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Rolla Smith Named Director

The Reverend Rolla Smith, member of the Board of Foreign Missions and pastor of the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., has been named as the new general director of foreign missions. He is expected to assume the new post in September. His appointment by the board was announced during the National Association Convention July 13-17 in Dayton, Ohio.

Mission Highlights of National Convention in Dayton

The urgency of worldwide evangelism and the making of disciples permeated this year's convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Dayton.

Initiating the missionary emphasis on Sunday night, July 13, the Reverend Ted Wilbanks, associate pastor of Southern Oaks FWB Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., challenged the youth with "the Command to Evangelize." Prior to the message, J. Reford Wilson was presented with a check for \$2,200 as part of the 1974 Church Training Service project, "Cassettes for Christ."

Monday evening Dr. Robert Picirilli, registrar at Free Will Baptist Bible College and former convention moderator, dealt with non-in-

volvement as he developed a message on "The Missing Dimension."

Early Tuesday morning the foreign missions staff and Jim Walker, pastor of Bethel FWB Church, South Roxana, Ill., conducted a workshop aimed at stimulating pastors and Christian workers to put life into the local missionary program.

Missionary Bobby Aycok, Brazil, summoned those at the Tuesday morning service of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention to allow God to develop in them the quality and Christian character which will make the spoken message meaningful whether in the United States or abroad.

In the Tuesday evening service the Reverend Jack Williams, dean of California Christian College, spoke

on the subject, "Fitted for Action." This, too, dealt with world outreach.

Wednesday's presentations by Church Training Service and Free Will Baptist Bible College emphasized training which has led and is leading to worldwide evangelism.

Then came the Wednesday evening service! In preliminaries special recognition and plaques were given to J. Reford Wilson by the Board of Foreign Missions and by the California State Association of Free Will Baptists for his 13½ years as general director of foreign missions. The Reverend Rolla Smith was presented as the new general director.

A combined total of 76 foreign and home missionaries were intro-

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emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

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duced and given a standing ovation.

The missionary message by former Ivory Coast missionary Bill Jones, now president of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Okla., called for commitment to share faith in Christ with the world. Several made commitments.

Climaxing the evening of challenge, Dr. Joseph Ange urged the congregation to give "sacrificially." Hearts were stirred to the tune of \$8,995, a new record Wednesday night missions offering. Undesignated gifts were divided between foreign and home missions.

Former missionary to India Dan Cronk was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Foreign Missions created by Rolla Smith's appointment as general director.

Former missionaries Herbert and Geraldine Waid, Dan and Margaret Merkh, and Dan and Trula Cronk were given special recognition at the Thursday morning session for their many years of foreign missions service. The Waid's officially ended their missionary service at the end of June; the Merkh's tendered their resignation at Dayton; and the Cronks officially terminated their service under the board when he resigned to assume board membership. The Waid's and Merkh's will enter pastorates and Mr. Cronk is professor of missions at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The entire convention was concluded Thursday following the climactic appeal by the Reverend Billy Morris to remain faithful, truthful, and victorious in the Christian task of equipping others to do the same.

small mishap

Nassian, Ivory Coast—On their way to Bouake to get their boys, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton were involved in a slight auto accident which might have been a tragedy. Meeting a car on a narrow dirt road, Jerry pulled off in the sand but was still sideswiped by the oncoming vehicle. "Another two inches and the story would have been much different," writes Jerry. Damages were only slight.

news briefs

Morehead City, N.C.—Molly Barker, missionary to Uruguay had major surgery here July 16. Last reports indicated she was recovering slowly.

Sapporo, Japan—Olena McLain writes: "We are thrilled to report that the husband in the home where we have been having home meetings was saved during a meeting at Airin Chapel."

Nashville, Tenn.—Tom and Nancy Hughes arrived here from Brazil July 26. Nancy's doctor scheduled her for surgery August 28 in Clarksville, Tenn.

Panama City, Panama—"Mom" Mabel Willey returned to Panama City in July following a period in the United States of approximately eight months.

Rennes, France—Jerry and Barbara Gibbs moved here from Albertville, France, at the end of June. They will be working with the Haases as they continue their language study.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary Lonnie Sparks recently was in the United States due to the critical illness of his father, Louis George Sparks. Because the condition of his father remained unchanged for several weeks, Lonnie was compelled to return to the field. His father died July 30.

Rivera, Uruguay—Missionary Amy Robinson underwent major surgery in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, June 28. At last report she was recovering normally.

Toronto, Ontario—At their recent annual missionary conference the 2,200 members and friends of The Peoples Church pledged nearly one million dollars for missions next year.

commissioning services

Nashville, Tenn.—Commissioning services were scheduled for two missionary couples in July and August.

Lynn and Ramona Miley were officially commissioned July 27 in a

hughes family arrives



dan cronk is new board member



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special service at the Dothan Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala. Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation for the Department of Foreign Missions gave the charge.

Dale and Sandra Bishop are scheduled to be commissioned August 24 at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Tifton, Ga.

sturgills request prayer

Barbacena, Brazil—The Jim Sturgills request prayer as they have assumed responsibilities for the church in the absence of the Bobby Aycocks. The work is relatively new, and, although they have several Brazilians teaching in the Sunday school, they need a capable person to work with the teenagers.

Jim informed the missions office that attendance has continued to hold up and three people have recently made decisions.

"homecoming" for aldriges

Bondoukou, Ivory Coast—Upon his arrival here in May, Jimmy Aldridge reported on the welcome he received: "What a homecoming!" he writes. "Our living room was filled with believers who came to welcome us back."

Jimmy went on to tell how the believers gave reports of births, marriages, deaths, etc., and presented some new believers. They told him how they had been pressured by Jehovah's Witnesses, Catholics, and Muslims, but they had remained faithful through God's grace.

Sixty-six people arrived for Sunday school their first Sunday back in Bondoukou. "Five different men led the services and did well," Jimmy noted as he reflected on teacher training which they had given prior to furlough. "It certainly has paid off," he concluded.

When the people were asked what they needed, their reply was

"leadership training, more love for our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and a knowledge of how to better live the gospel."

scheduled to depart

Nashville, Tenn.—Several missionaries are scheduled to depart for their fields of service during the days just ahead.

Sherwood and Vada Lee will be returning to the Ivory Coast the latter part of August. They will be continuing their work in the clinic.

Robert and Judy Bryan tentatively plan to regress to the Ivory Coast the first of September. They will resume their literature and literacy ministry.

Lynn and Ramona Miley, new missionaries to the Ivory Coast, were tentatively scheduled to depart for France August 28 along with Dennis and Carol Teague and Jerry and Janice Webb, new missionaries to France. They will be studying the French language at Albertville, France.

Dale and Sandra Bishop, also new missionaries, have set September 6 as date of embarkation for Japan where they will enter language study. They plan to work on the island of Hokkaido.

operation mobilization

Rennes, France—"Operation Mobilization" was planned for Rennes during the month of July, and Joe

Haas apprised the office that he was scheduled to direct the special evangelism effort. "Operation Mobilization" here consists of a group of 100 young people from all over the world working together for evangelization. The group was to work with the Haases and place in every city mailbox a Gospel of Mark, a good gospel tract, a small plastic record, and an invitation to the church. Huge posters giving campaign information were displayed throughout the city.

Joe reported that the month of May was devoted to a family emphasis in the Rennes church. Several were saved during the month and a baptismal service was held June 15.

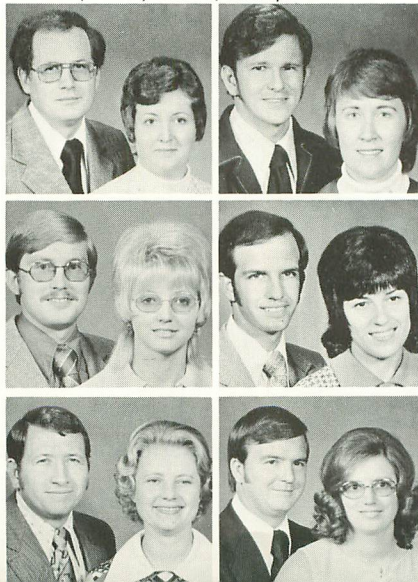
thanks for new testament

Koun, Ivory Coast—Kathy Reeds, summer missionary serving here with Norman and Bessie Richards, wrote recently: "Today we went out to Ngato for services. The Richards told the people there that my dad worked at the place where the Koulango New Testaments were printed and explained to them sort of how it was done. Well, those people shook my hand and told me to tell my dad 'thank you' for helping to put the Bible in their language."

"It made me realize how much we in America take for granted," she continued. "We've had a Bible for so long and they are so easy to get that we really don't think much about it. But these people cherish their Bibles and study them eagerly because they had to wait so long for one in their own language."

Kathy is the daughter of Dr. Roger Reeds, general director of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department where the Koulango New Testament was printed.

top (l. to r.) lees, bryans;
middle (l. to r.) mileys, teagues;
bottom (l. to r.) webbs, bishops



aldriged back in bondoukou



family emphasis youth banquet at rennes



editor's catchall

What NOT to Give

AT THE National Association in Dayton we gave out sheets indicating the projected needs of missionaries and mission stations. But I would like to emphasize here two things which should NOT be given to missionaries on deputation.

The missionary does not need a long string of LARGE MEALS. Three huge meals plus different snacks during the day can make your missionary fat and lazy. It might even cause him some health problems. Visiting in different homes during the day or week will tend to "overstuff" the missionary because every woman will naturally want to serve him her best. Hosts and hostesses might consider asking the missionary what he has eaten previously or what he might like for a meal. A simple meal might be much more appropriate and certainly less costly.

A second thing the missionary does not need is JUNK. Many well-meaning people have given a missionary some "castaway" piece of clothing, equipment, etc. For fear of being offensive, the missionary may have taken it to the field only to discover that the machine failed with no hope of repair, or the clothing fell apart shortly, or any number of other problems may have arisen.

financial facts

THROUGH JUNE 30

On deposit June 1	\$ 281,348.84
Receipts through June 30	524,043.04
Disbursements through June 30	522,844.67
Projected receipts through June 30	614,987.90
Total 1975 Foreign Missions budget	\$1,230,000.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge	\$ (1,590.63)	Merkh	\$ 9,569.34
Aycock	(4,278.39)	L. Milley	14,110.77
Banks	6,154.86	Miley, M.D.	18,313.92
Barker	2,366.79	Moser	187.60
Bishop	13,235.51	Palmer	405.66
Bryan	14,071.57	Payne	1,269.50
Calvery	(132.62)	Pinkerton	660.20
Caton	52.58	Poole	(692.44)
Combs	23,068.99	Richards	3,154.98
Coscia	2,828.03	Roberts	1,747.51
Cronk	4,337.38	Robinson	9,331.07
Crowson	(827.31)	Sexton	23,104.74
Deeds	(2,082.15)	Smith, A.	1,615.13
Dickens	(346.21)	Smith, J.	573.07
Eagleton	2,424.55	Sparks	4,883.14
Ellison	343.51	Stevens	2,375.13
Filkins	(3,168.40)	Sturgill	986.22
Franks	3,038.44	Teague	13,463.92
Fulcher	(5,250.29)	Vanhook	10,730.73
Gage	(810.65)	Wald	(3,670.53)
Gainer	517.87	Webb	7,094.55
Gibbs	(2,343.10)	Wilkinson	(6,374.88)
Haas	(4,967.63)	Willey, Jr.	774.45
Hanna	16,925.32	M. Willey	1,586.81
Hersey	(791.89)	Wode	(404.90)
Hughes	4,459.57	Brazil Inst.	1,458.86
Inscow	(1,123.18)	Brazil Veh.	7,589.17
Lee	10,647.82	S. India	(400.76)
Lytte	281.99	Sum. Miss.	1,798.28
McLain	(170.66)	Willey Mem.	1,163.91
Mayhew	7,548.05	Cass. Proj.	1,902.89

*Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits.

STATE QUOTAS—1975

State	1975 Quota	Quota through June 30	Receipts through June 30
Alabama	45,000.00	22,500.00	18,165.28
Arizona	6,000.00	3,000.00	1,741.88
Arkansas	45,000.00	22,500.00	25,199.16
California	50,000.00	25,000.02	26,779.14
Canada	1,000.00	499.98	487.00
Colorado	1,000.00	499.98	455.29
Florida	40,000.00	19,998.00	15,110.87
Georgia	45,000.00	22,500.00	17,709.20
Hawaii	1,000.00	499.98	290.00
Idaho	1,000.00	499.98	545.63
Illinois	35,000.00	17,500.02	17,664.54
Indiana	9,500.00	4,750.02	5,846.71
Iowa	1,500.00	750.00	728.85
Kansas	6,500.00	3,250.02	1,899.41
Kentucky	21,500.00	10,750.02	11,022.97
Louisiana	1,000.00	499.98	1,240.00
Maryland	5,000.00	2,500.02	2,162.81
Michigan	75,000.00	37,500.00	23,781.54
Minnesota	500.00	250.02	120.00
Mississippi	21,000.00	10,500.00	7,772.34
Missouri	100,000.00	49,999.98	41,455.99
Montana	100.00	49.98	.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	499.98	484.12
*Northeast	3,150.00	1,575.00	1,434.83
**Northwest	2,500.00	1,249.98	706.08
North Carolina	165,000.00	82,500.00	74,380.34
Ohio	45,000.00	22,500.00	14,208.87
Oklahoma	100,000.00	49,999.98	59,510.68
Pennsylvania	100.00	49.98	90.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	49.98	.00
South Carolina	70,000.00	34,999.98	29,973.27
Tennessee	175,000.00	87,499.98	67,957.48
Texas	20,000.00	10,000.02	8,520.98
Virginia	50,000.00	25,000.02	25,327.77
West Virginia	45,500.00	22,750.02	17,684.21
Other States	1,000.00	499.98	1,584.97
Miscellaneous	40,050.00	20,025.00	1,990.83

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

This does not mean that a missionary does not want anything which has been used. That would depend on the item, its present condition, the field where the mission-

ary is serving, etc. But a problem might be avoided by clearly and simply giving the missionary the liberty to say "no" when offered something of this nature.

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