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**WHEN GOD TAUGHT
ME TO GIVE**

'My Daddy Will Pay This'

'Trusting God To Provide...'

**FAITH-PROMISE
GIVING**

MY DADDY

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WILL PAY THIS

by Wesley G. Haines

*The church exists by mission
as fire exists by burning.*

Rather blunt, isn't it? No burning—no fire. No mission—no church. To exist or not to exist, really is the question.

And it's just as true for individuals. The closer we walk in personal fellowship with Christ, the more we feel his heartbeat and share His compassion for those three billion lost ones who haven't heard of His love and salvation yet.

In fact, reaching out to a world becomes our number one priority, our "magnificent obsession," just as it's His. That applies to our very lives, if He says, "Go" or "Do." And it also applies to our stewardship, if He says, "Stay by the stuff and send!"

How many times have you heard, or said, "I just wish I had more to give to missions. But with the condition my budget is in and the way our economy is going—the price of food, the car payments, getting the kids through college, not to mention support of our local church—I really don't know how I get by now! If only there were some way."

Good news! You've overlooked your major asset. God's budget is not hurting a bit. The herds on a thousand hills are His. He has sufficient funds to reach every one of His lost ones.

Then why doesn't He do it, you ask? It's simple, really. God has deliberately limited Himself to us as His channels. When Jesus left, He said to us, "Now, I send you. From now on you are the only Christ the world will see. You be My hands and feet and voice, My stewards. Everything is yours." So, all that's lacking is us—to route His resources. And this is exactly what is involved in Faith-Promise giving. Sharing not out of our bank account, or our budget, or out of our pocket, but out of God's pocket—to reach His straying children.

A Faith Promise is simply a commitment to missions of a specific amount you feel God would have you trust Him to supply, not necessarily dependent on known or anticipated sources. You trust God to provide the amount committed just as He

provided personal salvation—in response to and after a step of *faith*. And you *promise* with the full understanding that the commitment hinges entirely on God's supply.

Sure, it's a little different from modern business principles. But you are not buying a new washer now. You're reaching out to Christ's lost ones. And such an urgent project calls for something more reliable than mere materialistic resources.

The Faith-Promise Plan provides both individuals and the church with a whole new level of stewardship; everyone—tot to tottering, bereft to blessed—has a basis for response. Personal resources are not important.

The real goal is total participation. Often an annual missionary convention climaxes with a Faith-Promise ingathering. Each member prayerfully fills out his Faith-Promise Card, and as the amounts are read off (always anonymously) as a testimony, and tabulated on a Faith-Promise thermometer, the entire congregation shares in the contagion of this mutual venture of faith, as well as the spiritualizing of their missionary giving.

But does the Faith Promise really work in tapping God's resources? Oswald J. Smith saw it transform the giving at People's Church in Toronto from mere token offerings, to a missions budget of \$400,000 annually. As he and others have shared this concept, an increasing number of individuals, churches, and even denominations, have returned to this overlooked dimension of the New Testament Church, which Paul said, "begged to be allowed to share even beyond the limit of

their resources." No wonder the Early Church reached its entire world with the good news.

Many churches confirm God's approval of their new adventure in Faith-Promise giving. Because more members participate, the local budget now comes easily. With the church's vision turned away from itself, inner tensions seem to melt away. And because of fulfilling their mission to reach a world, a new sense of God's presence and blessing rests upon their worship and community outreach.

Exciting testimonies from individuals who've tested the Faith Promise are as inevitable as they are varied. They tell of unexpected income tax refunds, surprise overtime checks, a 4-H calf winning the county award, a job bonus and raise exactly covering the need, or dormant stock certificates suddenly skyrocketing in value.

These could be multiplied without end. But perhaps one as refreshing as any, came from a little boy who filled out his Faith-Promise Card for five cents per month. Not much mission with that amount, it's true, but an early start in the right direction. And proof that everyone can participate. The real point of his Faith Promise, however, was scrawled in childish hand across the bottom of his card. It said simply: "My daddy will pay this!"

How quickly God could reach the multitudes He loves and yearns over, if we would really understand that inscribed on every Faith Promise, in invisible ink, are the words, "My Heavenly Father will pay this!"

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I shall never forget how God taught me to give. I had been pastor of a large church in the city of Toronto, but one day I resigned and on the first Sunday of January became pastor of a church which knew how to give in a way I had never known. I commenced this pastorate when the church was holding its annual missionary convention.

Now I knew nothing about a missionary convention. I had never seen one in all my life. I didn't know the first thing to do. So I just sat there on the platform and watched.

The ushers went up and down the aisles giving out envelopes. To my amazement, one had the audacity to walk right up and hand me—the pastor!—an envelope. I sat there holding it in my hand. I can still remember that moment as though it were yesterday.

As I held the envelope I read, "In dependence upon God I will endeavor to give toward the missionary work of the church \$..... during the coming year." I had never read such a statement before. I did not know that God was going to deal with me that morning and teach me a lesson that I was never to forget—a lesson that I was to teach to hundreds of others all over the country in the years to come.

I started to pray. I said, "Lord, God, I can't do anything. You know I have nothing. I haven't a

cent in the bank. I haven't anything in my pocket. This church only pays me \$25.00 a week. I have a wife and child to keep. We are trying to buy our home, and everything is sky high in price." All that was true. The first World War was on.

"I know that," the Lord seemed to answer me. "I know you are only getting \$25.00 a week. I know you have nothing in your pocket and nothing in the bank."

"Well, then," I said, relieved, "that settles it. I have nothing to give and I cannot give anything."

It was then the Lord spoke to my heart. I shall never forget it.

"I am not asking you for what you have," He said.

"You are not asking me for what I have, Lord?" I replied.

"Then what are you asking?"

"I am asking you for a faith offering. How much can you trust Me for?"

"Oh, Lord," I exclaimed, "that's different. How much can I trust Thee for?"

Now of course, I knew nothing at all about a faith offering. I had never given such an offering. But I knew the Lord was speaking. I thought He might say \$5.00, or perhaps even \$10.00. Once, as minister of another church, I had given \$5.00 for missions. Once in my life I had given \$3.00. Also, once I had given \$2.00. But never at any time had I given more than \$5.00. I almost trembled as I awaited the answer.

Presently it came. Now I am not going to ask you to believe that God spoke to me in an audible voice, but He might just as well have. I was scarcely conscious of the congregation as I sat there with my eyes closed, listening to the voice of God.

"How much can I give?" I asked.

"Fifty dollars."

"Fifty dollars!" I exclaimed.

"Why, Lord, that's two weeks' salary! How can I ever get \$50.00?"

But again the Lord spoke and it was still the same amount. It was just as clear to me as though He had spoken out loud.

My hand trembled as I signed my name and address in the amount—\$50.00.

How I ever paid that amount, I don't know to this day. All I know is that every month I had to pray for \$4.00. And every month God sent it to me in some miraculous way. At the end of the year I had paid \$50.00.

But this is what I want to make clear. There came to my heart such a fullness of the Spirit, that as I paid the final amount I realized I had received the greatest blessing that had ever come into my life!

I had trusted God for a certain amount and He had met it. So great was the spiritual blessing that the next year at the convention I doubled the amount and gave \$100.00. Then, at another

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by Dr. Oswald J. Smith

convention I doubled the amount again and gave \$200.00. At still another convention I doubled it once more and gave \$400.00. Then later I doubled it again and made it \$800.00.

From that day to this I have been increasing the amount and sending it to the Bank of Heaven year by year. If I had waited until I had it, I never would have given it because I never would have received it. But I gave it when I didn't have it. I gave a faith offering and God honored it.

That was the first time, I say, that I had ever given what I call a Scriptural offering—a Pauline offering. Paul, you will remember, often took up "Faith-Promise offerings." He would get the church to promise a certain amount and then he would give the church a year to pay it. Then, you remember, as the year drew to a close, he would send someone to remind the church of the promise that had been made so he would not be ashamed when he arrived (see 2 Cor. 9). He wanted to be sure it would be paid. A Faith-Promise offering is a Scriptural offering, and God blesses it.

Have you only given cash offerings? It doesn't require any faith to give a cash offering. If I have a dollar in my pocket, all I have to do is to tell my hand to go into my pocket, find the dollar, take it out and put it on the plate. I don't have to pray about it. I don't have to ask God

for it. I don't have to trust Him for any definite amount. I just have it and give it.

But it is entirely different with a Faith-Promise offering. I have to pray and ask God how much He would have me give, then trust Him for it. Month by month I must go to Him in prayer and ask Him for the amount promised. I must wait upon Him until it comes in. That is the offering that brings blessings.

For well over a quarter of a century now, that is the kind of offering I have taken for missions. In our annual missionary convention we never get more than six or seven thousand dollars in cash, but we get a quarter of a million or more in Faith Promises! And it always comes in! More comes in than the amount promised!

It is customary in many churches to simply divide between various missionary societies whatever cash offering is given. If it comes in, they give it. But since there is no need to exercise faith, there is no burden, no responsibility. I have no use for that kind of giving. I believe that every individual church should obligate itself in faith before God for a certain definite amount and pray until that amount has been received.

Now I am not talking about pledges. I have never taken up a pledge offering. There is all the difference in the world between a pledge offering and a Faith-

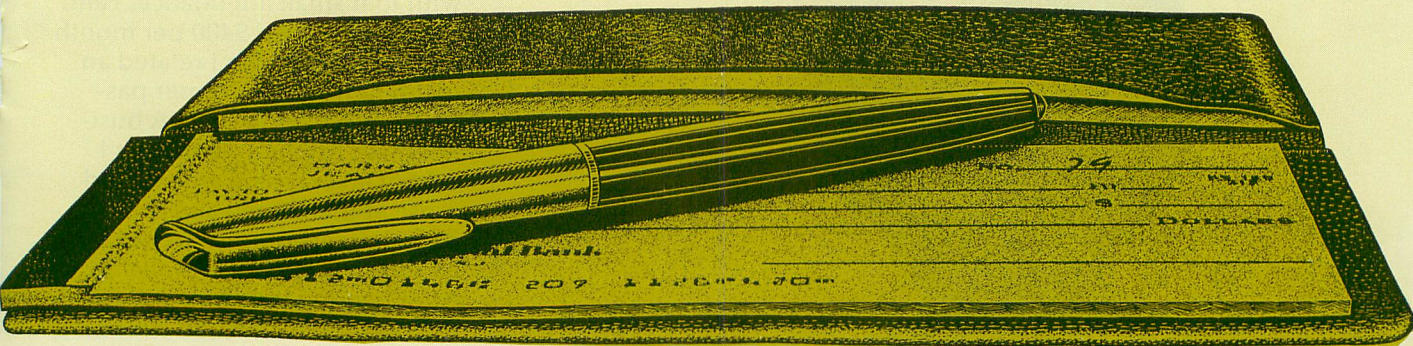
Promise offering. A pledge offering is between you and a church, between you and a missionary society. Some day the deacons may come along and try to collect it, or you may receive a letter reminding you of it. You can be held responsible for a pledge offering.

A Faith-Promise offering is between you and God. No one will ever ask you for it. No official will ever call on you to collect it. No one will ever send you a letter about it. It is a promise made by you to God, and to God alone. If you are unable to pay it, all you have to do is to tell God about it. Give Him your reason. If He accepts it, you are free.

This, my friend, is the greatest investment you can make. You should be in business for God. You should make money for Him; use what you need to live on and give as much as you can for the work of evangelization. Put your money where it will accomplish the most for God. Put it into the getting out of the gospel. Put it into the souls of men. Use it for those who never yet have heard the message.

Perhaps God would have you support a missionary of your own—and then another, and another. Make a Faith-Promise offering unto Him, then trust Him to help you meet it. Unmeasurable blessing will be yours.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith founded and for many years pastored The Peoples Church in Toronto, Ontario. Reprinted by permission from January issue of *Moody Monthly*. Copyright 1956, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

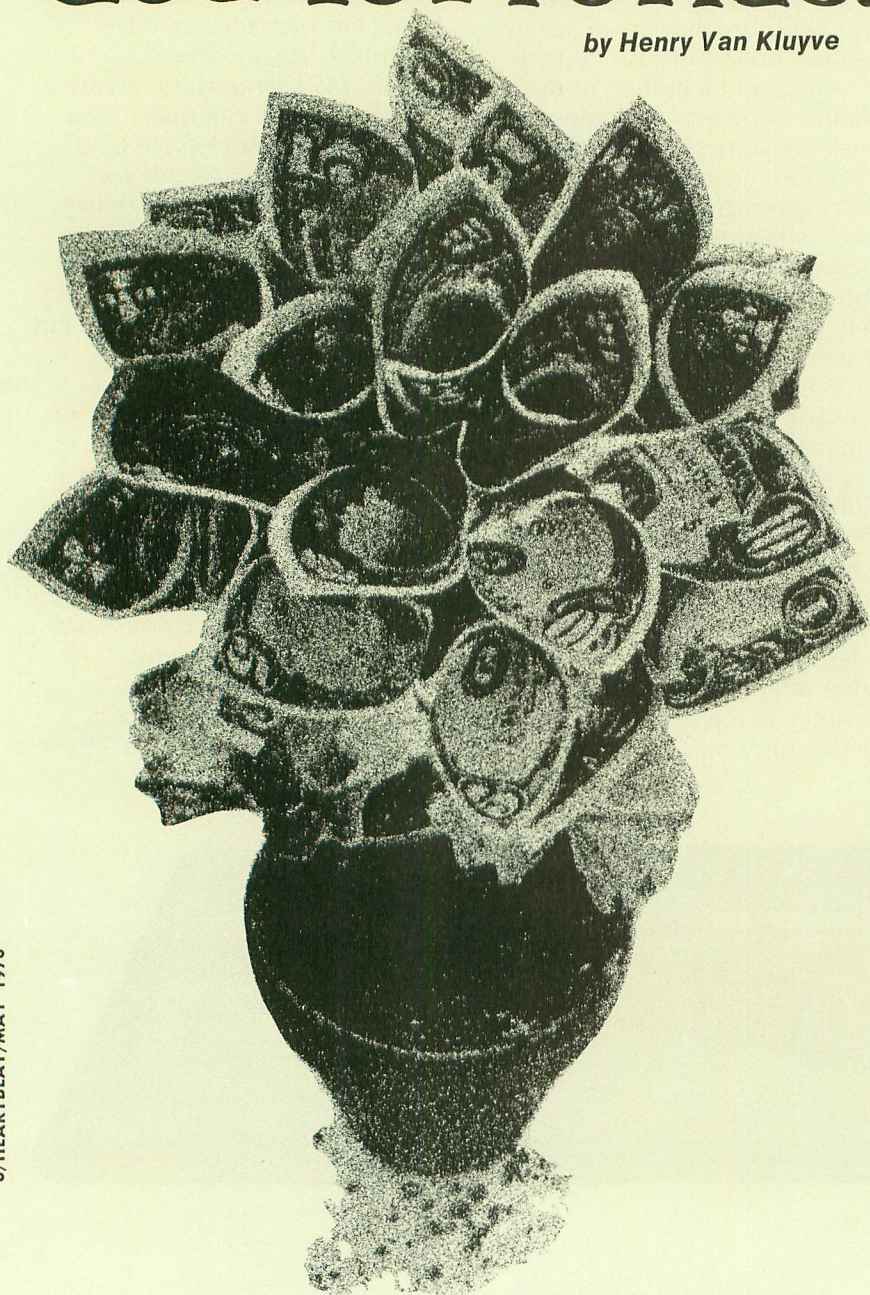


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'Trusting God To Provide...

by Henry Van Kluyve



... I make this Faith-Promise Commitment to give monthly the amount circled at the left." Thus reads a portion of the Faith-Promise Card.

The Faith-Promise Plan of giving for overseas evangelism has brought God's blessings and provisions to thousands within the Free Will Baptist denomination. Hundreds of churches have experienced a new dimension of Christian enrichment because they became collectively involved with the "harvest fields" beyond our shores.

A Free Will Baptist church in Arkansas went from token giving to nearly \$10,000 per year in three years. One man responded to the Faith-Promise appeal with \$100 monthly the first year. Each year he increased it by \$100. The third year he submitted \$300 per month for overseas evangelism. The cry from "regions beyond" broke through to that brother's heart and his faith commitment followed.

Only 20 people attended the Saturday night missionary service of a church in Texas. But even with that small attendance, Faith Promises totaled \$400 per month. During that service I related an incident from my former pastorate in Savannah, Ga. A businessman listened intently as I told of an occasion when need arose at the church and the church treasurer discovered \$300 he didn't realize was available. After hearing the story that night, the businessman made a monthly

Faith Promise of \$100. Following the service he went home and checked his books to see if all the figures tallied correctly. To his amazement he turned up \$400. He had promised the Lord \$100 per month, and God gave him \$400 that very weekend.

One lady came to me after a missions rally in one of our leading churches in North Carolina. She indicated that she had increased her Faith Promise. Radiating with joy she told me of her commitment the previous year and stated that she had made it with no assurance of income. She normally earned money through child care but was without children at the time of the missionary conference. A few weeks after her Faith Promise was submitted, the Lord provided her with several children to care for. She increased her gift in praise to her Heavenly Father who had so graciously provided.

At the close of a Missions Rally Sunday in a California church, Faith Promises came to over \$1,200 per month—nearly triple that of the previous year. Several made promises of \$100 monthly. After the service I was asked to meet with a man who indicated his desire to promise God \$150 per month. My heart overflowed as we discussed sharing Christ's love with those who had never been afforded the opportunity to know Him.

In Georgia a church averaged giving almost \$9,000 per year to foreign missions over a four-year period. During this time their annual budget totaled \$33,000. Several years later, even with an attendance drop, this same church was supporting an annual budget of \$42,000. And they were still actively involved in overseas evangelism as well as other denominational ministries. God supplied additional money at home because they were faithful to spread the gospel to the

ends of the earth.

A faithful pastor planned a missionary conference for his young South Carolina church. The meeting place was a large house formerly owned by a medical doctor. The Sunday services at the close of the conference revealed the moving of God's Holy Spirit. The pastor encouraged the Faith-Promise Plan of support and allowed me to challenge his people. I prayed that hearts would be moved through God's Word. The response totaled \$150 per month—a miracle indeed for that young congregation!

The next year the pastor stated that when the church was faithful in its responsibility to proclaim Christ "unto all nations," offerings increased and local needs were more adequately met. How faithful our Lord really is!

An annual Faith-Promise Missionary Conference was launched by a Free Will Baptist church located in a rural area of Tennessee. Within six years this fine church became one of the "top ten" in foreign missions giving. Since then the growing congregation has constructed a new auditorium. The pastor informed me that his people responded liberally for the building program because they first responded to the Faith-Promise appeal for world outreach.

When Faith-Promise giving is implemented, it usually serves to enhance and amplify all other giving. Thus, every financial need of the local church is met. In his book, "Faith Promise for World Missions," Norm Lewis states, "The Faith-Promise Plan as a tool to implement world evangelization has power to open pocketbooks. The potential of the plan is important. Let it not be put down or prefaced by apology, as though the money given were something sordid or

unworthy." I agree with this statement!

From the time I joined Free Will Baptists at the Fairmount Park church of Norfolk, Va., I have firmly believed in our foreign missions outreach. Back in the early 1950's that church strengthened my belief and added new inspiration to my heart and life. Today the church continues to give generously to the support of several missionaries.

In reality the Faith Promise is just a method. But I believe it is the best method to supply money for missions outreach. In all fairness, however, I must admit it will not stimulate the saints to action locally and worldwide all by itself. This comes through the Word of God, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, and through the heart of the faithful pastor who seeks to enlist his people in an effort to make Christ known everywhere.

"The Faith-Promise Plan has helped raise huge sums of money for missionary outreach in many churches," writes Norm Lewis at another point. "Why, then, do pastors on every hand not hasten to embrace the plan? Simply because many fear it will affect church finances adversely. Pastors fear the flow of funds will be changed in a way they can ill afford. They say inwardly, 'Our missionary giving is small, yes. We should give more to missions, yes. But we struggle to cover even local finances. If we start the Faith-Promise Plan and give more to missions, we will go deeper into debt at home.'"

"That fear is unfounded! Increase your giving to missions and local giving will increase too. That's the way it works."

How about it? Will you TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE?

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emphasis: world

EVENTS OF NEWS AND PRAYER SIGNIFICANCE

to arrive may 29

Tokyo, Japan—Fred and Evelyn Hersey and their children are scheduled to arrive May 29 in Los Angeles, Calif. They plan only a short furlough at this time, provided their financial support is sufficient.

The Herses celebrated 20 years in Japan on April 23. Fred writes, "This past year has been our best."

The Iriso church has been making plans to carry on while the Herses are on furlough. Two laymen have been elected as deacons: Mr. Nii and Mr. Onoue. They will be in charge of church activities.

Philip Hersey plans to stay in Japan to attend the university in Tokyo. He will continue teaching some of the English classes which are presently being taught at the church.

A number of people have been saved over the last few months. Some are ready for baptism.

faster than population

Brazil—Brazil has one of the fastest growing populations in the world, and according to statistics compiled by *o Jornal Batista*, weekly magazine of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, Baptists are growing even faster.

The population of Brazil in 1975 totaled 105,000,000, more than six times the 17,984,000 people in the country in 1900. The number of Bap-

tists is more than 230 times the number reported in 1900. Today 2,800 Baptist churches in Brazil report a total of 450,000 members.

Free Will Baptists have chosen not to become a part of the Brazilian Baptist Convention up until the present.

fellowship retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—Approximately 80 people—students, faculty, missionaries, etc.—gathered March 26-28 at Camp Na-Co-Me campgrounds near Centerville, Tenn., for the annual Free Will Baptist Bible College Foreign Missionary Fellowship retreat. Theme for the event was "Christ In Me Their Hope."

Missionaries participating in this year's event were Tom and Nancy Hughes from Brazil. Trula Cronk, former missionary to India, and Don Robirds, director of communications and editor of *Heartbeat*, were both on hand to fill spots on the program. Reverend Raymond Riggs, member of the Board of Foreign Missions and now pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Cookeville, Tenn., challenged students to promote missions in the local church.

Dr. Joseph Ange, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions and faculty member of FWBBC, brought the final message of the retreat. A number of decisions and commitments to Christ were made during the weekend event.

dr. ange and mike lake discuss retreat results with trula cronk



camp time in the south

Rivera, Uruguay—The first week in March was camp time for Free Will Baptist churches in Livramento, Brazil, and in Uruguay. Jim Sturgill of Barbacena, Brazil, preached and taught during the seven days of camp. Three days of the camp were devoted to youth and three days were for adults.

A total of 65 adults attended while 52 youth were counted during the week.

sextons start work

Nantes, France—"We had our first service this morning (March 14) here at home," writes Don Sexton. "We had two families. Of course, we have not made any official efforts to reach people since we have been completely occupied in getting the house."

The Sextons announced plans to begin a weekly prayer meeting soon. They are planning an advertising and visitation campaign in the area.

"A young girl that we know brought her boyfriend by our house this afternoon," Don continued. "She told me she wants to get started and bring him if possible."

The Sextons are beginning this work as a new effort in the city of Nantes. The church which was started here by Dan Merkh is now operating independently under national leadership.

sturgill and robinson greet adult campers in uruguay



hersey ministers at iriso church



news briefs

Jaboticabal, Brazil—The Eagletons report nine students enrolled in the March semester of the Brazil Bible Institute here.

Detroit, Mich.—Jim and Susan Moser, missionary interneers, have a new son born March 3. His name is Christopher Nate. He weighed six pounds at birth.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions will meet here May 3-7 in its annual session.

Florence, S.C.—Carlisle Hanna's father, Mr. J. Davis Hanna, died at age 92 in the hospital as a result of pneumonia which developed from influenza. Funeral service was held at Morris Funeral Home in Hemingway, S.C.

Cherokee, Ky.—Missionary appointee Sharon Roberts has announced May 29 as the date of her marriage to Mr. Ledgel Ferguson of Blaine, Ky. They are to be married in the Cherokee Free Will Baptist Church here.

furlough dates

Nashville, Tenn.—These tentative dates have been set for missionaries to arrive for furlough:

The Eddie Paynes were expected to arrive in New York by ship some time in mid-April. The Fred Herseys are to arrive May 29 (see article in this issue). The Bobby Poole family is scheduled to arrive in South Carolina on June 23.

Paul and Amy Robinson have indicated a delay in their furlough from the summer months to some time in December. Dave and Pat Franks have indicated arrival in late

July; they were originally due to leave Brazil in June.

No official dates were available on the arrival of the Lonnie Palmers and the Jerry Pinkertons from the Ivory Coast, but they should arrive in late summer.

face dilemma

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil—The soybean formula which doctors have declared necessary for Regina Franks, daughter of Dave and Pat Franks, has become unavailable in stores in Brazil. Through a radio contact, Bill Fulcher was notified of the dilemma. He located a case in Panama and shipped it to Brazil to relieve the parents' anxiety. Special prayer was requested that this problem might be resolved.

new addresses

Nashville, Tenn.—The foreign missions office recently received these new missionary addresses:

Don and Billie Sexton
11 rue de l'ombre
44300, Nantes, France

Bill and Glenda Fulcher
Apartado 6-728, El Dorado
Panama City, Panama

Louis and Florine Coscia
Caixa Postal 297
38100 Uberaba, Minas Gerais
Brazil, South America

filmshowing hindered

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil—Catholic priests have succeeded in stopping (at least temporarily) missionaries from showing Moody Science films in the local high school. The school had been open, and Earnie

archie and sarah mayhew to return to ivory coast ministry



Deeds indicated the director of the school had considered the films to be making a genuine contribution both scientifically and spiritually. Evidently three priests were behind the film banning.

The Deeds urged Christians to pray that this ministry might be permitted to continue. Brazilian law officially guarantees religious liberty.

returning to their fields

Nashville, Tenn.—Archie and Sarah Mayhew and Jim and Shirley Combs will resume their active missionary roles in early summer, and they plan to return to their respective fields of Ivory Coast and Brazil in late summer.

Jim Combs has been on leave-of-absence to further his education since May of 1975. He is expected to receive a master's degree from University of Tulsa this month.

The Mayhews have been on leave-of-absence since September of last year. They will resume missionary activities in July.

guatemala relief

Glendale, Calif.—Food for the Hungry, an international relief and assistance agency based here, has announced its initial relief program for victims of the massive Guatemalan earthquake.

The projection calls for a minimum \$300,000 worth of appropriate high-protein foods and medicines; at least \$110,000 in cash for direct purchase of food; and other grants for urgently needed airlift and surface transportation within Guatemala. The plan totals more than \$585,000 in food and funds.

"This plan reaches far beyond our normal resources," says Dr. Larry (Continued on next page)→

jim and shirley combs plan to resume work in southern brazil



eddie and sandra payne conduct mobile medical clinic



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Ward, president of the organization. "But this is no normal situation. God is here and He sees, cares, and will provide. We thank Him for a network of honest national Christians throughout Guatemala who can make sure the help will get to those actually in need."

leadership course

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil—Missionary Dave Franks recently reported the initiation of a three-month leadership course which is being taught by Earnie Deeds and himself. Eight Brazilians and the two older Deeds children are enrolled in the study. Of the Brazilians, six are men and two are women.

report before furlough

Rennes, France—"We hate to leave a revival," wrote Joe Haas in late March. "But we know that God will go before us." The Haases were scheduled to arrive in Nashville, Tenn., on April 23 to begin their regular furlough.

Joe indicated a revival atmosphere prevailed in the church as no less than seven people made decisions for salvation within a one-week period. In addition to this at least two people had rededicated their lives within the same week.

Joe noted that 13 people had attended his most recent class for new converts.

smith, waddell return

Nashville, Tenn.—General Director Rolla Smith and Reverend Eugene

*smith, waddell, pastor osawa
and hersey at tokyo church*



Waddell, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, returned from Japan April 3 after visiting missionaries and mission works in Tokyo and on the northern island of Hokkaido.

Missionary Fred Hersey and Phillip Fuji did most of the interpreting for both Smith and Waddell when they spoke in churches and to national leaders.

"Heading the priority list," said Mr. Smith, "is the need for national pastors. At least four churches have no pastor at the present. One of these, Bihoro, is one of our stronger churches. We must ask God for laborers."

call-a-thon tops \$20,000

Nashville, Tenn.—At the last tally before press time Call-a-thon offerings reported to the Department of Foreign Missions by mail, phone, or in person had totaled \$22,705.26. This is a record Call-a-thon total to ever be reported on or before Call-a-thon Sunday.

More information will be given in the June *Heartbeat*.

free radio time

Barbacena, Brazil—With the help of Jose Pedro Mendez from Tubarao, Brazil, missionary Jim Sturgill recently prepared 68 radio programs on tape to be used as "The Word of Hope" broadcast on a radio station near Barbacena. The programs are to be broadcast without cost to the missionary.

Jose Mendez is a young convert from the work which was started by Jim Combs in the state of Santa Catarina.

*smith talks with pastor uchikoshi
of airin chapel in sapporo*



We were just two "Yanquis" (as they called us in Cuba), and we knew we would be able to do very little in a land where language, customs and ideals were so different from ours.

We longed to reach the people, especially the young people, since they would be the future of the country—and of the church, when one might be established. We prayed and asked the Lord to reveal to us His plan.

As we searched the Scriptures we felt God leading us—not only to preach but to teach and train young people to take the gospel to their own people. To do this we needed a school, a Bible institute. To have such a school we needed a leader—one who could run such a school, and one who understood the Cuban youth. Where was he?

We had close fellowship with the West Indies Mission located in the middle province of Cuba. They had a large Bible school. My husband contacted the leaders of that school and they highly recommended to us one of their teachers. They were vitally concerned that every part of Cuba be evangelized.

The teacher's name was Rafael Josue. He came with his wife and three young daughters. Never have I seen one family more willing to sacrifice and suffer to see a work started than this precious family. They lived in the first house we put up on the school property. It was made of palm boards and a thatch roof. The meals were cooked on the outside. The rains came and they struggled through mud and grime with never a complaint about their living conditions. What they did was for their precious Lord and their people.

The institute was launched with seven students studying and Rafael teaching. I have heard

His Ministry Lives On

by "Mom" Mabel Willey



Rafael Josue Rodriguez died January 1, 1976, in Cuba where he had served with Free Will Baptists since the early days of the Willeys' ministry there.

many great Bible expositors but never have I heard one with any deeper insights and clearer interpretations than our Brother Rafael. He loved the Word, and his gift was teaching.

He greatly helped to build that school from one weak building to a beautiful campus where young men and women came to spend years. Then they went out to touch their world with the Word which was in their minds and hearts. They knew what they believed and why! Rafael had been one of their wise teachers!

Never were two men more different than my husband, a typical "Yanqui" with all his push and hurry to get the job done,

and this typical "Latino" who was methodical, exacting, and unhurried. Yet those two met and blended their abilities, personalities and visions together in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. They made a team that God used to touch and mold thousands of lives.

Today they are both rejoicing in the Presence of the Lord—for Rafael went to be with our Lord (and my husband) on January 1 of this year—but their ministry lives on! Perhaps more fruitful than ever!

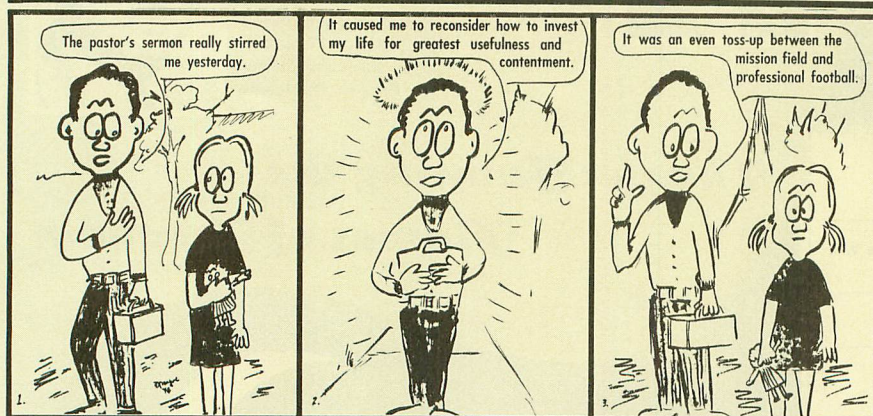
Rafael's wife, Virginia, lives with one of their daughters in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Another daughter is a physician in

Havana. Mercedes, the eldest girl, is living and serving the Lord in Australia with her family.

You made it possible for us to have Rafael. Thank you for investing in a life and a ministry that shall live on eternally. I am sure he would want me to say he "loved and appreciated" you.

Three Cuban churches in Miami alone have resulted from Rafael's ministry. Each pastor was his student. I know that they, as well as many others in Cuba and in the United States, would want me to say, "Thank you for making it possible, through such men as Rafael Josue, for us to know the Lord Jesus Christ and His plan for our lives."

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financial facts

Through March 31

On deposit March 1	\$ 261,255.01
Receipts through March 31	286,738.41
Disbursements through March 31	291,713.21
Projected receipts through March 31	308,001.75
Total 1976 Foreign Missions Budget	\$1,232,007.00

Missionary Deficit Accounts

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Deeds	\$2,877.55	McLain	\$2,252.42
Dickens	931.16	Morgan	303.04
Ellison	1,325.48	Pinkerton	3,202.77
Filkins	153.59	Poole	3,127.48
Gibbs	1,567.28	Sturgill	718.12
Haas	4,129.60	Waid	672.16
Hersey	6,516.19	Willey, Jr.	68.81
Inscoe	7,606.58	Wode	198.60
Lee	55.97	S. India	96.62

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