

Heartbeat

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by J. Reford Wilson

The whole world in our present generation can be told the gospel! Of this I am fully convinced. Exciting new developments will enable the message of the Bible to cover the earth as waters cover the sea. God said it and I believe it.

Like the mighty Amazon River with its origin high in the Andes and its numerous tributaries, the plan of the ages, originating high in the heaven of heavens with its many tributaries, flows on into the eternal ages. Man is still discovering and developing the unknown and unreached Amazonian backwaters and resources of forested wealth. So also, many believers are now discovering the "riches" of the goodness of God in making redemption known to all men.

Did Abraham fully understand, "in thee shall all nations of the earth be blessed"? Did Moses comprehend the promise of a prophet in which all kindreds of the earth would be blessed (Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22,25)? The prophets Isaiah and Habakkuk expressed a worldwide mission, "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14).

Biblical history reveals that Israel failed to fulfill God's plan, but the plan of redemption could not fail: the Redeemer came! "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10).

Excitement swept Jerusalem when cowardly disciples spoke boldly of Jesus of Nazareth being the Christ of God. The pages of the book of Acts are ablaze with the fire of evangelism. These men and women were convinced they were under obligation to bear witness to the *uttermost part of the earth*.

Paul's theology of missions was expressed to the Romans: "so they are without excuse", "as many as have sinned without law shall perish without law", "and all the world may become guilty before God" (Romans 1:20; 2:12; 3:19). The lost-

ness of man and the love of Christ constrained him to "preach the gospel in regions beyond."

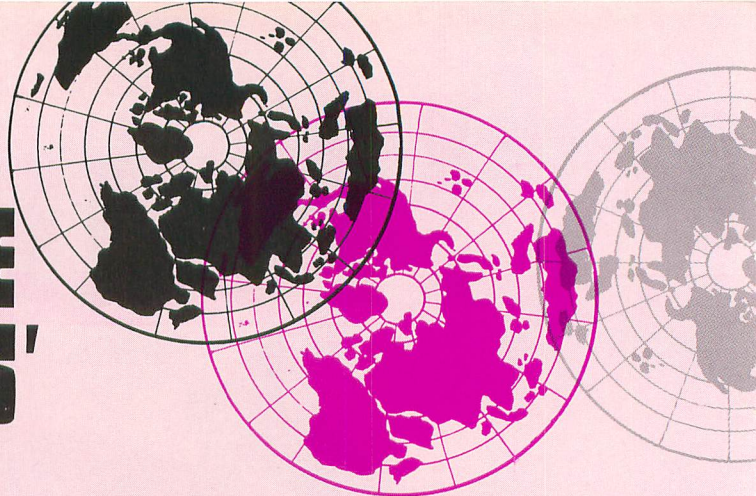
The Bible from Genesis to Revelation is a missionary book. The histories of the peoples of the earth are an unfolding of God's redemptive efforts and man's response. Biblical history reveals God using Israel and the Church to make known the message of saving faith. The end is not yet. The Church is under divine orders to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every man."

In God's plan every church is a sending church. It is evident that in our western world we have greater resources for sending missionaries. No nation on earth has known the saturation of the gospel as has our own country. "To whom much is given, much is required."

We have a generation to evangelize. Did you know that 25% of the world's population is in China? In India lives 14% of the world's population! These are people to whom Calvary has little or no meaning. How can they hear? Does God's plan of world evangelization exclude any part of the earth? The Bible relates how the judgment of God falls on certain nations but nowhere does it exempt the church from its command to penetrate the darkest and hardest of places with the dynamic, transforming power of the gospel.

In the remote, difficult, dark corners of the world today are those witnesses whose names can not be publicized. These are the brave soldiers behind the lines who nobly minister in various ways like giving "a cup of water in the name of Jesus."

The Church in different periods had its "fads and fashions." Missions is no fad—it is the normal function of the Christian church. A form of government may be a deterrent to its growth but the Church seeks its converts whatever the circumstance. The evangelical church is not only confronted with non-Christian forces but also faces the conflict of pseudo-Christian missions. These demonstrate concern with social action but offer no message



of forgiveness of sin for a life-changing experience.

Merrill C. Tenny writes, "Nowhere in the Bible are missions equated with social reform apart from the regeneration of the individual." The Church has always been in the forefront of changing things by first changing men—converting men by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we call upon converted men to obey Jesus Christ "till the whole world knows." We need a host of zealous people who at any cost will go anywhere to obey Christ's command.

Consider these questions: (1) Is it right that we evangelical Christians hold the gospel for ourselves alone, and do not seek to spread it? (2) Is it right that in all places we have so many students of theology and do not induce them to labor elsewhere in the spiritual vineyard of Jesus Christ? (3) Is it right that we spend so much on all sorts of dress, delicacies in eating and drinking, etc., but hitherto thought of no means for the spread of the gospel?

These questions sound as if they were asked in a recent missionary conference. However, these questions were asked in 1624 by Baron Justinous von Welz but are pertinent to the Church today.

Why do men wait for a call when they already have a command? Paul was already a missionary so that his Macedonia experience was not a "call" but a course of direction for his divine mission. Why do men wait for a vision when they already have a verse, "Go ye into all the world"? Why does the church wait for a missionary to plead for support when it is under a mandate to send them—"How shall they preach except they be sent?" The support which the church at Philippi gave Paul when he was a missionary at Thessalonica is a thrilling example for the Church (Philippians 4: 15-17).

Why should it take a war or a disaster to stir the compassion of the Church? It is a humanitarian act to relieve physical suffering. But men are not only creatures of earth with physical needs but they are eternal beings destined for heaven or hell. Calvary's love brings both physical and spiritual needs into focus. "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold

thy son!" He made provision for her *physical need*. The dying thief found his spiritual need when he said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, *To day shalt thou be with me in paradise*" (John 19:26; Luke 23:42, 43).

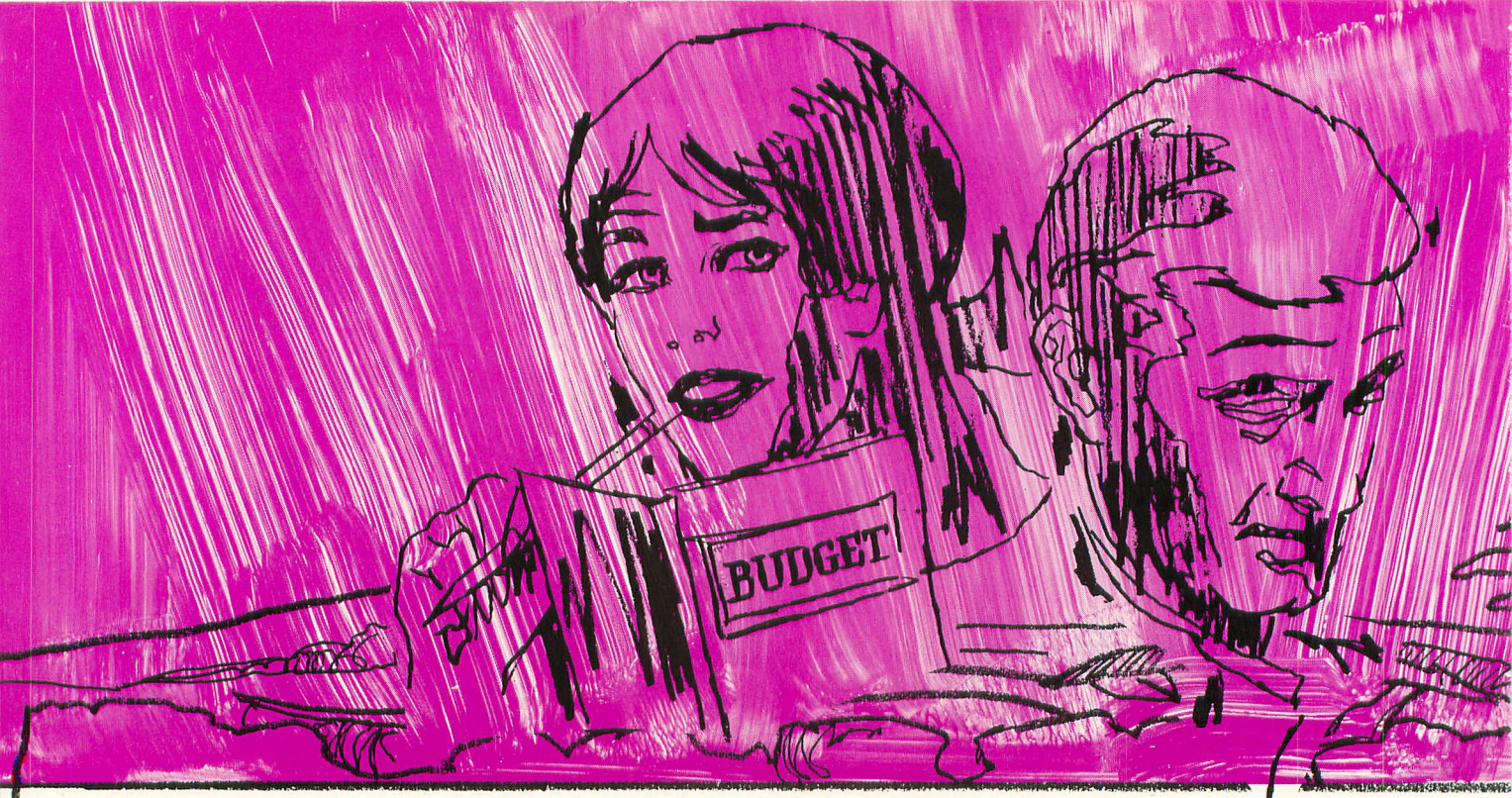
Encouraging signs of a new thrust in Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions are evident. A pastor writes, "We are doubling our giving to foreign missions." Another writes, "Three years ago our church was giving \$2,800 annually to foreign missions and this year we are giving over \$8,000." Young men and women see more value in building the kingdom of God than in buying a new car and building houses. Senior citizens are perpetuating their witness by including foreign missions in their wills.

To make our theme, "*Till the Whole World Knows*", a reality in this generation there are certain priorities we must establish:

1. Practice the art of praying—"Lord, send forth missionaries."
2. Make missions the primary objective of the total ministry of the church.
3. Make giving to missions an every-member-sharing of his money.
4. Encourage non-involved churches to understand God's plan for all Christians to be witnesses to all nations. (Only one-third of our churches regularly support foreign missions.)
5. The task is overwhelming. Free Will Baptists must pray for, encourage and cooperate with other evangelical believers *Till the Whole World Knows* that Jesus saves.

It is not easy to establish priorities which are beyond our physical sense of sight, sound and touch. But eternal souls in fellowship with an eternal God have an understanding of an eternal plan. In the light of eternal truth the church can see the two billion souls yet unreached, it can hear their desperate cry, and it will reach out to touch sin-afflicted souls with the Balm of Gilead. The task of the Church will not be completed, God will not be satisfied, and Jesus will not come "*Till the Whole World Knows*." "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matthew 24:14).





Franks and Susan Missionary may live in Africa, but they are still the same flesh-bound people who used to sit beside you in church on Sundays. Remember? Frank and Susan really loved the Lord. And people. They served them both. Frank led your boy to Christ. Susan taught your girls in Sunday school. You had great times in their home. And you didn't expect them to be perfect.

You even joked about Frank getting more than his share of speeding tickets, and about Susan being a dead loss when it came to the budget, and about their kids both sucking their thumbs.

Then they went to Africa, and somehow you thought things had changed. Frank became a careful driver. Susan learned to spend money the way you thought she should. Their kids shucked their hang-ups.

Bad news. All they did was move farther down the pew. Frank still tells his wife to stop worrying, he's only doing 55. She still can't count past 10 in a bank, and the kids still sniffle instead of using handkerchiefs.

Be grateful. That's good news. It means that Frank and Susan still

need you. They aren't able to evangelize the world single-handed.

true partnership

You're still their partner, still working with them to reach the world for Christ. You're reaching people here, they're reaching them there. They don't expect you to be perfect just because you're at this end of the pew. Don't expect them to be perfect just because they're at the other.

Disappointing as the news may be, Frank and Susan still fail. Usually their failures are about the same size as yours, and they seek God's forgiveness for them, as you do. They try to grow in grace daily. They seek to mature in Christ. But they still react to human situations like the human beings that they are.

In the broad sense, their lot is common to the race. Their day, like yours, is a round of encounters with people they like, or don't like, or know, or don't know. Their experiences please them, or displease them, or confuse them, or weary them. Some things depress them, some tickle their funny bone, some send them up the wall.

But in another sense, Frank and

Susan's situation is unique—they don't have the same kind of direct control over their circumstances that you probably have. Let's take a look at some of those circumstances.

living conditions

Frank and Susan have very little choice about where they will live. They'll live in whatever is available at the place of their appointment. They have little or no choice, either, about the school or the hospital or the office buildings they will work in all day. If they like them, fine. If they don't, too bad. Sometimes they will be pleasantly surprised, other times they will be dismayed. Either way, there's little or no alternative.

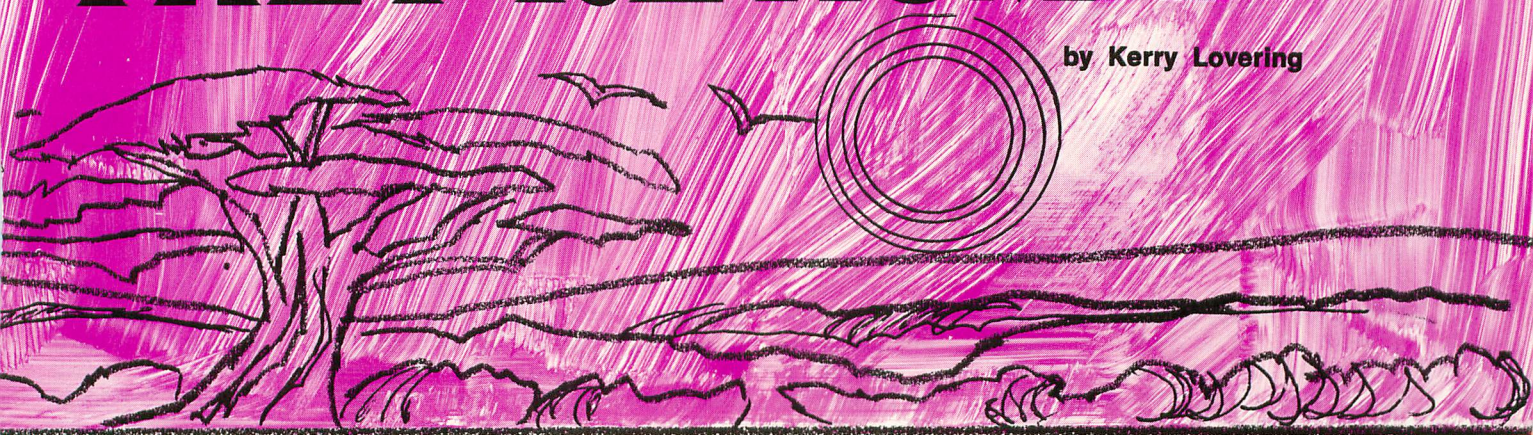
missionary neighbors

Frank and Susan will work side by side with the same few people all day long. They will live beside the same people all year long. Their social life, if that's what you call it, involves principally those same people again.

If they are compatible, fine. If not, well . . . being sincere Christians, all of them, they'll try their best to live together graciously, if not enthusiastically. But it can still be a trying situation.

GOOD NEWS- THEY'RE HUMAN

by Kerry Lovering



income

Income is always important. If anybody's income is fixed, it's Frank and Susan's. They have accepted a frugal lot as part of their missionary commitment, of course, but that doesn't mean that frugality is easy for them to live with. And if they feel financial pressure, there's not much they can do about it—humanly speaking. Going on strike won't help. Frank can't moonlight. Susan can't take in washing. The kids can't even get paper routes. They just have to live with the pressure.

climate

Frank and Susan will almost certainly find Africa climatically different from home. Their bodies must adjust to heat, intense sun, greater humidity, changes in altitude, the long rainy season, dust laden winds. Companion to the climate is a host of wee beasties—fleas, lice, ticks, ants, chiggers, creepy crawlers—that Frank and Susan didn't meet at home.

Climatic adjustments needn't be difficult, but it has to be done.

new diseases

In addition to the ones they knew at home, Frank and Susan

face an array of new diseases. Some of them are killers. Others take a heavy toll even though there may be no crisis encounters. Borderline health can be a major problem, sapping enough energy to rob them of the joy of good health, but not severe enough to put them flat on their backs.

Drugs and inoculations may protect them against the most common diseases, but even the preventive treatment can cause unpleasant side effects. Reaction to anti-malaria drugs, to cholera, yellow fever, and typhoid injections is not uncommon.

Amoebic dysentery, bilharzia, filaria, and other parasitic diseases can severely weaken or damage the body before they are actually known to be present.

diet

A well-balanced diet is generally available to Frank and Susan, but there is always some adjustment to be made. There will be new foods to learn, and the necessity of boiling their drinking water and milk. Maybe nothing to worry about, but an upset stomach is just as distressing in Ougadougou as in New York—

and Alka Seltzer may not be available.

culture

Frank and Susan will probably find that "culture shock" has been overplayed. People who can handle life reasonably well don't usually experience much pressure in adapting to life in another culture. Many of them thoroughly enjoy it. But they do have to adjust to new patterns of thinking, which demands constant mental alertness—and that, with no attempt to be facetious, can be an emotional strain.

language

Almost certainly Frank and Susan will spend several months at the start of their term studying language. This is usually the biggest cultural barrier to hurdle, and many psychological defeats come from not succeeding in learning it adequately.

And if Frank and Susan are like their fellow pew-members, they may well have reservations about their ability to learn a brand new language, especially when it's for keeps—it's not an optional night school subject they can drop if they find they aren't doing very well.

GOOD NEWS-THEY'RE HUMAN

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family

This is a big one. Frank and Susan will probably have lumps in their throats the size of grapefruit when they drive away from the mission boarding school, waving to their two young ones on the steps.

Somebody, a very capable and loving somebody, will look after their socks and underwear and birthday cake and braids and music lessons and skinned knees and quarrels with the other kids.

why they need your prayers

With all these things in mind, let's look at the major trouble spots that Frank and Susan encounter during their first term—the things that make it imperative for you to pray for them. We'll make Frank a Bible teacher and Susan a nurse, not an uncommon combination.

Susan finds herself tense, and somewhat short of breath. This is attributed to her new circumstances, and to the altitude, with the hope that she will adjust.

Susan also comes down with a mild attack of dysentery, which requires a course of drugs. Both of them take anti-malaria pills regularly. But by the time language study is finished, Susan can't make it through the day without a rest hour.

Frank is given a leading role in the Bible school. Susan is made responsible for teaching medical trainees.

They enjoy their work, but Susan continues to feel short of breath, and on several occasions is definitely unwell. When they learn that she is expecting another child, they attribute most of her discomfort to her condition.

Delivery is difficult, and there are complications. Susan becomes a very happy mother, but a very exhausted missionary.

After a rest she returns to her medical responsibilities. This time she has the additional task of caring for the baby. Nursing the baby makes another demand

on her strength. Her sleep is constantly broken. The hospital work load is heavy for all the staff and Susan hates to do less than her share. Her fellow-workers are kind, but emergencies happen anyway, and make intrusions on her off-duty time.

Susan tries to take care of herself, though, and their annual holiday gives her a real boost. They have a good time when the kids come home for school vacation.

Sometimes she becomes disappointed with herself, though, because her body often overcomes her desire to be kind and helpful. She finds herself reluctant to get involved with anything that isn't essential to her work. She becomes more easily irritated by things that previously she took in her stride. Often she feels very unspiritual, and wonders if she is really the kind of person a missionary ought to be.

Frank's experience is different. Most of the time he is hale and hearty. He enjoys the climate, the people, the food, and his work. He becomes fluent in the language and spends a lot of time visiting the churches. Through the Bible school he becomes good friends with many pastors.

He becomes deeply involved in guiding the churches and helping them solve their problems. He is called upon to help arbitrate personal disputes and marital tangles.

Responsibility begins to weigh on him. People come to his home night and day asking questions, seeking help, needing advice. Frank welcomes them, but he knows that these intrusions are an added burden to Susan, who is expected to extend hospitality to all callers.

As an advisor and teacher, Frank encounters opposition as well as appreciation. He makes some unwise decisions. Some of his words and actions antagonize certain people. This troubles him. Many times he comes home

with his stomach tied in knots.

Another thing that frustrates him is lack of money. Frank isn't used to financial stringency. He feels there is never enough money to do what needs to be done. Their missionary allowance is used up rapidly each month, because he spends so much on others. He puts funds into buying equipment, helping the local evangelists, maintaining the vehicle so he can visit the churches. He makes work around the mission station for schoolboys and neighbors, using his own money to pay their wages.

Magnanimous as this is, it still gives him ulcers. And constantly there is his concern for Susan. He tries to shield her from overwork, but in so doing he sometimes embarrasses her. From time to time they even quarrel over his attitude.

god's "weak things"

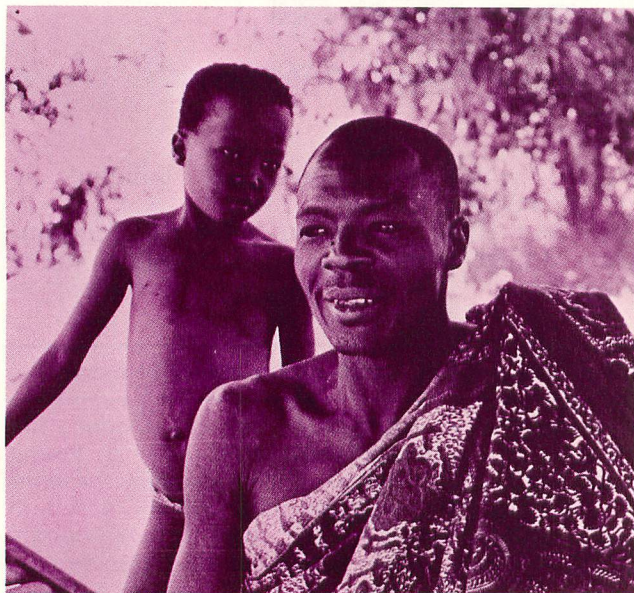
But God is using Frank and Susan. They are becoming seasoned servants of God, skilled in their work, effective in their ministry. They are well liked. And they are not insensitive to their weaknesses. It troubles them that they are not better Christians. There are times when they worry about what their friends at home would think if they knew of their failures.

Sound familiar? Of course it does. Because Frank and Susan are just like the rest of us.

One of the biggest things we can do to help them is simply to accept them as they are, with their limitations and their weaknesses, and their desire to serve God despite them.

Pray for them, encourage them, write to them, support them, fellowship with them, share with them as the kind of people they really are—fellow members of the household of faith, sitting in the same pew, just a little farther down.

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He took God with both hands ...and now he walks again!

by Maurice Cousineau

as told to Robert Bryan

The first time I saw Kouame Sai, he hadn't walked for four years. He was lying flat on his back on the bamboo bench that served as his bed, in a tiny three-house village two kilometers off the one-lane dirt road that is our main thoroughfare. To be able to drive in, we had to cut down the elephant grass and even an occasional small tree to make the trail wide enough for the car.

A few days before, he had asked one of the Christian young men, Datte, to request me to come by. Datte warned him: "If he comes, he'll talk to you about God." "That's okay," Mr. Sai said. "Send him anyway."

We didn't go immediately to his house when we got the message. We've had many sick people call us, saying they wanted to make a profession of faith. But when we arrived, they were interested only in a quick cure for their illness, not in obeying the Lord.

Mr. Sai was different. I explained to him that while he had a sickness of the body, his important problem was a sickness of the soul. I tried to make it clear that to cure sickness of the soul he needed to accept Christ as his Savior. God had prepared him. I put no pressure on him at all, but both he

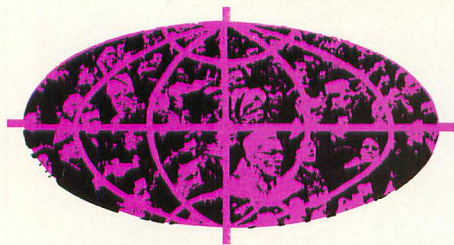
and his wife accepted the Lord that day. And they really meant business. He told me later: "I took God with both hands."

He had tried everything else. For three years he had paid a fetisher, or witch doctor, to cure him, but he never got any better. The Moslem healers tried, and the results were the same. Mr. Sai's wife walked sometimes as far as 30 miles to get medicines. Then she'd slice his back with a razor blade and rub the medicine into the wounds, hoping that it would heal him. But nothing helped.

After he had received Christ as Savior, we laid hands on him and prayed for the Lord to heal him if it were His will. Three days later, Kouame Sai took his first steps in 48 months.

His legs are still weak and he uses a walking stick, but he's already talking about walking 11 miles to Nassian, where I live, to give his testimony in the church. He says he has no pain, but that his knees crack a lot when he walks. He told me that before he was saved, his "legs were dead, but now they've come alive."

I believe it's all just another part of the miracle that began when his soul "came alive" in Jesus Christ.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

after six years

Sapporo, Japan—After six years of existence, the church here, according to Wesley Calvery, now has a membership of 75 people. Sixty-two have been baptized during this period and the group is enjoying its new building completed during the past year. The church recently adopted a budget of approximately \$8,500.00 for the coming year and elected a new deacon, making a total of three.

sexton honored to preach

Albertville, France—Don Sexton recently had the unique experience of preaching in English in the language school church service. The message was translated into French that the students from some 15 different denominations might hear. This has been the only message to be preached here in English and translated.

wilsons go to africa

Nashville, Tenn.—General Director J. Reford Wilson departs in January on an overseas tour of the mission stations in Ivory Coast and France. The foreign missions board has approved Mrs. Wilson's accompanying her

husband on this tour. This will be the first time she has been able to travel abroad, and it should prove to be a special treat to her and the missionary women.

The Howard Gages will be traveling with the Wilsons to Ivory Coast, where Mr. Gage will begin building the dormitory at the school in Bouake.

hand of judgment

Araras, Brazil—Missionary Ken Eagleton expressed concern and sadness that the hand of God's judgment has been extended to a family here. Since one of the main families left the church, a young boy, influenced to leave with them has suffered severely. His father drowned, unsaved. Though rich, his family lost their entire fortune and even their beautiful home.

waid helps move church

Tokyo, Japan—Missionary Herbert Waid returned to Japan after attending the missions retreat in Nashville in August. He has turned the Iriso church and English classes back over to Fred Hersey.

He writes: "Last month we had to move the old Iriso church site. I helped Fred take down the signs and move the heavy bulk of things." They moved to alternate temporary quarters, but hoped the church would be in a

new "pre fab" building by Christmas.

Plans are being laid for summer missionary activities and a future "evangelistic center" in the area.

church under national leader

Jaboticabal, Brazil—Under the leadership of Carlos, a young preacher in the church, the congregation here has increased in attendance recently. Missionary Sam Wilkinson says the Sunday school is now averaging about 40-45. The men of the church are also finishing up the plastering on the inside of the church building.

storm brings opportunity

San Juan, Panama—Through relief funds sent to aid those misfortunate who lost their homes during a recent tornado here, Bill Fulcher reports increasing opportunities to preach to the people of the area. Several new people, adults, are now attending church. This is an answer to prayer since this has been a difficult area in which to work.

rheumatic fever

Bouna, Ivory Coast—Robert Bryan recently suffered a severe reaction to penicillin but a counter treatment was applied. Latest diagnosis indicates he has rheumatic fever and is thus confined to bed for at least a month. Evi-

baby dedication at sapporo



the wilsons—ivory coast bound



jaboticabal—church construction



dently no heart damage has occurred. Pray for him and Judy during this time of difficulty.

news briefs

Royal Oak, Michigan—Jerry and Janice Banks write about Missionary Internship: "We are really grateful that the Lord has made it possible for us to be here. The experience working under Brother Riggs in Central Church is proving to be quite challenging! Missionary Internship has helped us see many things through new eyes."

Araras, Brazil—Tom Hughes declares, "Lightning does strike twice in the same place: Lori broke her right arm again." She broke it while getting up on the stage at church.

Charleston, S.C.—Missionary Carlisle Hanna and sons Donald and Mark arrived here November 22 to be reunited with Mrs. Hanna and daughter Brenda who arrived in August. The Hannas are on short furlough and plan to return to India February 20.

Bondoukou, Ivory Coast—Jimmy Aldridge has a serious iris infection in his left eye and has been under treatment in Abidjan. Pray for him.

payne and miley team

Doropo, Ivory Coast—Attendance and interest have gone up markedly in four villages south of Doropo since Eddie Payne and Dr. LaVerne Miley began weekly evangelistic-medical trips to them. Missionary Payne has preached regularly in the area of these villages since his return to

hannas arrive



the Ivory Coast last spring; and just as regularly, he has been asked for medical help.

"Since I know nothing about medicine, and also because of these villages' being so far from medical facilities, I asked Dr. Miley to accompany me on my weekly preaching trips," Eddie says. "And the crowds have really increased."

Usually, the first hour in the village is the evangelistic service. Another hour is spent ministering to the physical needs of villagers. Visits to four villages, plus the two hour round trip drive, make Thursdays long, tiring and profitable days for both the missionaries.

gift for koulango new testament

Rivera, Uruguay—The children and young people from the Rivera Central Free Will Baptist Church along with the people from the Aguas Buenas work recently sent \$10.00 to the Foreign Missions Department to help print the Koulango New Testament.

God has blessed the work here enabling the church to pay off its remodeling debt recently. The church recognized God's blessings with a special thanksgiving service.

accident makes opportunity

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Brazilian pastor Dirceu Biason is recovering well from his recent motorcycle accident. He has had surgery five times in an effort to correct his facial injuries.

He writes concerning his hospitalization: "God showed me His power . . . During this time

miley—"helping payne ease pain"



three boys received Jesus as their savior, and it was an opportunity to make a lot of new contacts."

Reports indicate hospital expenses have reached nearly \$1,600.00. Pray that God will supply this need.

mission board meets

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met here December 4-7 in their semi-annual session. Board action included the screening of several summer missionary candidates for final selection, approval of the Howard Filkins as house parents in Bouake, Ivory Coast, and interviewing other missionary applicants and returned missionaries.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Gladys P. Sloan who retired after 22 years with the department was honored by the board and staff at a special dinner and presented with a gift of appreciation.

progress in barbacena

Barbacena, Brazil—Since May 5, some 18 decisions for Christ have been made here, mostly by adults. Missionary Bob Aycock reports that most of these have been faithful. He says that between 30 and 50 people attend Sunday night services and 20 to 40 on Wednesday nights.

Among the converts in an English teacher-radio announcer and, more recently, the executive director of the radio station made a decision in the Aycock home.

The Aycocks have also shown Moody Science films to a total of 3,500 students.

the filkins—new dorm parents



view from this side

editor's catchall

WHAT ABOUT THE MK'S?

MK'S (MISSIONARY KIDS) are important! Everyone thinks so. But few people understand them. And fewer still do anything to try to make the MK's life a normal one. You see, they are "special kids." They get special attention, whether they want it or not. They are called on to give special reports, even though they may have a tremendous fear of groups. They are stared at, laughed at, whispered about, etc. And if they aren't extroverts and extra friendly, then they are labeled "stuck up" or "conceited" or whatever else might be thrown their way.

We will be featuring special little tidbits from the MK's in the future issues of *Heartbeat*. Maybe these will help our readers to understand these "without-a-country" young people.

MIXED EMOTIONS come my way everytime I am in a missionary conference or hear a missionary speaker. I feel the urge to get back out on the field. Brazil still holds a special place in my heart

and life. But for the present it is needful that I be here.

Did you ever sense the "call" to the mission field? Did you get "cold feet"? Or did someone else talk you out of it? Maybe that was best for the moment, but what about now? Would you like to have a talk about what God wants you to do now?

Write me a letter or call me. I would love to counsel with you.

THE URGENCY of our task is portrayed in the new foreign missions theme for 1973: *Till the Whole World Knows*.

Do you know what it will cost us to let the whole world know that Jesus is the only way of life? Do you realize that unless we let them know, they will die a Christless death and spend a Christless eternity in hell?

I have been thrilled at the response of people throughout our denomination. But I still feel we could do more. Never has the responsibility been greater because Free Will Baptists have never before had the resources they now have. We have no place to stop! Missionaries must go! Churches must send! People must pray—TILL THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS.

payne's people



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Henry Van Kluyve

HERE 'N THERE

The year 1972 is history. Where has it gone? To some it might have dragged. To others it might have seemed like a vapor that appeared then vanished away. But it can never be relived!

As I reflect back over the months of 1972 I rejoice over what God has done for our foreign missions ministry. Last year as I labored for the Lord, traveling thousands of miles, holding pastors' conferences, preaching revivals, conducting missions conferences and otherwise promoting our foreign ministries, I personally was privileged to see our people respond with a total of almost \$6,800 in monthly faith promises. This does not include cash offerings and faith promises secured as a result of missionaries' itineraries.

The average monthly income of our missionaries has increased considerably. Fewer missionaries are in the "red." More pastors are opening their pulpits for missionaries to inform and challenge their congregations.

Recently I was in a church where a sizeable monthly pledge was made. It made some wonder, "Who made that?" This has happened over and over again. But these generous faith promises would never have been made had the pastor not allowed his people to be exposed to the foreign missions ministry.

As you reflect back over 1972 what has your church done? What are your plans for the new year? Are you pastors planning to lead your people to get more involved with the Great Commission? Why not plan that missionary revival, crusade, rally or the like? "It is no secret what God can do."

In every case where the church has become more involved in foreign missions, God has showed down His unusual blessings.

'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

LOVING SERVICE

Facing the new year with Free Will Baptist missionaries is a venture of loving service. The needs are not diminishing but increasing. "Help" is a word with significant meaning to a woman in a burning house, to a drowning boy or to a dying man. It was a word of pathos when the woman of Canaan was persistent with her plea, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25).

Praying hands are symbolic of devotion and intercession. To do our work, we need a large force of praying people—people who penetrate the hindering forces of evil to talk with God as Daniel did. The most dangerous conflicts for modern day missionaries are not physical but spiritual. They fight with demonic powers of darkness. They expose themselves and their families to satanic attacks. Their loving service is often unwanted and contrary to prevailing traditions. They need wisdom to know how long to remain in a town before "shaking the dust from their shoes."

It was the helping hands of the Good Samaritan who gently cared for the wounded man. The missionaries reach down to raise the fallen. A knock late at night finds a troubled young lady at the door. She discovers that these foreigners do care and they tell her of peace which comes in the forgiveness of her sins. Her discovery is shared with her family, her friends and many other hands are now reaching forth to help each other.

The missionary doctor skillfully performs an operation and saves a man's life. The missionary nurse gives a vaccination to prevent a disease. The missionary hands a Bible to a new convert. These are deeds of loving service.

Someone has a cry for help and a Free Will Baptist missionary is there to answer this cry.

Many of you who read *Heartbeat* will never be "there" to touch with your hands these who wait in need. Your loving service of praying and giving is all important to the noble work of your missionaries. Our 1973 budget is nearly one million dollars. We will need loving sacrificial giving to answer the cry of "help." Your church can reach out and extend helping hands by sending gifts regularly to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.

I am convinced that God will bless the church which demonstrates its compassion in service to regions beyond. I ask you to join me, my staff and our board in times of special prayer and extra giving to know the joy of answering the cry of HELP!

This new year could bring the return of our Lord. The convert you help to bring to Christ could be the last prodigal son to return home, the last woman at the well to drink of the fountain of life, the last jailer to know the plan of salvation or the last fire brand to be plucked from the fire. How glorious to hand to the Master Builder the last stone to make His building complete! With deepest gratitude I thank you who so faithfully have shared in our ministry in 1972 but now we face a new year. We need your *help*!

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for—

The HEALTH of many ailing missionaries

Strengthening of the VOICE of J. Reford Wilson

MORE LABORERS for the harvest

FINANCIAL NEEDS:

—Dormitory at Bouake, Ivory Coast

—Monthly support for house parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Filkins

—Printing of the Koulango New Testament

SPECIAL BULLETIN



Dec. 19, 1935 - Dec. 13, 1972

EMMA RUTH WILLEY WITH THE LORD

Missionary to Panama Emma Ruth Willey, wife of Thomas Willey, Jr., went to be with the Lord on December 13 in a Panama hospital. Death was caused by malignancy in the lungs which spread to the brain.

Funeral services were held in Panama on Friday, December 15. The body was then taken to New Bern, North Carolina where services were conducted Sunday afternoon, December 17.

PRAY FOR THE FAMILY! Emma Ruth leaves her husband, Thomas, Jr., a daughter, Kathy age 10, a three-month-old son, Thomas Randall, her mother, Mrs. Mabel Bennett and a sister, Mrs. Milton (Peggy) Langston.

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TOMORROW? TODAY!



The Free Will Baptist mission in Brazil offers reality to the spiritually disillusioned. Filmed in Brazil. **COLOR: 15 MINUTES**

WITH BOTH HANDS AND BOTH FEET!



The Free Will Baptist mission in India struggles against humanly impenetrable darkness. Has God forsaken these hungry millions? Filmed in India. **COLOR: 15½ MINUTES**

the Right Time Came!



The story of Jesus Christ from eternity past to the startling present. Filmed in the Holy Land. **COLOR: 17 MINUTES**



what do you offer?

The Free Will Baptist mission in Japan makes Christ relevant in a totally non-Christian culture. Filmed in Japan. **COLOR: 15½ MINUTES**

brushfire!

The Free Will Baptist mission in Ivory Coast cuts through the underbrush of ancient tradition. Filmed in Africa. **COLOR: 12 MINUTES**

STEEPLES TO NOWHERE



Working in France, a land of religious appearances, Free Will Baptist missionaries seek to present the genuine gospel of Christ. Filmed in France. **COLOR: 14½ MINUTES**

AT LEAST ONE CHANCE



A survey of Free Will Baptist missionaries at work throughout the world giving people everywhere "at least one chance" to hear about Jesus. **COLOR: 22 MINUTES**



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opposition

The Free Will Baptist mission in Panama and Uruguay finds opportunities for the gospel amidst religious, social and political crises.

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