

Heartbeat

Newsheet Edition

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TOP TEN IN 1973

Special honors go once again to these Top Ten churches in giving to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in 1973:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Central, Royal Oak, Mich. \$26,756.77	Liberty, Durham, N. C. \$17,237.52	First FWB, Raleigh, N. C. \$10,914.17	Donelson, Nashville, Tenn. \$9,478.97	Cofe's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn. \$8,793.79	Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va. \$8,494.46	Bethany, Norfolk, Va. \$7,924.32	First FWB, Florence, S. C. \$7,740.98	Woodbine, Nashville, Tenn. \$6,691.07	Good Springs, Pleasant View, Tenn. \$6,599.33



Although most of the 1972 Top Ten churches remained in the standing, many changed positions. Central Free Will Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich., maintained its number one position. Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., moved into ninth slot among the Top Ten this time as First FWB Church, Hazel Park, Mich., dropped from the number five spot in 1972 to number 12 this past year. Liberty of Durham, N.C., and First FWB, Raleigh, N.C., exchanged places in order for 1973 when compared with the 1972 giving. Liberty is number two and Raleigh is number three.

Donelson, Tenn., jumped from seventh to fourth while Cofe's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., moved from sixth to fifth slot. Fairmount Park and Bethany, both of Norfolk, Va., moved from tenth to sixth and from eighth to seventh places respectively.

Honorable mention once again goes to First FWB, Newport, Tenn.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIAL EMERGENCY BULLETIN

Tubarao, Brazil—Missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs and their family were recent victims of a vast flood here due to torrential rains. They lost everything! But the Lord spared their lives!

By telephone, Shirley Combs gave this report:

As water began to rise on Saturday, March 23, the Combs watched with anticipation. At some time near 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, they waded in waist-deep water to a nearby school building where they took refuge with several other people on the second floor. Without food or water, they were kept alive by small amounts of food flown in by army helicopter. They caught rain water for drinking.

The water tore through approximately 97% of the city, reaching the roof of the Combs house. Many thousands of people were left homeless and hundreds of others were feared dead.

Finally, as waters subsided, they were able to leave the school building. On Wednesday, March 27, Shirley and the children were able to catch a ride on a truck to the State just north of them. They caught a plane from there to Campinas. Jim remained behind to look for friends and Christians with whom he had been working, and to see if anything could be salvaged.

City officials reportedly indicated that public utilities would be out of order for at least six months and that schools would not be functioning again for at least a year. People were encouraged to move to other areas.

At the time of this writing, the future for the Combs in Brazil was uncertain. But they urgently need your prayers and gifts to offset their losses in equipment, clothes, furniture, car, etc. Send your gifts to "Combs Emergency Relief Fund," P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

news briefs

Sapporo, Japan—Jim and Olena McLain are presently involved in refresher language study here. They report cold weather and snow have hampered getting around and have hindered attendance at the church.

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil—A hall has been rented here for a Christian reading room. Missionary Dave Franks also writes that a five-minute radio program has been arranged on a second station. For some time Dave has had a radio outreach on another station.

Nashville, Tenn.—Jerry and Barbara Gibbs and Patsy Vanhook departed for France on March 14. After a two-week visit and orientation with our missionaries in France, the Gibbs and Miss Vanhook will begin language school in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Norman, Okla.—Mrs. Fay Wilson, mother of General Director J. Reford Wilson, died here on Sunday, March 3. Funeral services were held in the First FWB Church of Norman on March 5.

Sapporo, Japan—Pastor Oikawa of the Abashiri church here suffered a heart attack on February 22. At last report he was in serious condition and urgent prayer is requested on his behalf.

Doropo, Ivory Coast—Eddie Payne reports a new well approximately 50 feet deep was dug here recently in an attempt to solve water problems.

Tulsa, Okla.—A host of family and friends were on hand when Robert and Judy Bryan arrived here on March 14. The Bryans had left Ivory Coast on March 4 and made a stop in Greece to visit relatives.

Nashville, Tenn.—Peter Fujii, former student at FWBBC, has returned to his home in Sapporo, Japan.

the combs—flood survivors



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another change

Nashville, Tenn.—Due to problems encountered with postal regulations and resulting decisions, this publication must be re-named. The previous name, *Heartbeat Supplement* was not acceptable to the postal service in view of causing possible confusion with our original magazine, *Heartbeat*. In order to satisfy the mailing requirements and also differentiate between the two periodicals, this particular edition will be known as *Heartbeat Newsheet Edition*.

The publication schedule remains the same. The full magazine will be produced in January, March, May, July, September and November. In alternating months the newsheet edition will be printed.

500 view exposition

Rennes, France — Over 500 people viewed the Bible exposition sponsored February 19-28 by the FWB church here. Missionary Joe Haas writes, "God has really been blessing. We feel many back home are praying."

The Haases also request prayer for their church and particularly the young believers who have been objects of an attack by a woman in the area.

activities planned

Tokyo, Japan — Leaders from three church groups in this area met recently to plan activities for the coming year. The meeting was held at the Iriso church.

According to Missionary Fred Hersey, the group decided to have two days of pulpit ex-

pastor oikawa & family



change, a one-day Bible Conference, regular Sunday school workers' meetings and one or two family outings.

willey, tyson tie knot

Panama City, Panama—Marriage vows were exchanged here on March 7 between the former Miss Patsy Tyson and Thomas Willey, Jr. as approximately 200 guests observed the unique ceremony conducted in Spanish. The Reverend Ben Cummings, director of Christian radio station HOXO in Panama City, administered the rites.

aycock reports growth

Barbacena, Brazil—"We have divided our Sunday school into three classes and will have a fourth in the next few days," writes Bobby Aycock. Two children and three young people were converted recently according to Bobby.

The radio ministry appears to be drawing people to church and to correspondence courses. New prospects have given the Aycocks great hopes: "We are having so many contacts that it is difficult to visit them all," Bobby concluded. "Praise the Lord!"

Plans were announced in late February for a four-day retreat scheduled to be held during the annual carnival time, this year in March.

spanish american association

Panama City, Panama — The Spanish American Association of Free Will Baptists convened here March 4-6 to seek means of co-

rodriguez presides



operation, promotion, and fellowship among Spanish speaking Free Will Baptists.

Those attending from other areas were Paul Robinson, Walter Ellison, and Casildo Trindade, Brazil-Uruguay; Mario Perez and Osmundo Corrales, California; Benito Rodriguez, Miami; and Ella Rae Jones, Ecuador. Don Robirds represented the department of foreign missions.

jail witness

Araras, Brazil—As Missionary Tom Hughes was leaving the jail here recently, a guard told him a woman prisoner wished to talk to him. She told Tom that God was convicting her heart and that she wanted to get right with the Lord.

Tom continues, "I explained the plan of salvation to her and we had prayer. I wanted to leave her some literature but she . . . could not read. We prayed for her during the week and when I returned on Friday, I was encouraged. She said she felt the peace of God in her heart. Her name is Dona Cleide. Please pray for her."

pinkertons report

Nassian, Ivory Coast—The Jerry Pinkertons have moved here and are beginning to hold services in the area. Jerry reports conducting eight services in Nassian. "One man prayed in our first service and so far he has been faithful. Just that one soul makes the years of preparation all worthwhile," writes Jerry.

gipps, vanhook leave for france



'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

We have a simple problem. Almost as simple as two plus two or four plus four. In fact, it is a problem of eight. We have eight new missionaries completing Missionary Internship—the Dale Bishops, Lynn Mileys, Dennis Teagues and Jerry Webbs.

These four missionary couples need \$10,000 each for their travel, freight, customs, language study, vehicle, furniture, etc. These new missionaries could save thousands of dollars in travel cost and time if 80 churches would designate \$500 for sending them immediately to their fields.

If this is not done, in addition to raising their monthly support, they must wait for the funds to accumulate in their accounts. Their delay could mean that hundreds would never hear the gospel message.

A gift from your church could make the difference. Please help us solve our problem of eight! You may designate your gift "New Missionaries" or name one of the couples specifically. This is urgent! We need your help now!

FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET

State Quotas—1974

State	Quota	Receipts Thru Feb. 28
Alabama	\$40,000.00	\$ 5,710.50
Arizona	2,000.00	71.84
Arkansas	40,000.00	4,983.58
California	45,000.00	2,051.83
Canada	1,000.00	130.00
Colorado	1,000.00	131.42
Florida	35,000.00	4,633.38
Georgia	38,000.00	4,687.08
Hawaii	1,000.00	80.00
Idaho	1,000.00	141.00
Illinois	30,000.00	4,388.61
Indiana	7,500.00	893.21
Iowa	1,500.00	174.05
Kansas	6,000.00	376.84
Kentucky	18,000.00	2,126.09
Louisiana	1,000.00	.00
Maryland	3,000.00	48.28
Michigan	70,000.00	7,509.59
Minnesota	500.00	131.57
Mississippi	18,000.00	2,946.01
Missouri	88,000.00	13,261.99
Montana	100.00	5.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	35.00
* Northeastern Assn.	3,000.00	248.00
** Northwest Assn.	2,500.00	514.27
North Carolina	140,000.00	19,523.40
Ohio	38,000.00	4,163.45
Oklahoma	88,000.00	15,227.07
Pennsylvania	100.00	10.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	68.50
South Carolina	65,000.00	9,776.93
Tennessee	160,000.00	20,317.81
Texas	20,000.00	1,779.52
Virginia	45,500.00	4,929.87
West Virginia	40,500.00	3,456.04
Other States	1,150.00	584.60
Miscellaneous	34,266.00	1,293.85
	\$1,086,716.00	\$136,410.18

* Northeastern Assn.
New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine

** Northwest Assn.
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

financial facts

THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

ON DEPOSIT FEBRUARY 1	\$ 325,980.34
RECEIPTS THRU FEBRUARY 28	136,410.18
DISBURSEMENTS THRU FEBRUARY 28	131,627.92
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THRU FEBRUARY 28	181,118.00
TOTAL 1974 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	1,086,716.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge	\$11,077.62	Merkh	(2,055.93)
Aycock	4,277.47	L. Miley	(818.17)
Banks	7,963.50	Miley, M.D.	16,620.44
Barker	1,614.24	Palmer	(6,335.24)
Bishop	(727.33)	Payne	3,923.57
Bryan	3,029.19	Pinkerton	(2,070.27)
Calvery	(1,258.14)	Poole	5,182.01
Caton	8,013.93	Richards	(4,420.92)
Combs	16,354.93	Robinson	10,925.16
Coscia	1,868.31	Sexton	18,359.61
Cronk	5,604.75	Sparks	28,205.91
Deeds	2,930.28	Stevens	836.16
Eagleton	10,289.94	Sturgill	3,766.64
Ellison	2,317.50	Teague	1,719.58
Filkins	(379.16)	Vanhook	10,648.37
Franks	3,576.59	Waid	(1,873.07)
Fulcher	1,386.54	Webb	(556.62)
Gage	206.45	Wilkinson	4,570.54
Gainer	(1,669.11)	Wiley, Jr.	8,667.68
Gibbs	10,759.67	M. Wiley	802.42
Haas	14,309.99	Brazil Inst.	1,468.63
Hanna	21,403.55	Brazil Veh.	5,189.17
Hersey	(1,079.39)	S. India	1,187.46
Hughes	6,061.20	Summer	
Inscoe	5,424.93	Miss.	1,767.35
Lee	15,026.31	Wiley Mem.	863.59
McLain	1,591.11	Project	
Mayhew	\$ 2,865.28	5000	100.00

* Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits

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