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MISSIONARY GO HOME!

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by Don Robirds



"Go home, Yankee Imperialists!"

"Why don't you go straighten out the ghetto problems in your country? What business do you missionaries have in our country?"

"I don't like Americans!"

These demands, interrogations, and critical statements often affront our foreign missionaries and grieve them deeply.

The verbal battering at the airport on one return to Brazil still rings in my ears: "If you can't handle problems with the black people in America, how can you do anything to help our people? Why not get back on the airplane that brought you?"

But I also remember another Brazilian who came to my defense on that disheartening occasion and expressed his interest in the gospel.

At the International Congress on World Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland, in July of 1974, the All-Africa Conference of Churches called for a "moratorium" on foreign missionary personnel and finances. In other words they were saying, "Missionary, go home!"

An African observer was apparently disturbed by the attitude manifest and concluded, "It was obviously vindictive. Every expatriate missionary was branded a neo-colonialist, and out to exploit Africa."

No, Free Will Baptists have certainly not been isolated from anti-American attitudes by nationals. Some have expressed openly their criticism. Others have been more subtle. But the attitude on the whole has been more positive.

Pastor David Rajakumar of South India says, "Through the ministry of missionaries I was

converted from Hinduism. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. . . . Their sacrificial living has been a lesson in my new life." He continued, "The mission has helped us have churches, schools, and parsonages by spending thousands of rupees. For such help I am grateful to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions."

One young pastor in Japan had the opportunity to study in California Christian College. Gombei Uchikoshi writes, "If you had not sent your missionaries to us, we would not be saved. One million people live in Sapporo; most of them do not know Jesus Christ. We need many missionaries in Japan (1) to win the lost, (2) to strengthen spiritual life, and (3) to serve as helpers."

African evangelist Victor Anani has had a very effective ministry among his own people. His quality of spiritual life and depth of spiritual insight have deeply impressed a number of the Ivory Coast missionaries. But all of this would not be true had missionaries not been sent to his area.

Victor confesses, "Before my conversion I had not the faintest idea that a man could be eternally lost and perish in the lake of fire—except perhaps a murderer. But thanks to the churches that encouraged the brethren to come as missionaries, I learned the truth: 'All have sinned and come short of the glory of God'; and 'There is none righteous, no not one.' Since I learned this truth God has given me eternal life in His Son."

Influenced, counseled, and encouraged by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Miss Volena Wilson, Dan and Trula Cronk, and Carlisle and Marie Hanna, Pastor D. Dorairaj

of South India has been carrying on a faithful ministry for the past 19 years and now serves as a general overseer of the churches in his area. Although missionaries are no longer in his vicinity, he still claims "their valued counsel, warnings, and good examples lead me to do this responsible job through God's help."

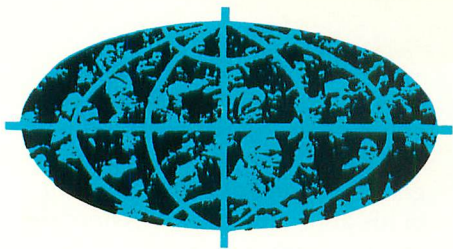
In 1971 I had the privilege of baptizing two sisters in Brazil who had been saved approximately two weeks earlier. With tears streaming down their cheeks they said to me, "Pastor Don, when you return to the United States, you tell the Christians in the churches there, 'Thank you for sending missionaries to Brazil. If you had not come, we would not be saved!'"

Another couple in one of the churches called me aside and repeated something similar and added, "Tell them to send us more missionaries soon."

Ideally, the missionary wants to work himself out of a job in a local situation so that national leadership assumes the responsibility as have those in South India and Cuba. But this is often a long, slow process. Even then, the missionary is not seeking to end a task so he can return home; rather, he is primarily concerned with fulfilling Christ's commission: "Preach the gospel to EVERY creature," and "Make DISCIPLES of all nations." Until this task is completed, missionaries and national leaders are needed all over the world.

Men may declare a "moratorium" on foreign missions but until God has declared the task completed, "Missionary, go home" will only be words of human judgment and these against the direct command of God.





emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

"breakthrough" indicated

Sonapurhat, India—Pastor Benny Das recently informed Carlisle and Marie Hanna that he has baptized another nine people from among the Uroon tribe. The first baptism among this tribe took place at the beginning of 1975. These are the first to come to the place of following the Lord in baptism after many years of labor.

Carlisle expressed hope that this breakthrough might lead to the building of a strong church, "Even stronger than we have had from the Santals, the other tribe with whom we have worked."

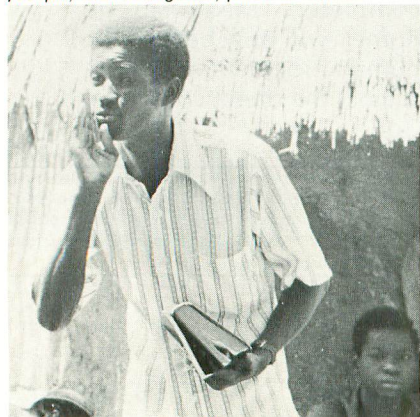
african evangelist ill

Doropo, Ivory Coast—News from Missionary Sherwood Lee has indicated a possible serious illness is hindering the life of Joseph, the African evangelist from this area. The illness evidently has been affecting the mind of the evangelist. Lee expressed hope that a check-up at the Conservative Baptist hospital might find the solution to his problem.

board meeting

Nashville, Tenn.—The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions convened here December

Joseph, Iboi evangelist, prior to illness



8-11 in the first official session since General Director Rolla Smith assumed office.

The board interviewed returned missionaries Bobby Aycock, Tom Hughes, Sam Wilkinson and Wesley and Aileen Calvery. Seven missionary applicants were interviewed and instructed to process final applications.

Eleven students were appointed as summer missionaries contingent on satisfactorily fulfilling board stipulations and raising necessary funds for travel: *Panama*—Sandra Tittle and June Lytle; *France*—Rebecca Rigby and Cathy Crawford; *Brazil*—Rhonda Waddell and Neil Gilliland; *Ivory Coast*—Mike and Deleen Huston Cousineau, Rick Sirico, Paula Coffman, and John Rhodes.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

The Official Handbook of Foreign Missions sets forth these standards for missionary service in the denomination: "Mature Christian living . . . victory and consistency in his life and character . . . reputation must be above reproach in every way. He must evidence growth in grace that allows one to adapt to varying circumstances, persevere in trial, be patient whatever the situation, cooperate with fellow workers; overcome personality difficulties. . . ."

Since the behavioral pattern of Wesley Calvery has not been in line with these standards, the Board of Foreign Missions at the December, 1975, meeting requested the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Calvery. The resignation was submitted effective January 1, 1976.

All services in which they were scheduled to participate should be rearranged in consultation with Reverend Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputational ministries. Churches and individuals who have been supporting the Calverys are urged to seek advice from the deputational office about rechanneling their support.

escape serious injuries

Lebanon, Mo.—Dan Filkins, son of Howard and Joan Filkins, and Howard Pinkerton, son of Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, escaped serious injuries December 17 when their car hit the back of a semitrailer. They were on their way from Hillsdale College to Kirksville, Mo., to visit the Filkins during the Christmas holidays.

Howard Pinkerton hurt his knee and suffered a bump on the head. He was kept overnight in the Lebanon hospital. The car was totally demolished.

news briefs

Tokyo, Japan—Free Will Baptist missionaries in Japan held their annual missionary retreat November 4-7 at the YMCA campgrounds at Gotemba, near Mt. Fuji. The time was spent in fellowship, discussions, enjoying good food, etc.

Barbacena, Brazil—By radio communication Jim Sturgill informed the foreign missions office that negotiations for church property here were completed on the morning of December 3. This is especially praiseworthy since negotiations began in early 1975 prior to the Aycocks' departure.

Nashville, Tenn.—Don Hanna, son of missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna, was struck recently by a car in a hit-and-run accident as he was

sturgill signs for church property



jogging near Covenant College in Chattanooga, Tenn. The only injury was a cut on his thigh.

Panama City, Panama—Bill and Glenda report their house was burglarized while they were in services Sunday morning, December 14. The intruders took some mission equipment and valuables; however, their most valuable items were untouched.

Asheville, N.C.—Volena Wilson, former missionary to India, is recovering normally from major surgery. She had a "massive growth around the heart muscle."

Jaboticabal, Brazil—The oldest son of Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Kenneth Eagleton, Jr., married Rejane Caetano December 14 at the camp and Bible institute (Evangelandia) site here.

Columbus, Miss.—Paul Robinson's brother, Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McLamb were scheduled to leave January 1 for Brazil where Bill was to speak at the annual missionary field council meeting. They were to continue on to Uruguay then return to the States January 22 after a short stop-off in Panama.

Sapporo, Japan—Latest word from Japan indicated Dale and Sandra Bishop had finally received their barrels and crates on December 11. They evidently did not pay a large storage fee as originally indicated.

Hampton, Va.—Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryan, parents of Robert Bryan, left for Geneva, Switzerland, December 18 to visit with Robert and Judy who are scheduled to depart for the Ivory Coast in early January.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Sexton, son of Don and Billie Sexton, have a baby girl, Amanda Lynn, born November 9, 1975. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Japan missionaries at their retreat



kidney transplant

Durham, North Carolina—Linda Smith Underwood, daughter of General Director Rolla Smith, received a kidney transplant December 1 at Duke University Hospital here. Surgery was successful and the kidney functioned for several days. Complications developed after a week, causing rejection, and the kidney was removed. Following a very critical period, she was reported to be in satisfactory condition.

14 to be baptized

Jaboticabal, Brazil—Fourteen persons were scheduled to be baptized here on December 21 according to a report in early December by Missionary Ken Eagleton. Ken noted that three families had been saved just a few days prior to his writing. The report also indicated approximately 10 others were receiving instructions in preparation for baptism.

Since March, the beginning of the Brazilian school year, some 60 conversions have been recorded as a direct result of the ministry at Evangelandia (the youth camp and Bible institute) in cooperation with the local church.

Through the ministry of national pastor Ivan Lopes, students, and boarders at Evangelandia, weekly Bible classes are being conducted in the center of town with an average attendance of 60.

A spirit of revival and enthusiasm seems to be evident at the church here, and plans are being made for expansion of the church building.

financial facts

Through November 30

On deposit November 1	\$ 255,747.26
Receipts through November 30	969,164.00
Disbursements through November 30	975,766.20
Projected receipts through Nov. 30	1,127,496.15
Total 1975 Foreign Missions budget	1,230,000.00

Missionary Deficit Accounts

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Aycock	\$5,409.52	Hughes	\$ 461.74
Callaway	826.20	Inscoc	8,594.54
Caton	1,094.58	Lee	1,118.62
Crowson	3,529.62	McLain	1,480.38
Deeds	1,906.20	Morgan	1,384.68
Dickens	1,235.53	Moser	50.80
Ellison	296.03	Poole	897.85
Filkins	3,832.73	Wald	3,162.12
Fulcher	2,404.72	Wilkinson	993.08
Gage	3.08	Willey, Jr.	2,546.28
Gibbs	3,003.68	Wode	398.60
Haas	4,770.56	S. India	7.23
Hersey	3,635.09		

deputational echoes

by Henry
Van Kluyve



Continuous efforts are being made to involve additional churches in our labors overseas. The response has been gratifying.

On August 9 a fellowship supper was given by the Vacation Bible School of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greeneville, Tenn., in honor of Don and Billie Sexton. Approximately 100 participated in the annual VBS event which was held at Central Youth Camp near Greeneville. Following the meal, Don and Billie sang a couple of songs in French, gave testimonies, and presented slides of the work in France.

Then on Sunday, August 10, VBS Director Ray Turnage presented the Sextons with a check for \$100. The pastor of the church, Reverend David Patterson, challenged the congregation to increase their giving to foreign missions. During the week the VBS youngsters covered an outline map of France with hundreds of coins, and each night an offering was received.

It turned out, however, that this was all just a beginning. Recently news reached us that the Oak Grove congregation voted 100% to begin supporting the Sextons with \$100 monthly. Praise the Lord!

To make this story even more thrilling, Don and Billie were the FIRST missionaries ever to set foot in the church.

Heartfelt thanks to Pastor David Patterson and his church for this new missionary venture. God will certainly bless the commitment.

Reader, if your church would like a missionary for the first time, write to me!

turnage presents \$100 check to sexton





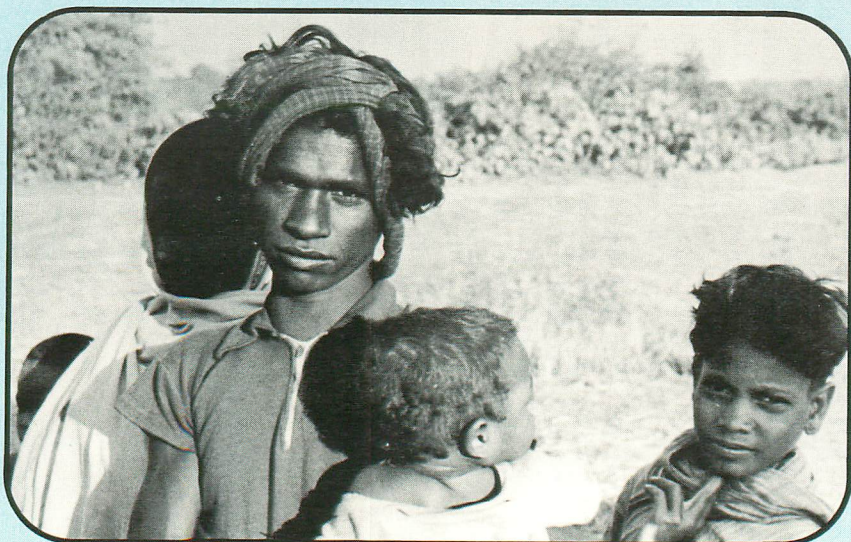
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BRAZIL—Ken Eagleton distributes gospel tracts.



FRANCE—Barbara and Beverly Haas teach at Bible club.



INDIA—Millions of Indians await the gospel.



CALL-A-THON—Foreign missions staff receive Call-a-thon reports.

EVERY THURSDAY
Prayer fellowship with Ivory Coast

JANUARY						
Pray for the 20 adult missionaries to BRAZIL and their families.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
National Youth Week—"Free to Live"						

EVERY FRIDAY
Prayer fellowship with Brazil

FEBRUARY						
Pray for the 11 adult missionaries to FRANCE.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14
15	16 Washington's Birthday	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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MARCH						
Pray for national pastors in INDIA.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
FWBBC Bible Conference						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

APRIL						
Pray for Foreign Missions CALL-A-THON SUNDAY OFFERING.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Good Friday	17
WNAC Week of Prayer and Offering for Foreign Missions						
18 Easter Sunday Call-a-thon	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



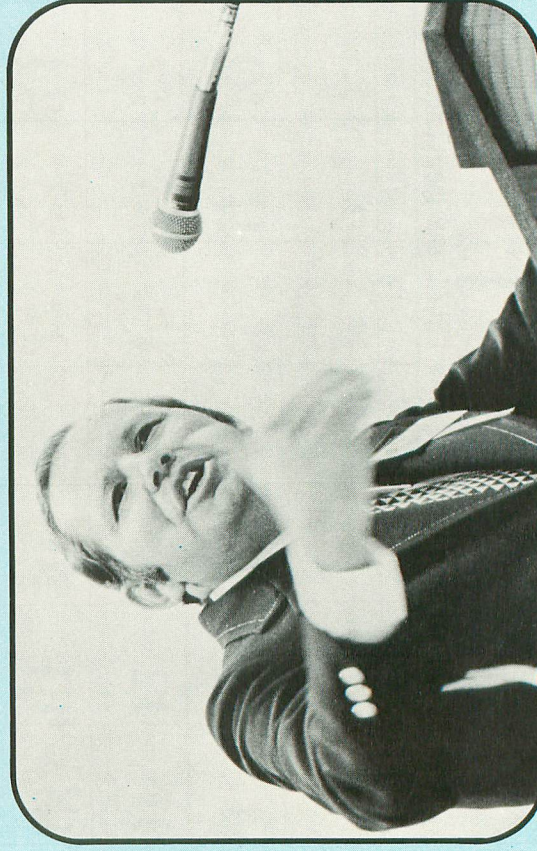
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BOARD MEETING—Long hours, heavy responsibility are the board's lot.



IVORY COAST—Dr. Miley administers injection.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—Bobby Aycock preaches at WNAC service.



JAPAN—Jim McLain adapts to Japanese culture.

EVERY THURSDAY
Prayer fellowship with Ivory Coast

<div>MAY</div> <div>Pray for the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.</div>						
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

EVERY FRIDAY
Prayer fellowship with Brazil

<div>JUNE</div> <div>Pray for the 26 adult missionaries to the IVORY COAST, West Africa.</div>						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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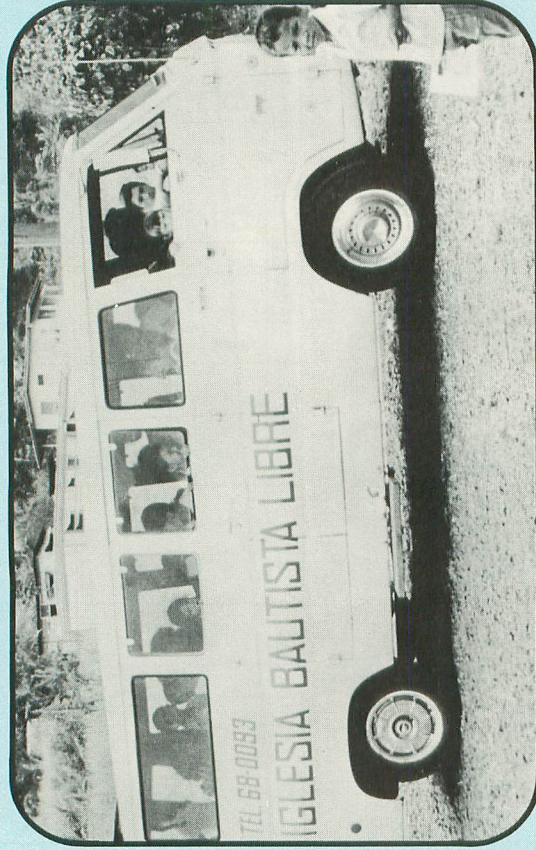
<div>JULY</div> <div>Pray for MISSIONARIES and MISSIONS NIGHT at the National Assn.</div>						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

<div>AUGUST</div> <div>Pray for the 9 adult missionaries assigned to JAPAN.</div>						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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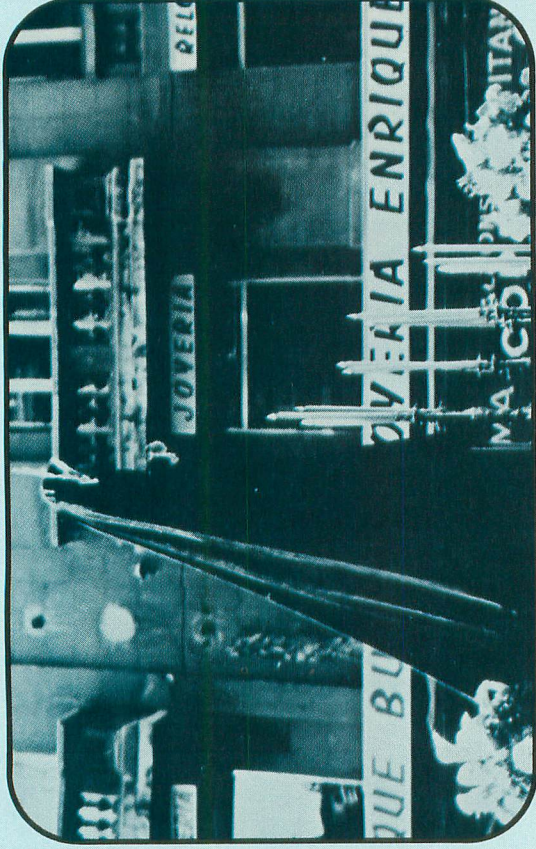


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PANAMA—"Bus" arrives at Agua Buena Church.



SPAIN—Catholicism and tradition pose difficulty for missionaries.



URUGUAY—Robinson challenges Uruguayans.



F. M. STAFF—General Director Rolla Smith and staff have big job.

EVERY THURSDAY
Prayer fellowship with Ivory Coast

SEPTEMBER						
Pray for the 9 adult missionaries to PANAMA. Pray for LABORERS.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
			1	2	3	4
5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

EVERY FRIDAY
Prayer fellowship with Brazil

OCTOBER						
Pray for the two couples and the new work in SPAIN.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 Veteran's Day	26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER						
Pray for the five adult missionaries and for national pastors in URUGUAY.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2 Election Day	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	FWBBC Missionary Conference					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	WNAC Week of Prayer and Offering for Home Missions					
21 Home Missions Sunday	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
28	29	30	National Home Missions Month			
	Board of Foreign Missions Meets					

DECEMBER						
Pray for the FOREIGN MISSIONS STAFF in NASHVILLE.						
SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
			1	2	3	4
			Wiley Memorial Christmas Gift to Foreign Missions		Board of Foreign Missions Meets	
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						Christmas
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Jesus Christ Is Lord!

*by Rolla D. Smith
General Director*

“Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am” (John 13:13). Unreserved commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord compels one to be involved in some way with world-wide missions. For some, obedience to Christ as Lord requires going to a foreign land as a missionary. For others, the requirement is fulfilled through faithful prayer and financial support.

The redemptive plan of God included the incarnation, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because He emptied himself and, “Became obedient unto death . . . God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow. . . And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:8-11).

As a result of His work on behalf of mankind all authority

was granted Him. Using that authority, He initiated the great missionary enterprise when He said to His disciples, “All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye . . . and teach all nations. . .” (Matthew 28:18, 19).

Total submission to the Lordship of Christ, therefore, requires being involved in carrying out the “Great Commission.” To be involved is to act under the greatest possible authority and to be assured of the presence of the Lord himself—“And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). He is not only a name to be confessed but also a living presence to lead and empower.

“It behoved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations. . .” (Luke 24:46b-47). Yes, Christ did die and He arose

the third day. He thereby provided redemption for every man. This does not mean the whole world will automatically be saved. To the contrary, God’s wrath abides on unbelievers—“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: And he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36).

Every believer should weigh carefully the following questions: “How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?” (Romans 10:14, 15).

Obviously more would be sent, more would hear, more would believe and be saved if more submitted themselves to the Lordship of Christ. Paul’s matchless missionary career began when on the Damascus road he asked, “What shall I do, Lord?” Almost a lifetime later he testified, “Whereupon O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.” Between the question and the testimony we see a life that was the very epitome of the Lordship of Christ.

As you think of your missionary responsibility in 1976, ask yourself the question, “What shall I do, Lord?” Will you obey the clear marching orders of our Lord? God’s blessings will be upon Free Will Baptists and the missionary cause will be advanced through us as we move at His command.