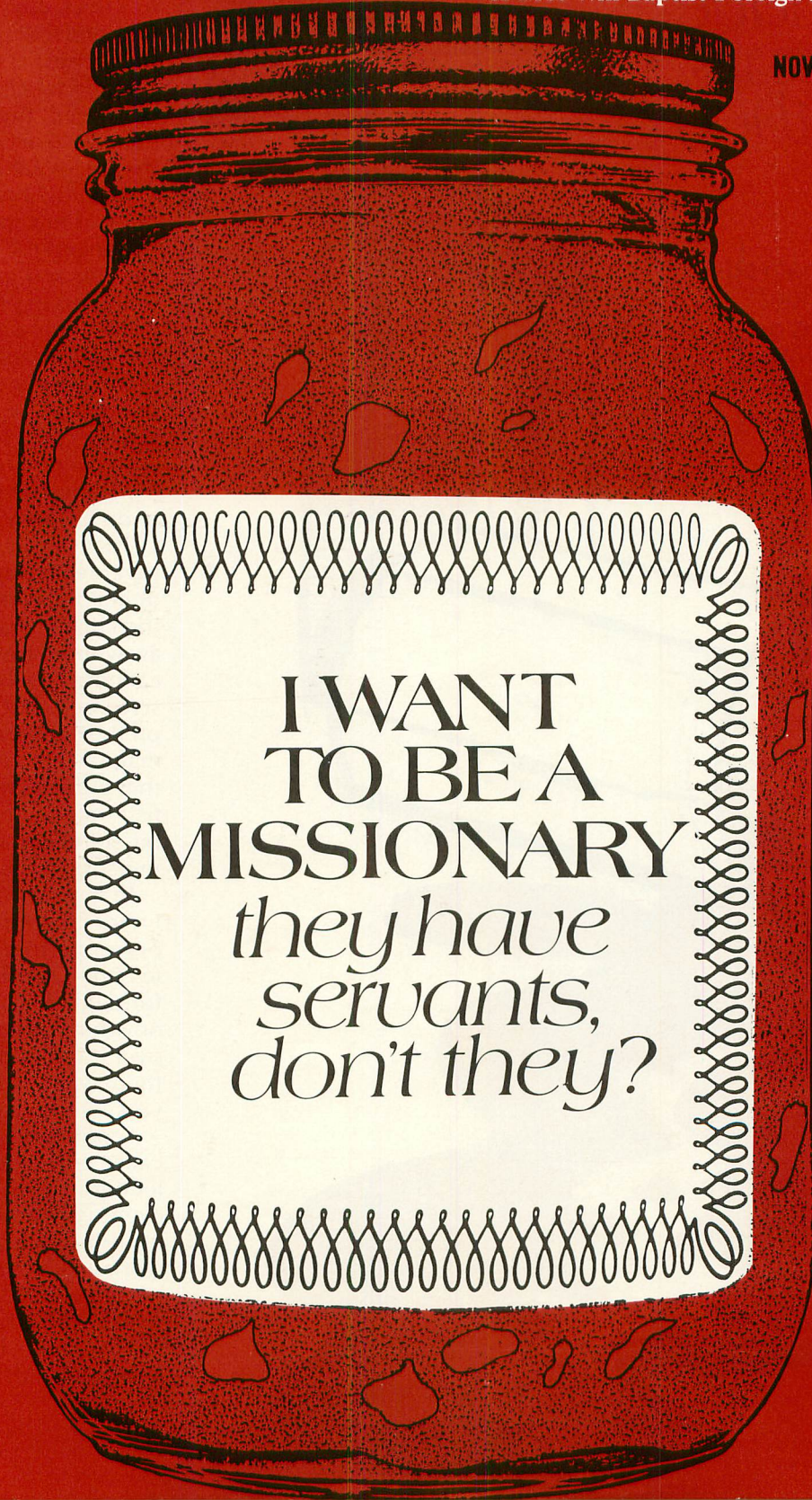


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Lorene Miley is the wife of Dr. LaVerne Miley, missionary to the Ivory Coast.



by Lorene Miley

"As I viewed that red-and green-flecked mess splattered on the ground, I sighed, 'Is it for this, dear friend, that you envy me?'"



If you've ever made chili sauce, you know it's no snap. Scalding and skinning tomatoes, chopping onions and peppers, and boiling to a thick consistency chinks up four hours at the least. In Africa the process is even more complicated when the recipe has to be altered, the ingredients are difficult to accumulate, and even the spices are imported.

Recently I processed three pints of this spicy concoction. I arranged the glass jars on the counter and gazed for a few moments in plain unashamed pride at my accomplishment. The call "Madame" from the back screened-in porch reminded me of our regular Tuesday afternoon sewing class, so my attention was diverted for a few hours.

Meanwhile the houseboy came to do his daily dishwashing job.

That simple fact might have triggered a warning, but it went unheeded. Later I walked into the kitchen just as the boy put away three freshly-washed canning jars. He couldn't, I screamed. But the empty place on the counter where I'd left my magnificent sauce assured me that indeed he could. For the first time in my years on the mission field, I felt an advantage in being limited in the language.

In the upheaval of my mind, I remembered what a faithful prayer partner reluctantly confessed to me during our first furlough. "I can tell you about it now for I've gotten the victory over it," she told me shyly. "But there was a while that I envied you your houseboy."

I could understand. She, because of her many church duties, let her ironing pile up until eventually it was put in the frig, or dishes piled in the sink, or work was let go while she busied herself with countless activities which would count for eternity.

That day as I viewed that red-and green-flecked mess

splattered on the ground, I sighed, "Is it for this, dear friend, that you envy me?"

On the surface a houseboy seems like a good idea. I once said it was worth the one third of my salary I paid our boy to come home at noon to a clean house. I knew there were problems, but that first year or two I had the answers and began preparing a little homily on "Care and Training of a Houseboy in Africa." The next term I dug it from the file and revised it to read, "How to Get Along with a Houseboy." By the end of the third term it was re-revised to "How to Get Along *without* a Houseboy."

I'm convinced that anyone who does any work outside of the home will either (1) have help or (2) have a messy house. I've traveled in several African countries and visited many homes and have yet to find an exception. I can get things done as quickly as most. In a sudden burst of energy the house is spic and span and I can actually keep it that way a whole week. Then catastrophe! I'm overly tired, the weather doesn't cooperate, unexpected company comes, I've had a rough sewing class, whatever the excuse—from observation and experience, I'm convinced that in Africa it can't be done. If she has regular work outside the home, remember.

My kitchen has all the evidence of a houseboy. Glassware is impossible. From sets of 8 I have remaining: 3 stemmed glasses, 2 parfait glasses, 5 dessert dishes, and 4 sherbert cups. Our food-chopper is incapacitated because one boy threw away the blade; another is worthless because the cutting disc was destroyed. The hamburger press is minus its press; the casserole is without a

cover. One poor, lone jelly spoon and matching platter mourn the jelly bowl. And the suction cup chopper is stripped of its suction: Force was the only method the boy understood to remove its grip on the counter. Happily our vacuum cups are still intact. One missionary tells of bringing some new vacuum glasses back from furlough. After the first washing, the boy apologized, "I tried and tried until-I-I—but I still could get only three of them apart."

Forget about privacy when your houseboy is on duty. African houseboys are extremely curious by nature (but then, aren't we all?). The difference is he has no embarrassment in doing what comes naturally, so you don't "catch" him observing or watching. To him there's no difference between the bedroom and kitchen; they are both merely rooms he cleans. And his bare feet on the concrete floor give absolutely no warning.

One hot night a missionary retired early with a book. She knew the houseboy was in another part of the house ironing, so she closed the door. When she heard the door open she assumed it was her husband and made some remark. When it was unanswered, she looked up to see the boy hanging up some freshly ironed clothes.

Every homemaker has her unique method of cleaning and keeping house. Then one day she turns this responsibility over to someone who has no earthly idea why or how it should be done. She explains and demonstrates, but in the end he prefers to do it in his own way. You might as well let him. He may arrange the dishwashing pans so he crosses himself, choose to dust before sweeping, or do as one girl. She

pushed a chair up to the sink and with one foot on the chair and another on the counter proceeded to do laundry in the manner in which she was most accustomed.

Cleanliness and sanitation are not inbred, but are taught and developed. He must learn that the dishtowel and handkerchief are not used interchangeably; and he should not rest the dishtowel on his head while not in use. And that he must wash his hands when coming in from the "bush" even though he just washed them before beginning the interrupted dishwashing job.

I'm not saying they are all thieves, but I've seen few who aren't. In their culture, there is nothing morally wrong with the act of stealing; it's only wrong if you're caught. In their defense, I must say we make it easy for them by leaving money and possessions lying so carelessly about.

The undershorts weren't lying about however. We began working on "The Case of the Missing Hanes 36" when we discovered a pair of shorts missing that a visitor from the States had left. The mystery was solved a few months later when the houseboy was sick and came to the clinic for treatment. In the process of the exam, the doctor turned back the label of his "Hanes 36" shorts!

"Dakaraba. Sonite. Vieda. Omate. Gabriel. I've never asked you to do anything that I haven't done myself. You don't work for me just because I neither like nor want to do the job myself. You do something for me that you CAN do in order that I can do something for your people that you CANNOT do."

That's what the Missionary-Servant relationship is all about.



ARE THEY REALLY LOST?

by Don Robirds



"I just can't believe it. God is too merciful to send someone to hell when he hasn't had a chance to hear!" the lady exclaimed quite pointedly.

"But what does God's Word declare?" I responded as I pointed out Romans 2:11 and 12: "For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also PERISH without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law."

"I know that's what it says, but it must mean something else because I've heard for years that they (those who haven't heard the gospel) will be all right," she retorted. "It just isn't reasonable that God would condemn them to hell!"

Human reason! Traditional belief! Logical conclusions! These are all barriers that stand in the way to Biblical truth and reality. These all become "blinders" to facing the urgency of the Biblical mandate, "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to *every creature*."

Some would reply, "But isn't God a God of love, not a pagan god of wrath?" Or, "Wouldn't it be unfair of God to send to hell those who haven't heard?" Others might chime in with

"They are sincerely doing what they think is right. Why would God condemn them for doing wrong when they don't know better?"

Logic alone is misleading.

If the *heathen* (those who have never been given an adequate opportunity to hear the gospel) were not lost, one could logically conclude that the entire missionary endeavor would do them an injustice. They would only be condemned *after* having heard. Yet, God has commanded us to "preach the gospel to every creature." And Jesus said God did not send His Son into the world to "condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" John 3:17.

If, indeed, any individual in any part of the world is saved through simply living up to the light he has, why give him more light which might be rejected and thus condemn him to hell? And if sincerity were sufficient in areas without a gospel witness, why would not simple sincerity suffice in our homeland?

Quite logically one could also conclude erroneously that the best approach to the whole situation would be total silence. For through this method, with the

passing of one or two generations, the entire world population would become ignorant and thus would be saved. Also it could be assumed logically that this would continue perpetually as long as no one ever discovered anything about the gospel.

God's justice must be recognized.

God is not only a God of love; He is also a Holy God. Does God's love preclude that He does not punish? Can real love act unjustly? If God created hell, what was its purpose? Punishment of sin is required by God's holy character. And while hell was created specifically for "the devil and his angels," men go there by their own choice as they reject light, side with the devil, and refuse heaven.

The Bible shows clearly that God has already revealed himself outwardly to all mankind sufficiently for them to recognize Him (Romans 1:18-20). But it also declares in Romans 1:21 that the heathen turn off the light of God-consciousness that He gave them and consequently they are willingly enshrouded in darkness. The heathen also have within themselves a law and a conscience given by God. This



moral instinct teaches basic right and wrong, while the conscience approves or disapproves their actions. Yet the Bible declares "there is none that seeketh after God" and "there is none that doeth good, no, not one" (Romans 3:11-12).

Condemnation does not come from rejecting Christ.

Part of the argument of logic, reason, and human sympathy is that those who have not yet heard have not rejected Christ. Thus the idea is put forth that they should not be condemned. The scriptural reason for man's condemnation, however, is not the rejection of Christ although this may be involved. The reason for man's condemnation is sin: "The wages of sin is death . . ." (Romans 6:23). It is due to this sin that the Bible says, "He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is *condemned already*, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). In other words, trusting in Jesus can cleanse one from the condemnation which he *already* had before even hearing or having the opportunity to believe on Him.

It may be possible that the

extent of knowledge and/or ignorance on the part of those in distant lands is such that their judgment might be less severe (Luke 12:47-48) but they still face eternal damnation. The responsibility for their continuing ignorance does not rest with God but with their forefathers. If they die without an opportunity to hear of Jesus Christ and salvation through Him, it is not due to God's failure.

My Christian obligation is to share. The responsibility for sharing the "good news" with the world belongs to the church (II Corinthians 5:18, 19) and not to God. Man sinned! God took the first step toward man's redemption by providing the "Lamb of God" as the atoning sacrifice. Now man is responsible to do his part of reconciling the world to God: "Go . . . preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). If the heathen go into eternity without having heard, it is *OUR* fault not God's.

No other religion, no amount of social benevolence, and no amount of sincere effort can supply what has been provided in Christ. Jesus said, "No man cometh to the Father *but by me*" (John 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven

given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Our hands are bloody when we fail.

The admonition given in Ezekiel 3:18 should cause every Christian to consider the task very seriously: "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and *thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life*; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; *but his blood will I require at thy hand.*"

Paul certainly recognized this blood guiltiness as he tried to preach to those at Corinth in Acts 18:6: "And when they *opposed themselves*, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean . . ."

The lostness of man and the simple, clear command of Christ should cause us to proclaim the salvation message to all the world with all the fervency we can accumulate. The seriousness of our neglect and urgency of the hour should move us to act today through our witness, our prayers, and all the money we can sacrificially give.

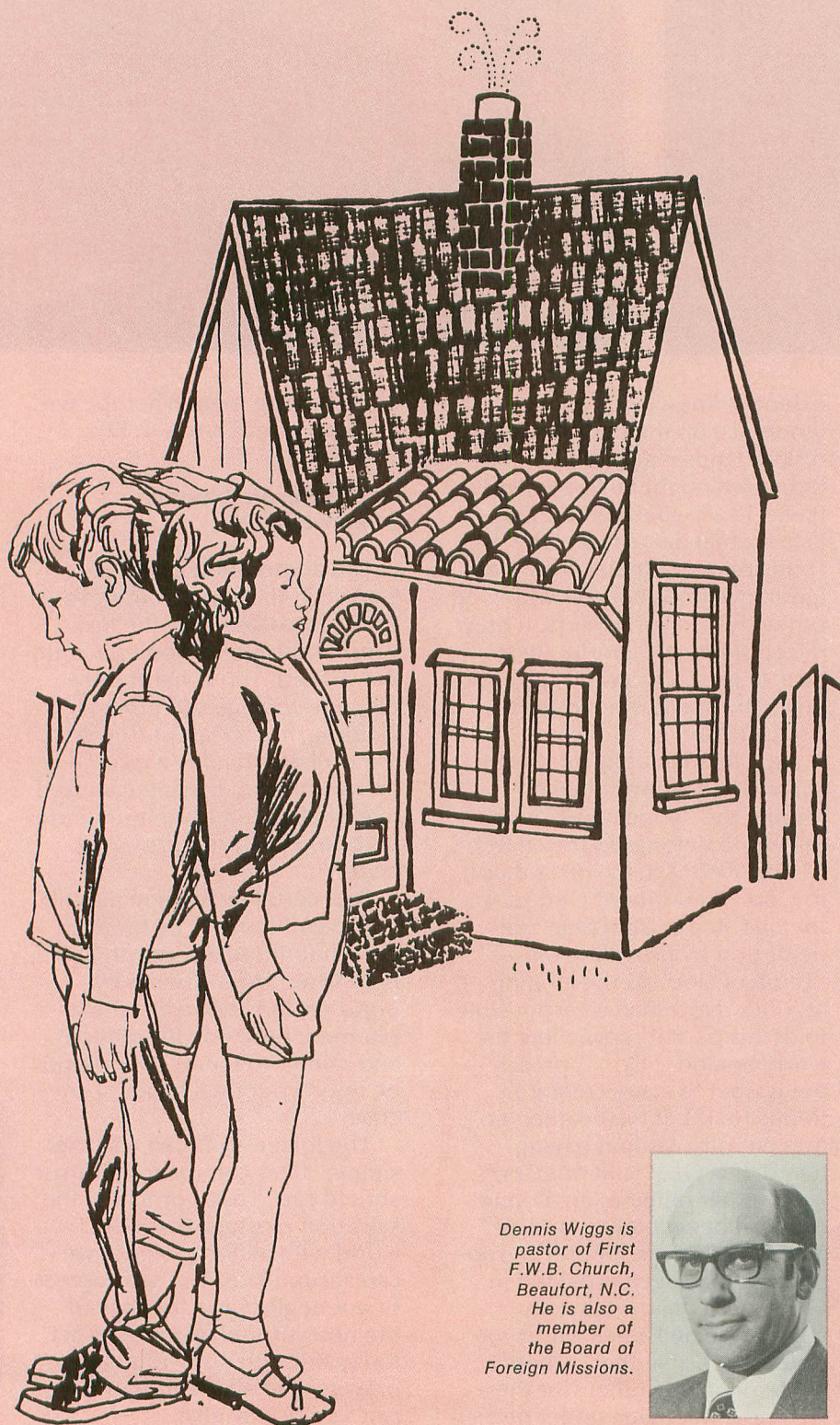
MISSIONS BEGINS AT

by Dennis Wiggs

A child's mind is responsive to the needs of others. Only God knows how many missionaries were actually called to the mission field when they were children. If, during these formative years, a child can see a world lost in sin he just might in his simple way say, "Lord, send me." Years later that prayer seed may bear fruit and produce an effective missionary. That's why I believe missions begins in the home.

Daily, verse-by-verse, Bible study with all the family gathered together lays the foundation for a missions-conscious family. Studying the book of Acts, for example, shows the children the reality of missions. The father simply explains how God calls believers to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as he expounds on the life of the Apostle Paul. This offers the children a challenge to hear and answer God's call. As the family travels through the history book of Acts they are made aware of the necessity of Holy Spirit power upon their lives. This Bible information is watered by the Holy Spirit and later in life children, one by one, say "yes" to God's call and leadership.

This challenge to hear God's call to missions continues as parents expose their children to missionary projects and person-



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nel. A "real, live missionary" playing with the children in the den or eating at the table is never forgotten. Then, when that missionary speaks in the church the children listen intently to "their missionary." The children become identified with him. Someday that special person's influence may be used by God to call those children to missionary service. Parents should take advantage of every possible opportunity to entertain Christian workers in their home.

Children should be allowed to tape missionary pictures and maps to the wall or mirror in the home. Sure, it may peel off the paint or look unsightly, but remember, producing children to answer God's call to Christian service is much more important than maintaining a neat house. Allow the children to take prayer cards and scissors and cut out missionary pictures leaving paper all over the floor. The paper can be picked up while your children proudly show their friends "their missionaries."

When missionary services are conducted at the church be sure your children attend every meeting, see every film, and hear every discussion possible. Then, allow them to bring home as much literature as they want. It won't be long before they'll be playing missionary in the bush

rather than cops and robbers. Enjoy it, Mother! God may be preparing your children for the mission field.

Share missionary information with the children at the table, while riding in the car, or during conversation with others. Let your children hear you talk about a missionary's illness or an account in the red (explain what being in the red means), or the martyrdom of a missionary. Informed children get concerned, pray better, and respond more rapidly to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The faith-promise plan is for children, too. Teach them to tithe on their allowance and money earned. Also, let them choose a missionary to support and give a few cents each week or month above their tithes toward this account. Ask the missionary to include this young contributor on his mailing list. What excitement when the child gets a personal letter from "his missionary"!

Above all, pray for the children's response to missions. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). After all, why rear our children to be beauty queens or sports enthusiasts when we can prepare them for missionary service?

deputational echoes

by Henry
Van Kluyve



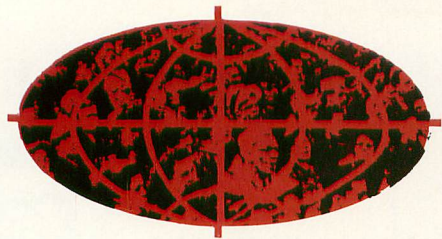
Ever since I entered the ministry 24 years ago, my conviction has been that every church and all of our denominational agencies should be dedicated to the task of reaching "all nations" (Matt. 28:19) with the gospel.

Over half of the world's population still lies in total spiritual darkness. Have you ever stopped to think that, beyond the North American continent live more than 90% of the earth's people? Well over half have never been told of Jesus and His love. This being true, it seems evident that most of our emphasis should be toward the 90% beyond us.

True, our neighborhoods and communities are full of lost souls. And much needs to be done for our Lord right here in our own country. True, we need to educate our youth and steer them to submit to God and follow His leadership. I do not want to lessen the importance of these truths.

But it is also true that a fundamentally sound and evangelistically fervent church or denomination is not scripturally *balanced* unless it sets straight its *priorities*. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Are you convinced that Jesus loves and died for the 90% that live in the regions beyond?

I can think of no better way to involve your congregation beyond themselves, and to lead them to greater spiritual heights than by planning a missionary crusade for your church. Join with a host of other pastors and church members who are rejoicing over what the Lord is doing in their midst since they lifted up their eyes.



emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

work expanding

Rivera, Uruguay—According to a recent report from Missionary Paul Robinson expansion of their work is "inching ahead." Works were recently begun in Quaraí, Brazil, and Artigas, Uruguay, by national leaders from the Rivera-Livramento churches. Mario Torres is in charge of the Brazil work and Mario Concescion is in charge of the new work in Uruguay. These two cities are separated by a river. The missionaries and leaders of these new works are hoping to develop a close relationship between them similar to that of the Rivera-Livramento ministries.

Paul noted that the two cities are militarily controlled but with very little restriction on either side of the border. He also revealed that "nearly all time, energy, money, and personnel are assumed by the local churches." According to a notice from "Dub" Ellison the work in Quaraí now has nine adult believers.

news briefs

Tokyo, Japan—Special evangelistic services were scheduled to be conducted in the Iriso church here October 16-19 by Pastor Gombei Uchikoshi of Sapporo.

Doropo, Ivory Coast—Recent reports from Eddie Payne indicated roads were washed out so badly from rains that he has not been able to get to the usual "bush villages."

Lausanne, Switzerland—Robert and Judy Bryan recently reported an answer to prayer: They were able to rent an apartment at the Immaus Bible Institute in St. Legier. The school normally rents only to married students going to the Bible school (not to language students), but this apartment was to be vacant for exactly three months.

Bouake, Ivory Coast—Heathen parents forced two younger boys to quit attending church in one village near Nassian recently. Jerry and Carol Pinkerton urged Christians to pray for the churches in the area of Nassian as they carry on without the help of a missionary.

Rivera, Uruguay—Rebecca Robinson, 13-year-old daughter of Paul and Amy Robinson, is still suffering difficulties as a result of a broken leg in December of last year.

Tokyo, Japan—A high school chemistry teacher has attended Sunday services in the Iriso church for several weeks. He recently told Philip Hersey that he was "wanting to have faith."

La Grange, North Carolina—Timothy Merkh, son of former missionaries Dan and Margaret Merkh, married Frances Letchworth of La Grange on September 27. Timothy is presently an Air Force communications center specialist stationed at Hancock Field, New York.

Oilton, Okla.—Franklin P. Deeds, 78-year-old father of Missionary

Earnie Deeds, died October 12 after emergency abdominal surgery. Earnie had just returned to the States due to his father's illness.

assume hospital ministry

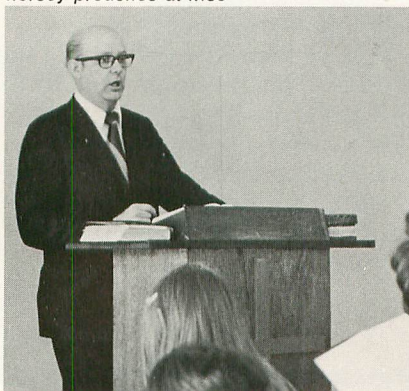
Doropo, Ivory Coast—Sherwood and Vada Lee arrived here recently to assume the medical ministry in the hospital. Sherwood writes: "I suppose we are averaging about 100 patients daily in the hospital. I don't honestly see how we can expand the medical facilities until we have another doctor and two more registered nurses. With the two RN's here now there is little time for teaching. A training program is essential for our African nurses."

Sherwood also expressed concern about the spiritual condition of the church in Doropo. He explained, "No one really shows a lot of interest in spiritual things. There just doesn't seem to be that burden for their own people. So we are praying for revival."

church growing

Rennes, France—The church here is growing and is experiencing "the moving of the Holy Spirit" according to a recent report by Missionary Joe Haas. "Two people were baptized during the month of September and others will be baptized soon," Joe revealed. "God is bringing in new folks all the time. We believe

map—new brazil-uruguay work



hersey preaches at iriso

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- 2—New 1976 Foreign Missions Directory
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- 5—Conference Program Helps

that soon our building will be too small and we will have to begin having two services."

special services

Sapporo, Japan—A Christian movie for junior high and high school students was shown during special services at Airin Chapel here recently resulting in at least three girls attending Sunday services for the first time. A former radio evangelist who is pastoring in Tokyo was the special speaker for the event.

Following the morning service an 82-year-old grandmother and her grandson's wife were baptized. (The grandson is a church member.) Another man, probably in his early 50's, was also baptized. "That completed two families in our church," concluded Olena McLain.

first time in french

Rennes, France—In August Patsy Vanhook had her first experience with teaching French children. She taught a 5-day Bible club in connection with her Child Evangelism course.

"I worked with my French roommate, Gisele," writes Patsy. "My legs were shaking, and probably the illustrated song, too. But they began singing with me so they must have understood something! I was made clearly aware of three things during that week: Satan doesn't like the teaching of God's Word; prayer is vital; and I CAN teach in French, even if still very haltingly."

According to Patsy she and her roommate shared the gospel with approximately 80 children during the week. They counseled 24 for salvation. She requested prayer for the continued work of the Lord in the lives of these children.

haases display new church sign



in language study

Nashville, Tenn.—Lynn and Ramona Miley recently informed the mission office that they have adjusted well in Albertville, France, where they are studying the French language. "It is a beautiful little town; our teachers are not only highly competent but also very devoted to Christ; and the other students are easy to like and get along with," the Mileys disclosed.

Dale and Sandra Bishop also apprised the mission office of their study conditions: "They are moving us along rather fast. It seems there isn't enough time to learn all they want us to each day, but I guess that keeps us from standing still so long. We've already learned how to buy things, to ask how much things cost, and to count money."

The Mileys are studying the French language in Albertville along with Jerry and Janice Webb and Dennis and Carol Teague. The Bishops are in Sapporo, Japan, studying Japanese in the same school as Jerry and Janice Banks.

back in panama

Panama City, Panama—Bill and Glenda Fulcher report a safe journey to Panama by car. "The entire trip took seven and one-half days, stopping to spend each night in hotels," writes Bill. "After totaling up all expenses, we discovered we saved around \$600 by driving."

Bill expressed satisfaction with the condition of the church in Agua Buena. "The members have been very faithful in carrying on all the activities and ministries of the church," he noted. "The attendance has stayed about what it was when we left. Some souls have been saved and the people have been visiting

fulchers arrive in panama



in the homes of the community."

Santos Chirru, who has been serving as pastor, and Bienvenido Perez, another young man of the church, left Panama the last part of August for Edinburg, Texas, where they will study in the Rio Grande Bible Institute. The church elected Eusebio Aspirilla to serve as pastor.

new ministry

Swannanoa, N.C.—Veteran Missionary Harold Stevens has become a field representative for Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission after having served for 26 years with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship in South Africa.

Mr. Stevens and his wife Josephine worked among the Zulu people. He became convinced of the nationals' ability to reach their own people with the gospel and thus has initiated assistance to indigenous Christians in Zululand through CNEC.

Free Will Baptists have given partial support to Josephine for many years. The Stevens family will reside in Swannanoa, N.C., and Harold's efforts will be directed primarily toward the southeastern United States.

new language barrier

Tokyo, Japan — Missionary Fred Hersey acknowledged a difficult language barrier which has developed in the Iriso church: A Japanese man and his Brazilian wife, who speaks no Japanese, have been attending church services. She is Catholic but wants to attend church. Her husband knows very little about the Bible and consequently can explain very little to her about what is being said.

The Herseys requested prayer as they seek to minister to this family. A Portuguese Bible was sent from the mission office recently to aid them in their witness.



who is a missionary?

In a number of churches around the country I've heard the statement, "Every Christian is a missionary!" While I understand the thought behind these words, I'm afraid many people have begun to take lightly the term *missionary*.

It thrills me to see church members taking their Christian responsibility seriously. Soulwinning is a challenge to every child of God no matter where he is serving. And I would not dare minimize the importance of each Christian's role regardless of his type of service.

What does concern me, however, is the growing attitude of "commonness" or "nothing special" about a servant who has been called to missionary service. Since God has set the missionary program into motion with His "Go ye into all the world," it must be considered important. It will not pass away like some sudden wind. But more and more the missionary is being relegated to the "throwaway corner" like a paper plate, a wooden spoon, or an empty ballpoint pen.

Missionaries in recent years have commended those who have taken them from the former pedestal of the "superhuman." They are glad to be seen once again as human beings with the same failures and victories as any other servant of Christ. But their calling is too high to be placed in the category of the routine, everyday Christian activity.

The word *missionary* actually comes from the Latin word *mitto*, meaning "to send." The Greek word *apostello* is identical in its root meaning. This means a missionary is a "sent forth one" by special appointment from God. Because of his task, he is expected to have certain qualifications, a certain amount of education, and a deep, abiding conviction

of a call from God.

Every Christian is to be a witness. All believers should be involved in the task of winning and equipping souls for the Kingdom of God. But, as someone has noted, "if everybody is a missionary, nobody is a missionary." Somebody must have the specific assignment. Just as every Christian is not a pastor or deacon, neither is every Christian a missionary.

Like a soldier, a missionary should be thought of as having a distinct role in the battle for souls. He is sent into the heat of the battle while others stay behind to supply what he needs for combat.

In wartime some work in factories making arms and ammunition. Others are busy producing clothing, food, medicine, etc. While all these people are vital to obtain a victory, the combat soldier is distinct in his role. He takes more risks, suffers more, sees more, and needs more than those who stay behind. Sometimes he is honored more, but he and everyone else knows that his effort was not individual. He had help! And the final reward for all is "victory."

So it is with Christendom: The missionary is distinguished in his service, but for each person (missionary, layman, pastor, deacon, prayer warrior) who is involved in the warfare the reward will be according to his faithfulness.

When I say the missionary fills a unique role, I do not imply that he is better than others. But he certainly is different! His calling is to a particular service—usually ministering to those who have little or no opportunity to hear the gospel and who live in another culture.

Although the missionary does not enjoy being tagged as a "super saint," his calling is more than commonplace. He does have a special task to fulfill! No one else can do his job.

The Lord is always seeking volunteers for the task: "Who will go for us?" Every Christian should respond, "Here am I; send me." But God does the choosing: "Go, and tell this people. . . ." Those who hear and heed this call are not to be considered ordinary. They are God's "special agents." Yes, they are ambassadors in the truest sense of the word. And Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions now list 90 of these servants—your *missionaries*. We think they're special!

message from the general director

Rolla Smith

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2). Never were these words more pertinent. The harvest of souls is greater today than it has ever been. Conservatively speaking, at least two billion people now live on this earth who have not been given an opportunity to accept or reject Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

In marked contrast, most people in the United States enjoy a gospel surplus. The typical American is within driving distance of a gospel preaching and teaching church. Hundreds of radio and television stations carry gospel broadcasts. Many of them are daily. Bibles are available to the masses. Free Christian literature is common. Generally speaking, America can hear.

The majority of the lost in this country are not saved simply because they choose not to be saved. This is not to suggest that we cease trying to win the lost in the homeland. But reason and fairness tell us that we should give high priority to the vast multitudes who have no opportunity to hear.

The Church in each generation has a collective responsibility to take the gospel to the whole world. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). This command has not been abrogated.

It is the responsibility of Free Will Baptists to help in carrying out this assignment as we have been entrusted with manpower and resources.

Each local church is responsible to become involved in world missions. Every pastor has a responsibility to challenge his congregation with the responsibility of the great commission.

Each Christian has a personal re-

sponsibility to be a witness for Christ both in person and by proxy through missionaries whom God has called.

Every missionary should be mindful of his responsibility to be obedient and faithful in his calling. This he owes to his Lord, his senders, and those to whom he is sent.

Too, the home-office staff is under divine obligation to be diligent in assisting the missionaries.

Faithfulness is required—whether a missionary, a pastor, a home-office worker or a layman—"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

It is lamentable that the Church has so few labourers in view of the fields that are white unto harvest. As a denomination, we have fallen far short in furnishing reapers.

It has now been 41 years since Free Will Baptists sent Miss Laura Belle Barnard to India as the first foreign missionary of the reconstruction period. The ensuing years have produced all too few labourers.

Will you join with me in new dedication to the task of helping reap the vast harvest of souls in our generation? "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2b).

financial facts

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

On deposit September 1	\$ 247,649.02
Receipts thru September 30	811,804.81
Disbursements thru September 30	816,007.35
Projected receipts thru September 30	922,496.85
Total 1975 Foreign Missions budget	1,230,000.00

MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS*

Aldridge	\$ (319.02)	L. Miley	\$16,694.68
Aycock	(5,320.29)	Miley, M.D.	16,816.49
Banks	5,424.23	Morgan	(291.63)
Barker	3,268.61	Moser	344.10
Bishop	12,282.40	Palmer	82.56
Bryan	15,483.86	Payne	1,588.83
Calvery	21.41	Pinkerton	532.22
Caton	(1,044.14)	Poole	(528.87)
Combs	23,305.35	Richards	3,231.13
Coscia	5,639.77	Roberts	4,348.50
Cronk	3,829.16	Robinson	9,051.47
Crowson	(2,539.07)	Sexton	26,444.77
Deeds	(1,235.82)	Smith, A.	3,403.96
Dickens	(1,572.37)	Smith, J.	915.96
Eagleton	4,461.90	Sparks	4,344.58
Ellison	677.10	Stevens	953.67
Filkins	(5,363.52)	Sturgill	164.06
Franks	3,681.03	Teague	17,991.36
Fulcher	(4,299.20)	Vanhook	11,373.35
Gage	(150.71)	Waid	(4,992.54)
Gainer	326.02	Webb	13,939.87
Gibbs	(2,332.96)	Wilkinson	(5,389.99)
Haas	(3,155.25)	Willey, Jr.	(2,687.80)
Hanna	7,256.76	M. Willey	2.26
Hersey	(2,702.33)	Wode	(370.30)
Hughes	(1,222.18)	Brazil Inst.	1,679.19
Inscoe	(5,667.06)	Brazil Veh.	8,789.17
Lee	6,946.31	S. India	(173.99)
Lytle	21.60	Sum. Miss.	1,516.66
McLain	(1,884.88)	Willey Mem.	1,163.91
Mayhew	11,023.53	Cass. Proj.	1,955.35
Merkh	7,448.72		

*Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits.

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