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by Kathleen Fenton

Part One of a Two-part Story

In the deep jungles of the Philippine Islands among the tribes-people, life is very different from "the norm" in their large cities. Manila, for example, is a fast-moving progressive metropolis. In comparison, in the northern jungles of Luzon (Philippines' largest island) cultural and social progress is impeded by constant fear of spirits. Taboos and oppressive omens might lead to crop abandonment and destruction by monkeys and other animals. It's safer, the local people feel, to quietly leave the crops than to offend the spirits.

What can be done to help or to free these jungle tribespeople? How can the darkness of their native superstitions be diffused? Could it not be melted by kindness? No. They mistrust outsiders. May their fears be abolished by force? These methods don't have the power to effect even a slight release. Nevertheless, the shadows of the occult are being penetrated today—even if ever so slightly. The following story is true as it is in the primitive Ga'dang jungle tribe in northern Luzon near the village of Bananao.



Squeals of delight filled the air as great splashing sounds arose from the river. The children were swimming. Manda was the 14-year-old daughter of a Ga'dang tribal family in northern Luzon. On the side of a knoll, leaning against her favorite mango tree she sat watching the three boys in the water. Her fingers moved swiftly through strands of soft grass. She was making a mat for her new baby brother or sister soon to be born.

The boys dived from the back of a water buffalo—a true Filipino “diving board.” While the animal rested from his farm work, the children gave him a free shower.

Manda glanced up at her mother crossing the yard. “Mother has had many babies, but I have never seen her so big. Maybe I just hadn’t noticed. She looks tired; I should go and help her with the evening meal.” Her thoughts were interrupted by voices.

“Sandayaw! (pronounced Sundie-ow). What brings you to my house? Did you hear about the argument?”

“No, my brother, I did not know there was trouble. My errand is to tell you that the white missionary is building his house and is looking for strong men to help him. He will pay you well.”

“I need his goods. I will help him—when the moon comes back two or three times. I must go now to settle the argument,” the girl’s father answered. “Do you wish to help me get him?”

“That will not do. The house is ready to put up today. We will have to go to the village for men,” returned the uncle.

“You do not understand; or you will not. Since you began to follow the white missionary you have lost your backbone. Sandayaw, I must go to settle the argument. Sabbakal insulted me in front of many people.

I am even now laughed at for being a coward.”

“There will be a fight.” Manda sucked in her breath in terror.

“The God of heaven, the living God, tells us that He will care for us without violence,” her uncle assured his brother-in-law. “You should not leave Adig alone now when she is ready to give birth to another child.”

“She has had babies before,” the father mumbled.

“I will not tell you what to do. I know how you feel. Until I met Jesus, I too was quick to fight. He did not make a coward of me, my brother; He made my heart warm. When Jesus came in, hate went out.”

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“How quietly you answer! Your skin no more glistens as a warrior’s should. Where is your loincloth? You walk in white man’s clothing with your bare, brown skin covered. Since you became the helper of the white missionary, you think you are greater than your tribespeople.” His voice had raised to a shout. “Go back to your pencil and paper. I will get revenge by myself. Nobody can insult Tabbagon and get away alive. You will see!” Her father yelled his threats as he walked away.

Manda gathered up her work and, rolling it in a banana leaf, ran to catch up to her uncle. He looked sharp in his clothes from the market town. Secretly, she hoped that some day soon her father would choose for her a man who would look just like this handsome young uncle.

“Sandayaw, you are not angry with Father? No?”

“No, Manda. My heart is heavy

for him. He is doing what he thinks is right. He feels he must follow the Ga’dang customs,” he answered, looking straight ahead.

“So he must. If he doesn’t take revenge for the insult, everyone will call him a coward—also, he must protect the family,” the girl replied.

“I walk without fear, Manda, with my hand in God’s hand.”

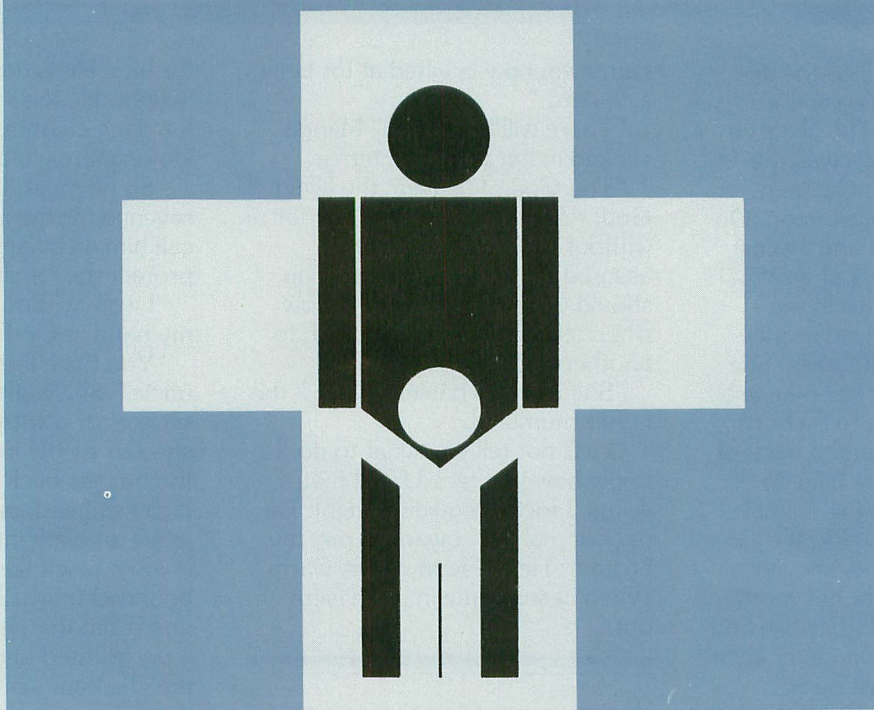
“You have a strange God, my uncle.” She walked beside him in silence for a while. Then turning, she ran swiftly in and out through the bushes back to her home. Her high forehead and straight nose made an enchanting picture framed in long, black hair. As she lightly bounded up the ladder into their one-room thatch hut, built on stilts, a pig grunted under the kitchen and the chickens scattered for safer quarters.

Suddenly Manda remembered the fury of the neighboring tribesman. “I wish my father walked with Sandayaw’s God. But he couldn’t. The spirits would be angry and another member of the family would die,” she reflected. “They will probably fight until one is killed. I wonder where that angry and sneaky Sabbakal is now.” Looking furtively from side to side, and remembering the face and glassy eyes of her recently murdered grandfather, she turned and went into the house.

On entering the dark room out of the bright sun, the girl was momentarily blinded. As her eyes became accustomed to the darkness she could see the figure of a big dark man bending over her mother. The woman lay on her mat on the floor in the corner.

“Don’t you touch my mother!” the frightened girl shouted as she grabbed the man by his long black stringy hair and in desperation threw him against the wall.

***To be continued in the
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Can the Marxist really teach Christians?

by Steve Riggs

He was born in 1818, the son of Jewish parents in what was then Prussia. As a boy he attended a "Christian" school and was indoctrinated in the Faith. His high school graduation thesis, "On the Union of Believers with Christ," was lauded by his professor. He was later to be an activist in politics. Today, practically no part of the globe has been unaffected by his ideologies. He was Karl Marx.

Though we may disagree with the ideologies of Marx, we cannot deny their impact on our world today. It has been less than 100 years since he died in 1883; yet, today some 60 percent of the world's land is controlled by communist-oriented

governments. Some have said that Marxism poses the greatest threat to the expansion of the Church today. More and more the Christian missionary is being confronted with Marxist ideologies. If the Church is to succeed in her mission, she must confront these ideologies head-on, proclaiming Christ and His Kingdom as a better alternative.

False ideologies often highlight issues which are neglected by the true Church. The Church by and large neglected proper emphasis on the Holy Spirit, and the charismatic movement prospered on that point. Liberation Theology, an ideology equating salvation with liberation

from oppression, arose in Latin America partly because the Church failed to express genuine compassion for the oppressed and the poor.

The list could go on. Where we fail, Satan often succeeds in producing a counterfeit. Marxism is no different. Marxism is succeeding many times at a point the Church has failed to emphasize. I would like to speak of two of these points because of their relation to missions.

The true Marxist has as an ultimate goal "universal socialism." Though this has been altered among some Communists, Marx's original concept called for a uniting

of the "proletariat" (world-class) world-wide. He meant his ideology for the whole world. Every decision the Marxist makes is made thinking how it will bring about this ultimate goal. A Marxist would be in favor of an action which would prove beneficial to the universal cause, even if it may have adverse effects at his own local level. His aim is the world!

In light of this, we are personally challenged to renew our commitment to a world-wide task. Christ's Kingdom was never to be proclaimed to just one locality. The risen Lord commanded His disciples: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Perhaps it is precisely at this point that the communist has exceeded us. While we have been concerned with our little world, he

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has been active in the world-wide endeavor. While he is busy with the task of expansion, we still argue that our home base must be stronger. Indeed the home base must be strong, but *at the same time* workers should be sent to *expand* to other regions. Acts 1:8 teaches a simultaneous witness in all parts of the world.

C. T. Studd, a great missionary of the nineteenth century, said concerning his own homeland: "The 'Let's-Save-Britain-First' Brigade belong to the category of the 'I pray thee have me excused'." The same could be said of those today who talk of "finishing the task in America" *before* going elsewhere. Attitudes which hinder

the Church from her task of *world* evangelism must be confessed and forsaken. And may we never forget as a *Christ*-centered denomination, our goal is not to announce Free Will Baptists where they are not known, but to announce the Lord Jesus Christ where He is not known (Romans 15:20).

Why has communism seen such great success in its world-wide cause? The answer may very well be given by another question: Have you ever met an uncommitted Marxist? The Marxist is one who has given total allegiance to the cause. For him no place is allowed for personal ambition. Any effort that does not benefit the rise of socialism is useless. No time is found for personal pleasure. He is a Marxist! He is unashamed to boldly declare it to the world.

How sad that such allegiance is rarely heard in Christendom today. Does not Jesus Christ demand total allegiance? Or perhaps it was someone else who said, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33). Was it Marx who said, "Seek ye first the kingdom . . ." (Matthew 6:33)? Nevertheless, his disciples seem to seek his kingdom much more than Christ's disciples are seeking God's Kingdom.

Kingdom Seekers! That's what we need. Men and women who will wrecklessly abandon all to obey the Master's orders. Kingdom Seekers! Men and women who care nothing for personal achievement and praise of men. Kingdom Seekers! Men and women who have no other ambition but to announce the Creator's offer of reconciliation to His lost and unhearing creation. Kingdom Seekers! Can you think of any higher occupation in life? Yet, so few are really committed to it.

Clay Cooper in "*Nothing to Win But the World*" notes this event. A French newspaper quoted a Communist who conceded the gospel to be superior to communism. His words to Christians, however, are, "How can

anyone believe in the supreme value of your gospel if you do not practice it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money to spread it?" We should accept this man's challenge. Yes, the gospel is superior. Its message is meant for

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every nation. Then let us practice it! Let us sacrifice our time, money, our very lives to propagate it!

Jean Pierre Corgne, a Free Will Baptist in France, addressed his economics class after having studied various economic systems. The answer, said he, for the world's crisis today is not a system. The answer is a Person—Jesus Christ. Do we believe that? If we really believe it, a life totally committed to communicate it to every creature should be the result.

Steve Riggs and his wife, Becky, were recently approved to begin Missionary Internship training at Farmington, Mich., this fall. They aspire to serve in France.

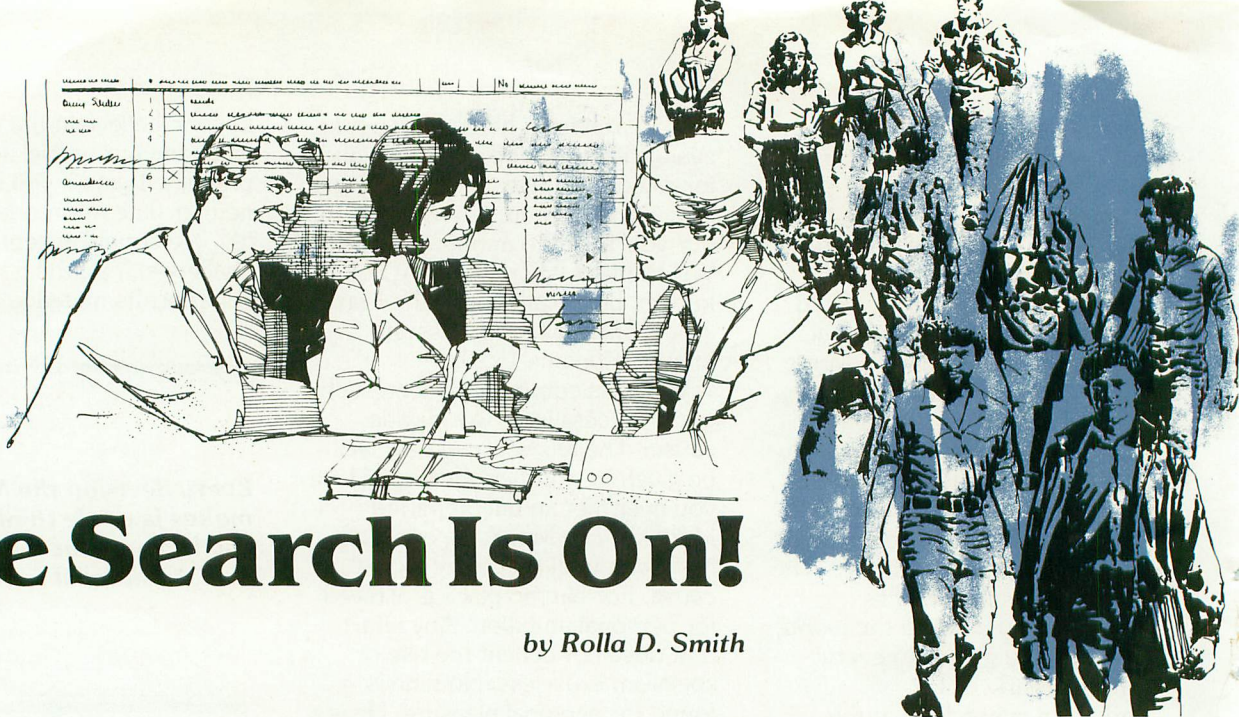
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The Search Is On!

by Rolla D. Smith

Missionaries in today's complex world fill a unique role. None can claim a more important position in the scheme of gospel witness than the foreign missionary. Surely, ministering in a cross-cultural environment requires special abilities, gifts, and callings.

In spite of these special needs, Christ's command to go forth "into all the world" with the gospel places the responsibility for world evangelization squarely on the shoulders of every believer. The priority for every Christian must be allegiance to Jesus Christ as the Lord of his life and Captain of his salvation. As a soldier of the cross, each believer must respond to the bugle or trumpet as it sounds forth the call to battle.

Rapid changes characterize our world, especially in the social, economic, scientific, and political realms. Still the mandate for foreign missions is not found in changing world conditions but in the Word of God.

The sinful, depraved nature of man and his need of spiritual regeneration remain the same. Also, the mission and the mandate of the church have not varied. The task of world evangelization will continue incomplete until the Lord Jesus returns. So, the need for missionaries will not cease until the

final trumpet sounds.

Many people predict that more and more countries will reject today's accepted patterns of the professional missionary. They feel the "church-in-the-house" and "tent-making" for the missionary will become the norm as it was in the early days of the church. This may well be true. Even so, God will not leave the world without witnesses to proclaim His truth.

We are well aware that the missionary is the key to the success of world evangelization. Therefore, if converts are to be won and churches are to be established through the efforts of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, we must select and send out the right kind of missionaries.

Missionary service calls for many prerequisites. Naturally, these requirements vary depending upon the missionary's particular ministry. Yet, certain basics remain essential regardless of field assignment or specific ministry. As a mission, we are searching for and asking the Lord to give us not only more missionaries but the kind of missionaries He can effectively use.

To become a Free Will Baptist missionary, the Board of Foreign Missions makes no apology for requiring mission candidates to give genuine evidence of spiritual

conversion or regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Baptism and membership in a local Free Will Baptist church are also essential.

In addition to these basic requirements applicants must sign a statement expressing agreement with the doctrines of Free Will Baptists as set forth in the *Treatise*. Then, they must pledge to uphold the operational policies of the Board of Foreign Missions as set forth in the **OFFICIAL HANDBOOK**.

Our experience and Biblical examples point out the importance of God's commissioning of the missionary. The divine call becomes an abiding conviction, confirmed by the Word of God, by the witness of the Holy Spirit and by providential circumstances. In accord with God's Word, we are to "pray . . . the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." The same Lord who called Peter and John and the rest of the 12, the same Lord who called the 70, the one who called Laura Belle Barnard to India in 1935 and the Thomas Willeys to Cuba in 1941 still calls and thrusts forth laborers today.

God uses the missionary whose

life adorns the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. According to Paul, this means denying ungodliness and worldly lust, living soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world (Titus 2:10-12). A missionary's life should validate his message. He must be a living example of Christian morality and ethics lest he discredit the gospel message and bring reproach upon the name of Christ.

The missionary whom God uses will be able to work well with others. Arthur Brown wrote many years ago, "Ability to work harmoniously with others is a prime qualification. The mission circle is no place for a stubborn or quarrelsome man or woman We have known a large majority of a mission to acquiesce in an action that they did not approve, simply because they could not bring themselves to oppose a cantankerous associate Most troublesome of all is the type of Christian who is so certain that God has, in answer to prayer, shown him what ought to be done, that he is wholly inaccessible to the arguments of others. It does not occur to him that his associates also pray that God may guide them as well as him."

The missionary empowered by God is preeminently concerned with reaching the lost. When asked about the chief requirements of a successful missionary, David Livingston gave as the first, "a goodly portion of God's own loving yearning over the souls of the heathen." Jesus left us a classic example when He said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). Thrilled over the salvation of the Samaritan woman, He lost His appetite—history's most beautiful example of fasting!

If any missionary is ever to be used by God, he must be convinced that Jesus is the one and only Savior and that Christianity is the only true religion. No other way of salvation exists. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no

man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). Jesus is the only name "under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

God's missionary is Christ's ambassador alone (see 2 Corinthians 5:20). C. Stacy Woods underscored the importance of being Christ's ambassador alone when he wrote, "The effective missionary today must represent the Lord Jesus alone and not his own national culture, or way of life. He must be a meek and humble person, appreciative of others and their way of doing things. In the light of nationalism, tensions between East and West, the rejection of much in the Western world by Asia and Africa, the tragic

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identification of Christianity with Western culture and colonialism, the missionary that God uses will be an ambassador of Christ alone. This does not mean he will reject his own culture, but that in Christian service his culture will not intrude, nor will he attempt to impose it on the Christians of another nation."

God uses the missionary who serves in humble reliance on divine help. Such a missionary recognizes his own inadequacies and claims God's sufficiency. He seeks to follow Christ's example of self-emptying even though it is not an easy example to emulate. Christ emptied Himself that He might live in total dependence upon the Father. F. B. Meyer says, "As the Son of Man he emptied Himself of those inherent attributes which were His as the equal and fellow of God: they were always within His reach, but He refused to use them

and elected to live a life of complete dependence, yielding up His holy will, and receiving by faith, as we should, all the reinforcements and supplies required in execution of His commission."

The Holy Spirit was given to Christ without measure (John 3:34). He gives the Spirit to a believer today according to his self-emptying and yieldedness. While the missionary should be thankful for his natural and acquired gifts and for his training, he must realize that apart from the empowering of the Holy Spirit, none of these things are valid.

The effective and fruitbearing missionary manifests a servant mentality. Like his Master, he goes "not to be ministered unto but to minister." He possesses a keen sensitivity to the spiritual needs of others and is willing to make great sacrifices on their behalf.

In our search, the board and staff will weigh heavily all evidence of the qualities I have mentioned: salvation, sanctification, compatability, soul-winning zeal, certainty of an exclusive message, commitment to represent Christ, dependence on God, Spirit-filled life, and humility of service. We are committed to selection on a high-quality basis lest the total effort be in vain.

Special Gifts

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

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Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ferguson Troy, Mich.	Mr. Charlie Robinson
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Ken and Judy Bailey have been officially appointed to missionary service in Japan and have begun deputational services.

Foreign Missions Retreat Features Prayer Seminar

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual foreign missions retreat was held August 2-5 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville with over 60 people—missionaries, MKs, appointees, board, staff, etc.—participating.

Highlight of this year's retreat was a video-taped seminar of World Literature Crusades' Change the World School of Prayer. Six hours of video and overhead projector presentations provided information to be written in workbooks accompanying the study. Many expressed great appreciation for the challenge.

Board action at the retreat included the approval of two more couples for Missionary Internship training this fall: John and Kay Metcalf of Oklahoma, and Mark and Donna Daniels of Kentucky and North Carolina respectively.

Ken and Judy Bailey of Missouri were officially appointed to missionary service at a short board session at Fort Worth in July but their field assignment to Japan was set during the retreat. Miss Cathy Crawford of Ohio has been officially assigned to the field of France.

Tom Hughes was granted permission to return to Brazil in November and December to help with the work in Uberlandia since he is to be away from the church there for another year.

New board member Norwood Gibson of South Carolina participated in the retreat for the first time.

Missouri Call-a-thon for Tallent Nets Over \$6,000

Lebanon, Mo.—A special call-a-thon was held on July 11 by Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri on behalf of Miss Charolette Tallent, missionary to France. At press time \$6,279.20 had been raised through this special effort.

Approximately 40 churches responded to the special project which was planned and promoted by Missouri Pro-

motional Secretary Clarence Burton in cooperation with Charolette. Gifts were reported to the state office in Lebanon, Mo. Clarence speculated that gifts might reach \$7,000.

Miss Tallent returned to France in August.

Aldridge Cites Healing as Effective Witness

Ivory Coast—"A young Christian man, Behi (pronounced Bay-hee), has been healed of a near-fatal case of chicken pox with serious complications," writes Jimmy Aldridge regarding the Bondoukou area of Ivory Coast.

"Since he returned to his home village of Kaiendi, an evangelistic team from the youth group at Bondoukou conducted services there," Aldridge continued. "Six people made public confessions of faith in Christ!" According to Jimmy, approximately 20 Christian young people live in this village.

Aldridge revealed plans for a short-term Bible institute to be conducted at Bondoukou in August and September. Five people have already enrolled.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

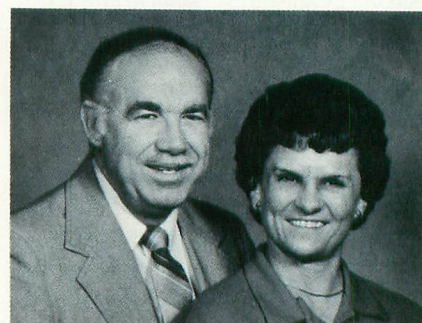
Brazil—According to recent news from Jim and Karen Cowart in Jaboticabal, Brazil, their youngest daughter, Camila, has been under almost constant medical care since December. "Some of the (ear) infection has cleared up, but she cries, pulls at her ears and doesn't sleep well," writes Jim. "Her sickness has drastically affected our ministry here at the camp and the church."



John and Pansy Murray

Hampton, Va.—John and Pansy Murray are scheduled to return to Nantes, France about mid-September to begin their second term of service. The Murrys were on a short furlough basis due to the needs of the Nantes church.

Ivory Coast—Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson have settled in Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, and have assumed the ministry left by the Norman Richards family who



Joe and Barbara Haas

are on furlough. "Yesterday two men were passing the house and stopped in out of the rain," writes Sharon. "They both prayed with Ledgel. Pray that they will continue to grow in the Word and faith."

Nashville, Tenn.—Joe and Barbara Haas are scheduled to return to France on September 24 to resume their ministry in Rennes.

Kirkville, Mo.—Furloughing missionary Jim McLain broke a bone in his right hand while playing softball at Child Evangelism "Camp of the Hills" near Kirkville, Mo., during the week of June 21-25. Jim and Olena taught teenage Bible classes each day at the camp. McLains' daughter, Mary, served as a counselor during the younger camp which was held July 5-9.

Brazil—Jim Sturgill has informed the foreign missions office that he plans to leave Brazil on September 28 to begin furlough. He hopes to be able to return to the field after six or eight months.

Newport News, Va.—John Murray, 20-year-old son of missionaries John and Pansy Murray of France, was scheduled to marry Miss Crystal Delk on September 3, 1982 in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport News, Va. Crystal's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Delk, are members of the First church pastored by Tag Kilgore. It is also John and Pansy's home church.

Bishops Assume Role at Higashi Tsukisamu

Japan—Dale and Sandra Bishop report having assumed some of the responsibilities at the Higashi Tsukisamu church while Jim and Olena McLain are on furlough.

According to Dale, several people from the area heard the gospel for the first time at a church camp in early May. Two of these expressed interest in Christianity.

"One, a young woman of about 25, is

the daughter of a Buddhist priest," writes Dale. "Her father is the priest at the largest temple in Kita Hiroshima. At the present she is completely open to Christianity and the teachings of Jesus Christ."

Dale noted that the second person was a young man who said this was his first experience with Christianity.

Dale urged people to pray for Miss Kusanage and Mr. Takamori.

New Building Dedicated; Three Deacons Ordained

Brazil—The new church building in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, was dedicated on June 27 in a special service. Three men were ordained as deacons during that service.

According to Earnie Deeds, the three men have been prepared to assume much of the responsibility of the church while he and his family are on furlough. The church was somewhat uncertain as to the possibility of a resident pastor.

The Deeds family left Brazil on July 7 to begin furlough.

161 Delegates Attend Ivory Coast Conference

Ivory Coast—The annual conference of Ivory Coast Free Will Baptists convened at Bouna July 20-23 with a total of 161 delegates from the churches attending. Largest attendance was recorded during a film session when approximately 300 people were on hand.

According to missionary Jimmy Al-bridge, this conference was characterized by "good preaching and fellowship." Five different nationals preached: Pastors Koffi David, Anany Victor, Jean Baptiste, and two evangelists.

Hughes, Willey, Fulcher Challenge National

Ft. Worth, Tex.—The National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in Fort Worth, Tex., July 18-22, 1982. Missions challenges rang out during the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention session and on Wednesday evening.

On Tuesday at the WNAC meeting, Tommy Hughes of Brazil, "Mom" Mabel Willey formerly of Cuba and Panama, and Pat Thomas, former home missionary to Colorado, all urged listeners to focus on Christ. Then they challenged the group to give themselves to Him for world witness.

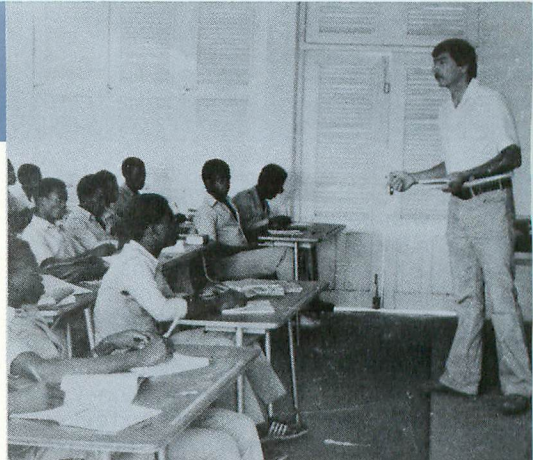
Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, gave his report to the body on Wednesday. He presented a budget of \$2,527,897 for the 1983 foreign missions program. Clint Morgan translated for Samuel Appia, Ivory Coast Christian businessman, as he testified how God saved him out of paganism.

Then, on Wednesday evening Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions, introduced foreign missionaries from six different countries.

Trymon Messer, associate director of home missions, introduced home missionaries from 22 states, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Bill Fulcher, former missionary to Uruguay and Panama now serving Spanish Americans in the United States, brought the missionary message, "Doctrine of Stewardship." Several people responded to the invitation.

Foreign Missions Board Chairman Bill Jones received the missions offering which totalled \$8,997.30. Designated and divided funds for foreign missions came to \$4,768.40 and \$4,228.90 went to home missions.



Mike Cousineau teaches an English class in the reading room at Bouna in Ivory Coast.

Cousineau Continues Bouna Reading Room Ministry

Ivory Coast—Mike and Deleen Cousineau have assumed responsibilities for the reading room and youth center work in Bouna, Ivory Coast after Eddie and Sandra Payne left for furlough in May.

Among other duties, Mike teaches an English class. This has opened up doors to the gospel and many new contacts have been made with students and teachers.

"The students are always coming by asking for Bibles, cassettes, or tracts," according to Cousineau. "Often they come to discuss problems or ask questions on the Bible."

Pooles Arrive in Brazil; Church Doing Well

Brazil—Bobby and Geneva Poole and their son, John, arrived in Brazil on July 9 to begin their fifth term of service in Ribeirao Preto.

"The church seems to be doing fine," writes Bobby. "Antonio has done an excellent job. We had 80 in Sunday school for both Sundays that we have been here and close to 100 for the night services."

Bobby has challenged the church to take on the support of a co-pastor and to begin thinking about building a new auditorium.

"Balloon Ascension" Gains \$1,109 for Franks Account

Sylacauga, Ala.—The "First Annual Balloon Ascension" was held on June 19 by the woman's auxiliary of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Ala. and the account of missionary Dave Franks gained \$1,109 as a result.

The special fund-raising event was called "Missions for Christ, Soaring High." The entire membership of the Unity church was involved in the event as they sold balloons throughout the community. Each balloon was filled

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Missionary Clint Morgan and former missionary Archie Mayhew (right) talk with Christian businessman Samuel Appia of Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, during the National Association.



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with helium and was tagged with the name of the seller and the purchaser.

More than 1,400 balloons were released from the church on behalf of foreign missions. According to Mrs. Dorothy Hanna, chairman of the event, two goals were accomplished through the fund-raising event: Money was raised for foreign missions and outreach to the local community was effective as balloon workers told people about Jesus and invited them to church.

Jimmy Youngblood is pastor of the church.

Allen Busy at Doropo; Summer Duo Helps

Ivory Coast—Miss Elaine Allen reports being involved in a teaching ministry as well as nursing at the clinic in Doropo, Ivory Coast.

"I am teaching a Sunday school class for kids who can read and write in French," writes Elaine. "I have anywhere from 12-15 each Sunday. Pray that they may know the joy of Christian living. They often view God as a God of wrath and not a God of love. They seem to have an unhealthy fear of God."

Summer missionaries Sarah Malone and Cheri Bruner have helped in the clinic work by rolling bandages, etc.

Sturgill Baptizes Four; New Chapel Dedicated

Brazil—Missionary Jim Sturgill baptized four converts on July 18 in the baptistry of the new church building under construction in Campinas, Brazil. One couple and two teenagers were baptized during the 7:30 p.m. service. Missionary Dave Franks was on hand to preach to a "full church" following the baptism.

The Sturgills noted that the new work in Jardim Bandeirantes "is doing well."

Sarah Malone and Cheri Bruner, summer missionaries, roll bandages for the clinic at Doropo, Ivory Coast.



The new chapel was dedicated on July 25. "We have four benches and they are full most services," writes Vicki Sturgill. "This past week we had three saved couples and one businesswoman from the area and about 15 children from the community."

Filkins' Ministry Winding Down at Doropo Station

Ivory Coast—As the term of Howard and Joan Filkins draws to a close in the Ivory Coast, Howard has been busy building furniture for the Sherwood Lees and Mike Cousineaus plus remodeling the house where Elaine Allen lives on the Doropo station.

"We have been laboring as 'helpers' here in Africa, and while it may not be a 'front line' ministry, we have felt a definite call and blessing of God on the work here," write the Filkins. "There are endless menial tasks that involve precious missionary hours and we have been permitted to take over some of these."

The Filkins are due to return to the States in December.

Brazilian Missionary Killed in Plane Crash

Brazil—Jose Pedro Mendez, 27-year-old missionary with Azas de Socorro (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) in Brazil was among the 45 people killed when an Amazon airliner crashed near the Colombian border on June 12 of this year.

Mendez was converted through the work of Jim and Shirley Combs while they were ministering with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in Tubarao in southern Brazil. He had been with MAF since 1979 and had been serving in Colombia as a pilot's mechanic.

The young Brazilian had 10 brothers and sisters. Only his mother and a sister are Christians. MAF flew two men to Tubarao to explain the accident and comfort the family.

A. Smith Reports on Work in Agnibilekrou

Ivory Coast—"Since my return to Ivory Coast in February, I have been working at Agnibilekrou," writes Alice Smith. "It is a village of close to 20,000 people and the majority of them are as sheep gone astray."

Alice noted that her work has consisted of teaching Sunday school, teaching women's Bible classes and working in the Christian reading room. She has been preparing to begin Bible clubs in various sections and language

groups in the village. She also plans to teach Bible in the public schools.

Miss Smith expressed satisfaction that Arilla Wode has arrived in Agnibilekrou and will be working with her.

The work at Agnibilekrou was started two years ago and has approximately 60 believers at the present. Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson are working here in the place of Norman and Bessie Richards who just returned to the United States for furlough.

Arnold, National Worker Attacked and Robbed

Panama—Miss June Arnold, missionary to Panama, and national worker Bienvenido Perez were attacked and robbed on June 4 as they walked down a road near the house of Perez' brother. Four men were involved in the attack.

"One (man) got Bienvenido and put him on the ground while the other three got me," writes June. "We fought over my purse. Evidently one hit me from behind on the neck and I was out for a minute," she added.

Miss Arnold lost her camera and telephoto lens, about \$20 in cash, and her "carnet" (document of permission to remain in the country). She reports having recurring headaches which she assumes to stem from the blow on the back of her neck.

Other than the headaches, June indicated a few cuts and bruises are the only lingering evidences of the attack.

The latest reports indicate nothing has been recovered from the thieves.

Address Corrections

The new Foreign Missions Directory has some errors which have been called to our attention.

Elaine Allen's address in the Ivory Coast should read as follows:

*Mission Protestante Evangelique
B.P. 20
Bouna, Ivory Coast
West Africa*

Molly Barker in Uruguay had this address dropped out accidentally:

*Caixa Postal 5
97570 Livramento, Rio Grande do Sul
Brazil, South America*

The Turnboughs in Spain and the Bishops in Japan have moved:

*Jeff and Susan Turnbough
Puerta de Sierra 2
Gredos 6-2º-A
Majadahonda (Madrid), Spain*

*Dale and Sandra Bishop
46-8, Fukuzumi 2 jo, 3 chome
Toyohira Ku, Sapporo 062
Japan*



Women of the Iriso and Tokyo Free Will Baptist churches sing during a women's fellowship meeting held at Iriso.

Eagleton Reports Progress, Issues Prayer Requests

Brazil—"A man and his wife have recently been saved and are now studying in preparation for baptism," writes Ken Eagleton from Araras, Brazil. "They have a three-year-old son who loves to go to church and Sunday school along with his parents."

Eagleton noted that an illiterate 76-year-old lady has begun to hear the Bible plan of salvation for the first time. Although her son doesn't want her listening to the gospel she has requested more information about God. "She is afraid to die because she knows she isn't prepared to meet God," Ken concluded.

Irish Women Hold Special June Meeting

Japan—Women from the Iriso and Tokyo Free Will Baptist churches in Japan held a special fellowship meeting in June at Iriso. Approximately 30 women attended the special fellowship gathering.

According to missionary Fred Hersey, the young people from these two churches were scheduled to go to Hokkaido in August by bus for approximately eight days. He noted that most of the people from the Iriso church have never been to Hokkaido.

ICA Student Drowns During Senior Outing

Ivory Coast—Tragedy struck just two weeks and six days before graduation at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake. Miss Roberta Marion Hungerpillar drowned while swimming at the beach during the senior trip to San Pedros.

Roberta, the 19-year-old daughter of Liberian missionaries, had maintained a near-perfect academic standing at the school. According to Robert Lee, son of Sherwood and Vada Lee, "Her death has been one of victory, and

many MKs have either been saved or rededicated their lives to Christ as a result."

Those who were at the accident site indicated the girl and her would-be rescuer struggled for 45 minutes in the water before she finally succumbed to the undertow.

Two Free Will Baptist MKs were among the 28 seniors on the outing: Robert Lee and Tim Pinkerton, son of Jerry and Carol Pinkerton. Both graduated July 2.

West Virginia Walk-a-thon Tops \$16,000 for Deficits

Charleston, W. Va.—Churches in the West Virginia State Association took seriously the challenge of their state home and foreign mission boards at the state meeting. When urged to wipe out deficit accounts of West Virginia missionaries, they responded with a Walk-a-thon for Missions and raised \$16,426.25 as of August 7, 1982.

On that first Saturday of August, many of the churches gathered at Laidley Field (a football stadium) in Charleston to report their offerings and to participate in special festivities throughout the day. Cokes and hot dogs were furnished by the home and foreign mission boards.

Franklin Griffith, of McCorkle Free Will Baptist Church, walked over 44 miles and had already collected \$2,600 to turn in. He expected to top \$3,000 since some of his 116 sponsors hadn't contributed at the time of his report. Others also walked over 40 miles but had collected much less money.

George Hawkins, 85-year-old member of Camp Creek church in the Huntington area, was one of the oldest of many senior citizens to participate in the event. Two-year-old Matthew Ryan Griffith was probably the youngest to participate as he collected five dollars.

Sponsors of the event said deficit accounts of the West Virginia missionaries totaled \$16,739.77. While this defi-

cit was virtually wiped out by cash received, other money already pledged should bring the total to near \$25,000.

Jim Sturgill, missionary to Brazil, is the only foreign missionary from the state with a deficit account. He needed \$3,895.66 to get into the black.

According to Eugene Waddell, associate director of foreign missions who was at the Saturday meeting, the group has already set a goal of \$100,000 for another walk-a-thon next year.

Financial Summary

Through July 31

Substance

Total receipts June	\$ 192,192.07
July	192,156.93
Total receipts through July	1,214,101.77
Total disbursements through July	1,327,067.25
Projected receipts through July	1,281,669.69
Total 1982 Budget	\$2,197,148.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 749.62	Lee	\$ 2,293.11
Barker	475.27	McLain	7,696.88
Bishop	3,800.13	Miley	7,776.43
Caton	8,009.89	Moser	7,558.39
Cowart	4,244.43	Owen	3,838.40
Crowson	4,592.82	Pinkerton	2,432.14
Deeds	10,430.47	So. India	3,713.59
Filkins	7,730.65	Sparks	1,644.24
Gibbs	3,418.95	Sturgill	3,895.66
Hanna	8,006.02	McCullough	1,435.16
Hersey	5,067.87	Vanhook	550.56
Inscoe	4,904.21	Webb	7,152.40
Total			\$111,417.29

State Quotas—1982

State	Quota 1982	Quota thru July	Receipts thru July
Alabama	\$ 133,000.00	77,583.31	\$ 85,232.03
Arizona	2,500	1,458.31	1,217.82
Arkansas	103,000	60,083.31	63,924.99
California	65,000	31,916.69	22,040.49
Colorado	4,500	2,625.00	1,366.01
Florida	61,000	35,583.31	34,153.78
Georgia	70,000	40,833.31	39,306.52
Hawaii	1,000	583.31	145.32
Idaho	1,000	583.31	362.24
Illinois	73,000	42,583.31	36,093.38
Indiana	18,000	10,500.00	9,476.37
Iowa	1,000	583.31	150.00
Kansas	12,000	7,000.00	6,527.66
Kentucky	57,000	33,250.00	34,515.71
Louisiana	1,000	583.31	00.00
Maryland	10,000	5,833.31	4,033.55
Michigan	100,000	58,333.31	46,591.30
Minnesota	500	291.69	208.55
Miss.	31,000	18,083.31	17,567.04
Missouri	130,000	75,833.31	88,906.39
Montana	1,000	583.31	427.96
N. Mexico	500	291.69	211.53
*NE Asn	5,000	2,916.69	3,470.90
**NW Asn	8,000	4,666.69	4,823.04
N. Carolina	312,000	182,000.00	169,295.83
Ohio	68,000	39,666.69	48,925.21
Oklahoma	282,000	164,500.00	135,976.34
Penn.	1,000	583.31	1,137.60
S. Carolina	140,000	81,666.69	85,592.63
Tennessee	282,000	164,500.00	171,412.27
Texas	55,000	32,083.31	26,778.73
Virginia	85,000	49,583.31	47,262.89
Virgin Is.	3,000	1,750.00	227.44
W. Virginia	77,000	44,916.69	33,895.69
Other St.	3,148	1,836.52	389.70
Total			\$2,197,148 \$1,281,669.69 \$1,214,101.77

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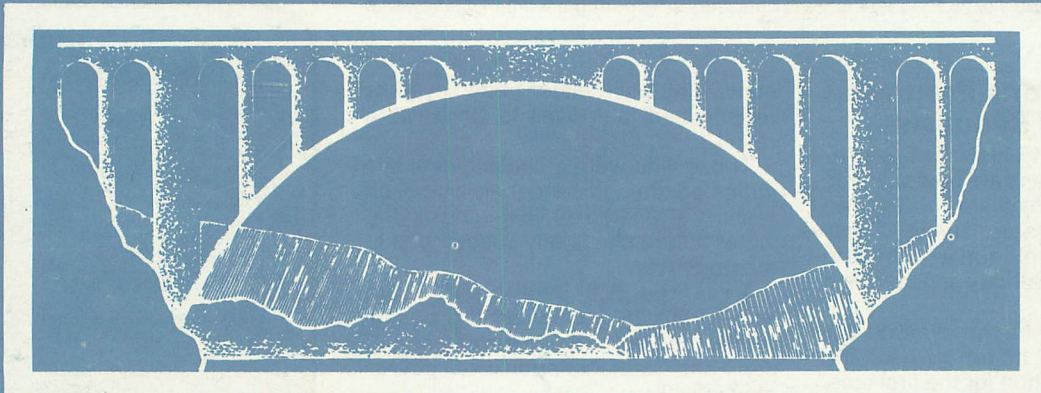
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