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## Chief Offers Land in Africa

*Land for the establishment and building of a Free Will Baptist Church in the village of Doropo on the Ivory Coast of Africa was offered by the village chief (in white) when Rev. Raymond Riggs (right), foreign missions director, visited the village last fall. At the left are two missionaries, Daniel Merkh and Gordon Timyan. Standing by the chief is his secretary.*



■ MISSIONS IS TAKING the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to people wherever they live. The born-again believers we read about in the early church all had the feeling of personal responsibility for witnessing. They never went out to win arguments—but to win souls.

Whenever the gospel was preached and souls were saved a church was organized. Then this group of blood-washed Christians felt they must lend an arm to establish another church. Therefore, they would send workers into the next village or to the countryside nearby to preach and establish churches.

A New Testament church is a missionary church. The ideal plan is to give more for missions than it takes to operate the local church.

We have many channels in our denomination through which to give to missions. We have the educational institutions which are vital to our work. Eleven of our national home missionaries are graduates of Free Will Baptist Bible College, as well as the director of the work.

We have local missionary projects. We have district projects. We have state projects. Then we have the national mission boards. All of North America, 250,000,000 souls, is the responsibility of the National

By Homer E. Willis . . .

# NEW TESTAMENT MISSIONS

Home Missions Board. This board is the missionary agency of your church for the spreading of the gospel in Alaska, Canada, the United States, and Mexico.

The churches we read about in the days of the apostles preached the gospel to all men. The rich, the poor, the learned, the unlearned. We should look again at our missionary program. In many instances it is altogether too one-sided. We should love the souls of people everywhere. Who they are or where they are should not come into the picture.

A soul without Christ in America is as lost as one without Christ in any other country. Our denomination will be strong only as we strengthen our missionary activity in all the world.

Missions travel on a two-way street. America must be won to Christ if the world is to be evangelized. We cannot wait till all of America is won before we give the message to the rest of the world, *but we*

*cannot neglect America as we seek to give the gospel to any portion of the world.*

The major support of evangelical missions around the world comes from North America, therefore, we must undergird our missionary program by establishing new churches at home, promoting stewardship, enlisting missionaries, and winning our neighbors to Christ. The best way to gird ourselves for victorious service on the foreign field is to strengthen the home base. More churches at home means more money with which to support our other fields of service. More churches at home will mean more young men and women for our schools, and more missionaries for the home and foreign field.

The New Testament church believers did not look over the fields, but rather "on them." Our work in the United States remains "spotted", that is, we have hundreds of miles from one church to another in many instances. We only have work in one city out of five. We have looked over the fields.

The following quotation from the fifty-second annual report of the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board given at Boston in 1886 to the Old General Conference, still is true today.

"Thousands of our young people have gone in the past from their country homes and churches to be lost to us a people for the reason that when they went to the city they could not find the people of their choice and have sought homes in other folds."

There is an alarming tendency in our connection at this time to use home mission money in the bounds of our already established and strong work. If this continues, it will mean that the state with Free Will Baptist strength will continue to increase, but it will also mean that where the work is most needed, there will be no finances with which to send workers or organized churches. We must increase our support of the national home mission program if we are to get churches in new areas. In other words, the strong conferences and churches must help in establishing churches in places, other than their own cities, or districts, if we are to see the denomination grow and develop in all sections of North America.

## Missionary Imperative







By Thomas H. Willey, Sr. . . .

# A Missionary Looks at SOUTH AMERICA

ONE OF THE GREATEST tributes I have ever read to the work of Protestant missions in a secular magazine was published in the Spanish issue of *Life*, March 3, 1958, and was entitled, "Doctors of the Body and of the Soul". The following statement is impressive: "Long before the United States sent millions of soldiers, diplomats and technicians into the world, the best known missionary in distant lands was the North American. At the beginning of the nineteenth century they carried the Bible into the most remote corner of the globe. This was their textbook preached with fervor."

On my recent trip into South America, numbers of times I have been asked, "What motivates you to come to this backward country when you are a citizen of the greatest and richest country in the world?" The only answer is, "Christ and His Gospel, obedience to his wish that all men might know the greatest story ever told." There were many of you sufficiently interested to pray for your missionary on this last trip of exploration into the great continent south of us so that you are interested in knowing how definitely the Spirit of God led and at times restrained, helped us see some situations that would have led us into blind alleys or traps, unwise investments of time, money, and personnel.

First I would like to make clear the purpose of this trip. I did not go just to make another tourist trip or as a tourist. In the first place I am a very poor tourist. They lavishly spend money. I have always had very definite convictions of my responsibility as to how I spend the Lord's money that many times represents sacrifice on the part of praying people.

The tourist can be very easily detected by the people of all lands and very often shames the American missionary who lives in those countries because of his disregard for the sensitive feelings and customs such

as manner of dress, the taking of pictures without first requesting them, etc. Someone gave this definition of a tourist: "Go ye into all the world and take pictures of every creature." The nationals greatly resent picture-taking of the more sordid side of the country.

One of the greatest advantages is knowing the language of a people. This cuts the cost usually in half. The tourist always pays double in taxi or hotels. Just a few words fluently spoken in kindness as a request rather than an order certainly saves money. Not knowing the language places the traveler at the mercy of taxi drivers who get a tip for taking people to the more expensive hotels. I have learned the great saving by staying in pensiones rather than hotels. I have a list of good boarding houses in fifteen South American cities so that rather than pay from five to eight dollars a night in a hotel, the most my daily cost for room and board ran was from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day.

The large international airlines from the U. S. are very expensive, so we always try to travel by national lines which run about one quarter the cost. In this modern age one can travel very comfortably by bus or by train and meet missionaries from every denomination. These faithful servants, who very seldom have a visitor from the U. S., receive and welcome the visitor and he is called on to preach numbers of times. To them it is a refreshing experience for them to have visitors. This gives opportunity for the exchange of missionary government and response.

The first stage of the trip was eight straight hours flying with a brief stop-over in Panama. We arrived in the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, with a blown cylinder, which permitted us to spend one entire day and a night there. When the director of the airline found that I was interested in the city he took me at his own expense all through the growing center of that great city

where thousands of new homes are being built.

The amazing growth of population and all these great growing cities offer a challenge that the present missionary program cannot begin to meet. This is what I met in twelve of the greater South American cities in five republics. As I talked of the work of missions and the desire of the Free Will Baptists to meet their responsibility, the immediate question was, "Why do you not consider Ecuador?" Missionaries have been there for a century, but their forces have been so limited against such gigantic odds and satanic opposition so that the task remains greater than ever.

The next city of great challenge—Lima, Peru—has a tremendous population growth as is true everywhere. Thirty-two years ago I landed in Lima as a young untried missionary. This that I found in 1958 is a fast-moving metropolis and not the sleepy city of the many years ago. I spent five days in Lima in conference with many of the leaders of the Iglesia Evangelica Peruviana. I renewed acquaintance with missionaries I knew 32 years ago. My missionary director, Ray Clark, became very dear to me under many trying experiences as a young missionary on a jungle river among backward Indians. He has for some years been the director of a Bible seminary, training young nationals to take the Gospel to their own people. It was a joy to fellowship with him and his capable wife.

One of the outstanding authorities on the great country of Peru is a veteran missionary, Dr. Money—one of the unusual characters that missionaries in any country cannot do without. I met Dr. Money when I went to Peru. He was then a young man of my own age, just beginning, full of youth and vision. That vision has not lessened, but is tempered with a world of experience. Dr. Money, in my many conferences with him,

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## Free Will Baptists and the 49th State

*By Homer E. Willis*

As Alaska, our 49th state, faces new opportunities for development, the Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board is also aware of its increased responsibility to keep our missionary work growing.

Alaska is a land of contrasts. It is made up of frozen wilderness and green valleys. It was purchased from Russia in 1867 and given a name derived from the Aleut word meaning "The Great Land." It is separated from Russia by about 40 miles. Its width is 2,300 miles from east to west and its length is 1,400 miles from north to south.

In the upper Yukon Valley there are short, warm summers and long, cold winters. The temperature may range from -60 degrees in January to 90 degrees in July. At Point Barrow, the growing season is only 17 days. For all Alaska, the average summer temperature is 54 degrees and the average winter temperature is 10 degrees.

The population has increased more than 80 per cent in the past ten years. The Indian population is nearly all native to Alaska and their number has remained fairly stationary since 1900. There are several thousand Eskimos and hundreds of Aleuts, a related people. They live along the northern coasts where they exist by fishing and hunting. Thirty-five deaths out of each one hundred among these people is caused by

tuberculosis. Dog sleds, pioneer transportation of Alaska, are still the principal means of transport in some areas. Much of the territory is still unmapped and unknown geologically. About one-fourth of the population can read and write, but illiteracy is low among the whites.

Scriptures first came to Alaska when Empress Catherine of Russia sent missionaries "to her American colony" in 1796. The Bible has now been published in a number of the Eskimo dialects. However, there remain many natives of Alaska who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

A recent report from the Free Will Baptist church in Anchorage, where the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Lee Whaley are, gives the following information:

"Yesterday we had 50 in Sunday school, 55 for the morning worship service, and 25 for League. We have had two professions the past month. There are nine members of our Woman's Auxiliary and we have organized a Master's Men. The outlook here is more encouraging and growth is consistent. We will soon have our first baptismal service. It is now 31 degrees below zero at Fairbanks. We feel that 1959 will be a good year for Alaska Free Will Baptist missions."

## Brazilians God Adds

*By Ken Eagleton*

■ IS IT POSSIBLE to have a New Testament church in today's society? I suppose this is a moot question, but I believe in part I can say yes. Thinking in terms of the social and economic conditions of the United States, you may be more prone to answer the question in the negative, especially if you are a pastor.

While working with the church here in Campinas, Brazil, I have seen some of the same type of work that we read about the New Testament church in Acts. While some might say it is because things are different here, I can say that we have many of the same problems that pastors experience at home.

Campinas is a modern city of over 300,000 and the people of our church work at jobs just as you do, many of them for longer hours. Yet they are carrying on a program that approaches the description in Acts 2:46-47: "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

I do not mean that we are all eating together and have a communal church, but there are some of these things that the church here is doing.

First, the church is continuing daily with one accord in the "temple". Of course, our "temple" is the side porch of the pastor's home. It was built for a carport, but we have added some flooring and tent canvas and are using it for a place to worship. In this small area we pack 60 to 85 people for our daily meeting. The church has resolved to have at least one service a day somewhere.

Usually this means a street meeting in one of the neighboring areas and then a worship service in the home of one of the members. Our pastor, Waldemar Daminelli, doesn't do all the preaching either. Many of the church members preach or witness in the various meetings. Even the boys of ten to fourteen years are responsible to preach and testify in these meetings. In these we see the hope of our national church as our preacher boys are trained from early age.

Because the members stay so busy, there is little time left for fighting and gossip. We are experiencing here a group that is working in "one accord" to get the gospel to others.

Secondly, the church here is "breaking bread from house to house." I have already said that we don't have a communal church,



# Witness and to the Church

## Report from the Northwest

By Johnny Postlewaite

but the believers are breaking the Bread of Life from house to house. Some of the work of the church has been to make a systematic distribution of gospel portions and tracts in this city. They have distributed thousands upon thousands of pieces of literature.

Besides this phase of the work, the church is systematic in its street meetings. They are held at various points around the vicinity of the church and the people in that area have heard the gospel at least once. The group from the church goes to some street light. The street is usually deserted and the houses all closed up. But the playing of the accordion and singing brings the people out into the yard, on the porch, or to lean out of their windows to listen.

Then after a few hymns, someone preaches and sometimes there might be short testimonies. At the close, the group identifies itself and gives the church address and an invitation to attend services. We have had several converts recently from some of these meetings.

Because our believers are witnessing and people are being saved as a result of this, they are enjoying the fruits of their labor and are praising God for his blessings. They are working with singleness of heart and are praising God for his faithfulness in saving souls.

That brings me to the third point: "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." As a testimony of the power of a witnessing church and to the continual growth of the church here, let me share some statistics with you. The church was started in August, 1957, with three members. A total of 81 more members have been received since then, with 70 of them being converted and baptized. Twelve members have been excluded for unbecoming conduct, leaving an active membership of 72.

We now have three young men in Bible school and another one to go in February. The opportunities are unlimited for the preaching of the gospel. Our need is for more workers and for support of the work. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will keep the Free Will Baptist church in Brazil a witnessing church.

I grant that these two verses do not tell the entire story of the New Testament church, but it is an outline of their daily activities. God blessed them because they were about his business and you can readily see from the above that God will bless when people do his will in carrying the gospel to the lost.

The past few months have brought many wonderful blessings to us and the church here in Wenatchee. We feel that the things we have been able to accomplish are some among the most important in the life of our work here. We know also that these accomplishments have been realized only as God has answered the prayers of people everywhere in behalf of our work here. It humbles our heart before him and constrains us to work more diligently in the future.

We recently closed an eight-day revival in which there were two decisions and four united with the church, making a total of five decisions and nine additions to the church the past month. We now have eight candidates awaiting baptism. Our church membership now numbers 51, with a Sunday school enrolment of 111. The League has an enrolment of 50, however, attendance for the Sunday evening services has been near 100 several times the past few months.

We have a very active Woman's Auxiliary with twelve members. They have recently sent a love offering and some dried apricots and apples to the Whaleys in Alaska, three boxes of clothing to the school in Nogales, Arizona, and have furnished the paint for our own basement chapel.

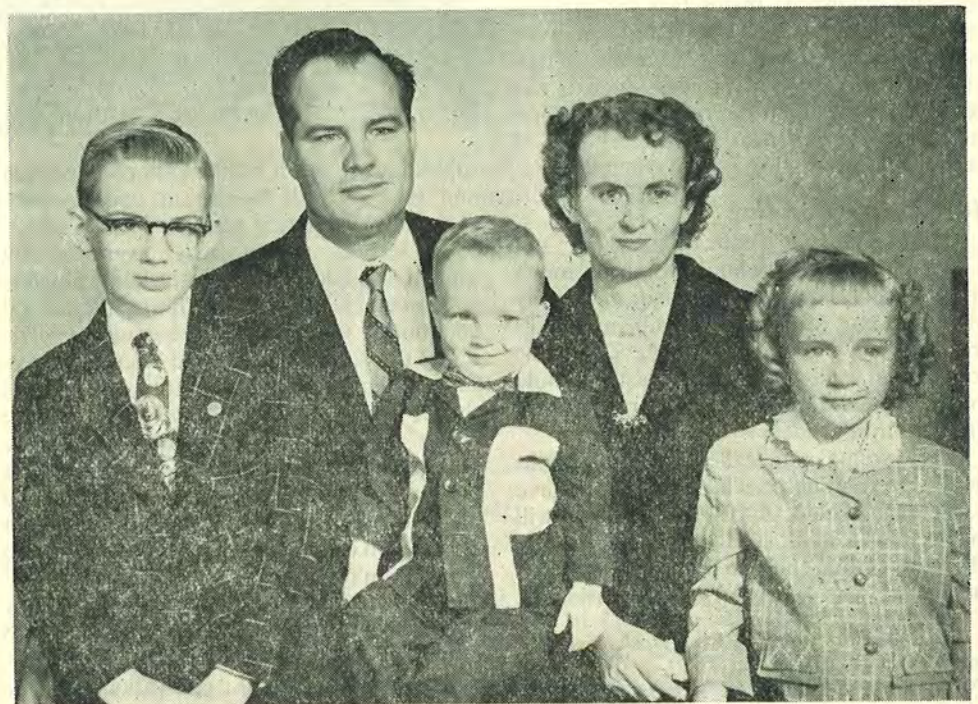
Last Sunday, December 7, we celebrated our first anniversary in our new basement

building, which houses our present auditorium, 6 classrooms, office, two rest rooms and furnace room. We have just installed our furnace at a cost of \$1,050, for which the church paid cash.

We are now waiting for the weather to settle to begin work on the building over the basement, which will house an auditorium with a seating capacity of 250, pastor's study, one classroom, baptistry, and nursery. An \$8,000 issue of bonds have been secured from the Broadway Plan in Houston, Texas, to build this building, we have them all sold except \$2,000. So far they have all been sold locally. If you know of anyone who might be interested in investing in these bonds, please contact us immediately. We have three \$100 bonds left and the rest are \$50 ones. We hope to have the building completed by Easter Sunday. Our entire property will be valued at near \$40,000 when this building is finished. The bond issue is all that we owe on it.

First, we praise and thank the Lord for all these things, and secondly, we say a big thank you to the Home Mission Board, and our Free Will Baptist people, who have stood behind us and helped to get our beloved denomination started in the great Northwest. We continue to ask your prayers, there is still a great field to harvest.

*Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite, Joey, Sammy and Susan*





# The Preachers' Preparation

By Floyd Cherry

WHEN GOD CALLS a man to preach, He expects him to make preparation. Jesus called the apostles, but he didn't send them out immediately. He spent three years getting them ready for the task. The fact that a man is divinely called into the ministry does not mean that God will supply the message without careful preparation on the minister's part.

God does not destroy the personality of the man he has called to preach and reduce him to a mere machine that grinds out messages. The nearest God ever came to doing that was in Balaam's time, when he delivered a message through Balaam's means of transportation. But what preacher wants to belong to the fraternity that brays?

Some young men get in a hurry and say that they do not have time to go to school. Men are dying, they say. Sure they are; but if many were drowning in a lake, would it be the part of wisdom to jump in and try to save them if you couldn't swim yourself?

Men are mistaken when they say that the apostles were ignorant and unlearned men. True, they did not have a formal education, but they had three years' association with Jesus while he taught them. It is true, however, that numbers of preachers whose training was of the most elementary kind have distinguished themselves as pastors and evangelists. Charles H. Spurgeon is an example of the first; D. L. Moody of the latter. But the success of these men is the exception rather than the rule. Furthermore, these men did not have the opportunity of formal education that you have today.

## Reasons for Training

Schooling and education are not synonymous. Many who have spent much time in schools are not educated; and many who have not spent much time in schools are educated. However, we believe that the young man called into the ministry should spend as much time as possible training and studying in a school.

Every young man called of God should get all the training possible in order to have a disciplined mind. A disciplined mind will enable him to think straight and coherently. The gospel preached in an indefinite and incoherent way leads only to confusion. A

lot of preaching is like that of Tom Sawyer's uncle after he got out of jail: when he had finished his sermon the people were so confused that they did not know the way home. Dr. T. Grady Nanney of Oklahoma says that after he had preached on a difficult

qualities and talents which a person possesses. Colleges and seminaries do not make preachers, but if a man is called of God and has a talent, it will cultivate and polish him so that he can be a more effective servant of the Lord.

## Choice of Schools

When the young man who is called of God into the ministry graduates from high school, what kind of college should he enter? Should it be a state school or a church school? Should it be a small college or a large university?

There are some advantages to the large universities. They have the best faculties available and funds for science laboratories and libraries. Too, if the student has to pay his own way by working, there are more scholarships and work opportunities. Moreover, it may be pointed out that the large school more nearly duplicates a real life situation than does the specialized school.

However, there are some definite disadvantages to the large universities and state-supported schools. In the name of academic freedom, men are allowed to propagate most any theory they espouse. Perhaps this is the reason that the strongholds for communism and atheism in this country are our large state universities. These schools do not make much pretense at trying to discipline the students. This usually results in much immorality and loose living, which cannot be conducive to the development of Christian character.

It is our belief that the small church-related school that is definitely Christian is best for the prospective minister. Here the students are disciplined and the doctrines of the church are taught. The young Christian is in an atmosphere that fosters growth and development in spiritual living.

However, the alumni of the denominational college do not have a right to look down their sanctified noses at their fellow ministers who attended some other school. Christian character and ministerial ability are personal traits and there are those of sterling character and unusual ability from all types of schools and there are those of weak character and little ability from all types of schools. It is possible to show the kind of character we have by our critical attitude.



subject one time, a brother approached him and said, "I still believe in that doctrine even though I heard you preach on it."

A second reason why every young minister should get all the training possible is to acquire knowledge. The smallest rural community today has college graduates. The press, the schools, radio and television have so publicized information on all subjects that it is a sin to be ignorant. How can the pulpit appeal to people who know more than the preacher about the subject he is trying to teach? Trying to tell someone about something that you yourself do not know is like coming back from somewhere you haven't been.

A third reason why the young minister should get all the training possible is to cultivate his talent and polish his personality. An education is the cultivation of the

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One cannot much sympathize with those ministers who talk about their desire for an education "if they had only had the opportunity." There are opportunities everywhere. If one cannot go to one college he can go to another. If he cannot go in his youth, he can go later. It is never too late to do what you ought to do. If one does not have the moral courage and ambition to go to college in the face of difficulties, it is doubtful whether he has the ability to profit from it if he did go.

### The Minister's Reading

After the young preacher has finished his formal schooling and has been called to a church, what ought he to study then? There are those who will argue that now his time must be given fully to the study of the Word and the preparation of sermons. That the Bible is of paramount importance no one will deny and that much of the preacher's time should be spent with it, all will agree. However, there are many other things that the well-informed minister needs to study and read.

The pastor needs to read some for pleasure. Of course, he will get much help from that which he reads for pure pleasure. Every pastor should read at least one good daily newspaper and one or more news magazines to try to keep himself informed on world affairs. It is difficult to conceive of a pastor who is not informed on world affairs enough to be conversant on the subject.

Many novels will bring real pleasure to the pastor. We do not agree with those who feel that all novels are bad and that the pastor should not waste his time on fiction. Much can be learned from reading the good novels. Some of the best literature the world has seen is fiction.

The pastor should study as much history as possible. Someone has said that history is "His Story." Christianity is an historical religion woven into the fabric of the ages. In history the Christian student can see the blending of the human and the divine in the onward march of events.

Dr. W. W. Melton writing in *The Making of a Preacher* says, "One may limit his training to such a narrow field that he could never become his best. He is a preacher but he should know far more than the things that narrowly pertain to the ministry. His life's work is to be spent in the field of religion, but he should not limit his reading and knowledge to religion and religious subjects."

Society tries to force everyone to conform to its standards. If one falls below these standards, he is punished; if he rises above them he is persecuted. In the same way there are groups within organized religion that tries to force the young minister to conform.

But the young minister worthy of leading a church will read widely, especially the Bible; pray often, and make up his own mind instead of following blindly the philosophy of others.

## Texas Pastor Reports Victory

Many churches received special offerings for home missions on Thanksgiving Sunday. The following letter was received by the national home missions director a few days later from Rev. Malcolm Fry, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Bryan, Texas.

"I met with the deacons to determine the goal we should set for the sacrificial offering. I suggested that we aim for \$50 and if we didn't receive that much that the church make up the difference. They thought I was out of my mind and did not dare guarantee more than \$25.

"Disheartened, I left the meeting and went to God in prayer. Surely our church could raise \$50 for home missions over and above the normal tithes and offerings. At any rate, I had the envelopes passed out Sunday morning with instructions that the

missionary offering would be taken at the evening service. This was done primarily to reach those who would not be back for the evening service.

"Then at the evening service I told my people that I would not take the missionary offering until after my message. Thus we took our normal offerings at both services because I had stressed that they were 'not to rob Peter to pay Paul,' but that the missionary offering was to be sacrificial.

"The Lord laid a missionary message on my heart, 'The Destiny of the Heathen.' I am happy to report that at the close of the service approximately ten young people surrendered their lives for missionary service if the Lord should call them and our offering was a few cents over \$70 for home missions!"

## National Home Mission Giving Increases

State	1958 Quota	Amount Given	Over	Under
Alabama	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,012.43		\$ 487.57
Arizona	300.00	306.34	\$ 6.34	
Arkansas	2,000.00	1,304.20		695.80
California	2,500.00	604.02		1,895.98
Florida	1,500.00	1,020.19		379.81
Georgia	2,000.00	1,090.33		909.67
Idaho	300.00	62.50		237.50
Illinois	2,500.00	1,284.75		1,239.25
Kansas	300.00	62.50		237.50
Kentucky	1,500.00	1,917.17	417.17	
Louisiana	200.00	2.50		197.50
Maine	300.00			300.00
Michigan	4,000.00	2,091.97		1,908.03
Mississippi	1,500.00	448.55		1,051.45
Missouri	3,500.00	4,333.25	833.25	
Nebraska	300.00			300.00
New Mexico	200.00	267.73	67.73	
North Carolina	4,500.00	10,387.50	5,887.50	
Ohio	2,500.00	911.35		1,588.65
Oklahoma	3,500.00	3,111.61		388.39
Oregon	200.00	284.15	84.15	
South Carolina	2,000.00	1,237.62		779.04
Tennessee	3,500.00	6,641.52	3,141.52	
Texas	2,500.00	1,993.50		506.50
Virginia	2,000.00	1,595.51		404.49
Washington	500.00	284.39		215.61
West Virginia	2,000.00	45.15		1,954.85
Other	5,500.00	4,877.73		
Totals	\$53,100.00	\$47,178.46		

1956  
\$25,698.09

1957  
\$33,318.97

1958  
\$47,178.46

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## A Lady Takes the Lead

The Free Will Baptist denomination as we know it today has been somewhat slow in getting the real vision for foreign mission work.

In 1935 when the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference of the Free Will Baptist churches of America were contemplating merging into a national body, a meeting was being held in the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church in North Carolina. There were a great number of delegates from all over the various states where Free Will Baptist work was known to be.

In those days the local church served as the host and entertained all of the delegates. Many homes would care for as many as 20 or 25 people. Some would find sleeping quarters in the barn and others doubling up in the homes. However, the fellowship that existed in those days was something unexcelled. There are still several people who remember that eventful convention and how the Lord honored with his intimate presence.

During this convention a very attractive, well-educated, neat, young lady challenged the denomination to send her to India. She was well qualified to have assumed any position as private secretary with any executive in this country. However, the Lord had laid on her heart to go to India as a missionary.

At that time the denomination had no work in India. Of course, we had had work there, but in the merger of 1910 the work was swallowed up by the Northern Baptist Convention. The Spirit of the Lord was on the meeting as Laura Belle Barnard from Glennville, Georgia, offered herself to take

the lead in spearheading our foreign mission work in this heathen land. Up to that time the Free Will Baptist denomination was rather dormant here in the states. It was most difficult for local congregations to exist. We had very few, if any, full-time pastors. We had no educational program and the spiritual life of the church as a whole was at a rather low ebb.

Miss Barnard went to India and after studying the language and after having fellowship with other Christian missionaries in India, she began a Free Will Baptist work. The work started in a small way in the form of a school. But during these years the Lord has greatly blessed the efforts of this "leading lady" and God has given us a real work in India. Today, we have a Christian day school, we have a new church in India with a full-time national pastor. We have property in India valued at between \$12,000 and \$15,000 (all this in South India, where Miss Barnard is located) and then from this we have opened up a new field in North India, where there are four missionaries in the person of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk and Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.

The people of the Free Will Baptist denomination are indebted to Miss Barnard for having been the first to go into this area with the gospel as our representative. From that day until this our denomination has been growing. We believe that much of it is due to the fact that we have obeyed the Lord in lifting up our eyes and looking on the fields.

In addition to the work in Kotagiri, as a result of this missionary activity many of the surrounding villages have been reached with the message of salvation.

Miss Barnard is no longer that young lady that she was, but she still is a wonderful person and even though Father Time has caused the years to creep up we believe that there are many more useful years of Christian service in her life.

As a result of this spearhead led by Miss Barnard, our denomination has been challenged time and time again to our responsibility to bring the gospel to those who have never heard. No doubt much credit is due her for the missionary revival that has been sweeping our denomination within the last several years. Today we have missionaries in Japan, we also have American missionaries in Cuba along with some 50 or more nationals who are representing the Lord Jesus Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination, and missionaries in South America, Spain and Africa. There are over two thousand members of the Free Will Baptist Church in Cuba.



LAVERNE MILEY

## Miley Receives Medical Degree

LaVerne Miley, who will be the first Free Will Baptist missionary doctor of modern times, received his medical degree last month in graduation exercises at the University of Tennessee Medical College, Memphis.

He immediately began a period of internship in that city preparatory to his appointment as a medical missionary to Africa in 1960. Plans call for the opening of a Free Will Baptist hospital in French West Africa during that year.

Dr. Miley is 30 years old and has been active in Free Will Baptist work since childhood. His home was in Kirksville, Mo., where he graduated from high school at the age of 14. When he was 17 he received a Bachelor of Science degree with honors from Kirksville Teachers' College.

He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College one year and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Seminary. Following that he served on the faculty at the Bible College for five years, two of which he served as acting dean.

He resigned his position with the Bible College to prepare for missionary service and enrolled in the University of Tennessee Medical College three years ago. His wife is the former Lorene Norris of Benton, Ill., who is serving her second term as president of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. They have three children—Lynn, Lynette and Larry.

"We should begin now to raise funds for passage, support and medical equipment for this family," Rev. Raymond Riggs, foreign missions director, said.



LAURA BELLE BARNARD



# SOUTH AMERICA

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said, "Mr. Willey, why don't you try to influence your denomination to consider Peru? We as a national church cannot meet the great surge of population." The Southern Baptists has only been in Lima a few years, but they are building churches rapidly. Here again was the open plea begging us to come to their help. Dr. Money got me a discount on the national airline and I began the trip across South America which took me one month in a ministry of soul-winning.

In my last report I had reached the frontier city of Londrinas in the state of Paraná. The Inter-American Mission, known also as the Oriental Missionary Society, has made every effort to help us in frankly presenting the most vital needs of this great Republic of Brazil. Their Seminary is interdenominational. To my surprise, someone told me there was a Free Will Baptist boy in the school. What a joy to know that already (in less than a year) I was to meet a young national preacher from our church in Campinas. He has a precious ministry, preaching each day a series of messages on the HOLY Spirit as found in the apostolic church of Acts. I could not have been treated with greater consideration. Dr. Erney is a dear friend of many years ago.

I am hoping that there shall be a better acquaintance with this mission whose doctrines are very much like ours. They offer the only Bible Seminary that is not outspoken and positively Calvinistic. We feel that until we have our own Bible College in Brazil the Instituta Biblica de Londrinas is as though we were sending our young men and women to our own institution. I feel that our trip to Brazil was worthwhile in just knowing these real friends.

Here in Londrinas I had ample time to make a more thorough review of plans for this great coffee frontier. I found there is a greater concentration of evangelical missionary effort than in most any other state. Seemingly, most of the missions are treading on each other's toes to start there. Again, the Spirit of God led me to people of like faith. To me it is a tragedy for a number of missions to concentrate in one

place when there is such great challenge of great unevangelized cities.

For the state of Paraná, one of the greatest challenges was presented. Brother Dave Franks and I were invited to a conference with the director, the surgeon and head nurse of the new evangelical hospital in Londrinas. These fine leading people showed us their plans for enlarging, then gave us as a denomination a challenge that we must meet. The doctor said, "We have no nurses. We must reach for our own instruments in operations and make our own analyses. This young lady, a German girl, is the only trained nurse in the hospital. We have the land and money to build a school of nursing. If your church will send us three trained nurses this will become a definite Free Will Baptist project and you can train your own national nurses for these new growing border mission programs."

The young doctor told me how in his interior town they had never heard the Gospel until a humble missionary came preaching. The whole town was converted, including his family, and he felt the call to become a missionary doctor. The director said, "Tell him about your experience two weeks ago." The following story illustrates the primitive need:

"I was at home visiting my family going into the country on horseback. Night was coming as I rode along when some people came to me running with the story of an expectant mother who had become unconscious through a toxic condition from the fetus. They begged me to save her life so I told them to go home and sharpen a butcher knife so that it would cut a hair, boil it and some strong needles and white thread and have a kitchen table scrubbed. It was dark when I began to perform a Caesarean section while two country people held candles. The woman recovered. Senor Willey, this is Brazil!"

I thrill to think of the challenge of young people of courage and fortitude. What a challenge to Free Will Baptist nurses! Recognizing the foregoing needs and the many abandoned children, we conclude that there are three things that will take this country by storm combined with earnest preaching—a clinic, any sort of school, and an orphanage.

## Cooperative Giving Over \$45,000 in 1958

### RECEIPTS

ALABAMA		
First church, Dothan	129.22	
Goodwater church, Slocumb	5.00	134.22
ARKANSAS		
State association	905.66	
First church, Greenwood	4.00	909.66
GEORGIA		
State association		235.10
ILLINOIS		
Bethel church, S. Roxana	47.42	
Ina church	53.63	
Waltonville church	24.19	
Johnston City church	71.46	
Oak Grove, Scheller	7.70	
Oak Valley S.S., Fairfield, Ill.	12.35	
Pleasant View church, Dix, Ill.	21.25	
Bakerville church, Mt. Vernon	21.41	
Webb's Prairie church, Ewing	11.00	270.41
KENTUCKY		
Southside church, Paintsville		62.50
MICHIGAN		
Wolverine association		315.35
MISSOURI		
State association		561.85
NORTH CAROLINA		
Swannanoa church		94.58
NEW MEXICO		
First church, Hobbs		63.97
OKLAHOMA		
State association		749.00
TENNESSEE		
Wooddale church, Knoxville	29.95	
Ashland City church	43.00	
Horton Hghts. church, Nashville	71.00	
Southside church, Memphis	28.38	
Olivet church, Clarksville	300.00	472.33
TEXAS		
Fellowship church, Bryan	20.00	
State association	80.95	
Trinity church, Ft. Worth	50.00	
		150.95

### DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Illinois	13.08	
Oklahoma	25.00	38.08
		4,058.00

### DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Mission Dept.	1,219.05
Home Mission Dept.	562.79
Bible College	844.19
Executive Dept.	989.77
Sunday School Dept.	160.81
Superannuation Board	160.81
F.W.B. League Dept.	120.58
	4,058.00

### UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS FOR 1958

ALABAMA	1,222.25
ARKANSAS	4,386.18
CALIFORNIA	2,328.78
FLORIDA	1,595.32
GEORGIA	3,303.70
ILLINOIS	2,817.77
KENTUCKY	610.00
MICHIGAN	1,662.81
MISSISSIPPI	40.10
MISSOURI	8,914.69
NEW MEXICO	703.60
NORTH CAROLINA	1,212.79
OHIO	51.55
OKLAHOMA	6,615.28
TENNESSEE	4,627.00
TEXAS	4,050.45
VIRGINIA	915.66

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## ALL THE MEN OF THE BIBLE

By Herbert Lockyer

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# I FOUND IN AFRICA A LAND OF CHALLENGE

By Raymond Riggs



Like a blind man beginning to see, so Africa's millions are entering into a new world as they learn to read and write. More than 20 million Africans today are literate out of a population of over 230 million. Thirty-three African languages now have the Bible in the vernacular; parts of the Bible are found in more than 200 of the continent's languages.

Chester Bowles, a former U.S. diplomat, has stated that "in the next few years Africa will be bursting with explosive problems." It is evident that these problems will not only be political and economic, but religious as well.

The *United States News and World Report* summarized Africa in the following statement:

"There is a sense of restless awakening in Africa. Colonial natives, long under white domination, are clamoring for freedom. Remote, backward countries are astir with ambition, anxious to rise to the stature of modern nations. Big prizes in the 'cold war' are at stake. Here and there Communists are already on the ground floor getting a foothold." To us, we could readily say that even "greater prizes" are at stake in winning as many Africans as possible to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ghana has set a pattern for the nations of Africa and others will undoubtedly follow this lead before long. The question is, will Africa establish some form of political unity among its 800 tribes and 44 different nations, and rise as a great nation, or will it remain after the pattern of Europe. It will be interesting to watch and see.

The present area of operation for Free Will Baptists in Africa is in French West Africa, almost seven times the size of Texas. French West Africa is inhabited by nearly 19 million people. Nine million are Moslems, one million Christians (including Roman Catholics) and the rest are pagan animists. The Negroes alone speak 120 different languages. Just outside the teeming modern city of Abidjan, villagers still slaughter small children and toss their disemboweled bodies into the river to make sure of a good year's fishing.

Mr. Riggs, who is executive director for foreign missions, visited Africa and Europe in the fall of 1958.

French West Africa is wholly dependent on France for nearly 80 per cent of its trade. France, seemingly has a reservoir of goodwill here. One of French West Africa's most noted political leaders is Felix Boigny. He is the mayor of the city of Abidjan, Ivory Coast's capital and a minister of state in DeGaulle's Cabinet. Says he, "We don't want independence. My neighbor Nkrumah in Ghana is independent, and as a result must support an army which is very expensive. Who is really independent anyway?"

There are eight territories in French West Africa and our assignment is in the Ivory Coast in an area known as the Bondoukou Circle. Our assigned area consists of approximately 30,000 square miles, and one of the French commanders told us the population would exceed 200,000. We have gone over this land with our missionaries, Lonnie Sparks and Dan Merkh. We were accompanied by Gordon Timyan, veteran missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

We have talked to the government commanders and to the village chiefs. We have seen the multitudes of benighted souls waiting for someone to show them the light. We have actually heard the appeals of both government officials and village chiefs to stay with them and help their people. We have had land-grants offered to us for buildings, but more than all of these we have keenly felt the power of the Holy Spirit challenging us to occupy this needy area.

I would like to share with you two of the many incidents in our extensive survey of the Bondoukou Circle. Perhaps they will help you more fully realize the challenge and the wonderful opportunities. First, we shall go to Bouna. Bouna is located in the northern part of the circle, and is the government center for the Bouna subdivision. It is also near a very large wild game reservation.

Mr. Merkh, Sparks, Timyan and I arrived here late at night. We had bounced over many miles of rough road in the Volkswagon, and when we arrived in Bouna all was dark and still. We found lodging in the government rest house, and as soon as we had eaten some food we went to bed. After an early breakfast the next morning,

cooked on a little kerosene camp stove, we went to see the French commander. He was very friendly, and invited us into his home. There we had tea and discussed with him the needs of his subdivision. He told us there were 40,000 people in the Bouna subdivision alone. To use his words, "This is a God-forsaken place." We hasten to respond that even though he might think it was "God-forsaken" we were sure it was not "God-forgotten".

He pointed out the large centers in his subdivision, and made some recommendations to us relative to setting up a mission station with medical facilities. Our opportunities in this field are unlimited and if personnel can be secured, the government will subsidize in the erection and maintenance of the hospital.

We also visited the village chief in Bouna, and he was very friendly and insisted that we stay and work among his people. Even though in many villages the Catholic Church is quite strong, here in Bouna they have made no headway whatever. The Catholic priest visits about every six months, but an African man told us that he had no "clientele," so he seldom returns.

From Bouna we drove across country through jungle road and thick forest to a crossroad center known as Doropo. It so happened that it was market day, and there were hundreds and hundreds of people from at least four different tribes, gathered in the market place. As soon as we drove the Volkswagon on to the grounds literally hundreds of people gathered around. It presented a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel, but none of us were able to speak their language.

Many of the people understood French, but none in our party could speak in the local vernacular, so we wondered just how we could reach this large crowd with a gospel message. Well, the Lord always provides so very soon Brother Merkh came up with the chief of the Lobi tribe who had been a soldier and understood French, yet could speak Lobi fluently. He agreed to interpret for Brother Timyan so he began preaching in French and this young African chief began to interpret so that all in the huge crowd could understand. The interpreter seemed to catch the spirit of the



message and he even put the same emphasis and expression as Brother Timyan. It was a real thrill to observe this service and to study the faces in the large audience as the most of these people were hearing a gospel message for the very first time.

As soon as the sermon was ended the chief of the local village (Doropo) came to us and insisted that we stay. He offered to give us land for a mission station and promised full cooperation if we would only send a resident missionary to live among and teach his people. He told us that several years ago the Catholics had promised to send them a missionary, but as yet they had not arrived. We went with this chief and his secretary to a lovely spot just outside the village, and the chief pointed out the land which would be given us (see cover picture). The land is waiting and so are the people—forty thousand of them in the Bouna subdivision alone!

The second incident occurred when Lonnie Sparks and I made a trip into an area of the circle that had not been visited before. The area lies north and west of Bondoukou and stretches about 75 miles north and approximately 100 miles west. The only road we had to follow was a very dim trail used mainly during the dry season. Already the rains had begun to fall. We made the trip in the Volkswagon, and were very glad to take an African Christian who is a member of our church in Goumère along with us. Several times we had to guide the driver of the car to make sure he kept the wheels on the logs which were thrown lengthwise across the streams for bridges.

After passing through several villages we suddenly came to a large clearing and almost as far as we could see, there were African huts. It was the largest village I saw while in Africa. The trail led us around the outer edge of the village, thus giving an opportunity to see the size of the community. Finally we came to a stop, and very soon we were surrounded by dozens of nude African children who looked us over very carefully. We asked one of the larger boys to take us to see the chief. He immediately led us through the village, passing hut after hut and as we went, we observed the many strange ways of life among these people.

Finally, we arrived at a place near the center of the village, where an elevated platform had been built of mud, over which was a thatched roof. They invited us to sit in the skin bottom chairs and off went a runner to bring the chief. As soon as the chief arrived and took his place in the center, he motioned for one of the boys to beat the drum.

The little boy seemed delighted, as he beat the well-worn drum (an animal skin stretched over a hollow log). Very soon there were approximately three hundred eager black faces gathered around us anxiously waiting to hear what the white man might have to say. After the formal greet-

ings with the chief were over, Brother Sparks began to preach. Our African Christian interpreted for Lonnie, thus the people understood clearly. Once again the simple gospel message was given to a people for the very first time.

It was a thrill to watch their faces as the truths of God's Word were driven into their hearts. After the message the chief told us that no one had ever told them this message before. He said, "The elders of the village are out in the fields at work. Will you please stay and let me send for them that they may hear also. I'm sure they will want you to stay and teach us more." Of course we could not stay then, but had to move on. On that day alone we passed through (26) villages whose people are waiting for someone to bring them the light.

When we realize that we are the only Protestant voice in this whole section, populated with over 200,000 people, then we begin to feel our responsibility. Also, when we consider that we are a new mission, and coming in with inexperienced missionaries, we again realize just how much we must depend upon the Lord. We must trust him to direct us each step of the way.

Already two land grants have been given upon which to build stations, and soon an application will be made for the third site. Each station, when completed, will consist of two residences for missionaries, a dispensary building, classrooms, quarters for African help and necessary out buildings.

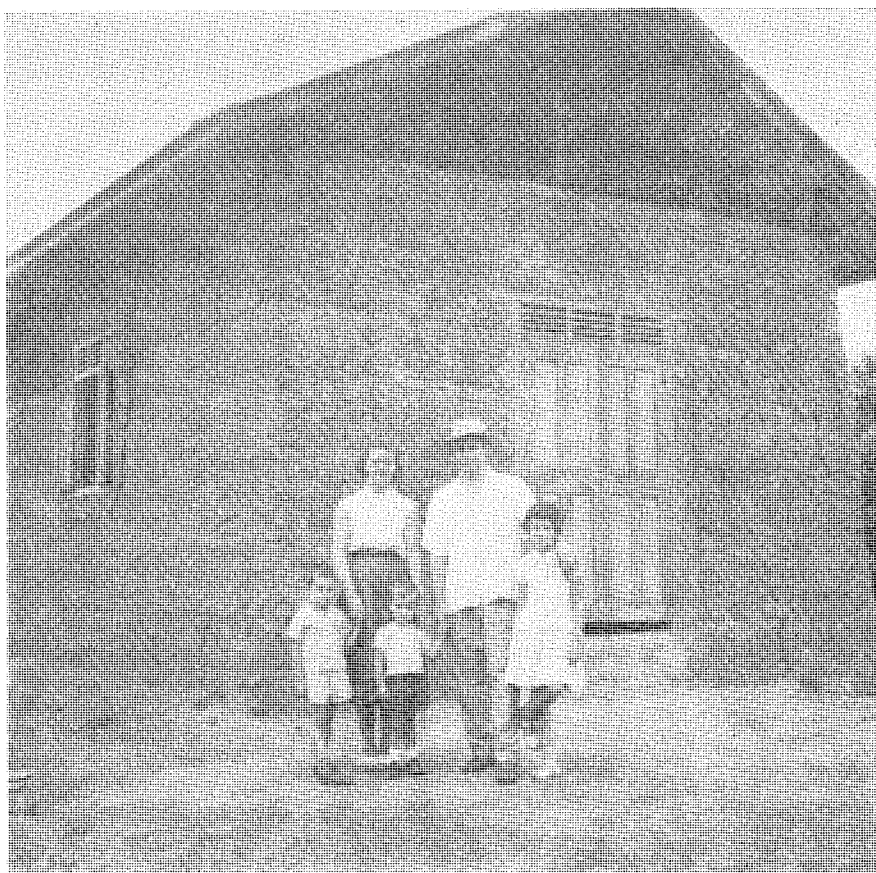
The first station will begin at Goumère, and the next one will be built at Koun. Actually, if the Lord provides the funds these stations could be built simultaneously. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks will occupy the first residence at Goumère, and the Merkh family will reside in the first house at Koun. These two stations will be about 42 miles apart and each will be responsible for approximately 40 to 50 thousand people.

We also proposed to build at least one station in the northern part of the circle in the Bouna subdivision where there are 40 thousand people and not one Protestant church. A large plot of land was offered to us at the large center of Doropo in the heart of Lobi country. Then we definitely need a station in the western part of the circle to minister to the large tribe of Kulangos.

On one of these stations we would need to build a hospital to serve as medical center, with a dispensary and a nurse on each of the others. Just where to place this hospital and how to staff it is a matter of definite prayer. We also believe that just as soon as possible we should provide at least a primary school in connection with each station and Bible schools for the training of African Christians.

Even though the field is ours and we have outlined our strategy, it remains to be seen just how much we will accomplish in taking the gospel light to Africa.

*Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Merkh stand with their children in front of the church at Koun in French West Africa. The church is constructed of mud and was built by the natives.*







# Women's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD



*Mrs. Luther Sanders, Monett, Mo., youth chairman of the Woman National Auxiliary Convention, calls attention to the YPA and GTA project for the year. February is the month suggested for receiving these special offerings. Mark them and send to the WNAC office.*

By Mrs. Eunice Edwards . . .

## The Woman's Auxiliary

The hope is that this article will serve a two-fold purpose: First, that it may serve as a clearing house in which the woman's place in the church can be clarified and, second, to set forth the true aim and purpose of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The writer has only one purpose in mind, and that is to witness to the amazing grace of God that is found in the Person of God's Son, Jesus Christ. He is more to be desired than all the world or its riches.

Jesus accepted and blessed the services of women:

1. Members of his "evangelistic party" (Luke 8:1-3)
2. Used women to teach his disciples a lesson (Luke 7:37-50)
3. Love gift commended (Mark 14:3-9)
4. Women anointed Him for burial (John 12:3-7)
5. Women watched Him on the cross and followed Him to the grave (Luke 23: 26-28, 49, 55)

Position of women in New Testament churches:

1. Received by Holy Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 1:13, 14; 2:1-4)
2. Faithful under persecution (Acts 22:4)
3. Recognized as fellow helpers (Phil. 4:3)

Since the Word does not change even with the passing of time nor with the changing fads and fancies of succeeding generations, I believe the above Scriptures are still applicable. Moreover, I believe the *pattern* of service as outlined here is still a good pattern for our present-day Christian women to follow.

I believe the women of our churches have a definite place in the church program. I think the time has come for that place to be identified.

Notice please, the places these Biblical women filled, the types of services they rendered, and the spirit in which these services were rendered. They filled places that were peculiar to women then and now; that is, places of service where a woman's talents could be used for the greatest good.

He also used their quick perception, their ardent affection and capacity for the sublime. God has endowed women with these natural talents and to Him be all the praise, honor, and glory for all them. God wills for women to be tenderhearted, kind, affectionate, long-suffering, full of faith and good works. Furthermore, God wills that these qualities find expression to those in their homes and in their churches through the

channels of motherhood, homemaking, teachers of Truth, examples of prayer and piety (Proverbs 31:10-31).

I cannot find one instance where women of the Bible did the men's work either in the home or church. Neither can I believe that God intends for women to do men's work today such as building or furnishing churches, etc. Women do not have the strength nor wisdom for such work. Their strength is in their hearts.

In the past, while it was never the intention of the auxiliary founders, but perhaps because of a lack of men to carry the load, or, because there was a dearth of consecration in the men who were members, women did much to initiate and sustain the church's programs. And praise the Lord for every woman who gave her all to propagate the gospel of Christ. In some instances, I fear, many churches would have closed their doors had it not been for the devotion to Christ of its women members. Even today, there still are not enough men with strong, virile faith in God who will assume their rightful leadership obligations, but it is not true to the extent it was in the past. Through the auxiliary, the women's services can be directed into the channels for which they are especially fitted.

The aim and purpose of the auxiliary is to help our churches teach and support missions and to impart missionary education to our young people.

### Correction

The figures in the column marked *YPA and GTA Station Wagon* and those in the column marked *Student Loan Fund* in last month's financial report should have been reversed.

The auxiliary has five departments of work through which she endeavors to accomplish these aims and purposes. Let's examine each department briefly.

The auxiliary purposes to interest and enlist every woman in the church in this great undertaking, so it has the enlistment department.

Because we believe that in order to continue the task of winning the world to Christ, young people must be enlisted and trained, the auxiliary lays great stress on its youth department. Without young people to carry the message, the task would reach a bottleneck. The task of missions demands the strength of youth, so the auxiliary aims to impart missionary education to the youth of our churches. Can you think of anyone who should be better qualified for this teaching than mothers?

Basic to carrying out the Great Commission is knowledge not only of the message, but where to tell it. Someone has said that the Bible tells us God's plan for the redemption of mankind; mission study tells us how far we have progressed with the plan. This is the reason for the study course department.

Without prayer, missions becomes only a  
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# Mack C. Owens Will Direct New England-Canada Missions

As the result of a survey trip last summer by Rev. Homer E. Willis, national home missions director, Free Will Baptists are beginning home missionary activity in the New England area.

Rev. and Mrs. Mack C. Owens arrived in Littleton, New Hampshire, in December to spearhead the work. The initial plan calls for the establishment of a Free Will Baptist church in this city which will become the center for an expanding ministry which will cover New England and reach into Canada.

Mr. Owens is a native of North Carolina and his wife is a native of the New Hampshire city where they now live. How the Lord has led them into this pioneer work is related by Mrs. Owens in the following story:

Thank God for saving me, a girl of seventeen, never hearing or knowing the way of salvation. Yet, he cared so much for my soul that he made a wonderful way for me to hear his Word and through it he spoke to my heart about accepting him as my personal savior.

There was no one from my town in Littleton, New Hampshire that came to me to tell the glorious story of redemption, but God works in great and mighty ways, His miracles to perform. It's marvelous the way that God worked that I might be saved from sin.

I might begin by telling you about my elder brother, Tom, who was used to bring the glad tidings of salvation to me and my family. Tom was in the Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia when God gave him the great opportunity to be saved.

Tom tried everything seeking to find joy and peace but always this seeking found itself at a dead end. One day someone who had a passion for souls told him about Jesus;

JACKIE OWENS



how he loved and died for him that he might be saved and have eternal life. At first he didn't receive this message but, as his misery grew and conviction pressed strong upon him he called on the Lord.

As he became a new creature in Christ Jesus his desire was to see those in his own family saved. He began to pray for us knowing that there was a lack of gospel witnesses to tell us the plan of salvation. Tom wrote us about what the Lord had done in his life and told of the peace and joy there was in serving the Lord Jesus.

I remembered of looking at my mother and saying, "Mom, what is he talking about?" Mother didn't know but she as well as I became deeply concerned. You see we had never heard about this wonderful experience of being born again of the spirit of God.

Finally, it was time for Tom to come home on leave in December 1953. God had already begun to prepare our hearts for the acceptance of his Word. As we sat in the living room Tom told me of the way God had worked in his life.

Through the third chapter of John, God's plan of salvation was shown to me and in it the necessity of being born again. He told me that Jesus was coming soon to take those found in him to live with him forever. I kept thinking, "Please Lord don't come back until I get saved."

Then came the invitation to accept Christ and immediately I went to my knees and asked Tom to lead me to the Lord that I might be saved. I asked the Lord to forgive me of my sins and to be merciful to me, a sinner and also to come into my heart. Suddenly I felt the quickening power of the Spirit of God enter my heart. The joy He gave was unspeakable and full of glory!

The Lord then burdened me to tell others of his wonderful grace.

Tom went back to Norfolk and began attending a Free Will Baptist church there. After finishing his time of service in the Navy, he came to Nashville and entered the Free Will Baptist Bible College and there became a student for two-and-a-half years.

When I finished high school, I entered a nurses training school and remained there for a year. The doctor thought I needed a rest so I took a leave of absence of six months and came to Nashville to visit my brother and his wife.

Every Wednesday night I went to the Nashville Union Rescue Mission to listen to the program conducted by the Free Will Baptist Bible College group. Mack Owens, a student here was the leader of this group and this was the beginning of our acquaintance. We soon were married.

The Lord began to burden Mack for those in New England who are lost just



MACK C. OWENS

like I was before I heard the way of salvation. I was concerned already as I knew the need. God then spoke to both of us about going as witnesses to this part of the country.

In closing I would leave you with this thought—as God opened my blinded eyes so can he open up other blinded eyes. The scripture that has touched my heart is Acts 26:18, "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."

Will you help us through your prayers and financial support to take the gospel of the Lord Jesus to those who have not heard?

## The Woman's Auxiliary

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task without power; with prayer, missions becomes a direct, vital link with God and world evangelization. Travailing prayer is a woman's forté. God so ordained women to be peculiarly fitted for this glorious service. Prayer has sent out, equipped, and supported missionaries all over the world. Prayer has opened doors that no other force could have ever opened. Without prayer there is no advance in missions, so there are three special weeks of prayer sponsored during the year besides the daily prayer hour to undergird the work. The convention makes available a yearly program book in which these aims are stressed. This is the program-prayer department.

Coupled with prayer is the dedicated conviction that we will never be better pray-ers than we are pay-ers, so the auxiliary devotes time and place to teaching Christian stewardship.

Finally, the auxiliary tries to practice the above principles by telling people everywhere how to be saved and begins the task at her own doors through the personal service department.



## GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

### Arkansas Leaders Set State Conference

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The second session of the newly-organized Arkansas ministers and deacons conference will meet February 27-28 at the First church in North Little Rock. The conference was organized in November at Searcy with a good number attending. Rev. Bob King, Star City, was elected president and Deacon Millard Williams, Strawberry, is secretary.

### North Fresno Church Has Youth Revival

FRESNO, Calif.—The North Fresno church had a youth revival the week of January 4 with Rev. Teddy Wilbanks as the evangelist. The young evangelist is a member of the local congregation. The meeting was held the week before the evangelist was scheduled to leave to enroll at the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

### Civic Club Gives To College Library

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—The Mount Olive Junior College library received a Christmas gift from the local Rotary Club. Rather than draw names and exchange gifts as previously planned, members of the club voted to each bring a contribution to the library fund of the college.

For the third consecutive year the college faculty voted to give \$5 each for the purchase of a new library book rather than exchange gifts. The library has been built to 5,500 volumes since 1954 and is seeking to boost its library holdings to 6,000 in order to meet the standards for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

### Arkansas Church Has Watch Night Service

SEARCY, Ark.—A Watch Night service was held at the First church here with a number of visiting speakers. On the program were the following ministers: W. H. Bostic, Clarence Campbell, Norman Richards, Marion Pettus, and the pastor, Lawnie Coffman. The service closed at 12:15 a.m. with about 50 people at the altar in a dedication service.

### Two Churches Organized In South Kentucky

OWENSBORO, Ky.—December 14 was a great day for Free Will Baptist people in two Kentucky communities. On this date churches were organized at Fordsville and Owensboro. The first was named Easton church and was organized with 26 members. The group has a block building which is free of debt and the pastor is Rev. Edward T. Callaway.

At Owensboro, Rev. A. B. Troutman was called to pastor the congregation which had 18 charter members. They have a building fund of \$1,170 and will soon begin their building. Presently they are meeting at 831 Hall Street. Ministers from the Cumberland association who assisted in the organizations were Bayless McDonald, Raymond Riggs and Charles Jinette.

### Victory Celebration Produces \$17,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Improvement program gifts reported and received on Victory Day, December 18, for Free Will Baptist Bible College, totaled approximately \$17,000, and pledges to be paid within one year raised the total to more than \$26,000. A goal of \$60,000 was sought to pay off the indebtedness owed on the new student lounge-dining hall building. The celebration was attended by the student body, faculty, and more than 100 guests.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, college president, expressed appreciation for the gifts already made and said that the campaign would stay open so additional gifts may be counted. Churches are encouraged to send late gifts as soon as possible and individuals are asked to use the purple envelope mailed them recently and send a personal gift for the Victory campaign.

At the December 18 service, Dr. Johnson recognized every gift of \$50 or more to the Improvement Program since July 1956. A list of all donors of whatever size gift was presented on a bulletin board. Dr. Johnson explained to the audience that from August 1, 1958 all gifts to the Improvement Program were credited to the \$60,000 debt retirement drive. The totals from each state were posted on a blackboard and ad-

### TERRY SHUTES

Kenneth Terry Shutes, 10-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes, died December 23 of leukemia following a four months illness. Funeral services were held December 26 at the First Free Will Baptist church, Thomaston, Ga., where his father is the pastor. Officiating were Rev. T. O. Terry and Rev. S. T. Shutes. Interment was in Floral Memory Garden Cemetery, Albany, Ga.

Surviving besides his parents are two sisters, Mrs. Alvin Kate Harvey and Deborah Shutes. In lieu of flowers the family requested that friends send contributions which would be equally divided among the Alabama children's home, Free Will Baptist Bible College and home and foreign missions.

ditional donations at the service were added to the total. The following totals from each state were recognized.

Alabama	\$ 606.36	New Mexico	\$ 13.00
Arkansas	261.00	North Carolina	2,767.59
Arizona	15.00	Ohio	904.00
Florida	421.66	Oklahoma	306.00
Georgia	1,205.87	South Carolina	640.19
Illinois	271.68	Tennessee	3,759.64
Indiana	5.00	Texas	732.00
Kansas	15.00	Virginia	130.10
Kentucky	152.00	West Virginia	31.84
Michigan	897.00	California	170.69
Mississippi	980.45	Students and	
Missouri	673.21	Faculty	1,733.47

Gifts to the Improvement Program since July 1956 through July 31, 1958, have totaled \$40,308.40. An additional \$60,000 in gifts has been needed to pay for the first step in the Improvement Program totaling \$100,000. This includes the purchase of the Dunbar building in 1956 and the construction of the student lounge-dining hall building last year.

### Pastoral Changes

W. T. Turnbough from Bear Point church, Sesser, Ill., to Leadington, Mo.

R. O. O'Dell to First church, Fort Worth, Texas.

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### Shutes Express Thanks

Dear Editor:

We want to say "Thank you so much" to every friend who has sent mail to us for the past four months. We could not possibly keep up with the correspondence since our little boy was in the hospital so much of the time. This has been the hardest thing we have ever been called on to bear, but when the doctors told us Terry had acute leukemia, we laid him on the altar and said with Job, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away."

We also want to thank those who have divided their means with us. If it had not been that we knew thousands of our people were praying for us, I don't know what we would have done.

Rev. and Mrs. K. V. Shutes  
Thomaston, Georgia

### Raises Question

Dear Editor:

In the November issue a brief article stated that the Episcopal bishops had approved social drinking. Our own position was not stated and the question was raised to me about it. I know our stand against it, but thought it might should be cleared up for others. (*Editor's note: Thank you. The story did not mean to imply endorsement of the action.*)

Richard R. Cordell  
Anderson, Indiana

### Orders More Directories

Dear Editor:

Rush ten more directories—the first ten are sold. Urge churches to place them in the public libraries of their towns. They will make room for them if a church will furnish a copy.

John B. Elliston  
Nogales, Arizona

### Response Is Good

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this means to thank all the ministers who have written in response to our plea for a pastor. We have received letters from men all over the country and since I do not have time to answer each one of them right away, I hope they will read this and know that I will have a letter in the mail as soon as possible.

We have already called a pastor. He is Rev. Burton Hughes, formerly of Midland, Texas. God is blessing our church.

Mrs. Howard C. Gilchrest, Clerk  
First Free Will Baptist church  
El Paso, Texas

## Foreign Missions Financial Report—1958

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	OVER QUOTA	UNDER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,632.76		\$ 867.24
Arizona	300.00	153.49		146.51
Arkansas	4,500.00	3,854.56		645.44
California	4,200.00	3,098.74		1,101.26
Florida	3,000.00	2,500.55		499.45
Georgia	5,000.00	7,065.66	2,065.66	
Illinois	5,500.00	5,453.15		46.85
Kentucky	3,500.00	3,015.95		484.05
Maine	300.00	147.00		153.00
Michigan	20,000.00	16,424.19		3,575.81
Mississippi	3,000.00	2,496.06		503.94
Missouri	12,000.00	9,959.77		2,040.23
New Mexico	300.00	362.78	62.78	
North Carolina	30,000.00	36,926.50	6,926.50	
Ohio	5,100.00	4,613.71		486.29
Oklahoma	7,800.00	8,664.00	864.00	
South Carolina	6,500.00	8,790.08	2,290.08	
Tennessee	12,000.00	10,501.83		1,498.17
Texas	5,500.00	4,937.76		562.24
Virginia	6,000.00	6,458.45	458.45	
West Virginia	4,500.00	2,263.67		2,236.33
Miscellaneous	9,715.00	2,661.44		7,053.56
	\$153,215	\$143,982.10	\$12,667.47	\$21,900.37

Cash in Bank January 1, 1958.....\$ 27,572.65  
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1958.....148,003.90

\$ 175,576.55

### DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1958

Foreign Missions	
Africa .....	\$30,365.79
Cuba .....	40,474.55
India .....	23,075.98
Japan .....	15,302.98
South America .....	8,305.31
Spain .....	600.00
	118,124.61
Reparation & Reserve Expense	600.00
Travel & Promotion	
Board Members	
Travel Expense .....	\$ 966.43
Itinerary Expense .....	1,919.19
Station Wagon .....	2,652.93
Promotional Secretary .....	113.21
Films & Supplies .....	272.39
	5,924.15

Administrative Expense	
Salaries .....	\$12,245.35
Tracts & Books .....	356.72
Receptionist .....	67.86
Housing Allotment .....	1,200.00

Office & Mailing	
Supplies .....	765.85
Postage .....	2,167.81
E.F.M.A. ....	157.50
Printing & Stationery .....	5,427.89
Utilities .....	693.20
Social Security .....	349.22
Miscellaneous .....	1,694.71
Exchange .....	3,821.95
	25,126.11
	\$153,596.82

Cash in Bank Dec. 31, 1958 \$ 21,979.73

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# What's Your Problem?



LOUIS H. MOULTON

**Q. The pastor where I attend church is constantly telling me I ought to join the church. I know I have been born again. Why should I join the church?**

**A.** You remind me of some of the sects that parade under the American flag, boasting of their zealotry and how they love God and how they desire peace and what peace-loving people they are. Yet when the showdown comes and a war has to be fought in order that we might live in peace, this same crowd has to be put in a detention or objectors camps because of some foolish, unscriptural notion. There are many scriptures which refer to the church. You may find them in any good concordance. Just one, Ephesians 5:25, should be sufficient reason for aligning oneself with the church. "... Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it." The church is the very organization for which Jesus died. Though you may argue that the church is the body of Christ, and I agree, we know that that body is made up of many local assemblies of the saints. And if you're really a Christian you ought to become a member of a sound evangelical church. Run up your flag, let people know whose side you are on.

**Q. A friend of mine told me that you recently said in a missionary service in her church that you thought that foreign missions must be the dearest thing to the heart of God. Why?**

**A.** 2 Peter 3:9 says that "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." In John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man—that means red, yellow, black, white—cometh unto the Father, but by me." If the name of Jesus is the only way of salvation (and we know it is) then "how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14). We in America are without excuse. We have opportunity after opportunity to hear and to act upon what we hear, but multitudes have never yet heard about Jesus even once. Think it over and God help you catch a fresh vision of what it means to be lost.

**Q. There is a statement in 1 Peter 2:13, 14 which I do not understand. "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man**

for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well." What does this mean?

**A.** Peter here is simply teaching that we are to honor the laws of our land and not to disregard them as long as we are citizens of this world. As long as the laws of the land do not contradict or interfere with our devotion to God and our worship, we are to abide by and honor them.

**Q. Will those who fall in the category of carnal Christians go up in the rapture?**

**A.** I'm sure that you must be acquainted with the fact that there is a great difference of opinion regarding this particular subject. There are "pre", "post" and "a" millennial beliefs. Some Christians do not believe in the rapture at all. Some believe in a "post-tribulation" premillennium rapture, etc. But your question was directed to me personally and I do not believe in a partial rapture of the saints. When Paul said in 1 Thess. 4:16, 17 that "... the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air . . ." I think he meant every believer.

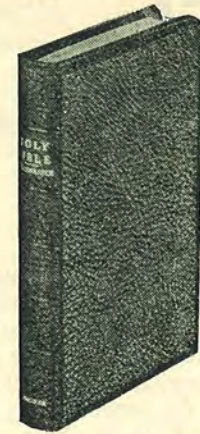
**Q. Do you believe Adam and Eve were saved after they had plunged the whole of their posterity into a fallen condition?**

**A.** Yes, I think they were. God made coats of skin and clothed them after their fall. They already had sewed fig leaves together but God provided the covering of an innocent substitute whose blood was shed. The shedding of the blood of innocent animals pointed forward to the shed blood of Christ. The skins actually were a type of the righteousness of Christ with which we are robed when we believe on Jesus as our Savior. Even though God provided salvation Adam and Eve still had to reap the consequences of their disobedience to God. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

**Q. I have heard so many preach that we are saved by simple faith in Christ. Do you believe that anyone can be saved without repenting?**

**A.** I do not believe that a person can actually believe without genuine repentance. Repentance is turning from our sins. When we turn to God wholeheartedly, we turn from our sins. Many people have the idea that they have to get rid of their sins before they turn to God. If so, then one becomes his own savior without the help of God. We become a new creature when Christ comes in, not before. Salvation is of the Lord. It is not of works lest any should boast, it is the gift of God through simple faith (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

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## Jones Approved For Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones of Texas have been approved by the Foreign Mission Board as missionaries to Africa, according to a recent announcement. Mr. Jones is pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church, Bowie, Texas.



The announcement revealed that they will be leaving for their assignment the latter part of 1959 and stated that

funds for their account should be sent to the Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. Jones is from Bryan, Texas, and Mrs. Jones is the former Joy Arnold of Gainesville, Texas. He is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and Mrs. Jones attended the college three years. He held a pastorate previously at Denison, Texas, before moving to Bowie last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones will make the third missionary couple to go to Africa under the denominational board.