

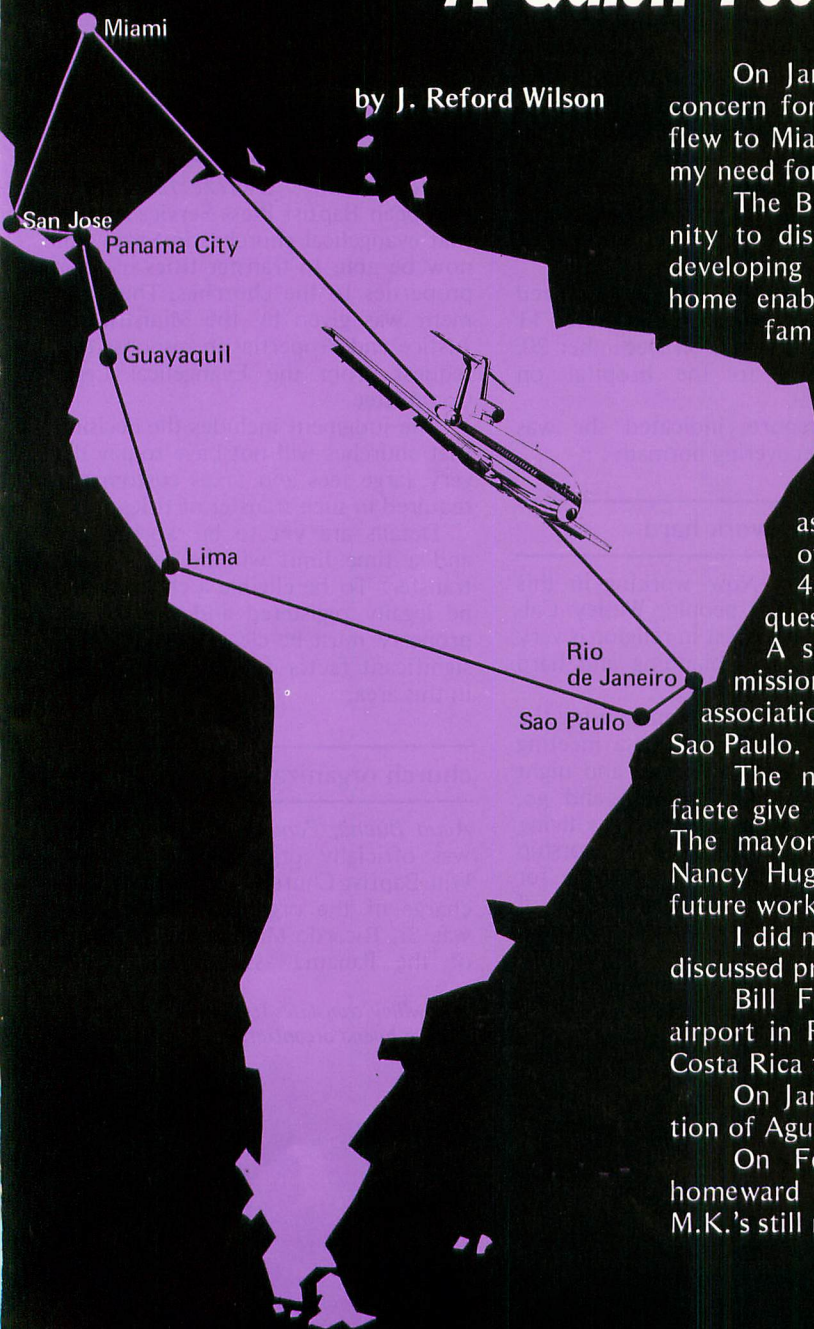
Heartbeat

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A Quick Peek at Latin America

by J. Reford Wilson



On January 5 I left Nashville with anticipation and concern for missionary personnel in Latin America. As I flew to Miami and on to Brazil I was constantly aware of my need for the Lord's wisdom.

The Brazil field council meetings provided opportunity to discuss policies and plans for strengthening and developing various ministries. Visits in each missionary's home enabled me to become acquainted with personal family needs. Hours of conversation, exchange of ideas, counseling and praying together, etc., were of mutual benefit. I had three special sessions with the teenager M.K.'s during the field council meeting. At the beginning of each session I gave a study in the Word for assurance of faith and their role in being a part of our missionary team. I spent approximately 45 minutes in each period answering their questions.

A special meeting with Brazilian pastors and our missionaries laid specific plans for an all-Brazilian association of Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Sao Paulo.

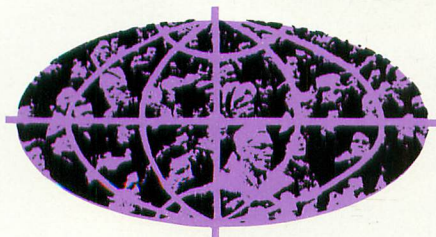
The new works in Barbacena and Conselheiro Lafaiete give evidence of a people responsive to the gospel. The mayor of Uberlandia cordially received Tom and Nancy Hughes and me as we looked over this city for future work.

I did not have the opportunity to go to Uruguay but I discussed progress and needs with the Walter Ellisons.

Bill Fulcher and Tom Willey, Jr., met me at the airport in Panama. Larry and Priscilla Inscoe came from Costa Rica to join us in Panama.

On January 31 I participated in the official organization of Agua Buena church.

On February 3 I boarded the plane, glad to be homeward bound. But the concerns of missionaries and M.K.'s still remain on my heart.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

tubarao back to "normal"

Tubarao, Brazil—Jose, a young man converted under the ministry of John Craft, has been carrying on a Bible study group here since the flood in March of last year which caused the Jim Combs family to return to the States.

According to his recent observations made to J. Reford Wilson, General Director, most of the city is back to "normal" and in some ways "even better than before the flood." Although he expressed an unsuccessful attempt on his part to get the people back together, he indicated great possibilities for the Combs in the future, should they return to Tubarao.

wode injured in fall

Detroit, Michigan—Arilla Wode, missionary internee from Collinsville, Okla., was injured December 18 when she slipped on snow and ice while walking down the street near her home here. According to latest reports, Arilla dislocated her right elbow and has a hair-line fracture. She has been somewhat disabled and doctors have expressed concern that the injury might leave permanent damage. She needs your prayers.

suffers broken leg

Rivera, Uruguay—Rebecca Robinson, 13-year-old daughter of Paul and Amy Robinson, broke her leg on December 14 while on a church outing. She is in a cast from her hip to her toes and is expected to wear it for a total of some three months.

The accident occurred when Rebecca was swinging. The top cross-bar of the swing (in this case a huge log) was loose and fell. It struck "Becky" on the right leg, breaking both bones between the knee and the ankle.

wilson daughter has surgery

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Rebecca Wilson Reddick, daughter of Foreign Missions General Director J. Reford Wilson, had surgery January 2 for the purpose of correcting a congenital condition. Surgeons removed some four feet of "extra" colon in hopes of correcting her condition.

Mrs. Reddick had been hospitalized in serious condition on December 11 and left the hospital on December 20. She returned to the hospital on December 29.

Latest reports indicated she was home and recovering normally.

interest low, work hard

Kitami, Japan—Now working in this town of 85,000 people, Wesley Calvery writes: "Interest in religion is very low and it takes planning and hard work to interest people."

The Calverys are presently using the upstairs of their home for a meeting room. It is kept open day and night for people to freely come and go. Although it is arranged like a living room (except during the worship hour), it contains a gas burner for making coffee or soup, a couple of guitars, some books, magazines, and a few games.

"Wesley visits folk-singing groups, English clubs, and various places to

invite people," a recent newsletter reported. "Several are coming," adds Wesley. "Tens of thousands of lovely, educated and talented young people here need to be reached for Christ. Someone must prove that Christ can be real in the modern, everyday life."

According to the Calverys, this town has only three or four small churches with about a dozen in attendance. Only two have resident pastors.

decision favors evangelicals

Ruschlikon, Switzerland—The European Baptist Press Service reports that evangelical churches in Spain will now be able to transfer titles of their properties to the churches. This judgment was given by the Ministries of Justice and Properties in response to a request from the Evangelical Legal Committee.

The judgment includes the decision that churches will not have to pay the very large fees and taxes customarily required in such transfer of titles.

Details are yet to be worked out and a time limit will be set for the transfer. To be eligible a church must be legally registered and title to the property must be clear. This will be a significant factor for our missionaries in this area.

church organization

Agua Buena, Panama—The work here was officially organized into a Free Will Baptist Church on January 31. In charge of the organizational meeting was Sr. Ricardo Maldonado, president of the Panama association. General

tom willey translates for wilson at agua buena organization



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Director of Foreign Missions, J. Reford Wilson, delivered the message and the charge to the church.

The church covenant was read by Sr. Maldonado and a Bible was presented to the church. This was followed by the signing of the charter by the organizing members of the church. A total of 48 people signed the original charter.

films in schools

Araras, Brazil—Missionary Tom Hughes reported recently that he had shown films in schools several times during the month of November. A teacher from a private school in another town invited Tom to show the films. Tom got permission to give out gospels of John along with the showing. Approximately 200 of the booklets were distributed.

Tom indicated he has had several other witnessing opportunities recently, but he requests prayer for some genuine results.

news briefs

Livramento, Brazil—Walter (Dub) Ellison baptized six adults here Sunday, December 29. According to the report given by Dub, one was a "big spiritist man," and another was a former loyal "false" Jehovah's Witness.

Sapporo, Japan—Jim and Olena McLain have started a new meeting in the home. At a recent meeting, they reported having 48 children and seven women. They are planning to start another adult class—especially for men—on Sunday nights.

Jaboticabal, Brazil—The annual Brazil field council meeting was held here January 6-9. General Director J. Reford Wilson was on hand to share in discussion and to challenge the missionaries through the Word of God.

wilson in barbacena, brazil



Agua Buena, Panama—Bill Fulcher announced recently that a Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by the church here January 13-17. Attendance for the school averaged 121 during the week.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary Paul Robinson arrived in the U. S. January 15 due to the severe condition of his mother, Mrs. Charles Robinson of Smithville, Tenn. She is suffering from terminal cancer.

Paul was also scheduled to participate in the mortgage burning ceremony January 26 at Central Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

Dacca, Bangladesh—Municipal trucks pick up hundreds of bodies each morning from the streets of this city where people are dying nightly from starvation and cholera. It is reported that torrential rains have wiped out most of this year's harvest, and starving families are flocking to Dacca to die there.

Irian Jaya, Indonesia—*The Church Around the World*, a Tyndale House publication, recently reported cannibals have overrun a mission station here, killing and eating 13 national Christians. Pray that the hostility of these primitive people will be quelled.

Bouake, Ivory Coast—The Ivory Coast annual field council meeting was held here January 4-6.

records set in december

Tokyo, Japan—Fred Hersey writes: "This month, December, has been the best yet at Iriso. We set a number of new records as far as attendance is concerned."

On December 15 the church had a Sunday school program in the afternoon in a public hall in town with 120 attending.

candlelight service at iriso church



A special Christmas program was held December 19 for the children, mostly elementary grades one and two. Approximately 55 attended this program.

Sunday morning services, December 22, were attended by a total of 42 people. Over 30 of these were *adults*. That evening a special Christmas program featured a candlelight service and a short message. This was followed by a fellowship meal. A total of 53 attended this special program.

aycocks request prayer

Barbacena, Brazil—Bobby and Sue Aycock have requested prayer for some 30 people who are doing home Bible study courses, for many radio listeners (the Aycocks maintain a 15-minute radio broadcast five days a week), for Sunday school and worship services, and especially for the necessary funds for church property. The need for church property stems from the fact that they have just about outgrown their present facilities in a rented hall.

layman heads hokkaido board

Sapporo, Japan—For the first time in their 20-year history, Free Will Baptists in Hokkaido, at their annual meeting, elected a layman as chairman of their board of directors. Mr. Uemori, a 30-year-old clothing salesman with his own business, is a deacon at Airin Chapel.

The new chairman was converted under the ministry of Wesley Calvery. He has served previously on the board and has been quite active in the local church. He will assume responsibility at the leadership post June 1.

Other officers elected for the Hokkaido area include John Yasuda, director of evangelism; Mr. Kato, director of Christian Education; Mr. Sawada, treasurer; and Mr. Noto, clerk. Evangelist Yasuda is the only ordained minister among the new officers.

uemori (right) with pastor uchikoshi



editor's catchall

PERSONAL PROJECTS

EVERY MISSIONARY has his own personal goals and needs. He has his plans for achieving such goals. His needs tend to become priority with him. This is natural! He may urge people to "pray" for such a project. It may involve money and this may be a large sum in the end.

Sharing such a need or burden seems to be a normal thing, and we would not want to hinder God's program. But many times this same natural sharing becomes a problem to the overall program of foreign missions. You see, some church or some individual may seek to provide the project without knowing if it is valid or approved.

Special projects are not always in keeping with mission policy or field planning. One project may open the door for soliciting by others, and purchase of an item may involve extra expense by the mission office in shipping, customs, or any number of other ways. It may tie up personnel for hours or days.

The Board of Foreign Missions has thus established a policy that any and all "personal projects," whether by missionary, individual supporter, or church, must be cleared through the missions office before pursuing them. Cooperation in this procedure will help us avoid many embarrassing situations at home and abroad.

financial facts

THROUGH DECEMBER 31

On deposit Dec. 1	\$263,649.52
Receipts thru Dec. 31	926,293.37
Disbursements thru Dec. 31	959,463.47
Total 1974 Foreign Missions budget	1,082,176.00
Budget deficit in 1974	155,882.63

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge	\$(856.79)	Merkh	\$5,929.51
Aycock	1,861.26	L. Miley	3,184.89
Banks	7,702.98	Miley, M.D.	20,045.26
Barker	3,781.42	Palmer	(388.42)
Bishop	1,100.48	Payne	2,109.21
Bryan	1,880.76	Pinkerton	1,127.89
Calvery	(3,197.00)	Poole	2,473.00
Caton	(647.33)	Richards	2,560.13
Combs	24,847.17	Roberts	740.29
Coscia	(365.37)	Robinson	10,186.76
Cronk	4,829.83	Sexton	23,153.12
Crowson	(674.37)	Smith, A.	716.41
Deeds	1,857.86	Smith, J.	88.74
Dickens	(344.47)	Sparks	7,714.30
Eagleton	3,145.84	Stevens	2,121.46
Ellison	(457.88)	Sturgill	2,835.37
Filkins	(2,277.26)	Teague	1,913.42
Franks	360.19	Vanhook	9,229.13
Fulcher	1,459.97	Waid	(1,309.02)
Gage	(722.45)	Webb	(3,094.75)
Gainer	(21.72)	Wilkinson	568.72
Gibbs	3,272.56	Willey, Jr.	2,371.26
Haas	(2,343.39)	M. Willey	1,016.96
Hanna	21,225.38	Wode	(86.20)
Hersey	428.30	Braz. Inst.	3,538.20
Hughes	7,256.07	Braz. Veh.	5,189.17
Inscow	2,660.08	S. India	487.67
Lee	15,171.22	Sum. Miss.	1,767.66
Lytle	(88.14)	Willey Mem.	1,158.91
McLain	1,349.59	Proj. 5000	1,334.76
Mayhew	2,582.54	Cass. Proj.	513.00

* Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits.

STATE QUOTAS—1974

State	1974 Quota	Receipts thru Dec. 31
Alabama	\$40,000.00	\$32,067.02
Arizona	2,000.00	2,719.50
Arkansas	40,000.00	46,862.73
California	45,000.00	29,521.88
Canada	1,000.00	916.65
Colorado	1,000.00	660.18
Florida	35,000.00	23,388.46
Georgia	38,000.00	34,617.62
Hawaii	1,000.00	775.00
Idaho	1,000.00	1,134.14
Illinois	30,000.00	27,502.36
Indiana	7,500.00	7,803.72
Iowa	1,500.00	1,633.80
Kansas	6,000.00	4,261.64
Kentucky	18,000.00	16,096.42
Louisiana	1,000.00	5.00
Maryland	3,000.00	3,161.08
Michigan	70,000.00	60,874.23
Minnesota	500.00	398.10
Mississippi	18,000.00	14,098.81
Missouri	88,000.00	75,703.93
Montana	100.00	15.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	210.23
* Northeast	3,000.00	2,443.09
** Northwest	2,500.00	920.38
North Carolina	140,000.00	142,168.87
Ohio	38,000.00	29,399.14
Oklahoma	88,000.00	92,196.64
Pennsylvania	100.00	90.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	449.50
South Carolina	65,000.00	51,764.05
Tennessee	160,000.00	132,328.18
Texas	20,000.00	11,984.00
Virginia	45,500.00	38,271.49
West Virginia	40,500.00	27,015.29
Other States	1,150.00	1,586.70
Miscellaneous	34,266.00	11,248.54
TOTALS	\$1,086,716.00	\$926,293.37

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