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What About the National Association of Free Will Baptists?

A few months ago a pastor was speaking to me about the National Association. He said, "You know, I used to wonder about the National Association, just who it was and all. Then I made the discovery that I was actually a part of the National Association. Since that time, I have found real joy and satisfaction sharing in this ministry."

We could wish that many others would make the discovery that the National Association is made up of Free Will Baptists across the nation who have united for a common ministry and the extension of the gospel around the world.

The National Association came into existence in 1935 when Free Will Baptists came together and organized as a body of believers committed to one faith and doctrine. Despite the claims of some, the National Association is still firmly committed to that faith and doctrine, and on the basis of that faith and doctrine, the National Association has advanced its ministry. The fact that God has placed His approval upon this work cannot be denied.

Each year Free Will Baptists have the opportunity to assemble in the annual convention of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. During the meeting inspirational messages and reports of all phases of the work are heard. To expedite its various ministries, the National Association has created boards and committees with specific direction and responsibility. These boards and committees must report their year's activities, provide unqualified audits of their financial transactions, and submit their plans of advance to the body for approval.

In recent years, attendance at the National Association has increased as more and more Free Will Baptists are showing an interest in an organization of which they are a vital part. This has made it possible for the National Association to increase its area of service and extend its ministry around the world.

This issue of *Contact* gives some information about one area of ministry through the National Association—foreign missions. There are others, and each one is made possible by the interest, prayers, and contributions of Free Will Baptists.

I hope that your heart will be blessed as you read what God is doing through our missionaries. Keep in mind that it is impossible to put into words or in one issue of a magazine all that God is doing and that this is your ministry as you are a part of the National Association.

When, therefore, someone praises the work of the National Association, stand tall because they speak of an organization of which you are a part. When someone criticizes the National Association (and this is their prerogative), then remember they criticize your organization.

These are great days for Free Will Baptists. Stand with us. We solicit your prayers and support in this work of God and invite you to attend the National Association in session on July 16-18, 1963, in Detroit, Michigan.

Which Direction?

It is the desire of the editorial staff of *Contact* to further extend the ministry of this magazine. Since the magazine is a denominational publication, we desire to move in the direction that would be most acceptable and render the greatest service to Christ and the denomination.

The big question is this: Should we keep *Contact* in its present format and publish it twice a month instead of monthly or should we increase the size from 16 to 28 pages with colored cover and keep it a monthly?

If you would like to express yourself on this matter, we would be happy to hear from you.

HOMECOMING

Free Will Baptist Children's Home

Greeneville, Tennessee
May 11, 1963

- * Barbecue dinner
- * Guest speaker
- * Program by children
- * Tour of grounds and buildings

This will climax the campaign to pay all indebtedness of the home.

EVERYONE INVITED—BRING YOUR OFFERING

WHITHER THOU GOEST

by

Margaret Merkh

THIS IS AN unusual title for an article on the role of a missionary's wife. But then, a missionary's wife must be a person that is used to the unusual. She is as human and ordinary as any woman in the average church, but she comes face to face with the unusual every day. This daily testing requires a close walk with the Saviour and the assurance that she, too, is called of God, just assuredly as her husband. "Whither thou goest" was Ruth's testimony to her mother-in-law. Naomi's God was now Ruth's God. God's instructions to Naomi were God's instructions to Ruth. Thus, the wife is called of God to be a missionary, to go where He instructs. Her ministry differs from that of the husband, yet it is nevertheless rendered unto God for the salvation of the lost.

In Africa, and the Bondoukou Circle of the Ivory Coast in particular, the daily routine often becomes the unusual, trying both the endurance and the patience of the wife and mother.

Shopping

Shopping in Abidjan is different, to say the least. In the "bush" where our mission-

aries are working, there are no stores. Abidjan is about 300 miles or more from the mission station. The staples must be purchased for a period of three or four months. What to buy. Have you ever shopped for three months at the time? How many cans of peaches would you buy? The Ivory Coast is in an inflation and number two cans of fruit cost a dollar or more. The problem in shopping extends beyond the number of peaches, for the "bush" presents the necessity of items not normally used in America.

All the fresh vegetables that are eaten without cooking must be washed in permanganate, a blue crystal that acts as a disinfectant, killing the germs that are so prevalent in the tropics. Are the water filters in need of replacement? Yes, water too is different. The wife must take every precaution to protect the family, and NO water is used for drinking or cooking unless it is first filtered and boiled. The filters are a soap stone, gravity type that filters the water slowly, drop by drop. The missionary wife must be an efficient supply sergeant, making sure all supplies will last the duration of bush stay as well as a super-duper economist, making the limited funds do the job.

It doesn't hurt for her to be a good bargainer, either. There are many European stores and these have set prices. Much of the vegetables and fruits can be purchased in the large "farmer market" in Abidjan. In the larger cities, the native markets cater to the European population. But, before a price can be settled, a process of haggling and looking elsewhere goes on. Yes, shopping is different.

Meat Market

After leaving Abidjan, which is a very modern, beautiful city, and arriving in the interior, the wife's role again changes. Now supplies are the least of her worries. Occasionally there is a trip to the local native market to get some rice, yams or peanuts, and of course, the fresh meat. Beef and chicken are the only fresh meats available. The climate is very hot, the natives have no means of refrigeration and the first thing that meets the five senses in entering their market is the odor. Dried fish, smoked monkey anyone? In Doropo, for example, I went to the "butcher shop" whenever I heard they were going to kill. The shop consisted of several knives, a dirty table and a grass roof overhead to shun the sun. The cow was killed, skinned and the meat hacked into chunks. There are no familiar cuts, just pick out the chunk. The feet, head or fillet are all the same price. The good wife learns to be punctual at "killing time." If not, the blow flies do their work and a knife will reveal the sacs of eggs growing in the delicious meat.

And washing: About two or three times a week, depending on the size of the family, wash days roll around. Thanks to the "Maytag," this is not too difficult. The "Maytag" African style, is the same machine, only operated by gasoline motor, much the same as an outboard motor—at least in noise content. The clothes get washed, the only difference is that the motor is striving all the while to deafen and drive to distraction.

Appliances

Other appliances are familiar to the ordinary housewife. Bottle gas stove, refrigerator, similar to the electric ones only operated with a kerosene burner, the old fashion Aladdin kerosene lamp furnishes lights, and so on. Along with this, all the normal housekeeping duties are carried on. These are, for all practical purposes, normal and ordinary.

We do not go in among the Africans and live as they do. We visit in their compounds, show them love and witness to them as best as possible. By witnessing as best as possible is meant that unless we can speak their language, we must use an interpreter, sign language or just our lives. Seldom can one learn the native dialect to perfection. French is the major language and that alone is difficult. Usually there is some school child who can translate for us. In this same line is our church work started. We must use interpreters until the native language is mastered. The wife generally starts by using flannelgraphs and picture stories. She must also find someone she can depend on to translate properly. One wrong word can destroy the whole meaning of the message.

Then, there is the health problem. There is no access to telephones or doctors when sickness arrives. Regardless of how ill we might be, we must travel anywhere from fifty miles or more to find a doctor. Once we saw our oldest boy with fever so high that he did not know anything or anyone. We couldn't go to the doctor then because he was away until the next day. Only prayer and faith kept him with us. He had amebic dysentery. Not only do we have to attend to our own illnesses, but the Africans look to us for their sicknesses, too. Therefore, the wife has to be a nurse as well as other things.

There has been time after time, experience after experience, where prayer and prayer alone was the ruling factor. Without this task and privilege of prayer, the missionary can not accomplish anything. Not only their own prayers but the prayers of you here at home.

In all of these phases, the missionary's wife must be ready at each beck and call. She must be willing to say, as did Ruth, ". . . whither thou goest, I will go. . . ." ■■

MRS. DANIEL MERKH, former missionary to Africa, now lives in Florence, South Carolina.

SEEKING AN ANSWER

Firsthand report on a trip to South America

by J. REFORD WILSON

Pictured below (top) is missionary nurse Eula Mae Martin. She is serving in Campinas, Brazil, where in recent months she has had 3,000 patient appointments. This ministry has opened many doors to the gospel. In the other picture (bottom) missionaries Sam and June Wilkinson are pictured with their congregation at Jaboticabal. This was the second church to be organized in Brazil by our missionaries.



I WANTED THE answer to some of your questions so I made a visit to our fields in Latin America. What are the conditions spiritually, economically and politically? Are we investing our money wisely and what are the results of our efforts? Do Free Will Baptists have a place in these late days of missionary advance?

I found my first answers in Brazil. A country dominately Roman Catholic, influenced greatly by ten million spiritists, expanding with an unstable economy and threatened by communism. However, a well-known churchman, Dr. John Soren, president of the World Baptist Alliance whom I met at the airport at Port Alegre, stated to me, "No other country is as receptive to the gospel as Brazil."

Our Free Will Baptist missionaries are reaping a harvest in Brazil. In 1958 Reverend Dave Franks became our first missionary to Brazil and began his work in the city of Campinas. The Free Will Baptist church in Campinas has a membership of 50 and an average Sunday School attendance of 110. Reverend and Mrs. Ken Eagleton are now living in Campinas and Ken is the field director of Brazil and pastor of the Campinas church. The church has a medical ministry through a clinic operated by our missionary nurse, Eula Mae Martin.

In recent months she has had 3,000 patient appointments and this ministry has been a tool of opening many homes for the Christian witness.

Jaboticabal

On Saturday night, February 9, the second Free Will Baptist church in Brazil was organized in the city of Jaboticabal with 23 charter members. There were 65 in Sunday School on Sunday morning and Reverend and Mrs. Sammy Wilkinson are directing this work and Brother Wilkinson has begun a weekly broadcast in the city. The treasurer of the church is a bank employee, the Bible class teacher is a college professor and Antonio Marucci (*Heartbeat*, October, '62) is assistant to the pastor. With the exception of paying the missionaries, the churches in Brazil are indigenous.

Riberiao Preto

The first Christian owned and operated radio station, PRA7, was dedicated in this city the day before I arrived. Reverend and Mrs. Bobby Poole are our missionaries in this city and Brother Poole has two radio devotions each week. For almost a year regular service has been conducted in a farm community with no apparent results. A missionary must be mobile enough to invest his efforts in responsive areas. The possibility of discontinuing the services in this farm area and concentrating on another place had been discussed.

Brother Poole had arranged for me to preach one evening in this community. The clouds hovering over the city that Wednesday evening discouraged the effort of going to the community. The narrow, rough, red, hilly road is impassible with heavy rains. We must needs go to Albertino, the farm community. It was dark when we arrived on the scene and few people were in sight. However, the sound of the jeep and the sight of its lights were like bells calling the people to worship. In a few minutes more than 100 farm people were on the scene. The peanut harvesting farmers were sprawled on the road bank, the children stood near, women sat on chairs and stools brought from nearby houses. They were fascinated with the showing of the Bible College film-strip. I preached the message of "The Great Invitation" (Matthew 11:28). Only a small light shined on my Bible as Brother Poole interpreted the message. The appeal was made and from the edge of the crowd came a farm manager. Missionary Poole and this man knelt on the dirt road and the soul was saved. I commended the man for his courage to boldly confess Christ, to come from among the crowd and he replied, "Sir, it was not courage but something inside me to constrain me to do this." The "mother of the community" served us coffee after the service. She indicated her desire to en-

ter our religion but she's the keeper of the Catholic chapel. Her son was an earnest inquirer and said ten girls wanted to be saved but were too shy to come forward. This mother also expressed fear as to what the padre would say about her interest in our ministry. This desire and response is generally typical of Brazil.

Araras

The most direct opposition to our work came from the Roman Catholics in Araras. Reverend and Mrs. Bobby Aycock received immediate response to their ministry in the city with more than 100 in Sunday school. However, one Sunday morning the Sunday School attendance had drastically dropped and down the street came the nuns with children to play games in front of the meeting place. The nuns collected the Gospels of John which had been given by the missionaries and ordered the children to burn the tracts. The believers in Araras are now meeting in a rented hall and Sunday school attendance is averaging 25.

The Aycocks conducted the first Free Will Baptist Vacation Bible School at Pirassanunuga with an average attendance of 35. There has recently been 18 conversions in the services. Property has been purchased and the people are being prepared for formal organization of the church.

We need more missionaries for Brazil. There are many open doors and Dr. Walter Kychel, owner of radio station PRA7, said to me, "There are so many opportunities, we have difficulty in choosing which opportunity to accept." We need a Bible School for the training of Christian workers. A site for the school near the city of Jaboticabal is under consideration.

We need a loan fund from which these new churches could borrow for the purchasing of property. The high rate of interest ranging up to 36 per cent prohibits the church from borrowing money locally.

My final visit with the staff in Brazil was a review of the manual *Unto the Uttermost* and a worship service just for the missionaries in the Campinas church. The sanctuary rang with the voices of the missionaries singing "All Hail the Power." I delivered the sermon and the service was concluded with communion and feet washing. The Free Will Baptist witness for Christ is well established in Brazil.

Uruguay

From the window of the plane I could see the rolling hills and vast areas of pasture land. The plane landed on a hard dirt runway and stopped before the bright yellow building serving the cities of Livramento, Brazil and Rivera, Uruguay. These are called the sister cities on the border of Brazil and Uruguay. In the summer of 1962 the city of Rivera became the home

of the Bill Fulchers and the Paul Robinsons. These Free Will Baptist missionaries had learned a hard lesson of patience in waiting for their equipment to arrive in Montevideo so that they could move to their field of service.

A Sunday School has been organized in a nearby village with approximately 50 in attendance. Some women and children have been saved and only recently a man and his wife received Christ. Their present mode of transportation is by horse and cart. They have plenty of horse power but it is slow motion.

We need transportation for these missionaries to more effectively reach their area. The high cost of purchasing cars in Uruguay is prohibitive. I rode in a '48 Desoto being used for a taxi which cost the owner six months ago \$2700. A new Ford or Chevrolet would cost more than \$10,000.

We need missionaries working in Livramento, the sister city on the Brazil side.

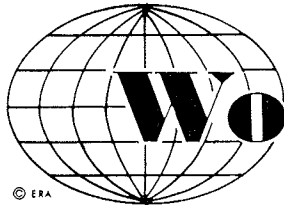
Plans are now being made to begin having services in the city of Rivera.

Panama

The Central American country of Panama is like a giant challenging our "Davids." The Tom Willeys, Jr. and the John Moehlmans are there in the name of the Lord. Some of the larger denominations have been in the country for almost 50 years and have less than 500 members. The American missionary is looked upon with suspicion. His motives are questioned. The interior of this country has been neglected by most missionaries. There is a real need for the training of national pastors. Spanish-speaking pastors could be situated immediately in the country of Panama.

John Moehlman is working in the Central Province of Coclé. As soon as the resident permits are issued, Tom Willey is moving to the Central Province of Veraguas and Bill Phipps will locate in the Province of Los Santos in which no missionary is presently living. There are many small towns which are inaccessible by road but can be reached by plane. A visit was made to several airports in these provinces where I was privileged to talk with the managers and they pledged their cooperation with the missionary pilot. There are more than 40 landing strips in these Central Provinces which can be used in reaching these villages with the gospel.

Our work is reputable in Latin America. A doctor, whose grandfather was a pioneer missionary in Brazil, highly complimented our staff. A neighbor to our meeting place in Uruguay told me that one by one all the people would be coming to hear our fine missionaries. A Nazarine missionary in Panama praised the approach we had made in that country. I found the answer to my questions. ■ ■



Round-Up of **World-Wide** RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

President Backs Separation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS)—President John F. Kennedy, in a move to preserve constitutional provisions for the separation of church and state in foreign aid programs, has directed the heads of the Peace Corps and Alliance for Progress to make every effort to conform their activities to the constitutional principles which they are pledged to support.

The action was taken in response to a plea from the National Association of Evangelicals requesting that the President and Congress make certain that these two agencies do not violate the Constitution in their foreign aid programs.

The President's statement was termed by one veteran State Department official as "one of the most committal I have seen out of the White House."

Protestant Churches Re-open

MADRID, SPAIN (CNS)—Ten Protestant churches in Spain closed by government order have been given permission to open in recent weeks, it is reported here by Jose Cardona Gregori, executive secretary of the Commission for Evangelical Defense.

Another report from Spain told of permission being granted for four new churches to open and observers believe that the government actions reflect the new policy toward Protestants announced recently in the press.

Warning Against "Missionary Swindlers"

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—An evangelical missionary leader has sounded a warning against the public getting bilked by fake religious charities. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA), writing in United Evangelical Action magazine urged an investigation of these organizations to see if they are reliable and ethical.

He reported several instances in which self-seeking individuals set up a missionary organization or religious charity to raise funds and then used them for their own advantage.

Most missionary organizations are thoroughly reliable and worthy of public confidence and support, Dr. Taylor said, but he urged donors to investigate those organizations about which they know little. He said that agencies which belong to either EFMA or the Interdenominational Foreign

Missions Association are evangelical in character and have the highest ethical standards.

Persecution in Russia

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—Christians in Russia today are undergoing persecution and oppression that exceeds anything practiced over 40 years of Communist domination in that land. This view was expressed here by a Russian gospel broadcaster who asked to remain anonymous so as not to jeopardize his contacts with evangelical Christians in the Soviet Union.

"The recent instance of the Siberian Christians appealing to the United States embassy in Moscow for help from the outside was at once both tragic and heartening," he said. "On the one hand it shows the desperateness of the Christian's plight in Russia while at the same time it reveals the drastic measures the Soviet government is taking to stamp out true Christianity."

Linguist Honored

CHICAGO, ILL. (CNS)—A missionary linguist whose beating heart sounds like a noisy clock has been honored as the "alumnus of the year" by Moody Bible Institute during its annual Founder's Week observance. He is John Beekman, translation coordinator for the Mexican branch of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The noise is caused by a plastic valve in his heart which was placed there by a surgeon to correct a heart defect.

Beekman began his missionary work in Mexico in 1947 with the knowledge that he had only about ten years to live. When eight of those years were gone, his doctor suggested the possibility of a corrective operation. The newly-developed plastic heart valve was installed at Georgetown University Hospital in 1955 and already Beekman has outlived the doctor's predicted life expectancy of five years.

Russian Church Leaders Visit

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—The president of the National Association of Evangelicals said here today that Americans need to take an objective look at the visit of 16 leading Russian churchmen to the United States in March "so that their presence among us will not cause us to think subconsciously that the Soviet government has relaxed its opposition to religion."

The Russian church leaders will be the guests of the National Council of Churches as part of an exchange visit program.

Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of the two-million member evangelical group, said he favors exchanges of visits that can lead to a better understanding between people, but that "no one should be naive enough to believe that the Soviet government would permit these leaders of the officially recognized churches to travel outside the Iron Curtain if it were not sure of their social and political views."

Kennedy at Prayer Breakfast

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Addressing the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast sponsored by International Christian Leadership here on Thursday, February 7, President Kennedy declared "We cannot depend solely on our military power, our economic strength or our intellectual abilities to see us safely through. We need faith—the kind of faith that has guided this nation through 175 years."

Attending the breakfast in the Mayflower Hotel here were Chief Justice Warren and other members of the Supreme Court, most of the members of the President's cabinet, Speaker John W. McCormack, Dem.-Mass., and some 200 other congressmen.

Lord's Prayer Aim of Bill

ATLANTA, GA. (EP)—Recitation of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each school day would be required in every Georgia public school under a bill offered here in the House of Representatives.

Rep. Render Hill of Meriwether, author of the bill, acknowledged that he is proposing it in part as a challenge to the U.S. Supreme Court's Regent's Prayer decision.

He said no one appeared to know "exactly what the Court had in mind in the case involving the public schools of New York State."

Reading the Bible already is required in Georgia public schools. Pupils may be excused from participating upon written request of parents or guardians.

Second Crusade For Graham

CHICAGO, ILL. (EP)—Evangelist Billy Graham has agreed to hold a second Greater Chicago Crusade, June 4-13, 1965, with rallies again in McCormick Place.

The campaign was announced by Herbert J. Taylor, chairman of the Billy Graham Greater Chicago Crusade Executive Committee, which brought the evangelist here in June, 1962, for a 19-day mission.

Last year's Graham crusade in Chicago had a total attendance of about 703,000 persons, with more than 17,000 making "decisions for Christ," according to committee figures. The campaign closed June 16 with a huge rally in Soldier Field.

Is A New Headquarters Building Needed?

WHENEVER THE denomination is asked to support some project and contribute financially to its success our members have the right to ask the question, "Is this a legitimate need?" What about, then, the request of the National Association for a new headquarters building in which to house its ministries. Is this building really needed? Is it needed now? Let me try to answer these questions and give you some other information relative to the erection of this new building.

Our present building, located at 3801 Richland Avenue, was originally a two story house. It was purchased approximately ten years ago at which time space in the building was more than ample. Those who made the purchase felt that it would serve the denomination for about five or six years. It has now been pressed into service for ten years and the ample space has dwindled away to an acutely crowded condition.

In the last few years, several changes have been made in an effort to keep our operation efficient and moving. The attic space was finished out and was made usable. It now houses the entire operation of our foreign mission department. A front room was converted into book store space which now seeks to serve and supply our churches and Sunday schools with their book store supplies. A basement storage room was cleaned out and now houses an offset press and other equipment which turns out an amazingly large amount of printed matter. A garage was converted into a mailing room and storage area. Last fall an addition was added to the front to provide more space for the growing mail operation and it is now evident that something more must be done in order to provide additional storage space.

All of this means one thing—we have utilized all available space. It is absolutely impossible to do anything further in this

situation to bring relief to a difficult situation. Let it be clearly understood that we are not complaining. We are thankful for the provision of this building and the ministry that has gone forth from this place. We are saying, however, that it has now served its purpose and it is time for Free Will Baptists to get behind this effort toward a new building. There are good reasons for this.

First of all, our efficiency is down. With the crowded conditions, it is impossible to keep office procedures at top efficiency. With the expansion of our work and the fact that most of our departments are understaffed, it is imperative that we maintain a high degree of efficiency.

There is little or no privacy. In spite of the fact that privacy is needed for study, planning, writing, counseling, interviews, etc., there is not a private office in the entire building. This has proven to be a serious handicap to the directors of our various departments.

Storage space is at a premium. With the movement of our literature program to Nashville last year, we had an immediate need for more storage space. This problem still has not been solved. The growing response of our people to the literature provided by our Sunday School and League Boards means that we can expect an ever increasing need in this respect.

With the above mentioned facts before us we can honestly say that the new headquarters building is needed and that it is needed *now!* We are ready to get on with this project. Shortly, we hope to contract to buy the land, but additional funds are needed. Have you contributed? Are you praying with us about this very important matter? Your check and letter of encouragement will mean so much to us at this time. Don't delay. Time is short and we must expand to claim the challenge which is ours as Free Will Baptists.

OUR GOAL
\$100,000.00

A MAN OF DIVERSITY

by

Tom Willey, Jr.

IF THERE EVER was a calling that demands of a person that he be a "jack-of-all-trades" (though he may be "master at none") it is that of a missionary. Such passages as, "My strength is sufficient for thee," and, "If any man lack wisdom let him ask of me," are of great comfort for us so often. It is possible that within the span of a week a missionary will be called on to be a mechanic, teacher, farmer, counselor, builder, journalist, horseman, diplomat, preacher, an organizer and a lawyer, just to name a few of the things one gets into (especially if he happens to be working in Latin America). In these countries where the ancient and modern are so closely related, this is quite often true.

Weekly Activities

Possibly our case at present could not be called altogether typical since we are working in extremes. During the past year it was not uncommon within a week to start off Sunday preaching at one of the churches in Panama City area, then Monday morning meet with the lawyer (a leader in national politics and one-time ambassador to the U.N.) to try to figure out some obscure point of law concerning the rights of missionaries to get into the country. Monday through Thursday nights were tied up in being a University student, studying such things as logic, "Panama in the American World," philosophy and Spanish literature—all of this for the main purpose of seeking to make friends and get opportunities for a witness to the saving power of our Lord.

Tuesday morning would mean being off to the airport to borrow an airplane from a Christian businessman for a thirty-five minute flight to an isolated community where few people know how to read and write. Only one person has preached the Gospel within the last fourteen years in this area, and then only for a week! Within the few hours before the afternoon rains begin, there is literature to be distributed to the school children, homes to be visited, and witness to be given, thus laying a foundation so that in the dry season (when it is possible to ford the rivers and get there by car) a regular mission may be established.

Wednesday morning rolls around and it's time for the monthly meeting of a group of ministers who are endeavoring to form an "Alianza de Iglesias Evangelicas" (Alliance of Evangelical Churches). Just one of the advantages of such a group would be a more united voice before the government, which is greatly influenced by the Roman Church. Here one must become an expert theologian. Modernists are beginning to come into Latin America and would try to take over any such organization, making it anything but evangelical.

Late Wednesday evening and Thursday morning must be used to prepare for the

weekly Bible class at the University, which includes counseling and advice on everything from boy-girl problems to Kierkegaard's existentialism, Marxist materialism and euthanasia (mercy killing), to name a few. As you might guess, these discussions sometimes become quite involved as the Christian student seeks to understand his faith in the midst of the many voices of modern intellectualism.

Friday and Saturday are often spent in double-checking all of the arrangements for the monthly "Adelante Juventud," an evangelistic effort to reach young people—sponsored jointly by the Association of Christian University Students, plus a number of Evangelical pastors and educators. Since the program consists largely of music and testimonies, those who are to take part must be reminded of their part and to be on time (so that the service will start no later than a half hour after the announced time—typical Latin custom).

Sandwiched in between this must be calls to the lawyer's office to see if any new word has come in on the residence papers—though really it is to keep him *reminded*.

True, it is a rare week when all of these activities take place at once (such as the Alliance meeting and Youth Rally which are monthly occurrences). But add to this "little occurrences" such as a new baby's arrival now and then, or perhaps one of the children breaks out with a strange malady that you never heard of before.

Legal Aspect

Of all these responsibilities, the most trying and demanding on a missionary's patience, nerves and ingenuity is if he should happen to be chosen "legal representative." To give you some idea of a few of the problems one faces in such a position: a missionary friend serving in another country in Latin America (where it is easier to get residence papers) was told to come back in two weeks to get his final papers. Knowing the rate at which everything works, he went back in three weeks, only to find that they were not yet ready. Then he decided to go in to see the head of the Department of Immigration. The man, an army colonel, arose with the utmost courtesy, greeted him with pen in hand and said, "Oh yes, here it is, and all it lacks is *my signature*. Come back in three days and it will be ready." This is an extreme case but to one degree or another it exists in all of Latin America.

Another blight to working with papers is the famous "mordida," which literally translated means "bite" or "graft." There are two ways in Latin America of getting quick action on your legal rights—money or friends. Notice that I said "legal rights," not what we usually think of when we hear of someone paying "under the table" to get an official to do something illegally. Latin

A LETTER FROM CUBA

America has some of the most just and beautiful laws in the world, but due to a tradition dating back to the time of the colonies (when it took so long to get the laws from Spain) it became the custom to "do as you please"; then when the actual ruling appeared, you would just file it away. (So it was that Fidel Castro obtained a great following in Cuba—by proclaiming that he was going to "put into practice" the constitution of 1940, a masterpiece in its declaration of the rights of all to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.")

Winning Friends

As missionaries, we feel that we cannot very well pay out money—besides the fact that it is unscriptural and we don't have that much to spare—so we must try to make friends. An old Spanish adage says, "The law is this and the law is that, but you are my friend." In most of Latin America, *friendship* is esteemed above everything else. I'll never forget seeing this vividly proved true once in Cuba when we wanted to get some things into the country—which we by law had a right to do. We found that the only way to get any results was to solicit what we wanted, together with securing a copy of the law authorizing it and a letter from some friend prominent in politics.

So it is that the missionary must become a "diplomat" to win the friendship of people who are basically opposed to him. He must be able to convince the government official that what he has is for the good of his country and that as a result of his work, they will be better citizens. In Panama especially, they are very interested in what they refer to as la "Buena Fama" of the good reputation of the mission. If your mission has "Buena Fama" you can get the full benefit of the law. But who determines "Buena Fama"? Some political figure.

Naturally, these very things can sometimes "go against" you. If, for instance, someone who doesn't want you in the country has money or friends in high government posts, they can apply pressure so that all of your efforts are in vain. Thus, quite often our enemy is unseen or unknown to us. We could relate many such experiences but space does not permit.

So, the next time you have to go down to the courthouse to get a birth certificate, a building permit for your church, etc. (and you think you're just wasting a lot of time) remember your missionaries who have to face a completely new way of doing things and sometimes a very puzzling new code of ethics. Pray especially for all those who have to work out the many legal problems involved in missionary work. ■ ■

MR. WILLEY is presently serving under our Foreign Mission Board in Panama.

The following letter was mailed at the risk of imprisonment, or at the least, the loss of ration tickets, if discovered. The letter was sent to a dear Cuban girl who lives with the Willeys. She is a member of the Cuban congregation. This story is repeated over and over, day after day, at the Refugee Center.

Beloved Aunt,

I pray God that you might get this letter, and that it might find you well. Until now, Thank God, we are all well. All the world has turned cold. We long for the air of the north. (double-talk--freedom).

We have written many letters. Apparently you have not received them, over 47 days we have not heard from you.

You are sad, do not be. We know how alone you are and so far from home and loved ones. You would be sadder still if you were here to see the hunger we suffer, and the great need all about us.

I will enumerate a few. Now they are starting another census and making a close check on our rationing tickets at the government stores. It is becoming insupportable and we don't know how we can take any more.

The only vegetables that reach us come every fifteen days, and more often every three weeks. Then we can only get one-half pound per person, never enough to go around for all.

Only one small cake of soap per person for the month, soap powders are very scarce. Meat is rationed to us every three or four weeks. We are only allowed one-half pound per person. Bread is also closely limited. Canned food rarely reaches us, only canned Russian pork or beef, and this our dog, Lassie, will not even eat. Once every fifteen days they give us three pounds of rice. We can hardly bear the bad odor it has. You can understand how far this will meet the need of our family. Ham is an article of such great luxury that we never even see it. Butter never reaches us. Coffee is by allowance of $\frac{1}{4}$ of an ounce per person three times in the week. A close check is kept on the number in the family. If you do not get a card and number, you do not eat.

Now all clothing is rationed. We dare not even mention shoes. There are people who cannot go to work because they are barefooted. Just the other day a man went into the street barefooted, and the police arrested him.

Children not having shoes stay home from school. The only shoes we can get are made of cloth. I tell you this is insupportable and unbearable. But we are satisfied if we can just get something to eat. Thank God, up to now we are eating twice a day. While it is bad, we know it could be worse.

We are in an inferno, but all together. It is dark and no escape for us. We are sad.

Pray for our Cuban Christians

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton

Your questions for use in this column are invited. All questions not answered in the column will be answered personally. Send your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

I believe in tithing and practice it. However, there is one thing that is not clear. Should a person tithe on the amount he makes or draws?

I was glad to see your note in February's CONTACT on cults and lodges. I suggest a series of inserts outlining the detailed beliefs of various cults and lodges.

Do you think Jesus Christ will come back to the earth and reign a thousand years? Will he fight a literal war or battle? Give me some scripture on this please.

Mark 12:41-44 tells of a collection where the rich cast much into the treasury and a poor widow threw in two mites. Christ told his disciples that she had cast in more than all. Why so much publicity given to those who can give so much? Is this good Christian ethics? Do you think Christ is pleased with this kind of giving?

Soon after we called a pastor, he asked that we put in an altar. We knew he wanted one when we called him. Since voting to install it, some members have stopped coming. They say it is "adding to" and will not have any part with it. Do you think people worship the altar instead of the Lord?



You pay income tax on the amount you make. Your employer may withhold union dues, insurance, old age benefits, savings bonds, etc., all of which are for your benefit. In Malachi 3:10, the admonition is to bring all, or the whole part of, the tithe into the storehouse. Surely you are not tithing your income when you just tithe your take-home pay.

Thank you for your letter and thank God for your stand. For every letter like yours, I have received at least three in defense of the cults and lodges. John R. Rice has written an excellent booklet entitled "Lodges Examined by The Bible." An abundance of material is available on lodges from the National Christian Association, 850 West Madison Street, Chicago 7, Illinois. Write them.

Revelation 20:1-9 tells us that Satan is to be bound a thousand years. He will deceive the nations no more until the thousand years be fulfilled. Verse 4 reveals that some will live and reign with Christ a thousand years after which (verse 7) Satan is to be loosed. Verses 8 and 9 speak of Satan's going forth to deceive those in the earth. I see no reason why this scripture should not be taken literally. The battle is literal and the reign is literal, upon the earth.

Mere externalism in religion is condemned in the Bible. Matthew 6:1-4 says, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise ye have no reward . . . but when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet . . . that (you) may have glory of men . . . but do thine alms in secret . . . and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."

Personally, I like an altar where people can come and kneel. The modern trend is to do away with it. I do not know what is meant by "adding to." Certainly there is nothing in the scripture to condemn an altar at the front of the church. However, if it is going to split the church, perhaps it would be better to not insist on having an altar. Those who desire, can always improvise an altar by kneeling around the pulpit platform or the front pews.

MY TESTIMONY

by Dwight Riggs

AN ABIDING conviction that the Lord wanted me for missionary service has been the anchor that has held me fast to His leading.

I was about seven years old when I accepted the Lord at the Wolverine State Association Youth Camp in Chelsea, Michigan. Raymond, my brother, had preached the message.

God's Will For Me

Throughout my freshman and sophomore years in high school I pursued courses which would lead me to college and later to a career as a Certified Public Accountant. Under the ministry of my pastor, Joe Ange, I began to be impressed with the fact that success in Christian living is not measured by the dollar sign. It is measured, however, by whether or not one does the will of God.

I felt a conviction in my heart that the Lord would have me preach His Word. After several months of praying, I yielded my life to Him to preach the Gospel wherever He would lead.

Having been reared in a Christian home under godly parents, I had the privilege of knowing a little of missions. I did not come into a vital knowledge and concern of missionary activity until my brother began serving as general director of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mission Work His Choice

One Christmas eve night all our family gathered at our house to exchange gifts. Raymond had just returned from making a survey trip to Africa. The slides that he was showing deepened the conviction in my heart that He wanted me for missionary service.

Following graduation from high school, I enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College. For several years this abiding conviction has continued to grow.

Sometimes I have doubts that possibly it was not the Lord speaking to me. Yet, in spite of these, there remains an underlying deep and constant conviction.

Realizing that He cared more about me and the place where I would serve than I could ever care, I made it public that I was going to the mission field. I wanted more than anything to do the will of God. By faith I am trusting Him to bring to pass the abiding conviction which has been on my heart for so long.

I have not sacrificed to do the will of God. Rather, I have gained the contentment of servitude. The Lord has chosen the path of service for me. I cannot boast of spiritual superiority. His convincing work in my heart has led me, and His providence has ordered my steps. ■ ■

MR. RIGGS is a Senior at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

1963 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

FEBRUARY 1963

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	February 1963	Year to Date	Total to Date 1962	Designated Feb. 1963
Alabama	\$ 255.43	\$ 303.33	\$ 191.28	
Arizona			25.00	
Arkansas		527.85	499.80	
California	606.66	1,087.03	1,233.86	
Florida			156.01	
Georgia	194.67	362.87	400.33	
Illinois	960.01	1,037.70	931.78	
Indiana		239.97	185.70	
Iowa	68.74	160.10		
Kansas	300.00	424.00	204.96	
Missouri	655.18	2,303.89	2,354.49	
New Hampshire		30.61		
New Mexico	90.92	90.92	204.63	
North Carolina	278.95	381.97	441.04	
Ohio		146.46	210.76	
Oklahoma	1,094.68	2,181.87	2,631.71	
Tennessee	212.31	681.54	341.21	
Texas	165.16	490.52	652.23	
Virginia			170.58	
Washington			25.98	

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	February 1963	Year to Date	February 1963	Year to Date	
Foreign Missions	1,415.98	3,030.66		99.00	3,129.66
F.W.B. Bible College	1,025.36	2,194.61		60.00	2,254.61
Executive Department	976.53	2,090.09			2,090.09
Home Missions	781.25	1,672.11		53.00	1,725.11
League Board	488.28	1,045.08			1,045.08
Superannuation Board	146.48	313.51		15.00	328.51
Stewardship Commissions	48.83	104.46			104.46
Home for Children, Tenn.				31.00	31.00



WORDS AND WONDERS OF THE CROSS by Gordon Girod, Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 154 pages, \$2.50.

The book consist of twelve sermons by the pastor of the Seventh Reformed Church in Grand Rapids. The sermons deal with the Seven Words from the cross and in addition the wonders of the day of crucifixion. The author says, "Though largely neglected as such five additional words were spoken at the cross. Even as the Son spoke seven times from the cross, so the Father spoke five times from above. . . . Thus one might speak of the twelve words at Calvary." There are chapters dealing with the darkness, the rent veil, the earthquake, the opened graves, and the resurrected bodies.

The treatment of the subjects is scholarly—thus making the book an asset to the preacher's library. Because of the author's strong Calvinistic view of a limited atonement, the reviewer finds himself in sharp disagreement with him.

STEPS TO CRUCIFIXION by Paul P. Fryhling, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 117 pages, \$1.95.

The book is a Lenten Series prepared by the pastor of the First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. There are nine sermons in this volume which will awaken new interest in the study of the redemptive work of our Lord.

The sermon titles are: "Infinite Lent," "The Unavoidable Cross," "Satan's Ultimate Weapon," "The Poison of Pride," "Coronation with Concern," "The Great Divide," "The Supreme Desire," "The Glory of His Resurrection," and "The Certainty of a Divine Christ." These sermons are skillfully prepared with a distinct homiletical style and a strong emphasis upon the Word.

CHRIST'S WORDS FROM THE CROSS by Charles H. Spurgeon, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 120 pages, \$1.95.

As the title suggests, this volume is a collection of sermons by the "Prince of Preachers" on the Seven Words spoken by Christ while on the cross. Each of the words is dealt with in a full length sermon except the third. Here we find a brief meditation entitled "Affection."

This is the most excellent work this reviewer has been privileged to read on the subject. One cannot help but feel as he reads this volume that here is a man who has something of the compassion of Christ for lost men.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

to this second question is "no," the court will order the Western Conference to have another hearing and settle the case their way.

The act also reverses the decision reached by the lower court regarding the Conference's lawsuit against the Rev. Ronald Creech, Edgemont pastor. The Conference is trying to force him to give up his credentials as an Original Free Will Baptist minister. The lower court felt that a settlement of the church property question automatically settled those questions relating to the pastor.

Upon hearing the decision, Mr. Creech made the following statement: "It's easy to believe the Word of God when everything goes well; but it's just as true when things go adversely. Romans 8:28 is still in the Bible. I know God has a purpose in all this. It is ours to seek to learn His purpose, abide in it, say and mean, 'not my will but thine be done.'"

Property Purchased

ARLINGTON, VA.—The Bloss Memorial Church here recently purchased property to build a church. The congregation was able to acquire sufficient land to build a church to seat 300 people, with basement and future educational quarters.

One of the two houses now on the property is used for a parsonage. The rent from the other offsets the monthly payment.

A recent bond program enabled the church to purchase the property. There is remaining approximately \$9000 in bonds. Those interested in helping their home mission church by buying bonds should contact the pastor, Rev. Ken Walker, 712 North Barton Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Church Dedicated

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Sunday, March 24, marked the official dedication of the South Louisville Church. This church had its beginning under the direction of the Kentucky State Mission Board and the National Home



Bible College To Present Drama

NASHVILLE, TENN.—An hour long Christian drama, "Into Thy Kingdom," will be presented by the Bible College April 7 and 9 at the annual Bible Conference. The one-act religious drama, written by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, attempts to show the effects of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ upon the household of Caiaphas.

Darrell Fulton, director, chose a cast which represents students from seven different states. They are as follows: Caiaphas, high priest of Israel, Joe Jones; Miriam, his wife, Wanda Watson; Malchus, his servant, Bill McCuin; Nicodemus, Eugene Workman; Tamah, maidservant to Miriam, Brenda Waird; Jabal, member of a robber band, Wayne Phillips; Reba, a young Idumena girl, Bernadene Little; A Roman Captain, Bascom Evans.

Mrs. Charles Thigpen, faculty advisor, said the drama has not been previously presented at the Bible College. It is evangelistic in aim and will be of special interest to all who attend.

Controversy Continued

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Edgemont Church case has been handed back to the Durham County Court for a new trial. This was the decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court on March 6.

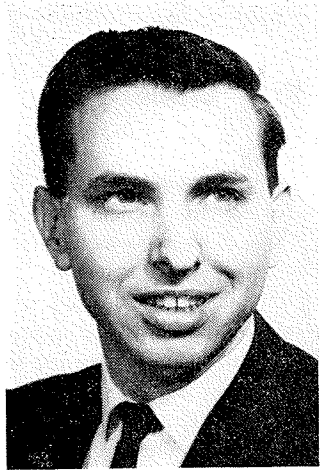
The ruling came as a result of an appeal by the Western Conference of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists. The Conference sued the majority (designated by them as the Miles faction) over a controversy which arose in 1960. The suit which was tried in the Durham County Superior Court in March of 1962 ended with the jury deciding in favor of the majority. Then the Conference appealed to the State Supreme Court.

The case attracted nation-wide attention in the denomination because the issue of local church autonomy is involved.

The Supreme Court's ruling affirms that "the Western Conference is the highest church tribunal and had authority and jurisdiction to decide between the factions and 'determine which faction should be recognized as the true congregation of said church,' at the time it undertook to do so." This means that the principle of local church majority rule will not prevail when a conference or district association in the North Carolina State Convention decides to intervene in a dispute. The higher body can have the last word.

This question of conference authority over the local church (connectional church government) caused the State Convention to withdraw from the National Association in March of 1962. The National body had reaffirmed its belief in congregational government in the 1961 session at Norfolk.

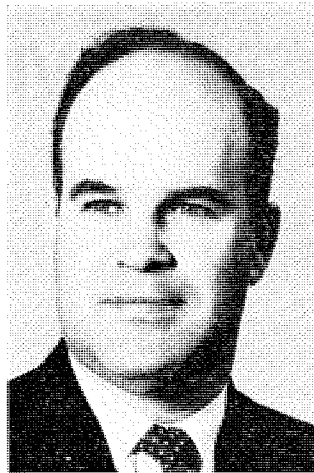
In sending the case back to Durham County, the Supreme Court suggests that two questions should be decided by the jury. The first is "Were the conditions, circumstances and activities within the congregation of the Edgemont Church in 1960 and until January 18, 1961, such as to justify and invoke the exercise of the authority and jurisdiction of the Western Conference to decide between factions in the Edgemont Church?" The other question is "Was the Miles faction given reasonable notice of the nature of the charges against it, the general identity of its accusers, and opportunity to be heard in its defense?" The decision further points out that if the jury answers the first question "no," then the case may be dismissed in favor of the Miles faction. But if the answer is "yes," then the second suggested question must also be answered. If this question is answered "yes," then the minority will receive the church property. But even if the answer



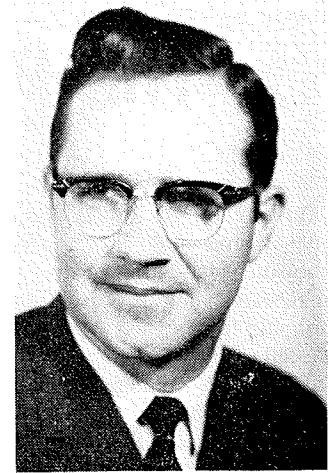
Hampton



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Mission Board. Property recently purchased will serve as a sanctuary and parsonage. Rev. Glen Thomas is the pastor.

Bible Conference

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The 20th annual Bible Conference, April 7-11, will feature Bible preaching, Christian drama, music workshops, and a theological forum, President L. C. Johnson has announced.

The conference will begin at 7:30 Sunday evening, April 7, and will include three speakers each morning Monday through Thursday at 8:45, 9:35, and 11 o'clock, and one service each evening Monday through Wednesday at 7:30.

Speakers for the five-day inspirational meeting will be Rev. M. L. Hollis, Amory, Miss.; Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville; Rev. Jack Paramore, Greenville, N. C.; and Rev. Ralph C. Hampton, Jr., Nashville.

Ganey Enters Evangelism

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Rev. Owen Ga-

ney, formerly pastor of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church, has announced his decision to enter full-time evangelistic work.

Mr. Ganey has recommendations from a number of ministers and can be contacted at 2830 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida.

Minister's Retreat

CONWAY, ARK.—Ministers from over the state met recently at the camp grounds for Bible study, prayer and relaxation. Worship services were held each day at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Rev. Ben Scott, Bob Francis, and Keith Johnson were the teachers.

New Association Organized

CONWAY, ARK.—The Arkansas State Association of Free Will Baptists recently organized its thirteenth local association which will be known as the "Unity Association."

The Constitution of the new association

recommends that the churches in the association support the Cooperative Plan with 10 per cent of its income. Rev. Gilbert Pixley was elected as moderator.

Building Completed

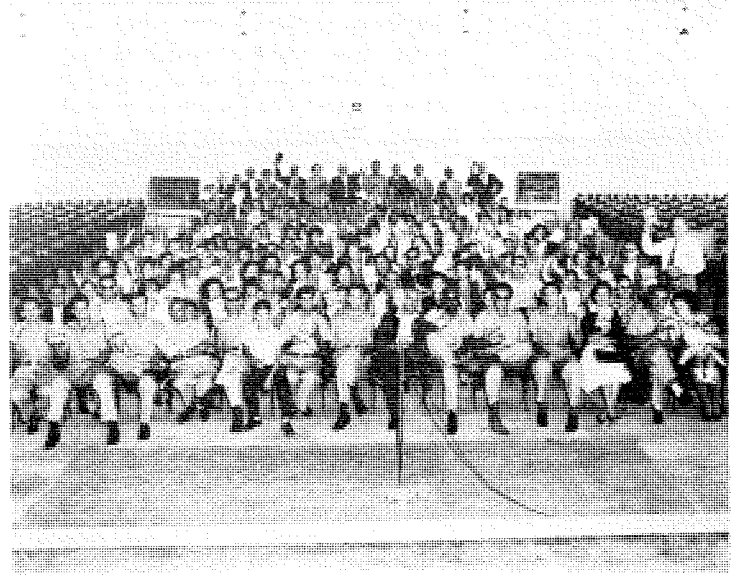
BETTENDORF, IOWA—Rev. Homer Willis, Director of National Home Missions, will conduct the dedication services for the Free Will Baptist Church here on April 21. The church has completed its new building and is the only Free Will Baptist Church in the state. Rev. Lawrence Thompson is the pastor.

Bond Program Successful

MODESTO, CAL.—The Bible, Book and Supply Store here recently completed a successful bond program. This will result in the store moving into a new location the first week of April. The store is owned by the California State Association of Free Will Baptists and managed by Rev. Winston Lawless.



Pictured above is the first educational unit of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri. Rev. W. Stanley Mooncyham was speaker at the recent dedication service. Future plans call for facilities to serve a congregation of 700. Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon is pastor.



The above picture was made on a recent Sunday when Rev. J. Reford Wilson visited the Miami Spanish church. Mr. Wilson, Rev. T. H. Willey and Melitino Martinez are standing in the back. Seated in the front seats are several returned prisoners from the "Bay of Pigs" invasion.

THE DOCTOR'S VIEWPOINT

by Dr. Ruby Griffin

A RELATIVELY NEW field in medicine is developing—that of psychosomatic (psycho-soul; somatic-body) medicine. These diseases and disorders designated as psychosomatic are called such because the manifested physical complaint is either initiated by or influenced by the higher centers of the brain. Numerous examples can be mentioned, a few of which are: tension and migraine headaches, peptic ulcer, and certain skin disorders. More examples of the same principle are: fainting at the sight of blood, increase in heart rate with fear, etc. So almost every reader will personally agree to these ailments being real.

Spiritual Affects Physical

Not only does the "psycho" cause disease, but it also can have an astounding effect on any disease process. It is interesting to note the hospital course of patients who are anxious to get well, who feel

wanted and needed, and that of those who seem to have no purpose in life. The former patients in general do well and have few complications.

Prime Example

I am reminded of one patient who is a prime example of the second type. He was a young man who did have serious disease processes, but he had numerous emotional problems. While ill, his wife divorced him, got custody of their only child and refused to let him see the child. This gentleman had a very rapid downhill course and finally died. Medically speaking he "shouldn't have died," but no one could bring him out of his lethargy. He refused to cooperate and said he had no reason to live and wanted to die.

I have said all of the above only to emphasize the fact of the tremendous effect one's psychic make-up has on his physical condition. Doctors and nurses see people

everyday searching for peace with God. This may be called by various terms such as "anxiety", "tension," "depression", etc., but the great majority of patients just need a Savior. At the time of illness or approaching death these souls are grasping for something lasting. Many are receptive to the gospel at this time who otherwise would not be. The need is great for someone to show them the way.

The calm person who has the peace of God that passeth all understanding is a doctor's best patient. During all stressful situations—and illness is no exception—Christians are made conscious of their dependence upon God. Oh the beauty of a submissive child of God who has that inner peace and who can say with all sincerity during illness "Thy will be done." ■ ■

DR. GRIFFIN is currently in internship at Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee.

MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES

by Dave Franks

SOMEONE HAS SAID that no denomination offers the opportunity to climb the ladder of success in Christian service as rapidly as does the Free Will Baptist. This could be especially true in Foreign Missions. There is a great need for missionaries. The opportunities open to us are numerous. Many areas are open now. There is also, the challenge of the new fields.

The time when a missionary must be a jack-of-all-trades may be over. The era of specialization is already here. Our need is to find the trained specialized worker, spiritually qualified, to meet the challenge of overseas ministry.

Business Administration

On every mission field there is a need for a business administrator who can do accounting, bookkeeping, and general office work. He would deal with the foreign government and its regulations. This would include clearing missionary equipment and supplies through customs. He would keep an inventory of all mission properties and supplies.

There is the need of literature to continue

a full ministry. We need writers or journalists who could not only produce needed material but who could give seminars on journalism for national workers. This would then require printers, artists, and photographers to make it suitable for public consumption. The distribution of the literature would be the next step which might make it necessary to have a distribution manager. He would mail literature to missionaries and direct the use of the materials.

Jesus ministry was attested by His miracles of healing. The work of a Christian doctor or nurse on many mission fields has been the means of reaching many souls for Christ. This is especially a challenge because of the many places of the earth that do not have medical care. This is certainly not a field to enter if a doctor or nurse is looking for financial rewards. The reward of leading a soul to Christ is beyond comparison. Maybe God would have you to be a Christian doctor or nurse.

The universal language is music. It is one of our choice ways of praising God and witnessing of Christ and His saving power. A missionary is handicapped in his evangelism

without music. The musical program will determine the number of people he will contact and be able to give witness to. In the national churches there is a need for someone who can train a choir or play an instrument. A teacher of music in a Bible school is imperative.

Teachers

Bible teachers are always in demand on the mission field. There is a need to give Bible classes in the national church. The laity needs training in Christian doctrine. On every field we hope to establish a church that will be pastored by nationals. To have this we must have Bible training centers.

There is no doubt that the generalized missionary or pioneer worker will be compulsory for many years on most mission fields. The trend, however, is toward a national pastor. Looking at it from this principle, the specialized missionary ministry will be of more permanent nature than the generalized missionary. ■ ■

MR. FRANKS serves under our Foreign Mission Board in South America. He is currently on furlough.



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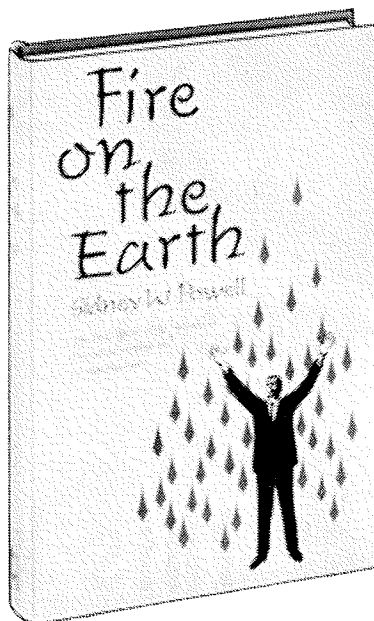
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- *Homer E. Willis*, Director of National Home Missions, will be in Topeka, Kansas on April 7. Mr. Willis will be in Bettendorf, Iowa, for the dedication of a new church building, April 21. On April 23-25, he will be attending the N. A. E. Convention in Buffalo, New York, and April 29-May 5, revival services at the First Church in Houston, Texas.
- Director of Conference Ministries, *Rufus Coffey*, will be in Nashville for the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, April 2-5. Mr. Coffey will be in Florence, South Carolina, April 15-20, and Richmond, Virginia, April 22-27 in missionary conferences.
- Director of Publications and Literature of the Foreign Mission Board, *Jerry Ballard*, will be in Nashville for the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, April 2-5. Mr. Ballard will be visiting in Texas and Mexico, April 11-16, in interest of Spanish literature, and he will attend N. A. E., April 22-25, at Buffalo, New York.
- *Reford Wilson*, Director of Foreign Missions, will be attending the Board meeting April 2-5 in Nashville followed by a missionary conference in Florence, South Carolina, April 15-20. Mr. Wilson will also attend N. A. E. in Buffalo 22-25.
- Executive Secretary of the W. N. A. C., *Mrs. Eunice Edwards*, will be meeting with a Youth Study Committee, April 5-6, in Nashville. Mrs. Edwards will be meeting with the Executive committee of W. N. A. C., April 8; Newport, Tennessee, for a Pre-Easter week of prayer, April 8-14, and N. A. E., April 22-25, in Buffalo, New York.
- *Roger Reeds*, Director of Sunday School Department, will be attending the Central Texas District Association, April 6. Mr. Reeds will be in Madisonville, Kentucky, April 26-27, for the General Baptist Sunday School Convention.
- Director of League Board, *Samuel Johnson*, will be at Valley Falls Free Will Baptist Church, near Spartenburg, South Carolina, April 13, for the State League Convention.
- Public Relations Director for the Bible College, *Paul Ketteman*, will appear in Kentucky churches April 17-24. Registrar, *R. E. Picirilli*, *Dr. J. D. O'Donnell*, and *Rev. Leroy Forlines*, faculty members, will attend the Evangelical Theological Society meeting at Tennessee Temple Seminary, Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 12-13.
- *Billy A. Melvin*, Executive Secretary, will meet with the Executive Committee and Board of Administration of N. A. E. April 22 in Buffalo, New York. Following this meeting he will remain in Buffalo for the N. A. E. Convention April 23-25.