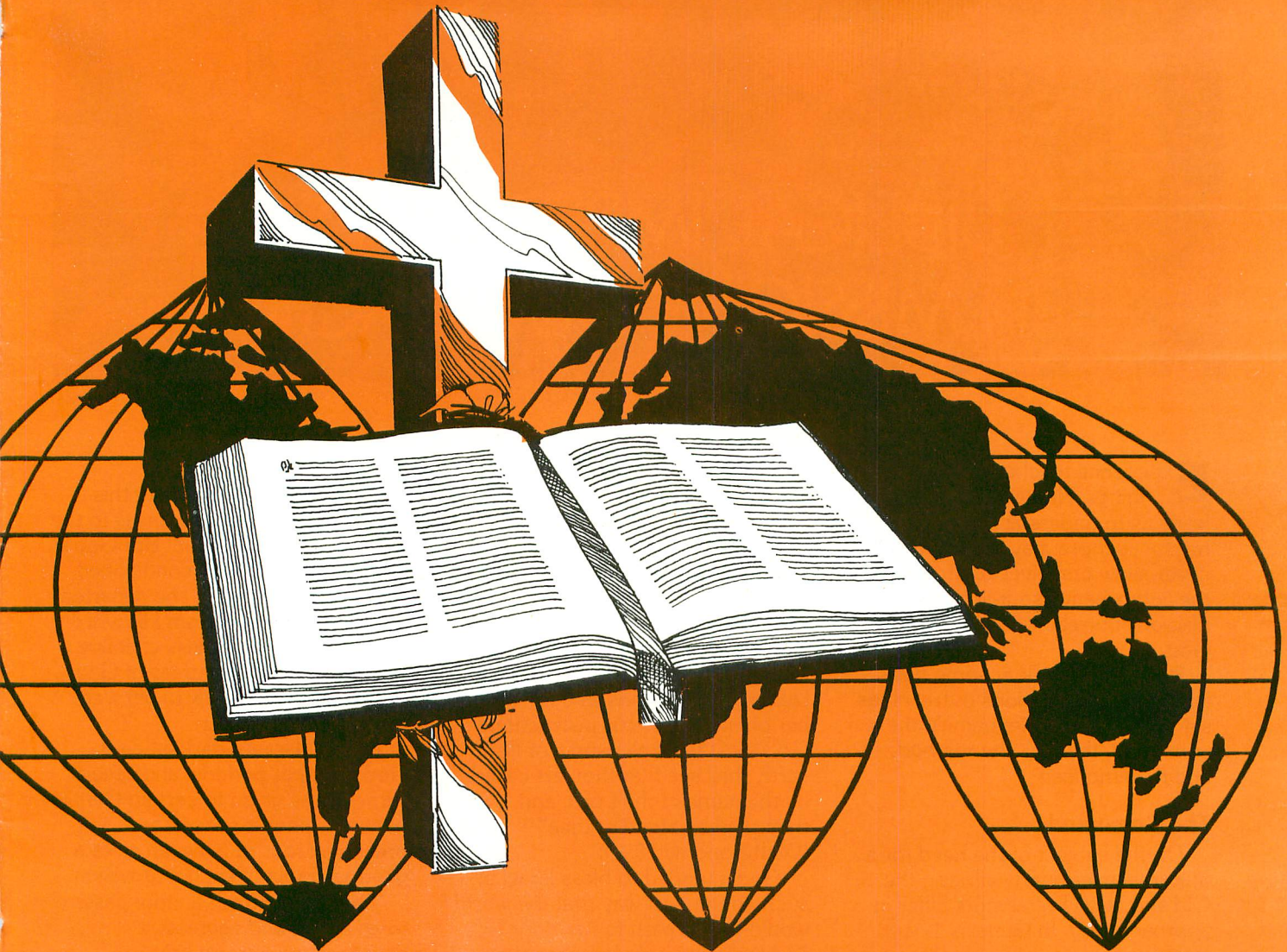


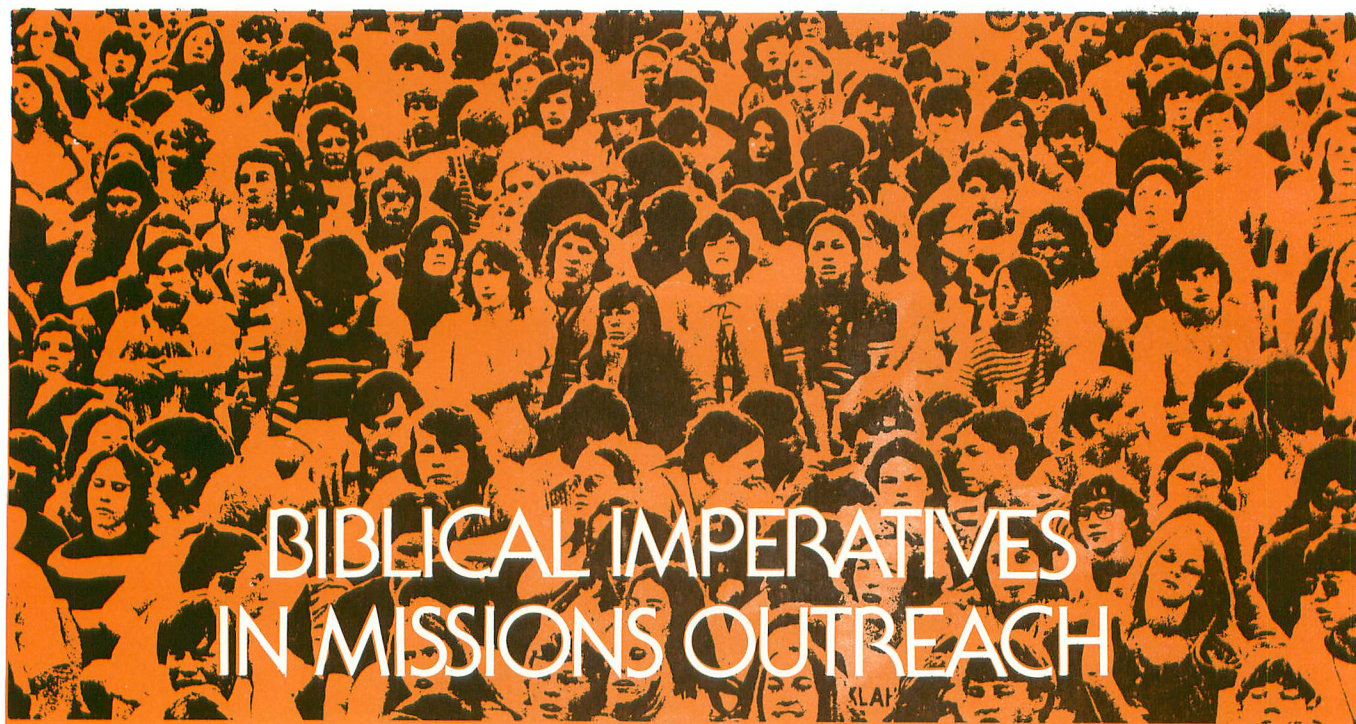
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Experience teaches us many things. Human reason also helps us to understand. But as helpful as these may be, we must never allow ourselves to stray from the authoritative source-book for missions outreach, the Word of God.

Briefly, let's look at some basic imperatives in missions outreach as set forth in the Bible; namely the *command*, the *call*, the *method*, and the *emphasis*.

The Command

On the subject of the need for a universal missionary witness, the Old and New Testaments differ in approach only. In Genesis 12:1-3 God promised to give Abraham a land (the land of Canaan), to make him a great nation (the nation of Israel), and to cause him and his seed to be a blessing to "all families of the earth." The third part of the promise especially culminated in Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah.

The two thousand years which intervened were not ordained to be

by Dr. Stanley Outlaw

merely a time of waiting. In Deuteronomy 28:1-14 God promised to bless Israel with great blessings of all kinds as a reward for her obedience to His instructions. God said, "And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee" (Deuteronomy 28:10).

God intended to bless Israel in such an unusual way that the world would beat a path to her door to find the reason for her prosperity. The possibility of success in this method of witness is beautifully illustrated in the visit of the queen of Sheba to Solomon's court in 1 Kings 10:1-13. Though originally skeptical of what she had heard, after her visit she declared, "Behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard"

(1 Kings 10:7).

Think of the opportunity this gave for a world-wide witness to the one true and living God! But God's blessing of Israel was conditioned on her obedience. As she departed further and further from His word, her witness became less effective until, finally, all the curses of God (see Deuteronomy 28:15-68) were poured out upon her.

Even in Israel's darkest days God saw that periodic and special witness was given to certain Gentile nations. Jonah's successful preaching tour of Nineveh gives a good example of such a provision.

The change from a more passive to an active and aggressive approach is appropriately introduced in the ministry of Christ's forerunner, John the Baptist. As the herald messenger who preceded the visit of an oriental king, John came to "prepare . . . the way of the Lord" (Matthew 3:3).

The three and one-half year ministry of Christ was a time of preparation, both of the message

and of the original apostolic messengers. On the basis of His death and resurrection, Christ issued a new missionary challenge which we have come to call "the great commission."

The importance of this command is suggested by its fivefold repetition in the Gospels and Acts (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8). The essence of Christ's command is "Preach the gospel message to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem."

We must always begin to preach the gospel where we are. If we are not witnesses for Christ where we are, what difference would a change of location make?

The command was given by Christ prior to His ascension. But the motivating agent did not come until some 10 days later when, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon these earliest disciples. He was God's gift to the church for effective witness.

The book of Acts outlines the progressive spread of the gospel through the early church. It was first preached in Jerusalem, then to Judea and Samaria, and, finally, to the uttermost parts of the world (especially through the preaching of Paul).

The Call

Christ issued His great command to all believers. Not one of us has been left out. To the individual believer, the "Jerusalem" of Acts 1:8 is his own local church and community. "Judea and Samaria" stand for home missions, and "unto the uttermost part of the earth" emphasizes foreign missions.

Whether our special area of service be at home or in one of the other two fields of labor, we must all actively participate in all three areas. However, as important as this general and universal call to responsibility is, the Scriptures teach that God issues special calls for specific areas of service.

Both Jeremiah and Paul felt

God's work in their call began even before they were born (Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 1:15, 16). When Isaiah heard the voice of God calling for a messenger, he willingly replied, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Paul indicates that Timothy's call was both approved and advanced by "the laying on of the hands of the presbytery" (1 Timothy 4:14), that is, by the examination and blessing of his spiritual elders.

God's call for special service may come through *providential guidance* in which the testimony and influence of others is often felt (Acts 13:1-3; Acts 16:9, 10), through an abiding feeling of *divine compulsion* (Jeremiah 20:9; 1 Corinthians 9:16), through *the opened or closed door* (Acts 16:6, 7; Romans 15:20-29), or through a combination of any or all of these.

The Method

Paul gets to the heart of missionary methodology, whether local or foreign, when he advises Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." The application of this principle guarantees the perpetuation of the gospel until Jesus comes.

The true missionary's job is to always be working himself out of a job. The time-honored principle of the indigenous church should still be emphasized today.

When Paul and Barnabas had completed their first missionary journey, they went back to the cities where they had preached to establish a church organization composed of national believers. The Bible says, "When they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed" (Acts 14:23).

In writing to Timothy at Ephesus and to Titus on Crete, Paul gave instructions concerning the

qualifications of spiritual leaders (1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9). Men like this can be trusted to pass the Word of God on to those in the next generation.

The Emphasis

If Satan fails to turn us away from Christ and His service, he attempts to destroy our effectiveness through misplaced priorities. Christ's own ministry would serve as our example. The Gospel writer points out that the order of Jesus' ministry was *teaching, preaching, and healing* (Matthew 4:23; 9:35). "Teaching" refers to the imparting of spiritual knowledge; "preaching" is an urgent call for spiritual decision and action, while "healing" deals with the physical need.

Our ministries, both at home and abroad, must stress the spiritual, but must not neglect the physical. This principle of priorities is both biblical and logical.

Experience has taught us that the deprived or poverty-stricken will cooperate much better with those who are trying to minister to their physical needs when their spiritual needs have first been met. Those who have been genuinely saved by the power of God's Spirit have a new motivation which almost always produces beneficial results in physical areas as well. We must always keep our spiritual priorities at the forefront.

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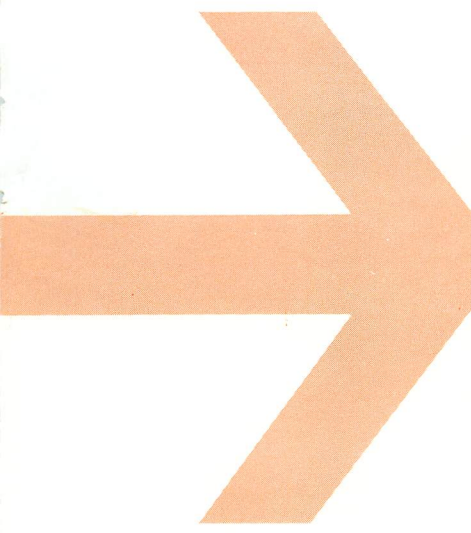
The Unseen Hand

by *Laura Belle Barnard*

(Part II of a Four-part Series)

About six weeks after boarding SS Potter in New York in 1935 Laura Belle Barnard arrived at her mission station at Kotagiri, South India. Her work began at a kind of mountain resort for sick and weary missionaries. A short time later she started a work with children among the Tamil-speaking Indians and by 1937 had a Sunday school with nearly 100 in attendance. Although a church was not organized during those early years, at least six primary schools were organized and the influence of the small Christian community spread through the area.

Appearing on the cover of September *Heartbeat* was the original passport picture of Miss Barnard taken in 1935. Laura Belle and another SS Potter passenger are shown here (also inside cover of September) in Egypt on their way to India.



and this new knowledge of a spiritual ancestry in missions—and that in India—gave me a fresh challenge. I was excited about the opportunities ahead.

It was 1941. Wartime! It proved to be about seven years before new missionaries could be sent to India, due to stringent wartime and post wartime conditions. The war itself lasted five to six years, remember.

Soon after arriving in the United States, I had booked my passage back to India for early fall 1941. Before the sailing date, however, I learned that my very ship had been commandeered for war service. All foreign travel for civilians was out. No passports, no visas.

My own passport had been recalled as I entered Seattle. I almost seemed to hear the ominous slam of the closing door as the agent duly checked my passport, folded it again, and tossed it into the filing basket. Courteously, he informed me that the Department of State had recalled all passports. For five years I had lived by my passport, and I felt I had lost my identity as I lost my passport. But Washington had spoken and I knew I would have to wait until the Department of State saw fit to return it.

But a wonderful thing had happened as I was leaving India. A special message of promise came from the Word of God. I had been worried, frankly. I believed He had a great plan for our Free Will Baptist denomination, as well as for me.

I was full of eager anticipation as I thought of getting home again to share with people and challenge them. And I was anxious to get back to India with other workers to open the new work. I believed Free Will Baptists would really set India on fire for God.

But on that hemisphere the war was already in progress. India was still under Great Britain, and Great Britain was at war. Her own soldiers were all over India. Enemy fire was already being leveled against Indian ports and

strategic centers.

If I left India at that point, would I be able to get back? Could I afford to take the risk? Or, would I be better off to wait out the war on that side? These questions loomed ominously before me.

God's Confirmation

But God gave me a word, and confirmed that word twice. I didn't just open my Bible, close my eyes, and place my finger on the page, to claim whatever my finger chanced to fall upon as divine guidance. That's not how God works as a rule. Rather, I was reading daily from a certain devotional book. That morning I was especially asking the Lord to give me clear understanding as to whether or not I should leave India at that time.

It was time to go, I needed the change, and the prospect of the new field urged my going. But that war made my return precarious. I wondered if I should wait it out in India rather than take a chance of not returning. Would I come home and be cut off and everything be lost?

"Lord, show me whether I should go home or not," I prayed. And this verse for the day came from the devotional book: "And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of" Genesis 28:15.

I will bring thee again into this land. The promise seemed to stand out almost as though in letters of gold. I knew it was from the Lord. But, like Gideon, just to be sure, I asked for a confirmation. Shortly, in an unexpected way the same verse was urged upon me from a second source.

A Friend's Message

But most convincing was the way the Lord gave this very verse to me a third time—a second confirmation—just as I was leaving. A friend sent me a letter by bearer

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Back to India Via Contraband

Before the close of my first five-year term in India, I had located an area of opportunity in the northeast, in addition to the area where I was already working. I made my first appearance before our National Association, by then a united denomination. I officially invited them to send missionaries and develop a Free Will Baptist work in that area.

No other Free Will Baptists had been in India during my generation. And like most of my contemporaries, I was totally unaware of the inspiring nineteenth-century history of Free Will Baptists in that country. I learned vaguely of that missionary heritage while in India, and was able to pursue research during furlough.

Those five wonderful years of gospel ministry in a pioneer setting

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as I was departing from my station in Kotagiri. It was marked, "To be opened and read as you leave the shores of India."

After making the train journey down to the port where I would take a boat across the channel from India to Ceylon, I opened the letter. I was at that juncture leaving the shores of India to find my ship for Japan and then to Washington State.

"I asked the Lord to give me a word of encouragement for you as my farewell message," it read. "This passage, as I was reading my Bible this morning, seemed meant for you. I pass it on to you with the confidence that it is the Lord's word for you now." And this dear friend wrote out the entire verse as I have given it above. Could anyone doubt that it was indeed from the Lord?

How I was to need the verse, even for that checkered voyage homeward, I had no way of knowing then. But more important, I came back to my homeland fully assured that I was in the will of God and that I would return to India.

Things tightened up as the U.S. declared war. No more passports, no passenger ships, no exits from America! Time went on. I began to feel an urgency to return to India, especially remembering the promise.

All the seas were infested with enemy submarines and ocean mines. And, although the conflict raged in the air as well, some suggested that air travel might be less hazardous than on sea. Maybe the authorities would permit me to travel by air—though civilian air travel was still not common.

God's New Direction

Even apart from war restrictions, only the specially favored, or essential personnel, traveled by air. But I was presumptuous enough to try. So I prayed again: "Lord, once more, please give me a word about India. Direct me in this step."

Remembering Proverbs 3:5-6, I

desired to trust Him with all my heart, not leaning on my own faulty understanding. On that particular morning, when I held a private prayer conference with God on the very subject of my return to India, I read, "Ye shall not go out in haste, nor by flight" Isaiah 52:12. (The rest of the verse is applicable, but never mind for the moment.)

I was startled, and I said, "Lord, do you want me to take this literally?" He didn't want me to hurry back to India. And I was not to go by flight. I accepted this word and, again like Gideon, I asked the Lord to confirm it.

Very soon, while I waited, the board of education of the denomination took action to open the college in Nashville. The Reverend L. C. Johnson was appointed to head it up, and I was asked to help in the teaching! This was the last thing I had dreamed of.

I had shunned the classroom on any level. But the invitation was insistent, and I had absolutely no genuine reason for declining. On the other hand, I had a very good reason for accepting. The college prospect was God's confirmation, His reason for my not going out in haste nor by flight.

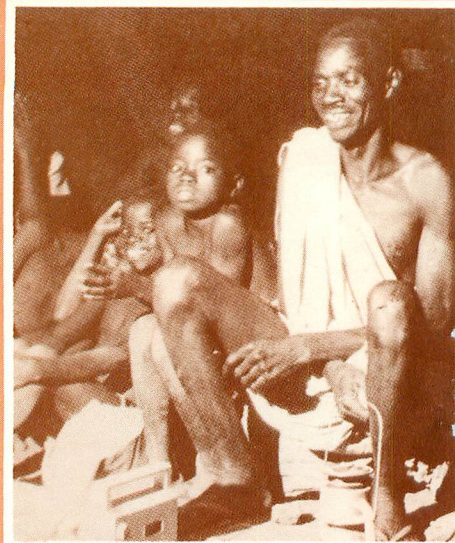
For me, it was, without any dreaming of it, a kind of prelude to the later 13-year 'hitch' served there following my lifework in India.

At long last, the end of the war was in sight—that is, in sight to those in high places. My passport was returned, an Indian visa was granted, and I was allowed passage on a commandeered cargo boat carrying contraband. So I had the experience of traveling, and again living in India, under wartime conditions.

But my exit from my own country and my voyage back to India were not to be as simple as the mere statement of the fact.

**(To be continued in the
January-February issue.)**

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, pioneer Free Will Baptist missionary to India, currently lives in Glennville, Ga.



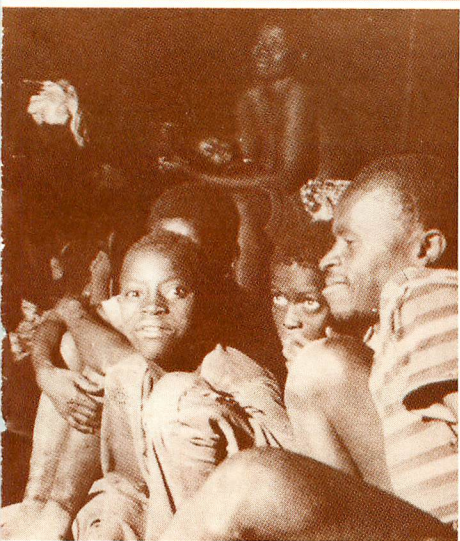
Picture a world with no written word! No newspapers, magazines, or books. No radio or television. Nothing in your language!

Into this world, interject a foreigner of a different color and language (one extremely rich by your standards) who talks to you about God. He speaks and another of your race translates what he says. Or he attempts to speak your language but does not come through clearly. Idioms and cultural considerations muddle communications. He may even use a language that is mutually understood to some degree, though foreign to both of you.

Now, picture this culturally crude foreigner as he tries to tell you something he evidently considers extremely important. Feel the bewilderment and confusion of a message only half understood. Still, your heart has been touched and you really want to believe and accept what he says as truth. Imagine this foreigner, frustrated and anguished by his inability to communicate. Yet, he attempts all he knows to make his message both clear and plain.

If you can grasp to even some small degree the difficulty of this situation, perhaps you can understand one of the reasons for a cassette ministry in the Ivory Coast.

Picture this same world once more. This time a small, practically insignificant, \$25 machine from the



BRIDGING A LANGUAGE GAP!

by **Eddie Payne**

world of electronic gadgetry turns out the message. Just a simple cassette player, but what a marvelous thing it is. It speaks the language of the hearer in a way that makes the truth clear and understandable.

This is the world of Sie' Pale' from Saye', Ivory Coast, and scores of others like him. Sie' is a young Lobi man saved about six years ago. In the past two years he has grown significantly in the Lord and now understands Christian commitment. The annual church conference in 1980 cemented his dedication to Christ. It also gave him a desire to share the Gospel.

One afternoon per week I drive the 30 miles to Saye' to teach Sie' Pale' the Word and help him learn to read. He, in turn, preaches in two villages. His cassette player enables him to share evangelistic messages, teach gospel songs, and enrich his own spiritual life. About 20 hours of materials are available to Sie' in his own language. Another 20 hours of Bible study on how to follow Jesus is being prepared.

Prisoners Hear the Word

Rabo turns the crank of the cassette player at a leisurely pace (this one requires no batteries, only a willingness to crank continually). When I asked about possibilities of placing a hand-crank player, not everyone was enthused. Rabo said, "Why not, what else do we have to do?" Since he and his friends are spending from one to 10 years in

the Bouna prison, these words seemed to fit. Some 80 inmates are incarcerated there.

About 10 prisoners have become Christians. These attend the weekly service. Cassettes in four out of the 10 languages represented are in constant use. While the sun beats down inside the hard-packed courtyard, one or another of the men cranks away the hours. Scores listen to the Word of God in their own language.

Tapes Aid Witnessing

Kouassi Marc represents the new generation of Ivorians. He is a junior high school student living far from home, all on his own. We housed Marc and eleven other students in the Bouna youth center for the 1980-81 school year.

Marc is a Christian and desires to learn the Word of God. He is well capable of studying the Scriptures in French, or reading in his own Koulango New Testament. He has been instrumental in winning several other students to the Lord this year.

The cassette provides Marc the possibility of good Christian music. Local radio broadcasts offer only secular music which is far from edifying. Many tapes of gospel music enhance Marc's Christian life and aid in spiritual growth.

Marc also has a genuine interest in evangelism. Tapes in many languages—Koulango (from the Koulango radio broadcasts), Lobi, Dioula, French, Baole, Agni, and others—are available for his use in witnessing.

For his own spiritual growth, the New Testament in French permits Marc read-along listening for learning the Word. Messages in French from both African and

European preachers help fill the gaps. Tapes are also available with lessons regarding the various sects and cult groups making inroads in Ivory Coast.

Marc's most frequent question is, "Sir, may I have another set of batteries?"

All our large population centers—Agnibilekrou, Tanda, Bondoukou and Bouna—have scores of Kouassi Marcs who await what we have to offer.

Up to the present the recording of tapes and programs has been done on a somewhat haphazard basis. We are now outfitting a recording studio at Goumere. This facility will permit the recording of all radio programs to be aired on radio ELWA, Monrovia, Liberia. Prior ELWA recording sessions involved a costly, dangerous highway trip to Abidjan. Savings realized by having our own studio operational should practically permit a doubling of air time at the same cost.

The African church sponsors the radio broadcasts. The mission is contributing the recording equipment. At present, programs are recorded only in the Koulango language. Hopefully, other languages will be included soon. In addition, we hope to be able to make proper, high-quality, master recordings for our cassette ministry in each language.

Cassettes will not solve all the problems of evangelism, teaching and discipling. Far from it! But if you question their value just ask Sie', Robo, and Marc if they are worthwhile.

Eddie Payne is in his third term as missionary to the Ivory Coast. He is currently working in a youth center and reading room ministry in Bouna, Ivory Coast.



Foreign Missions:

**Sense the Happenings and the Harvest
at Your House!**

by **Käaren Witte**

They're out there. On the front lines. Slugging it out. Often facing isolation, language difficulties, and unprecedented inflation . . . and maybe half a world away from home.

They're also experiencing the fascination that comes from living in another culture with a special call from God. They're out there "in our place." They're the foreign missionaries.

Three years ago I decided to make those missionary prayer cards on the kitchen bulletin board and refrigerator come "to life" at our house.

I also wanted my family and friends to "sense the harvest and happenings" in foreign missions . . . at our address.

Missions Night

Each year I plan a "missions night." I invite short termers, career missionaries home on furlough or retired, and anyone else interested in missions.

Each guest is invited to share experiences or visions and plans as well as wear a favorite foreign outfit.

I ask several to "co-host" the annual event. They help prepare the buffet as well as plan the eve. (Foreign students may also be hired

to cook the food.) However, foreign recipes are often simple, basic, inexpensive foods. (Check the public library for foreign cookbooks. An example of an easy recipe is included below. "Tabbouli" is a Middle Eastern favorite.)

After the buffet—which includes labels naming each food, its originating country, and its recipe—the guests learn and sing foreign songs. Then there is the time of sharing with perhaps one "main speaker." This is followed by a "question-and-answer" time.

Other features of the eve may include taking pictures to send to the selected missionaries, having each guest write a few lines on aerogrammes, and saying a few words on the cassette recorder (located in a quiet bedroom).

I also give each guest a small gift made in a foreign country. These may be woven bracelets and baskets from the Philippines to leather necklaces and key chains from Africa.

Missions Literature

In addition to leaving the blank aerogrammes (low cost, available at the post office) lying around for the guests to write in and the cassette recorder for vocal messages, I also conveniently leave missions magazines and literature lying around. (Check your local church. They'll give you the address of the mission board where you may request literature and magazines.) I have a stack of missionary books with a check-out list. I ask someone before to give a quick review of several. (Favorites include Don Richardson's "Peace Child" and Elisabeth Elliott's "Through Gates of Splendor.")

I also write a few missionaries in advance requesting they make a cassette recording to play. (Suggest they send a brief greeting, a human interest story, prayer concerns and praises.)

On the invitation I explain the eve: The purpose. What to wear. What we'll be eating. What to share (two or three minutes each!). And, of course, I include a map to my house.

No longer do the prayer cards fall out of our Bibles or routinely get stuck in the dresser mirror. Those missionaries have become our friends. Our brothers and sisters. Our co-laborers for Christ. Now we are "out there" with them as each year we celebrate the happenings and the harvests of foreign missions . . . at 4259 Linden Hills Boulevard, Minneapolis, Minn.!

TABBOULI

An exotic Middle Eastern bulgar wheat dish to serve with meat and salad as well as a starch. (Even the most unexposed tastebuds . . . those who consider anything beyond white bread as foreign, will like Tabbouli!)

1½ cups bulgar wheat (obtainable at health food stores, co-ops, and large grocery stores). Very inexpensive.

8 cups of boiling water

Cover and let stand for several hours until the wheat is tender and fluffy. Shake off any excess water. Stir in 1 cup finely chopped parsley, ¼ cup minced fresh mint, ½ cup chopped green onions, 2 large tomatoes (chopped), salt and pepper (freshly ground) to taste. Keep chilled until serving time.

Kaaren Witte is a free lance writer, author, speaker and Radio-TV personality in Minneapolis, Minn. She spent a short term as missionary in Korea.

Lynn Mileys Featured in French Newspaper

France—One of the largest newspapers in France recently interviewed the Lynn Miley family regarding their missionary work. "A week later a very favorable article with photos appeared in the paper," writes Lynn. "This is the second time we have had our pictures in the paper. Every bit of publicity helps!"

Lynn and Ramona are working with the Jerry Webb family in Lorient, France. They report having distributed more than 70,000 gospel tracts, 70,000 offers for free Bible correspondence courses, and 30,000 brochures on Free Will Baptists.

Two teams of young men from Operation Mobilization helped them with the distribution during the summer months.

The Mileys urged Christians to pray for them as they plan the program for the next year. They are hoping to begin several new Bible studies.

Herman Hersey Speaks to Japan Missionaries

Japan—Mr. Herman Hersey, director of the Board of Retirement and Insurance for the National Association of Free Will Baptists, was in Japan during October. He spoke to missionaries at the field council annual retreat in Sapporo during the week of October 5-8.

Herman and his wife Vernie visited his brother, Fred, and his family in the area of Tokyo. They also visited other areas of Japan during their stay.

FEGC Personnel Crash; Five Presumed Dead

Glennallen, Alaska—Five people connected with Far Eastern Gospel Crusade were presumed dead on September 17, five days after their twin-engine Beechcraft disappeared after encountering difficulty in route from Petersburg to Glennallen, Alaska.

According to news sources the aircraft carrying the five missionary personnel vanished after the pilot radioed that he was in trouble above Cape Yakataga on the southern coast of Alaska. Evidence indicates the airplane went down over water.

Those aboard the plane were Reverend Philip Armstrong, FEGC's minister of missions after 31 years as general director; Paul Mortenson, a consultant for the mission; William Ballou, treas-

urer of Central Alaskan Missions (an affiliate of FEGC); Miss Wanda Ediger, secretary for the mission-owned radio station KCAN in Glennallen; and Paul Backlund, the pilot.

The five had traveled to Petersburg regarding the construction of a new radio station there.

245 People Attend Ivory Coast Conference

Ivory Coast—Approximately 245 delegates and visitors from 19 different churches met at the village of Taoudi, Ivory Coast during July 22-25 for the annual conference of Ivory Coast Free Will Baptists.

According to Ivory Coast field council chairman Jimmy Aldridge, the group decided to form seven regional associations to spur evangelism and church development.

In spite of the economic crisis, the Christians expressed unanimous support for continuing the radio broadcasts over ELWA from Monrovia, Liberia.

Special sessions were held with young people. Instruction was given to younger students who will be leaving home for high school this year. This was designed to prepare them to face the worldliness, ungodly philosophies, and sinful living they will encounter. These sessions were directed by two junior college students.

The 1982 annual session will be held in the northern part of Ivory Coast at Bouna. Pastor Koffi David will be the moderator.

This year's meeting was entirely planned and executed by African leaders.

West Virginia Churches Respond to Alice Smith

Winifred, W.V.—Alice Smith, missionary to the Ivory Coast, received \$2,792 in cash offerings during early August and mid-September from 12 churches in her home area of West Virginia.

Over \$560 was raised through a Rock-a-thon and Walk-a-thon by the woman's auxiliary of the Sophia Free Will Baptist Church. Another \$296 was raised through a benefit gospel singing sponsored by the woman's auxiliary of the Lillybrook Free Will Baptist Church.

Alice was guest speaker at the Bible Conference of the Beckley Conference of Free Will Baptist Women on September 17. Approximately 70 ladies attended the conference.

Judy Smith Initiates Outreach Activities

Japan—Miss Judy Smith, second term missionary to Hokkaido, Japan, reports having begun special efforts to reach college and high-school-age young people in the community around Kita Hiroshima.

"I've started a get-together each Sunday night here in my home for singles, college age and older," writes Judy. "It's mainly a fun time presently with games and refreshments, but the purpose of it is to make contacts and friends and then share with them about the Lord."

Judy noted that Sandra Fender, short term missionary now on the field, is helping her with this new ministry. She has also started having a

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Ivory Coast missionary Alice Smith is shown with a missionary display in Beckley, W.V., where she spoke to the Beckley Conference of Free Will Baptist Women.



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high school group from the English classes at her home once each month. "So far, we've made several new contacts and these meetings look promising," concluded Judy.

Miss Smith is continuing her study of the Japanese language with the help of a neighbor lady. She asked Christians to pray for her as she seeks to share the gospel with the lady.

Bible Translation "A Sellout" in China

China—A Chinese translation of the Bible published by the Chinese Protestant Association has sold its entire print run of 135,000 copies, a church spokesman reported.

The Bible, reprinted in a translation first published about 1910, is distributed by Protestants and costs five yuan (\$3.10). Organized religion was smashed during the Maoist Cultural Revolution of 1966-76, but the government now "tolerates" and even encourages a limited amount of religious activity.

According to Dr. Silas Hong, director of the Los Angeles-based United Evangelism to the Chinese, those who chose to purchase a Bible had to do so at the price of having their name and address recorded at the time of purchase.



Panama City FWB pastor Gabriel Perez, shown here with his wife, Valentina, has been named executive secretary for ALFALIT.

Panama FWB Pastor Serves ALFALIT Program

Panama—Gabriel Perez, pastor of the Panama City Free Will Church, has been named executive secretary of ALFALIT, a program designed to teach illiterates how to read and write.

Gabriel recently visited the international office in Alajuela to receive training and to share experiences with members of the staff. He is a native of the San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama and has worked in the ALFALIT program several years as a teacher, promoter, and member of the local board.

Perez has indicated plans to present programs in some of the remotest parts of the country where there are no roads and access is available only by horse or by foot.

Aldridge Shares Recent Ivory Coast Stats

Ivory Coast—With the regular program in Koulango continuing to be aired over ELWA from Monrovia, Liberia, Ivory Coast missionaries have been interested in these statistics shared recently by Jimmy Aldridge:

At least 90 percent of all urban houses possess at least one radio. Approximately 80 percent of the urban population listens to the radio while 57 percent of the rural population tunes to the voice box.

Of the urban residents, 60 percent regularly watch television. At least one TV set can be found in 50 percent of all urban houses today.

Jimmy Aldridge noted also that the daily newspaper, *Fraternite-Matin*, has

a daily distribution of 85,000 of which 27 percent is sold in the interior of the country.

Ivory Coast is the third largest country in the world for the distribution of the French Press, behind France and Belgium. They are in front of Switzerland and Canada.

Aldridge declared that only 11 grammar schools could be found in the district of Bondoukou in 1960. Today over 85 schools operate and several others are waiting for training of teachers in order to open.

Over \$11,000 Cash Given at Tidewater Conference

Norfolk, Va.—Twelve Free Will Baptist churches in the Tidewater area of Virginia gave over \$11,000 in cash to foreign missions during their September 19, 20 missionary conference. The goal for the conference had been set at \$10,000.

Ten missionaries and two foreign missions staff members were speakers during the conference which began with a rally on Saturday night, September 19, at the Bethany FWB Church in Norfolk, Va.

Missionaries participating included Ledge and Sharon Ferguson and Clint Morgan of Ivory Coast, Joe Haas and Allan Crowson of France, Dave Franks and Bobby Poole from Brazil, Walter Ellison of Uruguay, and Ron Callaway and Jeff Turnbough representing Spain. General Director Rolla Smith and Associate Director Eugene Waddell also took part.

Virginia churches involved in the conference, the first of this magnitude in the area, included Emmanuel, Hyde

Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in December in memory of friends:

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Mrs. Bessie M. Lay Wyandotte, Mich.	Nathan Lay
Calvary FWB Church Durham, N.C.	Mr. Bill Williams
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"Mom" Mabel Willey speaks to the women of the Pamlico District Woman's Auxiliary at Washington, N.C.

Park, and Bethany in Norfolk; Gateway and Cava churches in Virginia Beach; Great Bridge of Chesapeake; Collinswood in Portsmouth; Faith FWB in Carrolton; Bethel in Hampton; First FWB in Newport News; First FWB in Richmond; and Heritage FWB Mission in Williamsburg.

Missionary Joe Haas challenged the group with a missions vision at the Saturday night rally. His message came after a panel discussion in which missionaries acted as the panel and responded to questions on the various fields represented. Fellowship followed as people looked over various mission-ary displays.

"Mom" Willey Featured at Auxiliary Seminar

Washington, N.C.—"Mom" Mabel Willey, retired missionary to Cuba and Panama, was the featured speaker at a seminar held September 11, 12 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Washington, N.C. The Pamlico District Woman's Auxiliary sponsored the event under the theme, "Walk in the Spirit."

Mrs. Willey spoke on three different aspects of the theme: "Walk in Holiness," "Walk in Power," and "Walk in Victory." Approximately 185 people attended the Friday night session, and the Saturday morning meeting hosted approximately 100.

The PDWA choir presented special

music for the Friday night service and local auxiliaries assisted with the program by presenting a skit, a missions reading, a book review, and other special music.

Delegations from Tidewater, Coastal, and Randall districts also attended the seminar.

SIM Merges with Andes Evangelical Mission

Cedar Grove, N.J.—The Sudan Interior Mission and the Andes Evangelical Mission have announced their decision to merge. SIM has served in Africa since 1893 and AEM has conducted work in South America since 1907.

SIM General Director Ian Hay called this crossing of the Atlantic an "historic event." Hay and his AEM counterpart, Ronald Wiebe, announced the merger in August after 18 months of study and discussion between the organizations.

Formal integration of the two missions is scheduled for January 1, 1982.

World Population Nears 4.5 Billion Mark

Washington, D.C.—A mid-year estimate by the Population Reference Bureau, Inc., in Washington put the world population at 4,492,000,000—up from 4,414,000,000 a year ago.

Top figures are shown in millions as follows: China, 985; India, 668.6; Russia, 268; United States 229.8; Indonesia, 148.8; Brazil, 121.4; and Japan, 117.8.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

St. Louis, Mo.—Steve and Judy Lytle, missionaries to Panama, became parents for the third time on September 29 in St. Louis, Mo. Their third son, David Anthony, weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

Brazil—Missionary Jim Cowart underwent an emergency appendectomy on October 5 in Jaboticabal, Brazil. At last report, Jim was recovering normally.

Uruguay—A belated report indicates that Paul Robinson performed his first wedding near the end of July at Calvary Temple Church in Montevideo, Uruguay. Paul conducted the religious ceremony for Miss Alba Pereira of the Rivera Free Will Baptist Church and Mr. Geraldo Ascevedo of Montevideo.

The couple had already gone through the civil ceremony.

Panama—The Summer Institute of Linguistics has been asked to leave Panama. This is the second major setback for Wycliffe Bible Translators in recent months. Eighty members were banned from Ecuador earlier this year.

Financial Summary Through September 30

Substance

Receipts in September	\$ 150,613.94
Total receipts through September	1,413,924.13
Total disbursements through September	1,511,301.83
Projected receipts through September	1,421,978.19
Total 1981 Budget	\$2,022,855.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$1,909.03	Morgan	\$2,725.64
Bailey	816.19	Moser	1,436.76
Barker	383.77	Owen	3,004.50
Caton	6,209.58	Payne	1,725.40
Cowart	1,059.67	Pinkerton	1,153.18
Deeds	3,589.91	Poole	2,631.01
Dickens	2,945.69	Richard	4,660.68
Filkins	2,335.21	South India	238.71
Gibbs	3,643.23	Sparks	8,686.92
Hughes	819.29	Sparks Land	
Inscoc	4,470.62	Fund	3,895.75
McClain	2,625.99	Sturgill	3,080.12
Miley	1,398.18	Webb	7,377.45
		Willey	259.13

Total \$73,081.61

State Quotas—1981

State	Quota 1981	Quota thru Sept.	Receipts thru Sept.
Alabama	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 86,250.00	\$ 86,670.47
Arizona	3,000.00	2,250.00	1,177.76
Arkansas	90,000.00	67,500.00	68,682.77
California	65,000.00	48,750.00	30,471.26
Colorado	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,189.08
Florida	58,000.00	43,500.00	35,379.52
Georgia	65,000.00	48,750.00	40,023.99
Hawaii	1,000.00	750.00	10.00
Idaho	1,000.00	750.00	274.08
Illinois	73,000.00	54,750.00	43,221.12
Indiana	17,000.00	12,750.00	12,451.75
Iowa	1,500.00	1,125.00	420.99
Kansas	14,000.00	10,499.00	7,307.67
Kentucky	50,000.00	37,399.00	39,272.63
Louisiana	1,000.00	749.00	893.11
Maryland	9,000.00	6,749.00	6,249.30
Michigan	98,000.00	73,499.00	55,954.87
Minnesota	500.00	374.00	472.30
Mississippi	30,000.00	22,499.00	15,934.29
Missouri	138,000.00	103,499.00	85,697.48
Montana	1,000.00	749.00	418.40
New Mexico	1,000.00	749.00	235.18
*N.E. Assn.	3,000.00	2,249.00	4,030.85
**N.W. Assn.	7,000.00	5,249.00	3,462.89
North Carolina	283,000.00	212,249.00	242,497.89
Ohio	58,000.00	43,499.00	46,721.25
Oklahoma	258,000.00	193,499.00	156,591.97
Pennsylvania	1,000.00	749.00	775.00
South Carolina	123,000.00	92,249.00	97,471.51
Tennessee	258,000.00	193,499.00	187,693.24
Texas	48,000.00	36,000.00	47,756.25
Virginia	75,000.00	56,249.00	55,090.38
Virgin Islands	2,000.00	1,499.00	862.25
West Virginia	70,000.00	52,499.00	43,264.84
Other States	885.00	662.25	2,160.85
Total	\$2,220,855.00	\$1,517,141.25	\$1,421,978.19

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