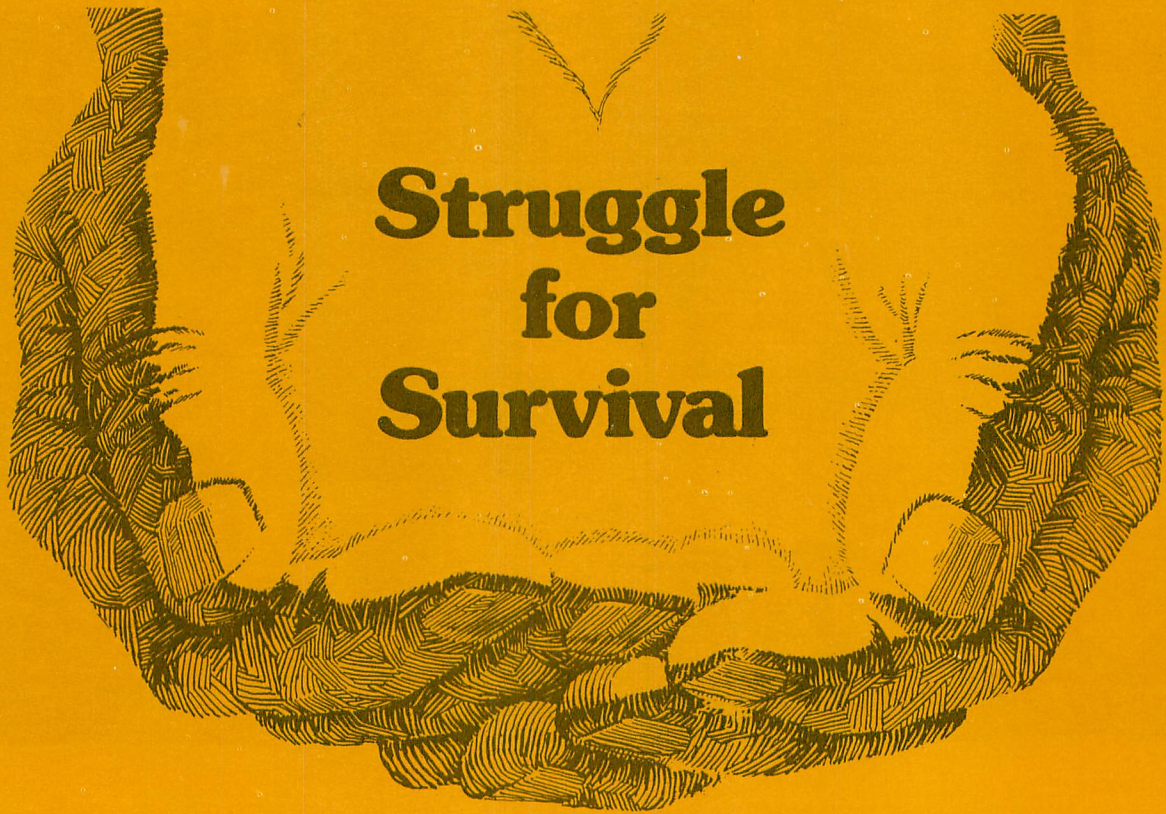


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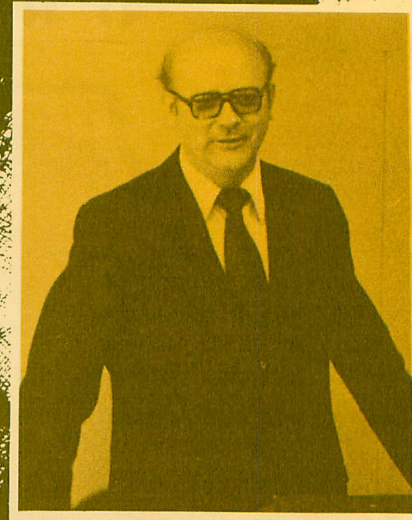
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**by Fred Hersey**

**A**s we walked—or maybe wobbled—down the gangplank of the S.S. President Wilson on April 23, 1956, we soon realized we weren't prepared for all the smells, sounds, and sights of Japan. Although it took us years, we finally recognized what we had experienced had actually been culture shock. At that time it was quite normal for us to be shocked a number of times a day.

Just think of the things which the Japanese people so gracefully do backwards or at least quite differently from the way we do them: They drive on the left side of the road, take their shoes off before entering a home, and sit on the floor and eat from a low table. Also a mother would never lay a baby on his stomach. On and on it goes!

On top of these differences one only has to ride a train during the rush hour to realize that millions of people are compressed into a very small amount of space. This is quite a change for the average American.

### **In Darkness**

Economically speaking, Japan has become an industrial giant. But spiritually, the people are still in darkness. One can almost feel the power of the Evil One as temples, shrines, and hideous idols of all shapes and sizes are in abundance. These people cannot conceive of only one true and living God. Anything, and just about everything, has become a deity to be worshipped. Twenty-two years ago we were faced with the task of how we could effectively bring the gospel to these lost souls.

Language study was a trying experience. The language has never come easy but we are glad for the progress that has been made. We realized after moving to Hokkaido in those early days that our ability in the language was quite limited. We preached twice a week, and we were amazed that people continued to attend services. A few people kindly corrected our language mistakes and

slowly progress was made—word by word, day by day, and sermon by sermon.

We began services in the small town of Tsubetsu and our first convert was a young man who had received a tract some years before. When he saw our posters he thought he might be able to find the meaning of the tract. It was a joy to baptize him and his wife. Their Christian wedding was a real testimony to many of their friends and relatives.

### **The Only Convert**

I recall a tent meeting which we held at Shari. Only one person was converted—a young man. But today he is the pastor of our Abashiri church. We never thought he would enter the ministry, but God had plans for his life. It was a special thrill for me to have him at Iriso this past November for special services.

Our hearts ache when we think of those who at one time were living for the Lord but now have drifted away. All contact has been broken with many of these. Some were just not willing to completely cut ties with the idols and heathen customs of Japan. For others the temptations were too great. A Christian faces a severe testing if he attends a Buddhist funeral because it is difficult to be the only one who doesn't bow to worship the dead and who doesn't take part in other idolatrous customs.

Reaching children through the Sunday school is a blessing. Even though the parents have no personal interest in Christianity, many want their children to attend. A good percentage of the adults who attend church and are Christians went to Sunday school when they were children. Our regular organist at Iriso, now a university student, came up through our Sunday school. She was responsible for getting her mother to start attending services. Since then, her mother has made a profession, although she has not yet followed the Lord in baptism. Recently we baptized a 15-year-old girl who also had attended Sunday school for a number of years.

Another means of reaching

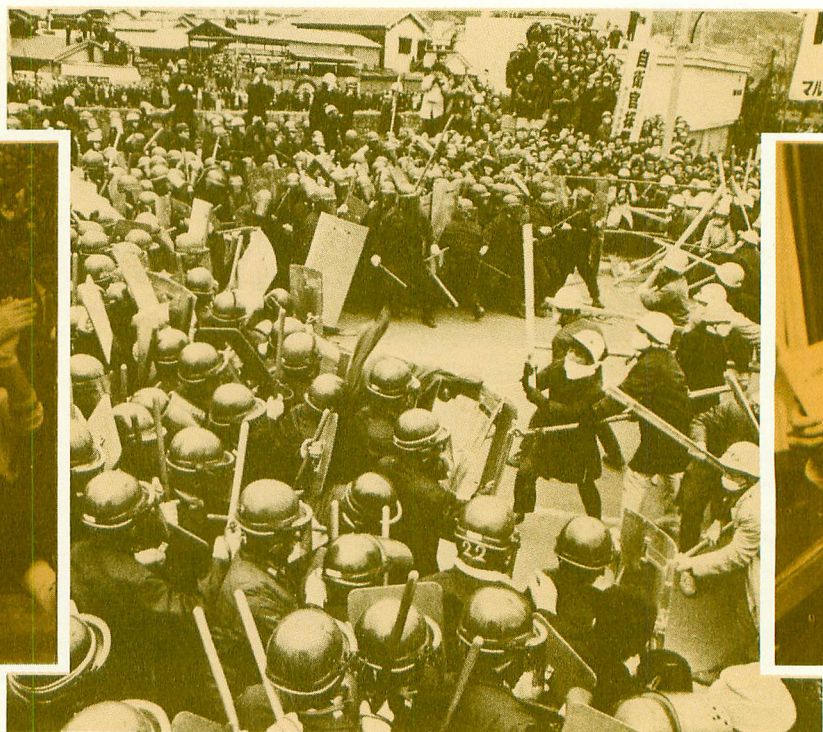
children has been the teaching of English classes. After the English class, we have a time set aside for a Bible lesson or story. Many children say they enjoy the Bible stories more than the English. On Sunday afternoons we have an adult English class which numbers anywhere from seven to 12 in attendance. This group is mainly composed of men. We have been able to witness to them quite freely and we believe the Holy Spirit is working. The one Christian who now attends the class became interested in the Bible through this effort and started to attend worship services. He now has a real burden to see others come to Christ just as he did.

Four neighborhood women now come to our home three times a month to study the Bible. Two of these appear to be under conviction. We are praying that they soon will make decisions for salvation. In addition to these contacts, Evelyn continues to reach a number of women through three cooking classes each month. Many of these have no other contact with Christianity so we always have a short Bible message and sometimes one of our Christians will give her testimony.

### **Weak But Progressing**

In many ways the Japanese church is still weak though we have seen much progress. Although we have a number of ordained pastors, a few churches have no pastor. God has given us some fine laymen who are a tremendous asset to the work. These also help by doing some of the preaching. But due to costs and limited space, it is becoming increasingly difficult to construct church buildings in Japan. The Irumagawa church, in the Tokyo area, recently paid \$27,000 for a piece of land 48 feet wide by 54 feet deep.

In spite of the obstacles, we are rejoicing in the visible results of the gospel ministry over the years. But today, after 22 years, we still face the same question: How can we effectively witness to the teeming millions here in the Land of the Rising Sun?



by Jim McLain

# So Many, Yet So Few!

**W**hy do we have so few?" I wondered to myself. "Why do so few show concern for so many?"

These questions flooded my mind while attending Free Will Baptist Bible College as I looked at the statistics concerning Japan. I was looking to the day when I could go as a missionary, but where were the others? At that time Free Will Baptists had three missionary couples in Japan and I knew it would be almost another 10 years before we would arrive on the field.

After having spent a number of years working among the Japanese people, this has still been a cause of great concern to me. Why do so few missionaries (not only Free Will Baptist missionaries) go to Japan? And even more alarming, why has the number of missionary personnel declined in Japan?

I suppose some of the main reasons for the decline might be physical ailments, mental or emotional

problems, and difficulties by members of the missionary's family. Because of the stress and strain of living in Japan, the "missionary casualty rate" is very high.

Physical poverty and ignorance are almost nonexistent in Japan. So, while physical needs of man, poverty, and ignorance tend to be the most effective appeals for laborers by many mission organizations, Japan does not lend itself to these emphases.

## Input vs. Response

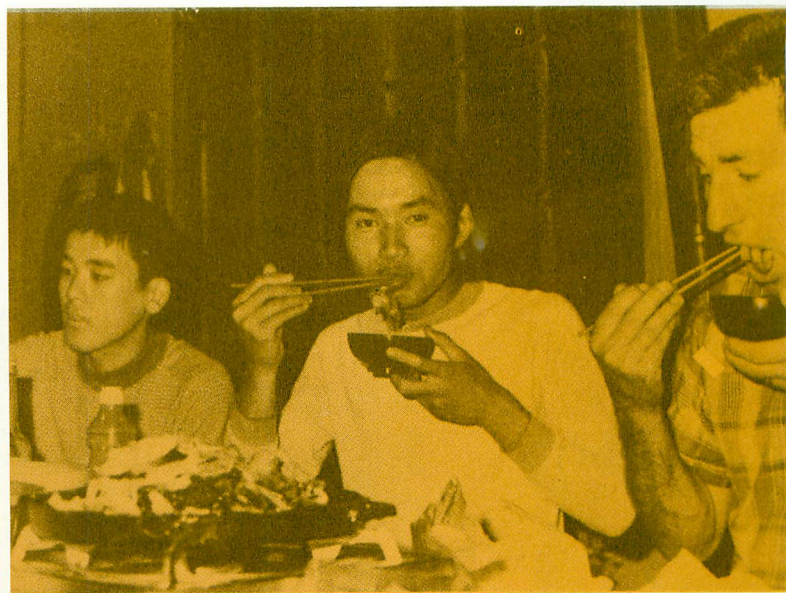
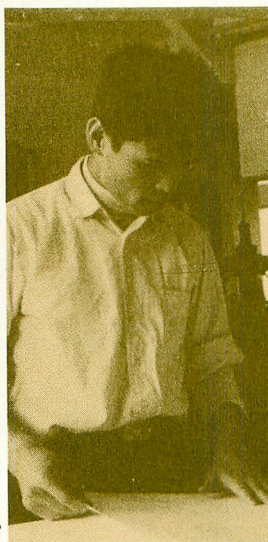
A vital concern to any mission organization is that of input vs. response. No mission board likes to spend money, time, and/or personnel on a work that brings little or no response. Work in Japan has been slow when compared to some parts of the world. For this reason, many mission organizations and individual missionaries are going where they think action and response are the greatest. Missionaries in Japan are

taking a long, hard look at their plans and programs in an effort to be more effective.

The availability of finances vs. inflation has also been a matter of concern. Can we, on our limited budgets, continue to work in this inflationary economy? This question vitally concerns every mission organization. The cost of living in Japan has risen drastically in the past few years, while the value of the dollar has declined regularly.

Individual missionaries sometimes tend to think a primitive setting more appealing than an urban society. This does not spring from training, but from a romantic association from within. Many times I've visioned the ideal mission field to be amid dark forests or in hot, steamy jungles. Japan does have dark forests, but these contain no people.

Language and culture also affect the thinking of an individual. Two years in language study looms big in the mind of a mission candidate. Yet,



*Baseball enthusiasm, rioting, learning, working, and eating with chopsticks—these characterize much of Japan today.*

the fact that this language cannot be associated with any language in the world, makes this lengthy study necessary. When a person begins studying the language he discovers that it is one which can uplift lords and kings or shame and condemn outcasts. It sprang from a feudal Japan, and while the words have now changed, the usage has not. Thus, the beginner finds not one language but several languages within a language.

Couple this language-learning problem with a culture and with customs that puzzle the average westerner, and one might easily understand why a missionary has difficulty in adapting. Consequently, the number of missionaries who do not return for a second term is significantly high.

### **Many Opportunities**

While I have dealt mainly with the negative aspects of Japan, this is the

only side many people ever see. There is another side to this coin! And this side should make us rejoice at the opportunities available to us in this island country.

The land area of Japan is something over 100,000 square miles. The population has reached well over 100,000,000 and most of these are concentrated in cities. Approximately one-fourth of Japan's total population is found in Tokyo alone—the world's largest city. Since these people are concentrated in urban centers, a missionary does not have to travel extensively to preach the gospel. And, illiteracy is all but unknown. We do not have to teach people how to read in order for them to read the Word of God.

### **No Peace or Joy**


The two main religions of Japan, Buddhism and Shintoism, have had tremendous influence on Japanese life. But the average person realizes

he can find no peace and little joy in either. Today, in a modern Japan, many people are searching for peace and joy. Disillusioned by wealth and material goods, these are often open to the gospel. We need help to reach these people.

Learning the Japanese language is a difficult task, but I learned it after age 35. One gentleman learned it after 60 years of age. And when God places His hand on an individual to minister in the Japanese culture, He also gives grace to adequately learn the language and cope with the cultural differences.

Missionaries are needed to help find these people who are searching for life. They are needed to help in organizing teams of people who can go to different towns to preach and witness until a group of believers becomes a functioning church.

With so many needing the gospel of Christ, and with the opportunities so great, why must we continue to have so few laboring in Japan?



# ONLY I AM LEFT!

by Carlisle Hanna

**T**he year 1952 was very special for us. We had been called to serve our Christ in India and had dedicated our lives to His service. The Board of Foreign Missions had asked me to go to summer school in 1951 to enable me to finish my work at Free Will Baptist Bible College in January of 1952.

This I had done. We were commissioned at FWBBC and Foreign Mission Board Chairman Reverend Mark Lewis, Marie's former pastor, along with several members of our family saw us off from New York on the new, huge ocean liner, the S.S. United States.

Free Will Baptists had missions only in Cuba and India at that time. We were on our way to boost the Free Will Baptist missionary force in India from four to six. We hoped for many more couples to join us in the work in India, and although the board planned to send others to help us, this never came to pass.

## Few Since 1952

Many missionaries entered India from 1945 until 1952. Relatively few have entered since that time. A number of our missionaries, after having been refused visas for India, went to serve on other fields. Some have predicted that all missionaries would be out of India by one date or another. As older missionaries have retired, new visas have not been granted for replacements. This was also the case for those who left because of ill health or for other reasons.

The diminishing of overseas personnel became the policy of many mission organizations a few years ago. It was commonly called the "Phase Out Policy." While I am not commenting on the merits or demerits of this policy, it definitely speeded up the exit of missionaries. Now, the number of missionaries representing all missions is much less than in 1952 or 1972. That number continues to decline.

Free Will Baptists have never had more than six missionaries to work in this country of over one-half billion people. And these have labored in two areas separated by more than 2,000 miles. Since 1972 our family has been the only Free Will Baptist missionary representatives in the country.

"Alone" brings to mind a picture of sadness and distress. Elijah experienced this. "I, even I only, am left . . ." I Kings 19:10. Marie, Mark,

and I continue to serve in India. Don and Brenda Kay are a real part of the work even though they remain in the U.S.A. I am sure others who have served in India as missionaries are yet a part of the work. And many of our church people who have prayed for and supported the work through the years are also a part of it. So, in spite of our being the only Free Will Baptist missionaries left in India, I know we are not alone.

In addition to those who serve with us in spirit, prayer, and support, we have eight ordained pastors in India. Four of these serve in South India and the other four work with us in North India. Several other young men also faithfully present the message of Christ. Three of these have had a year of Bible training. And throughout the country many fine Indian nationals now fill places of leadership.

## Population Increase

Our area along the borders of Nepal and Bangladesh was sparsely populated when we first arrived. Now it is one of the most densely populated rural areas of the country. This means we need many more witnesses than before to carry the message of Christ to them. We long to see our church youth saturate the area with this message.

Many of our people do not have the necessary "daily bread." This makes it difficult to have a church which can support pastors, much less think of supporting an active program of evangelism.

The burden at times does seem too heavy to carry and problems seem more than we can manage to cope with. These 25 years have not been filled with VICTORY only, but have been years of knowing the VICTOR—"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" John 16:33.

"I am left alone" (Romans 11:3). No, not really! Many of you actually serve with us as you pray and give to enable us to continue serving. And the Lord has never left us nor forsaken us.

# Call-a-thon Gifts Double 1977 Total

Nashville, Tenn.—Participants in Call-a-thon Sunday, April 16, phoned the foreign missions department to report special offerings totaling \$35,813.76 to more than double the 1977 receipts of \$16,017.22.

One-hundred fifty churches and three individuals from 25 states and one foreign country participated in this year's special effort designated to clear deficit accounts.

Missionary Joe Haas reported the largest Call-a-thon gift of \$7,145 given by the Free Will Baptist church in Rennes, France. Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tenn., phoned in the largest stateside gift for the third year in a row as Pastor Winston Sweeney reported an offering of \$5,089.

Tennessee again had the highest number of participating churches with 35 responding to help change the red accounts to black.

These churches and individuals took part in the 1978 Call-a-thon effort:

## Alabama

Fairview—Leeds  
Forestdale  
Guin  
Homes  
Mt. Moriah  
Pleasant Valley  
Soul's Harbor  
Sunset  
Unity (Aux.)—  
Sylacauga

## Arizona

Sunset Mission

## Arkansas

Barnett, Dwight,  
N. Little Rock  
Grace—Newport  
Greenbrier  
Pocahontas First

## California

Antioch  
Clovis  
Concord  
Hanford  
Newark

Santa Clara  
Santa Paula  
Visalia First

## Colorado

Mile High

## Florida

Bethlehem  
Damascus  
Marvin Chapel  
Harmony  
Pensacola First  
Sneads First  
Tampa First

## Georgia

Augusta First  
Bay  
Berean  
Corinth—Brookfield  
Little River Assn.  
Macedonia  
Ozias  
Thomaston  
Zion Hill

## Idaho

Buhl

## Illinois

Faith—Milan  
Mascoutah  
Moline First  
Peoria First  
Pleasant View  
Webb Prairie

## Kansas

Hutchinson

## Kentucky

Bowman  
Morehead First

## Maryland

Chestnut Hill  
Fairwood  
Midway  
Oakcrest

## Massachusetts

Randall Memorial

## Michigan

Garden City  
Hancock, John, Taylor  
Kirby

## Mississippi

Fellowship  
North Side  
White Hill

## Missouri

Bethel—Festus  
Community  
Coppermine  
Faith Chapel  
Grant Ave.  
Hickory Grove  
Houston First  
Low Ground  
Mt. Pisgah  
Mountain Grove First  
New Harmony  
Rock Chapel  
Southside (Aux.)  
Verdella

## New Mexico

Faith Chapel

## North Carolina

Antioch  
Asheville  
Fairview  
Immanuel—Winterville  
Rocky Path  
Salem

## Ohio

Ana Assn.  
Antioch  
Athens  
Happy Hollow  
Pine Creek Ct.  
West Side  
Williams Road

## Oklahoma

Ada First  
Diamond First  
Highland Park  
Hilltop  
Keefeton  
Lake Area  
Northside  
Silver City  
Stratford  
Sulphur First  
Tahlequah  
Trinity Temple  
Tulsa First  
Wilburton First  
Wilson

## Pennsylvania

Truth

## South Carolina

Spartanburg First  
St. John  
Sumter First

## Tennessee

Bethany  
Bridges Chapel  
Burley, Greg, Nashville  
Calvary  
Cofer's Chapel  
Cross Timbers  
Dickson First  
Donelson  
Dunbar's Chapel

East Nashville  
Faith—Columbia  
Faith—Manchester  
Fellowship—Antioch  
Fellowship—Kingsport  
Fugate  
Good Springs  
Gorman  
Gregg's Chapel  
Hagewood Chapel  
Head's  
Hollygrove  
Horton Heights  
Liberty  
Lowe's Chapel  
Mt. Zion  
Murfreesboro First  
Newport First  
Oak Grove  
Oak Ridge First  
Oakdawn  
Roan St.  
Robinson's Chapel  
Rock Springs  
Sylvan Park  
Woodbine  
Wooddale (Aux.)

## Texas

Christ's  
Cross  
E. Texas (Aux.)  
Eastside  
Kermitt

## West Virginia

Beaver Independent  
Beckley Area  
Dry Branch  
Lick Branch  
McCorkle

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# NEWS UPDATE

## Cassettes Provide Follow-up Ministry

*Ivory Coast*—"We recently had two ladies to pray through the hospital ministry," writes Sherwood Lee. "They have been given a cassette player with songs and messages to encourage them in their walk with the Savior."

Sherwood indicated that at the present no evangelist or missionary is going to the villages where these ladies live. He urged Christians to pray that others in their villages might be saved through the cassette tapes.

In addition to the hospital ministry Lee has been working in a prison ministry in Bouna. Many inmates gathered around him recently when he went to the prison and showed him portions of reading books worn to fragments. "They were asking for new materials. . . . There is truly a hunger for the Word," Sherwood concluded.

## Missionaries Return to Their Fields

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Jerry and Barbara Gibbs returned to France in early June to begin their second term of service. The church in Rennes, France, raised over \$7,000 to help them return to the field.

Eddie and Sandra Payne and Norman and Bessie Richards are scheduled to de-

part for the Ivory Coast aboard the African Sun on June 23 to begin their fourth and third terms respectively.

Earnie and Jean Deeds and their three youngest children are scheduled to return to Brazil in August. This will be their fourth term of service.

The Bill Fulcher family is scheduled to depart for Panama in late July. They will be traveling by van.

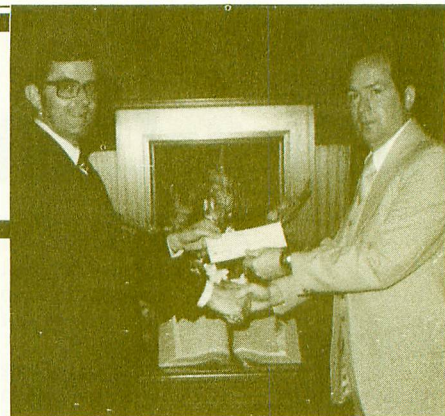
## Nationals Involved in Kita Hiroshima

*Japan*—"The work at Kita Hiroshima Chapel is growing," writes Jerry Banks from Sapporo, Japan. "Miss Yoshimura's recent decision to become a Christian was another assurance to us that God is building His Church."

A weekend of evangelistic services was held April 15 and 16 with Pastor Uchikoshi from Airin Chapel as guest speaker. Attendance was good, including several first-time visitors.

Banks reports that the Christians from Airin Chapel are becoming more concerned about this new work at Kita Hiroshima and have also begun to help out in the services.

"Miss Annaka is another answer to prayer," notes Janice Banks. "She is a third-year student at Hokkaido Bible School and is teaching in our Sunday school now. She will be an 'intern' here during her senior year and will be an asset



Henry Van Kluyve receives a check from Pastor Robert Rose of Spartanburg, S.C.

to the work while we are on furlough," Janice concluded.

The Banks arrived in the States in June to begin furlough.

## Sanctuary Opens with World Outreach Sunday

*Spartanburg, S.C.*—The North Spartanburg Free Will Baptist Church opened the doors of its new sanctuary April 9 by conducting a World Outreach Sunday. Individuals and Sunday school classes had worked in advance to raise funds for foreign missions.

Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation, preached the first message in the new auditorium and was presented a check for foreign missions in the amount of \$557.12 by Pastor Robert Rose.

## Board Meets, Appoints One New Couple

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The annual session of the Board of Foreign Missions was held in Nashville May 1-3 with all nine members on hand.

These items were included in board action:

Mike and Deleen Cousineau were officially appointed to missionary service in the Ivory Coast and were instructed to begin deputational services.

Dennis and Trena Owen were asked to seek a stateside ministry with the understanding that their request for appointment to Brazil be reviewed at the next annual meeting of the board.

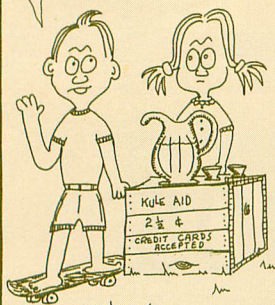
The 1978 semi-annual meeting of the board was rescheduled for December 4-7 and sessions for 1979 were set as follows: annual meeting, April 30-May 3; semi-annual meeting, December 3-6; and missionary retreat, August 6-10.

These members were elected as officers

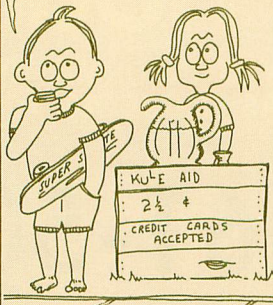
## Payne's People

by Eddie Payne

Our pastor has a great new plan for missions support this summer.

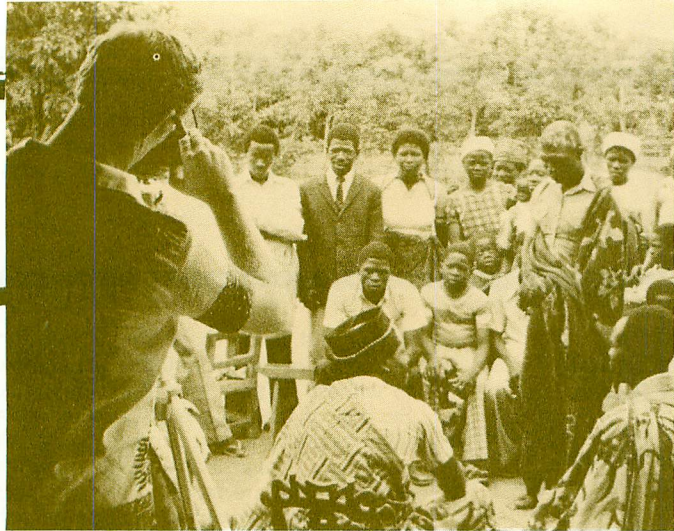


All members pay 50 cents per pound for fish caught on weekends . . .



. . . plus \$1.00 per mile for Sunday water skiing.





*Don Robirds photographs one scene of proposed evangelism filmstrip in the Ivory Coast.*



*Lonnie Sparks preaches to the congregation at Alcala near Madrid, Spain.*

of the board for the next year: chairman, James Murray; vice-chairman, Dennis Wiggs; and secretary, Jim Walker.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to Raymond Riggs and to Eugene Waddell for their dedication and service to foreign missions during the last 36 and 19 years respectively. They both will terminate their services with the board at the National Association in Kansas City.

## **S**eventeen Converted Since January

Spain—"My cup runneth over" describes our sincere feeling as we watch the Lord work here," declared Lonnie and Anita Sparks in recent correspondence. "Since the first of the year, 17 people have been saved." The new converts are all young people with the exception of a widow. Five of her six children are among those recently saved.

Jose Manuel, a 16-year-old boy who attends the local labor university, has announced his call into the ministry. "We marvel at his growth in the Lord and insight into the Word," Lonnie notes.

## **E**vangeliism Filmstrip Being Prepared

Nashville, Tenn.—Don Robirds, director of communications for the Department of Foreign Missions, returned May 20 from a trip to Ivory Coast and announced plans and progress on the production of a filmstrip to be used as an evangelism tool in the Ivory Coast.

"Difficulty in relating to the pagan mind the concepts of God, creation, the fall of man, and redemption stimulated the development of a script in the form of an

allegory using terms which the uneducated mind can grasp," said Robirds. "We took the script to some of the national leaders and received a favorable response. From there we went to the village of Kpanan where we shot the pictures with the help of the many Christians in the village."

Tentative plans include developing the story in flip-chart, tract, and filmstrip forms with cassette narration in several languages for use by national pastors, laymen, and missionaries throughout the Ivory Coast.

## **O**rganization, Activities Planned in Ribeirao

Brazil—A workshop for Free Will Baptist church leaders in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was held in May at the Ribeirao Preto church. According to Bobby Poole, the group met to discuss and plan toward organizing a state association.

A Bible conference was also held in the Ribeirao church May 21-25. The church and the Bible Institute co-sponsored the conference which featured missionary Jim Combs as special speaker.

Poole is currently conducting classes for eight baptismal candidates. One of these is a retired army colonel.

## **H**aas Begins Couples Meetings at Rennes

France—Joe and Barbara Haas have begun couples meetings to minister to the needs of their Rennes congregation. Each Thursday evening several couples gather at the Haas home for studies from God's Word on the family, marriage, etc. "Please pray with us," urged Joe. "We



*Joe Haas teaches a class for married couples in Rennes, France.*

have many families that God is dealing with."

"We thank the Lord for the opportunities we had while on furlough to attend family seminars," Joe added. "Little did we know that from the first week we returned we would be involved in counseling in many family problems."

## **B**uilding Dedicated; Broadcasts Resumed

Brazil—A dedication service for the new church sanctuary recently completed in Barbacena, Brazil, was held May 27 with missionary Jim Combs as the guest speaker. Missionary pastor Bobby Aycock noted that the congregation had been meeting in a rented hall.

In another announcement Aycock exclaimed, "We are back on the radio!" The daily Monday-Friday broadcasts had

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been curtailed in March and April due to a tremendous price increase. "They came down a good bit on the price," Bobby continued. "We have the only evangelical program at the present time and it is well-received again after being off the air for seven weeks."

Aycock considers the radio ministry a major means of establishing missions works.

## **I**nscoes Report Growth and Increased Interest

**Panama**—Four Panamanians were baptized in the morning service April 30 at Las Tablas, and four others were saved that evening according to Larry Inscoc. He also noted that the older Christians are now showing greater interest.

Attendance at services in the town of Nuevo Ocu ranges from 80-150, Inscoc reported. The community has even made the Catholic Church building available to the Inscocs for evangelistic meetings.

At La Miel, more than 150 people have been attending the Friday evening services.

With furlough time approaching, Larry expressed his concern for the work: "Please pray that God will supply someone from our nationals who will be able to fill in while we are gone."

*Below, left, Archie Mayhew talks with converts at Tanda in the Ivory Coast; right, students read literature in the reading room at Tanda.*

## **R**evival Hits Tanda Reading Room

**Ivory Coast**—Since Archie and Sarah Mayhew opened a reading room in Tanda last year, a revival atmosphere has prevailed with 200-300 people (primarily students) making decisions for Christ. More than 70 villages are represented by those who have made decisions in recent months.

The reading room is located on the main street in Tanda and occupies one side of a two-bedroom duplex. Many books, tracts, magazines, and Bibles in various languages are made available to students and passersby to read in the reading room. (Books are normally not loaned for outside reading.) Approximately 900 students attend school in Tanda and most of these are looking for something to read.

The Mayhews spend five afternoons and a good portion of Sunday in the reading room. On Sundays they have regular church services and Sunday school classes.

"God is sending us these students," says Sarah. "We are just making ourselves available to answer their questions and give them directions on how to find Christ. The Lord has shown me that the battle is His, so we are standing and witnessing the salvation of the Lord."

Almost daily the Mayhews see several students come to know Jesus Christ as

Savior and Lord. These are instructed in the basics of Christianity and taught how to witness to their friends and relatives. Several of these have visited their own villages and have returned to report numerous conversions as a result of their witness. "We are reaching more villages this way than we would ever hope to reach under the method we have been using up to the present," Archie concluded.

## **N**ews Briefs from Around the World

**Brazil**—Tom Hughes in Uberlandia, Brazil, reports the conversion of two teenage boys who had been contacted through English classes which Tom Jr. teaches in local schools. Even the director of one of these schools has visited the Hughes' services.

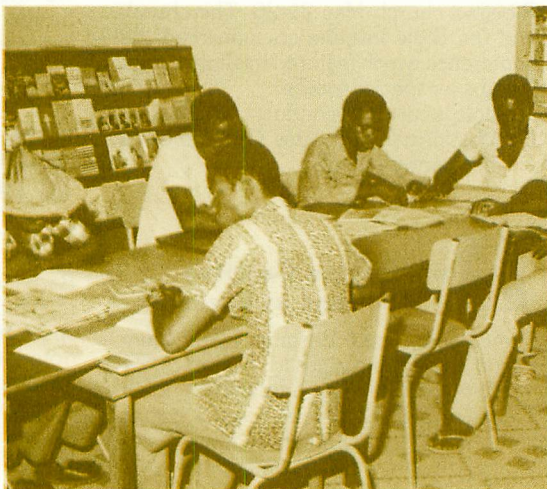
**Nashville, Tenn.**—Miss Debra Aycock, daughter of Bobby and Sue Aycock in Brazil, will be married August 25 to David Roach of Walnut Ridge, Ark. Samuel Hersey, son of Fred and Evelyn Hersey, will marry Miss Zoe Mathis of Dothan, Ala., July 21.

**Spain**—Ron and Linda Callaway are progressing well in language study in Madrid, Spain. The Callaways will be helping the Sparks as much as language ability allows since Dock and Norma Caton are now on furlough.

**Brazil**—Tania Combs, seven-year-old daughter of Jim and Shirley Combs, recently underwent a series of painful injections for treatment of rheumatic fever. She has been allowed to continue attending school but is otherwise restricted in her activities.

**Chattanooga, Tenn.**—Donald Hanna, son of Carlisle and Marie Hanna in India, graduated magna cum laude on May 6 with a biology major from Covenant College, Chattanooga, Tenn. He has been accepted to enter the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

**Japan**—Mrs. Evelyn Hersey, missionary wife of Fred Hersey, underwent surgery May 4 in Tokyo, Japan. A growth on her thyroid necessitated removal of half of the gland. Latest reports indicate she is recovering well.





*Judy Smith plays the guitar for the Sunday school at Kita Hiroshima, Hokkaido, Japan.*



*Jimmy Aldridge leads in prayer at the ground breaking ceremonies in Bondoukou, Ivory Coast.*

Nashville, Tenn.—Mark Hanna (India), Andrew Eagleton (Brazil), and Stephen Ellison (Brazil-Uruguay) received their high school diplomas in May and June. Mark, son of Carlisle and Marie Hanna, graduated June 22 from Woodstock School in India and Stephen, son of Walter and Marcia Ellison, graduated from Carter High School in Knoxville, Tenn., June 9. Andrew, son of Ken and Marvis Eagleton, graduated May 25 in Henderson, Tex.

Brazil—Jim and Vicki Sturgill have arrived safely in Campinas, Brazil, to begin their second term of service. They praised the Lord that no problems with customs were encountered. They have located a house to rent near the church, and Jim seemed pleased as he indicated that the Campinas church had progressed more than had previously been reported.

Ivory Coast—Robert Bryan was the victim of a thief on May 22 while talking with an airlines travel agent in Abidjan. "Someone stole my wallet from the camera bag at my feet," writes Robert. The wallet contained his Ivory Coast identity card, some credit cards, pictures, etc., along with approximately \$250.

Panama—Debora Cristina Inscoc officially became part of the Larry Inscoc family on May 28 when her adoption was finalized. Debora was born January 13, 1973 but was abandoned by her mother at an early age. She has been living with the Inscocs since the middle of last year.

Nashville, Tenn.—Receipts for foreign missions during the month of May set a new one-month record as \$156,226.60 was received in the Department of Foreign Missions. This made the second consecutive month in which the record was broken. In April the receipts totaled \$154,816.13.

Brazil—April 30 marked the twentieth anniversary of the Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil, according to recent reports from missionary Sam Wilkinson. Dave Franks was the first missionary in the church.

## Bondoukou Building Program Launched

Ivory Coast—Prior to departure for furlough, missionary Jimmy Aldridge has helped the Bondoukou church launch a building program including a new sanctuary which will seat 400, two new classrooms and a parsonage. Actual construction of the church building began in April while the parsonage construction was started earlier.

The people plan to continue construction as funds become available but hope to have the sanctuary completed sufficiently for use during this year. The parsonage will be completed later, and the old church building will be divided into classrooms.

The Aldridges left the Ivory Coast near the end of June to begin furlough.

## Three Couples Finish Language School

France—The Clint Morgans, the Patrick Dickens, and the Ledgel Fergusons have completed the French language study course at Albertville, France. Clint and Lynette Morgan are scheduled to depart soon for Ivory Coast, West Africa, to begin their first term of service. Patrick and Susan Dickens and Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson will remain in Albertville for an extended summer course before they join the Morgans in the Ivory Coast.

## Training Youth Is Priority for Lytle

Panama—"There is so much potential among the youth of Panama," writes Steve Lytle in recent correspondence. "One of our main priorities," adds Lytle, "is the training of these young disciples so that the evangelistic effort of Free Will Baptists in Panama can be multiplied."

A training session for young people was held at the Panama City church April 7 and 8. Over 100 attended a worship ser-

vice on Friday evening and 60 returned for classes the following day.

Steve expressed praise to the Lord for 25 new converts he has baptized in the past few months. Gabriel Perez, a Panamanian pastor, has baptized over 50 people in recent months and others are still awaiting baptism.

Five more people recently came to know the Lord through the Lytles' witness. One of these, a young medical student, commented, "I knew there had to be something better in life than what I had previously found!"

## Kita Hiroshima Work Assumed

Japan—Dale and Sandra Bishop, Miss Judy Smith, and Miss Mirial Gainer are all assuming responsibilities in the Kita Hiroshima Chapel while the Jerry Banks are on furlough.

The Bishops will be in charge of Sunday services and will be teaching Bible studies and English classes. Judy is using her musical abilities in Sunday school assembly, and Miss Gainer plays the organ for the church.

Currently, Miss Smith is the only missionary living in Kita Hiroshima.

## Substance Through May 31

On deposit May 1 .....	\$461,164.44
Receipts: April .....	154,816.13
May .....	156,226.60
Total receipts through May ..	750,628.19
Total disbursements .....	630,899.65
Projected receipts .....	702,333.35
Total 1978 Budget .....	\$1,685,600.00

## Shortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

Aldridge .....	2,667.81
Banks .....	1,231.10
Bishop .....	966.91
Bryan .....	817.81
Combs .....	63.37
Franks .....	4,932.80
Hersey .....	1,791.82
Hughes .....	2,358.34
Lee .....	1,124.93
Smith, J. ....	2,713.29
Webb .....	5,987.27

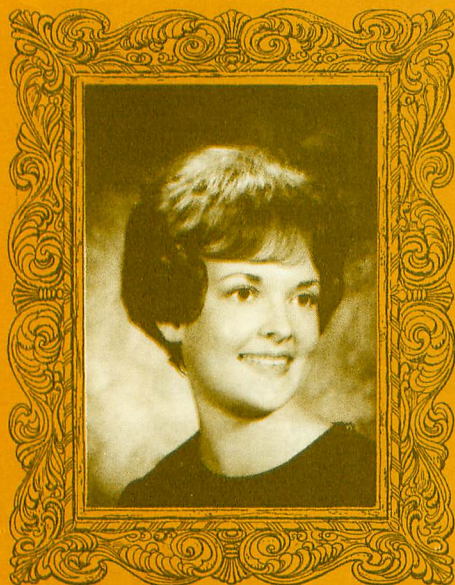
Total deficit: \$24,655.45

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