

# Heartbeat<sup>®</sup>

## Newsheet Edition

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### The Leaflet Brought Life

by Don Robirds

Luiz grasped the piece of paper tightly, partly out of fear and partly out of curiosity. He had never seen a gospel tract before but he had some doubts about whether this colorfully printed "folheto" (leaflet) was legitimate or if it made up part of some subversive element at work within the country. He quickly thrust the paper into his pocket, hoping no one had seen it.

In spite of his doubts and fears, Luiz refused to discard the paper. After all, the man who had handed it to him seemed nice enough. "His smile was extraordinary," he thought as he recalled his contact with the man.

The journey back to his home stretched some 400-500 kilometers and involved a 15-hour ride by train. Luiz had time to read! He read something about "God" which he had never heard before. He learned that God loves people—wicked, sinful, awful people—so much that He sent His own Son Jesus to die for them and to save them from their sins.

Thoughts kept rolling around in his head. The guilt he felt when he read about "sin" and "the wages of sin" seemed more than he could bear. But all this was new to him! He'd never seen a Bible before—at least as far as he could remember. Could what he read be true? Or were these

just imaginary feelings?

Finally Luiz decided he'd do his best to comply with the instructions in the tract. But even after this he still wasn't sure. So, he sat down and wrote a letter to the address which had been stamped on the back of the leaflet. A Free Will Baptist missionary received the letter and responded with answers to his questions and with further instructions. Then the missionary drove the long, winding, narrow dirt highways to meet Luiz personally.

Locating Luiz was difficult. But at last the missionary was at the young man's door. A broad smile lighted Luiz's face as he greeted the missionary and welcomed him to his home. After personal counsel and prayer the missionary was satisfied. And so was Luiz.

A miracle had taken place! A soul had been rescued from hell! Someone's gift to missions had paid off! Saints and angels were surely rejoicing before God, who had used the printed page in a unique way to accomplish His purpose.

October is Literature Month. A special contribution to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions for literature production on the mission field pays lasting dividends!

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*Note: This story is true. Slight improvisations were made for readability.*







# emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

## "love china '75"

Manila—"Love China '75," a study seminar devoted to studying means and possibilities of reaching China with the gospel ended here on September 11. Some 420 delegates and observers from 19 countries of Asia, Europe, Africa, and the United States gathered for this special conference. It was convened by 18 missionary, publishing, and research organizations to consider the question: What are the possibilities and prospects of reaching China with the gospel?

Mr. David Aikman, TIME magazine correspondent based in Hong Kong and a noted Christian observer of China, stirred the conference when he predicted that American Evangelical leaders would soon be invited to visit China. In a special presentation to the group he emphasized that Marxism, Leninism, and Mao-Thought are a diabolical parody of Christian principles, precepts, teachings, and virtues. He noted that Satan is not a creator but only an imitator, and has produced the counterfeit in this atheistic ideology.

L. Joe Bass, president of Underground Evangelism International, noted that dramatic modifications have been made by China in recent times. "The leopard does not change its spots," Mr. Bass stated, "however, when he finds himself caged in, needing friends, he does modify his behavior." It was suggested that

China may be turning to the outside world for assistance because this appears to be its only guarantee against Soviet Russian aggression.

## largest camp ever

Jaboticabal, Brazil—A belated report from Ivan Lopes, national pastor in charge of youth camps here, indicated the youth camp held in July had the largest number (approximately 90) to ever attend a Brazilian Free Will Baptist youth camp.

Ivan disclosed several visible results from the camp: One group of converts from the city of Nhandeara (220 kilometers from Jaboticabal) started a Bible study and are maintaining contact by letter and cassette tapes. Campers from other cities were reported to be working for the Lord in their area as never before. Young people in the city of Americana (near Campinas) formed visitation groups and Bible study groups as a result of their commitments at youth camp.

The entire camp program this year was carried on by Brazilian Christians.

## gibbs launch ministry

Rennes, France—Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, who recently finished French language study, have begun their ministry among students in this city. Jerry has been working with Mission-

ary Joe Haas on follow-up for the "Operation Mobilization" activities which were conducted here recently. Jerry noted that several conversions were reported during the three-week special ministry.

The Gibbs requested prayer "for a building to rent for a youth center." He urged people to "help us pray for a good location."

## "seven loaves" campaign

Barbacena, Brazil — A "Seven Loaves" campaign was held here during the month of August. Jim Sturgill explained that each member of the congregation had been asked to bring seven people to the Sunday and Wednesday services. Moody Science Films were shown on Wednesday evenings. At last report more than 30 visitors had been brought to services during the first half of the month.

## news briefs

Doropo, Ivory Coast—A shipment of cassette players and tapes was received here recently without import duty. Eddie Payne explained that duty could have cost 63% (or more) of the value.

Madrid, Spain—Lonnie and Anita Sparks request prayer as they plan a more aggressive effort to begin a work here. "Two things concern us," write the Sparks. "First, the area to



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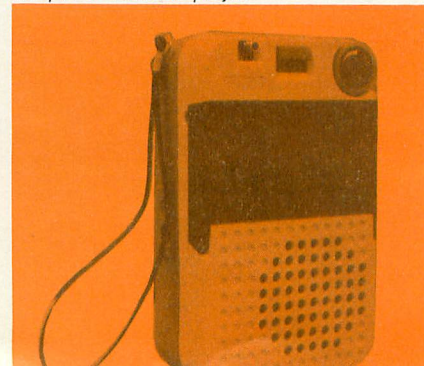
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gibbs fellowship in france



sample of cassette player





locate the work, and second, wisdom as to methods to be used in establishing a church here."

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Robert and Judy Bryan left the United States September 16 en route to Lausanne, Switzerland, where they will be taking a refresher course in the French language prior to their return to the Ivory Coast.

*Sapporo, Japan*—Recent word from Dale and Sandra Bishop verified their safe arrival in Japan. They were praising the Lord that they passed through customs without charges.

*Ribeirao Preto, Brazil*—Missionary Bobby Poole has announced the annual missionary conference of the church here for the week of October 12. Pray that God will call national Christians into missionary service and that He will challenge the people to become involved in missionary outreach.

*Bondoukou, Ivory Coast*—Jimmy Aldridge has informed the mission office that he has had a recurrence of an eye ailment which he suffered in 1972 and 1973. Pray for his recovery.

*Sapporo, Japan*—John Yasuda baptized one man here on September 7. The man was first confronted with the gospel at the Kitami church. He had attended the Mormon church there for several months and had become disillusioned. The baptismal service was conducted by the Hokuto Chapel in Sapporo which was recently started by Pastor Yasuda.

*Romania*—Harassment of Christians is being stepped up in Romania, according to a recent report in "The Church Around the World." Christians have undergone house searches, interrogations, and arrests.

bishops arrive in japan



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### ***pinkertons at bouake***

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*Bouake, Ivory Coast*—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton have assumed their "fill-in ministry" here at the school for missionary children. In a letter dated August 31 they disclosed their list of responsibilities: Carol is responsible for singspiration every other Sunday evening. Jerry is on the outreach committee which involves students in witnessing in schools, hospitals, and the military camp in the town of Bouake. Jerry also teaches physical education twice each week.

In the same communication Jerry reported he baptized eight people prior to leaving Nassian. Two of these were from Nassian and six were from the village of Talhini. "The two groups met about half way between the two villages," writes Jerry, "and I baptized them in the middle of the road. A recent heavy rain had washed the road out to the point that it was about waist-deep right where the middle of the road had been."

Pray for the Africans who have taken the responsibility for the churches in that area since the Pinkertons have departed.

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### ***enters medical school***

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*Jaboticabal, Brazil*—Kenneth Eagleton, Jr., recently placed 17th among 3,000 candidates who took entrance exams for a private medical school in the state of Sao Paulo. The school had openings for only 60 students—a 50 to 1 chance.

"We praise the Lord for answered prayer," writes Missionary Ken Eagleton concerning his son's acceptance by the school. "Here in Brazil it is almost impossible to get in medical school because of so many candi-

yasuda baptizes convert



dates and so few openings."

Ken also reported opening second semester of the Bible institute with 13 new students. Nine of these are in the college section of the institute. Terry Eagleton, second oldest son of Ken and Marvis, is one of these students.

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### ***begin internship***

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*Farmington, Mich.*—Seven new missionaries began Missionary Internship training here in September: Miss Mirial Gainer, Jim and Susan Moser, Clint and Lynette Morgan, and Ron and Linda Callaway. They are working in Free Will Baptist churches in the Detroit area in conjunction with the special mission training program.

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### ***good news classes***

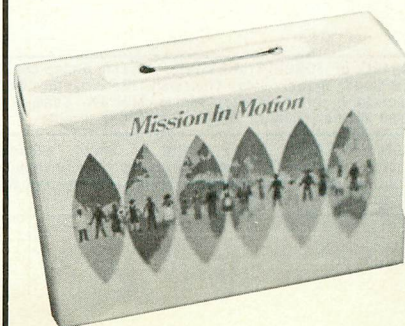
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*Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil*—Good News classes were conducted here for one week during the month of August, according to a recent report from Missionary Dave Franks. "We reached 97 different children with an average of about 50 each day," writes Dave. "About 15 adults came daily to bring their children. There were 13 children who went forward to accept Christ."

Dave also noted the recent conversion of a young woman who had been initially contacted through English classes taught by Earnie Deeds.

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## editor's catchall

### THE WILL OF GOD

PEOPLE OFTEN ask me how they can be sure of God's will for their lives. Generally I point them to Romans 12:1 and 2.

God's will may be divided into two basic aspects: that which is already revealed in the Scriptures and those areas which are not revealed and which may vary for each of us. Through prayer, circumstances around us, and through the counsel of Christian friends, we can arrive at a deep, abiding conviction of God's will for our lives.

Several common errors are made regarding God's will: Some think, for example, that a call to foreign missions or world evangelism is different from a call to anything else. I suppose it is in some ways, but in reality it is just the placing of a servant where God desires his service.

Others think the Lord's will could never be something that the individual wants to do. Psalm 37:4 and Romans 8:32 indicate a total freedom to those who are committed to God so that even their desires are fulfilled by God.

Another common error is that of thinking all will be "smooth sailing" and a "bed of roses" if an individual is in God's will. Satan will make sure this is not true. Many passages make

## financial facts

### THROUGH AUGUST 31

On deposit August 1	\$ 271,566.54
Receipts thru August 31	721,374.92
Disbursements thru August 31	730,170.84
Projected receipts thru August 31	819,997.20
Total 1975 Foreign Missions budget	1,230,000.00

### MISSIONARY ACCOUNTS\*

Aldridge	\$ (354.15)	L. Miley	\$18,480.92
Aycock	(5,553.84)	Miley, M. D.	17,419.19
Banks	5,583.97	Morgan	(8.50)
Barker	2,794.49	Moser	187.60
Bishop	12,690.51	Palmer	(873.14)
Bryan	16,289.81	Payne	944.50
Calvery	1,099.77	Pinkerton	1,099.24
Caton	(1,222.53)	Poole	(457.65)
Combs	23,112.57	Richards	3,465.36
Coscia	3,376.45	Roberts	3,233.89
Cronk	4,320.26	Robinson	9,220.34
Crowson	(1,985.27)	Sexton	24,486.89
Deeds	(1,131.81)	Smith, A.	2,012.78
Dickens	(1,979.38)	Smith, J.	600.34
Eagleton	4,393.08	Sparks	4,665.27
Ellison	515.54	Stevens	541.67
Filkins	(4,546.84)	Sturgill	373.87
Frank	4,106.88	Teague	16,018.69
Fulcher	(2,627.37)	Vanhook	10,869.40
Gage	(298.97)	Waid	(5,758.20)
Gainer	491.10	Webb	12,779.58
Gibbs	(2,986.69)	Wilkinson	(5,234.04)
Haas	(4,027.18)	Willey, Jr.	(2,593.34)
Hanna	9,314.32	M. Willey	624.17
Hersey	(2,933.15)	Wode	(420.30)
Hughes	(1,704.33)	Brazil Inst.	1,569.92
Inscow	(4,645.76)	Brazil Veh.	8,389.17
Lee	7,760.98	S. India	(408.53)
Lytle	(904.37)	Sum. Miss.	869.47
McLain	(1,121.00)	Willey Mem.	1,163.91
Mayhew	9,566.66	Cass. Proj.	1,645.89
Merkh	7,709.68		

\*Amounts in parenthesis indicate deficits.

### STATE QUOTAS—1975

State	1975 Quota	Quota through August 31	Receipts through August 31
Alabama	\$45,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$26,026.59
Arizona	6,000.00	4,000.00	1,771.88
Arkansas	45,000.00	30,000.00	36,208.99
California	50,000.00	33,333.36	35,525.22
Canada	1,000.00	666.64	597.00
Colorado	1,000.00	666.64	658.82
Florida	40,000.00	26,664.00	20,778.43
Georgia	45,000.00	30,000.00	22,369.41
Hawaii	1,000.00	666.64	320.00
Idaho	1,000.00	666.64	849.36
Illinois	35,000.00	23,333.36	26,659.69
Indiana	9,500.00	6,333.36	7,325.70
Iowa	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,026.19
Kansas	6,500.00	4,333.36	2,641.77
Kentucky	21,500.00	14,333.36	15,620.55
Louisiana	1,000.00	666.64	1,299.00
Maryland	5,000.00	3,333.36	2,828.75
Michigan	75,000.00	50,000.00	32,364.78
Minnesota	500.00	333.36	173.93
Mississippi	21,000.00	14,000.00	10,259.50
Missouri	100,000.00	66,666.64	59,170.18
Montana	100.00	66.64	.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	666.64	522.70
*Northeast	3,150.00	2,100.00	1,678.83
**Northwest	2,500.00	1,666.64	795.98
North Carolina	165,000.00	110,000.00	100,522.82
Ohio	45,000.00	30,000.00	18,149.90
Oklahoma	100,000.00	66,666.64	81,034.90
Pennsylvania	100.00	66.64	120.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	66.64	.00
South Carolina	70,000.00	46,666.64	45,097.59
Tennessee	175,000.00	116,666.64	89,051.64
Texas	20,000.00	13,333.36	13,809.69
Virginia	50,000.00	33,333.36	31,256.95
West Virginia	45,500.00	30,333.36	22,188.78
Other States	1,000.00	666.64	1,735.97
Miscellaneous	40,050.00	26,700.00	6,946.58

\*Northeast Assn.

New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine

\*\*Northwest Assn.

Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

it clear that a person following God is going to have difficulty, tribulation, and persecution.

Finding the will of God is not nearly as difficult as many make it appear. Remember, God is not waiting like a cat looking for a mouse in

an effort to trap you into making a wrong decision. He delights in giving direction for our lives when we make our commitments to Him. But God doesn't draft anyone. He seeks volunteers. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah 6:8b.

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