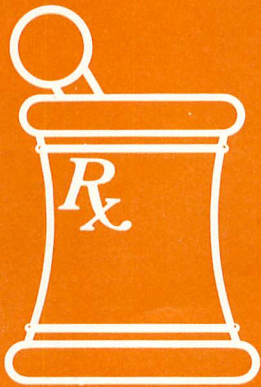


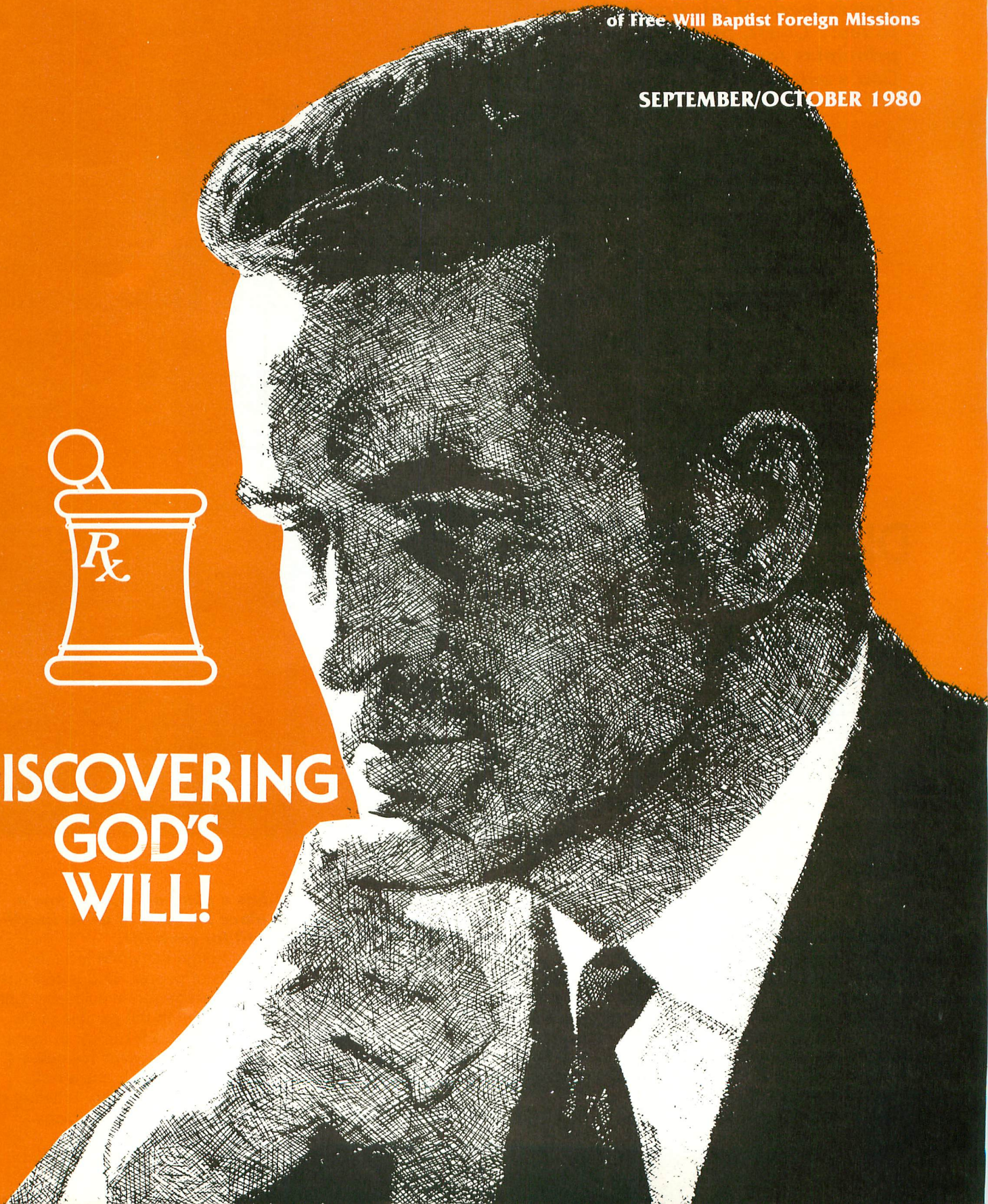
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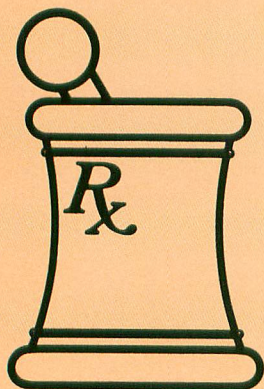
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by LaVerne D. Miley, M.D.



Every serious-minded person who really wants his life to count for God must surely at some time face the question: "What is God's will for my life?"

When the great statesman Daniel Webster was asked what was the most sobering thought he had ever entertained, his reply was: "My accountability to God." In that great day when we stand before Him to give an account—as we surely must

do (Rom. 14:12)—how important to have done His will! Even Christ, when He came into the world, said, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God" (Heb. 10:9a). Beyond question, this is to be the goal of every human life.

As one seeks to determine God's will for his own life, certain principles must be considered.

1. We must believe that God

has a plan, a purpose, and a place for each of us—a specific will for each life.

Although the world includes billions of people, God is concerned with each person individually. Christ described it in the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30): to those who are His servants He delivers His goods, to each one a task according to his ability. Whether or not one is given few or many

talents is not important; God rewards each of His servants according to the faithfulness with which he performs the task assigned to him.

Surely God uses the "natural" (yet God-given) abilities, interests, and inclinations we possess in appointing our places of service. Too, the gifts of the Spirit are bestowed upon us that we may accomplish His will for our lives. But we must remember, even though we may not understand why God should assign us to a particular place of service, God does not make mistakes.

2. We must be willing.

In Romans 12:1, 2, we are admonished to present our bodies "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God," not being conformed to this world but being transformed by His power that we might "prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Undoubtedly the reason that God's direction for our lives is so often vague and uncertain is because we have not met the condition expressed here. We have not been willing to renounce our selfish will and to accept His good and perfect will.

Perhaps fear of what God's will would entail prevents our being willing to accept it. Then we must claim the promise God gave His servant Joshua as he stood at the door of the promised land of Canaan: "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9). We cannot go beyond God's reach if we are in His will.

3. We must patiently wait.

Many times we become impatient and want to know God's ultimate will for our lives RIGHT NOW. Especially is this true of young people making plans for the future. But God has a purpose in having us wait. Perhaps we are not yet prepared to accept His will. And waiting upon the Lord in faith and

confidence brings renewed strength for whatever task He assigns us (Isa. 40:31).

4. We must be faithful in performing the work God gives us while we wait.

God's will for all of us includes some things in common:

(1) He desires that each of us be saved (II Peter 3:9).

(2) He wants every Christian to live a pure and holy life (I Thess. 4:3, 4).

(3) He wills every one of His children to be a fruit-bearing and soul-winning Christian (John 15:16).

As we faithfully perform the little tasks He gives us NOW, we can expect Him to reveal His will for us in the future, though it may be a step at a time.

5. We must be prepared and ready.

God commands us to study to show ourselves workmen approved unto God (II Tim. 2:15). Numerous young people have sensed God's leading to enroll at a Bible college for preparation even though they had no idea what He had in store for them in the future. Then, in due time, He revealed His will for them and opened the door of service.

Those who do not have the opportunity to receive a formal Bible college education can also study the Word and prepare themselves to serve where God would use them. Surely God has a prepared place for the prepared person.

6. We must listen.

God says to us: "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a). With our busy schedules we may not give God time to speak to us and to direct our lives as He would like. Even in our devotional time we are often so rushed that we hastily read a portion of God's Word and hurriedly present our requests to the Lord without taking time for meditation so He can speak to our hearts. If this be so, how can we expect God to reveal His will to us? We must take

time to listen.

As we consider these principals for knowing God's will and then apply them to our lives, surely we shall have the joyful experience of sensing His leadership and knowing what He would have us do.

Undoubtedly some will ask, "But if it is God's will for me to enter some special field of service such as the ministry or the mission field, how does He reveal His will to me? Is it true that God calls certain individuals in a very definite way to serve Him in such a capacity?"

Let me ask, what is a call to the ministry? What is a call to the mission field? The late Rev. L. R. Ennis, a former president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, defined a call as being "an abiding conviction" that this is God's will for "my" life. It is a God-given conviction, not one born out of selfish interests. It is a conviction that may be initiated in various ways:

(1) Through a portion of the Scriptures, (2) through a message (sermon) or film, (3) through the direct, still small voice of God (Jonah 1:1, 2; Acts 26:12-17), (4) through a combination of these, or through other means.

But whatever means God may use to call out His servant, the essence of the call is the same. It is not merely a feeling that comes with a great upsurge of emotion and then dies; it is an unshakeable conviction that abides.

God does not call all of us to serve as preachers or missionaries; in fact, relatively few are appointed such tasks. But God does have a specific place of service for each of us. It may be in the office, factory, classroom, home, or on the farm. The important thing is that we be yielded to Him so He can show us His will. Then we must do it.

Nothing in all the world is so important as doing the will of God, for this is the goal of human life. May our prayer be that of the psalmist: "Teach me to do thy will: for thou art my God" (Psalm 143:10a).

The Real Life of a Real, Live Missionary...

Bouna, Ivory Coast

by Eddie Payne

Six thirty already. What a short night!" Not yet seven but already beads of sweat covered my brow as I sipped the morning cup of Nescafe and pondered the day's activities.

A few minutes in the Scriptures, then I zipped off to get the work moving on the youth center in Bouna. That particular day both cement and wood work were being done in addition to well digging. City water loomed out of the question since they asked \$1,600 for a 200 yard hook-up. We chose the \$300 well.

The mason and helpers arrived to start mixing concrete for the reinforced band over the doors and windows. Without this band of reinforcement the extremes in heat and humidity would break the

building apart. They informed me that we didn't have enough form lumber. So, I hopped into the trusty German Ford for a little trip around town.

Bouna is near the end of the line in Ivory Coast, so many things are either not available or in short supply. "Maybe today," I thought. "No, the old Moslem merchant has nothing at all. Maybe the town political secretary. . . . No luck there either!" After one hour of searching I discovered no one had what I needed.

"Perhaps some other construction projects will make me a loan," I reasoned. First I went to the new post office project. The *patron* smiled in his best possible way as he told me he was sorry.

Things looked bad! Barefoot laborers with short-handled hoes were already mixing the concrete. What could I do? The new junior high under construction offered one

more chance.

Praise the Lord! The foreman said, "Yes."

Two hours and much discussion later, the wood was in place and the cement could be poured—for that day. But we didn't have enough cement for the following day. Back to town I sped to see Kouadio (pronounced Koo-ah-jo), a clerk in a general merchandise store. (I hope to see him accept the Lord soon.) A load had just arrived from Abidjan, at only \$130 a ton. So, although \$650 poorer, I owned five tons of cement.

At 10:30 a.m. the sun blazed down on us. It was time for a break. "Hello dear. Yes, a nice cold coke and a handful of fresh roasted peanuts will be great," I replied to Sandra's query regarding my thirst.

The bottle of cooking gas was empty, so I had to change that while I was home if I wanted lunch. The kerosene fridge was not



freezing well but that had to wait.

Back on the job another problem had cropped up: a water shortage. So, I sent Tchomite to draw a few more barrels from the well.

Noon at last! "What's for lunch?" Sandra replied, "Ignamne (my favorite African food), and fresh salad from our garden." About two quarts of iced tea also helped replace lost body fluids.

After a siesta, I drove to the post office with Debbie since it was Wednesday. I hoped for a letter from home, a magazine, or perhaps a letter from Brother Smith. No such luck!

Back at the job, we were building A-frames. My helper had chosen the best wood and laid it out in what shade he could find. I picked up the saw and hammer since all work has to be done by hand. Electricity isn't available. Within ten minutes my clothes were soaked and remained that way until late afternoon.

Only minor interruptions came that afternoon, so we built two A-frames. But I gained two huge blisters on my hand and developed one heaping, big thirst.

At 5:00 p.m. I returned home for supper. That gave just enough time to repair a broken cassette player from the village before we were to eat. After Ignamne at noon, we had a "good" supper with mashed potatoes, gravy made from pot roast juice, beets from the garden, more salad and, as usual, lots of iced tea.

After supper I watered the garden. Then, I fed the monkey a few mangoes and started the small generator for lights until 9:30 p.m. The wick on the kerosene refrigerator also had to be trimmed.

I took a good cold shower and had a few minutes to relax before prayer meeting at Pastor David's house. Service began at 8:00 p.m. and "Power in the Blood" always sounds good, even in French.

At 9:30, back at home, I turned the generator off and hit the hay. I knew another typical, busy day could be expected come sunrise.

Sonapurhat, North India

by Carlisle Hanna

Normally, before 6:00 a.m. rolls around, we have already christened the new day and launched the daily activities of missionary life in North India. We begin it all with a personal encounter with God.

World news beams in at 7:00 a.m. from Manila in the Philippines by means of Far East Broadcasting Company transmitters.

The ensuing rush centers around final touches on correspondence which must reach the post office before 8:30 a.m. Invariably, this time is interspersed with interruptions. People begin calling even before 6:00 a.m. and continue to call throughout the day.

Even though schedules for the work are planned a month ahead of time, these activities and changes have to be considered, prayed over, and then implemented. These activities claim priority in my day. Some days are spent with the teams out working. On other days the compound demands my attention.

Certain days are set aside each week for witness in the area around our own village of Sonapurhat. Villages around other churches or preaching points engage our energies on other occasions.

Since we have boys in our hostel studying both in Hindi and Bengali curriculum, one group studies here while the other group attends public school. They must use the same school building, so they go at different times. Their study, work, and Christian training all form part of our schedule seven days each week. (Most of our church leaders today have had their training in our hostels.)

Tea time claims any hour in India, but 4:00 p.m. asserts prominence. Many people come to visit at that time and children come to play. We have about 50 people here from our hostel and families, not to speak of those who come to

join them. Noise permeates the compound!

Marie regularly teaches the little ones and the ladies during the week. And we conclude each day with devotions and Bible studies among our hostel children.

As the day draws to a close, Marie and I share our thoughts regarding the happenings of the day. We read the Word and pray together for our children so far away, for our families, and for those who pray for and support us in India. We also pray for our churches and for church leaders. Then, on one special night each week we intercede for our missionaries as they struggle and prevail on different fields.

Panama City, Panama

by Steve Lytle

Panama City is already awake and active at 6:30 in the morning. From our bedroom window we were vaguely aware of noisy buses, moving in and out of the city. Taxis, their horns screeching constantly, added to the clamor, and hundreds of people were already out in the streets. Some were waiting to board those buses and taxis for work or school, while others would most likely walk to their destinations.

BRRRIINNNGGG!!! Suddenly, the previously vague street noises were joined by that of our alarm

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clock. Time to get up! A typical day had dawned for us also!

"Thank you Jesus for the food, and for all your good stuff," Michael prayed as we sat around the breakfast table. He always looks so handsome in his white shirt, navy blue short pants and socks, and black shoes—the standard uniform for kindergarten. At 7:35, Judy left to walk Michael to school, only one and one-half blocks from our apartment. While Phillip, our two year old, finished breakfast, I tuned in on the sports news, as usual. Then I caught a portion of one of the Christian radio programs on station HOXO.

After Judy returned, I rushed off to the bank downtown. Since banks are only open from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., I knew I would have to stand in line for a while.

Ordinarily, I spend the entire morning from 8:00 until 12:00 noon in my study. In addition to the Sunday night message and my Sunday school lesson, I must study for our Bible institute classes in the Agua Buena and Panama City churches. I always have devotionals, home Bible studies,

etc., to prepare; consequently, Bible study will generally occupy the bulk of my time.

After finishing at the bank, I stopped off at the Christian Book Store to look for a good commentary in Spanish on the book of James. I was preaching a series of Sunday evening messages from James at the time.

Since gas is \$1.98 a gallon, I often try to combine trips involved with "just living," so I also went to pay the light and water bills while I was in that part of town.

At 10:30 a.m. I visited Senora Margarita who had been sick and unable to attend church for several weeks. She and her husband, Doroteo, recently gave their hearts to the Lord. I enjoyed the visit with them and closed with a word of prayer.

While in that neighborhood, I dropped in to say hello to Luis, Achin, Toribio, and Bernardo, all teenage boys who go to our church. I reminded them of the youth meeting scheduled for Saturday night at the church.

Since it was nearly noon, I went home for lunch and a brief "siesta." About the time lunch ended the

doorbell rang. Bienvenido Perez, one of our national workers, stopped by to visit before leaving for Las Tablas where he has been filling the mission work during the Inscoes' furlough. We talked about the work and discussed some of the problems he was facing. I informed him that some of the men and I were scheduled to visit the work there in a couple of weeks, to conduct special evangelistic services.

On the way home from taking Bienvenido to the bus stop, I stopped by the post office to check the mail. Que bueno! (How great!) Letters from home, and one from the office! (Letters can really make the missionary's day.)

The afternoon was interspersed with phone calls, one from a church member with a serious problem. I tried to give counsel.

I took time out to read a couple of books to the kids, and before I realized it, the 5:30 ABC news was on television, live, via satellite. (We try not to miss this, with the world situation as it is.)

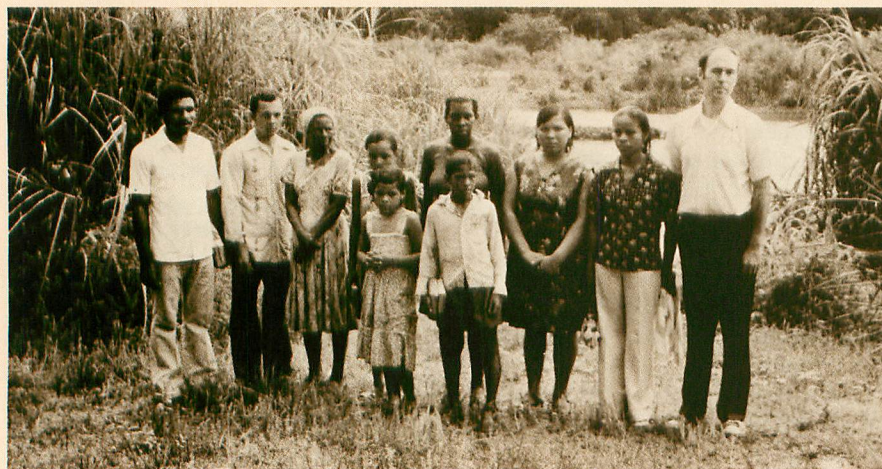
My day normally begins again in earnest at 6:00 p.m. After a shave and a shower, I headed for the Agua Buena church where we have a weekly Bible institute program. Several of the young men from Betania also take the course, so I picked them up on the way out.

At 7:00 p.m., after a 30-minute drive, I greeted my 15 students and gave them a quiz on the previous week's lesson. Then we had our class on the doctrine of Jesus Christ. (It thrills my heart to see their interest and desire to learn more of God's Word.)

I arrived home just a few minutes after nine. Michael and Phillip were already asleep. I planned to spend the following evening with them, tumbling on the floor and playing together.

After devotions and prayer with Judy, we reviewed the day's activities for a few minutes and planned for the following day.

Every day is different in Panama and the only thing predictable about missionary life is its



unpredictability. Still, I praise God for what He has enabled us to accomplish.

Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil

by Earnie Deeds

Ill get it," I said sleepily. The telephone was ringing. It was 4:20 a.m.—just when I get some of my best sleep.

"Pronto," (Ready) I blared into the receiver.

"Pastor," a woman's anxious voice quickly replied, "this is Terezinha. I am calling to ask you to pray for us. A thief was here and broke into our car. Dodo (her husband) went to get the police, and the thief has come back. Don't come over," she urged. Then she concluded, "Just pray that God will protect us."

I assured her that we would pray for their safety and she hung up.

"Who was it?" asked Jean. I related the conversation and we prayed for protection and calmness for this family from our church. At 4:45 I called back to see how things were. The husband had returned. The thief was nowhere in sight. Everyone had calmed down a bit. After suggesting that they read Psalm 91 and again assuring them of our prayers, I put the receiver on the hook and went back to bed.

At 4:00 o'clock one Monday morning a friend called needing some gasoline. A relative had died in another city and his family wanted to attend the burial. Service stations are not allowed to sell gasoline between 9:00 p.m. Friday and 6:00 a.m. Monday as a means of rationing. And since they don't normally embalm the dead here in Brazil, the body must be buried within 24 hours. Therefore, in order to get to the other city in time, they needed to leave before the service stations opened. I dressed, slipped outside, and siphoned enough gas from my car to get them on their way.

Events like these happen

occasionally, but most of my nights are not disturbed by these early phone calls. My day normally begins about 7:30 a.m. with breakfast, a shave, and a morning meditation. Then the family reads together a scripture passage (the same one for a month in order to memorize it) and prays.

Our three boys begin their home studies, and I spend the rest of my morning, if uninterrupted, helping our sixth-grader, James, with his Calvert course. (Jean assists Jeffrey, a ninth-grader, and Daniel, who is doing third grade.)

We have an early lunch because our youngest son attends Brazilian school from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m.

After lunch I usually relax a bit and read the morning paper. I spend the rest of the afternoon in my study or on visitation. I must prepare for 60 minutes of radio broadcasting and three weekly messages. Then, I also need personal Bible study.

Interruptions during the afternoon are frequent: One visitor at a Sunday night service called the next day and made an appointment to talk with me at 2:00 p.m. He arrived 40 minutes late (that is normal here). From then until 5:00 p.m. I listened to this stranger praise his own good qualities and state his reasons why our church should hire him to give spiritual help to our believers. I finally asked to be excused to attend a funeral. Although we had no interest in

hiring him, my afternoon was devoured.

I prefer to occupy my time making profitable visits like one I made recently. I presented the gospel to a couple and they made professions of faith.

Normally, we enjoy a light evening meal about six o'clock, followed by family devotions. Church activities take up three nights of the week, and sometimes visits are made in the homes of the believers or inquirers. Other nights provide time for correspondence, mission-related paperwork, further study, or the taping of radio programs.

Occasionally my spare nights are taken up with showing Moody Science films in a high school, or sometimes mission responsibilities require travel to other areas of Brazil.

We set aside one night each week for the family to play a game or do something else together. Sometimes, when a soccer game appears on television, I watch it with the boys while Jean serves popcorn and soda pop.

After three terms in Brazil, I have come to realize patience and flexibility constitute essential qualities for a missionary working in this "event-oriented" culture. In such a society, friendship and courtesy seem to be valued more than one's time. And the missionary must learn to adapt or live in frustration or defeat.





Missionary Ron Callaway speaks to the church group of Alcalá, Spain, during their recent Sunday morning youth camp service.

Alcalá Church Holds First Youth Camp

Spain—The first youth camp of the Free Will Baptist church in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, was held May 23-25. The campsite was located in Sacedon, about 50 kilometers east of Guadalajara, and is owned by OMS International.

A total of 15 teenagers attended the camp which had as its theme, "Wisdom."

On Sunday, May 25, the rest of the church rented a bus and went to camp to spend the day. Fifty-one people were present for the Sunday service.

A film entitled, "Flame in the Wind," was shown in the afternoon.

Missionary Ron Callaway noted that the church had been saving money for this event since January. The Sunday morning offering at the camp also went toward expenses, so no one was charged for the trip.

Institute, Phone Ministry Suffer; Church Improves

Brazil—The Bible institute and the telephone ministry in the church at Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, have suffered some setbacks but "the church seems to be picking up," according to missionary Bobby Poole.

"The interest in Sunday school has been good and attendance has improved," Bobby continues. "The services at night have been a blessing. On Sunday (June 15) we had five rededications."

Due to transfers, illness, a strike, etc., several students had to drop out of the Bible institute or were unable to pass the course.

The telephone ministry (featured in the May/June issue of *Heartbeat*) suffered when the telephone company changed all the numbers without notifying the Pooles. The number of calls suddenly dropped from 150 per day to two or three per day. The Pooles requested prayer that the new numbers might be made known as fast as possible.

In mid June, the Pooles conducted a service in Franca, a city of over 200,000 population. Twenty-three adults attended. "Everyone stayed around and talked until 11:00 p.m.," Bobby related. He indicated plans to have services in Franca once each month.

Commissioning Service Held for McCulloughs

Royal Oak, Mich.—Tom and Patty McCullough were officially commissioned for service in France during the evening service on June 29 in the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Royal Oak, Mich.

Milton Worthington, pastor, preached the commissioning message and Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, delivered the charge. Patty's father, Mr. J. B. Underhill, read the opening scripture.

Approximately 250-300 people were present for the evening service.

The entire day was "McCullough Day" in the church as Tom preached during the morning service and the church presented them with a check for over \$9,500 for their missionary account.

The McCulloughs had been scheduled to leave for France near the end of 1979 but were delayed as a result of some health problems which Patty developed. Currently her condition has stabilized and she has been given permission to go to the field.

The McCulloughs requested prayer that Patty's condition would continue to remain stable through the strenuous efforts of packing, traveling to the field, adjusting to language study, etc.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Panama—Larry Inscoe reports everything is going well in Panama but requests prayer that he will be able to find another house and another location for the church in Las Tablas. Larry had to go to Panama ahead of his family to resolve this problem since the owners wanted to make personal use of the house and facilities being used for the church.

Brazil—Jim and Karen Cowart have requested prayer on behalf of their language proficiency, their missionary account, and their ministry. Since the Jim Combs family departed, the Cowarts are responsible for the church in Jaboticabal, the youth camps, and the youth camp property.

Ivory Coast—Adama, a Muslim who speaks and reads the Dioula (pronounced Jula) language, says he trusts Christ as Savior. Patrick Dickens gave him a Dioula Bible, read with him and his family at night, and shared messages written in Dioula. Though he professes to trust Christ,

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he continues to pray in the mosque. When asked why, he responded that he prays to Jesus. The Dickens request prayer for Adama's understanding as they continue to work with him.

Jackson, Tenn.—Melvin Haas, son of missionaries Joe and Barbara Haas, was married to Sheila Annette Long on July 5 in the First Free Will Baptist Church at Jackson, Tenn. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Long, home missionaries to Jackson.

India—Daniel Dorairaj, third son of Free Will Baptist Pastor D. Dorairaj of South India, graduated recently with B.Th. and B.D. degrees from Berean Baptist College in Bangalore. Daniel is currently working in Kotagiri as personal secretary of Reverend David Thrower, a retired missionary. Thrower has been producing Tamil literature, including commentaries on the Minor Prophets and an update of his Bible Concordance, published 37 years ago.

Kirkville, Mo.—Don McLain, 18-year-old son of Jim and Olena McLain who are serving in Japan, is scheduled to enter Southeast Missouri State College at Cape Girardeau, Mo. this fall. He will be majoring in art.

Ivory Coast—Norman Richards reports he has been unable to find a building in which to hold services in the area of Agnibilekro. He requests prayer for wisdom and leadership of the Lord in this search.

Brazil—Ten new people attended services in Belo Horizonte during a recent weekend meeting with Missionary Aviation Fellowship missionary Lelis Fachini, according to Dave Franks. Fachini is a convert from the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in the state of Sao Paulo. Attendance averaged 24 during the weekend services.

Star City, Ark.—The Junior Church of Yorktown Free Will Baptist Church in Star City, Ark., made up of approximately 25 children, recently set a goal of \$100 to give to foreign missions. They surpassed their goal by \$7.62 and gave it all to summer missionary Terry Eagleton, son of missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton of Brazil. Reverend Jim Doherty is pastor of the church.

India—Revival among the Naga people of northeast India involves government officials, clergymen, and lay-people. It is causing a drastic re-



Randy Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., presents a check for \$2,101.51 to Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan, on "Fred and Evelyn Hersey Day."

duction in theft and juvenile delinquency. Hindu officials attribute a marked change in the moral climate of the area to this Christian movement.

Ethiopia—Christians in Ethiopia continue to face severe persecution. Reports indicate that all churches in one province have been closed; in another, 40 Christians were sentenced to death for continuing their Christian witness after being schooled in "scientific socialism."

Hersey Day Yields \$2,000 at Raleigh

Raleigh, N.C.—Sunday, June 15, was Fred and Evelyn Hersey Day at First Free Will Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., according to Randy Cox, pastor. A goal of \$2,000 above the regular offering was set to be raised for the Herses who are members of the church.

The Hersey family ministered through the Word in preaching, through testimony, and through music (by Paul and Vivian). Congregations of 418 people on Sunday morning and 220 people on Sunday evening were on hand to share and observe as souls were saved.

At the close of the day, a check for \$2,101.51 was presented to missionary Fred Hersey by pastor Cox. The Herses receive a substantial amount of regular, monthly support from the church in addition to this special offering.

Fred, Evelyn and the children left the United States on August 18 for Japan to begin their sixth term of service.

Cousineaus, Wode End Language Study

France—Mike and Deleen Cousineau and Miss Arilla Wode finished their course of French language study in Albertville, France, on June 27. Deleen was scheduled to take another three-week course in July.

The latest report indicated the Cousineaus would leave France by ship from Marseille to Abidjan in the Ivory Coast on September 26. Miss Wode, also going to Ivory Coast, left from Paris on July 7.

The Cousineaus and Arilla requested prayer that necessary documents would be obtained without problems, that travel arrangements would go smoothly, and that they would be able to adjust to their new locations.

Deleen is expecting their first child in November, so she and Mike have asked Christians to especially remember her in their prayers during this time.

Aycock Cites Busy Climax of Term

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Aycock, who arrived in the United States for furlough on July 23, revealed a busy schedule on the field just prior to departure.

Aycock was busy preparing nearly 300 radio programs to be used on the air while they are in the States on furlough. In addition to this, Vacation Bible School was held July 7-11 and a youth retreat in the Barbacena-Belo Horizonte area was held July 14-18.

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ing the radio tapes, Bobby said, "The radio ministry has been of untold value to our work here in Barbacena. It has been the key and is being the key to reaching out to the nearby cities."

Bobby also reported the opening of a new work in the small city of Antonio Carlos, located about 10 miles from Barbacena. On Sunday afternoon, June 15, over 100 people attended the first service which was held on a soccer field there. The second service was held on June 29.

Young David Aycock has also been very busy trying to finish the eleventh grade through the Missionary Accelerated Christian Education program.

Banks Baptizes Three; Church Relocated

Japan—Missionary Jerry Banks baptized three converts on the first day of June, the first day of services in Kita Hiroshima Chapel's new location.

"We baptized Mrs. Hara, her nine-year-old daughter, and Joy (Banks)," writes Jerry. "We had a good group from Ben Abe's work and Airin Chapel as well as from Kita Hiroshima."

"During the service, Mrs. Hara gave her testimony, which was a blessing to all," Banks continues. "At first her husband would not let her be baptized, but he has seen such a change in her life that he changed his mind. It was also a great joy to baptize my own daughter," concludes Jerry.

The church was relocated because the house where the Banks had been meeting was needed by the owner. In spite of the necessary move, Banks

noted, "One week later God provided us with a better place in the same neighborhood. We still must tear down the garage at the old church site and rebuild it at our new location."

Uberlandia Continues Setting S.S. Records

Brazil—A record high of 101 in Sunday school attendance was set on July 6 at the Free Will Baptist church in Uberlandia, Brazil. A new record has been set almost weekly during the past few months.

According to Nancy Hughes, several people made decisions during the last couple of months and "our people remain excited and expectant." One family moved to another city, but a new family from the city of Sao Paulo has joined the group.

A new primary class was started under the carport of one of the members, but the arrangement proved to be unsatisfactory. To solve the problem, the church rented another building next to their meeting hall.

Summer missionary Kim Knight has been working with Tom and Nancy preparing Vacation Bible School and Sunday school materials. She has also been playing the piano for the services.

Haas Lauds McCracken and Summer Workers

France—Missionary Joe Haas commended Freddie and Beverly McCracken and summer missionaries Teresa Hensley and Tenie Sizemore for their help in the work at

Rennes, France.

The McCrackens worked with the Haases at their own expense for approximately one year. They conducted the weekly English Bible study which gave them contact with at least 60 different people from 19 countries. Attendance averaged approximately 20 per week and at least three of these made decisions for Christ: one from Togo, Africa, one from Lebanon and one from France.

The summer missionaries were busy putting out 60,000 pieces of literature and going over the area around the church with a different tract each week.

Cambodian Refugees Turning to Christ

Thailand—The number of Cambodian Christians now meeting in one Thai refugee camp exceeds the total number of known Christians in Cambodia in 1975. The congregation of recently-converted Christians in the Khao I Dang camp meets in a large bamboo church building that holds 3,000. More than 40 small groups gather during the week in various parts of this sprawling camp that is home for over 110,000 refugees.

This unique congregation is the largest Christian church in Thailand. Believers in Khao I Dang camp are believed to number about 10,000.

More than 1,500 have become Christians in Sakaeo holding center, according to Reg Reimer, director of relief efforts there by Christian and Missionary Alliance and World Relief Corporation.

"There is also reason to believe that similar movements to Christ are taking place in Cambodia," Reimer says. Refugees picking up food on the Thai border are asking for Scriptures in their own language.

Evangelistic Thrust Launched in Uganda

Uganda—A nationwide evangelistic campaign has been launched by evangelical leaders in Uganda, according to a recent report by the Africa Inland Mission.

Africa Inland Mission is participating through mobile evangelism efforts. Ugandan Christians operate AIM's cine-van, which combines a film ministry with literature distribution.

Missionaries who chose to stay in Uganda during the years of Amin's oppression are now seeing significant results from their ministry.

Janice Banks presents gifts to the three Kita Hiroshima converts recently baptized by Jerry Banks in Japan.



Caton Faces Dilemma, Requests Prayer

Spain—Several complications in the work at Majadahonda, Spain, have prompted Dock and Norma Caton to request special prayer:

"Lately the devil has been fighting on every hand and we realize that without the Lord and the prayers of those who know how to reach the throne, we will be fruitless," writes Dock.

Due to a lawsuit against the company that built the commercial building which the Catons have rented for church services, the city will not issue a work permit so they can finish the building. Dock asked people to pray that the city officials would grant this permit.

Approximately \$5,000 will be needed to finish up the construction. This will put the Caton account deeper into the red unless people pray and respond soon to meet the need.

Dock also requested prayer for a projected campaign for Bible studies. They will be distributing 6,000 brochures offering a free, printed Bible study. Several people have responded, according to Caton. Summer missionaries Steve and Linda Reeves helped complete the printing of the Bible studies.

A city-wide evangelistic campaign is scheduled in Madrid for the month of November. This is to be a cooperative effort among evangelical missionaries and churches in Madrid.



Steve and Linda Reeves, summer missionaries to Spain, print Bible studies to be used by Dock Caton in the area of Majadahonda.

Foreign Missions Retreat Held in Nashville

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual foreign missions retreat was held August 4-8 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Missionaries, staff members and board members shared ideas, problems and solutions, plans and strategies, etc. throughout the week.

In addition to several personal interviews with returned missionaries, the board acted on these items:

Lynn and Ramona Miley were approved to transfer from the Ivory Coast to France due to health reasons. They plan to leave soon and expect to work in Lorient with the Jerry Webbs.

Jeff and Susan Turnbough, new missionary candidates, were approved to begin Missionary Internship training this fall.

Archie Mayhew was asked to continue his deputational ministry during this year even though he and Sarah expressed assurance the Lord is through with them in the Ivory Coast.

Two newly elected board members were welcomed at the retreat: Bill Jones of Oklahoma and Bill Fulcher of Illinois. Both men are former foreign missionaries.

Dan Cronk was elected vice chairman of the board to replace Dennis Wiggs whose term ended at the National Association in July. Allen Moore's term also expired at that time.

Relief Effort Aids Hospitals in India

Wheaton, Ill.—A joint venture between World Relief Corporation (WRC) and MAP International is supplying more than 23 tons of medicines to hospitals in India which were faced with a cutoff of medical supplies due to ocean freight cutbacks by the U.S. government. Over 42 rural hospitals were affected by increased costs, threatening cancellation of aid and eventual hospital shutdowns.

FWBBC Plans Annual Missions Conference

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual World Missions Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College is set to be held October 26-29 in the new college auditorium on Richland Avenue in Nashville.

Missionary speakers scheduled to participate in this year's program include foreign missionaries Steve Lytle and Bobby Aycock, home missionaries Ron Dail and Larry Russell, foreign missions general director Rolla Smith, and home missions general director Roy Thomas.

The first service will be held Sunday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. No services will be held during the day on Monday but will resume at 7:30 that evening. Services begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Wednesday evening session will draw the conference to an end.

THANK YOU, BUT MORE NEEDED

The *Heartbeat* staff wishes to thank those readers who responded to a request for back issues of the magazine.

A few more copies of the June, 1977 issue will enable the Department of Foreign Missions to make up an adequate number of volumes to be bound. These will go to Free Will Baptist colleges, National Offices, and board members for reference.

Once again, thank you.

—Don Robirds, Editor

Financial Summary

Substance

Through July 31

On deposit July 1	\$ 586,534.52
Receipts: June	140,721.48
July	138,494.24
Total receipts through July	992,692.12
Total disbursements through July	1,006,165.65
Projected receipts through July	1,113,184.31
Total 1980 Budget	\$1,908,316.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Aycocks	\$2,602.76	Moser	\$1,541.63
Caton	3,087.28	Murray	484.47
Combs	4,130.91	Payne	3,204.74
Crowson	121.53	Richards	949.48
Dickens	3,554.93	Smith	4,385.87
Filkins	719.73	South India	142.28
Gibbs	3,469.89	Sturgill	1,166.44
Lytle	1,707.52	Webb	7,168.58
		Wode	938.69

Total

\$40,008.20

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