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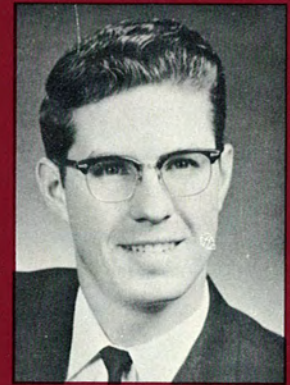
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HOMER WILLIS
General Director



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Dear Friends:

The National Home Missions-Church Extension Department continues to enjoy the blessings of God, and the support of our people increases year by year. We are now supporting home missionaries and church extension missionaries in eleven states in the United States, plus those in Canada and Mexico.

November has been designated Home Missions Month, and our budget is made with the knowledge that churches throughout the denomination will give special offerings. This year we need \$30,000.00 above regular giving if we are to raise the budget. "Week of Prayer" offerings will come from Woman's Auxiliaries. Pastors will observe Home Missions Sunday, November 21, by giving the people an opportunity to give a Thanksgiving offering for missions in North America.

I sincerely hope that every church in the denomination will have some type service in November relating to home missions.

May the Lord bless you as you remember those on the mission fields.

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ABOUT THE COVER

This month is Home Missions Month in our denominational calendar. Dave Cochran, instructor in the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute, Monterrey, Mexico, is shown with a group of students gathering cactus. This is used as food for the animals.



Pictured above is the church property currently leased by the Portland, Oregon Free Will Baptist Church. Home missionary Johnny Postlewaite is the pastor.



Mr. Tryman Messer is shown with the milk truck that helped win 21 people to Christ. Mr. Messer and his family moved from Oklahoma to help start the new work in Salina, Kansas.

MY DIARY

by Mark Vandivort

July 27—I told my family good-by and prepared to leave home for what was to be a two-month itinerary. I would be visiting all of our home missionaries and church extension workers in the northern mid-west and northwest states, Alaska, and Hawaii. I had been looking forward to this opportunity with great anticipation. I felt an urgent sense of responsibility as I realized I would be seeing cities, towns, states, and great areas where millions of people were living. Many of these needed to hear the Gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ. With these thoughts running through my mind, I told my family good-by. My four-year-old Andy exclaimed, "Daddy, come back and see us again sometime!" I started my car down the road beginning an itinerary that was to be filled with much joy, a great challenge, and many open doors of opportunity to proclaim a witness for the Lord Jesus in the great Northwest, Alaska, and Hawaii.

July 30—It was a real joy to visit with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Sharry in Topeka, Kansas, the Perrys in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the LeRoy Morrow family of Beatrice, Nebraska. Their ministries have been sponsored by our National Home Mission Department. I also visited with Rev. and Mrs. Richard Shade of Salina, Kansas. They were among the first families to go out under our Church Extension Department on the 30-month-project. Their ministry is co-sponsored by the state of Kansas and the National Church Extension Department.

I would like to share a few blessings from my visit in Salina, Kansas. I arrived at Pastor Shade's home in time for supper. Shortly after supper, we drove over to the temporary church building which they had rented for their church services. As I stepped out of the car, the folks were singing. Mr. Shade introduced several families, all of whom had been saved in the work there.

Tryman Messer told me how God had asked him to sell his home and move from Tulsa to assist in starting the new

church in Salina. After living in Salina about three months, the Lord made it possible for him to obtain a job delivering milk from one of the local dairies. This job had proved to be a fruitful opportunity to witness. Mr. Messer testified that during the past five months they had seen 21 people saved in their church who were first contacted on the milk route.

August 2—We were up at six o'clock to attend a prayer service at the church. Some of the men gather at the church for early morning prayer seven days a week.

August 3—I arrived in Denver, Colorado, in the afternoon. This is a beautiful mile-high city of about one million people. It is nestled on a high plateau along side beautiful snow-capped mountains.

The First Free Will Baptist Church here, under the direction of Rev. Roy Thomas, has continued to make progress. The Rock of Ages Mission, which was started as an out growth of the First Church of Denver, was in a very successful Vacation Bible School in their newly acquired church property.

August 7—I drove through the state of Utah, stopping at Salt Lake City and visiting Mormon Tabernacle Square. Utah would be a dry desert if it were not for the splendid irrigation system in the valleys. Irrigation was first started in the western hemisphere by Mormon pioneers who established farmsteads along the banks. I saw huge grain elevators and many farms that belonged to the Latter Day Saints Church welfare program.

August 8—I entered the town of Jerome, Idaho, about dusk. As I drove up in front of the Free Will Baptist Church and parsonage, I was certainly thankful to see the evidence of the working of God through our Free Will Baptist Church Extension worker, Rev. Wade Jernigan. The men of Jerome



Pictured above are members of the Wendell, Idaho Mission. This work is sponsored by the National Home Mission ministry of Jerome, Idaho.

have completed a neat church building that would be a credit to any town.

I was thrilled to hear the testimonies of Fred Keifer and Wade Jernigan. They drove into Jerome after asking God to guide their steps and open up the way before them and show them where they could obtain property on which to live and build a church. Shortly after their arrival in Jerome, they got in touch with a man who owned the present Free Will Baptist property. They found this to be God's answer to their prayers. They soon signed the contract for a house and lot which is now the home of the First Free Will Baptist Church and parsonage. It was a real joy to be in service with the Wendell Mission which is located about 15 miles from Jerome.

I praise the Lord for the Free Will Baptist testimony in this town which may very well be the only gospel light house to the town of Wendell. I was certainly impressed with the great responsibility of our denomination when I remembered that there were hundreds of other towns just like this town across the northwest, northeast and various other areas of this nation that stand in need of a Christ-exalting Free Will Baptist witness.

It was good to have fellowship with others of our Free Will Baptist people in Buhl and Rupert.

August 10—Our Northwestern Association is made up of five churches scattered throughout the state of Washington and one new Home Missions church in Portland, Oregon, under the direction of Rev. Johnny Postlewaite. Free Will Baptists have been ministering in the state of Washington for about ten years. I was thrilled to see the testimony of ten years' ministry as I visited throughout the picturesque State of Washington, driving from Vancouver northeast to Toppenish, Yakima, on north to Wenatchee, then northwest over the Cascade mountain range to the logging community of Rockport, Washington, near the British Columbia border.

August 11—East of the Cascade Mountain range, the land is barren and arid except for the beautiful green laws and splendid orchards that are producing bountiful crops of apples, plums, prunes, pears, and cherries as a result of irrigation. High in the Cascade Mountains, and on the west side there is evidence of bountiful rainfall with a lot of lush vegetation, including the magnificent forest of fir, spruce and hemlock.



The Rock of Ages Free Will Baptist Church recently acquired the property pictured above. This church was sponsored by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Denver. Rev. Lowell McGowan is the pastor.

Many of the mid-western people have moved to the towns of central Washington, attracted by the fruit industry. Included among these mid-western folks were Free Will Baptists who have been faithful in establishing a Free Will Baptist church in the cities of Wenatchee, Toppenish, Yakima and Vancouver, Washington. Johnny Postlewaite, who was one of the first workers to go out under the National Home Missions Board, led in establishing the Free Will Baptist Church of Wenatchee, Washington, and later led in organizing the Free Will Baptist Church of Vancouver. It is interesting to note that two of the churches which Mr. Postlewaite established are currently being pastored by men from his home town of Mountain Grove, Missouri, including Rev. Edwin Wade of Wenatchee and Rev. Tharold Edwards of Vancouver.

August 13—The Free Will Baptist church of Rockport, Washington, is a unique building that is constructed of native lumber and covered with cedar shingles that were split by Pastor Fred Dillenger. The church is nestled in a quiet little valley surrounded by towering mountains. Clinging to the steep slopes of the mountains are tall fir, spruce, hemlock and many other species of evergreen.

Our Free Will Baptist church is the only active church among the several hundred residents of Rockport. The church has a great responsibility to the community in proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was surprised to learn that many people in these logging villages are "Tar Heels" who have moved from the mountains of western North Carolina.

August 14—I am challenged by the testimony of the six churches in our Northwest Association in their ability to work together even though they are small and separated by many miles of mountain terrain. While I was visiting in the northwest, the churches were joining hands in the ministry of a very successful youth camp. Approximately fifty-eight young people were challenged to commit their lives to God. The Northwestern Association is also supporting half of the salary of our new Church Extension workers, Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett, who are currently establishing a witness in the great metropolitan city of Seattle, Washington.

As I traveled through the great northwest, I wished that I could divide myself so I could minister for Christ in many of the cities, towns, and villages along the way. ■ ■



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS



Mr. and Mrs. Clevidence and their two children from Edwardsburg, Mich., receive a silver medallion for being the millionth visitors to see "Man in the Fifth Dimension," the evangelistic film shown at the Billy Graham Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. Making the presentation is Dan Piatt, pavilion director. Visitors at the pavilion totalled 5,000,000 from 135 nations. Many decisions for Christ were recorded as a result of the film. The sound track was in seven languages and nearly 50 countries were represented among those who made decisions.

Millionth Person Sees Film

NEW YORK, N.Y.—A month before the New York World's Fair closed in October, the millionth visitor to see the film, "Man in the Fifth Dimension," was recorded at the Billy Graham Pavilion.

A silver souvenir medallion marking the visit was presented to Neil Clevidence, Edwardsburg, Michigan, by Robert Moses, World's Fair president, and pavilion director Dan Piatt. Mr. Clevidence, who is national sales manager for Reese Products, Inc., Elkhart, Indiana, was visiting the fair with his wife and two children.

The film, a 70 mm, Todd-AO presentation which features a message by Graham, was shown 12 times a day, seven days a week, during the two years of the fair. The sound track was in Russian, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, Spanish, and English and could be heard through a "United Nations-type" multi-language system.

Several thousand people from nearly

50 countries responded to the invitation to receive Christ given at the close of each showing. Approximately 500 people from New York area churches—some of them converts of the 1957 crusade in Madison Square Garden and others from the 1961 Spanish-American crusade—served as volunteer counselors.

Graham To London

LONDON, ENGLAND—After an absence of 12 years, Evangelist Billy Graham has scheduled a major crusade here for June, 1966. His last crusade here was held in 1954 in Harringay Arena. Attendance during the 12-week period was over two million.

The 1966 crusade will be held in Earls Court Arena which will seat 20,000, more than twice the capacity of Harringay. The indoor meetings running from June 1 to July 1 will be climaxed by a closing meeting in Wembley Stadium.

PTL In Viet Nam

SAIGON, VIET NAM (MNS)—The

Pocket Testament League has opened an operating base in this capital and plans are underway for the distribution of one million portions of Scripture in this beleaguered nation.

"Campaigns will be conducted among American Marines, Infantry, Air Force and Navy, the Vietnamese soldiers, the refugees from Viet Cong terror, and the civilian population," said Glenn Wagner, PTL foreign secretary announcing here the scope of the program. He said that two hundred thousand Vietnamese gospels has already been printed.

Religious Liberty Favored

ROME, ITALY (MNS)—In a preliminary test vote on the religious liberty question, the bishops at Vatican Council II overwhelmingly voted for a new doctrine of religious liberty. After extensive and heated debate on the Declaration on Religious Liberty, there were 1,997 votes for an open-ended motion in favor, and 224 against it.

The motion approved was as follows: "Whether the text on religious liberty is acceptable as a basis for the definite Declaration which will come after further amendment in the light of the Catholic Doctrine on the true religion and the amendments proposed by the Fathers in discussion, which will be subsequently approved according to the norms of Council procedure."

Research Fellowship Announced

PASADENA, CALIF. (MNS)—The School of World Mission and Institute of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary is offering several fellowships each year for research in Church Growth in amounts of \$1000, \$2000, and \$3000. Two are reserved for nationals.

Aid For Dominican Republic

OAK PARK, ILL. (MNS)—Forty-two tons of drugs and intravenous fluids left the United States during the second week of August, bound for the Dominican Republic in a demonstration of Americans working together to help their neighbors. The shipment was a part of the program of the Medical Assistance Program of the Christian Medical Society.

The two August shipments totaling 42 tons was a cooperative effort in which the drugs and fluids were donated by U.S. pharmaceutical firms, distributed by the Medical Assistance Program, and shipped by the U.S. Navy.

Prepare For Crusade

GREENVILLE, S.C.—Preparation for the Billy Graham Southern Piedmont Crusade began here with the dedication of crusade offices in late September. The crusade, scheduled for March 4-13, 1966, will be the only U.S. city in which the Graham Team will hold a crusade next year. Other crusades are scheduled for London, England, and Berlin, Germany.

THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID in Romans 13:7, "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." Some one may think that I am taking the verse somewhat out of context by using it to introduce this subject, but it appears to me that it will cover this subject also.

There is no doubt but what you have heard the statement, "The unsung hero." Sometime ago I was thinking about our total missionary effort and while doing so, "unsung missionary" came into my mind. Articles have been written about the foreign and home missionaries, the extension and area workers and lay missionaries, but not much has been said about the individual pastor who feels led of the Lord to leave all behind for a new work in a strange field.

Some years ago, while serving as chairman of the National Home Missions Board, I helped word a statement that was designed to encourage ministers to strike out on their own into the field that they were impressed with. It was evident that all who had applied at the time could not be sent. Letters of encouragement were sent to those that were not sent out by the Board, and as a result men began to step into the work on their own or maybe I should say "by faith alone."

In the years past, when the surge was

westward, many preachers moved into the new frontiers to establish new works without any support whatsoever. The early history of California Free Will Baptists would not be complete unless such a statement was made of the pioneer preachers, George McLain, Elza Yandell and others, who entered the work there. The same could be said of the first works in West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and other western states.

In recent years, however, there seemed to be a lull in the work as a whole. Words of encouragement were needed to get others to venture out by faith with missionary spirit. In time men became "unsung missionaries" on various fields. No mention is ever made of them and many serve unnoticed by the rank and file of our denomination. Time nor space would permit us to write about each one of them, but I will mention one with whom I am familiar, who is representative of this new breed of home missionaries.

Never In Idaho

Joe Grizzle, his wife, Billie and their baby, Ricky Joe, arrived in Idaho Saturday before Easter Sunday, 1965. Neither of them had ever been in Idaho before. The trip from Oklahoma to Idaho was across all new territory for them, and Idaho was a strange country. They had

left relatives and friends behind them, not knowing when they would be back. They had hardly enough money to make the trip and no promise of any upon their arrival. Well maybe I should mention that the Wendell Mission had set his salary at \$5.00 a week. Joe assumed pastorate of the Wendell Mission Easter Sunday morning.

The Wendell mission had been started by the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church about six weeks before. The group rented a former Assembly of God Church and parsonage, both of which are made of logs. It was planned at first that the Grizzles would live in the rugged, log cabin parsonage but was later decided that the parsonage was needed for classrooms, so a three-bedroom house was rented for them. The Mission didn't have much to offer except hard work in stronghold of Mormonism. Joe found a job and settled down to the big task of developing a small mission into a thriving church.

During the few months that the Grizzles have been in Wendell, Sunday School attendance has reached 35 and the worship service 43. A church has not been organized there yet, but plans are being laid for the organization. The mission is also planning to buy the three-bedroom house that his family now live in. Plans also call for the buying of the church property they now rent or another church building in Wendell. Joe has had a raise recently. The salary has been set at \$10.00 a week.

The Grizzles seem to be well settled and happy. Billie lost her father since coming to Idaho, but God has supplied sufficient grace. She is still happy knowing that she is in God's will here in Idaho with Joe.

The Grizzles ask for no honor, and they have no halos, but certainly the work of such people should not go unnoticed or unmentioned.

A story could be written about W. L. Stanfield of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Joe Aragon of Grants, New Mexico, Milan Rubble of Toppenish, Washington, F. C. Zinn of Rupert, Idaho, Dugan McDonald of Surprise, Arizona and many others who went out, knowing only that God said, "This is My will for your life."

These may remain "the unsung missionaries" but such men are a vital part to our total missionary program. The next time you pray for our missions program, add these to your prayer list. Their names may never appear in a "missionary hymn of praise," but their names are written in the hearts of people they serve so faithfully. ■■



Grizzle

THE UNSUNG MISSIONARY

by Wade Jernigan

STATE	Percentage of POPULATION WHO ARE CHURCH MEMBERS	CAPITOL CITY	F.W.B. CHURCH OR CHURCHES IN CAPITOL	POPULATION 1960 CENSUS
Alabama	30-44%	Montgomery	yes*	133,546
Alaska		Juneau	yes*	5,956
Arizona	60-74%	Phoenix	yes	434,277
Arkansas	30-44%	Little Rock	yes	105,737
California	30-44%	Sacramento	yes	190,273
Colorado	30-45%	Denver	yes*	490,969
Connecticut	75%-	New Haven	yes	149,501
Delaware	45-60%	Dover	no	6,223
Florida	30-45%	Tallahassee	yes	47,995
Georgia	30-45%	Atlanta	yes*	484,825
Hawaii		Honolulu	Near*	290,030
Idaho	30-45%	Boise	no	34,378
Illinois	45-60%	Springfield	yes	83,001
Indiana	30-45%	Indianapolis	yes	469,037
Iowa	45-60%	Des Moines	no	207,823
Kansas	45-60%	Topeka	yes*	118,561
Kentucky	30-45%	Frankfort	no	11,916
Louisiana	45-60%	Baton Rouge	no	151,506
Maine	30-45%	Augusta	no	20,913
Maryland	45-60%	Annapolis	no	10,047
Massachusetts	75%-	Boston	no	682,303
Michigan	30-45%	Lansing	no	108,128
Minnesota	60-75%	Minneapolis	yes	477,884
Mississippi	30-45%	Jackson	no	143,962
Missouri	45-60%	Jefferson City	yes	28,064
Montana	45-60%	Helena	no	17,581
Nebraska	45-60%	Lincoln	yes*	127,799
Nevada	45-60%	Carson City	no	3,082
New Hampshire	45-60%	Concord	no	28,913
New Jersey	60-75%	Trenton	no	114,015

STATE	Percentage of POPULATION WHO ARE CHURCH MEMBERS	CAPITOL CITY	F.W.B. CHURCH OR CHURCHES IN CAPITOL	POPULATION 1960 CENSUS
New Mexico	30-45%	Sante Fe	no	34,351
New York	45-60%	Albany	no	128,011
North Carolina	30-45%	Raleigh	yes	93,117
North Dakota	60-75%	Bismark	no	18,640
Ohio	30-45%	Columbus	yes	468,660
Oklahoma	45-60%	Oklahoma City	yes	321,599
Oregon	(under 30%)	Portland	yes*	371,042
Pennsylvania	45-60%	Harrisburg	no	78,870
Rhode Island	75%	Providence	yes	206,352
South Carolina	30-45%	Columbia	yes	95,786
South Dakota	45-60%	Pierre	no	5,715
Tennessee	30-45%	Nashville	yes	167,357
Texas	45-60%	Austin	yes*	185,357
Utah	60-75%	Salt Lake City	no	188,693
Vermont	45-60%	Montpelier	no	8,599
Virginia	30-45%	Richmond	yes	218,486
Washington	30-45%	Olympia	no	15,819
West Virginia	30-45%	Charleston	yes	84,550
Wisconsin	60-75%	Madison	no	126,063
Wyoming	30-45%	Cheyenne	no	43,380
Washington, D. C.			yes*	

UNITED STATES TERRITORIES
WITHOUT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

American Samoa	20,040
Canal Zone	41,684
Guam	66,910
Puerto Rico	2,353,297
Virgin Islands	31,904

*Recent National Home Missions Project

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.

Can a trustee of the church be voted out of office by the church when he has done no ungodly act?

Yes indeed. It does not mean that you necessarily have done anything to have someone elected in your place. Don't let Satan use this to spoil your victory. There are plenty of other avenues of service in your church for Jesus and eternity.

I have been driven almost to distraction by a drinking husband. Should I divorce him?

No. Jesus said in Matthew 19:6 "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." I certainly sympathize with you but let me suggest that you ask the Lord to search your own heart, get thoroughly right with God yourself, filled with the spirit through a yielded and consecrated life, then live this life before your husband. At the same time intercede without ceasing to God on his behalf. Thank God, James 4:6 says, "But he giveth more grace."

Where in the Bible does it say that a sinner has to kneel and pray through to God to be saved? I can't find the scripture for this.

Neither can I. Praying through is for the Christian who has problems confronting him, temptations to overcome and habits of life to gain the mastery over. Sinners need only to pray from the heart, "God be merciful to me a sinner", and God delights in answering that prayer. Here are some verses for the sinner: Romans 10:9, 10, Acts 16:31, John 5:24, John 6:37. None of these say anything about praying through.

My father and mother are both dead. Do you think they can see me or know what I am doing? They were both Christians and went to heaven.

Hebrews 12:1 speaks of being "compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses." Whether this includes our loved ones who have died, I cannot answer. There are those who think it does. Luke 15:7 speaks of "joy" shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth." Does this include redeemed saints who have gone into the presence of the Lord? It may. We can only speculate. However, if they can see us, we may be sure that they see us through eyes of eternity and not as we see things.

I have been listening to a preacher who says that Christ was the first born or first-made of God and that Jesus was just a created being as any other of God's creations. Do you have a simple scripture to refute this?

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." (John 1:1-3). In John 14:9, Jesus told Philip ". . . He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." Still further evidence is found in John 10:30, "I and my Father are one."

IN THE VINEYARD

■ **Reford Wilson**, Director of Foreign Missions, will be in missionary conferences November 1-17 in California. He will be in Detroit, Michigan, November 20-21.

■ Director of Publications for Foreign Missions, **Jerry Ballard**, will be in a conference in Fort Worth, Texas, November 12-13. He will be in Mexico November 15-20 and in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania for an Evangelical Literature Overseas Convention, November 28-30.

■ **Rufus Coffey**, Director of Conference Ministries for Foreign Missions, will be in revival services at the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Wayne, Michigan November 1-7. He will attend the Alabama State Meeting, November 11-12; conference services November 13-14 in Springfield, Tennessee, and November 26-27 in Bonne Terre and Flat River, Missouri.

■ Executive Secretary, **Billy A. Melvin**, will be in Nashville, Tennessee for a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Association, November 9-10. He will be in New York, November 15-17 for a meeting of denominational representatives to the American Bible Society.

■ **Mark Vandivort**, Field Secretary for National Home Missions and Church Extension, will be attending the Northeast Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at Littleton, New Hampshire. He will be in the Urbana, Ohio area for services November 14-24.

■ General Director of National Home Missions and Church Extension, **Homer E. Willis**, will be on itinerary in Oklahoma November 1-7. He will attend the Alabama State Association, November 12-13; First Free Will Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama, November 14, and Tennessee State Association, Newport, Tennessee, November 17-18.

■ **Harrold Harrison**, Director of Teacher Training for Sunday School Department, will attend the Florida State meeting November 3-5 at Auburndale, Florida. He will conduct Sunday School Institutes at Portsmouth, Virginia, November 8-12, Norfolk Virginia, November 15-19, and Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, November 29-December 3.

■ Director of Church Training Service, **Samuel Johnson**, will be in Auburndale, Florida, November 3-5 for the Florida State Association. He will be in Dothan, Alabama, for the Alabama State Association, November 10-13.

1965 COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

September, 1965

COOPERATIVE GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES . . .

	September 1965	Year to Date	Total to Sept., 1964	Designated Sept., 1965
Alabama	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,070.26	\$ 881.31	\$
Arizona	368.12	855.72	340.17	
Arkansas	357.35	2,797.31	3,012.92	
California	720.76	5,680.35	6,090.09	
Florida		1,463.84	853.05	
Georgia		1,626.99	1,829.99	
Idaho	67.43	338.77		
Illinois	746.04	4,458.80	4,841.41	
Indiana		226.60	237.98	
Kansas		1,077.85	1,700.04	
Kentucky		675.95	655.15	58.70
Michigan		600.00		
Mississippi		119.00	20.95	
Missouri	1,044.51	10,450.61	8,969.66	
New Hampshire		151.57	240.49	
New Mexico	16.94	174.66	265.00	
North Carolina	257.60	1,349.34	1,847.35	
Ohio	396.60	2,047.92	998.20	18.40
Oklahoma	1,101.56	9,907.92	10,446.12	
South Carolina		6.84		
Tennessee	294.95	3,000.64	4,025.52	
Texas	353.14	2,280.74	2,111.48	
Virginia	34.72	1,305.09	2,513.74	
Washington		137.21	92.00	

. . . MAKE POSSIBLE A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

	Cooperative September 1965	Receipts Year to Date	Designated September 1965	Year to Date	Total Receipts to Date
Foreign Missions	\$1,677.11	\$15,042.38	\$	\$ 36.25	\$15,078.63
F.W.B. Bible College	1,214.46	10,919.01			10,919.01
Executive Department	1,156.62	10,399.04	50.00	50.00	10,449.04
Home Missions	906.90	8,164.24	18.40	155.02	8,319.26
Church Training Service	578.31	5,199.51	2.90	2.90	5,202.41
Superannuation Board	173.49	1,559.88	2.90	2.90	1,562.78
Stewardship Commission	57.83	519.92	2.90	2.90	522.82
Headquarters Building Fund				343.66	343.66

GEMS

FROM THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

IT MAY NOT COME AS exactly an earth-shattering revelation, but at least it is of interest to know that something happened to Zacharias in the temple that most of us probably never knew about.

The reader will recall from Luke's first chapter that Zacharias was in the temple (in the holy place, as seen in "Gems" in the August, 1965, issue of *Contact*), when an angel appeared to him informing him that his wife would give birth to a son, John the Baptist. Zacharias requested a "sign" (1:18), and the angel responded by declaring that he would "be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed" (1:20).

So, in verse 21, we simply read that "when he came out, he could not speak . . . (and) he beckoned unto them, and remained *speechless*." Later, after John was born, we read that "his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God" (verse 64). It is obvious, then, that Zacharias was stricken dumb and had to use sign language (as indicated by the "he beckoned") or write out what he would say (as in verse 63).

But most of us never are aware that Zacharias was also *deaf*! The Greek word translated "speechless" in verse 22 is *kophos*, and this word often—indeed usually—refers to one who is "deaf and dumb," that is, a *deaf mute*. A quick reference to other places in the New Testament where the word is used will confirm this: in Matthew 11:5, it is said that as a result of Jesus' ministry, "the deaf (*kophos*) hear"; the same statement occurs in Luke 7:22. Particularly interesting is the incident in Mark 7:32-36, where they brought to Jesus one who was "deaf" (*kophos*), and Jesus put his fingers in his ears and touched his tongue, so that "straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed."

Perhaps it is said to our shame, but we should have known that Zacharias was *both deaf and dumb* even without knowing that the Greek word might mean that. All it takes is a little careful reading of Luke's account, for we note in verse 62 that "they made signs to his father, how he would have him called." It is surely obvious that they would not have had to use sign language to speak to Zacharias unless he were also deaf. ■ ■



Bill and Glenda Fulcher and children are pictured with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Les Barks, and sister, Miss Geneva Barks, at their arrival at Lambert Field in St. Louis. The Fulchers will be in the states for one year on furlough. They have been ministering in Uruguay, South America.

Glancing Around The States

A royal reception awaited the Fulchers in the terminal at Lambert Field. They are shown with the group from the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church. Standing in the left of the picture is Rev. Clarence Burton, pastor of the Berkeley Church.



Anniversary Observed

WAIPAHU, HAWAII—The sixth anniversary of Free Will Baptist missions in Hawaii was observed recently with a near record attendance. Mrs. Sanders shared the testimony of how God had spoken to her and her husband, Rev. Luther Sanders, concerning mission work in Hawaii. Mrs. Sanders also reported that during the 6 year period, approximately 900 people have worshipped in the Waipahu Free Will Baptist Church.

A presentation of a beautiful painting was made to Mr. Sanders in appreciation for his faithful service in Hawaii. One of the members who had been saved in the church painted and presented the picture. Rev. Mark Vandivort, Field Secretary for the National Home Mission Board shared in the service.

Accepts Pastorate

TARBORO, N.C.—Rev. J. W. Long, Jr., a native of Morehead City, North Carolina has accepted the pastorate of the Joy Free Will Baptist Church here. Mr. Long is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and before coming to Tarboro pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church in Morehead City, North Carolina. He is married to the former Mary Lou Davis and they have four children.

Mr. Long can be heard on radio station WCPS here twice each week and on a weekly program in Morehead City.

Commission Requests Donations

GREENVILLE, N.C.—Authorized to raise \$250.00 for the purpose of preparing papers on current theological trends, the Commission of Theological Liberalism of the National Association requests that interested churches and individuals contribute to this effort. According to commission member Bobby Jackson, some have already responded with a gift.

All contributions should be sent directly to the treasurer of the commission Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Oklahoma Bible College, 2709 S.W. 33rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Early response is urged so that plans might be made for the year.

Minister Dies

BIG STONE GAP, VA.—The Reverend W. B. Galloway, for 42 years an outstanding minister in Southwest Virginia, has gone to be with the Lord. At the time of his death he was pastor of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church and chairman of the Executive Board of the Southwest Virginia Free Will Baptist Association. He was also serving as President of the Big Stone Gap Pastors Conference.

The ministry of Mr. Galloway has blessed hundreds of lives. Rev. Homer E. Willis conducted the funeral services.

Choir at National

NASHVILLE, TENN.—History will record for the National Association meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 11-14, 1966 an unusual chapter. Plans are underway to have the first National Youth Choir on the program. All details can be secured by writing to Ken Riggs, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37302.

Auxiliary Project

SAVANNAH, GA.—The South Georgia District Auxiliary Convention has adopted the project of purchasing a sewing machine for the Free Will Baptist Bible College. There are two girl's dormitories and this additional equipment would be a welcomed addition. Quotas have already been set for each church. Plans call for completion of the project by the first of November.

Invitations to Governors

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Invitations have gone to State Governors to participate in making 1966 "The Year of the Bible" in recognition of the 150th Anniversary of the American Bible Society. To date, over twenty Governors have replied affirmatively.

ABS Goals

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The goal of the American Bible Society, which will observe its 150th Anniversary in 1966, is (1) a Bible in every Christian home; (2) a Testament in every Christian's hand; (3) a Scripture Portion (such as the Easter or Christmas story) for every reader; (4) supplies of Scriptures for Christians to share—the entire program supported by voluntary gifts of more than 65 denominations.

Aid For Viet Nam

MONROVIA, CALIF.—Usually the mention of U.S. Air Force planes in connection with Viet Nam suggests the picture of bombers streaking through the skies, intent on destroying key military installations in North Viet Nam or Viet Cong strongholds in the south.

But not so in the case of a huge cargo plane which has just flown from Travis Air Force Base in California to the war-torn little country in Southeast Asia.

Its contents were not bombs or missiles or ammunition or other tools of war, but wheelchairs and crutches. The flight was a mission of mercy.

The 100 aluminum chairs and 1,000 pairs of special crutches were a gift to the people of Viet Nam through World Vision, Inc., missionary service organization headed by Dr. Bob Pierce and headquartered here.

The need for the wheelchairs and crutches was brought home to Dr. Pierce through his visits to the Cong Hoa Hos-



Pictured above are campers from the South Georgia Association. The camp was held at Waycross. When the final tally was taken there were 171 young people and 17 workers. Rev. George C. Lee served as evangelist and Rev. Henry Van Kluyve was camp director.

pital in Saigon, where 1900 badly wounded Vietnamese soldiers have been brought for treatment. The amputees are being released to civilian life without wheelchairs or crutches.

Dr. Pierce says, "I'm convinced that if Jesus Christ were to walk this earth again this is the kind of place where He would be . . . in the midst of need and heart-break and suffering. So we go to Viet Nam in His name to do what we can."

Appreciation Day

CARBONDALE, ILL.—October 3 marked the fourth annual Pastor's Appreciation Day for Rev. Loyd C. Sumner, pastor of Olivet Free Will Baptist Church here. Guests were present from several cities in southern Illinois. Rev. Edgar W. Warfield delivered a message entitled, "The Value of a Good Shepherd."

Youth Week

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The National Sunday School Association is sponsoring a National Youth Week from January 30 to February 6, 1966. Plenty of material

is available for this week of youth emphasis. Write the CTS Department, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

Rev. Francis Boyle, pastor of Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, El Sobrante, California is shown with three of the four boys he took to visit our mission work in Mexico. The group spent five days in Mexico. Standing left to right they are: Johnnie Young, Richard Kennedy, and David Williams. Glen Ham-mach is not pictured.





A group of students displaying copies of IMPACTO, spanish magazine published by the Foreign Mission Board.



Pictured above is the Good News Choir and its director Marrio Carreon. This choir makes regular appearances in the area.

A Pictorial Review of Free

by **Homer E. Willis**



Missionary Billows conducts a baptismal service in the Free Will Baptist Church in Monterrey.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1965 I arrived at the Monterrey Airport where I was met by Mr. and Mrs. Billows and a group of the students from the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute. This was my first visit to Mexico after four years. There was much to see since my last visit.

My first visit to Monterrey was to explore the possibilities of work in 1957. Brother and Mrs. Billows were appointed missionaries to this part of Mexico and arrived in November of 1958. Since their arrival, six churches have been organized and buildings built for each of them. In addition, four of the churches own their parsonages. The Bible Institute, called "Instituto de Oro", was begun in 1961. The property of the Institute contains seven buildings which are all debt free. The present Institute property is located on Highway 85 south of Monterrey, a distance of about 10 miles. At the present time there are 29 full-time students. Brother and Mrs. Billows live adjacent to the Institute.

David Cochran, from New York state, has been teaching in the Institute for the past two years. He teaches, music, voice, and other subjects. Mr. and Mrs. Billows and two nationals also teach in the Institute.

The Free Will Baptist churches are located in three states in the following cities: Monterrey, Rodriquez, Camaron, El Canelito, San Juan, and Altimira. In addition to the churches, there are several missions in operation and two prospective works in other parts of Monterrey are future possibilities.

Danny, the seven year old son of the Billows, is now in the second grade of school and the twin girls have passed their fifth birthday. Mrs. Billows is much improved in health after hospital treatment in Tulsa.

In the recent Associational meeting, there were approxi-



The student body gathered in front of the new library building. Mr. Dave Cochrane, instructor, is standing on the extreme right.



Pictured above are nine ministerial students. Seated in front is the son of Missionary Billows.

Will Baptist Work In Mexico

mately 250 in attendance with 19 visitors from the States. Food was provided by the local churches. The meals consisted of fried beans, tortillos, macorni, with goat meat once a day. For a beverage Double Cola (the local company donated 50 cases) was served. All the American visitors were entertained in the home of Brother and Mrs. Billows. The Convention is a real time of fellowship and inspiration.

Mr. Billows states that it has been a real blessing to the school to be located out of the city. Since they are now in the country, they can have their own milk, eggs, and vegetables.

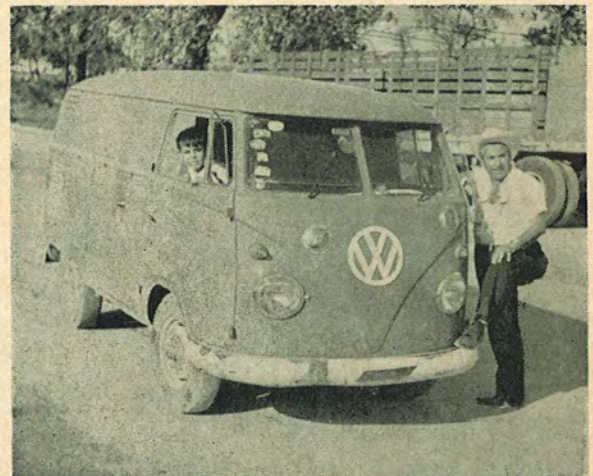
All of the students at the school are furnished meals, clothes, and books. The school term runs nine months. The average age of the students is 19 years. Their average education, according to state standards, would be about the third grade. There is one student in the school—of Spanish extraction—whose home is in Oklahoma. All of the other students are members of Free Will Baptist churches in Mexico.

Visitors are always welcomed at the school and to the churches in Mexico. However, those planning to visit should notify Brother Billows in advance. He will be glad to furnish directions and offer other helpful advice.

Books are desperately needed for the new library for the school and books printed in Spanish can be mailed in duty free. For instructions concerning all other packages, please write directly to the Billows.

After visiting the work and the people, I would ask your interest in prayer for the students, the teachers, our national pastors, and the director and his family.

Praise items include debt free school property, much better health for Mrs. Billows, and continued growth in the work.



Missionary Arthur Billows and son Danny pictured with the Volkswagen used to transport students.

news flashes: home missions

Direct reports from home mission fields

OHIO

Rev. and Mrs. Thurmon Murphy have started a new work in Youngstown, Ohio. They are presently trying to locate a suitable place to hold services. Free Will Baptists in the area can contact them at 606 W. Princeton, Youngstown, Ohio.

SALINA, KANSAS

The church in Salina, Kansas, where Rev. Richard Shade is pastor, has just completed a new building and have moved in. They also recently purchased a parsonage.

MEXICO

The convention in September was very good and well represented. Six churches were represented from 3 states in Mexico. Approximately 250 attended included 19 from the United States. The convention met at the school and had their meals there with each church donating food. Rev. Joe Haas, pastor in Tulsa, Oklahoma, appeared on the program along with native pastors and Rev. Arthur Bil-lows.

The Library which was built by the youth of Tulsa, Oklahoma is in need of books. All books sent must be in SPANISH.

PORTLAND, OREGON

The Postlewaites have moved to Portland and work is progressing. They voted to purchase land on which to build a church. The group recently recorded \$78 a month missions faith pledges.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Plunkett have recently started services in Seattle. They can be contacted at 9220 37th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of

Washington, D. C. has recently called Rev. Joe Hurst as pastor. Mr. Hurst formerly pastored in East Wenatchee, Washington.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Rev. Harvey Henderson reports a good start in the Texas capitol. This ministry is sponsored by the Texas State Association under the supervision of National Home Missions.

ALASKA

On August 29th a wash tub offering of approximately \$200 for Home and Foreign Missions and Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by the Anchorage Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Johnson challenged the church to put their coins, checks and bills in the wash tub at the close of a revival conducted by Rev. Mark Vandivort.

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

The month of August was anniversary month for the First Free Will Baptist Church in Montgomery. A parsonage has been purchased and property for a church building. The present membership stands at 27 with an average of 30 for the morning worship services.

Plans call for construction of the first unit of the church building to begin by January, 1966. An architect has been secured to draw plans for the educational building. Rev. E. B. Ledlow is the pastor.

HOME MISSIONS OFFICE

America's interest in churchgoing continued to decline in 1964, after a peak year in 1958.

Forty-five per cent of the adult civilian population attended church in a typical week this year. Last year, the comparable figure was 46 per cent.

Peak years in church attendance came in 1955 and 1958, when 49 per cent attended in typical periods. Since 1959,

there has been a general trend downward.

Translating today's figure into millions of adults indicates that approximately 49,500,000 persons attended church weekly, on the average, during 1964. The comparable figure for 1963 was 50,100,000, based on an adult civilian population of approximately a million less than last year.

Following are the highlights of the Gallup Poll's annual audit of churchgoing in the U.S., gathered by the Gallup Poll through nationwide surveys at seven periods of the year:

Catholics were more faithful in their churchgoing than were Protestants.

Residents of the New England states—where the greatest proportion of Catholics live—scored highest in church attendance.

Contrary to what is probably a popular notion, persons with college training were more faithful in their attendance during this last year than were those with less formal education.

Negroes attended church in as great a proportion as did white people. It should be borne in mind, however, that Catholics—who are overwhelmingly of the white race—contribute largely to the figure recorded for white persons.

Persons in the white-collar occupation group were the best attenders. Manual workers had the poorest record.

Fewer young adults went to church during a typical week than was the case with older persons.

Persons with incomes of \$5,000 or more had a better attendance record than did those with smaller incomes.

In 1964, as in previous years, women were more faithful in attendance than were men.

Because no organization makes a nationwide check of churchgoing, the Gallup Poll annually has lent its fact-finding agency for this purpose.

Gospel Witness In The North East

by Brenda H. Evans

RECENTLY I VISITED a small church out in the country. It stood on a lovely ridge accented by trees and granite boulders, overlooking nearby fields and farmhouses. The building itself was drab and weather-worn. Even the sign nailed to the front of the building was faded so that some of the words were hardly distinguishable.

Inside, the walls were a dull grayish brown, occasionally dotted by a tall window. There were short, hard pews, long-handled offering plates, a roughly finished pulpit, an old pump organ, and out-of-tune piano.

Outside again, I reread the hardly readable sign—"The First Free Will Baptist Church . . . Founded by Elder Benjamin Randall . . . June 30, 1780 . . . New Durham, New Hampshire".

This particular building which I visited was erected in 1819. The original build-

ing in which Randall preached, and which was built in the 1780's, is located a few miles away.

It was from this humble, but Spirit-filled, beginning that the Free Will Baptist work in New England began. About one hundred years later New England Free Will Baptists were a thriving, missionary-minded, educated group. Then the merger of 1911 came!

Today New England is practically desolate of Free Will Baptist work. About a decade ago interest in New England was revived, and there are now four Free Will Baptist churches in the area. Three years ago my husband was called as pastor of the Littleton Free Will Baptist Church, Littleton, New Hampshire. God placed us in the field that almost two centuries before had been stirred by the ministry of Benjamin Randall.

We found New England magnificently

rich in history and beauty, but desolate in Spirit. Except for the few scattered evangelical churches, this desert of souls is spiritually depleted. This is particularly true of northern New Hampshire, our area of work. For instance, our own church (Littleton Free Will Baptist Church) has drawn in about one per cent of our town's population. This is the case in dozens of towns: if there is an evangelical work in that town, it is often small or relatively unsuccessful. An example is a town of about 20,000 people with only *one* evangelical church—and that church is on the verge of closing its doors.

But the story of New England isn't just a picture of grim defeat; it is a story of glorious victory, too.

For instance, since my husband and I came to Littleton three years ago, we have seen many people, both adults and children, accept Jesus as Saviour. Just as significant, we feel, is the growth in love for Christ and concern for the lost which some of our church folk are experiencing.

Our plan is for consistent visitation, Bible club, regular youth activity, plus the regular church program. These will pay rich dividends, for we are planting the seed, and *God will give the increase!*

The Gospel witness in all of New Hampshire is on the move. A state-wide evangelical ministers' conference is in the embryo stage. Area Bible conferences and youth rallies are popular. In short, Christians in New Hampshire aren't sitting down, watching a lost world float by. They are on the move for Christ!

The Northeastern Association of Free Will Baptists, which covers New Hampshire, Maine, and New Brunswick, Canada, is more active than it has ever been. The Association has discussed plans for the future which could result in great strides forward in youth emphasis, and which will knit the five churches of the Association more closely together.

As we left the little church, I called my husband's attention to the huge layers of granite rock that peeked above ground here and there in the churchyard—remarking how weathered and yet immovable they appeared. The knoll upon which the church sits is literally a layer of granite rock.

My mind sped back to the conversation between Jesus and Peter in Matthew 16. Jesus assured Peter that ". . . upon this rock (Himself) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Today Free Will Baptists in New England are claiming this promise of triumph. As individuals establish their lives upon the Rock Christ Jesus, that sure, time-tested Foundation, victory over Satan will be gloriously won. ■■

IT IS DIFFICULT TO GO back five years to give you my first impression of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Anchorage, Alaska. Now I am sorry I passed such a hard judgment on the church. I remember looking at a hymn book and thinking to myself, "Oh, no, what have I gotten myself into now?" I had never heard of Free Will Baptists before. Something attracted me to this church. Besides, I had to keep peace with my new schoolmate, Claudia Young, and visit her church. I kept my first feelings about her church to myself.

Mrs. Whaley caught my attention, and the first Sunday I was there I began to like her although we only spoke briefly. In later months I had the opportunity to listen to her explain the Scriptures to young people. Although I listened to her, I did not understand quite yet what she meant. I refrained from asking questions as I reasoned with myself that I would only embarrass myself before strangers.

Concerning my faith in the Lord, I will testify of this one thing: to have the evidence of faith is wonderful. I sincerely feel that all handicapped people should have a faith based upon the living Word of God. It is a joy to be anchored in Christ Jesus. "It is written man shall not live by bread alone. . . ." We cannot live without faith in God and ourselves. When faith is used in the right manner, it can be a wonderful thing to have. It can knit a life together with hope, peace, and joy in the Lord. Many things happen because of faith in God.

For the benefit of my readers, I will attempt to give some facts about my handicap, cerebral palsy. Cerebral Palsy is caused when a blow is administered to any area of the brain, or it can happen

before, during, or after birth. It can also be caused by lack of oxygen after birth (as in my case). Cerebral palsy creates the inability to hold a glass, to write, to speak in a manner that can be understandable by other people, and to walk as others do. There are three types of Cerebral palsy; spastic, athetoid, ataxic. They classified me as an athetoid.

Perhaps some of my readers would like to hear about my academic training and my therapy. Because of my handicap, it has been quite difficult to progress since public schools were not equipped to handle me very well. I was placed under the special education system which was for handicaps other than physical. Then they tried to put me in junior high school under the same system, but this failed as the study periods were too short for me to do my lessons.

This past school year was set up to meet my special needs. My sister, Maxine, who works for the Department, (Government) found that there were funds to pay for my therapy and for a private tutor in a multi-handicapped class for younger children. The reason I was placed in the class was that it was set up for children who needed special aids and more individual help than they could get in a regular classroom for special education. I, too, needed special equipment to make it less difficult for me in the classroom. I have a special desk that was made for me. It is an office chair with a tray fastened to it.

In school I had lessons in penmanship and other standard lessons. I was the oldest pupil in the class and all the other children seemed to like me. One little boy kept saying he was going to be just like me when he grew up. I made it a

point to be a good student in hopes they would be good too. There were very few dull days. All my written lessons had to be done at home on my typewriter. In the afternoons I had a private tutor who filled in with subjects on a higher academic level since my regular teacher was very busy with ten little children all day. My lessons with my tutor consisted of science, arithmetic, history, geography, and English. These lessons had to be typed once and sometimes had to be copied over before classes the next day. I really had to burn the midnight oil. At times I would get up early in the morning to finish my homework. It was wonderful to know that my efforts were not in vain, for I know that the Lord was pleased with me for doing my best for Him.

During the mornings I would have my physical therapy which consisted of many things. The things I do in therapy are to strengthen me and teach me co-ordination. It is like a gym in public school except for the special equipment. Each day the therapist would plan a program. Perhaps one day I might work on the pulleys for my arms, or climb the steps. On a sunny day we would go outside to ride a large tricycle which was made especially for handicapped people.

I also receive speech therapy. Speech therapy is very important. I try to learn to say words correctly that people may understand me clearly. I also learn to substitute sounds. To my readers this may seem strange, but I will try every trick there is to communicate with others. It is a new thought in speech technique to get a person to say a different sound that is almost alike. Speech therapy is very slow, so I have to think of other ways to talk too. In the class room I use a pencil and paper to write out part of a sentence if my teachers do not understand me. In public, I have to concentrate on what I am saying and spell the words gradually if I am not getting through to them. Typewritten notes are an old stand by. I use them often to ask questions and to seek counsel.

Pastor Johnson and I have the best system yet, whereby we discuss things with less difficulty for both of us. He made blocks of plastic with the alphabet on them and fastened them together on a clip board. I can point to letters to spell words. This is only used in long and difficult conversations. Other times he makes me work for what I want to say!

During the past few weeks I have started occupational therapy. This is for the training of daily skills such as dressing, combing one's hair, and feeding oneself. Small children benefit from this type of program. We older ones enjoy doing handiwork that is gauged to our own abilities. I am making a braided

HANDICAPPED BUT HAPPY

by Carolyn Martin

A victim of cerebral palsy, Carolyn Martin found faith in Christ to be the answer to her needs as Free Will Baptists gave witness to the transforming power of Christ in Anchorage, Alaska.

rug for a friend. The rug was started months ago in physical therapy. Since I had already begun this project, we just transferred it to this department. My therapist and I were not satisfied with my braiding. The first day of occupational therapy we sat and unbraided four months of work. As I sat there, I thought about what Pastor Johnson had said in his sermon that we have to work for what we get. Also nothing is free, that is, nothing worthwhile is free.

I am very thankful for my friends who have stood by me as pillars of stone. They have encouraged me greatly. One thing I am thankful for is that they do not pity me. This is one thing I can do without very nicely. Even when I ask for help in taking off my heavy coat or to button my sweater, they do it as a matter of routine. They do not think anything of it. My Sunday school teachers, both in the past and in the present, made very few allowances for me; for this I am very grateful, and for their concern for me. They expect me to read my share of the Bible lessons and take my turn in saying prayers. It has helped me greatly in overcoming embarrassment and fear of not being understood.

I am thankful for dedicated people such as Mrs. Trout who teaches our young people's class. I am also thankful for Mr. and Mrs. Golding who left us to go into full-time Christian service for our Lord. Their testimony inspired all of us. There are many others whose faith has inspired me to keep working for great things.

The cold winters and short summers are very difficult for the missionaries who come up from the south to minister to us. It is only that they are concerned for us that they leave their homes to come and preach the Gospel in the Far North. I speak for our three churches in the 49th state. To get out of bed only to put one's feet on the cold floor takes much courage when at home they could get up to a warm sunny morning in the south. As I used to hear Mrs. Whaley say, it was worth it all to help one person know the Lord. Please uphold these wonderful people in prayer.

The words of my favorite hymn express my feeling. "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." If God is on our side, the storms of life cannot shatter this vessel. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Although some people argue this point, I still cling to it: it is the will of the Father for me to be handicapped and to achieve my goals at a very high price. "Only one life 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last." ■■

FLASH! FLASH!

It has been drawn to the attention of the national CTS office that the present age requirements for the contestants entering the competitive program would in most cases disqualify the older members in each group. In order that Adventurers, Heralds, and Crusaders may participate fully in all activities provided, the following stipulations supercede any age qualifications previously stated.

ADVENTURES FOR CHRIST

Any boy or girl who was in public school grade four, five, or six during the year immediately preceding the national youth rally may participate in all activities provided for Adventurers during the national meeting.

Competitive activities for Adventurers include Sword Drill, declamation, and essay contests.

HERALDS FOR CHRIST

Any boy or girl who was in public school grade seven, eight, or nine during the year immediately preceding the national youth rally may participate in all activities provided for Heralds during the national meeting.

Competitive activities for Heralds include Bible tic tac toe, declamation, and essay contests.

CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

Any boy or girl who was in public school grade ten, eleven, or twelve during the year immediately preceding the national youth rally may participate in all activities provided for Crusaders during the national meeting.

Competitive activities for Crusaders include Bible Bowl, declamation, and essay contests.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Each district and state organization should make sure that each contestant meets all qualifications at each level of competition. Any situation which is not clearly covered by existing regulations should be referred to the national CTS office for study and recommendation.

VISITATION IN OUR CHURCH

by Randy Cox



Mrs. R. C. Rector, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department (l. to r.) and Mrs. Sonny Burns, a Cradle Roll Visitor discuss the department benefits with Mrs. Wanda Crossley and daughter Greta.

AND IN EVERY HOUSE, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ". EVERY Sunday this verse appears in the bulletin at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi. With it also appears an appropriate cartoon to call the Christian's attention to his PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY in visitation.

Many books have been written on the subject of church visitation. Each sets forth methods and means for the beginning of a visitation ministry in the local church. The various authors of these books do not always agree on the organization or perpetuation of such a ministry but EACH one does agree on the scriptural importance of such a ministry.

There are some things that should be generally true in every church regarding the matter of evangelizing her "Jerusalem". (1) The saved should like to see people making decisions for Christ at the church of which they are a part. This should be desired as a regular occurrence and not just a spasmodic thing. (2) The local church should desire to conserve and disciple those who trust Christ and become members. Now if decisions for Christ are to be a regular occurrence at your church and those converts joining your church are to be disciplined, there must be a continuing visitation ministry maintained by your church.

Methods used for organized church visitation will differ according to the locality of the church. HOWEVER, we must realize that the commission to "be witnesses unto ME . . .", given by Christ, does not change. The size, working habits, etc., of your "Jerusalem" must be considered before a visitation ministry is initiated in your church. BLESSED is the preacher who learns this lesson early in his ministry. Metropolitan methods seldom result in more than frustration when clamped upon the small city, town or rural church.

A further step in the right direction is made by the preacher and the church when BOTH realize that the preacher cannot do it all. This may give a lazy preacher a loophole through which to jump but it will give the conscientious PASTOR a more effective ministry. The average Free Will Baptist layman often likes to salve his own conscience by blaming his laziness on a pastor who is about run to death. Then, when things slow up at church and the case is built, they ship the tired preacher and get them another one to wear out.

Another vital lesson to learn about church visitation can be connected with an old saying, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket". Too often the church visitation ministry only has one channel of operation. If this fails the visitation ministry dies, and the taste of such failure tends to cause the average church member to look with skepticism upon a resurrection. It is most desirable if the church visitation ministry can operate on more than one front.



Bob and Wanda Breedlove (couple in center) participating in the church-wide section of the visitation program.



Mr. and Mrs. James Price, (l. to r.) and son Gregory are shown receiving an assignment card from Mrs. Cliff Jones, clerk of First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi.

We have sought at First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi to develop a visitation ministry with the before mentioned things in mind. We have a central card file of 5 x 8 cards. On these cards are placed the names and addresses of individuals who have responded to an invitation to be a witness for Christ. Included in this file is a card for each Deacon. A record is kept on these cards by the church clerk as to the number of visits made by each person.

The first section of our visitation ministry concerns the Deacons. The resident membership of the church is divided equally among the Deacons. This is their primary visitation responsibility. You might be pleasantly surprised at what this visitation will do for your church attendance as the Deacons faithfully observe a visitation schedule.

Church-Wide Section

The second section of our visitation ministry is called the Church-wide section. Those individuals who have responded to an invitation to be a witness for Christ make up this section. For this area of visitation we maintain a dual alphabetical card file of 3 x 5 cards under three (3) headings; Prospects, Prospect Visitors and Members. The cards on the assignment side of this file are all white. The other side of duplicate cards are set up in a color code which tells us how successful our visitation ministry is. When a person takes an assignment card the date and name of the person he is visiting is placed on his 5 x 8 card. There is a third column on the 5 x 8 card marked "Date Returned", which is marked when the assignment card is returned.

The Church-wide section of our visitation ministry is a voluntary system. The church clerk assigns, and receives, visitation assignment cards each Wednesday evening after prayer meeting. Our Deacons participate in this section of visitation too when their membership schedule of visits are current.

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Pictured above are Deacon and Mrs. Johnnie Frye making a call at a church member's house.



Rev. Randy Cox, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi is shown going through the visitation prospect file in his study.

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Visitation In Our Church

(Continued from page 21)

A Cradle Roll Department composes the third section of our visitation ministry. Our total visitation ministry is a little over one (1) year old. This particular section is only one (1) year old. At present, there are forty-five (45) babies enrolled. We have ten (10) workers in this department alone. The department is set up in accordance with the Scripture Press manual on a Cradle Roll Department, and their literature is used. This literature is available through our Sunday School Department. This is a much neglected area of work among Free Will Baptist Churches. This department, staffed and maintained by some of the BEST workers in your church, offers each church an open door into the homes and hearts of new parents.

Most churches experience a "summer slump". Each pastor wrestles with this problem or just learns to live with it. I do not have a "sure cure" for this problem but I would like to offer an observation. I believe a strong Cradle Roll ministry undergirding the entire Sunday School program will greatly overcome the "summer slump". In June, July and August of 1964 our Sunday School averaged 164. During the same months this year our average was 209. This is an increase of 45 and there was only *one* Sunday in these three (3) months that Sunday School attendance dropped below 200.

We are seeking to reach our "Jerusalem" with a three (3) front attack: (1) Deacon's visitation—visiting the membership (you cannot disciple them unless you keep them); (2) Church-wide visitation—visiting prospects and prospect visitors; (3) Cradle Roll visitation—visiting homes in our church family where there are new arrivals and homes of unchurched families who have new arrivals.

God has blessed this method at our church. This success can be attributed to many favorable things. Among these is the fact that the Deacon Board of our church unanimously approved their section of the ministry FIRST. Then the church adopted the Church-wide and Cradle Roll ministries along with some set regulations.

Records Kept

A monthly record is kept of the number of visits made in each area of the visitation ministry. Added to this is the number of calls the pastor makes. This report is read to the church each month, section by section, and then the total number of visits are given. This shows who is lagging on the job. This past year (64-65) we had fifty-six (56) additions to our church. A check of the GREEN cards in the membership section of our card file revealed that twenty (20) of these came solely through the visitation ministry. Ten (10) of the remaining thirty-six (36) were visited through this ministry before coming into our church. This means that over one-half the people won at our church during 64-65 would NOT have been had there been no visitation ministry. VISITATION PAYS.

Someone may ask, "Where do you get all your prospects?" There are many sources: city new-comer lists available to merchants, couples having children enrolled in the Cradle Roll Department, birth announcements in the newspaper, visitors at church or Sunday School who fill out cards, those known by your church members, watch moving vans unloading furniture at homes, light and water company meter lists, etc. I am sure there are many other ways to obtain the names of prospects.

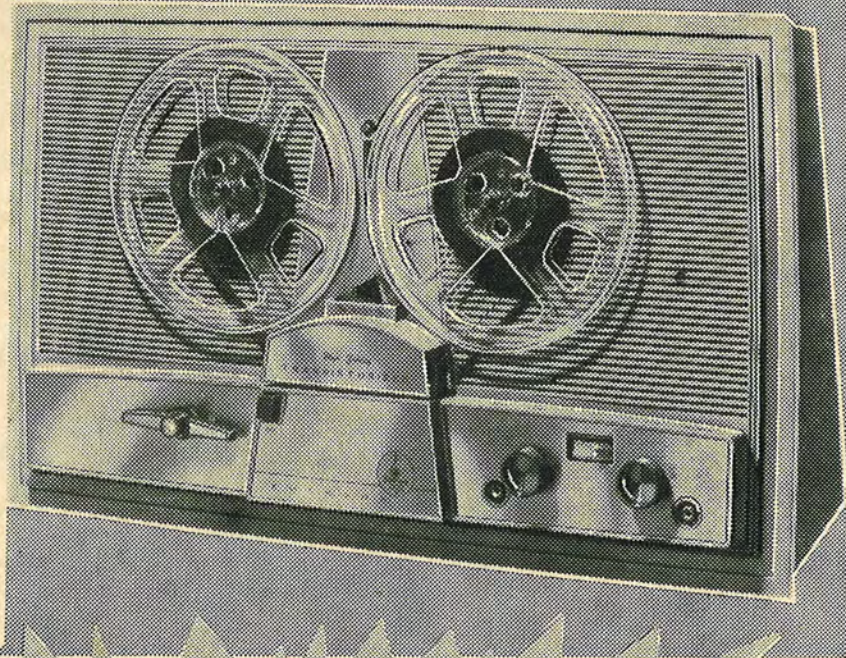
This plan is not guaranteed to do the job at your church. However, there are two (2) things I can say about it: (1) It has some merits worthy of consideration; (2) It is working at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi. ■■

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Planning A Year's Program

BY CLATE A. RISLEY

LET'S TAKE a look at the year ahead. There are 4 quarters and 4 seasons. There are 52 Sundays, 365 days and 8,760 hours. What you accomplish this next year will depend largely on what you plan to accomplish. Planning is the forerunner of preparation and proper preparation is certainly a close relative of efficiency.

Immediately we ask who is responsible for planning? The more inclusive the list the more responsive the cooperation. A common weakness of pastors and superintendents is to take too few into their confidence in planning and then wonder why their own plans don't receive more enthusiastic approval. People enjoy helping to "put over" what they have helped plan.

Key planners for the Sunday school should be the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent and the board of Christian Education. These must in turn consider and council with the department superintendents and teachers who will in turn seek to gain the interest of the classes and ultimately the whole church.

There is no easy answer to effective planning. It takes a lot of time and energy. More time and labor than some may be willing to spend.

We cannot plan wisely until we know our needs. This means surveying the present school. I think this is what Marion Lawrence meant when he said every superintendent should have two schools in mind—the one he has and the one he wants to have. We can only plan the future well as we interpret the past accurately.

BASIC QUESTIONS

Here are some basic questions to help you. Opposite each answer consider the coming year's goal.

How many enrolled in Sunday school?

What per cent gain has there been in the last 12 months?

How many in each department?

What is per cent gain in each department?

Which department has made greatest gains? Why?

Which department has made least gains? Why?

Arrange departments and even classes according to per cent gain.

How many teachers and workers in each department?

How many rooms? How many classes?

What was the average attendance for the year?

Compare a year ago? Two years ago, etc?

How many have affiliated with church through the Sunday school? Last year? Last 5 years?

Chart some of the above for the school and for the departments and show illustrations to faculty, Sunday school and church. Use these facts and figures in church bulletin.

RATE YOUR TEACHERS

Have teachers made effort to win pupils to Christ?

How many teachers meetings last 12 months?

What per cent of teachers have attended?

Have these meetings been profitable?

What teacher training efforts have been carried out.

Do teachers come on time? Regularly?

RATE YOUR SCHOOL

Do pupils come on time? Rate departments?

What efforts have been made to contact absentees and follow up visitors?

Has there been a planned program to see that strangers and new comers were made to feel welcome and at home?

What calibre of opening assemblies have there been in each department?

Excellent___ Good___ Fair___ Poor___ Why?

Are assignments given? Why or why not? Do students study Sunday school lessons?

Are Bibles brought to Sunday school? Are they used?

What is the per capita offering of the Sunday school?

RATE YOUR CHURCH

What per cent of church membership attend Sunday school?

Do the officers of the church take an active interest in Sunday school?

Do Sunday school teachers and pupils attend church and junior church?

It is impossible to plan a year without taking into consideration special days. These days give us an excellent opportunity to publicize particular events. Notice should be given to at least two special weeks—National Family Week and National Sunday School Week sponsored by the N.S.S.A.

It is wise in your planning to pay attention to missionary emphasis, stewardship and temperance teaching.

CLATE RISLEY is director of the Christian Education department of the World Evangelical Fellowship.

INSPIRATION . . .

Washington's Humility

A rider on horseback, many years ago, came across a squad of soldiers who were trying to move a heavy piece of timber. A corporal stood by, giving lordly orders to "heave." But the piece of timber was a trifle too heavy for the squad.

"Why don't you help them?" asked the quiet man on the horse, addressing the important corporal.

"Me! Why, I'm a corporal, sir!" Dismounting, the stranger carefully took his place with the soldiers.

"Now, all together, boys—heave!" he said. And the big piece of timber slid into place. The stranger mounted his horse and addressed the corporal.

"The next time you have a piece of timber for your men to handle, corporal, send for the commander-in-chief."

The horseman was George Washington.

Watchman-Examiner

Influence

I spoke a word
And no one heard;
I wrote a word,
And no one cared,
Or seemed to heed.
But after half a score of years
It blossomed in a fragrant deed.
Preachers and teachers all are we,
Sowers of seed unconsciously,
Our hearers are beyond our ken,
Yet all we give may come again
With usury of joy and pain;
We never know
To what one little word may grow.
See to it, then, that all your seeds
Be such as bring forth noble deeds.

John Oxenham

He Did Menial Work Too

Hsu Chu, a lad of eighteen from a wealthy Chinese family, came to a China Inland Mission hospital to train as a nurse. Elegantly and becomingly clothed, he was a model of Chinese nobility. A few days after he had begun training, the superintendent was called to deal with him. He had been asked to clean some shoes, and indignantly refused, saying he was a gentleman and a scholar and wouldn't do such menial work. The wise superintendent took the boots and cleaned them herself, while Hsu Chu looked sullenly on. Then leading the lad to the office, she asked him to read for her John's Gospel, chapter 13. When he came to verse 14, his face flushed, and his eyes filled with tears as he laid the Book down, and said, "May Jesus forgive me. He did menial work, too." And from that day, no one scrubbed floors, cleaned shoes, or any other humble task more joyfully than Hsu Chu, who followed in the footsteps of his divine Master.

Christian Herald

Who Is The Man?

A few years ago the principal of the English Mission College at Cairo, Egypt, received a letter from a Japanese Buddhist of the city whose children were attending his school. "Who is John three sixteen? My children are always talking about him?"

The principal sent a note back saying that "John three sixteen" was not a person but a verse out of a book.

He promptly received another letter from the man. "Can you supply me with a copy of the book?"

A copy was sent and although the man was then leaving Cairo, the principal soon received word that the father and all members of the family had become Christians.

Wesleyan Methodist

The Benefit of Laughter

An eminent surgeon says: "Encourage your child to be merry and to laugh aloud; a good, hearty laugh expands the chest and makes the blood bound merrily along. A good laugh will sound right through the house. It will not only do your child good, but will be a benefit to all who hear, and be an important means of driving the blues away from a dwelling. Merriment is very catching, and spreads in a remarkable manner, few being able to resist the contagion. A hearty laugh is delightful harmony; indeed it is the best of music."

Gospel Herald

Act As Though We Knew It

If we knew but half the troubles
That our neighbor has to bear;
If we knew what caused those furrows
On his brow, and kept them there—
We should surely try to cheer him
In some kindly, helpful way,
And there'd be a lot more sunshine
In the lives of both, today.

If we knew whose feet were standing
Close beside the narrow stream;
If we knew whose eyes would close soon
In the sleep, that has no dream;
Then perhaps we'd be more tender.
Lighter judge, more kindly speak—
O, why not act as though we knew it—
For life's cords so quickly break!

Chester Shuler



THE
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**A SPIRITUAL
RETREAT IN GERMANY**

personally . . .

SINCE MANY OF YOU have had an interest in my recent trip to Germany where I was a speaker in the annual servicemen's retreat sponsored by the Chaplain's Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, I would like to share a brief report through this column.

The retreat was held in the General Walker Hotel at Berchtesgaden, an ideal situation for such an activity. Located in a rather secluded area, high on a mountain, it is surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery that I have ever seen. It was easy to have an awareness of the Creator who was responsible for it all.

Total attendance was near 300. The servicemen, some with their wives and families, came from as far away as England and Spain. Many rode trains all night in order to be present. I learned that it cost some of the men about two months' salary to be present for the week. No one seemed to mind, however. They were anxious for Christian fellowship. I met at least one Free Will Baptist who attended. (There may have been others.) He was from the Paintsville, Kentucky, area.

My specific responsibility was to speak each morning at eleven o'clock. In addition, I had the opportunity of speaking with many of the men during free times. They were anxious to discuss various problems relating to spiritual life and witness. Challenge in these areas was presented each morning through workshops characterized by practical instruction and sharing. Afternoons were open for recreation and sightseeing. In the evening an inspirational service was held. God blessed throughout the week with many decisions and rededications. My heart was stirred as I saw these servicemen return to their bases with a new determination to let their lives count for God.

Enroute to the retreat, it was my privilege to stop over in London, Paris, Geneva and Munich. I was met in Geneva by missionaries Archie and Sarah Mayhew and Dr. Ruby Griffin. From Geneva we went to Lausanne where the language school is located. Since it was Sunday, we barely had time for dinner before going into town to the Baptist church for services at three o'clock. This is the only Baptist church in the city and I had been invited to preach. I did so with the pastor translating my message into French.

After a period of fellowship at the church, we returned to the Mayhew apartment to visit and give the missionaries a chance to catch up on the news from back home. Our talk continued until the wee hours of the morning and was climaxed with a time of fellowship in prayer. As we sang together the hymn *Blessed Assurance*, it seemed that each of us were keenly aware of God's leading in our lives.

The Mayhews have now departed from Switzerland for the Ivory Coast. They left behind a host of friends and a faithful witness for Christ. We should pray for them as they take up their work in Africa and for Dr. Griffin as she remains in Switzerland to complete her language study.

Immediately following the retreat, my route home took me to Berlin for the week-end. I enjoyed a pleasant surprise when Stan Mooneyham arrived on the same week-end to take care of some responsibilities in connection with the World Congress on Evangelism to be held next year in Berlin. On Monday we were able to pass through Checkpoint Charlie and spend about two hours in East Berlin. To see the wall which separates East and West Berlin is an emotional experience. East Berlin, the communist section of the city, stands in sharp contrast to West Berlin which is one of the most rapidly developing cities in all of Europe. I heard several accounts of the difficulties faced by Christians living under communism in East Berlin. Their commitment to the Lord is not a cheap one. It cost them something to be identified as a believer.

From Berlin, I flew to Copenhagen, Denmark, and then home. I was gone a total of fifteen days. But these fifteen days have made a difference in my life. I do not think I could ever be the same. What I saw with my eyes, heard with my ears and felt in my heart were such that I returned home humbled before the Lord. Somehow I must learn to love Him more and serve Him more effectively. He has done so much for me and the needs of the world are so urgent.

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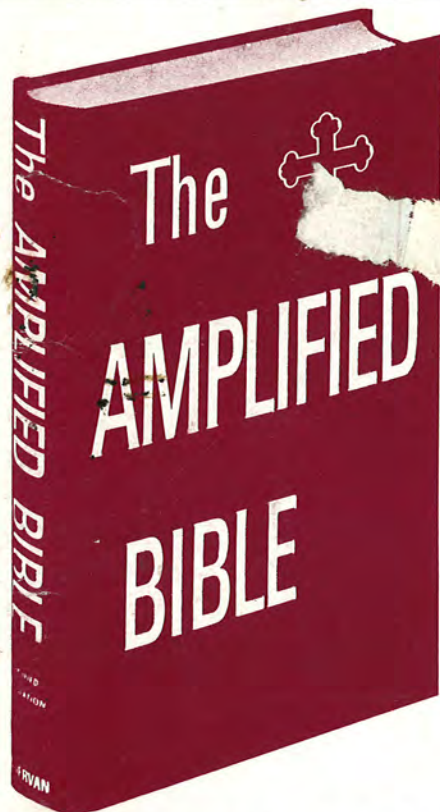
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