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1975 Call-a-thon to Supply Cash

April is Foreign Missions Month! Annually April has been designated for special Foreign Missions emphasis across the Free Will Baptist denomination. And highlighting the month has been the annual Call-a-thon which falls on the third Sunday

in the month—this year on April 20.

With inflation eating away at missionary accounts, missionary appointees are finding it difficult to accumulate the necessary cash for departure. This year's Call-a-thon offering will be specifically channeled into those accounts which need cash for the missionary to depart for the field. A greater response this year than that in 1974 could make it possible for all present appointees to leave soon for their respective fields of service.

Once again Telephone Brigade helpers will be calling to remind pastors and churches to participate in this year's Call-a-thon effort.

In 1974 the goal for Call-a-thon Sunday was set at \$25,000. By the end of the Call-a-thon Sunday activities last year, a total of \$14,947.03 had been phoned in from across the United States. But this did not mark the end of Call-a-thon giving. When the final tally was made some weeks later, Call-a-thon gifts totalled \$19,959.07, just \$5,000 short of the set goal.

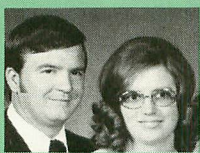
The following amounts represent total offerings from each state as reported by phone on Call-a-thon Sunday in 1974:

Alabama	\$ 507.70	Michigan ...	1,043.90
Arizona	52.00	Mississippi ..	341.73
Arkansas ...	1,015.86	Missouri	866.41
California ...	476.95	New Hampshire	14.15
Georgia	318.29	North Carolina	2,243.52
Florida	329.26	Ohio	775.58
Idaho	25.00	Oklahoma ..	668.88
Illinois	404.51	South Carolina	810.20
Indiana	106.28	Tennessee ...	1,915.86
Iowa	44.00	Texas	470.20
Kentucky ...	181.84	Virginia	139.45
Kansas	410.49	West Virginia	1,027.07
Maryland ...	757.90	TOTAL	\$14,947.03

Appointees



Lynn and Ramona Miley



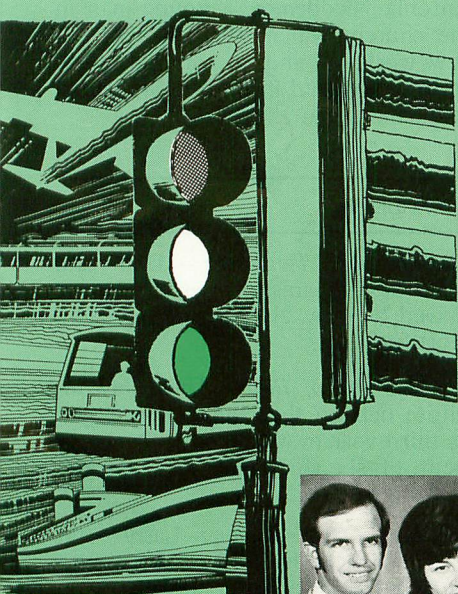
Dale and Sandra Bishop



Dennis and Carol Teague



Jerry and Janice Webb





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EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

richards uses filmstrips

Koun, Ivory Coast—Norman Richards recently wrote that he has started going to three new villages. As a door opener and to draw a crowd, he has used filmstrips quite effectively. Although the groups have been fairly large, Norman writes: "Thus far the response has been rather slow. This is due to the fact that most of those who come are Catholics or Muslims. We have had one lady pray. Her husband has just turned Muslims, so it may make it rather hard on her."

project 5000

Nashville, Tenn.—A letter of request was mailed in March to those who have signed up as participants of Project 5000. This is the first letter to be sent out in 1975 to those who have agreed to give \$10.00 upon request to help meet urgent needs.

The March letter was sent on behalf of the missionary accounts which are in the deficit. It is hoped that these receipts will help catch up these lagging accounts.

Director of Deputational Ministries Henry Van Kluyve requested those who have signed up for Project 5000 to respond immediately to liquidate the deficits.

church grows in romania

Romania—Despite repression, revival is on here. *The Church Around the World* reports that 25,000 baptisms

were recorded last year. Warehouse "churches" are packed out. Universities have tried to combat the movement by showing the superiority of atheism, but several students and teachers have been converted. Leaders are under close scrutiny, and some have been imprisoned.

camp and retreat ministry

Jaboticabal, Brazil—Sam Wilkinson, in charge of the camp and retreat ministry in Brazil, writes concerning recent camps: "The camps were very good. We had about a hundred in all. This includes both camps. Although the youth camps were for the benefit of the Christians, two first-time decisions were made. It was good to see some of our own young people helping in the children's camp."

Sam also noted that the camps were beneficial to the MK's who attended.

The Wilkinsons are scheduled to leave for furlough at the end of April, but they announced plans for one more weekend retreat at the farm, "Evangelandia," on April 29 prior to their departure.

government harassment

Equatorial Guinea, West Africa—Christians in this republic are being harassed by their government, according to a recent news report. Most foreign missionaries have been expelled. Church buildings have been confiscated and special permits are required for church meetings. Ministers must read a message extolling

the dictatorial President F. M. Nguema at each service and must display his picture in every church.

work expanding in ribeirao

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—According to a recent report from Missionary Bobby Poole, the church's extension work in the area of town called Ipiranga has continued to grow. In January, Sunday school average attendance was approximately 33 and in February the average jumped to nearly 64 per Sunday.

Plans have been made to start mid-week services in the Ipiranga work. Antonia Nicodemos, a young man in the church, will most likely lead the new work. He and his wife have been actively involved in the Sunday school in the new area.

news briefs

Chattanooga, Tennessee—Don and Billie Sexton, missionaries to France, arrived here by air April 2 to begin a short furlough.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—The Bible Institute held in the church here began its third year in March with an enrollment of six students—four men and two women.

Panama City, Panama—Larry and Priscilla Inscoc have finished language study in Costa Rica and have moved to Panama City. The Bill Fulchers have also recently moved to Panama City from Agua Buena.

wilkinsons to arrive in may



Oilton, Okla.—Gracie Deeds, mother of Missionary Earnie Deeds, died here February 27 following a stroke suffered two weeks earlier.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—The annual fellowship meeting of the Brazil Free Will Baptist churches was scheduled to meet March 28.

Bangladesh—Recent reports revealed that 2,000 Hindu and Muslim families from this flood-ravaged country have enrolled in a Bible correspondence course because they were impressed when Christians played no favorites as to religion or caste as they provided food and shelter.

Araras, Brazil—Tommy Hughes recently reported that the local judge granted permission for Wilson, a man converted in his jail ministry, to be released long enough to be baptized. Tommy expressed joy at the evidence of spiritual growth in the man. He also is said to have written some songs about his conversion.

Jaboticabal, Brazil—June Wilkinson underwent major surgery February 19. At last report she was recovering normally but was under doctor's orders to do no work until the end of March.

Panama City, Panama—The Free Will Baptist churches in Panama were scheduled to hold a family camp March 27-30 according to a recent report from Bill Fulcher.

Tokyo, Japan—The Tokyo Association of Free Will Baptists met here in February. Laymen were elected to all offices. According to Fred Hersey, this is the first time the pastors were not elected to any office.

Doropo, Ivory Coast—Dr. LaVerne Miley reported recently that, although they had hoped for a light clinic month in February, the per day patient average totalled more than 117.

sextons begin furlough



church buys parsonage

Araras, Brazil—Missionary Tommy Hughes recently informed the mission office that the church here has purchased a three-bedroom house to serve as parsonage for the church. The seven-room house is located approximately six blocks from the church.

Tom noted: "The house is nice and nearly new. But it hasn't been finished yet. It has been ceiled and only has a sub-floor in the three bedrooms."

Tom indicated the church paid for the house with funds saved for this purpose and completed the necessary amount by selling a piece of property owned by the church.

Plans are being laid for the accommodation of a Brazilian pastor to take over the work here in the near future. The Hughes are scheduled for furlough in 1976.

religious liberty violated

Madrid, Spain—Missionary News Service reports a young Seventh Day Adventist was recently sentenced to a three-year prison term for his failure to participate in a Roman Catholic mass.

Military law requires new army recruits to pledge allegiance to the flag within the context of a Catholic. Although Protestants had been exempted before, in recent months the military has begun to enforce the law, even though it is in conflict with another law guaranteeing religious liberty to Spanish citizens.

pastors' meeting held

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Brazilian pastors met at the church here on February 22 for fellowship and a study of the book, *New Testament Follow-up*, by Eerdmans Press. This type meeting is scheduled to become a regular part

larry inscoe now in panama



of the program among the national pastors in the Sao Paulo area of Brazil.

According to Bobby Poole, the group elected Mario Donscoi, pastor of the Pirassununga church, to head the group and to make plans for the future meetings.

aycock preaches in south

Livramento, Brazil—The Free Will Baptist church here was recently challenged by Missionary Bobby Aycock of Barbacena as he spoke nightly March 9-16. Reports indicated good attendance at the meetings which offered a missionary thrust mainly for Christians.

At the close of the meeting, the Livramento church, led by Missionary Walter (Dub) Ellison, gave a special offering to help the church in Barbacena purchase land and erect a building.

While in the south, Bobby also spoke at the Barrio Recreo church in Rivera, Uruguay. This church, under the leadership of Missionary Paul Robinson, also gave a special gift to help the church in Barbacena.

17 baptized in north india

Sonapurhat, North India—Seventeen persons were baptized here Sunday, March 9, although some, who had made professions and had planned to join the number, were forced by family pressure not to do so. According to Carlisle Hanna, others likewise were not willing to face the consequences of baptism. Pray for them.

Carlisle also reported good attendance at their recent conference in Daspara: "It really was an evangelistic campaign and, as such, reached many people. We had a good 300 for noon and evening services besides our registered church members. In spite of extreme poverty and hunger, it was our best conference financially."

aycock preaches in brazil



editor's catchall

YOU CAN HELP

HOW DOES an appointee become an experienced missionary?? He certainly can't become one until he has been to the mission field! His problem lies in the fact that he is in the land of "neither, nor." He is neither layman nor missionary. He is not a pastor any longer nor is he an experienced witness to another culture or people.

The appointee's task is difficult! He must raise support to get to the field, but people don't want to hear someone who has had no experience. Yet, he can't get the experience until he gets to the field! What a dilemma!

You can help remedy this situation. Show your concern and confidence in the new candidate or appointee when he comes by your church. Invite him to come, if you haven't already. Make him or her feel wanted. Make him feel as if he is an integral part of the mission program and of the cause of Christ. Encourage others to help him. Make a place for him in your youth camp program or vacation Bible school. Encourage people to support him financially and with their prayers.

Provide equipment for the appointee. Raise a large cash offering to help him depart. Help him with his clothing needs. Promise to support him regularly while he is on the field, starting now.

Whatever you do, though, don't try to make him what he is not. Don't

financial facts

THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

On deposit February 1	\$ 253,306.34
Receipts thru February 28	158,567.57
Disbursements thru February 28	159,859.16
Projected receipts thru February 28	205,000.00
Total 1975 Foreign Missions budget	\$1,230,000.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge . . . \$(6,251.03)	Merkh . . . \$6,415.07
Aycock . . . 1,060.25	L. Miley . . . 4,635.77
Banks . . . 7,748.59	Miley, M.D. . . 20,682.62
Barker . . . 3,801.36	Palmer . . . 1,012.43
Bishop . . . 2,659.01	Payne . . . 158.12
Bryan . . . 3,938.78	Pinkerton . . . 3,108.15
Calvary . . . (593.34)	Poole . . . 2,082.20
Caton . . . (457.88)	Richards . . . 2,750.20
Combs . . . 24,554.90	Roberts . . . 1,093.86
Coscia . . . 788.00	Robinson . . . 9,287.79
Cronk . . . 5,300.31	Sexton . . . 23,167.87
Crowson . . . (362.57)	Smith, A. . . 1,285.93
Deeds . . . 1,141.39	Smith, J. . . 393.24
Dickens . . . (378.91)	Sparks . . . 6,334.92
Eagleton . . . 3,529.25	Stevens . . . 1,134.58
Ellison . . . (732.50)	Sturgill . . . 2,507.55
Filkins . . . (1,411.00)	Teague . . . 4,045.52
Franks . . . 99.31	Vanhook . . . 10,317.77
Fulcher . . . 164.68	Waid . . . (2,423.99)
Gage . . . 268.45	Webb . . . (1,745.89)
Gainer . . . 164.48	Wilkinson . . . (1,049.05)
Gibbs . . . 2,882.55	Willey, Jr. . . 1,507.07
Haas . . . (1,242.31)	M. Willey . . . 1,152.37
Hanna . . . 18,301.95	Wode . . . (66.20)
Hersey . . . (1,257.57)	Brazil Inst. . . 1,088.53
Hughes . . . 6,566.53	Brazil Veh. . . 5,989.17
Inscoe . . . 159.80	S. India . . . 188.67
Lee . . . 15,927.59	Sum. Miss. . . 2,059.28
Lytte . . . 257.86	Willey Mem. . . 1,158.91
McLain . . . 123.09	Proj. 5000 . . . 1,549.76
Mayhew . . . 6,408.11	Cass. Proj. . . 1,113.44

* Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits.

STATE QUOTAS—1975

State	1975 Quota	Quota thru Feb. 28	Receipts thru Feb. 28
Alabama	45,000.00	7,500.00	5,784.92
Arizona	6,000.00	1,000.00	581.98
Arkansas	45,000.00	7,500.00	8,794.38
California	50,000.00	8,333.34	9,055.99
Canada	1,000.00	166.66	97.00
Colorado	1,000.00	166.66	115.00
Florida	40,000.00	6,666.00	4,203.72
Georgia	45,000.00	7,500.00	5,385.43
Hawaii	1,000.00	166.66	10.00
Idaho	1,000.00	166.66	186.55
Illinois	35,000.00	5,833.34	4,082.56
Indiana	9,500.00	1,583.34	1,362.70
Iowa	1,500.00	250.00	108.35
Kansas	6,500.00	1,083.34	369.82
Kentucky	21,500.00	3,583.34	2,927.57
Louisiana	1,000.00	166.66	—0—
Maryland	5,000.00	833.34	419.18
Michigan	75,000.00	12,500.00	5,655.61
Minnesota	500.00	83.34	60.00
Mississippi	21,000.00	3,500.00	2,559.78
Missouri	100,000.00	16,666.66	12,116.43
Montana	100.00	16.66	—0—
New Mexico	1,000.00	166.66	31.80
* Northeast	3,150.00	525.00	238.00
* Northwest	2,500.00	416.66	157.03
North Carolina	165,000.00	27,500.00	23,881.86
Ohio	45,000.00	7,500.00	4,933.25
Oklahoma	100,000.00	16,666.66	21,644.95
Pennsylvania	100.00	16.66	30.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	16.66	—0—
South Carolina	70,000.00	11,666.66	10,016.51
Tennessee	175,000.00	29,166.66	19,277.79
Texas	20,000.00	3,333.34	1,828.34
Virginia	50,000.00	8,333.34	4,975.31
West Virginia	45,500.00	7,583.34	3,763.26
Other States	1,000.00	166.66	658.39
Miscellaneous	40,050.00	6,675.00	1,082.50

* Northeast Assn.
New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine
* Northwest Assn.
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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