940.73	Sparks	29,651.87
Coscia	1,676.62	Stevens	791.50
Cousineau	(1,779.08)	Sturgill	4,988.35
Craft	(1,006.73)	Teague	(1,117.57)
Cronk	6,017.09	Vanhook	3,006.44
Deeds	2,432.97	Wald	(4,310.02)
Eagleton	8,460.28	Webb	(953.12)
Ellison	2,070.58	Wilkinson	5,051.70
Filkins	2,748.94	Willey, Jr.	8,833.31
Franks	3,923.08	M. Willey	58.89
Fulcher	402.17	Africa Bible	
Gage	605.62	Inst.	313.80
Gainer	(1,259.45)	Brazil Inst.	646.48
Gibbs	3,384.64	Brazil Veh.	3,589.17
Haas	15,009.65	Japan Land	
Hanna	22,198.32	Fd. Tokyo	267.17
Hersey	(981.91)	Proj. 5000	1,644.95
Hughes	4,543.91	S. India	918.58
Inscow	6,055.18	Spain	3,828.01
Lee	12,753.94	Summer	
McLain	5,152.98	Miss.	880.86
Mayhew	3,827.76	Willey Mem.	
Merkh	(1,855.93)	Loan Fd.	1,684.09

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