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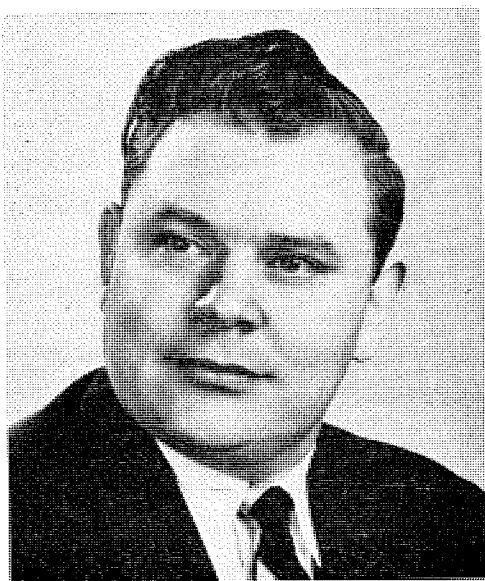
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Home Missions Issue



HOMER E. WILLIS

IN THIS ISSUE of *CONTACT* you will read of the work of our home missionaries. They are representatives of Christ and Free Will Baptists throughout North America. Seven years ago there were no home missionaries. There was no work in Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, the Northwest, New England, and none among the foreign speaking groups of this country. I feel the Lord has given special blessing to the effort put forth in the short time we have had a "live" home mission program. The budget for National Home Missions in 1950 was \$1,017.59. Our budget for the coming year is \$88,232.00. In 1950 there were no missionaries, now there are twenty-two and their families. We have a sound approach to this program and must continue to reach into more and more areas with our work.

November is National Home Missions month, with Sunday the 20th designated as National Home Missions Sunday. It is believed that most of our churches will observe this day, and receive "Thanksgiving Offerings" to be sent for this cause. Free literature and promotional items may be secured by writing the Home Missions Office, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

In twenty-four of our states, one half of

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

the population has no religious tie at all. In one hundred and ten counties in America, eighty per cent of the population is not affiliated with any religious group.

All of which points up the truth that evangelism and soul-winning must be the order of the day in our North American churches. Every church must help start another church.

You will find a self-addressed envelope in your copy of *CONTACT*. This is enclosed for your convenience in sending your National Home Missions offering.

In the United States there are 66,000,000 people not affiliated with *any* church, and our country is seeing 1,000,000 added to this number each year according to Mel Larson in "Evangelical Beacon."

Our goal and our need is to raise nearly \$40,000 in the next three months—how much will you give? We can meet this goal by God's grace.

According to history the Apostle Paul started 187 churches. Have you started any yet? Your dollar in a home mission church will yield future dollars for all the denominational work.

We have a choice in America—obey the Great Commission and take, or send, the gospel to our fellow man, or we can sit still and see Communism and Catholicism take our land! Brother, it's time to renew our covenant with God, and time to preach and win souls—the night is at hand.

IN THE VINEYARD

Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary, attended the Western Conference, North Carolina, October 13-14, the Oklahoma State Association 18-19, and visited the General Baptists National Conference in Springfield, Missouri, in returning home. Mr. Melvin was speaker in Southside church, Paintsville, Kentucky, October 23, the Texas State Association, November 1, and will speak November 11, at the Alabama State Association, Birmingham.

Home Missions Director **Homer E. Willis** spoke at the Texas State Association November 2, and will speak at the Alabama State Association, November 11. Mr. Willis will conduct a revival in the Amory Church, Mississippi, November 7-13 and will go to Hawaii December 5-12, for a survey of the mission work with pastor Luther Sanders.

Ray Turnage, National League Director, will be hospitalized briefly for a tonsillectomy in Baptist Hospital, Nashville, November 6-8. A League workshop at Georgia State League Convention, Ashburn, Georgia, is scheduled for November 25, and Mr. Turnage will be speaking November 27-December 4, in the Raleigh and Durham, (N.C.) area.

WNAC Executive Secretary, **Mrs. Eunice Edwards** conducted study classes at Tubeville church, South Carolina, on November 2, and a workshop at Spartanburg on November 4. Mrs. Edwards will participate in the pre-Thanksgiving week of prayer November 14-18, at Greeneville, Tennessee.

Foreign Missions Director **Rolla Smith** lists a missionary conference in the Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina area, October 29-November 6, and will attend the Alabama State Association November 10. Mr. Smith will conduct a missionary service in Horton Heights church, Nashville, November 13. A conference is also scheduled in the Mountain Grove, Missouri area, November 18-20, and another in the Central church, Detroit, Michigan, November 27-December 4.

President **L. C. Johnson** attended the Miami, Ohio, Yearly Meeting, October 1. He will conduct a revival at Glennville, Ga. October 16-23. Nov. 9-13 meeting at Philadelphia Church, Detroit.

Dean **Charles A. Thigpen** will attend the Oklahoma State Association October 19-20 and speak at three Albemarle Conference churches in North Carolina October 23.

COVER PICTURE

Pictured on our front cover is Mrs. Bertha Peavie and son, Jerry, of Wainwright, Alaska. They attend the Free Will Baptist Church in Anchorage. This church was founded and is pastored by Home Missionary Lee Whaley.

WORK AMONG THE SPANISH SPEAKING PEOPLE

BY

R. H. JACKSON



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IT IS SAID that a lot of barbarians who came with the hordes that overran the Roman Empire, found the Christians active and were converted to Christianity. When they return home, they took Christianity with them. So it should be today that those who come to our land for various reasons should be converted and take Christ back with them to their homeland.

There is the great commission of the Lord Jesus, "Go ye and teach all nations." This commission does not explicitly divide missions into Home and Foreign; but to all the world. It is for organizational reasons that we divide missions into Home and Foreign missions. This division gives respective fields for each group to work.

The frontier of the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptist is the whole of North America and its territories. At the present time the board has work in Alaska, Hawaii, Northwestern United States, New England, Old Mexico, Washington, D. C., and among the Spanish speaking people along the southern borders and in Florida.

The commission of Jesus is to "preach the gospel to every creature." Some of these people who have come to our land have never heard the message of salvation as it is taught in the Bible. The people from Cuba and Mexico are from a Roman Catholic or pagan background, and know nothing of the message of Jesus Christ as Free Will Baptists believe the Bible teaches. Free Will Baptists are Bible believing Christians. They believe that the message of salvation goes back before the time of Calvin or his doctrine of election by grace. Free Will Baptists believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, and that it is God's will that all should come to repentance and live, thus making man a free moral agent. Man can choose Christ and live or reject Him and be lost.

Through the years the Free Will Baptists have believed in certain fundamental principles. Long before the Atlantic Charter, the Free Will Baptist believed that every human being was a personality and should be free; free to think, free to speak, free to work, free to barter and trade, free to possess, free to have part in shaping the government under which he lives, and free to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. He is an individual living under and taking part in a government designed to protect and preserve the right and interest of all its citizens. Free Will Baptists believed in a personal experience with God. When a person comes to God in repentance and faith and God through Jesus Christ forgives that person of his sins, it is, I believe a known so salvation. It is a personal experience with God, if you please. Thus we see the task of the Home Mission Board, and the mission of the local church is to preach and to teach those who come into our midst.

These Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Cubans, Mexicans, and others who are converted

make the best missionaries to their own people. The story is told of a group of Italians who were building a Protestant church almost in the shadow of the Vatican and the pope did not like it. The point is that the Italians had come to the United States and had been converted in the community in which they worked. When they returned to Italy, they carried their new found faith back with them. Suppose all Latin speaking people, and others who have come to our country and returned, could have been converted. Many thousands who are lost could have been won for Christ.

Many of these Latin speaking people, and we speak mostly of the Cubans and Mexicans who have come as visitors, students, migrant labors, and those who want to become citizens and start life anew. Many of the cities in the United States have several foreigners and those of foreign parentage in their population. Thousands of these are Spanish speaking people. Miami, at present, seems to be the gateway to the United States for these people, however, there are many places of entrance along our southern border.

For the last few years the Free Will Baptist have had a burden for work among the Spanish speaking people. In Miami there is a large population of Cuban people. The work there is under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists with Rev. Nicomedes Melitino Martinez as director. The upheaval in Cuba has caused many people to come to the United States. Rev. Martinez is able to reach only a few of them. In the Miami area, the need is for more workers and more facilities. At the present, Rev. Melitino Martinez is meeting with his church group in the rented basement of a Methodist Church. The work there is in great need of a building.

The mission to the Spanish speaking people is a great and worthy challenge. There are many things that we can do to help.

1. Let us pray that God will give each of us a vision for these people who are lost without hope and without God.
2. Let us pray the "Lord of the harvest" to raise up missionaries to go into this great field.
3. Let us organize the resources of our denomination. If our people would give of their resources, there would be ample funds to send many missionaries to work in the cities, among the migrant workers and others that come into our midst.
4. Let us put Home Missions in our church budget, and give a liberal amount each month to this cause.
5. Let us preach and teach Home Missions.

If we will do this, God will bless us and souls will be saved.

Rev. Jackson serves as Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church at Pine Level, N. C. He is Vice-Chairman of the Home Mission Board.

KNOW YOUR MISSIONARIES

WHALEY

Dennis Lee Whaley, Director of Alaska Free Will Baptist Missions, is a native of North Carolina. He was born to James Dennie and Fannie Whaley on November 7, 1913 on a little farm in Jones County. He was reared on that farm and lived there until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1940. He served with the Field Artillery from 1940 to 1945. Two years of this time during World War I was spent in the South Pacific.

Rev. Whaley accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at the age of 12. He felt the call to the ministry at an early age, but it was not until January 27, 1947 that he answered that Divine call. He was ordained in the Eastern Conference of North Carolina in 1948. In 1949 he was called to pastor the Jacksonville, North Carolina church. He continued as pastor of that church until

1957, at which time he resigned to accept the task of pioneering and directing our Home Mission work in Alaska. Rev. Whaley, with his family, drove from Jacksonville, North Carolina to Anchorage, Alaska, arriving in Anchorage on April 13, 1958. They held the first Free Will Baptist service in Alaska on the 3rd Sunday in May, 1958, out of which has grown the First Free Will Baptist Church of Anchorage.

Rev. Whaley is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and has also attended King's College, New Castle, Delaware, and the Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina.

He was married to Miss Ethel Pike on September 21, 1941. They have two sons, Vernon, 10 and Rodney, 8.

In addition to directing the Alaska Free Will Baptist Mission, Rev. Whaley pastors the First Free Will Baptist Church in Anchorage, which he founded, and supervises two weekly radio broadcasts. One of the radio programs is heard over Station WFTC, Kinston, North Carolina, and the other is over Station Keni, Anchorage, Alaska.



LEE AND ETHEL WHALEY

Ethline Pike Whaley was born in Jones county in Eastern North Carolina. She was converted at the age of 13 at Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church where her father, the late B. W. Pike served as a Deacon for many years. She is a graduate of Comfort High School, of Comfort, North Carolina. In 1948 she graduated from the Free Will Baptist Bible College with a two-year diploma, after which she furthered her education at the King's College, New Castle, Delaware, and Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina.

During the period of eight years while her husband served as pastor of the Jacksonville Free Will Baptist Church in Jacksonville, North Carolina, she had an extensive

ministry with the delinquent, moral, and social problems of the city. She taught in the public school system in Jacksonville for three years.

Mrs. Whaley taught her first Sunday School class at the age of 15 years, and served as the president of her local Auxiliary at the age of 16. For many years her life has been dedicated to Christian service. She has taken leadership in the youth and women's work of our denomination, always endeavoring to exercise a missionary influence upon those she served.

OWENS

Mack Claudis Owens a native of Fountain, North Carolina was born November 7, 1930, in Pitt County, Fountain, North Carolina, and attended the Snow Hill, Fountain and New Hope Schools. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College for three and one half years in Nashville, Tennessee, and received the Christian's Workers Bible Diploma and the E.T.T.A. Diploma. Mr. Owens was licensed to preach the Gospel by Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Walstonburg, North Carolina, August 29, 1955, and then later was ordained by the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in the state of Tennessee. This took place on April 25, 1957, at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Owens was converted in Spring Branch Free Will Baptist Church in September of 1953 on a Saturday night under the preaching of his pastor, Wilbur Everton and later he was called to the ministry and then felt a definite leading to attend the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. During Mr. Owens second year in the Bible College he pastored his first church, New Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church located in Columbia, Tennessee, and remained as pastor for a year and one half. After resigning this church as pastor, he did mission work in Lewisburg, Tennessee.



MACK OWENS

see, for one year while still attending school. At the end of his schooling he continued his mission work in Lewisburg, Tennessee, and also worked with the Nashville Union Mission, a rescue mission devoted to helping those who are alcoholics. After working here about a year, he visited with his wife in New Hampshire and after seeing the great need of a gospel witness the Lord then laid it upon his heart to come to New England to do Home Mission work. After going before the Home Mission Board he was accepted and then left Nashville December 15, 1958, for Littleton, New Hampshire. He has been serving as missionary and pastor for sixteen months.

During his stay in Littleton, he has seen many come to the Lord and has organized a Free Will Baptist Church and has purchased a building for a church. Since going there he has come in contact with two churches in Maine and one in Vermont which are very much interested in coming into the Free Will Baptist fellowship.

SANDERS

Robert Luther Sanders, missionary to Hawaii, was born at Emma, Kentucky, on May 18, 1922. He is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, and a graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Rev. Sanders served in the United States Navy for six years during World War II and was discharged as an Aviation Chief Radioman on July 20, 1946. He began preaching at the age of fifteen, which was approximately one year after his conversion; however, he was not ordained to the gospel ministry until 1946, immediately after he was discharged from the Navy. During his six years in the Navy, Rev. Sanders was able to minister to his shipmates through weekly Bible classes and he gave private instructions to those who were interested in the Bible.

He has served as pastor of churches in Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, and Missouri, before accepting the challenge of the mission field in the Hawaiian Islands.

Rev. Sanders was stationed on Ford Island for about eighteen months during World War II, and during this time the spiritual needs of the Islands were so definitely impressed upon him that he was unable to forget it, and he lived with an abiding conviction for several years that he should respond to the challenge. When the National Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists opened this field in 1959, the abiding conviction was still there and the challenge became more personal as the Lord said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And as Isaiah responded by saying, "Here am I; send me," so did Rev. Sanders respond.

Rev. Sanders was married to Helen Brown

on April 8, 1945. They have one daughter, Brenda Carol, born October 11, 1949.

Helen E. Sanders, missionary to the Hawaiian Islands, was born on December 25, 1927. She was married to the Rev. Luther Sanders on April 8, 1945.

Mrs. Sanders was saved at the age of nine at the Cow Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Kentucky; however, she rededicated her life to the Lord at the age of sixteen and joined the Calvary Baptist Church at Betsy Layne, Kentucky, where she was a member when she and Rev. Sanders were married.

Mrs. Sanders is a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Bob Jones Academy, and the one year business course at Bob Jones University.

Mrs. Sanders has been a full time pastor's wife since 1951, and has been active in the State and District Woman's Auxiliary work in South Carolina, Alabama, and Missouri. She also served four years (1955-1959) as the National Youth Chairman for the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptist and along with her husband is author of the current G.T.A. and Y.P.A. Manuals.

Mrs. Sanders had conducted numerous study classes on missions and various related subjects until she could no longer pray for God to send forth laborers into His vineyard when she was not available to go herself. Finally during a revival in the church where her husband pastored she, along with her husband and daughter, went forward to an altar of dedication after the Sunday morning message, and there she placed herself on the available list for missionary service anywhere in the world.

YELEY

Bessie Naomi Yeley was born at Slocum Station, Ohio, near Portsmouth, and was converted at the age of 13 years. She worked for a number of years teaching in Sunday school, and assisting in other church work as she had opportunity. Knowing very little about missions, not having had the privilege of reading missionary books, and never hearing returned missionaries, her interest in missions was not aroused until hearing a missionary from a South American field. The call to go came while praying for workers to be sent to these fields, and distinct assurance was given that her field was to be South America.

Not being financially able to attend a Bible School, the Lord answered prayer by establishing a small night Bible school in Portsmouth, where classes could be attended at night and work in a factory by day. This was called "The Southern Ohio Bible Institute." It was a very good fundamental school, but only functioned for a few years, and now is not in existence.

After graduating from school, she was able to attend a small school in Kansas City, Missouri, which is known as the "Gospel Missionary Union." It was a faith school, and many lessons in faith were learned there which proved so helpful for one who was soon to go out under a faith mission board, with no salary promised. This Mission is known as Mid-Missions. It is a Baptist Mission but not under the Baptist Board. Miss Yeley was forced to go out under a denomination other than her own, as at that time the Free Will Baptists had no mission fields, other than India.

The Lord led in a very definite way, and she left for Venezuela, South America, May 1935, but upon reaching the border of that country she was refused entrance, due to some change in the government. She went to the little Island of Barbados and remained there for three months, helping in

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THE
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Religious NEWSFRONT

Daily Bible Readings

To encourage Christians everywhere to read their Bibles regularly, the American Bible Society has published a list of suggested readings for every day in 1961.

The Society reports that similar lists prepared for previous years have been used by over a million people. Many churches, the Society says, order the lists in quantity and distribute them to their members and others in the community. Individuals order them for their own use and for neighbors and friends.

Printed in convenient bookmark form, the list includes background Scripture readings for each week's International Uniform Sunday School Lesson.

Special readings are suggested for the Week of Prayer, Lent, Ascension Day, Mothers' Day, Pentecost, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Advent Sunday, Universal Bible Sunday and Christmas.

Special selections are also listed for the Thanksgiving-to-Christmas Worldwide Bible Reading period.

Single copies of the Daily Bible Reading schedule are free. In quantity, the price is 60¢ a hundred.

The address of the American Bible Society is 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Literature Crusade

BERLIN, Germany (EP)—A team of 10 men recently moved into West Berlin for the Pocket Testament League's 10-week evangelistic campaign and Scripture distribution ministry which will extend into every section of the city. One-quarter million of PTL's Gospels of John were printed for this special thrust. The crusade has the endorsement and cooperation of West Berlin's Governing Mayor Willy Brandt, directors of public schools, the police force, refugee camps, trade unions and the Allied military forces occupying the Western Sector of the city.

The League's widespread literature distribution efforts coincided with the Billy Graham crusade in West Berlin for which they supplied many hundreds of the Gospel portions.

Spanish Church Closed

SEVILLE, Spain (EP)—The Baptist Church of Seville, Spain, closed since Nov. 10, 1958, has been refused its request for reopening. Reason: another Baptist group already serves the city (which has almost half a million people.)

Conferences with the Spanish Ministry of

the Interior had encouraged Baptist leaders to believe that the church would soon be opened. But when the written request was made it was denied.

The church building in Seville had been occupied less than two years when its doors were sealed by order of the Spanish police.

Ministers Assail Showing

DURHAM, N. C. (EP)—The Durham Conservative Ministers Association has protested the showing of the controversial Hollywood film, "Elmer Gantry," in a city-owned building.

At a special meeting, the Association adopted a resolution calling on the Durham City Council to "divest itself of all interest in the Municipal Auditorium, now called the Carolina Theater, or else set up a permanent committee to see that religious persecution and discrimination is not practiced on the premises of said property."

The city-owned building has been leased to the commercial theater.

The ministers charged that "there has been a systematic effort to discredit both the emblem and message of the Christian church by a slanderous campaign in the Durham City Auditorium and spread abroad through large advertisements in the Durham newspapers.

"This violates the civil rights of the petitioners in that property owned by the taxpayers of Durham is being used to attack and discredit the religion of a portion of those same taxpayers."

"Elmer Gantry" is the story of a tent-meeting evangelist.

Bartenders and Clergymen

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—It probably will come as no surprise, but . . . the United States has fewer clergymen than it has bartenders.

Bartenders? 193,467.

Clergymen? 167,471.

These not-so-startling-but-thought-provoking statistics are contained among many others on occupations and professions in the annual edition of the Statistical Abstract of the United States, published by the Census Bureau.

Charged with Misrepresentation

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Federal Trade Commission has charged three affiliated concerns in Rockford, Ill., with misrepresentation in selling correspondence and home study courses in Bible, theology and philosophy.

Its complaint cited The Colonial Acad-

emy, Inc., The Pioneer Theological Seminary, and National Association of Bible Schools, Inc., all of 122 Concord Ave., Rockford. Also named were the concerns' officials, Verna L., Carl C., and Robert J. Hansen.

The FTC alleged that respondents have falsely represented in advertising and otherwise that Colonial Academy and Pioneer Seminary are non-profit residence schools with trained faculty to teach accredited undergraduate and graduate courses in Bible, theology and philosophy. Actually, its complaint charged Colonial and Pioneer are corporations engaged in the sale for profit of correspondence and home study courses and diplomas.

The complaint maintained that the National Association of Bible Schools is not a recognized accrediting agency for Bible schools, but a corporation organized by the individual respondents to accredit their own correspondence schools for the purpose of attempting to give them respectability. It further asserted that respondents' honorary diplomas are not conferred for educational or ministerial achievement, as claimed, but are given to anyone willing and able to pay for them.

Respondents were granted 30 days to file answer to the complaint.

Opposes Invite to Mr. K.

NEW YORK (EP)—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald*, sent a wire to the president of the Overseas Press Club in which he "deplored" the invitation of the group to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev to appear before its membership.

Dr. Poling, a member of the club, said that the Russian leader "has insulted our President" and "is responsible for the shooting down of our pilots over international waters."

"He comes now to exploit the occasion for our own and for world enslavement," said the editor. "His hands are red. He will have the podium of the United Nations and as an official delegate the full protection of the American freedom he plots to destroy. While here he should have nothing more."

Magazine Makes Debut

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Five hundred thousand copies of *Decision*, Billy Graham's new monthly magazine, have been mailed here for readers all over the world.

About half the pilot circulation goes to subscriptions already paid for, according to George M. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The other 250,000 copies of the first issue (dated November) are going out as sample copies to selected names on the mailing list of the association, which goes into every post office in this nation and hundreds abroad.

THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL IN MEXICO

BY ARTHUR BILLOWS



THE BILLOWS FAMILY

AFTER MANY YEARS of hardships and trials by those brave soldiers of the cross who came into this country and planted the seed of the Gospel, finally, we the Free Will Baptist people of America, have answered the call and have enlisted on the lines of the battle field of this nation which has been under the yoke of Romanism for over 200 years.

Thank the Lord for the opportunity granted us as individuals and as a demonination, to hold up the blood stained banner of Christ the Lord in this land of great spiritual need.

Someone said in a speech given at the last Commemoration of Benito Juarez, Mexico's liberator, that Mexico had always been a Catholic nation. But this is false. Some 200 years ago our Aztec Indian fathers had worshipped a Creator unknown to them. Feeling that somewhere there had to be such an One, they worshipped the sun and the moon and other such things, which had been placed in their place by this unknown being. In the very depth of the heart of the Aztec Indian there remains stamped clearly the image of their old fashioned way of worship.

Under the domination of the Spaniards, Mexico became a nominally Catholic nation. But in the very heart of the Aztec there remained the old way of service. Having obtained the independence, the Constitution of 1824 was proclaimed and declared the country opened to the exercise of all the beliefs. Under the victorious triumph of Don Benito Jaurez the door was opened to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

From that time to this, many Christian heroes have fallen under the pressure and criminal actions of Romanism, but their blood has not been shed in vain, for they have opened the way and paved it so through the years others could follow in the purpose of winning Mexico for Christ. Hundreds have already been saved, and

many more will be. As the youth in Mexico are taught they have nothing to be ashamed of, for their inheritance is that of great men of principle, who laid down their lives for the cause of Him who died for us.

The story is told of two young American men who went to Mexico in 1872 from the State of California, Stephens and Watkins. Their preaching and personal work caused a great disturbance among the Priests of that day and they encouraged the Indians in a message delivered to them from the Catholic pulpit one Sunday morning, "We must cut the roots of this tree which is giving bad fruit, you can interpret this any way you please." The next day a mob of about 200 men armed with shot guns, clubs, and swords surrounded the house of the young man Stephens shouting, "Long live the religion, long live the Priest, and down with the Protestants." When Stephens and two Christian brothers saw that the door was being torn down, they tried to find a place to hide, the two converts escaped, but Stephens was shot down and the fanatics cut his body to shreds.

Like this one, there have been many who have laid down their lives for what we stand for. The Free Will Baptists now have 112 Christians in this land of Old Mexico. These Christians are men and women, boys and girls, who have definitely had a personal experience of soul salvation. These have been taught and trained from the time of their conversion to understand the meaning of water baptism, joining the church, communion and feet washing, their duty after they are saved, their part in world missions, and their responsibility in supporting their own church and native workers.

Today in the City of Monterey stands the First Free Will Baptist church with sixty-eight active members and an average of ninety attendance; four Sunday School classes, and an organized League for adults, young people, and juniors. The church is supported now by the tithes and offerings of its congregation. It helps pay a native worker, supports a young lady studying in the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Texas, sends a love offering every

month for a native worker in the mountains, and has built two small rooms and sidewalk. Recently the church was led to have a Pre-Easter week of prayer and the offerings were sent to Brother Miley. Through this glorious service the Billows were able to see the effects of their teaching and could see how the people believed and accepted missions as their very own responsibility. By this it can be truthfully said that Mexico will be won for Christ if He tarries.

If the Billows carry their mission out victoriously, then they must believe in an institution where men and women can be prepared to go out and meet the need of their own people. Experience has taught, even in America, the defect which confronts every Christian worker who launches himself into the task of winning men without any training as a soul winner.

The Free Will Baptist church in Monterey has had an Institute for two terms. Thirty-nine young men and women have been receiving training, but these are all night students, due to the fact that they all have to work, and their learning is very slow. The Institute tried to have day students, and did for a while, but the expense was so great for the church that five students have to leave their studies and go home.

The Lord has given the Billows some good men, most of them saved under their ministry, but just recently Jose Ubiene, a graduate from the Presbyterian Seminary, came to them asking to be admitted to their school and church. For several years he preached among the Indians of Tasca, Mexico, and other places, but because he never administered baptism by sprinkling to infants, he was discharged from the denomination. The Billows watched him carefully and studied him for some time. He was a good student, and knew much of the Word of God. He could handle himself very well in the pulpit and a few Sundays took care of the services. He is a good singer and knows a little about music. He has a wife and four children. They live in the mountains where the church he served left them. The First Church of Monterey voted in one

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Arthur H. Billows is Mexican by birth. He attended Free Will Baptist Bible College having been converted at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, in 1949. His wife, Betty Jenell, also attended the Bible College and is a native of Oklahoma.

MEXICO

(Spanish: "*Estados Unidos Mexicanos*")—composes the largest land mass of the isthmus connecting North and South America, and lies in the shape of a huge cornucopia ("Horn of Plenty"). Embodying the oldest culture of the Western world, Mexico offers to the tourist's eye everything from elaborately-carved religious temples which rear their steeples above the barrenness of undeveloped lands and peoples, to the sun and sand and gorgeous seashore of luxurious Acapulca on the western coastline.

Among Mexico's 33 million people are Indians who spring from the ancient Mayan, Aztec and Toltec tribes, Spaniards descended from citizens of Spain, and a mixture of two known as *mestizos*. Some 90 per cent of the Mexican people have either partial or complete Indian ancestry. Only about 30 per cent are pure-blooded Indians.

Most Mexicans live in small villages, and occasionally droughts bring untold hardships to an agricultural people so dependent upon their crops. Spanish is the official language, but many Indians in remote villages speak nothing but their tribal tongue.

Mexico truly is a land of spiritual darkness. There are some who would object to my saying this, but it is true. Some would ask, "but do they not know about Christ?" Yes, they do, for on every wall, in buses, around the necks of the people, He can be seen in the form of a little statue, but I am afraid that the knowledge ends there. They recite the Lord's prayer, and the apostle's creed, only because they have been made to learn it and recite as fast as they can so the words have not meaning. Their prayers are mostly made through Mary, to be relayed on to her son. Their lives are made up mainly of superstitions and man-made practices.

We have just passed through the time when more people attend church and more went to confess their sins to a man had not to God. This is the time of the beginning of Lent and lasting until Easter. A time of abstinence from meats and a few other things.

Holy Week is not the sacred thing that its name implies. Before that begins we have Ash Wednesday which means that the people must go and have a little cross of ashes applied to their foreheads by the priest. On Palm Sunday they go to the church to receive a little cross made of palm and that is to be placed over the door of their house or somewhere inside. That is to protect them from evil things for it has been blessed by the priest. The devil has complete sway in that week. On Friday they mourn the death of Christ, but on resurrection day, which should be a real day of rejoicing, they seem to rejoice only that they are done with the abstinence of forbidden things and are now at liberty to resume their fiesta and the day that we revere, is spent

in giving dances at which spirits flow freely. (liquid ones). Across the street from our church, a dance was given on Easter Sunday night, so we had the strains of dance music mixed with our hymns of praise to a risen Saviour.

Jesus also said, "Ye are the light of the world." To whom was he speaking? To His own people and that includes you and me, if we truly belong to Him. Jesus is the true light, the Sun of Righteousness, and we are the lesser lights that are to reflect that light to those who are in darkness.

Here in Nogales we are trying to dispel this spiritual darkness. These people have been taught to be puppets, doing what they have been told to do, believing without questioning what they have been taught, and never to think for themselves. They have been kept from the Book of Books, lest their eyes should be opened to the deception that has been practiced to them.

We praise God for this opportunity to witness to these people. We do this by preaching, teaching, personal testimony and through Bible Clubs, also by the printed page. The results? Only eternity can reveal that, but we have been able to see some real fruit, and some of them are proving to be soul winners.

The field is hard, the soil is stony, but our trust is in Him who never fails and one who has never lost a battle. We are counting on you to hold up our hands in prayer, so keep in mind that "we are co-laborers together with God," and you too, can have a share in the harvest that the Lord is sure to give.—MISS BESSIE YELEY

MIAMI

The Bible says in Isaiah 54:2 "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes."

This is what the prophet Isaiah said many years before Christ came to this world. Later the Lord commissioned his disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Years ago God called Melitino to preach the gospel just as he had called His disciples of old. Melitino is in Miami, a great mis-

sion field. There are about 106,000 Latin Americans there and many of them are without Christ.

Melitino and his family went to Miami as missionaries three years ago. They knew then that the work would be hard, but trusting in the Lord they began, and in every difficult moment God has been with them. In the beginning many hard problems caused them to think they should leave this mission field, but they were strengthened in the grace of the Lord, and after praying felt they should continue the Spanish work in Miami. Souls have been saved, Christians have been edified, and many others have heard the gospel. The Martinezs have had the marvelous experience of telling others of Christ for the first time, and of seeing them accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Often, after the immigrants are won, they move to another location in the United States, or back to their own country. Because of this the church is small, however, some families are living there permanently. With these Melitino is working, and little by little the Lord is increasing the number of their congregation.

Melitino has opened up a new work among the Mexicans on the Florida coasts about forty miles from Miami. Many of these people are showing much interest in the things of the Lord. Also the Miami mission often takes them food and clothing. There is a good opportunity among the Latin Americans in Miami, and the Lord is giving some fruit.

The services in the church are well attended, and every week new people attend. The Sunday School has a good group of members, especially children. The women have an organization, and are working with a passion in order to see the church coming up for God's glory.

There is one thing that is keeping them from prospering more and consolidating the work, that is that they do not have their own temple—something that is so necessary. The Martinezs are doing something toward that end, and ask you to join them in prayer for the Lord to provide in the near future.

Brethren, please do not forget to remember in your prayers the Martinezs, who are working with the only purpose of winning souls for Christ.—MELITINO MARTINEZ

Facts of

the Field

ALASKA

Alaska is located on the far northwest corner of the continent of North America. It is often referred to as "The top of the World", because much of it lies beyond the Arctic Circle. It is separated from the other 48 states by the country of Canada and its border lies forty miles east of Russia at its nearest point.

Alaska is about 586,000 square miles of area, one-fifth the size of the United States, or, two and one half times larger than Texas. The distance from Ketchikan, in southeastern Alaska, to the western-most tip of the Aleutian Island, is greater than from New York to San Francisco. From Ketchikan to Point Barrow, the distance approximates that from Seattle to the Mexican border. The Aleutians extend westward from the Alaskan mainland to a point within 675 miles of the Kurile Island.

The population of Alaska is approximately 210,000. Thirty-four thousand of this number are Natives; Eskimos, Aleuts, and Indians, with 28,000 of the Natives living in remote villages mostly in the interior of Alaska, along the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean.

Three-fourths of Alaska is in the North Temperature zone. The remainder being north of the Arctic Circle. Due to the size and geographic location and because the climate in the entire Southern coast line is tempered by warm ocean currents, variations in climatic conditions between different parts of the state are extreme. In the interior of Alaska the seasonal temperature variation is much more pronounced and precipitation is relatively light. The growing season ranges from an average of 160 days along the Southeastern coast.

Because Alaska is largely dependent upon imports of food and manufactured goods, and because of the high cost of transportation, the cost of living in Alaska is higher than other states. It is higher in the interior of Alaska than it is in Southeastern Alaska, which is nearer to shipping centers of the coast cities. Prices range from 19% to 55% higher than in other states. In Anchorage, where we have our only F.W.B. work, food prices are 41% and rent 47% higher according to figures released by Chamber of Commerce at the close of 1959. This is one of the major obstacles that confront all mis-

sionaries as they try to stretch their meager income over their bare necessities.

On April 13, 1958, Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Whaley with their two sons, Vernon 8 and Rodney 6, arrived in Anchorage, Alaska, as the first Free Will Baptist missionaries. Three weeks later they held their first service with 16 persons present and four nationalities represented. Afterward regular and consistent services were held including a child evangelism class. There were many difficulties to combat with the strength of the Holy Spirit as they faced a new field, prices, and a keen sense that the powers of darkness were still prevalent. The family was housed in a two room efficiency with the basement serving as the chapel. Classes were formed and the beds in the apartment were the seats for the children. It was a most humble setup and very inadequate, nevertheless the Lord blessed and a nucleus was formed from which a church developed.

On April 29, 1959 the First Free Will Baptist church was organized with 17 charter members. In May, 1959, God marvelously opened the door to property and it was purchased and the church began to make permanent headway into what can be seen by faith a great future for the witness of Christ through Free Will Baptists.

The objective of Alaska Free Will Baptist missions is to participate in fulfilling the great commission that Christ left for the church by every means, radio, personal contact, and establishing missions and churches wherever it is possible. The object is to reach the unevangelized. If the Eskimos, Aleuts, and Indians are to be reached there must be a headquarters, a home base or supply center through which the work must be carried on. When Free Will Baptists can send other couples to occupy these remote villages, there can be an organized effort and the work can advance to the glory of God. Free Will Baptists will need a plane and pilot if they are to share in this challenging ministry. May God help us to hasten the day that these objectives may be realities.

HAWAII

Population: 554,000—about 1/6 the population of Tennessee and about 3 times the population of Nashville.

Size: 6,454 square miles, including the

outlying islands—about 1/7 the size of the state of Tennessee. Hawaii consists of seven major islands and dozens of smaller ones; actually it is a 390-mile chain of islets and major islands.

Location: 2,100 miles west-southwest of San Francisco, California.

For every 100 people in Hawaii, 38 are Japanese, 3 are native Hawaiians, 15 are part Hawaiians, 20 are white, 13 are Filipinos, 7 are Chinese, 2 are Puerto Ricans, 1 is Korean, and one is from some other part of the world.

The literacy rate is high; the English language is spoken throughout the island. Medical services are equal to those in other states in America, and the general health is excellent.

Because of the various nationalities of people in Hawaii, it is estimated that a score of languages is used. The American Bible Society has provided Scriptures for these various groups of people, though many are turning to the English language. In 1825 the Commandments were adopted as the basis of laws in the land; yet only about 7 per cent of the people of Hawaii are "Christian," and this number includes Mormons. At least 90 per cent of the people are Buddhists or Roman Catholics.

The work of Home Missionaries Luther and Helen Sanders has been so far to a great extent among the military personnel. The great majority of the native people have already been reached by a false religion; such as Roman Catholicism, Buddhism, Mormons, or a host of other cults. It will take more time to win them from these religions than it would if they had no prior religious background.

The many different nationalities presents many and varied problems but it also presents an unparalleled opportunity to reach them for Christ. Rev. Sanders conducts a weekly radio broadcast that is sponsored and paid for by the local congregation. This broadcast known as the Free Will Baptist Hour, is heard throughout the various Islands every Saturday morning at 11:00 as it is introduced with a beautiful choir arrangement of "Jesus Saves" and a very timely gospel message. The Sanders are winning many friends among the native people.

A new door of opportunity has opened up for the missionaries in Hawaii. Some of the sailors who attend the Free Will Mission where their ship is in Pearl Harbor have been encouraged to begin a Bible Class aboard their ship. This Bible Class is under the direction of William Ford and is sponsored by the engineering officer aboard his ship. Rev. Sanders makes fifteen minute recordings and sends to them in order for them to have their regular Sunday services aboard ship since they do not have a chaplain aboard. The missionaries hope that other Bible classes will be started aboard other ships and our service personnel will be missionaries throughout the South Pacific.

—LUTHER SANDERS

What's Your Problem?



BY LOUIS H. MOULTON

Q. I am well along in years and have been a Christian, thank God, for many, many years. In all my life I have never seen or read about so much juvenile delinquency, teenage gangs, and violence by even children. In many homes where I visit I find so little discipline of the children by even Christian parents. When parents do not chastise or correct their offspring I say they do not love them as they should. What do you say?

A. In this day in which you and I live, when juvenile delinquents fill the jails, when homes for fallen girls are crowded, when teenage prostitutes are commonplace, when smoking, drinking, immoral criminal youth has become almost the greatest moral problem in our country, there are some educators and parents who frown on discipline of any kind. These morally immature, impractical parents and educators have failed and are failing in the turning out of good men and women with Christian character and noble hearts. The only answer is a return to the Bible and finding out God's way of rearing boys and girls with character and Christian principles. Discipline in the home is absolutely essential. Ephesians 6:4 says "... but bring them (the children) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is very interesting to find out that the word nurture here means chastisement or chastening.

Q. Preachers have a lot to say about gambling, adultery, shorts, swim suits, desecration of the Lord's day, etc., and this they should do. But why is it that most preachers will condemn most every evil inside and outside the church except the biggest one of all, the membership of Christians in secret lodges or orders? I say the biggest because I believe that it really involves more church members than any other evil in the church today. Could that be the reason that most preachers remain silent on the subject? I have two questions that I would like your opinion on: Is it even right for a Christian, particularly the pastor and other leaders in a church, to belong to lodges? Should a child of God support with God's money and God's time, a pulpit that she knows to be in charge of a pastor who is the member of a lodge that subtly teaches that there is no need for a new birth since all men are brothers and God is the Father of all?

A. The reason you have never heard me condemn secret lodges is because per-

haps you have never sat in my congregation for any length of time. This is indeed a subject on which most preachers are silent. Many preachers are members of these organizations. I do not think that any pastor or Christian leader should belong to a secret order that embraces Jews and other unbelievers and calls them brothers. I say this because I am in a position to know, since I joined one of these secret orders when I pastored in a certain place. Later I came back and asked God's forgiveness for the blasphemous oath which I swore to, and publicly denounced the organization. I have instructed my wife to never give it out in my obituary, should I pass on before she does, that I belonged to such an organization. In the initiation of the first degree there were a number of church members present when I went into this lodge and in the midst of the oath I stopped the proceedings and asked, "Do I have to swear to that?" There was an embarrassing silence during which no one spoke. I suppose they had never been stopped that way before. The silence was so embarrassing that I told them finally to go on and I went through with it. If I had had enough Christian fortitude at the moment I would have backed out but I didn't. I remembered that my father was a lodge member and always expressed the hope that his boys would follow in his footsteps and would join this lodge. I remembered also that he died without any interest in the church and with very little attendance at church during his life. I was still curious to know what what was so interesting about the lodge that he attended every meeting he possibly could, yet on the Lord's day there was no interest in his soul. He told us as youngsters again and again that if a man lived up to the teachings of the lodge he'd be all right—he'd make heaven. It is not so. I'm not proud of my entrance into this organization and more Christians and more preachers, if they would think straight would come out of it. Note 2 Cor. 6:14-18 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

Cooperative Receipts Push \$5,000 Mark

After an average showing in the month of August, Cooperative receipts came back strong in the month of September for a total of \$4,822.61. Of this amount, \$4,241.16 was undesignated. This fine increase will be a real help to all departments in their fall programs. The Cooperative Plan is still the best method for systematic support to our National Association.

Attractive certificates are now available to all churches that give through the Cooperative Plan. These will be distributed soon. If your church does not receive one, please write and we will be glad to send you one by return mail.

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| ALABAMA | | | |
| First church, Dothan | 56.63 | | |
| Good water church, Slocomb | 5.00 | | 61.63 |
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| State association | | | 511.25 |
| CALIFORNIA | | | |
| State association | | | 402.00 |
| FLORIDA | | | |
| State association | | | 458.67 |
| GEORGIA | | | |
| State association | | | 320.50 |
| ILLINOIS | | | |
| State association | 529.04 | | |
| Johnston City church | 100.97 | | 630.01 |
| MISSOURI | | | |
| Rev. David Jones, Aldrige | | | 5.00 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | |
| Swannoa church | | | 91.00 |
| NEW MEXICO | | | |
| State association | 6.44 | | |
| First church, Grants | 38.07 | | |
| First church, Hobbs | 65.97 | | 110.48 |
| OHIO | | | |
| First church, Dayton | | | 3.00 |
| OKLAHOMA | | | |
| State association | | | 959.80 |
| TENNESSEE | | | |
| Oak Grove church, Charlotte | 38.30 | | |
| Wooddale church, Knoxville | 25.00 | | |
| Ashland City church | 43.00 | | |
| Horton Hgts. church Nashville | 87.78 | | |
| Olivet church, Clarksville | 250.00 | | 444.00 |
| TEXAS | | | |
| Trinity church, Ft. Worth | 50.00 | | |
| State association | 95.87 | | 145.87 |
| VIRGINIA | | | |
| Bethany church, Norfolk | | | 97.87 |
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DESIGNATED RECEIPTS

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| Florida | 518.95 | | |
| Oklahoma | 20.00 | | |
| Tennessee | 42.50 | | 581.45 |
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DISBURSEMENTS

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| WNAC (designated) | 12.47 | | |
| Headquarters trustees | 127.23 | | |
| Home Missions | 701.98 | | |
| League Dept. | 129.30 | | |
| Sunday School Board | 215.03 | | |
| Foreign Missions | 1,449.25 | | |
| Executive Dept. | 1,047.86 | | |
| Bible College | 922.20 | | |
| Superannuation | 127.29 | | 4,822.61 |

Know Your Missionaries

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BESSIE YELEY

mission work. She then returned home, and remained until June 1936, when the Lord opened the door and she was permitted to enter her chosen field. The first term was only 18 months due to severe illness, making it necessary to return home. After 15 months at home, she was again permitted to return, this time to stay the required three years. She left Venezuela in September 1942, this time not to return as she felt led to go to Cuba and work in the Free Will Baptist field that had been recently established there.

She entered the Cuban field in June 1943, and remained there until 1955. She spent the first four years in pastoral work, and the rest of the time she taught in the Bible School. She was very happy in the work in Cuba, in spite of ill health and many forced furloughs, but after the 12 years were finished, the Lord seemed to be leading toward work with the National Home Mission Board, so in July 1955, she was accepted by the Home Mission Board.

The new field was to be Mexico. Due to some delay in getting to the field, she spent five months in Tampa, Florida, with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, who were trying to get a work established among the Cubans of that place.

In March 1956, a call came from Rev. John B. Elliston for some one to help him establish a Mexican work in Nogales, Arizona, and over the border into Mexico.

The Home Mission Board sent Miss Yeley to answer this call. The plan was to establish a school in English. From this school it was the hope of reaching the parents for Christ. A small school was held the first year. Not more than 12 pupils. It has multiplied many times since then. Boys and girls have been won for the Lord. Many of the adults have been reached also.

Sunday Schools were organized, Bible Clubs, and a small church on the Arizona side, and a mission on the Mexican side.

Almost three years have been spent in the work in Arizona. Her wish is that His will be done in everything. She wishes to thank all her friends for all the help that they have given in every way.

POSTLEWAITE

Johnnie J. Postlewaite, Home Missionary serving in the Northwest, U.S.A. was born at Graff, Missouri, April 5, 1926. The son of a Free Will Baptist minister in a family of 15 children, living on a farm, he learned early in life to trust God and share with others. He was converted at the age of 12 years and became an active member of the Free Will Baptist Church, and answered the call to the ministry when only 18 and was ordained in 1944.

He attended High School at Houston, Missouri, and Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Since finishing school in 1947 he has been engaged in full time Christian service, having pastored churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington. In addition to pastoring, he has done extensive evangelistic work in several states, and served on Home Mission Boards and held other positions in state and local associations. He has served in his present position as Home Missionary since July 1955. At that time he left a newly organized work in McAlester, Oklahoma, and moved to Milton-Freewater, Oregon, to work with a new group there which he had organized in 1954. After 8 months he moved to Wenatchee, Washington, and organized the Free Will Baptist Church there in May 1956 and has served the Wenatchee church as full time pastor since its organization. During this time he has also organized

the Free Will Baptist Church in Rockport, Washington, and helped establish the Free Will Baptist Mission in Yakima, Washington, and has made many contacts over the northwest in behalf of Free Will Baptists.

He is married and the father of four children; Joseph 9, Mary Susan 7, and Samuel 3, and Leah Ruth 6 weeks. His church membership is in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wenatchee, Washington.

Leah Mae Postlewaite was born October 25, 1929 near Mountain Grove, Missouri. The daughter of a minister, the late Rev. George W. Scott, in a family of 8 children, she knew what a ministers life was like.

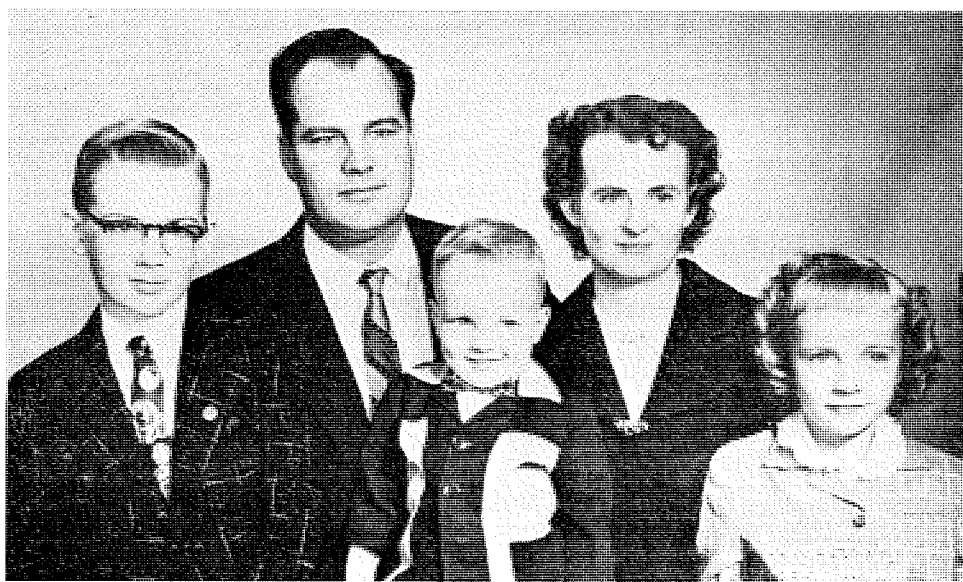
She was converted at the age of 10 and became an active member of the Free Will Baptist Church. She graduated from the Mountain Grove High School with the class of 1947. She was active in the Youth work of her association.

She was married to Rev. Johnnie J. Postlewaite September 21, 1948 and is the mother of 4 children. Since her marriage she has been actively engaged in full time Christian work with her husband. She helps promote the auxiliary of the church, plays the accordion and piano, directs the choir on special occasions and helps out with the special singing in the church. Her church membership is in the First Free Will Baptist Church at Wenatchee, Washington.

BARKER

Molly Barker, Free Will Baptist Home Missionary, is a native of Virginia, and a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. She was commissioned as a missionary in 1958 at Cofer's Chapel

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THE JOHNNIE POSTLEWAITE FAMILY

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Alaska Church Has Revival

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA — Revival services were conducted in the Free Will Baptist church here September 25-October 2. The evangelist was Rev. Don White of San Juan, Puerto Rico, who is director of World Literature Crusade. Pastor Whaley became associated with Mr. White when he was working in Alaska for some three years prior to going to Puerto Rico.

New Church Organized

GANITE CITY, ILL.—Rev. Bob Wright is the pastor of the new church organized here on September 11. The organization is the result of the work of the Illinois Home Mission Board, and the new church has the facilities of a large new basement for services pending erection of the building.

Teacher Needed

NOGALES, ARIZ.—Rev. John Elliston, Director of Arizona-Mexico Missions, reports that the new school year has begun with an overflow enrolment at the academy. Greatest need at present is another teacher in the school. All workers and teachers in this Christian day school are Free Will Baptists and the school is supported principally by contributions of our churches. About twenty sponsors are still needed to pay school expenses of the Mexican children who cross the border to attend classes where most of them hear of Christ for the first time.

Underwrites Missionary Salary

MOUNTAIN GROVE, MO.—Pastor O. T. Dixon is pleased with the recommendation of the official board to the church to send \$25 monthly to help underwrite the salary of Wesley and Aileen Calvery, missionaries to Japan. This amount will be sent above the church's monthly tithe given through the Cooperative Plan.

Dinner Scheduled

FRANKLIN, OHIO — The Franklin church featured Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist College, as speaker at a dinner held October 1. The dinner was sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary and the Master's Men. The Women's Auxiliary previously pledged to send \$10 monthly to the mission field featured in the monthly program.

Arkansas State Meeting Reported

CONWAY, ARK.—The state youth camp at Conway was the site of the Arkansas State Meeting, September 28-30, and the

following officers were elected: Moderator, William Mishler, Assistant Moderator, Louis Barker, Clerk, Henry Brown, and Assistant Clerk, Clarence Campbell. The Rev. Alton Loveless was elected to the executive committee. Offerings received amounted to approximately \$700 for youth camp indebtedness which essentially retires the debt, and \$100 for national home and foreign missions.

Missionary Conference Held

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Free Will Baptist Bible College was host to the 11th annual missionary conference on October 4-5. Conference attendance was exceptional and representative of many states. Visitors heard as speakers, Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, the Roy Thomases, the Bobby Aycocks, the Bobby Pooles, the Kirby Joe Godwins, the Bill Fulchers, and testimonies from several other missionary returnees. The twenty-four adult missionaries received the charge from Rev. Rolla Smith, Director of Foreign Missions.

Church Has Growth

GARNER, N. C.—The new church organized here in June with a membership of 43, had an attendance average of 120 for the month of September. Rev. Eugene Waddell is pastor of the new congregation, and reports the work has great potentials of a strong church in the future.

Workshop Held

DAYTON, OHIO—Pastors and League workers of the Little Miami River Quarterly Conference attended a League workshop at First Church here, September 9-10. Featured speakers were Mr. Ray Turnage, National League Director, and Rev. Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of the National Association. Visiting the League Rally, also, was Coy Priest, of Richmond, California, who was en route to Wheaton College (Ill.) to begin the school year.

Alabama Lists Meeting

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—The Alabama State Association will meet at East Birmingham church on November 10-12, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Moderator, announces. Officers of the National Association who will be speaking are Homer Willis, Director of Home Missions, Ray Turnage, National League Director, and Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary.

Donates Work to Mission

NOGALES, ARIZ. — Arizona-Mexico Missions has been fortunate to have the help

of James Lanier in construction of the school buildings and other work recently. Although Mr. Lanier is presently in the army stationed in the area, he will be discharged in January and plans to remain and help with the work here. At this time he is driving 130 miles per day to donate his services on the building and mission. Rev. and Mrs. John Elliston are directors of the mission.

Airlines Have Clergy Bureau

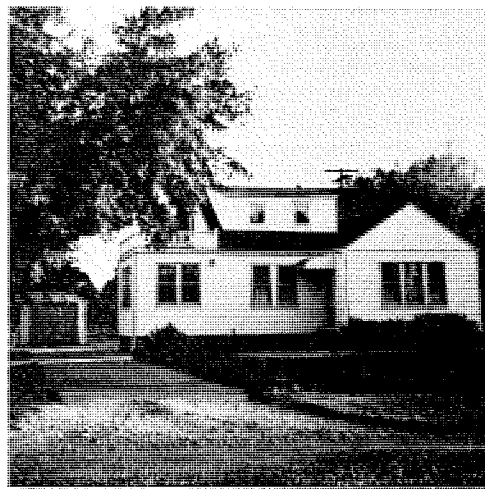
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—The Air Traffic Industry now is prepared to embrace the reduced rate Clergy program by the establishment of the Airlines Clergy Bureau, which received recognition by the Civil Aeronautics Board on September 1st, 1960, and was sponsored by Northeast Airlines.

The Airlines Clergy Bureau serves both Ministers as well as Airlines seeking the best of service for the traveling Clergyman. Complete service is now available from New England to Florida and Bahamas, with negotiation in progress to cover 6 Central States, and all the Western States from Alaska to Arizona before the first of the year.

The Air Travel reduced rate is 50% of regular one-way first class or coach fare. To further make travel more economical the Airlines Clergy Bureau has negotiated with 39 Independent Hotels, and Motels across the nation, four Hotel Chains for special consideration of 25% discount of regular room rate when Identification Card is presented. These Hotels cover the U.S., Caribbean and parts of South America.

The Airlines Clergy Bureau is now ready to issue the 1961 Identification Card which is good through the entire year 1961, and will be honored by all participating Airlines, Hotels, and Car Rental agencies.

Applications may be obtained by writing direct to the Airlines Clergy Bureau, Municipal Airport, Sacramento, California.



The above pictured house and one acre of land has been purchased recently by the Garden City, Michigan, Church. Located on the corner of Dawson and Brandt, the lots behind the house will be the location of a new church building. Rev. Bob Jones is the pastor.

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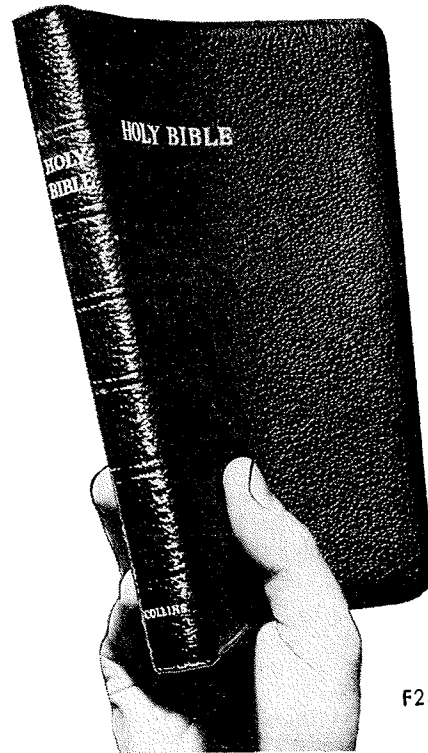
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Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Since that time she has served on the Arizona and Mexican border, working with the Mexican people.

Miss Barker was converted at the age of 12 in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, North Carolina, at the close of a message by Rev. J. C. Griffin. From that time until the summer of 1958 she was an active worker in the church holding offices in the Sunday School and League, a member of the Church Choir and active in the Youth for Christ Movement in Carteret County, North Carolina.

Feeling God was leading into full-time Christian service, she went to Free Will Baptist Bible College where she yielded to God's call to the mission field.

In her present work, Miss Barker, teaches the 3rd and 4th grades at the Nogales Academy, the Junior boys and Girls Sunday School Class in the Mexican Mission in Nogales, (Sonora) Mexico, and three Bible Clubs per week in Mexico. She directs the Young People's League, helps with the used clothing sent to the Mexican work, and the janitor work at the new school building, and is the Secretary of the Nogales Association of Evangelicals.

She desires your prayers daily as she serves her Heavenly Father among the Mexican people.

Editor's Note—Miss Barker has recently entered nurses training at Nashville, Tennessee. She expects to return to missionary service upon graduation.



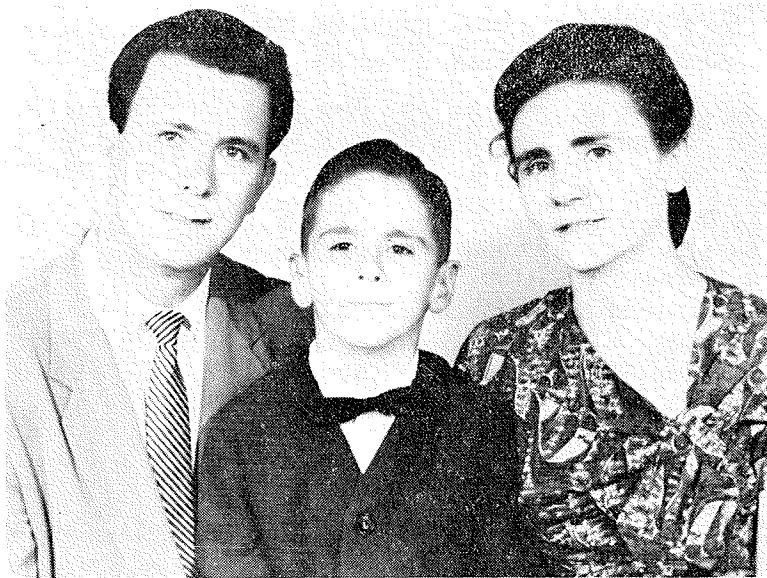
MOLLY BARKER & CLASS

MARTINEZ

Melitino Martinez, who is pastor of the Free Will Baptist Spanish Church in Miami under the direction of the Home Mission Board, was born in Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

He was twenty-three when he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. After his conversion the Lord called him into His

THE MARTINEZ FAMILY



service. He attended the Free Will Baptist Bible School in Cuba for five years. In 1958 he graduated from the Bible School and was ordained to the ministry.

He was an evangelist in Cuba and also pastored the church which is in the same town as the Bible School. In 1951 he organized a church in the town of Jaruco, province of habana, Cuba. He was pastor of this church for five years.

He went to Miami, Florida, as a missionary among the Latin people, under the direction of the Home Mission Board in 1957.

Rev. Martinez is married to Siradelia Martinez, and they have one child, Joel Martinez.

In all the places where he has pastored God has given him souls for His glory. Please pray for Rev. and Mrs. Martinez, and Joel.

WALKER

Kenneth Mason and Emma Louise Walker, our Home Missionaries to Washington, D. C., are natives of Ohio. Brother Walker was born and reared in Portsmouth, Ohio. Mrs. Walker is from New Boston, Ohio, where she graduated from Glenwood High School in 1946. Portsmouth High School and Glenwood were rival schools, but Ken took care of that—he married his rival (1947).

In 1947 they lived in Dayton, Ohio, in a state of uncertainty. When was Uncle Sam going to call? The call came in 1951, and Ken was soon in the state of Texas taking training with the United States Air Force. Learning that he could live off base after his basic training he wasted no time in calling Lou to him.

It was during his service career that Ken found the Lord. While stationed at Amarillo, Texas, he was challenged to the Chris-

tian life by a Christian who *walked his talk*. It was not uncommon for Ken to say to his wife after a day at the base, "Old Dale McPhail sure has something. I wish I had what he has." Well, Ken found what Dale had—salvation through Jesus Christ!

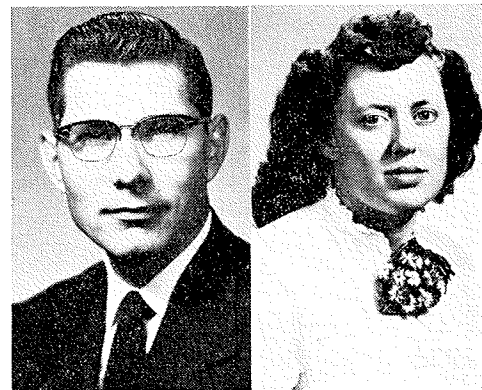
Under deep conviction of his sins Ken was found in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Amarillo, Texas, early in the year of 1952. During the morning service he gave his life to Jesus. While standing at the altar and being full of joy he said, "Where is my wife?"

Someone answered, "Don't you know? She came right behind you and was saved the same time you were." Needless to say there was much joy in the House of God that morning.

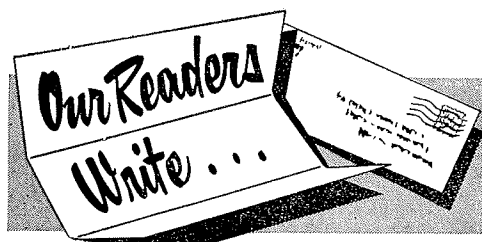
Ken was stationed in that area for nearly three years, and was ordained a deacon as he served in the church. They called him "The Preaching Deacon" because he was often speaking. It was this continual urge and burden to preach that had much to do with his call to preach and subsequent ordination in 1954.

With his call to preach he was impressed with the call to prepare. Receiving an early

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KEN AND LOU WALKER



Story Interesting

To the Editor:

I just received my first copy of CONTACT today and I sure am going to enjoy it I know. The story about "What Does A Missionary Do?" was real interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Gurganus

New Bern, North Carolina

Enlists Subscribers

To the Editor:

After Pastor William Atkinson recommended CONTACT to our church the Women's Auxiliary is making an effort to interest every home in subscribing to this fine publication. As volunteer to receive subscriptions I enclose my check to cover subscriptions for the enclosed list of names and I have promises of others for an early date

Sincerely yours,

Julia Perry

Winfield, Alabama

Old Issue Is Blessing

To the Editor:

I have just returned home from traveling around the United States for the past two years and found the April, 1960, special (missions) issue of CONTACT which had been sent to me while I was away. Its seems strange that it had not been destroyed during these past months, but after reading and enjoying it so much I thank God that CONTACT finally reached me. Enclosed is my subscription.

Sincerely

Artice B. Styles

Newport, Tennessee

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The Practice and Support of Home Missions

This special issue of CONTACT should serve to give an insight into the Home Mission program of our National Association which is a vital part of our work. In the matter of just a few years, the work has expanded until today there are six fields of work, twenty-two missionaries and their families, and an overall budget for 1961 of almost \$90,000.00. This is a remarkable record, and yet there is still so much more that needs to be done. We have hardly scratched the surface.

It seems to me that to really follow through on our Home Missions program, we must have a "break through" at the point of our responsibility in the practice and support of Home Missions. There are far too many of our people who seemingly have no concern for God's work outside of their own local church. All of their time, talent, and money is contained in the local church.

Oftentimes this prevents churches from reaching out in the ministry of starting new churches. It appears to me that when a church finds itself in a position to do something about beginning a new work in a needy area, that church is under a responsibility to do so. Why should other churches come into being only as a result of a split? This is so often the case. Perhaps there would be less of this type of beginning if the local church would respond to its opportunities.

The present challenge is for your church to engage in missionary activity. This will broaden our outreach and bring the necessary support to the mission program of our denomination. In this matter every pastor has a great responsibility. The pastor is the key! His attitude can either lead the church into a vigorous program of missionary endeavor or stifle any attempt toward a larger ministry.

The Home Mission Board of our National Association is worthy of your support. Fulfill your responsibility in the practice and support of Home Missions to the glory of God and the enlargement of our denomination. Your help is especially needed at this time.

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discharge from the Air Force he enrolled in the FreeWill Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

I thank God for the emphasis at our Bible College," Ken said. "They teach you to know more of Jesus and how to learn more of Him. I shall be ever grateful for our wonderful school and the heart knowledge I received while there. At this school my heart was challenged to missions."

While attending college Brother Walker pastored Shady Grove and Head's churches, remaining on at Head's church after his graduation from college in 1958. Also during that time he served as moderator for the Eastern Quarterly Conference of the Cumberland Association. So while being taught he was also teaching and preaching. With reference to his call to missionary service Ken said, "My preaching Missions from the pulpit was not enough. Teaching Missions in study classes was not enough. Planning Mission programs for the quarterly meetings was not enough. You can do all these things and yet not be willing to go! I had to face the "Go" of Missions. I must offer to go myself. Do I dare challenge others to go and not offer to go myself?"

Thus came his call and surrender to God's will. Giving up his pastorate in October, 1959, he started his itinerate work to gain support for a new church effort in our nation's capital, Washington, D. C.

Why this place? To hear Brother Walker put it, "I was challenged at least a year before of the need in that city. It stayed with me. I read about the sins of that large city in our magazines and newspapers. I was challenged to the great mission fields that exist in the large cities of our United States. It was as if God said, 'Look on the cities.' I was willing to go anywhere but this place was before me continually."

God called and the Free Will Baptist Church sent! We are indeed grateful for the successful itinerate work of the Walker's. Their support came in to the degree that they were able to go to the field early in the month of January, 1960. Ken and Lou want to say, "Thank you, our Christian co-laborers, who have made it possible for us to follow God's will for our lives. Thank you, and God bless you."

Home Missionary

Appointees



MARK AND LOUISE VANDIVORT
NEW ENGLAND



ROY AND PAT THOMAS
DENVER



KIRBY AND ELIZABETH GODWIN
ALASKA

The Gospel in Mexico

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of their meetings to pay him twenty dollars a month, and they sent him to take care of the church in Nuevo Rodriguez. Brother Billows brought Lazare de La Rosa to the church in Monterey to help him because his health is very poor lately, and he is in need of rest. Lazaro will help with the services and Sunday School and Brother Billows will continue with his night classes.

The children's day school has proven to

be a blessing to the children, to the church, and to the parents, for it has been a great field of evangelism. It has been a task, and sometimes a very trying one, but the Lord has blessed. There is a great need for more equipment in this school.

The Lord has been gracious to the Billows in Mexico. Pressure from the opposing side has ended and the Billows have been able to make friends. Today Rev. Billows is the Vice-President of the Ministerial Alliance of Monterey, and Youth Advisor of the Evangelical groups.