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ilkinsons Resume Camp Ministry

Brazil—Sam and June Wilkinson, who returned to Brazil in September, are currently living in Jaboticabal where they will continue the camp ministry. They have also been helping in the church at Campinas since the first of October. Sam writes, "The people are in good spirits and are eager to see progress made." The attendance averages about 25-30 people each Sunday.

The Wilkinsons additionally revealed that June has been receiving infrared light treatments and 25-minute daily 'traction in an effort to relieve pains in her left arm and leg.

Bishop Finishes Sermon Course in Japanese

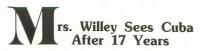
Japan—"I'll be finishing my sermon course in language school the last of November," Dale Bishop disclosed recently in correspondence from Sapporo, Japan. Dale preached his second sermon in Japanese at Airin Chapel October 30 and will be preaching there every fifth Sunday.

"I've started a Bible study along with the English class at the home of one of our church members," Dale continued, "and hope to soon be working with the pastor of Airin Chapel in some of his home Bible classes."



"Mom" Willey (left) embraces a Cuban Christian at a service during her recent visit to Cuba.

Bishop sings with a Japanese group in a coffee shop ministry on Friday nights. The coffee shop is owned by a non-Christian. Dale requested prayer for the salvation of the owner and his wife who seem open to the gospel.



Panama — "Mom" Mabel Willey returned to Cuba October 1-14 for a visit, her first after 17 years away from the island. She once again stayed in the house where she and "Pop" Willey had lived while serving as pioneer missionaries.

What impressed "Mom" as she traveled was the fact that "every-

one was working and studying" while the old Cuba was characterized by a more happy, carefree way of life.

A "mini-convention" was held at the school during her visit. "Many of the Christians made great sacrifice to attend," says Mom. "Some stood at a bus stop as much as 30 hours waiting to get a seat on a bus to Pinar del Rio."

Mrs. Willey spoke at the National Woman's Auxiliary meeting during the convention. She noted, "The heartcry of our Christians is for Bibles."

Accompanying Mrs. Willey on this trip was Miss Ethel Holton, a young lady supported by the Free Will Baptist church in Perry, Fla., who has been helping her in her work in Panama.



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Pastor Perez gives a New Testament to the director of IFARU in Panama.

Panama City Pastor Speaks in Las Tablas

Panama — Gabriel Perez, pastor of the Panama City church, was guest speaker in Las Tablas for three nights and on Isla de Canas for two nights in October, Larry Inscoe reported.

On October 26, Perez accompanied the Inscoes to IFARU, the government - financed living quarters for young people attending high school in Las Tablas where he gave his testimony and preached a message. The Inscoes distributed more than 200 New Testaments to the students, dorm supervisors, and personnel.

"The students asked many questions and seemed to have a deep thirst for God's Word," Larry declared. "We now have a standing invitation to show Christian films and hold services. Several students indicated they would attend our church in Las Tablas."

Inscoe requested prayer for the salvation of the Catholic director of IFARU, Mr. Rodriguez, who seems to be open to the gospel. "He is the key to our continuing work among the students," Larry concluded.



Brazil—Bobby Poole, in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, informed the missions office that the church there held a "family retreat" on the first weekend in November. The group met at Evangelandia, the camp property in Jaboticabal, for the weekend services. "We had something like a revival meeting," relates Bobby. "Hearts were broken and sins confessed." Thirty-five attended from the church.

The Ribeirao Preto congregation also held a missionary conference at their church November 6-10. "A number of young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service," writes Bobby. "Our faith promises were about double what I was hoping for." The total promised came to \$126.00 per month.



aton Plans Gospel Portion Distribution

Spain — Dock Caton writes from Majadahonda, Spain: "I am working on a project of getting out 5000 portions of the Gospel of John." While Dock is not officially set up to distribute these Gospels, he has received permission to do so under the protection of another mission.

Besides this effort, Caton reports he has almost finished translating a study on Christian family living which he hopes to have printed later.

Conversions Reported Around Bondoukou

Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast field chairman, Jimmy Aldridge, reports 28 conversions recently in the city of Bondoukou and the surrounding villages. Another 25 or 30 people have been won to the Lord in Tanda and the city of Bouna.

"We had our first convert from the Jehovah's Witness group yesterday. It certainly is encouraging," Jimmy announced.

hirteen Appointed as Summer Missionaries

Nashville, Tenn. — Thirteen students were appointed as summer missionaries by the Board of Foreign Missions at their November 28-30 meeting in Nashville.

These were appointed: **Ivory Coast** — Mark Paschall, Melinda Dudley, Deryl Hodgens, and Martha Osterkamp; **Brazil** — John Metcalf, Tina Van Winkle, Terry Bailey, and Danny Cooper; **France**—Richard Greenup, Donnie McDonald, and Ernie Lewis; **Panama**—Richard and Teresa Bowden.

In addition to these appointments, the board interviewed returned missionaries Ken Eagleton, Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, Patsy Vanhook, Norman and Bessie Richards, Jim McLain, and Bill Fulcher. "Mom" Mabel Willey was also on hand to personally report on her recent return trip to Cuba. In an effort to cut expenditures

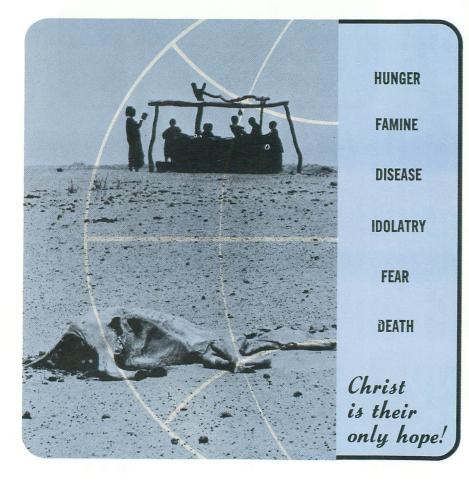
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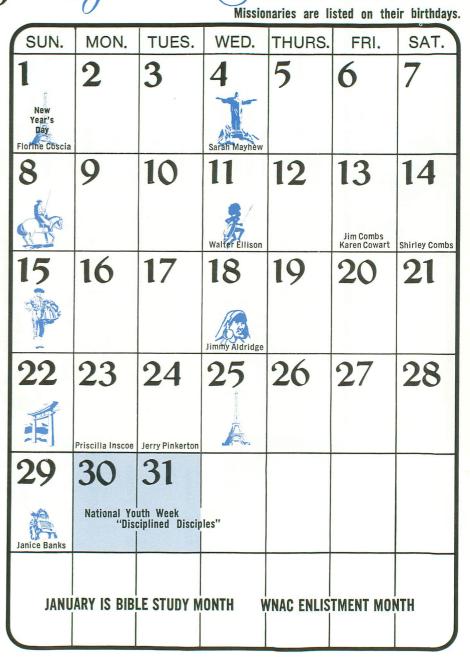
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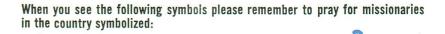
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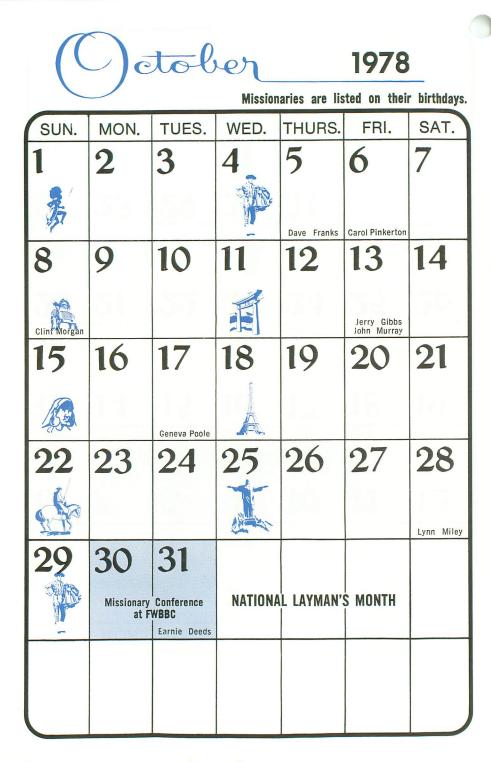
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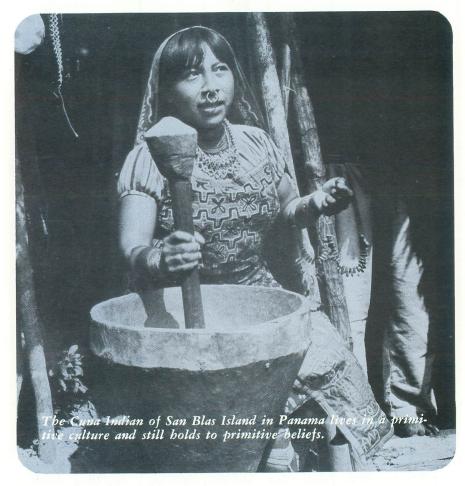
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in the light of increasing costs and deficit accounts, the board voted to cancel any administrative travel abroad except in emergency cases, to cut **Heartbeat** publication to bi-monthly for 1978, to delay new literature and promotional projects for 12 months, and to ask field chairmen to hold down all field expenditures.

Ballard to Direct World Relief Commission

Wheaton, III. — Jerry Ballard, founding editor of **Heartbeat** has been chosen to succeed Dr. Everett Graffam as executive vice president of World Relief Commission, effective July 1, 1978.

Ballard, currently president of the management consulting firm of Ballard and Puckett, Inc., Atlanta, Ga., will officially join WRC on January 1 as executive vice president designate.

Mr. Ballard served as director of communications for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions from 1960 to 1970.

ivramento Observes Second Anniversary

South Brazil—"We had our second anniversary as an organized church here in Livramento," writes Walter (Dub) Ellison, referring to the October 23 celebration. "We had a good service and good attendance."



This Brazilian newspaper displays an article about the Livramento church's second anniversary celebration.

A newspaper in Livramento, **A Plateia**, carried in its October 23 issue a two-page article with several photographs concerning the Free Will Baptist church and its ministry in the city.

Although Ellison founded the church, Jefferson Pratt Moreno is now the pastor. Walter has helped get the church building and property title cleared before leaving to join his family on furlough.

Marcia Ellison departed November 25 for Brazil to aid Walter in packing and storing of household furnishings. Marcia and the five Ellison children began furlough in August.

Dub requested prayer concerning an unstable political situation which seems to be surfacing in Uruguay. ews Briefs from Around the World

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Brazil—Tom Hughes reported an average attendance for October of 15 people for the evening service in Urberlandia, Brazil. Most of these were adults and teenagers. "Just about every Sunday's attendance was an increase over the previous Sunday," Tom announced.

Nashville, Tenn. — Sheryl Mayhew, daughter of Ivory Coast missionaries Archie and Sarah Mayhew, returned to the States December 15. She plans to attend Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in January.

Japan — Jerry Banks has requested prayer concerning Janice's health: "Although her health has improved," Jerry writes, "since the weather has started getting cooler some of her old symptoms have started to appear again." Janice suffered with pain in her legs and back during much of 1977.

Kirksville, Mo.—Joan Filkins' mother, Mrs. Helen Barnett, died December 20 here. She had been under chemotherapy treatment for some time.

Spain—Dock Caton notified the missions office that Norma Caton has a type of goiter about which the doctors seem to know very little. She has been placed on medication to correct the problem and relieve her extreme fatigue.