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Wichita Highlights

The National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in Wichita, Kansas, July 15-18, in the 38th annual session. Several highlights for missions were noted:

A foreign missions workshop for "A Growing Missionary Church" was conducted on Monday afternoon, July 15. Participating in the workshop were foreign missions General Director J. Reford Wilson; Reverend Milburn Wilson, Ardmore, Okla.; Reverend Lonnie Skiles, Jonesboro, Ark.; Reverend Guy Owens, Durham, N. C.; and Reverend Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Deputational Ministries for the foreign missions department. At the conclusion of the program Director of Communications Don Robirds presented Pastor's Packets to the pastors present. Approximately 100 attended this workshop.

On Tuesday at the 11:00 a.m. service of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, returned missionary to France Dan Merkh stimulated the group to commitment at home and abroad. Several responded to the invitation to make such commitment.

The regular Wednesday evening missions service featured as speaker Reverend Raymond Riggs, pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and member of the Board of Foreign Missions. He challenged the audience to remember those who have paved the way for the present, to examine inward motivations and to look anxiously toward the prospects for world evangelization. More than 40 varying types of decisions were made at the conclusion of the service. Missionaries acted as counsellors.

The missions offering received at the conclusion of the missions service on Wednesday evening

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emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

wichita highlights (continued)

surpassed the goal of \$6,000, which the missions departments had asked God to provide. The offering totaled \$6,731.80 plus some I.O.U.'s which were placed in the offering plate. This is the largest missions offering ever received at a National Association. Except for designated funds, this amount will be divided equally between the foreign and home missions departments.

Lonnie and Anita Sparks were given special recognition for their work in translating and producing the Koulango New Testament. Dr. Joe Ange, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, presented Lonnie and Anita with a plaque and leather bound edition of the Koulango New Testament with their names imprinted on the cover.

Some 27 adult foreign missionaries and 46 home missionaries were on hand to participate in the Wednesday evening service.

Janice Banks, missionary appointee to Japan, was in charge of the devotional of the WNAC at the 9:00 a.m. service on Tuesday morning, July 16.

During the youth activities a challenge was extended to the youth to make faith commitments to supply cassettes and cassette players for missions outreach around the world. More than \$1,000 was promised. The CTS Department expects faith promises to go far beyond this in the next few months.

Three new members were elected to the Board of Foreign Missions: Reverend Dennis Wiggs, Beaufort, N.C.; Reverend Fred Warner, Russellville, Ark.; and Reverend Allen Moore, Denison, Texas.

attendance record

Tökyo, Japan—The Iriso church here, under the direction of Missionary Fred Hersey, recently set a new attendance record of 101 in Sunday school. This number was recorded on both June 23 and June 30. A new high of 80 in Sunday school attendance average had been set during the month of May.

special thrust

Barbacena, Brazil—A special thrust to reach people in this area was begun during July. On each Saturday night of the month Moody Science films were shown in the church here. Reports indicate an attendance of between 80 and 100 at these Saturday night showings. Church people were asked to give preference to new people for seating purposes,

These four Moody Science films were shown during the month: "God of Creation," "Time and Eternity," "Signposts Aloft," and "The Facts of Faith."

More than 3,000 invitations had been distributed announcing the showings. The teenagers of the church had also distributed some 1,800 tracts in the area.

annual missions retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual Foreign Missions Retreat was scheduled to be held at Free Will Baptist Bible College here July 29-August 2. All furloughing missionaries and missionary appointees were expected to be attending this event with a few possible exceptions.

Special speaker at this year's retreat

was Dr. W. Robert Smith, professor of philosophy at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Smith has traveled extensively on five continents and is well versed on the church in the international setting.

church purchases bus

Panama City, Panama—The church here recently purchased a small bus (or van) to transport people to church and Sunday school. Tom Willey, Jr. indicated the church hopes to use the bus during the week to transport children to school. This would help pay for the vehicle.

Tom writes: "We still have the problem of a building of our own. We are growing and really don't fit where we are now; yet, it is an ideal location. In recent weeks we have had as high as 141 in Sunday school. We need new classes but can't divide them as we have no room. The folks are tithing, and income is relatively good. But expenses and cost of land are going up."

pinkertons study koulango

Nassian, Ivory Coast—Jerry Pinkerton writes: "We have started studying Koulango with Kouame helping us. We are holding three services on Sunday morning plus services Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights."

Although Jerry has expressed a desire to start new works he has indicated plans to delay this attempt until they can communicate in the language of the people and until they can gain a better insight into the customs and habits of the people.

sparks receives plaque



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news briefs

laboticabal, Brazil—Youth camps were scheduled to begin here on July 8. Pray for those who made decisions in these camps.

Agua Buena, Panama-Missionary Bill Fulcher announced efforts to reach 200 in Sunday school. On July 14 a new attendance record of 175 was set.

Barbacena, Brazil-Jim Sturgill has announced he received his ham license for Brazil on May 4. His U.S. call letters are WB4AIU. His Brazil call letters are PY4ZAD.

France-Two million Muslims live in France, making Islam second only to Roman Catholicism.

Livramento, Brazil-Missionary Dub Ellison expressed a note of encouragement recently as he noted that both the work in Rivera and Livramento have approximately 15 men in each work. Pray for their dedication.

Barbacena, Brazil-Between 10 and 20 thousand Gideon New Testaments are expected to be distributed here soon by Free Will Baptist missionaries.

south india reports

Kotagiri, India-Pastor Dorairaj recently reported progress among the churches in South India.

The church at Mettupalayam held its annual convention June 24-30. The people at Gopalapuram, a new church, started fasting and praying. Some Hindus attended some of these meetings and were saved. Physical healings were also reported among the group.

scheduled to depart

Nashville, Tenn.-Missionary appointees Jerry and Janice Banks are tentatively scheduled to leave the United

banks depart for japan



States on August 13 for Sapporo. lapan, where they will begin study of the Japanese language. They are to be commissioned in the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., on August 11. Pastor of the church is Reverend Dale Burden.

Jerry has been involved in deputational ministry since May of 1973.

building to begin

Rennes, France-After many months of praying and working, Missionary loe Haas has informed the missions office that they have finally received the papers which would allow them to begin working on their building. They plan to begin very soon.

The property which the church is purchasing has a building which will be remodeled to meet the needs of the group.

Two summer missionaries, Charolette Tallent and Virginia Arcouette have been helping the Haases by printing and distributing Bible club invitations, tracts, etc., during the summer.

yearly conference

Goumere, Ivory Coast—The yearly conference of Free Will Baptists in the Ivory Coast was scheduled to meet in Assiasso near here July 17-20. Three young men were scheduled to be ordained during this session.

yasuda to visit states

Sapporo, Japan-John Yasuda, Japanese youth evangelist who attended Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, recently announced plans to visit the United States from August, 1974 to February, 1975. He plans to participate in church and youth activities wherever he can be of service.

John is expected to begin a new ministry upon his return to Japan. He plans to work with Missionary Jim McLain in beginning a new church and a Christian school.

ellison, robinson inspect building



ellisons move

Livramento, Brazil-Missionary Walter Ellison recently announced plans to move from their present residence to quarters which have been prepared on the church property.

Concerning property which the church is interested in purchasing, Dub writes: "We are still negotiating the property next door. The doctor has it vacated now but has gone up considerably on the price. We accepted the original offer, but he says that is too low now. He wants to study our new proposal. There was approximately \$4,000 difference in the new price.

Special prayer is requested on behalf of this negotiation.

oops—our mistake

Nashville, Tenn.-The editorial staff of Heartbeat would like to apologize for inadvertently leaving off the "byline" on the cover article in the July issue. The story concerning the flood was written by Missionary Shirley Combs. The Combs lost almost everything in a flood in Tubarao, Brazil, recently. They are presently on early furlough in the United States.

payne distributes magazines

Doropo, Ivory Coast-Missionary Eddie Payne recently reported the distribution of the African magazine, Tam Tam, in the public schools. He writes: "The last batch of Tam Tam came just in time to get them into the schools this year. It was a real joy to see the eagerness of the students to have something to read. I could not have sold even 50 copies-I know from past efforts. Through this giveaway program we placed these Christian magazines in the hands of at least 1,400 school children."

tallent, arcouette prepare tracts



editor's catchall

MEDICAL MISSIONS

Medical Assistance Programs, Inc. (MAP) have done a great deal to make medical mission work a successful and economically feasible ministry. Dr. Miley has received thousands of dollars worth of medicines and equipment through this program, sometimes free and sometimes at very minimal costs.

Medicines which have been donated by corporations, etc. in the past are now being curtailed since they are no longer allowed tax deductions for such donations. Now such goods will be thrown away rather than spending money on packaging, handling, etc.

You can help! Send to MAP, Box 50, Wheaton, III. 60187 and request quantities of a sample letter to be sent to your congressmen. The letter encourages passage of HR 2808 and HR 5491 which would help make this deduction possible. Give out these letters and urge people to mail them.

These two bills would permit corporations to have an income-tax deduction of 50% of the excess of fair market value of goods donated.

Send one letter to Congressman Wilbur D. Mills and one to your own Congressman. Your immediate action may save lives and millions of missions dollars. Since 1969 when this was curtailed by legislation, MAP has lost an estimated \$50 million in donated goods each year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET

State Quotas-1974

			Thru
State	Quota		June 30
Alabama\$		\$	15,994.95
Arizona		_	1,234.65
Arkansas	40,000.00		23,860.37
California			13,824.75
Canada			493.65
Colorado			329.91
Florida			13,246.56
Georgia			18,711.94
Hawaii			285.00
Idaho	1,000.00		314.10
Illinois	.30,000.00		11,384.92
Indiana	7,500.00		3,516,46
Iowa	1,500.00		730.65
Kansas	6,000.00		2,045.06
Kentucky	.18,000.00		8,263.08
Louisiana			.00
Maryland			1,559.60
Michigan			27,714.91
Minesota			241.10
Mississippi			7,306.17
Missouri			36,741.13
Montana			15.00
New Mexico			151.48
*Northeast Assn.			1,493.09
**Northwest Ass			776.37
North Carolina .			69,275.05
Ohio			17,084.67
Oklahoma			51,170.61
Pennsylvania			30.00
Puerto Rico			282.50
South Carolina .			29,107.23
Tennessee			67,083.18
Texas			5,312.01
Virginia			18,177.78
West Virginia			14,265.55
Other States			1,283.84
Miscellaneous			5,773.75
\$1	,086,716.00	\$	469,081.07

^{*}Northeast Assn.
New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine

financial facts

THROUGH JUNE 30

ON DEPOSIT JUNE 1\$	278.104.76
RECEIPTS THRU JUNE 30	454,504.46
DISBURSEMENTS THRU JUNE 30	460,404.82
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THRU JUNE 30	543,354.00
TOTAL 1974 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET 1	.,086,716.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge Aycock Banks Barker Bishop Bryan Calvery	\$ 8,866.84 3,451.14 9,013.37 2,565.97 (123.04) 4,437.39 (2,022.17)	Pinkerton .	(1,842.46) (618.88) 16,615.37 (2,911.78) 931.58 (2,655.03)
Caton	11,072.63	Richards	(1,942.11)
	26,277.52	Robinson	9,755.36
	1,303.80	Sexton	21,114.33
Cronk	4,999.90	Sparks	20,030.22
Deeds	2,699.85	Stevens	679.16
Eagleton	8,238.20	Sturgili	3,676.89
Ellison	2,199.82	Teague	3,473.40
Filkins	(470.22)	Vanhook	7,223.92
Franks	2,748.82	Waid	(2,303.26)
Fulcher	(513.13)		(953.63)
Gage	1,081.15	Wilkinson .	2,557.63
Gainer	(1,645.88)		4,053.45
Gibbs	4.824.57	M. Willey .	619.73
Haas	(8,361.33)	Brazil Inst.	2,417.59
Hanna	19,252.48	Brazil Veh.	6,789.17
Hersey	838.04	S. India	737.18
Hughes	4,632.45	Summer	
Inscoe	4,127.36	Miss	4,405.76
Lee	12,393.15	Willey Mem.	1,133.91
McLain	1,538.97	Proj. 5000	5,726.50

^{*} Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits

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