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A Word From Our Foreign Missions Director

IN THE VINEYARD

All directors of the national work attended the Bible conference held at Free Will Baptist Bible College, April 4-7.

YOU WILL NOTICE as you look further into the pages of this issue of CONTACT that the emphasis is on the foreign missions program.

I would like to express my personal appreciation to the editor for his willingness to devote this issue almost entirely to foreign missions.

Also, the writers are to be commended for their ready response to the requests for their contributions.

The material within these pages is most informative and challenging, and certainly merits your careful reading. It will be of great value and should be filed for future reference. Included in this issue are some outstanding articles written by missionaries on foreign fields.

Dan Cronk of India gives a glimpse of the endless task of evangelizing the two hundred thousand "bleating sheep" of Kishanganj. His story of Hedalu's long search for something to satisfy the longing in his heart shows the great need for more laborers in the Master's vineyard.

Be sure to read Ken Eagleton's "Challenge of Brazil" in which he tells of the great hold Catholicism has upon Brazil's sixty-four million people, and the tremendous task the Christian church has of trying to reach them with the truth of the gospel in spite of the stern opposition. You will rejoice in reading his account of a young man who was saved just in time to prevent his committing a crime which might have cost him his life as well as his soul.

Rev. Joe Ange, a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, presents some most helpful suggestions on "How To Have a Missionary Conference." The value of a conference is strikingly expressed by Rev. Jerry Dudley, a California pastor.

The missionary sermon by Rev. J. Reford Wilson, a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, is unique in its presentation of the universal need of a Saviour and our responsibility to carry the gospel to the ends

of the earth.

The value of these pages is enhanced by the inclusion of the section entitled "Facts of the Fields." Although space does not permit comprehensive reports, enough facts are given to cause one to give praise to God for his blessings upon the missionary exertions of Free Will Baptists. Too, a realization of the magnitude of the unfinished task of winning souls to Jesus Christ should constrain every Free Will Baptist to accept his individual responsibility in God's program of world evangelization.

Following are some financial needs about which you should know:

1. At least 7,000 dollars more is needed to build the Shepherd Station in Koun, Africa. This is the station which the preachers were asked to build but only 3,000 dollars to date has been sent in for this project. We had hoped that it would be completed by now.
2. Thousands of dollars are needed with which to send out new missionaries. Among those who will be ready to send out within the next few months are: The Dr. Miley Family, The James Davis Family, Bobby Poole, The Lonnie Palmer Family, The Paul Robinson Family, The Bill Fulcher Family, and Sandra Dawson. An average of 10,000 dollars per family is spent the first year on missionaries. This includes transportation, language school expense, rent, salary, equipment, duty, etc.
3. Extra funds are needed for the Bible School which has been recently opened in Brazil.
4. Additional money is needed for individual missionary accounts which are in the red.

An Easter offering envelope will be found between the pages of this paper. You can share the glad tidings of a risen Saviour with the millions who have never heard by giving an Easter offering for foreign missions.

■ Executive Secretary, **Billy Melvin**, preached at the Unicoi County Preaching Mission, Erwin, Tennessee, on March 12, and Ashland City Free Will Baptist church, Tennessee, March 20. He will represent the denomination at the National Association of Evangelicals convention, April 24-29, at Chicago, and will also attend the Chaplains Commission meeting at that time.

■ Home Missions Director, **Homer E. Willis**, lists the following itinerary for April: Sylvan Park church, Nashville, March 27-April 3, Oaklawn church, Tennessee, April 10, Hull Road church, Snow Hill, N. C., April 11-17, for revival, and NAE convention in Chicago, April 25-29.

■ **Louis Moulton**, Promotional Secretary of Foreign Missions, has scheduled a missionary conference April 11-17 in the Florence and Darlington, South Carolina, area. On April 19 he will be in the Johnston City Free Will Baptist church, Illinois.

■ National League Director, **Ray Turnage**, will conduct a city-wide League study course in Kansas City, Missouri, April 10-16, and will represent on the Youth Commission of NAE, in Chicago. He was guest speaker on March 18-19, at Birmingham, Alabama, for the Progressive Association League convention.

■ **Rolla Smith**, Director of Foreign Missions, will have a week-end service at the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist church, Arkansas, on April 10, and will conduct revival services in Hyde Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, April 17-24. He will also attend NAE convention in Chicago.

■ Two Quarterly Meetings will combine in East Tennessee for workshop and mission classes conducted by **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, WNAC Executive Secretary, followed by the Y.P.A. pre-Easter week of prayer at Newport, Tennessee. She will also attend the NAE convention in Chicago.

OUR WINK

AT MISSIONS

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:30).

DID GOD WINK AT SIN in the garden of Eden? Did God wink at sin the six hundredth year of Noah's life? Did God wink at sin in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah? Did God wink at sin in the palace of the King or in the priestly house of Eli? Has God ever winked at sin?

"God winked at this ignorance," does not mean that He did not observe their wickedness. The original word used here means "overlooked." God exercised forbearance, longsuffering. The philosophers, the ancients, had knowledge of many things but the world by wisdom knew not God. They were ignorant of divine things but their's was a guilty ignorance. Both by nature and by conscience they could have known God, "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them." (Romans 1:19).

God gave man plenty of time to exhaust human reason in an effort to find Him. Man failed and passed into deeper darkness. It was necessary then for a divine revelation to come in Jesus Christ and NOW ALL MEN EVERYWHERE ARE COMMANDED TO REPENT.

Free Will Baptists for many years "winked" at missions. Tragedy of tragedies, I never remember a missionary visiting our services, but our church was a leading church. I never remember a missionary's name being called in prayer, but we had prayer services. I never remember a

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missionary offering in our church, but we had a church treasury. I never remember a missionary sermon by the pastor, but our church was orthodox. This church, like many other Free Will Baptist churches, has "looked" on the fields in recent years and no longer winks at missions.

Some WINK AT THE MISSIONARY CALL. The Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." (Acts 13:2). This is the grand and glorious ministry of the Spirit of God. He moved in the church at Antioch to select these men for a missionary ministry. No one could overlook this clear record of the work of the Holy Spirit in calling men for missionary service. Free Will Baptists believe in a "divine call." The Holy Spirit called forth men then, He calls them now!

This call to Barnabas and Saul came as the church ministered to the Lord, and fasted. The word, "ministered," is the Greek from which our word "liturgy" is derived and literally means any public service or official function. While the church worshipped and served the Lord in Antioch, the Holy Spirit chose these men. When the Holy Spirit spoke to these hearts at Antioch the church sent them on their way. The church must not *wink* at its responsibility, "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

No church is too small to be a missionary church. If the Holy Spirit ministers at all in your services, He desires to minister a

missionary ministry. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is missions, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8). Mrs. Wesley Calvary would tell you that from a small rural church in Arkansas, God called her to the mission field of Japan. Rev. Lonnie Sparks would tell you that from a small town in Oklahoma the Spirit closed doors and opened doors until he arrived on the mission field of West Africa. Rev. Daniel Cronk would tell you that the Spirit called him from the "asphalt jungles" of Detroit to the hills of North India. From the rural areas to the large cities the Holy Spirit is yet separating those whom He has called to his ministry of missions. Like the seed in the ground answering the call of the falling rain we must answer the call of the Holy Spirit.

"It may not be on the mountain's height,
Or over the stormy sea;
It may not be at the battle's front
My Lord will have need of me;
But if by a still small voice He calls
To paths I do not know,
I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine,
I'll go where You want me to go."

Some WINK AT THE MISSIONARY PRAYER SERVICE. A prayer request was sent to the missionary church at Thessalonica, "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course." This

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HOW TO HAVE A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST denomination more and more is realizing that to survive and grow we must be a missions minded people. Because of this renewed realization our Church during the last ten years has exemplified renewed interest in missions, both home and foreign. More and more our people are seeking to find out how they can best promote the cause of missions. Pastors and church leaders are asking what they can do on a local level to stimulate more interest among the people and to bring about consistent growth for the cause that is nearest the heart of God.

There are many ways to promote and deepen interest in missions. One of the best methods, tried and proven, is the annual Missionary Conference. Since more and more of our people are turning to the Missionary Conference and inquiring how to have one, I am writing this article to set forth some of the fundamental things necessary in order to have a successful Missionary Conference. This I propose to do through a series of questions and answers.

Is there a Bible basis for a Missionary Conference?

Yes, there is. I believe that we have the account of the first Missionary Conference in the early church in Acts chapter 14, verses 26-28. "And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together,

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they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. And there they abode long time with the disciples."

In Acts, chapter 13, we read that the Church at Antioch sent out Barnabas and Paul to preach the gospel. The remainder of chapter 13 and chapter 14 down through verse 25 tells of Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey. These men, according to Acts chapter 14, verses 26-28, returned to the church that sent them out in order to rehearse the things that God had done for them and through their ministry. No doubt, this would be the equivalent of our present day Missionary Conference where missionary information is given out, missionary support solicited, and Christians challenged.

Joseph G. Ange

What group of people is the Missionary Conference primarily for?

In Acts 14:27 we read, "And when they were come, and had gathered the Church together . . ." Here we see that it was the Church, saved people, who were assembled together to hear these missionaries and be challenged. Of course, no one is excluded from attending a Missionary Conference. All are invited to attend. Nevertheless, the pastor and his people should not be

discouraged if the crowds are sometimes smaller than they are at evangelistic services and other regular church meetings.

What are the first steps that should be taken in having a Missionary Conference?

The approval of the Church should be sought on this matter. Perhaps the matter should be taken up with the Official Board of the church first. This group of men could then in turn recommend that the church have a Missionary Conference. The church should then select a committee to work with the pastor in the planning of a Missionary Conference; or the pastor could appoint a committee to serve with him to plan the Conference.

What are some of the primary things to consider when planning a Missionary Conference?

First of all, select a time when it is believed that the most people would attend. This, of course, would vary in different parts of the country.

Secondly, and very important, careful consideration must be given in determining who the speakers shall be for the Conference. The speakers should be chosen and booked for the meeting as far in advance as possible. The writer personally thinks that returned missionaries, if available, are the best to use for speakers. Then, mission executives usually make very good Conference speakers. Also, missions minded evangelists and pastors sometimes provide some of the best speakers for a Missionary Conference. Any speakers used should be men

and women of proven ability, who have a proven reputation for supporting missions, not just with their mouths, but with their deeds.

Thirdly, the payment of the expenses of the Missionary Conference should be considered. If the Conference is sponsored by one church, the expenses could be underwritten by that church; or an offering could be taken one or more times during the meeting to defray the expenses. If the Conference is sponsored by a group of churches, then each church could assume their proportionate share of the expenses.

Fourthly, the aims of the Missionary Conference should be clearly set forth. We should aim to supply information. We should aim to challenge the people of God to pray, to give and go.

What are some practical do's and don'ts for a successful Missionary Conference?

Firstly, the Conference should be long enough to make a deep impression on the minds of the people.

Secondly, it should be seasoned with fervent prayer before, during, and after the Conference.

Thirdly, in most instances there should be day and night sessions.

Fourthly, some of the sessions should give opportunity for questions and answers.

Fifthly, the Conference should challenge by presenting specific needs for the people to pray for.

Sixthly, the Conference time should be given over to the speakers. Music, announcements, and so forth, should be kept down to a bare minimum.

Seventhly, the Conference should never be held just for entertainment sake.

Eighthly, the Conference should never be held just to glamorize returned missionaries.

What should be the results of a good Missionary Conference?

Firstly, lives should be wholly dedicated to God.

Secondly, some should answer the call for full-time service at home and abroad.

Thirdly, the people should have more of a prayer burden for missions.

Fourthly, the people should commit themselves to give systematically for missions. This is best accomplished by getting the people to pledge so much for missions for a year. (1) The pastor should prepare his people for the taking of a pledge. (2) The people should know that the meeting will climax by taking a pledge. (3) A big thing should be made of this. (4) Some goal should be set. (As high as possible). (5) Get your people thinking in terms of the goal. (6) Some qualified person should take the pledges. (7) Announce the results. (8) Our Foreign Missions Board will supply the pledge cards.

How should the Conference end?

Firstly, try to get people saved.

Secondly, call for the rededication of the saints of God.

Thirdly, make earnest appeal for surrender to full-time service.

One cannot begin to cover all of the different things involved in having a successful Missionary Conference in a short article. I do hope, however, that the foregoing will serve as a guide for some to try this effective way of promoting missions.

A PASTOR TESTIFIES TO . . .

The Worth of A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

FOR MANY YEARS this writer was not a fervent supporter of Foreign Missions. While I recognized that Foreign Missions was necessary to fill the obligations of the church, I was content to let someone else support Foreign Missions and National Missions. My ministry has been entirely in a comparatively new field for Free Will Baptists and I felt that since most of the work here had been brought into being through sweat, tears, and prayers of individual ministers, that my whole support belonged to extending the work for Christ in this area.

I had met and felt that I personally knew most of our missionary personnel thus I included them on my prayer list, however, I had no real zeal in promoting their cause in the church I was serving. On various occasions, I had received missionary offerings but only because I felt that they were a necessary agency of our National Association.

The real challenge came to me when I was attending the Bible Conference at the Bible College in 1957. For the first time I realized that I was overlooking one of the greatest avenues of service open to me. I promised the Lord that if I continued to serve a church, I would promote the cause of missions to the best of my ability.

Shortly afterwards, I assumed the pastorate I now serve. In keeping with my vow, I began teaching missions and attempted through the pulpit and the class room to show the need of supporting missions in both prayer and in a practical way. Some progress was made for our offerings to missions were greater than at any time in my ministry. We longed for missionaries to be available in our area that they might impress upon the hearts of our people the actual place missions holds in God's program for His people. I had been vocal in my opposition to some of the operations of the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, and since our church is a small church, we felt that it would not be possible to secure sufficient personnel to conduct a Missionary Conference. After some prayer, we decided that the best way to really serve in this ministry was to attempt the seemingly impossible. After some correspondence with

the Director of Foreign Missions, we found that it was possible and our people voted to have a Missionary Conference, although some with pointed reservations.

As the time drew near, more and more prayer emphasis was placed upon the need of guidance in the Conference and His leadership for those who would lead us. At last the time arrived and our Conference was underway. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt from the very first service. The high spiritual plane was maintained throughout the Conference.

No evangelistic campaign could have done more for our church than did our first Missionary Conference. Spirit filled speakers made our hearts rejoice with reports of victory and our hearts were made to bleed for the crying need they presented to us. Each service presented a challenge to youth and elder folk alike to do something and be something for God. A real revival spirit prevailed as we became conscious of the reality of being lost, whether at home or abroad.

The financial response was not astounding with thousands of dollars but with the three local churches conducting simultaneous Conferences, some \$2,700.00 was given and pledged. The expressed fear that all of the money channeled to missions would be shown in a resulting loss to the local church budget proved to be quite groundless. Not only did the local budget hold its own, it showed a marked increase. The spirit of revival did not die as soon as the Conference was over but has prevailed since. Our church has seen more conversions than at any corresponding time previously.

Those who were reluctant to have a Missionary Conference have been the most enthusiastic supporters since. Thus it is the experience of this pastor that if you want a revival, your church to grow, have a prevailing prayer life in the church and fulfill the entire obligation as commanded by our Lord, then have a Missionary Conference. The value of a Missionary Conference cannot be measured by any known standard.

This article was written by Jerry Dudley. He is presently pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Concord, California.

SOUTH INDIA

The field served by our South India mission has a population of approximately 50,000. There are two organized churches in the area though there is only one church building. Presently, the mission is working in 35 villiages and conducts 6 regular worship services besides those held by the organized churches. Baptized believers number 112 and there is a "Christian community" of about 800. This includes children, seekers, and interested relatives.

Mission property in this area is valued at about \$20,000.00. This includes two acres of land, one parsonage, one church, one school building, one house and cottage, one garage and go-down, one car, with other smaller items.

There are six workers with the mission. They include three ordained ministers, two lay preachers, and one Bible woman.

Work with the children is extensive in this field. Three elementary schools are maintained with a staff of nine and an enrollment of 325. Two kindergartens are maintained with two teachers and 60 pupils. Sunday Schools number 21 with a staff of 15 serving an enrollment of approximately 1000. In addition to this work, the month of May is given to Vacation Bible Schools. Approximately seven schools are held each year. Fifteen teachers with ten assistants minister to about 700 pupils.

Many other special ministries are maintained by this mission as well as the others. They are too numerous to list in such a brief report.—Volena Wilson

JAPAN

We, who are laboring in Japan, certainly praise the Lord for His many blessings unto us. Ours is a wonderful privilege being able to serve here in this land.

We now have seven meeting places or preaching points in Japan. As yet, none of these are organized churches. Most of our work is located on the Island of Hokkaido. In Hokkaido we have five preaching points: Abashiri, Bihoro, Koshimizu, Shari and Tsubetsu. On the Island of Honshu the other two preaching points are both located in the city of Tokyo. Following is a brief description of each place:

Abashiri—This is the oldest work and the strongest work that we have in Hokkaido. The Calvery family lived here until going home for furlough. The Calvery's helper, Setsuyo Mochizuki, a young woman who is a graduate of a Bible School is living here at the Church building. She has complete charge of most of the services. I have been going here to preach every Sunday evening since the Calvery family has left. I also try

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to attend at least two of the prayer services each month. The believers here are taking a real active interest in the activities of the Church. We have a full time program here with also a service every Tuesday evening at a hospital. This has been a real blessing and also an opportunity for the believers to witness. Miss Mochizuki is doing a real good job here but she does not consider herself a 'preacher' or a 'pastor' but since we do not have the missionaries nor the pastors she is willing to do what she can to keep the work going. The baptized believers here want their own Church building very much.

Bihoro—This is where we live. We have a full time program here also. The progress here seems mighty slow and the believers do not seem to realize their responsibilities to the church. Recently we have been encouraged as a good number of young people have been faithfully attending these services. There is also a good work being done here with the Junior High School students.

Tsubetsu—This town is located about 30 minutes by train from Bihoro. I go there twice a week for services. Tuesday night we have prayer meeting and on Friday afternoon we have Church School with a worship service in the evening. We have very good facilities here and the people are praying that a full-time worker or a couple might be able to come and live at the church building. This work has been making steady progress. One of the most encouraging things here is that since our special tent meetings last summer one young woman has come to the services twice a week without hardly missing. This is a small town with a number of lumber mills.

Koshimizu—Daniel Kimura and his wife are living here. They are in charge of the work here and at Shari. The biggest problem facing them is the finding of a suitable building to rent for the church services. They had to move last year also. Being a small town it is difficult to find something that would be suitable for church services.

Tokyo—Both of the meeting places here have students in charge, Peter Miyatani and Terry Osawa. Both have graduated from the Japan Christian College and are now

furthering their education. Mr. Osawa was just recently married. We have a good group of young people attending these meeting places and also a few older people. There are a number who are wanting to be baptized in the near future. These meeting places in Tokyo also provide a place of training for some of our students from Hokkaido who are now in Tokyo.

The Waids are still in language school (probably until July) and have no official mission responsibilities with these churches, however, they attend very regularly. Herbert has an English Bible Class at Miyatani's Church every Friday night. This has helped to bring some students into the services on Sunday.

We feel that one of our greatest assets is the students that we have in Bible School. There are now three students from Hokkaido in Tokyo preparing themselves for Christian service. Two of these are from Bihoro and one is from Abashiri. We are thankful for them and pray that others might also prepare themselves to serve the Lord here in their homeland.—Fred Hersey

BRAZIL

We trust that in some way our people have shared with us the blessings of the Lord during the past year and one-half. It has been a real joy to us to have had the opportunity to be on this harvest field. We are always mindful of our indebtedness to those who have been and are faithfully supporting us with their prayers and gifts.

The Wilkinsons are now well settled and are making the initial adjustments just fine. They have been well received by the people in the church and I think they will be learning the language soon. This month that they have had before beginning school has been a great help, and I think a necessary one, in making a good adjustment.

Eula Mae is living in the smaller house behind the Wilkinsons and is being a big help to June in her shopping, talking, etc.

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She has also been in constant demand with the sick lately. She is having a real ministry here, both in nursing and in helping us with our teaching ministry. She helps the teachers of the two youngest Sunday school classes.

Esther transferred to the hospital in Londrina, Parana, on January 7. She seems to think that she will have a good ministry there once she learns more about the hospital and the necessary technical language. She already is working 9-12 hours per day. Since she took only a bed with her we will more than likely need to buy her some more furniture to set up her apartment. She will not be able to eat entirely at the hospital because they eat almost nothing more than rice and beans and we Americans just cannot take the native diet constantly.

Dave is working together with me in the daily care of the work here in general. We are much occupied with building plans, Bible school, etc. His health is fair.

We are grateful to the Lord that we have had good health during these 18 months. I am working with Dave and Waldemar in the daily program of the church and at the same time we are seeking the Lord's leading as we plan to establish other churches. Too, we are busy planning the opening of our own school for these young fellows who feel God is leading them into the ministry.

Waldemar, the national pastor, is still doing a good work with us. He has been an invaluable help in getting our work established in Brazil. The church is experiencing a time of growth spiritually and numerically. The Sunday school is averaging about 110 now and we are doing a little better for the Sunday evening services. In spite of heavy rain the past two Sunday nights we have averaged 112 during January. Our Thursday evening prayer services are almost as well attended as the Sunday evening services. The church has services in various places every night. Sometimes we have two or three different services on the same night. I am listing some statistics:

Number of organized churches—1, number of church members—115, number of native workers—1, number of preaching points—4, number of young men studying for the ministry—5.—Ken Engleton

NORTH INDIA

Our field in North India covers an area of approximately 800 square miles with an estimated population of 500,000 people. There are four main languages spoken in the area—Hindu, Urdu, Bengali, and Santali. Except for a Roman Catholic mission our mission is the only one in the area. At least 2600 villages in the area have never been reached with the gospel.

The Free Will Baptist Mission in North India has property which is valued at \$10,000.00. This property includes two acres of land, one church building, one hostel for boys, one servants quarters and garage, one staff quarters and girl's hostel, and one dwelling house for missionaries.

The mission maintains two Sunday Schools with 50 children, two hostels with 30 youngsters (ages 7-18), two boys in college who are training for the ministry, and one young man training to be a tailor who will be a lay preacher. There is also one hostel superintendent and six lay preachers who engage in the work of the mission.

Presently, the mission is working in 26 villages. There are 200 baptized Christians with a "Christian community" of about 500. This would include children, seekers, relatives who are interested, etc.—Dan Cronk

SPAIN

In Valencia the Lord is richly blessing our mission work. We hold our services in a very humble home which is owned by a poor couple. Rooms have been fixed for the meetings and we have an attendance of about 25 souls each Sunday. Other people are interested in the Gospel and attend regularly. Quite often the place is too small for the crowd that comes.

Our work is quite difficult mainly on account of religious intolerance. For a time we thought that the recent visit of the Presi-

dent of the United States to Spain would result in a high degree of religious tolerance, but the present attitude of the civil authorities seems to indicate the contrary. On January 16 our little group in Valencia was notified by the Civil Government that as a result of holding meetings without official permission, they had to pay a fine of 2,000 pesetas. In another village which is called Quesa, a small group of believers that held meetings in a private home received another official note in which it was stated that they must pay a 9,500 pesetas fine. These dear brethren are very poor. We beseech you to present their needs to the Lord.

A meeting place is the desperate need of Carcagente. In that place a lady offered the ground floor of her house for holding meetings, but due to the Romanist fanaticism prevailing in that place, they did their utmost to make it impossible by all kinds of menaces, just as they always do, and finally succeeded. The lady in question now has the house for sale, but we are unable to purchase the property due to the price of \$3,000.00.

God willing, however, on March 19 eight souls converted in Carcagente and four more from Valnecia will be baptized. We beseech you to earnestly remember these in your prayers.

At Alcira where our mission just started activities, the same problems and difficulties are encountered. Nevertheless, there are many souls in that place interested in our Christian faith.

Our work at Cornella puts before us the same difficulties in regard to a hall for preaching the Gospel. In this place the problem is not as difficult as it is in the province of Valencia since expenses would not be more than \$30.00 per month.

In Barcelona, thank God, all these problems have been solved so that the Free Will Baptist mission now has a Gospel Hall of its own consisting of a ground floor and a first floor. On the ground floor our meetings are held and the hall can offer seats to some 300 people. The needs of Barcelona are in the spiritual realm. We badly need a spiritual revival.

The ardent desire of our hearts is to extend our mission work. We are unable to do this just as we want for lack of means. For this reason, we ask all our brothers and sisters of the Free Will Baptist Churches to offer prayers in our behalf in order that the Lord may meet all the needs of His work in response to the prayers.—Mario Cignoni

CUBA

Cuba is rightly called the Pearl of the Antilles. The area of the island is 41,634 square miles. It has a population of about seven million people. The island is divided into six provinces: Habana, Riner del Rio,

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urgent request was sent while Paul was in the great city of Corinth. He knew what it was to have doors closed in his face but he also knew the key which could open them, "Pray for us that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ." (Col. 4:3).

This is a challenge to every Free Will Baptist that we might pray for the opening of the doors of our oldest mission field—India. It is the privilege of the Christian church to open doors for missionaries through prayer. It is the promise of the Lord that the Christian church through prayer may increase the missionary force, "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers unto his harvest." (Luke 9:38). It is possible for the church through prayer to create an atmosphere of liberty for the preaching of the Word. Dr. William Orr in his sermon, "Your Missionaries' Greatest Need" declares, "He needs the constant touch of Almighty God in his life . . . When God's omnipotence touches the missionary's soul, Satan must turn and slink away before the inspired advance of a truly God-filled life. . . . But how may the missionary be touched by the power of God? . . . I believe that the answer to the missionary's desperate problem of spiritual inspiration comes mostly from a "dead in earnest" use of the mighty weapon of prayer in the hands of those who hold the lifeline at home."

What a blessing it is to be united in personal prayer with the servants of God in India, Spain, Japan, Africa, South America and Cuba. If we are not to wink at the promise and privilege of praying for missions then in every church let there be prayer for missionaries in the Sunday School classes, in the Leagues, in the Auxiliaries, in the Master's Men, in the business meetings, and in the regular services. Our missionaries would receive new power and revival would come if we would give ourselves more to the ministry of prayer. Our eyes would not be winking, but wide open and fixed on the fields, if once each month the entire prayer service was devoted to prayer for specific requests of the missionaries.

There is another area of prayer which must not be overlooked. Give us mothers like Hannah who in prayer and practice give their sons to God and our boards will not be lacking in candidates. Give us fathers who like Abraham will unselfishly offer their sons on God's sacrificial altar rather than on the world's materialistic altar and we will have men, dedicated men, on the mission fields. Give us young men with keen eyes, listening ears and willing hearts like Isaiah to say, "Here am I Lord, send me." Give us young women with Ruth's devotion, "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

SOME WINK AT THE MISSIONARY OFFERING. The giving of Free Will Baptists to missions has had a steady increase. The Holy Spirit has called forth laborers. The Church has prayed and doors have been open. We must give to send them into these doors. Here is the sowing which brings a harvest, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." (2 Cor. 9:6). "Here is the scattering which yet increaseth for the liberal soul shall be made fat." (Prov. 11:24, 25). Here is the giving which multiplies the loaves and fishes to feed the multitudes. (See John 6:9). Here is the laying up of treasures which bandits, insects and decay do not touch. (See Matt. 6:19-21). Here is the giving which cannot exhaust the supply. (See Luke 6:38).

An old age pensioner wrote a letter saying that she believed in the Great Commission with all her heart and out of her small income she wanted to share each month in getting the Gospel to all the world. A school teacher, whom the Lord did not call to the mission field, is represented by a missionary whose salary she pays. This kind of giving can be copied by many others in our great denomination who perhaps in the past have winked at the missionary offering.

Look at those churches, Free Will Baptist Churches, which give missions a large place in their giving. The building program is not retarded but advanced. The spiritual fires are hotter! And, dear pastor, the salary is not cut but increased.

Hear the testimony of this man, "I was down and out and had lost my job. My wife and two children had left me. I was dressed in rags. One day I happened to stroll into the Peoples Church during one of its missionary conventions. Dr. Smith was speaking, and he was making some of the most astounding statements I had ever heard in my life. He was saying, 'You cannot beat God giving. Give and it shall be given unto you. Square with God and God will square

with you.' I sat up and listened.

"Just to test his sincerity, I filled in one of his cards, promising to give God a certain percentage of all He might give me. That, of course, was easy because I had nothing."

"To my amazement, within a few hours, I got a job. When I received my first pay, I sent in the amount I had promised. Before long I got a raise. Then I contributed more. Soon I had a new suit of clothes. In due time I got a better job. Presently my wife and daughters came back to me. I continued my giving. Before long, all my debts were paid. Now, I own my home here in Minneapolis and I have money in the bank. All that, I owe to you, Dr. Smith. I found that you were right. I discovered that God was as good as His Word."

SOME WINK AT THE HEATHEN'S LOST CONDITION. The world's attitude toward sin has too often paralyzed the missionary outreach of the church. How could God drive Adam and Eve out of the garden because they had committed "just one little sin?" How could God bathe the world with a flood? How could God cover the beautiful sky over Sodom and Gomorrah with the blackness and redness of brimstone and fire and reduce the cities to ashes? How could God the Father turn His back on His dying Son at Calvary? I answer these questions—SIN—any sin, in man is blacker than the blackest night, redder than the reddest fire, baser than the basest thought, viler than the vilest deed, uglier than the ugliest scar. "All have sinned" and the sinner is lost. "All men everywhere" regardless of creed, color, or culture are commanded to repent. There are no cultural or geographical boundaries.

Pity because of the ignorance of the heathen has prompted efforts to teach them. Pity because of the health conditions has brought medical assistance. Pity because of their primitive ways of living has brought gifts to increase their earning ability. Pity because of their low morals and foolish superstitions has brought to them a "social" gospel. A teacher may wipe out ignorance. A doctor may wipe out disease. A philanthropist may wipe out poverty. A preacher may raise moral standards. One may be learned, well, comfortable, socially acceptable and yet LOST! These are means to an end, but the end is to bring Christ to them. Apart from Christ man is lost! There is no other way to heaven and there is salvation in no other.

"All souls are mine," God declared. This means that the soul of the woman in New Guinea who takes her first child as soon as it is born, breaks its head on a rock and throws it to the sows to eat, then takes a piglet of the same sex, and puts it to her breast to suckle, and the little animal becomes sacred to be sacrificed later in an elaborate ritual, is a soul on which God places His claim. Which one of you fathers would change your wife's religion

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Pictured above is Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvary with our Tokyo pastor, Peter Miy-stani. They are standing in front of Osaka Castle.



DAN CRONK

THE PROGRESS OF THE GOSPEL IN KISHANGANJ

TEN YEARS! Ten years ago this little, dark mahogany colored, dried up man stood hesitating before our little book stall at the annual fair in Kishanganj. The marks of poverty were clearly visible. He was one of the lowly of the earth, the despised scavenger, casteless in a caste society. After a short conversation he purchased several Gospel portions and went home.

Ten years ago we started sowing the seed in Kishanganj while studying the language. We wondered if there would ever be a harvest. Not long after we finished the language examinations the Woolseys returned to the States and we went to Sonapur to take up the work which they had started. The Hannas then came to the little rented house in Kishanganj and after language study they took up the work in Sonapur while we were on furlough and soon we had to fill in for them while they were on furlough so the Kishanganj area was practically untouched in all these years. When the Hannas returned we asked ourselves, "Now what?" There was more work than a half dozen couples could get done. We faced up to the obvious and discouraging fact that no more missionaries were likely to join us from the States. Should we both carry on in the area where we had work? Yet from Kishanganj area came the bleat of more than 200,000 sheep milling around in an area of some 200 square miles. Should I leave the flock in the hands of one lone shepherd? Yes, Carlisle felt, if it meant that we could reach out to those other lost sheep.

But to start all over again in an unreached area after ten years would not be easy. There were many difficulties. Government was unfavorable to evangelism, to say nothing of fanatical Hindus; new regulations about opening stations; the uncertain position of foreigners in a border area in these tense times; three different languages; not a single worker; not even one Christian. We owned no mission property nor had we funds to buy any. In frustration I prayed, "Oh God, show me thy plan for this area lest I

Dan Cronk has labored in India for approximately 12 years as our missionary. He is well known and loved by our people.

make the mistake of starting out on a hopeless one of my own. Lead us to an open heart. Bring someone here. Thou canst do it. . . ."

One day that same little man, poorer than ever, stood on my front porch. "Well, Hedalu," I said, "It's been a long time since I've seen you. What brings you here?"

He explained how the monsoon had failed one year and the crops had dried up and blown away and another year the floods came and washed the crops away. Somehow years ago he had got hold of some land and had tried to stand on his own feet through the years. Poverty is the great millstone in the east. How it grinds the villager! The bad years come. First, the few silver bracelets go for food, then the clothes, then the pots and pans, then the oxen and finally the land and then. . . .?

"Now," Hedalu explained, "I have sold all that I can sell. I can no longer educate my sons. Sahib, can't you help me?"

"Was this the opening I had been praying for? Were these bits of flotsam on the sea of humanity around us which Christ could salvage?" I wondered.

"I can't give you financial help, but if you want to bring the boys here I will open a small hostel. They can stay with me and go to the government school. They will have to obey strict rules and attend all the worship services and Bible classes cheerfully," I carefully explained.

He was willing, so he brought them, along with four others from the Hindu village! We opened the hostel for a year's trial. We set the boys to learning a hundred Bible verses on Bible doctrine which they quickly and cheerfully did. They studied the Word and learned Bible stories and hymns eagerly. The Lord blessed and on a Sunday morning Mukul, who feels called to preach and is studying at Calcutta Bible College, gave an earnest appeal after a good sermon on John 3, and each one accepted Christ as his Lord.

Several young Hindu men since then have been coming regularly for services and instruction. One, the son of a wealthy Brahman landowner, says that he believes in Christ and intends to be a Christian. Another young Hindu school teacher has started

coming and is studying the Gospels. He often brings some of his pupils with him.

Now it seemed that in the past the devil had this area so thoroughly enveloped in spiritual darkness that he didn't seem to think it necessary to stay around. But now he has come to defend his territory.

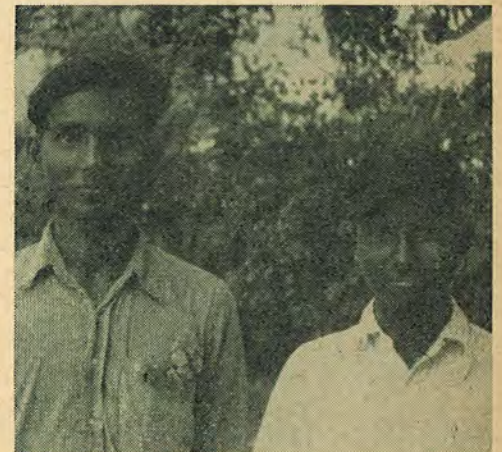
Hedalu had been a leader for a quasi political-religious-social organization and was well known among the casteless Harijan Hindus. When these Hindus heard that Hedalu was becoming a despised "Christian" they began to threaten and put on the pressure. They tried every way to prevent his sons coming here. After failing to keep him by promises of financial help, he said that the school authorities tried to hinder the boys' transfer to Kishanganj. They stopped the special stipends given him as a Harijan and refused to give that already due him. The local Hindus so threatened the boys' fathers that one of them got frightened and took his son out of the hostel.

The school teacher has lost his job because he was coming here to learn about the Christian religion. The landowner, father of the boy mentioned above, also owns the land of a Santal village and has threatened to run out a Santal Christian who has gone there to live and witness to his Santal people and has, we think, forbidden his son to come here. I believe, however, that the son already has a firm faith in Christ but do pray that he may be able to hold out under such pressure.

At first we felt disheartened seeing those seeking Christ being so hindered, but then we realized that it indicated that the true and living God had begun to work.

To the south of us lies a large Bengali speaking area where there are also thousands of Aboriginal Santals. They are an exploited, ignorant, backward people, but a dear open hearted and friendly people and many of them are showing interest in the Gospel. The other day a delegation of five called on me from more than fifty miles away asking me to come and preach in their village. One

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Pictured above is (l. to r.) Gavesh and Bennie in India. Bennie is the son of Hedalu, the boy mentioned in the story. Both have become Christians since this picture was made.

What's Your Problem?



LOUIS H. MOULTON

Q. We've been studying a course in stewardship in League. Can you give me a good definition of the word stewardship?

A. Christian stewardship is the recognition and fulfillment of our personal responsibility for the administration of the whole of life—time, talent, influence, money and material substance, everything—in accordance with the teaching and ideals of Jesus. In the Old Testament the most common meaning of "steward" is "the man who is over." In the New Testament its most frequent meaning is "an overseer, one to whom something has been entrusted, a house manager."

Q. Every time my pastor receives an offering whether for some charity or for a poor family or the regular church offering he winds up his appeal: "Now let's give just like the early church gave." I've heard that remark until I'm sick of it and almost rebel in my heart when it comes to the offering. What does he mean? How did the early church give?

A. I'm surprised that instead of going to your pastor and inquiring that you've allowed yourself to become almost bitter over a trivial remark. The early church taught that giving was a Christian obligation and could not be avoided; that true liberality was a virtue which brought spiritual rewards; and that giving should be regular, systematic, cheerful and proportionate. Love, not law or compulsion, was the motive Paul urged for Christian giving. Notice 2 Cor. 8:9-12; 2 Cor. 9:5-7; 1 Cor. 16:2. Your pastor must mean just what the apostle meant—everybody giving, everybody giving systematically, everybody giving gladly, everybody giving proportionately and doing it as unto the Lord.

Q. My husband has never seen the importance of honoring God in his budgeting and accounting. Please give me something to challenge him with.

A. Certainly every Christian should put God and His kingdom first. Not only is He our Creator, but He is our Keeper, our Father, and actually the Owner of all that we possess. Among the warnings and exhortations of the Old Testament are these two: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth. . . ." (Deut. 8:18). "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." (Prov. 3:9). In the New Testament one passage should suffice.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33).

Q. What were the names of Jesus' brothers? Were any of them his disciples?

A. Matthew 13:55, 56 records the names of Christ's brothers. "Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? and his sisters, are they not all with us?" None of his brothers were among the twelve disciples. Jesus said in Matthew 13:57 ". . . A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house." Note also Mark 6:3-5.

Q. Someone asked you recently if it was contrary to Free Will Baptist doctrine to dedicate babies and you said no. You are supposed to help people understand what Free Will Baptist believe. The National Treatise has nothing in it about dedicating babies and you were unable to give any Bible references. We as Free Will Baptists state in the Articles of Faith what we believe, and there is nothing about dedicating babies, so why do you say it is all right?

A. Just why some of our brethren strain at a gnat and swallow a camel I'll never know. You are right about our Articles of Faith saying nothing about dedication of babies. Neither do they say anything about our going to church but we go because the Bible says that we are to forsake not the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). The Articles of Faith say nothing about our Bible College but we believe in it and support it; they say nothing about foreign missions but we believe the Great Commission is for us and we dare not neglect its commands as given in Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15, etc. I repeat, we do *not* believe in baptizing babies, but dedication of a baby is simply giving back to God the little life which God has given to us and in so doing we promise to dedicate ourselves to rearing the child as the Word of God teaches. Bible examples of child dedication may be found in the case of Samuel brought by his mother Hannah. ". . . unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh: and the child was young." (1 Samuel 1:24). Read the entire story in the first two chapters of first Samuel. Then in the case of Jesus, Himself, Luke records in Luke 2:22 that ". . . they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord." Please read on and note in verse 27 that he was brought into the temple. In the Old Testament Samuel was young, in the New Testament Jesus was an infant. Both of these were brought to the house of God for dedication to be presented to the Lord. That is what we do today in the dedication of babies.

Cooperative Receipts Off From January

COOPERATIVE GIVING for the month of February was off from the previous month. Receipts slipped from a very fine total in January of \$4,687.79 to \$3,393.54 in February.

Every department of the National Association shares in cooperative giving, so why not lend a helping hand? This is your opportunity to undergird the total program of the church.

The plan is simple. If your church would like to share in all phases of our denominational work, just have the treasurer send a check each month for 10% of the monthly offerings. Your check will be disbursed monthly to all the departments of the National Association. If you would like more details on this plan, send your request to the Executive Department at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

FEBRUARY COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

ALABAMA			
First church, Dothan	76.27		
Goodwater church, Slocomb	10.00	86.27	
ARKANSAS			
State association		488.37	
CALIFORNIA			
State association		507.77	
FLORIDA			
State association		196.65	
GEORGIA			
State association		293.59	
ILLINOIS			
Oak Grove church, Scheller		10.00	
MISSOURI			
State association	494.14		
Macedonia church, Purdy	63.39	557.53	
NORTH CAROLINA			
Swannanoa church		107.85	
NEW MEXICO			
F.W.B. Mission, Grants	34.94		
First church, Hobbs	83.05		
First association	11.77	129.76	
OKLAHOMA			
State association		632.67	
TENNESSEE			
Wooddale church, Knoxville	28.05		
Oak Grove church, Charlotte	19.43		
Horton Heights, Nashville	78.77		
Heads church, Chapmansboro	131.17	257.42	
TEXAS			
State association		125.16	
		3,393.54	

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

Florida	28.55		
Oklahoma	20.00	48.55	
		3,442.09	

DISBURSEMENTS

Headquarters Trustees	101.81		
Bible College	693.68		
Home Missions	486.64		
Foreign Missions	950.19		
Executive Dept.	834.44		
Sunday School Dept.	169.67		
League Dept.	101.83		
Superannuation Board	101.83		
Designated to W.N.A.C.	2.00	3,442.09	



Woman's Auxiliary

LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Executive Secretary

Love - Our Lead to Youth

MY FOUR-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER said to me recently concerning our month old baby, "Mama, why do you always have to do something for her?" I thought for a moment and then said to myself, "there is more truth in that statement than she realizes." When babies are awake, they require feeding and cuddling and dressing; and when they are asleep their clothing is being laundered and their formulas are being made. So, my answer was perhaps similar to your own thinking, "Honey, it's because we love the baby" . . . and it's a full time job to prove it!

It is no less true that our responsibilities in working with our youth require untiring efforts . . . *if we love them*. I Corinthians 8:3 challenges us "that if any man love God, the same is known of him." Paul, in writing to the Galatians, exhorts us to serve one another in love. (Gal. 5:13). It makes all the difference in the world when our service is motivated by *love*.

Missionaries tell us that the natives are keen to sense the foreigner's purpose in coming to their territory. Perhaps this conclusion is derived from several things: understanding, interest, patience, tact and efforts. In some instances, when a real love was not discerned, it has been necessary for the missionary to return to the mainland.

Is there a genuine love in our hearts for the young people the Lord has entrusted to us? They know if we love them. They are aware if we do not. Moreover, the Lord knows whether or not our love is genuine. Unless this all-important factor does prevail in our hearts, our efforts cannot be used effectively.

In the *Woman's Auxiliary Manual* under the Youth Chairman's qualifications, this statement is made: "Foremost among her qualifications should be a real love for and an interest in young people." Surely this means more than an acceptance of the responsibility to meet with the youth auxiliary once each month. There is more involved than being chaperone for socials during the year.

This real love will drive us to our knees for our youth. Intercession to Christ will be made for the girl who doesn't have a

This article was prepared by Mrs. Eugene Waddell. She serves as Youth Chairman of the WNAC.

spiritual interest and who puts other things ahead of church activities. We will find our hearts outpoured before the Lord for the boy who doesn't have the potentials of a leader or maybe does not "fit in with the gang."

Oftentimes sincere Christians develop "can't-itis" when suddenly we do not understand these young people. Could it be that we just somehow forget what we were like when some youth director perhaps had a battle trying to understand us? Don't give up! We shall forever be confronted with problems in this work that we do not fully understand. If we continue to work and pray, committing our efforts and their young lives into His hands, we shall find ourselves believing as Job did: "I know that thou canst do everything, Lord." It is true that we are mere instruments, but the Lord is depending on us.

Young people want to know that we have a personal interest in them. When they are convinced of this, then they will be more susceptible to our leadership. The Lord used a faithful youth leader in eastern North Carolina to direct my spiritual life. She proved her love and concern to many young people in that vicinity. She suffered heartaches by the scores, I'm sure. Sometimes her efforts must have seemed in vain. However, today she is able to see the reward of her labours. Young people, with whom she worked and for whom she prayed, are in pulpits, on the mission field, evangelists, and many are serving in positions of leadership.

Harvest time does not always come in the Fall to youth leaders. It is doubtful that we shall see every life with whom we work changed; however, every life is a challenge.

These next weeks and months offer great opportunities for us. Let us encourage Declamation and Essay participants. These are important because they help to instill in the hearts of many young people an interest in missions which is the primary purpose for their organization.

May God qualify us for the task of working with our youth. Aids, ideas, "know-how" are important and helpful, but are *not* the most important for us. Let us remember that with all these, we will be none the more qualified to serve the Lord—nor our youth—*unless we love them!*

Women at Work

Columbus, Miss.—"Our New Year's Challenge—Better Programs" was the theme for the District Auxiliary Convention held here in February. Rev. Paul Kettelman was the eleven o'clock speaker and the day was climaxed with a play presented by the Beech Springs Auxiliary.

Northport, Ala.—The Sarah Crawford Circle sponsored a Study Course Workshop that featured the use of the colored slides as described in the Year Book (p. 16). Good interest and attendance was reported. Several visitors were present from the Cordova auxiliary. All local study course chairman (Alabama) are asked to contact Mrs. Sebron Kuykendall, 71 Greenview, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Nashville, Tenn.—All study course books listed in your literature catalogue at 35¢ each have been increased in price to 39¢ each.

Florence, S. C.—Mrs. Rufus Coffey says: "Have you heard the cry of our Mexican brethren? Come over and help us. . . . We have need of a chapel, classrooms, dormitories, and living quarters for our missionaries. Help us!" We have only a short time left and what is to be done must be done quickly! If you have offerings for this project, please send them on to the WNAC office.

Durham, N. C.—Several groups from this area met at the Sherron Acres Church for a very profitable study course conducted by Mrs. Rufus Coffey, President of the WNAC.

Mountain Grove, Mo.—A week of evening classes on the Manual and Missions is being taught by Miss Hazel Hutsell.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—A Night Circle was organized here under the direction of Mrs. Lonnie Davoult with a membership of thirteen. At the next meeting, membership was increased to 25.

Whittier, Okla.—An Enlistment Day meeting was enjoyed here in January that resulted in two new members. They also report several benevolent activities with much interest being shown by the entire auxiliary.

Tulsa, Okla.—Mrs. Lela Crow presented a study course on qualifications and duties of officers. Every officer was made to feel the importance of her work. This auxiliary has adopted a budget of \$1000 for the year.

Cushing, Okla.—New officers in the G.T.A. are Miss Kathleen Stephens, president; Miss Lorraine Goodwin, secretary; and Miss Patsy Goodwin, song leader. The G.T.A.s presented a playlet, "Harvest Reflection" at their last meeting.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Senior Missionary Speaks

COLUMBIA, S. C.—“Every redeemed child of God is called to be a missionary-witness and to make that witness heard and felt to the ends of the earth,” a veteran Free Will Baptist missionary told the faculty and student body recently at Columbia Bible College.

Miss Laura Belle Barnard, a post-graduate student at the college following a score of years' service on the mission field of India, declared missions the responsibility of the whole body of believers, not just a so-called “missionary arm.”

“The elderly secretary of the foreign missions board for an evangelical denomination called at the magnificent Washington, D. C., headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventists and asked to see the secretary of their foreign missions department. ‘Sir,’ the receptionist replied, ‘the Seventh Day Adventists have no such thing as a department of foreign missions. Missions is our business.’

“It is a pity the orthodox church of Jesus Christ has forgotten that ‘missions is our business.’ The Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-28 was given on a mountain in Galilee to more than 500 believers. That word was given as the charter of the church and was ratified on the day of Pentecost. It is the one business of the church in this generation to make the message of Christ's salvation known to the whole world,” Miss Barnard continued.

“It is the one reason for the existence of the church, and no multitude of other ministries, though good in themselves, can justify the existence of the church that bears the name of the Crucified Saviour.

“The tremendous work of evangelizing the world could never have been committed to a few specially called out and separated missionaries. That would have been unreasonable, and inconsistent with infinite wisdom. But when we see that the church as a corporate group was to be a body of witnesses (Acts 1:8), the task becomes a feasible one. Every redeemed child of God is called to be a missionary-witness and to make that witness heard and felt to the ends of the earth. No Christian can escape the obligation.

“The Woman's Auxiliary is called the ‘missionary arm’ of the church, but this is not the Scriptural plan. The entire body of believers, not simply an arm, is commissioned to be a missionary body. Thank God for even an arm fulfilling its intended purpose, but pray God for a witnessing body fulfilling its divinely appointed task in the world,” she added.

Then the speaker spoke of the connection

between the missionary effort and revival. She said, “In the ministry of missionary conferences sponsored or conducted by our foreign missions board, real revival in three dimensions has resulted. Invariably, sinners hear the evangelistic message and souls are saved. Christians are challenged to the Spirit-filled life, and the burden for world-wide witness is embraced. It can scarcely be disputed that genuine spiritual revival, wherever it has been experienced in our church, has come hand in hand with the revival of missionary burden and responsibility. This is revival. Any omission leaves the movement incomplete as a revival.”

By way of personal reference, Miss Barnard declared, “no one ever came from a background more completely lacking in missionary knowledge concern than my own.” She said further that her family, church and community were totally uninformed and unconcerned about the world's need of Christ and of the Bible's plain teaching concerning the church's responsibility for a Christian world.

“An elderly leader of my local conference,” illustrated the pioneer of modern Free Will Baptist missions, “upon hearing in a quarterly meeting that I was called to go as a missionary and would have to go with another group unless Free Will Baptists formed a board and prepared to send me, called out across the conference room, ‘Let 'er go!’ This was no localized sentiment. It reflected the missionary vision of our denomination at that time.

“But, it was due to a lack of teaching. As we began to get the missionary message into our churches, and when we established a college with a missionary message, our constituency began to respond. Today, we have missionaries in Cuba, Japan, India, Spain, Africa, South America, Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii. What God has done in our denomination, He can do in other groups.”

The senior missionary told the some 400 students, “Throughout this country in orthodox churches there are true children of God whose leaders have not shown them the missionary approach to the Scriptures. For that matter, the preachers themselves, for the most part, have not understood the implications of the Great Commission. Seminaries are almost totally without missionary vision, and so cannot impart it to ministerial students. Many Bible schools and colleges give poor emphasis, if any, to the Bible teaching concerning missions. Our churches are led by those who have no missionary message or vision or fervor to impart.

“But our experience in our Free Will Baptist churches convinces me that thousands in our churches would welcome the

truth of missionary responsibility if they could be reached. And, as these are members of the true body of Christ, they have a right to know and to be given opportunity to relate themselves to God's great redemptive purpose for the world.”

In conclusion, Miss Barnard added, “Either missionary vision has brought revival, or revival has brought missionary vision. Where either is absent, the presentation of the message may well be examined.

“Salvation is an experience to be witnessed. ‘Ye shall be witnesses unto me,’ our Lord said. Angels are diligent servants of the Creator God, but no angel has ever told the salvation story. It must be told by a witness, and angels have no experience to which they can bear witness. Only man, ruined by sin and redeemed by precious blood, can be that witness. And the bearing of testimony to the experience is inherent in the message and in the experience of salvation.”

Expands Curriculum

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The faculty and administration of the Bible College approved March 1 the expanding of the College curriculum to include a larger number of courses for the students.

The additions include a one-year secretarial course, a five-year program leading to the B.S. degree in Nursing, a minor in history, and a major in English.

Up to the present time, the College has offered a major in Bible and theology with minors in English, Christian education, and music.

The College feels, after prayerful consideration, that these additions are needed to better meet the needs of Free Will Baptist young people in full-time Christian service and in secular work as a Christian.

Choir Tour Announced

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The 7th annual Bible College choir tour, April 25-May 1, will take the 32-voice choir into nine churches in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida. Dr. L. C. Johnson, President, has announced.

Ross Dowden, music department head, will direct the musical programs with the chief aim to present Christ through the ministry of music.

Services will be held at the following places at 7:30 each evening except where indicated otherwise.

April 25—Cordova Church, Cordova, Ala., April 26—Colquitt Elementary School, Colquitt, Ga., April 27—Chipley Church, Chipley, Fla., April 28—First Church, Dothan, Ala., April 29—Unity Church, Jacksonville, Fla., April 30—Ebenezer Church, Glennville, Ga., May 1, 11 a.m.—Pine Level Church, Alma, Ga., May 1, 2:30 p.m.—Baxley Church, Baxley, Ga., May 1, 7:30 p.m.—Satilla Church, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Facts from the Fields

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Matanzas, Las Villas, Camaguey, and Oriente. Free Will Baptists presently have work in the first three mentioned above.

Even though Cuba has rich resources such as tobacco, sugar, coffee, cattle, fisheries, and minerals, the majority of the population is very poor and poverty is everywhere.

It was in the province of Pinar del Rio in 1942 that Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey opened a Free Will Baptist work. The work had a small beginning in the form of a Bible School. At that time the population of Pinar Province was listed at 351,389 and it was estimated that fully one-half this number had never heard the Gospel. As a result of this simple beginning, there are now in Cuba over 2,000 members of the Free Will Baptist Churches. Presently, the mission is responsible for 25 organized churches, approximately 100 preaching stations, and more than 40 full-time native Christian workers.

The churches are organized into the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists and they hold their annual convention each year on the Bible School campus.

There are yet many unreached in Cuba. Hundreds have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your prayers and your gifts will help maintain the present work and reach others who know not Christ.

AFRICA

The area known as the Bondoukou Circle in the Ivory Coast which has been assigned to Free Will Baptists covers thousands of square miles with an estimated population of over 200,000 people without a single Protestant voice.

There are now over 60,000,000 Mohammedans in Africa as compared with a small percentage of Christians. Mohammedanism with its idea of one God, external forms of righteousness, its approval of polygamy, its attitude toward women, fits in with the African philosophy of life better than Christianity.

The African has a belief in God but his primitive ritualism, his faith in the medicine man, and his ceremonial religious exercises are inadequate and bring no peace. There can be no doubt that the African is hungry for spiritual reality and this hunger becomes an asset to the missionary. The task of the missionary is to show him that God has been fully revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Presently, our Free Will Baptist work is centered in three places. They are Goumere, Koun, and Doropo. A brief description will follow of the situation in each area.

Goumere—This is where Lonnie and Anita Sparks are laboring. They have a house which is located on four acres of land. Native quarters and a garage are

under construction, but are not complete. For transportation the Sparks use a Volkswagen. In this area there are five groups of believers who meet either regularly or occasionally. None of these are baptized. As of January 1, at least 30 villages in the surrounding area had received the Gospel. Eleven or more of them have had more than one service.

Koun—This is where Dan and Margaret Merkh are working. Recently Bill and Joy Jones have joined them in this area. The Merkhs live here in a rented dwelling and the Jones live in a trailer house, sharing the living room and kitchen with the Merkhs. A pressing need is for funds to build the second station here. This will consist of a missionary dwelling, a dispensary and school, and possibly another building or two. Actually, this station should already have been built. It was hoped that this would be the Shephard Station. At this time \$3,000 has been given and at least another \$7,000.00 is needed.

The Joneses will study the native language here. They will be taught by a Mr. Benington who is connected with the National Bible Society of Scotland. He has been working in Africa for many years and is one of three people who has learned the language of the Lobi tribe. (Approximately 28,000 of the Lobi tribe live in our assigned territory.)

At this station, Dan Merkh has a three-quarter ton Chevrolet truck and a trailer which he is using in building of the stations. The Joneses have a Volkswagen which they use for transportation.

Prayer is needed here for the Joneses as they study the language and for the Merkhs as they give themselves to the task of constructing the needed buildings. The natives who have a church building at this mission need prayer that they might be strong in the Lord and be faithful witnesses for Him.

Doropo—At present this is a preaching point for our missionaries, but this place has been designated as the location for the third station. The Merkhs will eventually take charge of this mission.



Pictured above is Mrs. Sparks with some of the children at the Koun, Africa church. Mrs. Merkh is standing in the background.

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for that woman's religion?

It has been asked, if they do not hear the Gospel of Christ will they go to hell when they die? And I answer, does hearing the Gospel make them sinners? Are they not already sinners? Hearing the Gospel tells them, shows them, and gives them faith to be saved, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:17).

Even without the gospel there is revealed in creation God's eternal power, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." (Rom. 1:20). "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." (Ps. 19:1-4a). Go out some night and gaze at the milky way, travel to the moon and from star to star. There they are in their beauty, glory, power and order. See the work of an eternal architect which in this space age still baffles space explorers.

Not only in creation is there revealed the eternal power of God but there is also the law of conscience for every soul. If there is no guilt of wrong doing, why do the heathen hide a stolen article? Why do they have forms of religion to appease their gods? "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another." (Rom. 2:14, 15). Man has transgressed the law of nature and the law of conscience. There is a sense of right and wrong. Paul writes to the Romans that God will judge the hidden motives of the heart, the true attitudes of men toward God. "For as many as have sinned without law shall also PERISH without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law." (Rom. 2:12). O Christian, wake up! This word "perish" is the blackest word in the brightest verse of the blessed Book, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not PERISH but have everlasting life." Sure, you have known this verse by memory since you were a child. Do you know its meaning? It is the Gospel in a nutshell. It is the golden nugget in the mine. It is the love of God woven into a beautiful backdrop for the ministry of Jesus. But the nutshell explodes! The golden nugget melts! The back-

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KEN ENGLETON

THE CHALLENGE OF BRAZIL

MUCH IS BEING WRITTEN in these days about the earth's "population explosion". Conferences and debates (both political and religious) have been held to try to decide what could or should be done about the situation. In the meanwhile, millions are dying without ever once hearing the Gospel. This should cause Christians everywhere to think about the challenge that is before us to win an ever-increasing number of people to Christ.

Sometimes when we think of a challenge being before us we remember the words of the Apostle Paul when he wrote "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me." (I Cor. 16:9). It is true that the open doors of opportunities are great challenges to us but let us think now also of the great challenge of CLOSED doors.

On a recent survey trip through the

Ken Engleton is serving our church as a missionary to Brazil. He has been in the country about 18 months.

eastern part of the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, we passed through one village, town, or city after another and many times did not find even one Protestant church. As was our custom, we would distribute tracts or Gospel portions and witness to the people. Generally, the citizens were receptive, but we found great opposition from the priest and those whom he was able to influence. In the city of Ervalia where we had five nights of open-air meetings, the priest used loud speakers and handbills to publically threaten the people with excommunication if they attended our services or sold us anything in the city. For those of us who preach the Truth, the doors of such towns are seemingly closed. To enter is a great challenge, but we must enter to carry the Gospel of Salvation to the people of Brazil.

On an even more recent trip to the towns of Moji Mirim and Moji Guacu, just an hour's drive from Campinas, eight of us went two by two distributing tracts and witnessing to the people from house to house. I was witnessing with Pastor Waldemar, our first national pastor, and we encountered more closed doors—doors to peoples' hearts who were unconcerned about their souls' destiny. The first fellow was a Japanese who had been in Brazil three years. He already had a business going and when we tried to talk to him about the Gospel, he said that he could not speak Portuguese very well. Since I had been in Japan and knew that many Japanese speak English I asked him in Portuguese if he could speak English. He said that he knew it better than Portuguese, so I talked with him in English. He did not understand me at all and I perceived right away that he was seeking a way to avoid a conversation about his soul. The next man we talked with had a sick mother and in spite of all that she had done through the priest, and with ample finances, she was still bedridden. To this man that proved that there was no benefit in trusting in God; He would not help anyway. He had closed his mind and heart to the great eternal truth that man needs a saviour. This man would hardly listen to us explain the plan of salvation to him.

As we continued from house to house we met with varying degrees this same shut door—people who did not want to hear that they are sinners and that only through Christ they can have eternal life. One woman even refused to accept a tract when she learned what it was.

It is these shut doors—these closed hearts—that draw us to Brazil through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. This is our fight of faith. This is the challenge that lies before us as Free Will Baptists.

There are several reasons why the challenge here is great. The first is that Brazil is a very large country with these closed doors in every part. Brazil is as large as our first 48 states with another Texas included. Much of the country is yet undeveloped and transportation and communication facilities are few or non-existent.

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Just this task of getting to the people is tremendous.

In the second place there are some 62 million people living in Brazil and according to some estimates only 4-10 million of them are Protestants or children of Protestant families. Is this not a great challenge to us?

In the third place, there is more work to do than a few of us can possibly do. We need more workers to join us here to spread the Gospel. When you consider that it takes time to learn even a little of the language, it is easier to understand why we need more young people now preparing to come over to help us.

Then finally there are the results of confronting these closed doors that challenge us to fulfill the "Go ye . . ." of the Lord Jesus. The great promise we have in Revelation 3:7 which tells us about Him "that openeth, and no man shutteth" gives us courage to face these closed doors. We know the Holy Spirit is able and willing to work if we will only do our part.

One example of opening closed doors happened recently while one of our young men was on his way home from church. Having an opportunity to witness to a man near a bar he found him ready to listen and talk. After a while, they went to the home of Pastor Waldemar and there the man was led to the Lord. He had this story to tell: While going home earlier that night two men accosted him and one cut him slightly on the hand during the fracas. Determined to have revenge, he went home and got a short-handled brush ax to kill the men. He was at this bar looking for one of them when our young preacher witnessed to him. Later this new convert's wife and teen-aged daughter accepted the Lord and all three of them were baptized the first Sunday in February.

This sort of thing could be told about many others who are being reached each month because these closed doors are being accepted as a challenge and we are trusting in the Lord to do greater things than we think or ask. We ask your support as we accept the challenge of Brazil.



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DO FREE WILL BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN FOREIGN MISSIONS?

When I first set forth in my ministry within the ranks of the Free Will Baptist denomination, I discovered that many people erroneously identified my denomination with the Primitive Baptist group. They concluded, therefore, that my church was not too interested in missions. In fact, some did indeed say to me, "Oh, you belong to that group of Baptists which does not believe in missions." This of course did not please me in the least, and I was always very insistent that *we did believe in missions*. After all, did not two missionary couples of the Free Will Baptist Church sail from America for the land of India on September 22, 1835. This was 125 years ago!

But as time slipped by and I became more familiar with the numerical strength of my denomination, I was made to wonder. Do Free Will Baptists really believe in foreign missions? One is made to wonder after facing up to a few simple facts.

Last year the total giving by our people to foreign missions totaled \$171,852.23. On the basis that we have approximately 225,000 people who are officially associated with our National Association, this means that our per capita giving to foreign missions last year was about 76¢—less than the price of a good meal! Do Free Will Baptists really believe in foreign missions?

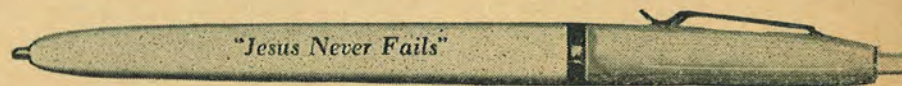
Presently, we have a missionary staff of 29 missionaries. If we consider 2,500 churches to be officially connected with our National Association, this means that we have one missionary for every 86 churches. Your editor learned only recently of a smaller Baptist group with slightly more than 500 churches. They are supporting 102 missionaries, or one missionary for every five churches! Do Free Will Baptists really believe in foreign missions?

Now, I am quite aware of the fact that we are doing more in the way of missions than we did ten years ago. The record stands. But I am somewhat weary with our tendency to glory in our present accomplishments in comparison to what was done in the past. I thank God for what has been done, but it seems to me that we need to take a good, long look at the present record, admit that groups even smaller than ours are doing a better job, and then repent in sack cloth and ashes.

We have always preached and believed in an "unlimited atonement"—that Christ died for every man—but how miserably slow we have been to take the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified to the ends of the earth. If the message of salvation in Jesus Christ is for every man, then let us shoulder the responsibility which is ours to see that every man has at least one chance to hear.

Do Free Will Baptists believe in foreign missions? Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." What do you think?

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Hur, in the title, refers to Moses' brother-in-law, Miriam's husband. This book would be of more interest to older children.

—JO ANN HURST



MARIO PEREZ

SINCE MANY OF YOU have met our Cuban pastor, Mario Perez, who spent a few weeks in the states last summer on an itinerary with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Willey, Jr., you will perhaps be interested in learning more about his work in Cuba.

He is pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Jaruco, which is located in Havana Province and has a population of 25,000.

The facts presented here were given to me through a personal interview with Rev. Perez when I was visiting in his church last year.

The church, which has its services in a rented building, was organized in 1953. The charter membership was twelve and the membership last year was twenty-five. However, they had fifty converts who were attending the worship service.

In addition to the services in the central location the church has seven mission Sunday Schools which meet simultaneously on Sunday afternoons. The total enrolment of these schools is one hundred fifty.

The church has a society for children which meets once a month and a young people's society which meets twice a month. Also a monthly evangelistic service on a Saturday night is conducted by the young people. This service is attended better than any other service connected with the church.

The women of the church have prayer meetings in the homes three times each month and they meet at the church for a prayer meeting once each month. Besides these meetings, the church has a regular Tuesday night prayer meeting and a Thursday night Bible study at the church.

At the time of the interview, the church had five hundred dollars in a building fund and four hundred fifty dollars worth of blocks and a lot on which to build a building which will accommodate three hundred fifty people. The members had pledged to live on the very minimum for a month and give the balance of their income to the building fund.

The Free Will Baptist Church is the only strong evangelical witness in Jaruco. The town has been called a small "VATICAN."

—ROLLA D. SMITH

Kishanganj

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man said, "I'm an old man now and I have never before seen a Christian nor a sahib but we heard that there was a sahib in Kishanganj who preaches a very good religion and we have come to find out about it." I could only try to tell them the simple Gospel message trusting that the Holy Spirit might help them to understand, and send them home. I have no worker to send them. They are far away and between me and them are hundreds of others who want to hear. Pray that the Lord will send us some Santali workers. Pray for these people and for the other thousands around us who, like the old man, have never heard that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Savior of all who will call on him.

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drop tears into shreds! The word PERISH is dynamite.

Perishing, perishing! Thronging our pathway,
Hearts break with burdens too heavy to bear:
Jesus would save, but there's no one to tell them,
No one to lift them from sin and despair.

Very simply and briefly Paul wraps up all that has been said about the lost condition of the heathen when he writes, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, *then were all dead.*" (2 Cor. 5:14). We Free Will Baptists believe in an unlimited atonement, that the death of Christ was for all men. Our missionary zeal is the measure of how much we believe this doctrine of the atonement.