

Heartbeat

MAY 1973



Winning through the "Out of Doors"

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by Sam Wilkinson

The calm of the night was broken by sobs. There, under a large tree was a young fellow needing something in his heart. The counselor went and helped him find an answer from God.

A group of young boys were up in a tree. At first everyone thought they were asleep (sometimes at camp, they don't get much sleep!). After a few minutes, all came down full of joy saying one of the boys had, like Nicodemus, received Christ as Savior.

Two young Christians (sons of missionaries) were sitting on the grass leading a drug addict and dope pusher to the Lord.

Several young Christians were giving their testimonies for the first time around the bonfire.

These scenes took place at Evangelandia (Land of Evangelism), the campgrounds for Free Will Baptists in Brazil. Twice a year for about nine years, many young Brazilians have come to camp at Evangelandia. Many come from Free Will Bap-

tist churches but many others come with no church background whatsoever. Most of these who have come, have found Christ as Savior and have gone away happy.

Young people like Dirceu, William and Flavia have felt God calling them to His service full time. Others like Maria Adelia, Sandra, Mauro, Cecilia, Maurina and others now are being used to help in the camp work. We praise the Lord that He has given Brazilians to be used in this work.

The camp grounds include about 27 acres of land and several farm buildings that have been converted into dormitories, kitchen-dining hall, tabernacle, etc. A new kitchen-dining hall has just been completed. This will make room for more dorm space. The young people enjoy the many shade trees. Every day during private devotions the campers spread out under the shade trees and commune with the Lord. Most of the property was pastureland, however, 12 acres of orange trees were planted recently.

The work at Evangelandia is being expanded.



Not only youth camps but also Youth Leadership conferences are being conducted for the Christian youth interested in serving in the church. In addition to this, camps and retreats for university students are very popular. Later, camps are planned for the older people of the churches who would like to get away for a week or weekend and study the Word of the Lord.

The main objective from the time the campers arrive is to bring them to a personal relationship with Christ. This is done through teaching, preaching and personal contact. The counselors seek to talk personally with each camper during the week.

The last night of camp is normally the night for the bonfire. Everyone really feels and expresses the blessings of the week. Hardly anyone goes to sleep early that night. And the next morning many

arise with toothpaste in their hair and deodorant sprayed on their bed clothing. Who did it? No one knows, or really cares!

Then the hour comes to depart and everyone is sad—even the camp director. A few days later, however, he rejoices when he receives a letter from a young man thanking him for the camp and the blessing he received. He may also ask forgiveness for any problem he may have caused. He closes the letter by saying, "I'll be back next year."

He will be back and many more like him! And we praise the Lord for this place—Evangelandia. For here, the young people can get away from the cities and spend a week "out-of-doors" studying God's Word and learning to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.





GOD'S VISION

and a Mission Focus...

souls for Christ in Barbacena

by Bobby Aycock

At 6:00 a.m. we were awakened by a loudspeaker. "A loudspeaker this early in the morning?" I thought! "Where could it be coming from?" In a matter of seconds we realized that it was a Catholic priest saying prayers to the virgin Mary. The voice was coming from the tower on one of the Catholic cathedrals across the way from our hotel. This was in the fall of 1970 when Earnie Deeds, Dave Franks and I surveyed the city of Barbacena in the state of Minas Gerais. We have been living in Barbacena well over a year now. The prayers to the virgin Mary still come out loud and clear every morning. They can be heard across the entire city including where we live.

Barbacena is a strong, traditional, Catholic city. Christians are few and the gospel is hardly known. So with a conviction that God was leading, we moved to this city on February 18, 1972.

A new work in a traditional city is anything but easy! Oh, we had a warm reception personally by those we met; however, the reception of the gospel is quite a different story.

But the Lord opened the door for a radio ministry, and on March 6 of last year we began a 15 minute daily broadcast Monday through Friday. We never cease to be amazed at the Lord's blessings on this ministry. When we opened the rented hall for services on May 5, radio listeners came. Until this day we have always had people to whom we could preach the gospel in our hall.

As soon as the lights were turned on the first

night of our regular services a young couple with two small children walked in. "We heard you are starting a church here," they said. "You can count on us to attend." They had come in contact with the gospel previously and even owned a Bible. The man is still not converted at this time, but his wife is a faithful Christian. Sue started a children's work in their home not long ago. More than 25 children come to their home each Thursday afternoon.

While I was giving out advertisements for some special services, a lady recognized me as being the radio preacher. She asked for counsel. Two attempts to commit suicide had failed. Now she had hope of receiving help. I explained the gospel to her and her husband. They went to services and later made decisions.

The Lord has given us several souls. The attendance has been good. Our youth group has been growing. Recently 16 young people were present for their youth meeting. We also sponsored a four-day retreat recently at which a 19-year-old boy was converted.

Moody Science films have been shown in several schools. Dozens of Bibles and New Testaments have been distributed along with about eight thousand tracts. We also hope to start open air services soon with films and preaching.

Opportunity abounds! The task is not easy! But starting anew is all part of the commission: "Go . . . make disciples."

The value of the American dollar may never again equal that of past history. Today its value is less than it was two years ago. The dramatic changes which have taken place have jolted our missionaries and missions programs around the world into a new dimension of concern.

For many years our missionaries exchanged the dollar for their local currency without any major problems. The economy of the United States was such that foreign governments welcomed the dollar. Consequently the exchange rate was good. However, since the money crisis in August, 1971, the picture has changed drastically. The value of the United States dollar has continually decreased. This means that it now takes more dollars to do the same work. Our missionaries work under a large variety of economic conditions. In every situation they are receiving less currency than two years ago.

When President Nixon recently made the announcement regarding our monetary policy, almost immediately currencies around the world were revalued. This reevaluation produced another problem for our missionaries. Their salary and their work funds were cut. (Work funds include monies used to carry on the ministry of a particular

missionary.) The cut in some areas has been as high as 16 to 20 per cent. One can readily see the many problems that result from such cuts. What would a 20 per cent cut in your take-home pay do to you?

We are doing our best to correct these problems. Our missions program operates with a cost of living allowance for each field. This percentage is adjusted as the economy demands. When the economy changes so rapidly, many adjustments must be made.

You may ask, "What does this crisis mean to me?" Just this: there must be an *increase in support!* Every missions donor must shoulder some of the responsibility. Every church should promptly consider an increase in its monthly allotment to missions—an increase necessitated by devaluation of the dollar, not by salary increases.

This money crisis was not anticipated by our Board of Foreign Missions. When field budgets were approved we had no way of knowing that the dollar would be involved in a world monetary crisis. But God knew! He also knows who can and should increase his giving. If He moves in *your heart* to increase your giving, I hope you will be prompt to obey.

by Harold Critcher

THE DOLLAR CRISIS and free will baptist foreign missions





My Daughter In-Law Emma Ruth

by Mabel Willey

The last thing in the world she would have ever wanted would be for me to write this—yet I feel, in a strange way, a real desire to do so.

So few people really knew her—partly due to her reserved disposition. And then, she was just content to live in her world of her family and the people with whom they worked. To them she was fiercely loyal.

It was not an easy task for her to become a part of an already established missionary family and have to follow in their footsteps—strange places, strange customs, strange language. Yet, she found her place!

Was it possible that one person could possess so many outstanding talents? Whatever her hands touched she could make beautiful. When she played the piano it seemed as if in no other way she poured out her soul in love and adoration to her Lord. When she wrote—with so few words—she expressed, without hypocrisy, her deepest feelings. When she did the cooking or decorated her home, you somehow asked, “Just why couldn’t I have thought of that, or done it that way?” It was a delight to watch her cut out clothes—make them so attractive—then say, “I made that dress for \$1.50.” It was God’s money she was saving—and that pleased her.

She did not often speak publicly in our churches here. Yet if there was a family in need she prepared food and sent it. She would go and quietly sit by to let them know she was present in their hour of sorrow—she understood. In her young life she became so acquainted with grief. In the loss of their stillborn son (as we came from Cuba) and her thirteen-year-old daughter, Alicia—her life took on a new depth—and her heart always wept for any sorrowing person of whom she heard.

Her greatest disappointment had been the fact that they did not have a son to carry on the names of the two grandfathers. To her great joy at the beginning of 1972 she knew she could expect a son. It turned out to be one of the hardest years of personal physical suffering that she had known in her life. Yet there were two months, after the birth of her son, that she knew blissful happiness.

She worked on a beautiful program with the young people at the church. It was a great success! God blessed, and the Holy Spirit moved in hearts. Then the pain came again—this time in the neck and head. She knew what she had—very soon afterward she slipped away Home in her sleep.

She is today a part of that great Hallelujah Chorus. On earth she has left a part of her very life in her daughter Kathy and her son Thomas Randall Willey. Kathy expressed it for us all a few days ago as she talked with me about her mother—“I will never forget her.”

I am convinced that God has special gifts for mothers—and one of the most priceless is a daughter-in-law—I know!

M.K. VIEWPOINT

by Lyndon Deeds

In 1962 when our family started traveling to raise funds to go to Brazil, my life was suddenly changed. Being an MK has affected me in many ways.

I was saved when I was four years old, before we went to Brazil. But after arriving in Brazil, I tried to find some friends. I made a few friends but they were not like me. Almost all were non-Christians. My new friends had different standards, and a lot of times I just couldn't go along. In this situation I had a lonely feeling.

In the church where we worked there were not many youth activities like in some churches in the United States. I missed them greatly.

It really meant a lot to me when I was able to get involved in some kind of missionary work. Various times I had the privilege to help in house to house tract distribution. A few times I was able to go with Dad to some schools and show Moody Science films to the students. These activities helped my spiritual growth.

I don't think my physical development has been hindered from living in Brazil. True, one has to be more careful with water and food. Parasites are a threat, and so are tropical diseases. But good medical care is available in most areas.

I have had a mixture of four different kinds of schooling: U.S. schools (on furlough), American school in Brazil for two years, Calvert School by correspondence, and Brazilian schools. Adjusting and re-adjusting has been the greatest problem I have faced. My education hasn't been ideal, but I've acquired some things I would not be able to get in one school. For example, I was able to learn Portu-

guese as well as Brazilian history.

Even though I feel there are some disadvantages on the mission field, I think there are more advantages. I like being an MK.

by Billy Fulcher

When I was 14 months old we left the States for Costa Rica. There my mother and father stayed one year in language school. Then we went to Uruguay. We lived in Uruguay for six and a half years. Then we came to Panama and have been here for a year and a half. During these years I have enjoyed the mission field.

I am glad that my father works full time for the Lord on the field rather than some other type of work. I am glad because through this I have been able to see how others live and the need for other Free Will Baptist missionaries. If the Lord is willing, I am planning to be a missionary when I grow up. The only real thing that bothers me on the field is that I have friends that are not Christians.

When we were in Uruguay I went to a Spanish speaking school. There are two shifts in the schools down there, morning and afternoon. I went in the afternoon. Since it was all in Spanish, and I went in the afternoon, my mother had to teach me English at home in the morning. Due to the difference in seasons, I lost a year of school when we went home on furlough. I felt bad about that.

Now that we are in Panama I can go to an English speaking school.

On the whole, with advantages and disadvantages, I enjoy living on the mission field.

Lyndon Deeds, age 14, is the son of Earnie and Willie Jean Deeds, Brazil. Billy Fulcher, age 13, is the son of Bill and Glenda Fulcher, Panama.



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gibbs and
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and banks



Appointees Begin Deputation

Detroit, Michigan—Finishing up their training program here at Missionary Internship on May 24 will be Jerry and Janice Banks, Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, Dock and Norma Caton, and Miss Patsy Vanhook. They will immediately begin their deputational ministries before going to their respective fields.

Jerry and Janice Banks, from Oklahoma and Virginia respectively, are appointees to Japan. Jerry pastored the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia before being appointed last May.

Jerry and Barbara Gibbs will be going to France to work with the Joe Haases and to study the French language in preparation for a more permanent ministry in France. They were appointed in August of last year. Jerry is from North Carolina and Barbara is from Tennessee.

Dock and Norma Caton hail from Oklahoma and are looking to be the first Free Will Baptist missionaries to Spain. Dock attended O.B.C. (now Hillsdale) in Oklahoma and California Christian College before graduating from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville last May.

Patsy Vanhook, Rogers, Arkansas, was appointed last May to the field of France. Patsy has been abroad in summer missionary work on three occasions. She taught for two years in the Pensacola Christian School in Pensacola, Florida.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

mrs. merkh injured

Nantes, France—Margaret Merkh, wife of Missionary Dan Merkh, suffered a back injury recently when she fell backward on a hard slate terrace in their back yard. The extent of her injury is not known at this time, but she is suffering a great deal of pain.

The Merkhs are facing many difficulties at the present: They are seeking another house, but none seem to be available for less than \$200 a month. Spiritual struggles in the church have been taxing (one family recently left the church). The dollar devaluation is affecting their economy drastically. And Margaret's injury makes an added burden.

Dan expressed satisfaction, however, with the progress being made on the new hall they planned to open in Lorient. Latest plans were to begin services there on March 25.

evangelistic campaign

Uberaba, Brazil—According to Missionary Louis Coscia several families have been added to the church largely as a result of a recent evangelistic campaign held in the church here.

"On the first night of the meetings a young man came before services and asked what he must do to become a Christian," writes Louis. "He had received and read some literature and wanted to

know more . . . We encouraged him to go home and bring his family to the service. He returned with his wife and son. When the evangelist gave the invitation this family was among those who came forward to accept Christ."

More than 20 decisions for salvation were recorded during the week and most were adults.

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing . . . see that ye abound in this grace also." II Cor. 8:7.

fmi retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—More than 100 students from Free Will Baptist Bible College and four from Hillsdale College in Oklahoma met at Camp Na-Co-Me just outside of Nashville March 30-April 1 to discuss the "errand of the church" and hear challenges from missionaries Jim and Olena McLain (Japan) and Norman and Bessie Richards (Ivory Coast).

Assistant Director of Home Missions Roy Thomas spoke to the group at a bonfire service and Dr. L. C. Johnson concluded with a message on the subject, "Eliminating the Hindrances."

calvary urges correction

Sapporo, Japan—Concern has been expressed by Missionary Wesley Calvery over recently published figures which indicate that Japan is more than 2%

Christian. A church growth specialist in Japan, the Rev. Satoshi Moviyama, has informed Wesley that a little less than 1% (including Catholics) is "Christian."

In the October, 1972, *Heartbeat* a census report was cited in which 3% "called" themselves Christians. It was not stated to infer that they were actually Christian.

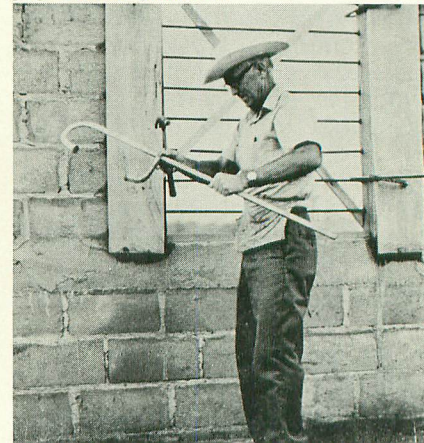
gage injured in fall

Bouake, Ivory Coast—Missionary builder Howard Gage suffered a back injury on March 16 when a scaffold on which he was standing slipped on the concrete floor causing him to fall on his back. X-rays showed bruises but no chips or breaks of the vertebrae in the lower back.

The doctor who treated him has prescribed 15 days of rest on a thin foam rubber mattress with a board under it. It is anticipated that the injury will heal without traction.

Missionary Gage had just reported excellent progress on the building in Bouake. All exterior walls, 90% of interior walls, roof on houseparents' quarters and most cess pool and sewage excavation were all reported to be done. Pray that the injury will not be lasting and that the building can be completed on schedule.

gage before accident



the merkhs



olena mclain at fmi retreat



special campaign

Livramento, Brazil—A special evangelistic campaign was held here beginning March 12. The national leaders in the church planned the meeting for the purpose of winning souls and "firing up the Christians."

Local pastors including Ubertil and Missionary Paul Robinson were among those who spoke during the week. Five decisions were recorded for the week.

building located

Rennes, France—The Joe Haases have located a building which they hope to purchase for the church. The building is 36 feet square and is located in a shopping center here with some 30,000 people within walking distance. As soon as they have clearance on using it for a church they plan to make the purchase.

The Haases also report a growing Bible Club ministry. One club which recently sported 54 children meets within 100 yards of the proposed church building.

English Bible study with the team of students is also being used to reach university students.

"Plans are being made to reach every home in the city of Rennes (200,000) with a gospel tract and an invitation to our church," writes Joe. "Pray for this project."

"best camps," say youth

Jaboticabal, Brazil—Campers here indicated they considered the recent camps "the best spiritual camps we've had," according to Missionary Sam Wilkinson. Two camps were held at Evan-

gelandia (see page 3) during early January and a five-day Youth Leadership Conference was held during "Carnival" (Mardi Gras) week in early March. A total of 60 (including workers) attended the latter camp and according to Sam, "it was a tremendous blessing. Everyone was anxious to receive something from the Lord."

burtons visit panama

St. Louis, Mo.—The Reverend Clarence Burton, pastor of Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church here, spent February 5-16 in Panama along with his wife Vivian and Miss Gigi Barks visiting with the Bill Fulchers. Miss Barks is Glenda Fulcher's sister and the Berkeley church is Glenda's home church.

Reverend Burton stated, "I don't think we have ever enjoyed anything more. You can really become aware of the field white unto harvest after a trip like this."

Expenses for the Burtons were borne by the church while Miss Barks bore her own expenses.

four day retreat

Barbacena, Brazil—Missionary Bobby Aycok reports a "first" for this area. "We just closed out a four-day retreat for young people," says Bobby. "The Lord provided us with a nine-room farm house with running water and electricity, rent free, located about one and a half miles out of town." According to him, the church people and friends cooperated in supplying furnishings and cooking utensils as well as two volunteer cooks.

Seventeen people stayed the four days which ended with the

Sunday night church service with 35-40 in attendance. One young man was saved during the retreat. Several Bible studies and discussions were included in the program along with various types of recreation.

news briefs

Nashville, Tenn.—On Call-a-thon Sunday, April 15, \$15,003.28 was phoned in for Foreign Missions. (Detailed report next month.)

Tubarao, Brazil—John and Connie Craft and their family are scheduled to leave for furlough and plan to arrive in North Carolina on May 18.

Panama City, Panama—"Mom" Mabel Willey was hospitalized recently due to the flu bug. She underwent several "tests" but at last report nothing was found to be seriously wrong.

Rivera, Uruguay—The annual Free Will Baptist camp for this area was cancelled recently due to a lack of interest and the high cost of living. Compared to 70 who attended last year, reports indicated only nine persons planned to attend this year.

Nantes, France—Daniel Merkh, Jr. is out of bed and apparently well after being bed-ridden for some time with hepatitis.

randy cronk to india

Nashville, Tenn.—Randy Cronk, son of Missionaries Dan and Trula Cronk, traveled to India on March 16 to set up negotiations for importation of brass planters for potted flowers on behalf of George Kelly Florist in Nashville. He will be in India about 4 to 6 weeks.

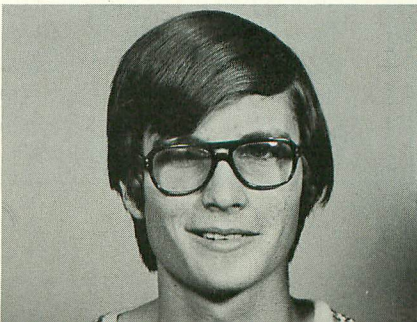
bible club in rennes



bibles for barbacena



randy cronk



view from this side

editor's catchall

100 THIS DECADE

WHAT CAN be more important than getting the message of salvation to those who haven't heard? I can't think of a thing that merits more of our time, talents, and money! Yet, somehow, we still seem to be "dragging our feet" in some areas.

The Board of Foreign Missions has set a goal of 100 new missionaries to be sent out in this decade. How will we ever meet this quota? We won't, unless people get concerned and unless young people respond to the challenge.

God has set forth His plan for getting "recruits" for the mission field: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9:38.

Certainly God is willing! The need is obvious. But the devil is using a multitude of methods to thwart the missionary outreach: monetary crises, confusion among the youth, immaturity in the church, lesser important programs in the home and in the

church, and a number of other satanic hindrances.

But will you join us in praying for 100 new missionaries in this decade? Then pray that God will supply the money to send them forth! Remember, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Time is running out! We must do what we can now!

THE "Non-Professional" missionary is a term given to those who go to a foreign field under secular or government employment and yet are qualified and able to perform the duties of a missionary: winning and training converts.

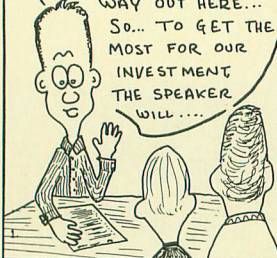
More and more emphasis is being placed on this type of missionary service. We should encourage it, but not to the detriment of our total missions outreach. There is great value in a mission program such as ours.

We have a pamphlet which you should read before discarding the mission board approach. Write and ask for the pamphlet: "Don't Turn Off the Mission Board." We will send it to you free of charge. You will be glad you read it!

payne's people

WAY OUT THERE F.W.B. CHURCH
CONFERENCE PLANNING MEETING

AS YOU ALL KNOW,
IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE
TO HAVE A MISSIONARY
WAY OUT HERE...
SO... TO GET THE
MOST FOR OUR
INVESTMENT
THE SPEAKER
WILL....



WAY OUT THERE SPEAKER
SCHEDULE

1. FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST 8:15
2. JR. MIDGETS 9:05
3. LITTLE GUYS 9:15
4. SOME LARGERS 9:30
5. BETWEENERS 9:50
6. TREMENDOUS TEENS 10:10
7. MARRIED YOUNGS 10:25
8. YOUNG MARRIEDS 10:40
- WORSHIP SERVICE 10:55
- SPECIAL MUSIC FROM THE
FABULOUS FOUR PLUS TWO.
- MISSION OFFERING
- MESSAGE BY MISSIONARY
SPEAKER
- CHURCH HOMECOMING PICNIC
LUNCH PROMPTLY AT 12:10

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A FEW VISITS WITH
THE PASTOR IN THE
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Henry Van Kluyve

COMMENDATIONS

The Apostle Paul, in II Cor. 8 commends the giving record of the churches in Macedonia (II Cor. 8:1-5). And by using the saints at Macedonia as examples, Paul exhorts the Corinthian church, "... that ye abound in this grace also." (II Cor. 8:7) My, what stirring verses!

For some time now, I have felt constrained to share with you some of the results that I've been privileged to witness as the Lord has dealt with the hearts of God's people.

I had an enjoyable and inspiring week end recently (January, 1973) with Reverend Sam Truett and his mission congregation at Kingstree, S.C. They were budgeting \$40 per month for two missionaries. Additional giving amounted to \$150 per month in faith promises.

At the second annual conference at New Hope church in Joelton, Tenn., with Pastor Vernon Barker, \$4,000 in faith promises was added to the \$500 already budgeted. This made a total of \$4,500 yearly.

Reverend James Amick, Jr. pastors the First church of Springfield, Tenn., a relatively small congregation. Faith promise commitments in February of this year totaled \$125 per month, nearly double that of January 1972.

On March 18, I visited Ward's Chapel church in Fairview, Tenn. Reverend Tim McDonald pastors this very small rural church. Attendance for the service was 20. The Holy Spirit moved in the hearts of God's children. A remarkable \$80.30 was recorded to be allocated for Walter Ellison and Jim McLain. My heart was thrilled!

"Therefore, as ye abound in every thing . . . see that ye abound in this grace also." II Cor. 8:7.

'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

NEEDS IN FRANCE

On a visit to the mission fields, one sees, hears and feels many things which are difficult to communicate in writing. Each country has its own distinctives. The economical and educational levels vary within a country and affect the means used to preach the gospel. In the last issue of *Heartbeat*, I wrote specifically of our ministry in the Ivory Coast.

In cultural contrast to Ivory Coast is our historical and traditional ally—France. Though a country of beautiful cathedrals, less than two per cent of its 50 million people are evangelical Christians.

My wife and I returned from Africa through Europe. We were present for the annual anniversary service at our church in Nantes, France. The Merkhs began their ministry in this city in 1967.

In May, 1970, the Haases established their residence in Rennes. In these few years of Free Will Baptist work in France God has given a harvest of souls. The ministry of the Merkhs has been called a "miracle of evangelism" and the "most unusual" has described the student ministry of the Haases.

The group (approximately 40) from Rennes chartered a bus and attended the anniversary service. Mrs. Wilson gave her testimony and sang before I delivered the anniversary message. The Don Sextons shared in the afternoon program, Mrs. Sexton giving her first testimony in French and Rev. Sexton preaching his first sermon in French.

Our newest work is in Lorient, a beautiful port city of 150,000 people on the Brittany Coast. It was practically destroyed during World War II but has since been rebuilt. Its modern architecture and apartment complexes give it a fresh and growing appearance.

There are only two protestant churches in this city: the Reformed Church and an Assembly of God Church. A rented hall is being remodeled for our services. Missionary Merkh drives over on Sunday afternoon approximately 100 miles from Nantes for evening services. He stays in the city overnight and makes personal visits on Monday. This is an additional outreach of his full schedule at Nantes.

A missionary is needed now for this city. I drove by an incredible pyramidal type apartment structure of which the lower level, several stories high, extends for almost a block. A shopping center attached to the apartment complex is under construction. I was told that within this one-half mile radius will live 25,000 people. A pastor could lease an area for a chapel and minister to these thousands without going outside the walls.

I joined Missionary Haas and six students on one of the campuses in Rennes to witness the distribution of literature at one of the university cafeterias. On this particular campus 9,000 students attend classes. Very seldom did I see a student drop a tract but with interest they walked away reading the message. There were 26 students representing nine nations at the Sunday evening English Bible study hour—Germany, Scotland, England, Iran, North Viet Nam, Syria, Canada, France and the United States.

We could place ten couples immediately in France. It is difficult to make a comparison of the need. Wherever man is without Christ, he is a mission field. However, where there are thousands of men who lack opportunity to hear the message, the need becomes greater in comparison. I am appealing to dedicated men and women.

You may be the answer to our prayers. If I were a young man, I would run to the mission field as quickly as God would allow me to go. Where does God want you?

financial facts

THROUGH MARCH 31

ON DEPOSIT MARCH 1	\$306,252.30
RECEIPTS THRU MARCH 31	235,167.60
DISBURSEMENTS THRU MARCH 31	221,566.89
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THRU MARCH 31	241,125.00
TOTAL 1973 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	964,511.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge	\$ 8,314.44	Palmer	622.68
Aycock	6,466.55	Payne	(1,614.71)
Banks	1,274.72	Pinkerton	5,549.16
Barker	2,573.21	Poole	5,796.69
Bryan	4,096.01	Richards	2,213.73
Calvery	2,656.01	Robinson	10,293.99
Caton	1,389.89	Sexton	17,116.71
Combs	18,522.41	Sparks	23,509.77
Coscia	1,962.66	Stevens	601.19
Cousineau	1,157.87	Sturgill	7,381.91
Craft	(412.44)	Vanhook	1,217.23
Cronk	6,230.45	Waid	1,068.02
Deeds	1,982.39	Wilkinson	6,499.41
Eagleton	14,212.47	Willey, Jr.	7,764.86
Ellison	7,846.29	M. Willey	1,670.87
Filkins	(103.28)	Africa Bible	
Franks	8,855.75	Inst.	313.80
Fulcher	1,010.06	Brazil Inst.	481.48
Gage	2,658.39	Brazil Veh.	3,449.17
Gibbs	808.76	Japan	
Haas	14,422.09	Land Fd.	
Hanna	21,251.29	Tokyo	267.17
Hersey	953.47	Proj. 5000	4,985.18
Hughes	4,461.67	S. India	1,322.54
Inscow	2,502.45	Spain	3,828.01
Lee	8,072.13	Summer	
McLain	2,860.91	Miss.	4,292.65
Mayhew	3,115.02	Willey Mem.	
Merkh	661.75	Loan Fd.	1,978.21
Miley	17,729.46		

STATE QUOTAS—1973

STATE	RECEIPTS THROUGH MAR. 31	QUOTA	UNDER/ OVER (+)
Alabama	\$ 7,137.68	\$ 31,500.00	\$24,362.32
Arizona	347.40	5,500.00	5,152.60
Arkansas	6,688.37	42,000.00	35,311.63
California	9,814.21	51,000.00	41,185.79
Canada	163.00	700.00	537.00
Colorado	205.48	2,300.00	2,094.52
Florida	9,456.99	24,000.00	14,543.01
Georgia	7,922.66	35,500.00	27,577.34
Hawaii	203.05	800.00	596.95
Idaho	131.71	2,000.00	1,868.29
Illinois	5,981.91	25,500.00	19,518.09
Indiana	1,704.28	7,500.00	5,795.72
Iowa	254.00	3,500.00	3,246.00
Kansas	571.41	8,000.00	7,428.59
Kentucky	3,860.41	19,000.00	15,139.59
Louisiana	20.00	2,500.00	2,480.00
Maine	237.00	2,500.00	2,263.00
Maryland	597.37	2,000.00	1,402.63
Michigan	13,979.18	70,000.00	56,020.82
Minnesota	65.10	100.00	34.90
Mississippi	3,495.82	18,000.00	14,504.18
Missouri	20,253.75	70,500.00	50,246.25
Montana	10.00	50.00	40.00
New Hampshire	75.56	1,600.00	1,524.44
New Mexico	.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
New York	7.50	50.00	42.50
North Carolina	34,773.83	130,000.00	95,226.17
Ohio	6,668.68	38,000.00	31,331.32
Oklahoma	22,905.79	80,000.00	57,094.21
Oregon	.00	800.00	800.00
Pennsylvania	15.00	100.00	85.00
Puerto Rico	18.00	100.00	82.00
South Carolina	17,339.95	60,000.00	42,660.05
Tennessee	37,696.96	108,800.00	71,103.04
Texas	4,322.52	20,500.00	16,177.48
Vermont	.00	50.00	50.00
Virginia	8,404.04	40,500.00	32,095.96
Washington	512.65	2,000.00	1,487.35
West Virginia	8,236.00	35,500.00	27,264.00
Wyoming	.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	226.97	19,961.00	19,734.03

*Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits

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