

# Heartbeat

of FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

MARCH 1974

In response to Christ's command,

***"Go...preach the gospel  
to every creature..."***



**THE  
ANSWER  
WE GIVE**

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**T**ime is for man! Eternity is for God! Time is an accounting record for man. It provides man with a performance record. What was done? When was it done? How was it done? What was the motive?

We will all stand in review before Christ to whom all judgment has been given. This is a sobering fact! That every church is under the knowledgeable eyes of the Lord is a revealing fact: "I know thy works." Our Foreign Missions Department is consciously aware that not only are we answerable to the Board of Foreign Missions, and accountable to the National Association of Free Will Baptists but even more important, we are accountable to God. We answer to Him who commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

In obedience to this command, we give the

following answer for 1973:

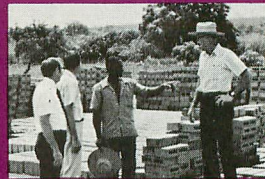
In Japan, Airin Chapel of Sapporo is now six years old. Sixty-two have been baptized and a new building has been completed. Last summer, Coach Dale Smith of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College made a personal visit to Sapporo. He infiltrated an athletic team with his gospel witness. Four young men were converted and later baptized by youth minister John Yasuda. A renewed effort to win adults, an increase in Sunday school attendance, and a move into a new "prefab" building was the answer given at Iriso.

In November, board member Gene Rogers and I conducted the first on-the-field spiritual retreat for all missionaries in Japan. This will continue as an annual event to strengthen our witness on this field.

France, the land of "Flander's Field" and "Normandy Beach," also substantiates God's blessing on the Free Will Baptist witness. Brian Russell Jones, president of Belgium Gospel Mission, wrote, "Two American pastors (*Merkh and Haas*) now serving in France, illustrate the kind of people needed by missions for church planting in Europe. One of them first had long years of experience in the U.S. He has built up a church of thirty to forty in about three years starting from scratch. He also helped to start another church. It is under the guidance of another American pastor who after fifteen years in church work in the U.S. came to lead this second group." Now a third and fourth group are having regular services. From nothing in 1966 to these groups in 1973! God is at work in France!

The overwhelming, unreached millions in India are not an impossible task for God. Though our resident missionary force in India has been reduced to one family, the Free Will Baptist witness extends itself through the national church. The church is assuming its role of evangelization and edification. David Devaneson, son of the pastor at Mettapalayam, initiated a new work at Coimbatore through the sponsorship of the Talmud As-





sociation of Free Will Baptist Churches in South India.

In the early part of 1973, Mrs. Wilson and I walked in Ivory Coast villages where evidence of the gospel impact was visible. We sat where the missionaries sit—in areas of great need but also in the fellowship of saints whose needs have been met in Jesus Christ.

We saw our own Free Will Baptist African preachers evangelizing their villages and pastoring their churches. Several of these pastors are using the "circuit riding" method, via bicycle or walking, to preach in different villages during the week.

We saw laymen boldly witnessing of the true God, true Redeemer and true Spirit who changed their lives. We saw Spirit-filled missionaries using Spirit-approved methods and tools to show the power of the gospel. The Koulango New Testament translation was completed and composed and is now in the hands of the printer.

Panama, though small in land area, is strategic as the crossroads of the world. The Free Will Baptist work here is like a young orchard in the spring-time—blossoming for a harvest. Winning, teaching, training new converts sums up the great mandate, "make disciples." Buildings have been completed, attendance records have been broken and young men are preparing for the ministry. These are the glorious prospects of a fruitful harvest.

The southernmost area of Free Will Baptist missions in Latin America glows and grows on the border of southern Brazil and Uruguay. Though taught by a missionary, the church groups in Uruguay have developed under lay leadership. Learning difficult lessons, these fellowships have realized their dependence on God rather than on the mission.

Challenged by the aggressive evangelism thrust by some of our home churches, missionaries have

transmitted their visions and dreams to the people. The city of Livramento is aware that God is doing the unusual as the church continues to convert city residents to Christ and expand its building in the heart of the city.

Brazil, the giant of South America has its first Protestant president! Its rapid industrial growth has caused economic problems, but evangelization of Brazil has more than kept pace with population growth. Our Free Will Baptist witness has expanded into two new areas: Barbacena in the State of Minas Gerais and Tubarao in the State of Santa Catarina are now hearing, receiving and believing the gospel. In a visit to the States late in '73, a young Brazilian preacher, Dirceu Biason, thrilled people by telling of his unique ministry among the drug and hippie culture of his university city.

Our answer for 1973 would not be complete without reference to seven new missionaries appointed and eight others now attending Missionary Internship. In words of the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" And in support of these ministries, God gave us our greatest financial year. In 1972 our receipts totaled \$873,813.66. In 1973 we received a record \$955,904.69. Of this total, \$100,008.29 in gifts came in December.

What can we expect in 1974?

New church groups will be established! The first church in Tokyo, Japan, is adding a second story to its building to accommodate the growing attendance and enlarge its ministry to youth. Already a new group is meeting in the city of Kitami, Hokkaido. A second Free Will Baptist work will begin in Sapporo and more of the established works will be given completely to Japanese leadership. New missionaries to Japan will enter language study this year.

French language study will begin for new mis-







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John Yasuda baptizes convert in Airin Chapel baptistry.



National workers, Paul of Ivory Coast and Sebastiao of Brazil.

sionaries to France. The presently established Free Will Baptist groups will become officially organized and lay preachers will extend the outreach to other cities.

I predict a revival for the young church in Ivory Coast. The bold witnessing of the Christians and evangelistic fervor of our preachers will bring amazing results in the Ivory Coast. New missionaries are being sent to this field this year.

The lack of missionary personnel in India is no sign of retreat. It can well be the seal of approval on what God has already done in His Church in India. Their own sense of responsibility could be the greatest incentive for the thrust of evangelism into unreached areas. Pray for and look for a mighty moving of God in India!

The fragrance of the "young orchard" in Panama causes my sense of optimism to soar. There is a sense of expectancy and where this exists, God brings forth. The International Spanish Fellowship of Free Will Baptists—scheduled to meet in Panama City, Panama, March 4, 5, and 6—will probably be history when you read this article. What a thrill to know our Latin Free Will Baptists from different countries are in action. They are being drawn together in a sense of oneness and urgency to cooperate in fulfilling their task.

How can you preview what God will do in '74 in the vast, fast moving areas of Brazil and Uru-

guay? Radio preaching, well-planned and well-prayed-for evangelistic campaigns, Bible study groups, intensive training of church leaders, transferring of church leadership from missionaries to national pastors, a correlating of various ministries, building, planning and praying for a thousand people in the Livramento church, the forming of a fellowship association of Free Will Baptist churches in Uruguay—all of this and much more in '74.

As you were reading this review and preview of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, didn't you feel the fresh wind from Heaven blowing upon us? It could become God's "whirlwind" of blessings! "God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly more than we ask or think."

New things are developing for us here at home. "Teams for Missions" are preparing to accept your invitations for challenge of '74. Staff members and missionaries are being mobilized for a weekend emphasis. These teams are prepared to share their own testimonies as well as those from the fields in special group meetings—a layman's Saturday morning breakfast, a woman's luncheon, a Saturday evening youth banquet, a Sunday school faith promise demonstration and a worship service of inspiration. God is giving Free Will Baptists a missions vision. We must respond to Christ's command. The task is ours "Till the Whole World Knows."



**R**-r-i-n-g! "Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. May I help you?"

"I'd like to report our Call-a-thon offering. We're going to be sending \$83.22!"

"What church do you represent and who is calling, please?"

"This is Reverend Forrest Cooper, Dry Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Charleston, West Virginia."

This was the first call for CALL-A-THON SUNDAY in 1973! And the phones continued to ring as pastors, church treasurers and members called to report their gifts of \$50, \$100, \$200, etc. Many, of course, were unable to call in such large amounts. Many, many smaller offerings of \$15 to \$40 were reported throughout the day. All these gifts, small and large, played a very important part in making the day's total of \$15,003.28 phoned in—one of the highest totals for Call-a-thon Sunday to date.

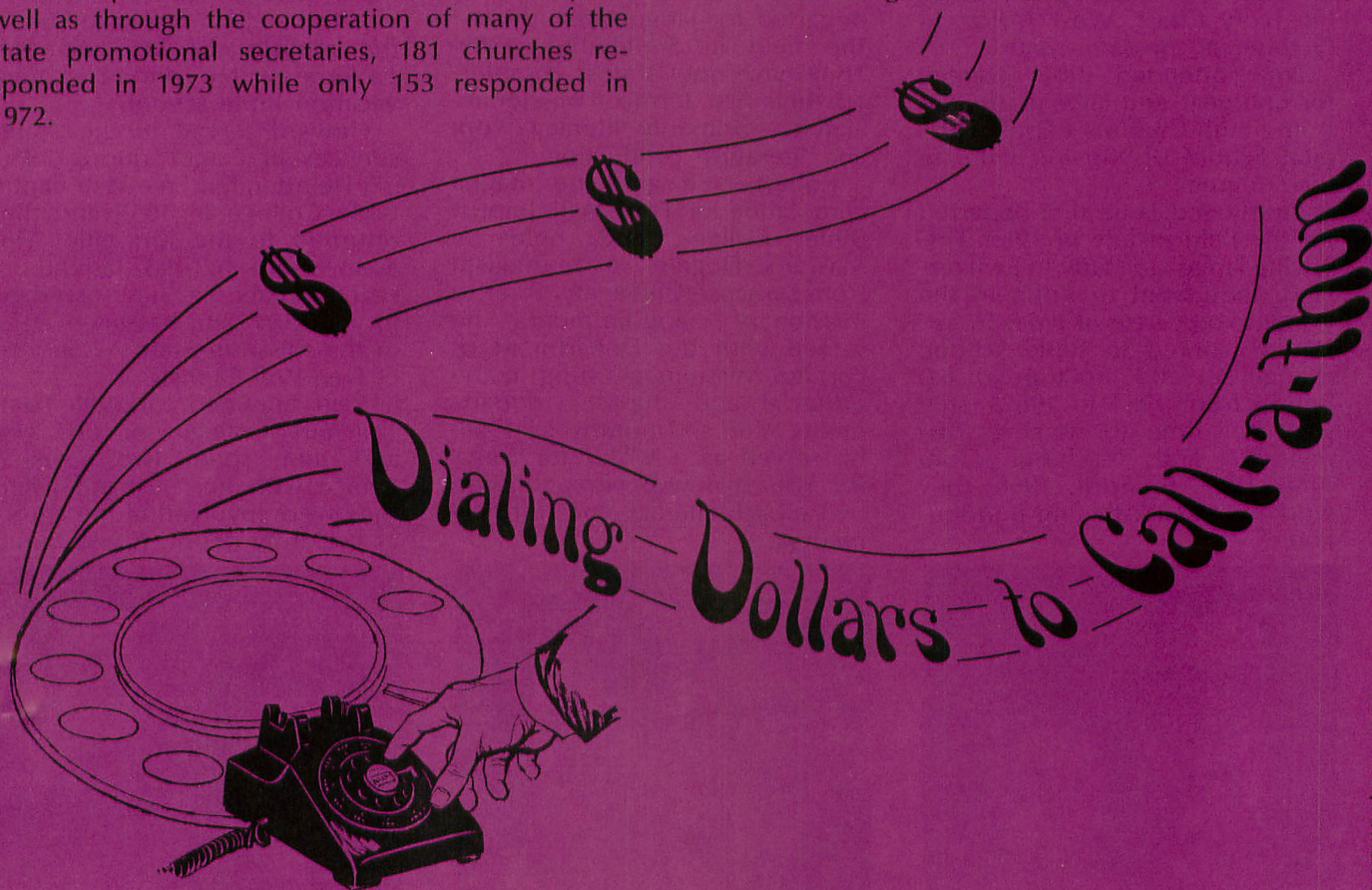
Through the help of Telephone Brigade members who called to remind pastors and Sunday school superintendents of Call-a-thon Sunday, as well as through the cooperation of many of the state promotional secretaries, 181 churches responded in 1973 while only 153 responded in 1972.

The state with the largest total in gifts for the day was Tennessee, \$2,566.57. The largest individual church gift once more was given by St. John's Free Will Baptist Church, Patrick, S.C. Their Call-a-thon contribution for 1973 totaled \$718.13, compared to the 1972 offering of \$542.24.

Representing sections from 17 different states, 41 leaders participated in the Telephone Brigade effort to remind churches to cooperate in this 1973 special foreign missions effort.

As Call-a-thon Sunday approaches on April 21, 1974, the missions staff is anticipating a tremendous response to meet the goal of \$25,000 on that day. To reach this goal the cooperation of many more churches throughout the denomination will be required.

Churches who actively participate in missions conferences are not to be considered excluded from participation in this event. Churches who have never responded are urged by missionaries and the foreign missions staff to make their special effort in 1974 to receive an offering and dial their dollars to foreign missions (615) 244-3470.





# getting to know them

(Your Missionaries)



## Serving in Ivory Coast

### JIMMY AND JANIE ALDRIDGE

Jimmy Aldridge, from Cordova, Ala., was converted at age 13. He graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College with a B.A. degree in 1960. He also attended Columbia Bible College for a year and a half and took some extension work at Tennessee Extension School. He pastored at Patrick, S.C., for two years prior to his marriage to Janie Melton of Lake City, S.C., in September of 1962. They were appointed to the Ivory Coast, West Africa, in October of the same year.

Janie attended Bible college for one year and later graduated from South Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing with an R.N. degree.

Jimmy and Janie first departed for the field in July of 1963. Following language study in Switzerland, they went to Koun in the Bondoukou Circle of Ivory Coast. Jimmy worked in Bible school, evangelism and literature distribution from 1964 to 1967. Janie gave her time to nursing (dispensary) and teaching. From June, 1967, to April, 1968, they worked in Laudi-Ba and Bondoukou.



When the Aldridges returned to Bondoukou in 1970, they sought through films, tracts, a reading room, etc., to reach students and the various segments of society. They are presently on furlough but plan to return to the field in early July of this year.

### ROBERT AND JUDY BRYAN

Robert and Judy Bryan were appointed to missionary service in the Ivory Coast in 1968. They departed for language study and the field in September, 1969. They have now almost completed their first term of missionary activity—primarily literacy work and literature production.

Robert is a graduate magna cum laude of Free Will Baptist Bible College and holds a Master's Degree in Journalism from Syracuse University. Prior to missionary appointment he served with the Department of Foreign Missions assisting in the editorial and shipping departments. For six months in 1968, he served as a writer for *News for You*, a newspaper published by Laubach Literacy, Inc., for new readers.



In June of 1966, Robert married Judy Morgan of Bixby, Okla., also a graduate of FWBBC.

The two have lived and worked in the area of Bouna, Ivory Coast, approximately 45 miles from Doropo where the hospital is located. They have sought to prepare and publish materials in the Koulango language as well as prepare literacy materials for the Lobi dialect.

### HOWARD AND JOAN FILKINS

Now serving as "House Parents" at the school for missionary children at Bouake, Ivory Coast, Howard and Joan Filkins hail from northeastern Missouri. Howard is from Sublet; Joan is from a rural area of nearby Greentop, Mo.

Howard was converted in the Hazel Creek church, well known for its influence on the lives of many who are in Christian service today. Joan was saved under the ministry of Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley during a daily vacation Bible school.

Howard served in the armed services in France during 1956-57. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1958 and then returned to the Kirksville, Mo., area where he has farmed for several years. He has served his local church and has been active in the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Joan attended Kirksville State Teachers College for one year and then spent two years in France with her husband where they were involved in the church at the army depot. It was during





this time that the Filkins became acquainted with the French language, an asset to their present ministry.

The Filkins have three children: Daniel, age 17; David, age 15; and Dale, age 4. The Filkins also had another son, Douglas, who was 10 years old when the Lord took him in a shooting accident in May of 1971.

### SHERWOOD AND VADA LEE

Sherwood Lee of Florence County, S.C., married Vada Wilson of Searcy, Ark., in August of 1962. Following Sherwood's graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College and a pastoral ministry at Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church in Cowart, S.C., the Lees were appointed to missionary service in March, 1966.

Vada attended FWBBC, University of South Carolina, and Francis Marion College. She is presently teaching at Maranatha Christian School in Florence, S.C.

While in the Ivory Coast, Sherwood served in Doropo, working in the hospital, developing reading materials, teaching literacy, preaching, etc. Presently he is attending Florence-Darlington Technical Education Center seeking his R.N. He plans to return to Doropo in June for three months to assist in the hospital. Then in 1975 the Lees are scheduled to resume their normal term of service in the Doropo area. Sherwood hopes to be able to teach Bible classes and train nationals to assist in the medical program.



The Lees are the parents of two children: Robert, age 10, and Katherine, age 3.

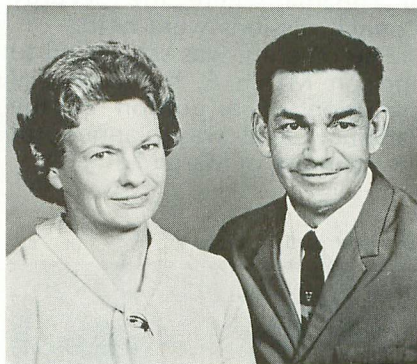
### ARCHIE AND SARAH MAYHEW

The Archie Mayhews are now completing their second term of service in the Ivory Coast. They have spent the past four years in Goumère and have worked in the villages using literacy materials and audio visuals to augment Archie's preaching ministry. They are scheduled to return to the States in June of this year for their second furlough.

Archie, a native of St. Cloud, Minn., was converted in Modesto, Calif., where he also responded to the call of God to preach the gospel in the regions beyond. Archie graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1963 with a B.A. degree. He pastored Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Charlotte, Tenn., for a year and West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., for a year prior to appointment.

Archie married Sarah Lovett of Wetumpka, Okla., in December of 1944. They have four children: Larry (married), professor at Western Kentucky University; Jerry (married), resident of California; Sheryl, age 14; and Merry, age 11. Sarah attended FWBBC.

The Mayhews departed for the field in September, 1964. Following language study, they spent about eight months in Bondoukou, one year in Loudi-Ba, and then their last two years of the first term in Goumère.



## deputational echoes

by Henry  
Van Kluyve



### Flip the Coin

"Heads I win, tails you win!" The coin is flipped and a decision reached—what team will kick off, bat first, etc. The coin has two sides. But both sides are involved and the coin could land with either side up.

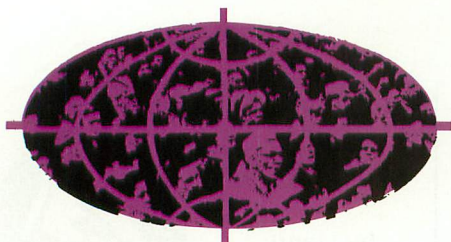
On occasions I am reminded by pastors to encourage our missionaries to write to the church or Sunday school class. In turn I've emphasized the importance of a "personal note" from missionary to supporting church.

Having just spent one month and two days overseas visiting our Latin America fields, I was privileged to see firsthand the missionary in action. His burdens, problems, battles and heartaches are many. His victories, joys and successes are also numerous. It is important that the home constituency be informed about the missionary's work and activities.

But then the thought occurred to me, "what about that letter from pastor to missionary?" I have encouraged our missionaries to correspond with our people. Now the other side of the coin: Missionaries value a letter from the church! Even a cassette tape message from several members, a Sunday school class, a CTS group, a deacon board, etc., could be sent! The missionary needs to hear from you, brother Pastor!

Your relationship with the missionary should not stop with personalized giving. Right now, there may be a missionary needing to hear from his pastor and church. When have you last written? Why not stop right now and pen a letter? The Holy Spirit will use it. The missionary will welcome it. His ministry will be enhanced.





# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## **brazilian to lead church**

*Pirassununga, Brazil*—Missionary Tom Hughes recently informed the mission office that a Brazilian couple, Mario and Vera Donscoi, recent Bible institute graduates, have been chosen to pastor the Free Will Baptist church here. The couple will receive a subsidy for a period of time from the mission.

The Donscois were scheduled to begin work with the church the first of February. They come from the Araras Free Will Baptist Church where Tom Hughes is presently working.

## **waid speaks at annual event**

*Tokyo, Japan*—Herbert Waid was scheduled to speak to the annual joint Bible study for all Kanto believers on February 11. He was to speak on the subject, "United States and Japanese Church History."

Herbert has expressed special interest in a Japanese doctor and his family in the Tokyo area. The daughter, a high school student, was saved near the end of last year. Visits have been made to the home and the wife has attended services.

## **gibbs, vanhook to depart**

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Scheduled to depart in mid-March for language school and then to France, are Missionary Appointees Jerry and Barbara Gibbs and Miss

Patsy Vanhook.

With most of their monthly support promised and their cash total approaching that needed, they have finally been given approval to depart. They had hoped to depart in January.

The Gibbs were officially commissioned to service on January 6 in the Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. Miss Vanhook was commissioned on February 17 in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Rogers, Ark.

## **spanish fellowship meeting**

*Panama City, Panama*—As the date of March 4 approached, plans for the Spanish fellowship meeting here became more formulated. Sessions were scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. on March 4 in the First Free Will Baptist Church here with Benito Rodriguez of Miami, Fla., presiding.

The group was formed last June under the official name of Spanish-American Association of Free Will Baptists.

Delegates from Puerto Rico, Mexico, California, Uruguay, Cuba, Florida and Panama were expected to participate in the program.

Missionary Tom Willey, Jr., announced plans to meet part of the time in the Legislative Palace of Panama where the Security Council sessions were held.

The meeting was scheduled to end on March 6, but a special excursion of a portion of the Panama Canal was planned for the morning of March 7.

## **pinkertons reunited**

*Bouake, Ivory Coast*—According to recent correspondence from Carol Pinkerton, she and Tim arrived safely in Abidjan on January 9. They were reunited with Howard and Jerry, Jr., after approximately five months of separation.

Carol writes, "These past five months have not been the easiest for our family, but God has given grace and help."

The Pinkertons have requested special prayer on behalf of young Timothy who started to school on January 11 after a long period away from classes.

The Pinkertons were planning to spend a short time with the boys at Bouake before seeking out their permanent place of work. Pray for God's direction for their future ministry and location.

## **inscoes in language study**

*San Jose, Costa Rica*—Larry and Priscilla Inscoe, new missionaries to Panama began language study here recently. After just two weeks of language study, Larry writes, "I never thought learning another language could be so exhausting. Believe me, at the end of the day we are ready to hit the sack!"

Evidently the Lord has provided a place of service for the Inscoes. Priscilla is playing the accordion for services in a small church near their home.

The Inscoes were victims of

mario and vera at graduation



jerry and barbara gibbs



patsy vanhook





theft recently: Priscilla's accordion was stolen on one occasion, and another time the car window was smashed and all of Larry's tools stolen.

Pray for the Inscoes and their adjustment to language study, culture, etc.

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#### **scheduled for furlough**

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*Bouna, Ivory Coast*—Robert and Judy Bryan, literature and literacy missionaries, were scheduled to leave here March 4 to begin their furlough. They planned to stop off in Europe prior to coming to the United States. They plan to arrive in the States near the end of March.

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#### **bible exposition**

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*Rennes, France*—A Bible exposition was scheduled to be held here February 18-28 by the Free Will Baptist church under the direction of Missionary Joe Haas, according to correspondence received recently. The purpose of the exposition was to make contacts and reach people with the gospel.

According to Joe, church attendance has remained good and Bible clubs are continuing to reach many children each week.

Extra money will be needed to purchase the building here. Joe has requested prayer that the Lord will supply necessary funds and help get the red tape cleared so they can make the purchase.

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#### **news briefs**

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*Agua Buena, Panama*—Nine people made decisions for Christ here on Sunday, January 27, ac-

cording to a recent radio report by Missionary Bill Fulcher. Seven were saved in the worship service and two were converted later in the missionary's home.

*Norfolk, Virginia*—Jerry and Janice Banks, missionary appointees to Japan, have a new son, Justin Cleo, born here on January 23.

*Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil*—Dave Franks reports 18 people have taken home Bible studies, Moody Science films have been shown eight times in the Franks home, and several neighbors have been visited to make new contacts for the gospel.

*Nantes, France*—Billie Sexton underwent surgery here in late January for removal of kidney stones. Though she suffered from severe pain she was reported recovering, still under medication.

*Doropo, Ivory Coast*—According to news from Missionary Eddie Payne, he and Dr. LaVerne Miley recently went to baptize some 20 converts in a village where Joseph, a national worker, preaches.

*Kirksville, Mo.*—Lee McElhinney, father of Missionary Carol Pinkerton, died here on February 5, of a heart attack. His funeral was conducted on February 8.

*Blanchard, Okla.*—Funeral services were conducted here on February 3 for Sanford Wilson, brother of General Director J. Reford Wilson. Mr. Wilson had been hospitalized for some time prior to his death on January 31.

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#### **conference well attended**

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*Sonapurhat, India*—Carlisle Hanna reports attendance was very good at the conference here in February: "We had a good 400 here for the services on Sunday. The messages have been good and the response good. We have quite a few people here who are not yet baptized and are here as a direct result of our evangelistic and literature work these past weeks."

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#### **annual youth camps**

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*Jaboticabal, Brazil*—Sam Wilkinson says youth camps held here in January were not as large as expected but 35 attended one camp with four decisions being made for Christ. Twenty campers attended the second camp with seven decisions being recorded. Ivan Lopez did the preaching.

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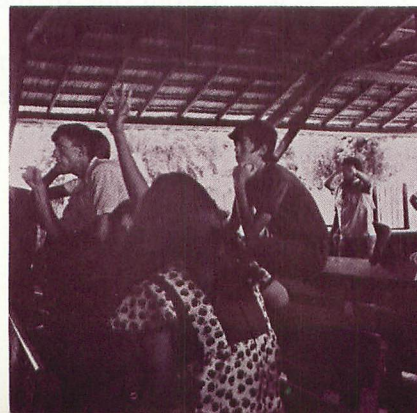
#### **prospects good**

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*Uberaba, Brazil*—The Louis Coscias have indicated prospects are good for growth and a continuing ministry here. Latest reports show that approximately 30 new children and young people from another neighborhood are now attending and hearing the gospel for the first time.

Wandy, a young man in the church, has expressed a desire to preach and is doing so once a month now. Indications are that he may be the means of perpetuating the work when the Coscias leave for furlough at the end of this year.

youth camp in brazil



hanna and indian christians



robert and judy bryan





## the third world in missions

By Trula Cronk

The term Third World has been around a long time. After World War II the communist countries began to be referred to as the *Communist World* while the nations involved in the struggle against communism were called simply the *Free World*. Many nations, of course, refused to align themselves with either of these blocks. For lack of a better term these uncommitted nations gained the all inclusive political appellation *Third World*.

The term encompasses a vast cultural diversity and a geographical expanse which reaches from East Asia west to South America. Except for Russia and China, it includes Asia, the islands, Africa and South America. The most obvious common characteristics are that all of the countries involved are non-western and most of them are more or less non-developed industrially, Japan being a notable exception to the latter.

It so happens that most of the younger churches—the fruit of the last century's missionary endeavor—are in these nations, so *Third World Church* became a convenient term for missiologists and churchmen wishing to refer to the younger churches. It is a term easier to handle than *Afericasia*, which was coined to represent the same area, and has fewer objectionable connotations than the

old "mission fields" which has become an offense to many.

The *Third World Church* is not a separate organism but a part of the whole church. It is the church in the Third World as the Corinthian church was the church in Corinth. It is rooted and growing in the cultures of the various nations. The people of the Third World Church need to become more aware that they are a vital part of the whole body of Christ while we in the western church need to acknowledge their gifts and contributions to the whole church and to understand that we do not exist without them. What affects them affects us.

As the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to individuals, He also gives complementary gifts to His church in the world so that we need one another. In this age the western church is wealthy, but it may be feeling a little old and tired. The newer churches are poor. But they have a vision, a zeal, and a courage—even in difficulty—to reawaken our sagging, desponding spirits in the face of a diminishing church population in many of the countries of the west. We have a right to share in their life, and they have a right to share in our wealth so that together we proclaim the gospel of Christ in all the world—we in our places and they in theirs.

The Third World Church can best win the Third World, while the western church can best win the western world, but at the same time, I believe it is God's plan that there be a sharing of the complementary gifts entrusted to the whole church. We must share with them the means to educate the church and help them to fulfill the great commission. There must be sufficient movement of individuals from one part of the church to another to provide for the feeling of oneness in the body of Christ.

It was interesting to note that on an extensively televised record of a world wide mission the other night, the man heading up the effort in Europe was from one of the younger churches in the east.

"East is east and west is west and never the twain shall meet" must never be said of the church, for all true believers are one in Christ and we shall spend eternity together.



## 'out of my heart'

J. Reford Wilson

### MEASURING MISSIONS

How do you measure sunshine? How do you measure space without a beginning and an ending point? How do you measure eternity? How do you measure missions?

Geographically missions is defined as going from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

Some measure missions in terms of personnel and countries to which missionaries go; the number of missionaries; the number of churches; the number of national pastors and baptized believers.

Regardless of the methods used to measure missions, it has always been and will always be the divine purpose to make known God's redemptive plan to all men of every generation. A. T. Pierson has said, "Witnessing is the whole work of the whole church for the whole age."

It has taken Free Will Baptists too long to understand the priority we are to give to God's plan of the ages. We have placed personal emphasis on the words of Jesus, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Would these words not also apply to the church?

Men of His day as men of our day were overly concerned with houses and land, food and clothes. Jesus tried to establish in their minds that which should have prior claim: the kingdom of God. God makes a promise, "... these things shall be added." Giving God's plan priority guarantees added blessings to any church.

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again he cannot

enter the kingdom of God." To be born again, to enter the kingdom, man must hear the gospel. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14)

The proclamation of this message is a human task. George Peter says, "God has chosen human instruments to accomplish His task in human hearts within a human society surrounded by human environment."

I marvel with Missionary Paul that "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty" (I Corinthians 1:27). It is not the technical sciences and sensational experiences which instantaneously convert a pagan society to Jesus Christ. The work of missions requires spirit-filled men using spirit-approved methods to declare a spirit-converting message. This requirement does not exempt any follower of Christ.

I am calling upon every Free Will Baptist church to make Sunday, April 21, a special day of prayer for foreign missions and to give your Sunday school offering to Missions Call-a-thon.

## financial facts

### THROUGH JANUARY 31

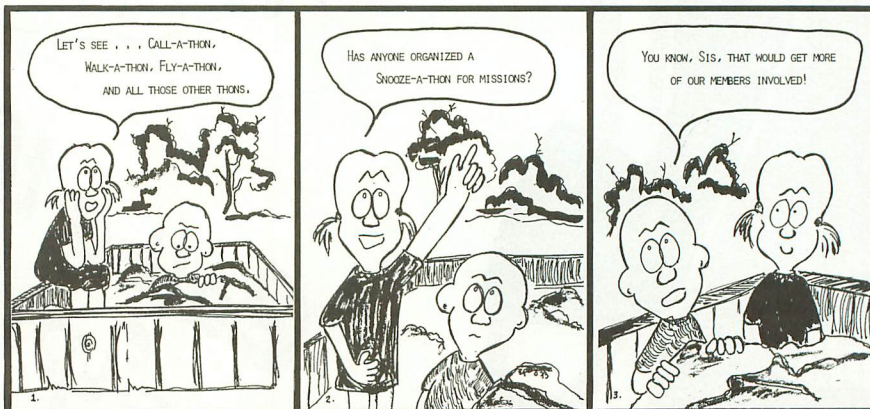
ON DEPOSIT JANUARY 1	\$321,904.26
RECEIPTS THRU JANUARY 31	66,446.58
DISBURSEMENTS THRU JANUARY 31	62,248.04
PROJECTED RECEIPTS THRU JAN. 31	90,559.00
TOTAL 1974 FOREIGN MISSIONS BUDGET	1,086,716.00

### MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS\*

Aldridge	\$10,914.65	Merkh	(129.03)
Aycock	4,870.55	L. Miley	(783.17)
Banks	5,905.58	Miley, M.D.	16,546.44
Barker	1,666.74	Palmer	(6,598.23)
Bishop	(698.33)	Payne	3,840.29
Bryan	3,517.58	Pinkerton	(290.98)
Calvery	(1,211.03)	Poole	5,398.07
Caton	7,357.88	Richards	(1,806.99)
Combs	16,618.10	Robinson	10,565.77
Coscia	1,424.52	Sexton	18,322.80
Cronk	6,718.16	Sparks	27,045.75
Deeds	3,892.80	Stevens	502.63
Eagleton	9,657.17	Sturgill	5,019.32
Ellison	1,200.78	Teague	826.28
Filkins	(611.37)	Vanhook	9,690.38
Franks	4,353.34	Waid	(1,965.91)
Fulcher	1,442.31	Webb	(537.47)
Gage	582.21	Wilkinson	4,667.46
Gainer	(1,820.13)	Willey, Jr.	7,419.59
Gibbs	9,228.88	M. Willey	693.72
Haas	13,240.31	Brazil Inst.	1,411.63
Hanna	22,395.62	Brazil Veh.	4,789.17
Hersey	(1,676.25)	Proj. 5000	50.00
Hughes	6,114.21	S. India	1,312.46
Inscoc	5,236.24	Summer	
Lee	14,826.15	Miss.	1,009.86
McLain	5,718.29	Willey Mem.	
Mayhew	3,238.17	Loan Fd.	1,717.03

\* Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits

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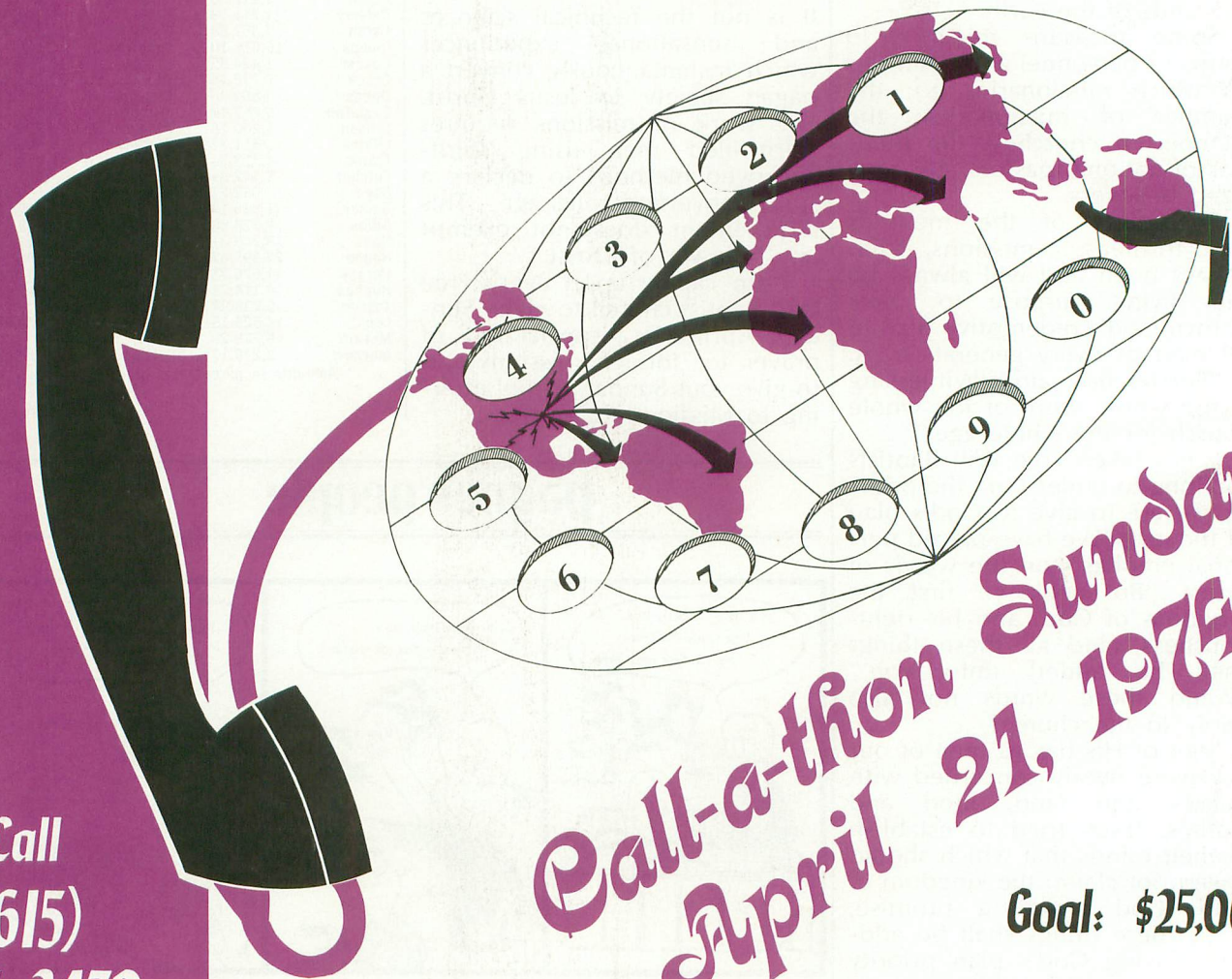
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