

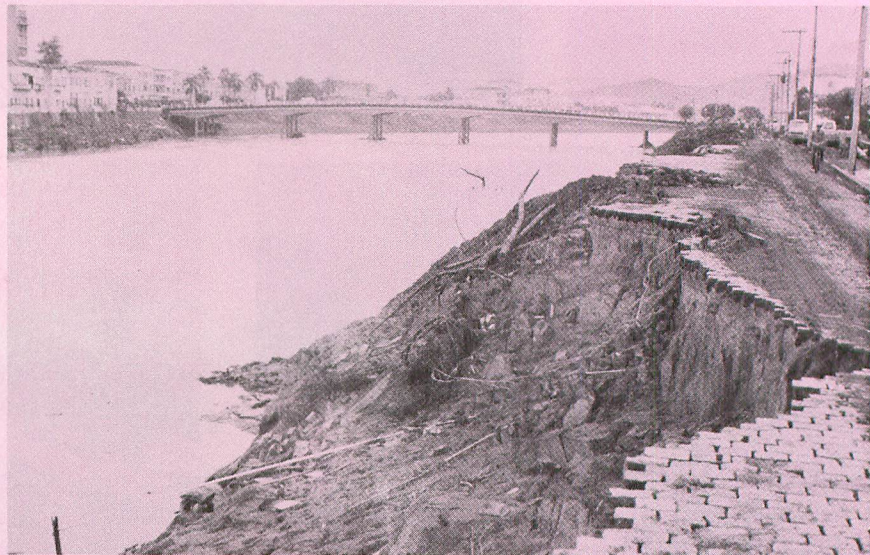
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Struggling against the raging waters, Jim and Jose clung to the brick wall. Pitch-black darkness surrounded them like the arms of death. Life had already been snatched from others. Now the churning waters awaited their chance to claim two more frightened victims.

That they might not make it back to the schoolhouse was a very real possibility! At any moment they could be swept away in the darkness by the turbulent waters. They might never see their families or friends again—at least in this life. They could think back to some more pleasant moments of rejoicing, praying, fellowshiping, witnessing, etc. What a blessing! But they could also recall the beginning of their present dilemma. How things change! And so quickly!

The plight which Jim and Jose faced out there in the blackness had actually begun some 21 hours earlier when water began entering the kitchen of our house in Tubarao, Brazil. The river had begun to run along our street between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Then it happened!

"Wake up the kids! The water is rising in the kitchen!" Jim exclaimed. "We'd better get over to the school before it gets too bad in the streets."

I had already been pulling out dresser drawers and putting them on top of the higher furniture. Jim and Jose had set the refrigerator up on the table and the washing machine on a brick wash tub.

It was almost 4:00 a.m., Sunday, March 24. The neighbors had been running and yelling in the streets all night since the river, one-half block from our house, had begun to overflow

into our street.

"It's still raining in the mountains and the radio said it'll reach us in a few hours!" someone had called out. "The water's already in Valmir's store in the back and coming this way," another retorted. "Hey, did you hear? The footbridge just broke loose and was swept away," another shouted.

We had seen the river full every year during the rainy season and even to overflow stage on down a few miles. We could hardly believe it would rise enough to go into the house. One old neighbor said, "Don't get alarmed. I can remember 50 years back and it has never run into these houses in the history of the town."

Nevertheless, Jim had said if water got into the kitchen (which is lower than the rest of the house) we would go to a two-story college facing the river, one-half block from our house. He and Jose had already taken quilts over there. They knew from the swift current and rising water that we should leave immediately.

I grabbed my purse and our two-year-old and Jim and Jose carried the two older children. We started wading the knee-high water. As we left, some of the neighbors stood on their porches watching us. The children were squealing and laughing as we waded into the waist-high water in front of the school. The mud sucked off my rubber thongs and the gravel in the mud felt like glass to my feet.

Once inside the school building, we tried to get the children back to sleep on the quilts in a classroom, but they were too full of questions. The two men went back to the house to

elevate more things in case the water rose higher. I had a Portuguese New Testament in my purse. I sat and read until dawn.

By that time other families were arriving wet, cold and crying. That was the first of many contacts with many desperate and fearful people. I was glad we could say, "Deus nos cuidara. Tenha fe!" (God will take care of us. Have faith!) Around noon Jim and Jose came back and brought food from our refrigerator. We fed as many as we could. We had Bible club with the children to keep them calm. The parents stood in the doorway. The radio announced that the military had prohibited any more news reports about rain conditions because it was "alarming too many people." Jim indicated this was a bad sign, but by afternoon the water had drained out of our kitchen and garage. The water level seemed to be down everywhere. Several went back to their homes, including Jim and Jose.

1:30 a.m., Monday. Disaster! Jim and Jose had set the alarm to go off at midnight. For some reason it didn't ring. Jim woke up at about 1:00 a.m. Water was to his knees in the bedroom. He yelled to Jose in the living room, "Get out, fast!" Out in the street the swift current caught them and carried them away from where they needed to go. Finally, they were thrust against the high stone fence in back of the college. They held on. Then they pulled themselves along the top of the fence until they found part of it broken down. There they clung in that death-shrouded darkness, wondering, "What can we do?"

Suddenly, the part of the wall





to which they were clinging gave way. They were swept through the wall to what had been the soccer field. Jim yelled to Jose, "Swim underwater!" He complied. And miraculously, they reached the wall of the school and grabbed hold. They managed to find an open window and squeezed through to safety.

The two wrapped themselves in quilts and Jim told me to persuade the men to take food from the first floor. They did this promptly along with school documents and some library books.

People with candles started coming out of the rooms into the long dark hall. (Electricity was off.) They couldn't believe that water was actually filling the downstairs. Fear began to spread. One man found a bottle of whiskey in an office and invited

the adults to go to the conference room to discuss conditions, to get strength. We told them our strength came from a different source and we went to our room.

When dawn finally came, we were glued to the windows. It was difficult to believe the water which roared against our building had actually covered our houses and the entire town of 70,000 people. Soon, many housetops were completely covered. Throughout the day we could go to the window and see parts of houses, furniture, cars and trash being carried downstream. Some children called, "Look! How super! There are some people swimming down the river." I didn't see them, but it put a chill through the whole group. We stood helplessly watching as people on their housetops signaled for help from

the helicopter. The cold wind blew the rain on us at the open windows, but we remained there all the same.

It was absolutely unbelievable, but true! Jim said the ocean (about 15 kilometers away) must have been rejecting the water as the river tried to flow into it. We found out later that this was true.

Some men made a make-shift stove from two Bunsen burners found in the laboratory. Because we were a large group in one building (85 persons) the military had sent us a helicopter the day before and had given instructions to ration out the food: one banana, one piece of bread, one glass of milk and one portion of rice per person each day. This, plus candy and soft drinks from the school snack shop, was what we had until

Wednesday. The water situation in the building was critical. There was none! Jim arranged a drain from the roof to catch the rain water which we used for cooking. No one was allowed to wash his hands. We couldn't even wash the few dishes after each meal. Nobody seemed to care.

But God was working! That morning people asked Jim to unite everyone for prayer and "a talk." (They said he was the closest thing to a priest in the group!) He read from Matthew 6: "Consider the lilies . . . seek ye first the kingdom of God." We were in the conference room of the school. Leaks made puddles on the floors and tables. The empty whiskey bottle from the night before was on the table. Some women were passing around a saint of Virgin Mary for everyone to kiss. Others had rosary beads and smelling salts.

By the time Jim prayed all were more calm and listening. He prayed brokenly and it touched all of us. We asked God to protect us and cause the waters to go down. Some stayed in the room. Others went back to the windows.

As heavy rains continued, some started their wailing and fainting again. They kept coming and asking, "Why hasn't God answered? Will the water reach here, too? Will we die anyway?" We said, "Believe! Maybe God is waiting for all to give up their despair and really demonstrate their faith to their families and children before He works the miracle." They just glared at us.

Then, praise God! The miracle began! The wind changed in our favor. Encouragement spread throughout the group. The water level remained the same for a while; however, then it lowered a few centimeters.

Just before going to bed, the people asked Jim to call everyone together again. We took candles into the school chapel,

and with the roar of the water outside still being heard Jim read, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" They had already seen God working and they were more thoughtful. Their attitudes had changed from rebellion over their loss to a hope toward getting out alive and starting over again.

Tuesday morning, March 26. All were relieved to see the water down sufficiently to wade. But we were all shocked to see the roads caved in and worn away. Some walked through mud and water to their homes. Many found them wrecked—others found no home at all.

The front bedroom wall of our house had collapsed and the furniture had been swept away. The other things were all mixed up and had fallen into the mud. We carried back with us a few wet, muddy clothes and documents we found in the mud-filled filing cabinet. We were sorry this had happened, but we were glad that our loss was as heavy as the rest so that people would believe us when we encouraged them to trust God to help them start life anew.

That night the candles were just about gone so the families sang and praised God together in the dark. We prayed for an opening to get information out that we were alive.

7:00 a.m., Wednesday. That opening came! A man from another state came after his relatives who were in our building. He gave the children and me a ride in the back of his pickup truck. He was parked at the edge of town and was in a hurry for fear the bridge would wash out before they could get back across.

We were really grateful that God provided us a way to get in contact with someone, but we hated to leave Jim and the others with the hour-by-hour struggle.

The next twelve hours involved the truck ride, a plane ride, a bus ride, a taxi ride, and a car ride with strangers. And all this was with bare, muddy feet (I still had no shoes), clothes we had worn for five days, and a muddy suitcase.

At last we arrived in Campinas, Sao Paulo, where I called missionaries and Brother Wilson in Nashville. The feeling was indescribable!

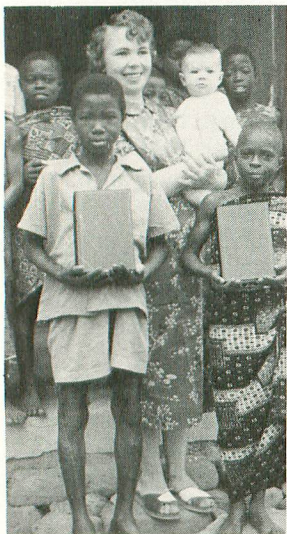
Soon Sam Wilkinson went after Jim. Reports said that over 3,000 had been killed, and of the 12,000 homes in Tubarao, 3,000 had been completely destroyed and 7,000 more were seriously damaged. Agriculture was reported to be a total loss. Government officials say it will take up to ten years to restore the town as it was.

Jim has returned on different occasions to take supplies, especially to families connected with our Bible studies. These are all scattered to several places. Very few are in Tubarao.

We were scheduled to return to the United States in early 1975. We would not be able to arrange a house and furniture in Tubarao for many months now and our people know that if we did, it would be for only a few months. They understand, but they still hate to see us leave.

And it hurts to leave them. The testimony of one man has encouraged us: "I'm not angry with God. The Bible studies in your home helped me to accept all this. There were 45 of us up in a falling building with water all around. As we had learned at your house, we prayed for God to save us. He did! Please come to our house and have services every chance you get."

Yes, just as surely as God called us to Tubarao for these three years, He chose us to pass through this experience, trusting Him. It's been a great lesson! We pray we won't soon forget it.



GOOD NEWS about the GOOD NEWS!

by Don Robirds

Two Koulango boys receive French Bibles in Sparks' early ministry. One later helped with revision of the Koulango N. T.

Excitement swelled with every step, and my heart beat at an ever-quickening pace. With the camera bag swaying on my side and the camera swinging slightly as it hung from my neck, I stretched on my toes and strained my eyes to locate a "strange" black book.

Finally, I saw it! It had just come off the binding machine. I couldn't believe my eyes. It was prettier than expected!

I picked one up and thumbed through its pages. I looked over the print; I couldn't understand a thing! Yet, I knew it contained the most precious words man has ever heard. And I knew I was holding in my hands the results of nearly fourteen years of labor, sweat, and prayers. This finished product represented people who were interested in spreading and making known God's Word.

Yes, in my hands I held one of the first copies of the Koulango New Testament. It was a beautiful black book with a plastic cover and gold lettering:

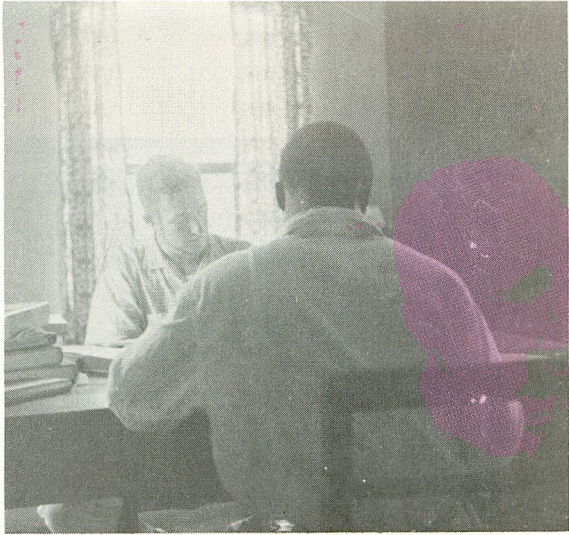
"Notango Veyo" (New Testament). I could hardly wait to get back to the missions office to share the good news—good news about "the Good News." The Koulangos will now have the New Testament, the message of Christ, in their native tongue.

Where did it all begin? Lonnie and Anita Sparks can fill in the story. They started their ministry among the Koulangos in 1958 when they initiated study of the Koulango language. Through an "informant" or tutor, the Sparks were able to gain enough of the language to give Lonnie the courage to attempt a translation of the book of John after only a few months' study. It was never published.

But Lonnie didn't quit! He began again. This time he started with the Gospel according to Mark. Then he translated Acts. These two books were published by the American Bible Society. As Lonnie completed other books, they were typed by Anita and mimeographed.

Just prior to their return to the United States in 1972, the Sparks had spent some 18 months revising and correcting manuscripts. These had already been put into the hands of the Koulangos for use and examination. This final revision was done with the help of five men: two young evangelists, two lay leaders, and one older man.

When they boarded the plane to return to the United States, rather than take the chance of losing the manuscripts in shipping, they carried them on board with them. Though they were bulky and made travel some-

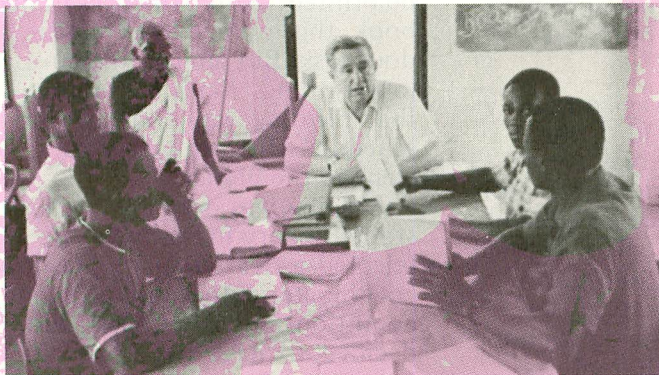


Lonnie works on translation



Lonnie seeks advice on corrections.

Lonnie works with
several nationals in revision.



Anita sets the type.



Lonnie and I (Don Roberts)
select the binding material.



Pages are pasted in position. →



*Randall House Publications press
did the printing.*

what more difficult, these papers represented much more than any comfort forfeited.

Once the manuscripts were safely transported to their home in Oklahoma, the Sparks began seeking means for typesetting. After exploring various possibilities they decided the best solution would be to rent or buy a composing machine and let Anita do the typesetting. I reluctantly agreed. Lonnie located an IBM "Selectric" composer in Oklahoma City. A contract was signed for the machine and we selected the type face which we felt would be simple to read. Then in planning for the book we decided on a size which would be adequate for thickness and handy to carry. And Anita launched her project.

Though it sounded difficult at the time, I was astounded to see how God enabled Anita to master the technique of this machine in such a short time. She not only learned how to set the type, but she also learned simple ways to make corrections, etc.

Long months of concentrated efforts were spent at the machine, then in reading over the proofs to

make sure every word was right. Lonnie would pop in and out from deputational services to help check for errors and make sure nothing had been overlooked.

In Nashville I was constantly trying to stay ahead of the "game." Printers' bids were sought. Bindery prices and specifications were nailed down, and paper was selected. The finished typesetting was pasted up in page form by workers at the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department as each book was completed. We avoided mailing manuscripts for fear they might be lost.

As typesetting came to a close (after nearly a year) I arranged to spend several days in finalizing page layout, numbering, and making titles and chapter headings. Then the index and title pages were prepared as this stage was brought to a close.

Printing was the next stage. This was in the hands of Randall House Publications (Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department). Pages had to be photographed, negatives positioned, and offset (printing) plates made. Then they had to be run on the

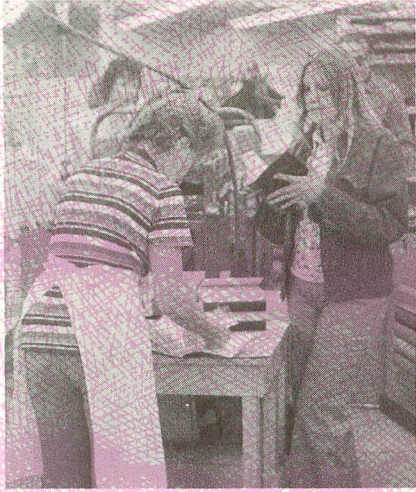


Binding was started.

press. This had to be done without interfering with the Sunday school curriculum which was to be printed. With 616 pages in the book, this loomed as a tremendous task. But almost miraculously things ran so smoothly that printing was done before schedule. The printed sheets went to the bindery.

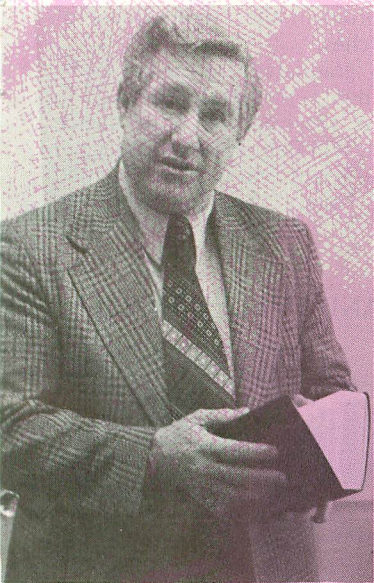
Binding was done by Nicholson Bindery in Nashville. We selected a flexible black plastic cover material (because of humid conditions in Ivory Coast), and decided to have the edges sprayed and corners rounded. In all haste they folded, gathered, and sewed the pages. Then they attached the beautiful black covers. They finished the job and delivered more than 5,000 copies to the foreign missions warehouse to await shipment to the Ivory Coast.

Praying has enabled the completion of this project. Praise to God for what He has done to make this a reality must be raised from every part of our land. And prayer must continue that this Book—yes, this beautiful Book with the gold letters on the front—might go forth, be read, and be understood.



General Director Wilson and I take
a good, satisfying look.

Bound book is inspected.

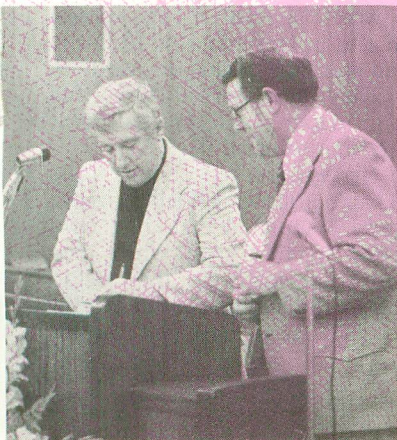


Lonnie sees his
first copy.



Lonnie thumbs through the New
Testament with Jam Lauthen
of Randale House Publications.

Lonnie autographs a copy
for
Belbert
Akin.



The finished product awaits shipping.



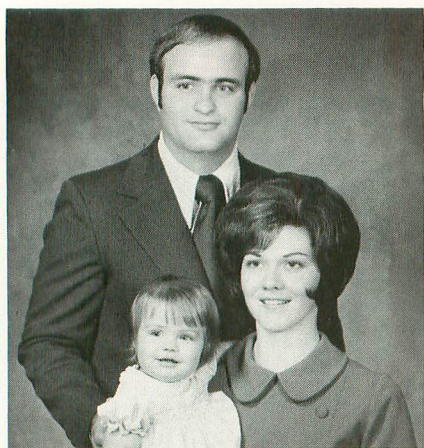
getting to know them

(Your Missionaries)



Serving in Japan

JERRY AND JANICE BANKS



Jerry Banks of Tulsa, Okla., and Janice Baskins of Norfolk, Va., were married in August of 1969. They have two children: Joy, age 2 and Justin, age 5 months.

Jerry graduated from Kellyville High School, Tulsa, in 1966. He graduated from Oklahoma Bible College (now Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College), Moore, Okla., in 1968 with an A.A. degree. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College from 1968 to 1970 when he graduated with a B.A. degree.

Following graduation from FWBBC, Jerry pastored the Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Ga., for two years. He and Janice were appointed as missionaries to Japan in May of 1972. They attended Missionary Internship in Farmington, Mich., from September, 1972, to May, 1973. They are tentatively scheduled to leave for their field of service on August 13 of this year. They will study the Japanese language in the city of Sapporo on the island of Hokkaido, where they are expected to minister during this term.

Janice graduated from Princess

Anne High School, Norfolk, in 1965. She attended Free Will Baptist Bible College from 1965 to 1969 when she graduated with a B.A. degree. She was academically honored by appearing in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. Following her graduation from Bible college she taught school in Ashland City, Tenn., for one year. While in Georgia with her husband she taught English for one year in Colquitt, and one year in Bainbridge.

WESLEY AND AILEEN CALVERY



As senior missionaries to Japan now serving their fourth term Wesley and Aileen Calvery have largely been responsible for much of the Free Will Baptist work which has been established on the island of Hokkaido in northern Japan. Their principal labors have been in the city of Sapporo where Airin Chapel was built in 1972. Presently Wesley is acting more as a counselor in the Sapporo area while traveling to different areas of the island to preach and extend the witness.

Wesley married Aileen Mullen in

August of 1949. He is from Eddy, Tex., and she hails from Strawberry, Ark. They have three children: Rebecca, age 20, Michael, age 19, and Jonathan, age 17.

Wesley graduated from Waco Central High School, Waco, Tex., in 1947. He received his B.A. degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1951, attended Texas A & M for one year, and received his B.S. degree from Peabody Teachers College in 1953. Prior to his appointment to missionary service he served as pastor for one year at Heads FWB Church near Nashville, Tenn., and pastored Ashland City FWB Church, Ashland City, Tenn., for one year. Since he has been in Japan he has led in evangelistic efforts that have resulted in the establishment of four churches.

Aileen graduated from Strawberry High School, Strawberry, Ark., in 1947. She received her B.A. degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1952. She spent one year in Licensed Practical Nurses' training while in Nashville.

FRED AND EVELYN HERSEY



Fred and Evelyn (Lawrence) Hersey were married in September of 1954. They were appointed as foreign missionaries in November of 1955 and departed for the field on April 9, 1956. They have served three full terms in Japan, and started their fourth term in August of 1972.

The Herseys worked on the island of Hokkaido following their language study and completed their first term of service in this area. When they returned from furlough, they began working in the suburbs of the city of Tokyo. They have continued working

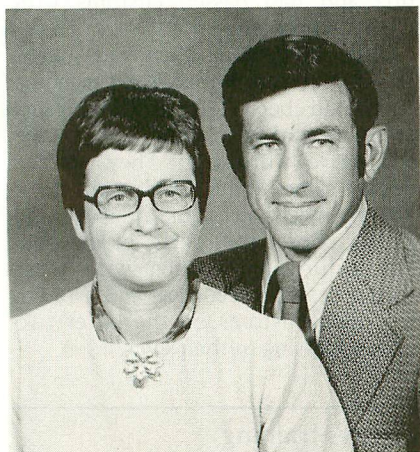
in this area for two full terms.

Fred was born in Chicago, Ill. Today Fred considers his home area to be Raleigh, N.C. He graduated from Bob Jones University with a B.A. degree in 1954. He pastored for 1½ years in Clinton and Newton Grove, N.C., prior to his appointment for missionary service.

Evelyn was born in Vroman, Colo., but her parents returned to Illinois when she was only two months of age. She attended Southern Illinois University for two years, majoring in elementary education. She graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College with a B.A. degree in June of 1954.

The Herseys have five children: Phillip, age 19, a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College; Samuel, age 16; Stephen, age 13; Vivian, age 10; and Paul, age 7.

JIM AND OLENA MCLAIN



Jim and Olena McLain were appointed for missionary service in March of 1966 and departed for the field of Japan in November of the following year. They are now serving in their second term on the island of Hokkaido.

Jim was born in Pennington Gap, Va., but has made his home in Tennessee for many years. He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1966 with a B.A. degree. He attended Missionary Internship, Farmington, Mich., in 1962-63, then he pastored in Reyno, Ark., from 1963-1965.

Jim married Olena Filkins of Greentop, Mo., in December of 1960. Olena attended Hannibal-LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo., from 1947 to 1949, majoring in business. She attended

Free Will Baptist Bible College part-time while working as a secretary in the administrative office during the years of 1953 to 1961.

Jim and Olena have two children: Don, age 12, and Mary, age 9.

HERBERT AND GERALDINE WAID



Although Herbert Waid was born in Bloomington, Ill, he has made his home in Detroit, Mich. He married Geraldine Gay of Lucama, N.C., in July of 1954. They have five children: Nancy, age 19; Peter, age 17; Darlene, age 16; Penelope, age 15; and Amy, age 12. Nancy has attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for one year.

The Waid's were first appointed for missionary service in March of 1958 and departed for the field in August of the same year. They have just completed three full terms in Japan. Following language school at the end of 1960, the Waid's went to the island of Hokkaido where they worked along with a national worker in the area of Abashiri. In 1961 they returned to the Tokyo area and assisted national pastors in these works. During their past term they have worked with the Irumagawa church.

Herbert graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College with a B.A. degree in 1956. Following graduation he pastored for two years in the North Carolina area.

Geraldine attended Crumpler Business School for one year, and attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for 3½ years. She worked as a secretary in North Carolina and Tennessee for a number of years.

The Waid's arrived in the United States in June to begin their furlough.

deputational echoes



by Henry Van Kluyve

GOD'S PRIORITY is simply this: His people should go, make disciples and establish churches *everywhere*.

And when you consider the "everywhere," remember that beyond our shores (North American continent) are 3.5 *billion* souls and over 2 billion of these remain ignorant of any spiritual truth as revealed through God's Word. In the light of this, the priorities listed by Paul Smith, pastor of Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada, fall into their rightful place:

First—overseas outreach for Christ

Second—church operating expenses

Third—building expansion

Dr. G. B. Vick, pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and president of Baptist Bible Fellowship, agrees with the above. Just prior to receiving the \$677,884 Christmas missions offering at their 1973 annual Fellowship session, he listed three major reasons why churches, including Baptist Bible churches, do not give more for overseas outreach:

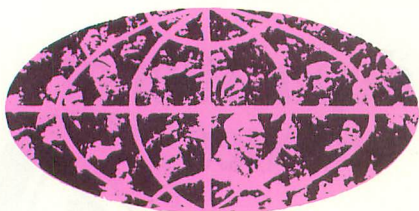
1. *Indifference*—the lack of concern for the lost in foreign fields.

2. *Spiritual shortsightedness*—the failure to realize the spiritual returns from the investment of missions money.

3. *Use of foreign missions money to build local churches.*

Dr. Vick emphasized point three to the preachers present: "Your members have as much right to tell you that they can't afford to tithe because they have a big house payment as you have to tell God that your church has too many local obligations to give to worldwide missions" (Baptist Bible Tribune, Oct. 19, 1973).

"By defining everything the church is doing as 'missions' the primary obligation of the church is blurred or buried," states Norm Lewis in his book *Faith Promise for World Witness*. He continues, "Should we be asked to sacrifice for such things on a par with offering unevangelized people the hope of eternal life? Surely, such confusion must sadden the heart of God."



emphasis: world

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catons commissioned

Ada, Okla.—Dock and Norma Caton, appointees to Spain, were commissioned on May 14 in the First Free Will Baptist Church here. Reverend Delbert Akin, pastor of the church, preached the sermon and General Director of foreign missions J. Reford Wilson issued the charge. Reverend James Murray, member of the Board of Foreign Missions, introduced the Caton families. Veteran missionary Lonnie Sparks, appointee to Spain with the Catons, led the dedicatory prayer.

The Catons completed Missionary Internship training in Detroit in 1973 and have since that time been on deputation preparing to go to Spain. They are members of the Ada church.

The Catons and Sparks are tentatively scheduled to leave for Spain on July 29 to begin language study.

arrivals and departures

Nashville, Tenn.—Jim and Shirley Combs and their family arrived in Miami, Fla., June 5 from Brazil to

caton congratulated by pastor akin



begin furlough. Herbert and Geraldine Waid and their family arrived in Hawaii June 11, on their way to Nashville, Tenn. Archie and Sarah Mayhew and their two daughters are tentatively scheduled to arrive in the United States on July 7.

The Ken Eagletons are scheduled to return to Brazil on July 29. Jimmy and Janie Aldridge are scheduled to leave in mid-August for Switzerland for a refresher language course prior to returning to the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

Sherwood Lee left the United States on June 16 for the Ivory Coast to help in the hospital during the summer months. He is expected to return to the United States on September 14.

new extension course

Panama City, Panama—Tom Willey, Jr. writes, "We have been having some good Bible studies and have started on a new extension course. We have a good group of young people—several new ones—and though the devil has tried to interfere, they seem to really be going ahead in their desire to serve the Lord."

dog bites dan filkins

Bouake, Ivory Coast—A rabid dog entered the school campus here on May 1. The Filkins write, "Bob Adams and Dan got bitten as they were trying to kill the dog. They have undergone the 21 shots for rabies. The dog was killed. We are grateful it didn't happen

leaving—aldrigdes, catons, eagletons and sparks



at a time when all the children were out. About the tenth day, the shots were getting quite painful, but God intervened and eased the pain."

The dog also bit the Filkins' dog and another dog. These also had to be killed.

cubans return blessed

Panama City, Panama—Tom Willey, Jr. recently received word that the two Cuban pastors who came to Panama recently, Adolfo Paniello and Antonio Echevarria, had returned safely to Cuba and had passed customs with very little problem.

While in Panama they had sought parts for an old mimeograph machine which had been left in Cuba years before. It had been used so much the parts were worn out. They located one, the same model, and bought it for \$30. A mechanic took it apart and Adolfo chose the parts he needed. They returned to Cuba with these parts, a cassette recorder, and a radio. They paid customs on the latter two only—a blessing in their eyes.

teachers training

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Eleven people from the church here took the teachers' training course which was offered during the week of May 27. This course was promoted in Ribeirao Preto by the Bible Institute which meets in the church and the Christian bookstore in the city. Forty-two people registered for the course.

Bobby Poole expressed satisfaction that these people from the church

adolfo paniello chooses mimeograph parts



were seeking training. "We have been seeing souls saved and a deeper spiritual life among our people," wrote Bobby. "Praise the Lord!"

janet lynn campaign

Sapporo, Japan—A special evangelistic campaign was conducted in the Sapporo area May 29 through June 2. Special speaker in the campaign was Janet Lynn, ice-skating champion from the United States. Taiko Uchikoshi interpreted for Janet as she spoke in the meetings. The 45-voice choir was directed by John Yasuda and Kato San of the Airin Chapel. Christian Literature Crusade was to record the choir and make cassette recordings available.

The campaign was sponsored by the evangelical churches in the Sapporo area. The committee selected Airin Chapel as the place where Janet Lynn would attend services on Sunday morning, June 2.

Wesley Calvery requests special prayer for the follow-up activity and for lasting results.

four professions of faith

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil—According to a recent report from Earnie and Jean Deeds, four people (one woman, two teen-aged girls, and one teen-aged boy) made professions of faith in Christ here recently. These were the first professions of faith to be made in their work here.

Earnie Deeds and Pat Franks have been teaching English for a number of hours weekly in an attempt to make new contacts and reach these for Christ.

Jean Deeds recently helped a neighbor lady cut out and make pajamas and a robe for herself. This was a simple gesture of interest but it could be very significant in helping her to make a decision for Christ. The woman has regularly attended the

john yasuda directed janet lynn choir



Sunday night services in the Deeds' home.

Twenty-three people have been enlisted for the Light of Life Bible courses. The Deeds request prayer for a lawyer who attended a service in the Deeds' home recently. His wife accepted the Bible study course. Pray that God will stir their interest.

two baptized

St. Sebastien, France—In a letter dated May 14, Don Sexton writes, "I baptized two just a few weeks ago and then Sunday-before-last a young couple was converted. A few weeks ago a Catholic lady was saved. We thank God for this."

Darrel and Donna (Sexton) Clark, from Oklahoma, have been in France helping the Sextons since April 2.

bishop awarded prize

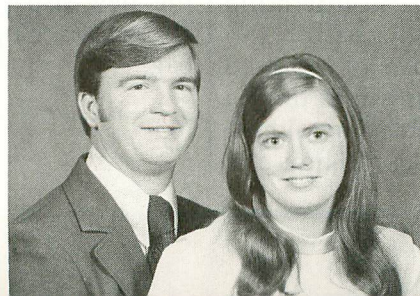
Farmington, Mich.—Sandra Bishop, missionary appointee to Japan, was recently awarded an honor prize for the most outstanding study project at Missionary Internship here. She did a special study on learning processes in Japan. Dale and Sandra just completed their Missionary Internship study and are now on deputation.

outreach program

Bouake, Ivory Coast—Howard and Joan Filkins write, "During the April break we set up an outreach program in cooperation with a local Christian & Missionary Alliance missionary. On a volunteer basis students took part in youth rallies and evangelistic efforts in the villages. There has been a tremendous response."

Dave went with a group to sing and testify at the Bouake youth rally. Two Sunday nights I went with a small group to two different villages in evangelistic efforts. About 30 prayed

the bishops—sandra was awarded honor prize



the first night and 15 young men prayed the last night. Christian & Missionary Alliance missionaries have baptized 1600 in the Ivory Coast since July."

work with students

Uberaba, Brazil—Louis and Florine Coscia recently reported that they have started a work with students of the language school where Florine is teaching. They have been having informal meetings in their home on Saturday evenings. According to the report interest and attendance have been good. Several have brought friends and "dates."

Wandy, the owner of the language school, is a worker in the church here. He is preaching once a month but, according to Louis, he still lacks some stability in some areas. Louis writes, "Pray with us for his complete yieldedness. The Lord could make of him a real instrument of blessing and service to the work here in Brazil."

news briefs

Tulsa, Okla.—Missionary Robert Bryan had surgery in the St. Francis Hospital here on June 5. At last report he was recovering normally.

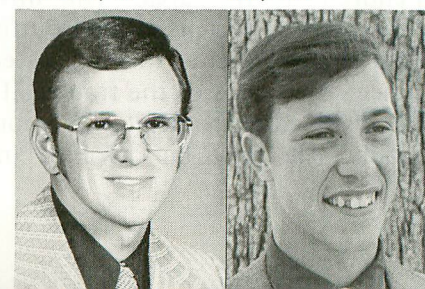
Nashville, Tenn.—Larry Carr, summer missionary appointee to Brazil, was unable to fulfill his assignment due to illness. He contracted mononucleosis and was under a doctor's care.

Nashville, Tenn.—Two M.K.'s returned to the field to visit their parents: Rebecca Calvery returned to Japan on May 18, and Marion Palmer went to the Ivory Coast on May 19. They are expected to be back in the United States for the fall school term.

Tulsa, Okla.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Payne, parents of Missionary Eddie Payne, left May 19 for a visit in the Ivory Coast. They were tentatively scheduled to return on June 22.

robert bryan

larry carr



why go to missionary internship?

Was it necessary for "Joe" to go to Missionary Internship? After all, he completed Bible college, he pastored a small church and he certainly seems mature.

But, he has never been a "foreign missionary"! Is there a difference?

You bet there is! Oh, sure every Christian is a missionary in a certain sense. That is, each has the responsibility of "going" and "telling" the Good News to those who haven't heard, whether it be in their block, in their state, in their country, or wherever.

But the differences are distinct! The foreign missionary faces cross-cultural problems, language barriers, political barriers, etc. And because of these peculiarities the foreign missions candidate needs some "specialized training" and some "self-evaluation" that he does not get in the normal Bible college program nor in the pastorate.

The Missionary Internship program is basically designed to help these candidates adjust psychologically, physically, and organizationally to a new culture, system and ministry. Each has to learn how to meet new experiences, new difficulties, new opportunities, and the general shock of a culture totally different to what he is accustomed.

It's true that he doesn't learn all of these adjustments at M.I., but he does get exposure to some of them, plus the practical application in on-the-job training. The instructors are former missionaries. They have experienced first-hand these adjustments and frustrations.

The missionary candidate spends one week per month at M.I. and three weeks working in a local church in the area. The Missionary Internship directors give a prescribed outline to a pastor who then supplements this suggested plan of work to meet the needs of the trainee. The missions trainee is involved with face-to-face confrontations almost daily. He may be involved in house-to-house or

bus visitation, children's church, teacher training classes, etc. He must solve problems as well as meet people from different backgrounds, circumstances, and beliefs.

While on the M.I. campus, the trainees are involved in learning inter-personal relationships, cross-cultural patterns and sharing of problems and proposed plans of mission activity.

When asking missionary appointees if they would like to go to Missionary Internship, almost without fail they answer, "No!" But, when we ask those who have gone through the program what they think of M.I., response is, "I'm glad I came."

Meeting and sharing with Christians from approximately 25 different evangelical denominations in a recent M.I. program, the missionary appointees were able to get a different perspective of problems, methods and possibilities in missions activity.

An estimated 65-75 people attended the session which just ended. (Exact figures were not available at press time.) These were divided into three groups. Each group met separately and then divided into smaller groups of four or five individuals. These studied and discussed specific topics presented in the larger group. They met in three sessions daily during their week at M.I.

Each individual was assigned a personal counsellor. During the week at M.I. he had sessions with his counsellor to discuss problems, answer questions, and to seek solutions to specific needs.

Simulated circumstances and pressures from the group were applied during some sessions to determine how one would react to such situations and pressures. Games were played which placed a person in a particular role in a given circumstance, then the groups shared insights and discoveries they made during the process.

All of this is done in an effort to help the individual understand himself and those with whom he associates. He is taught skills which would enable him to cope with any type of problem he might face in the future.

With trained instructors who have been on the mission field, the Missionary Internship program offers something we are not able to give. Who could better train our missionaries to face squarely the new situations? Presently, we have no better alternative. So, Missionary Internship. That's our bag!

'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

CHURCH PROPS

What are you using to "prop up" your church?

The lean-to shed on the side of our garage was leaning too much. As children on the farm, we often played on the machines sheltered under the lead-to shed. Its sagging condition became unsafe as a play area.

Sagging churches resort to many "things" to "prop up" their work. Every church has its strengths and weaknesses. Men of the church filled with the Spirit should discern the areas of weakness and determine the means to give strength where it is needed.

Building repairs, additional rooms and relocating could make the church more attractive and effective. A merger with a small sister congregation could reduce overhead expenses and provide a more adequate support of a pastor. A music or youth minister could give specific attention to a needed area of church life.

These could all be legitimate "props." But do they actually provide "power" for the conflicts in the arena of our warfare? They are not to be substitutes for the power of the Holy Spirit and the purpose for which He came according to Acts 1:8.

Dare I compare some churches to the sagging lean-to shed? Is it dangerous for a new convert to be housed under your "shed"? Would he soon become a rusty, unused tool? Someone has estimated that four-fifths of all church members are paralyzed. They are unused, uninvolved in the top priority of the church—world evangelization.

It staggers my imagination to think what we could do to reach the untold millions if we could mobilize one-half of our membership in a regular personal giving and praying ministry for our overseas ministries. There are encouraging signs of churches recognizing the principle, "The kingdom of God first," so often applied only to individuals.

We have the facts—the number of

Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries, the amount of money given, the approximate one billion souls in the countries where Free Will Baptist missionaries witness. These facts give us a vision. However, it could be a vision like the farmer who sits in his rocking chair on his front porch. He sees the ripened wheat fields, he knows the facts but he is too comfortable to do more than rock.

Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest...? lift up your eyes, and look on the fields...he that reapeth and he that soweth may rejoice together" (John 4:35-36).

Missions abroad should never be made competitive with a local church ministry. Missions is a fruit bearing branch complementing the tree (local church) in an extending and rewarding ministry. I am not inferring that missions is to be a "prop" for a "sagging" church. I know some churches have taken on new life when foreign missions was made vital.

We have a special workshop planned for pastors and laymen on Monday afternoon at the National Association. The program will include the testimony of pastors who have experienced 52 weeks of blessings from an annual missionary conference. Plan to share with us in a most profitable workshop hour on Monday, July 15, in Wichita, Kansas.

financial facts

THROUGH MAY 31

ON DEPOSIT MAY 1	\$ 282,373.35
RECEIPTS THRU MAY 31	391,414.02
DISBURSEMENTS THRU MAY 31	395,682.61
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THRU MAY 31	452,795.00
TOTAL 1974 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	1,086,716.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge	\$10,102.82	Mayhew	\$ 1,916.95
Aycock	3,742.17	Merkh	(2,307.97)
Banks	9,724.78	L. Miley	(838.75)
Barker	2,774.86	Miley, M.D.	16,380.57
Bishop	(394.70)	Palmer	(3,868.13)
Bryan	4,366.84	Payne	2,748.50
Calvery	(3,262.89)	Pinkerton	(2,043.39)
Caton	9,013.88	Poole	4,535.82
Combs	22,781.21	Richards	(2,710.43)
Coscia	1,567.65	Robinson	11,300.33
Cronk	5,170.45	Sexton	21,894.62
Deeds	2,364.23	Sparks	25,613.00
Eagleton	8,946.83	Stevens	502.16
Ellison	3,031.92	Sturgill	3,797.65
Filkins	(102.47)	Teague	2,755.92
Franks	3,322.47	Vanhook	7,201.18
Fulcher	(108.27)	Waid	(3,265.92)
Gage	406.46	Webb	(493.93)
Gainer	(1,806.88)	Wilkinson	3,260.71
Gibbs	4,494.66	Willey, Jr.	4,688.34
Haas	(8,368.22)	M. Willey	685.04
Hanna	19,358.53	Brazil Inst.	2,337.59
Hersey	914.13	Brazil Veh.	6,389.17
Hughes	4,433.72	S. India	695.02
Inscow	5,045.38	Summer Miss.	6,394.09
Lee	13,241.31	Willey Mem.	1,133.91
McLain	1,479.23	Proj. 5000	2,316.00

*Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits

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