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Joy to the World



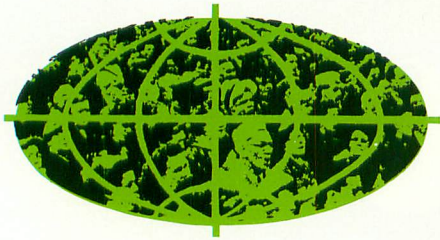
Christmas is best understood by those who receive the Christ of Bethlehem and make the "tidings of great joy" known to all people.

May the joy, love and peace of Christmas abide with you now and through the New Year.

Seasons Greetings from your Foreign Missions staff.

J. Reford Wilson





emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

baptisms at bible school

Sonapurhat, India—Missionary Carlisle Hanna reports the baptism of 17 new believers by national pastors in the recent Bible school held here. Others also are reportedly ready for baptism. Most of those baptized had not been connected with Christians in any way before.

Carlisle writes: "One Sadhu in his eighties, was baptized. He wept and wept. Finally, . . . asked why he was weeping, he said he was so happy that now he had found the truth after searching all these years, leading a life of sin and leading others in it."

With cold weather approaching Carlisle requests prayer for the people of this area since they have no money with which to buy clothes or food.

special evangelistic meeting

Rivera, Uruguay—A special evangelistic meeting was recently held in the Central Free Will Baptist Church here. The young people of the church financed the meeting, buying tracts, invitations, radio time, etc. The meeting was particularly aimed at winning young people to Christ.

Each night of the meeting, a young person led the singing.

new baby has problem

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil—A baby girl, Regina Ruth, was born prematurely to Dave and Pat Franks October 12. The baby suffered several complications due to the premature birth.

According to recent reports, the

infant had to have blood transfusions only days after birth. Then doctors discovered an atresia of the duodenum. (The stomach was completely separated from the intestine.) Corrective surgery was performed October 19, and latest reports indicated she was making progress but was not out of danger.

bible translations

Nashville, Tenn.—According to a recent report in *The Church Around the World*, at least 5,687 languages exist while only 519 of these have a well-translated New Testament or Bible. Wycliffe Bible Translators are working on 600 and the United Bible Societies are developing another 615 language translations.

Wycliffe has asked prayer for translators for 2,000 more tribes immediately.

non-catholics seek rights

Spain—The government of Spain has acknowledged a petition from the non-Catholic community to the Justice Department calling for immunity from coercion in religious matters. The complaint cited Article 6 of the Charter of the Spanish People, "No one shall be disturbed because of his religious beliefs or the private practice of his worship . . ."

The Evangelical Service of Legal Assistance brought the petition citing two recent cases where the Catholic Church dissolved marriages because one of the parties joined a non-Catholic group. The Civil Courts upheld the dissolutions and deprived the wives and children of rights of subsis-

tence by the husbands and caused the loss of all possessions.

Observers of the Spanish scene view this as a severe blow to religious liberty and consequently made the appeal to the government.

In addition to the appeal to the government about the problem, discussions have been carried on with Catholic leaders who have given encouragement that the Canon Law might be revised to take out the clause which allows the Catholic Church the right to dissolve marriages when one party becomes affiliated with a non-Catholic group.

koulango radio program

Laoudi-Ba, Ivory Coast—Lonnie Palmer reports the Sudan Interior Mission of Monrovia, Liberia, has given the Koulango Christians fifteen minutes of broadcast time each week on radio ELWA. At their yearly conference in July, the Christians decided to do the radio broadcasts.

These programs are being recorded three months in advance. Five speakers have a series of four broadcasts each.

national pastor reports

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Dirceu Biason, Brazilian pastor who was in the States with his wife during the early part of 1974, recently reported attendance has grown to 250 in his work since his return here. According to Pastor Dirceu the group is seeking to rent an auditorium which will seat 500 people.

Although Dirceu is teaching school days and evenings six days a week, he

victor records program in abidjan



reports work is being done with children three days a week and a Bible class is being conducted at one of the universities with some 40 people attending regularly. (Ten have been converted.)

A special ministry has developed through cassette: Each message and Bible class session is recorded on cassette. It is labeled and placed in the church library to be listened to by those who were unable to be present. He reports a good response.

Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole also minister in this city.

ministers to missionaries

Sapporo, Japan—Mabel "Mom" Willey, missionary to Panama, left Miami, Florida, October 13 for Japan where she ministered to the missionaries at their annual retreat, October 28-November 1. She was also on hand for observance of the 20th anniversary of Free Will Baptist work in Japan. The celebration was held at Airin Chapel in Sapporo.

Mom also stopped off in Hawaii and spent a few days with Reverend and Mrs. Luther Sanders.

bible distributed to muslims

New York City—According to a summary released recently by the American Bible Society, more than two million Bibles, New Testaments, portions and selections were distributed in 1973 in Arabic-speaking North Africa and the Middle East. The summary is from the report of members of the United Bible Societies serving in the area.

The Bible Society in London, for example, is the publication center for Scriptures in Arabic, Syriac, Armenian and Kurdish. Its publication in 1973 included 4,088 Bibles, 4,977 New Testaments, 127,277 portions and 1,500,000 selections.

mom willey speaks at sapporo



church plans campaign

Livramento, Brazil—Missionary Walter "Dub" Ellison announced recently that he is planning an evangelistic campaign in the near future with the Reverend Wadislau Gomez as the evangelist. Mr. Gomez has conducted previous successful campaigns here.

According to Dub, the church is progressing well with good attendance. "We are having nearly a full house every Sunday night," he writes. "We are now at a time to have a good campaign."

Dub also informed the mission office that Bible Institute classes have begun. He is teaching Christian Leadership, Pastor Joao (John) Carlos is teaching Matthew and Marcia Ellison is teaching Music.

news briefs

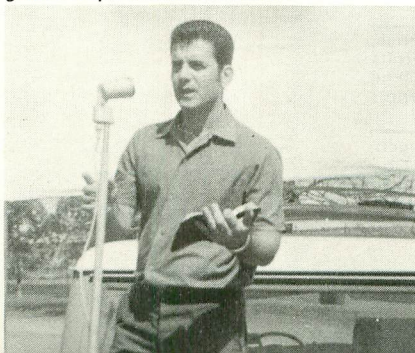
Nashville, Tenn.—Of the total Protestant missionary force, 95 percent is concentrating on 17 percent of the world's non-Christian people. Only 1.5 percent of all missionaries work among Muslims who comprise one-quarter of the non-Christian world.

Agua Buena, Panama—Ten people are studying in a Bible Institute being held at the church here on Monday evenings.

Nashville, Tenn.—The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions is scheduled to be held here December 9-12.

France—A postal strike in this European country has caused a great deal of mail tie-up over the past several weeks. At last report, no end of the strike was in sight. Missionaries have been unable to send or receive mail—not even their monthly salary checks. Steps have been taken by the missions department to remedy this problem.

gomez to preach in livramento



New Bern, S. C.—Mr. Odias Perry Hughes, father of Missionary Tom Hughes, Brazil, died here November 8 after a period of illness and hospitalization. Cause of death was cancer. Mr. Hughes was 70 years of age.

France—According to the September issue of *The Church Around the World*, fifteen million Gypsies are spread around the world. One-third of the 100,000 Gypsies in France are now active Christians. A New Testament is being prepared in their language.

new record set

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Participating in the international division of the fall Sunday school campaign, the church here recently set a new attendance record of 144 on October 29. Average for the month of October was 120.

Bobby Poole writes: "I trust we will continue to grow and will be able to hold the growth. We have a number of young couples that have made decisions and are beginning to work for the Lord."

The church recently had its annual missionary conference. Several commitments to service were recorded, and Faith Promises totalled approximately \$360 for the coming year. The group gave \$280 last year.

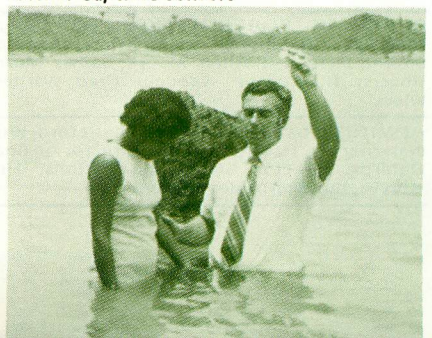
Plans call for the group to begin a mission work soon on the opposite side of town.

16 baptized

Agua Buena, Panama—Sixteen people were baptized here September 15, according to a recent newsletter from Missionary Bill Fulcher. Most of these were young people between the ages of 13 and 23.

The church here is still in a campaign to reach 200 in Sunday school. Highest attendance to date has been 193.

fulcher baptizes convert



editor's catchall

WILLEY BIOGRAPHY

THE BIOGRAPHY of Thomas H. "Pop" Willey, *Never Say Can't*, by Jerry Ballard is an inspiring book which should be read by every Free Will Baptist.

Pop was born and reared along the banks of the Delaware River. He was converted as a lad and called to preach at the age of 14. He obtained his Christian training at Asbury College and became a circuit riding Methodist preacher in the Kentucky mountains.

This man of God was the first missionary sent by the Free Will Baptist denomination to Latin America. He pioneered work in Panama and later built a Bible Institute in Cuba. Many Cubans caught his vision of the "dynamics of a Spirit filled ministry."

Characterized by his dedication, affection and determination to "keep on keeping on," Pop always sought one more convert or hoped to open one more unreached village. He, indeed, never could bring himself to say "can't."

The Department of Foreign Missions is still offering a copy of the book to individuals making a foreign missions contribution of \$10.00 or more before December 31, 1974. Contributions must be accompanied by a request for the book in order to receive one.

financial facts

THROUGH OCTOBER 31

On deposit Oct. 1	\$244,073.31
Receipts thru Oct. 31	769,801.25
Disbursements thru Oct. 31	819,369.88
Projected receipts thru Oct. 31	905,590.00
Total 1974 Foreign Missions budget	\$1,086,716.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge	\$236.87	Merkh	\$3,359.79
Aycock	1,668.08	L. Miley	488.02
Banks	6,650.56	Miley, M.D.	18,673.12
Barker	3,811.78	Palmer	(3,008.59)
Bishop	474.01	Payne	321.38
Bryan	1,132.19	Pinkerton	(975.51)
Calvery	(4,563.05)	Poole	2,652.80
Caton	(653.70)	Richards	1,079.73
Combs	23,861.40	Roberts	311.84
Coscia	1,192.58	Robinson	10,304.74
Cronk	4,530.40	Sexton	23,238.35
Crowson	(620.77)	Smith, A.	450.23
Deeds	1,111.81	Smith, J.	8.19
Dickens	(626.00)	Sparks	7,554.11
Eagleton	2,360.45	Stevens	1,633.46
Ellison	3,719.26	Sturgill	2,606.18
Filkins	(2,142.08)	Teague	2,080.69
Franks	2,304.04	Vanhook	9,376.11
Fulcher	13.73	Waid	(2,082.21)
Gage	(122.26)	Webb	(3,476.12)
Gibbs	4,243.10	Wilkinson	505.78
Gainer	(138.97)	Willey, Jr.	4,287.14
Haas	(6,370.43)	M. Willey	545.25
Hanna	20,030.18	Wode	(300.20)
Hersey	(1,176.69)	Braz. Insti.	3,349.51
Hughes	3,440.56	Braz. Veh.	4,389.17
Inscow	2,898.99	S. India	469.18
Lee	14,057.59	Sum. Miss.	1,695.66
Lytle	(399.00)	Willey Mem.	1,133.91
McLain	1,403.43	Proj. 5000	5,754.76
Mayhew	3,901.69	Cass. Proj.	200.00

* Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits.

STATE QUOTAS—1974

State	1974 Quota	Quota thru Oct. 31	Receipts thru Oct. 31
Alabama	\$40,000.00	\$33,750.00	\$27,486.35
Arizona	2,000.00	1,660.00	2,376.84
Arkansas	40,000.00	33,750.00	38,349.18
California	45,000.00	37,500.00	22,560.17
Canada	1,000.00	830.00	801.65
Colorado	1,000.00	830.00	565.09
Florida	35,000.00	29,160.00	18,451.57
Georgia	38,000.00	31,660.00	29,093.31
Hawaii	1,000.00	830.00	695.00
Idaho	1,000.00	830.00	892.68
Illinois	30,000.00	25,000.00	22,989.58
Indiana	7,500.00	6,250.00	6,254.62
Iowa	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,190.15
Kansas	6,000.00	5,000.00	3,427.64
Kentucky	18,000.00	15,000.00	12,896.45
Louisiana	1,000.00	830.00	5.00
Maryland	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,402.50
Michigan	70,000.00	58,330.00	46,987.02
Minnesota	500.00	416.00	348.41
Mississippi	18,000.00	15,000.00	11,587.40
Missouri	88,000.00	73,330.00	62,112.55
Montana	100.00	83.00	15.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	830.00	210.23
* Northeast	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,189.09
** Northwest	2,500.00	2,080.00	839.87
North Carolina	140,000.00	116,660.00	117,847.66
Ohio	38,000.00	31,660.00	25,529.85
Oklahoma	88,000.00	73,330.00	76,932.12
Pennsylvania	100.00	83.00	60.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	83.00	449.50
South Carolina	65,000.00	54,160.00	42,315.47
Tennessee	160,000.00	133,330.00	105,888.29
Texas	20,000.00	16,660.00	10,663.93
Virginia	45,500.00	37,910.00	31,103.29
West Virginia	40,500.00	33,750.00	22,966.09
Other States	1,150.00	950.00	1,448.84
Miscellaneous	34,266.00	28,550.00	10,879.34
TOTALS	\$1,086,716.00	\$906,325.00	\$760,811.73

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