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DOES CHURCH EXTENSION PAY?

PROFIT IS a prime motivating factor in our materialistic society. Businessmen want to know if a particular venture is worthwhile. Their inquiry is, "Do the returns justify the investment?"

The same may be asked about what is spent in some phase of the Lord's work. For this reason we raise the question, "Does church extension pay?" We might just as logically ask, "Does it pay to pray?" An objective appraisal of both local and national church extension work reveals that we have reaped remarkable dividends.

Since our beginning, the story of Free Will Baptists has been one of church extension. Thousands of souls have been saved as pastors, laymen, and home missionaries moved into new territories to establish churches. In recent years churches have been planted in at least twenty states.

These flourishing young churches respond more readily to our denominational financial needs. Rev. Harry Beatty, executive secretary of Missouri, reports that a majority of the missions giving in his state comes from churches less than ten years old. The First Church of Florence, South Carolina was a district conference church extension project. In missionary giving alone, it has more than returned the proverbial one-hundred fold from the original investment. Thousands of dollars have also come from this one church for every phase of denominational work. This young church's stewardship example has been often repeated.

Each year many young people attend our Bible colleges from these churches who are products of church extension. Five students from the church in Hawaii are attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. Many of these students will become pastors or missionaries extending our witness at home and abroad. These ambassadors will win more souls who in turn will send more students to train for service. This continual cycle produces an endless chain of results.

Scholars tell us a free translation of Matthew 6:33 could read, "Seek ye first the *extension* of God's Kingdom . . . and all these things shall be added unto you." This is certainly in harmony with the Great Commission. A church with a vision beyond itself always seems to prosper. The rise of numerous new churches and the effectiveness of larger pastorates give strong testimony that both temporal and spiritual prosperity go hand in hand with active participation in church extension projects.

The biggest reason so few become involved in church extension is the high cost. We agree that it does cost. Church extension does not carry a cheap price tag. It takes personal prayer, sacrifice, money, energy, time and usually carries periods of disappointment. But is it worthwhile? Does it pay? The criterion for evaluating church extension is not the cost, but the *compensation*.

MIXING RELIGION AND POLITICS



Editor Rufus Coffey (l.) confers with Richard Troup, Educational Consultant with David C. Cook Publishing Co., during a recent writers' conference.

This month millions of Americans will go to the polls to elect a new president. Does it make any difference whether evangelicals exercise this prerogative? I think so! It is a privilege and duty to vote. This individual right must not be forfeited nor neglected.

Plato reportedly said, "If you do not pay attention to politics, you will end up being governed by your inferiors." Our citizenship in another world does not exclude us from responsibility in the present world. Religion does not segregate us from responsible political action.

America was built by God-fearing men who sought to give us a free society. This heritage of freedom must be preserved. It will not be by rebellion, anarchy or irresponsible citizenship. It will only be by due democratic process. Evangelicals believe in constitutional government. We believe in democracy; we are not anarchist nor riotous rebels. We believe in law and order. We believe in peace. We believe in America.

I would not attempt to suggest whom you should choose. Your personal preference of a candidate is your business. I simply urge you to prayerfully go to the polls and vote.

Gems from-

THE GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

Robert E. Picirilli

There is an apparent contradiction in Galatians 6 that is easily cleared up by a look at the Greek. In verse two, we read: "Be bearing one another's burdens," while in verse five we are told: "Each one shall bear his own burden."

In the Greek, these are two entirely different words, both translated "burden" in these verses. In verse two, the Greek word is *baros*, and it is in the plural. This word refers to a heavy weight, a burden, a load, a trouble. This command to be bearing one another's burdens follows the first verse, in which we were instructed to help a fellow taken by some transgression, and restore him. Each Christian has weaknesses, temptations, and troubles which may weigh him down and even cause him to stumble under the load unless he is aided by others who will bear his burdens with him.

The word translated "burden" in verse five is *phortion*, which refers to a somewhat different type of burden or load. This is rather what we usually think of as a load of responsibility, an obligation that is placed upon us and to which we must measure up and by which we will be judged. This principle, that every man must bear his own *burden* (singular, not plural), follows verse four, in which we are instructed: "Let each one of you put to the test his own *work*." The "burden" involved in verse five, then, is the burden of service, the obligation placed on us to work and serve the Lord Christ. In this burden, none else can serve in our place; each will have to stand before His Master and judge on his own. Jesus said, when He spoke of the obligation He would place on us: "My yoke is easy, and my *burden* is light" (here "burden" is the same word, *phortion*, as in verse five).

As a further point of difference, we note that the burdens of verse two are specially related to the present: "Be bearing." When, however, we are told in verse five that every man *shall bear* his own burden, the special reference is to the future judgment when we stand before the Lord.

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ABOUT THE COVER

Pictured on campus at Free Will Baptist Bible College are five students from our Free Will Baptist Church in Hawaii. (l. to r.) Cathy Plank, Charles Sartor, Alex Oberneder, Alfred Sumabat, and Brenda Sanders. All five students are freshmen this year. Five other members of the Hawaiian church are enrolled at Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

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BUSSING PROGRAM

Plays Vital Role In Eastern Church

by joseph g. ange

DURING THE bombing of a certain church in Europe during World War II a statue of Christ was mutilated by having the hands blown off. The statue has never been restored. It stands there today with the hands missing. Underneath is printed this well-known sentence: "Christ hath no hands but yours." The dedicated hands of a bus driver can be used to lead many to a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is through such dedication that a North Carolina church maintains an active bus ministry.

God clearly commands His church to go and win all stratas of society to Himself. One of the best ways to fulfill a part of this commission is through a vital bus ministry.

Today our bus workers came back rejoicing from a day of hard work on one of our bus routes. They reported that 28 new people had promised to ride that one bus to Sunday school and church next Sunday. Think of it. The prospect of one bus driver bringing 28 new people to Sunday school next Sunday. What a joy to the bus driver and to the church as a whole!

This is one of the ways that Liberty Free Will Baptist Church has grown so rapidly in recent months. Starting with an average attendance of 329 in Sunday school in 1966, we have watched the growth soar to an average attendance of 579 for the first half of 1968. This is an increase of 250. Much of this increase has been due to a vigorous bus ministry.

Two years ago Liberty Free Will Bap-

tist Church owned two buses. These buses were bringing about forty people to Sunday school and church each Sunday. Now we have seven buses averaging more than 180 per Sunday during the summer months. Many times last spring we pushed past the 200 mark. On the Sunday this year when we had the highest attendance, our bus passengers totaled 286.

Souls have been saved regularly as a result of this great ministry. Hardly a week goes by that someone who rides the bus is not saved.

Through our bus ministry we reach homes that we otherwise would never reach. Sometimes only one child from a home begins riding the bus. Then others from that home join him. Finally, we get the parents to come, and they bring their children. I am thinking now of a family of four. The first rider from that family was a girl of 10 years of age. She was saved. She remained faithful, and her brother, sister, and mother were saved. Then the climax came. Two weeks ago, her father made things right with God. Now the entire family attend all

of our services regularly and ride in their own car to church.

Our church has been fired with a new evangelistic enthusiasm because of the bus ministry. I cannot begin to tell you how enthusiastic our people are over this great ministry.

The young, the old, the poor, the middle class, one-car families, children whose parents will not come, and many others ride our buses. No single class of people ride Liberty Free Will Baptist Church buses.

You can have a successful bus ministry, too. Get a burden for this ministry. Set forth the needs to your people. Check the area in your city or community where there are needs for such a ministry. Communicate the burden to your people. Get the church to approve a bus ministry. Locate a dependable driver and assistant driver. (These may be called Bus Pastors.) Raise the money to purchase a bus. A good used bus, properly painted and lettered, is sufficient. Usually these can be purchased from the county school bus garage.

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glancing around the states



One of the fastest growing churches in our denomination, Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina is blessed to have bus pastors who work various communities in the Durham area searching for those who are unchurched.



Buses line up in front of the Liberty Church bringing a large percentage of the congregation to Sunday school and worship services.



Free Will Baptist writers and editors met for a two-day conference recently at Henry Horton State Park near Nashville, Tennessee.

CTS Director Samuel Johnson gives instructions to writers and editors during the writers conference.



Shockey Plans Missionary Conferences

Nashville, Tenn.—Because invitations for missionary conferences are increasing, Promotional Secretary Robert Shockey is suggesting the possibility of each church scheduling two or three services for the conference. He could begin services on Sunday night and go through Tuesday night (three services), or begin services on Wednesday night and continue through Friday night (three services), or begin Saturday night and conclude Sunday morning (two services).

If you would like to have Mr. Shockey for a missionary conference in your church, write to him at: Department of Home Missions, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Of course, the above schedule gives an idea of how the conference could be arranged. The services will be adjusted to whatever the church prefers for longer or shorter periods of time or on nights other than those suggested.

Departments Conduct Writers Conference

Nashville, Tenn.—Writers and editors of the Church Training Service and Sunday School Departments were invited to a writers conference recently at Henry Horton State Park near Nashville. Dr. Howard Colson, with the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Richard Troup, Christian Education Consultant with David C. Cook Publishing Company, were the principal speakers during the two-day conference.

Special Committee To Meet

Nashville, Tenn.—Two representatives from the highest body in each state will meet in Nashville, Tennessee, December 2, 1968 at 5:00 o'clock. In compliance with instructions from the National Association, the committee will consider a proposal to alter the doctrinal position on backsliding and feet washing as presently stated in the Treatise. After your official representatives have been selected, please notify the Executive Office so reservations can be made. Each state will pay the representatives' expenses to this meeting.

CTS Organized

Lakeland, Fla.—First Free Will Baptist Church of this city organized their CTS on August 18, 1968. Billy Prince, CTS District President from Winter Haven, Florida, assisted in the organizational meeting. Mr. Prince explained to the 33 interested persons rules governing the youth competitive activities. James Osborn, District CTS Vice-President, served as evangelist for the meeting.

Turner Used In Revival

Hamlet, N. C.—First Free Will Baptist Church of Hamlet, North Carolina, experienced a great revival recently with Evangelist Bennie Turner doing the preaching. Pastor Jesse Benoist recommends Mr. Turner to pastors of our denomination as a man used of God to revive Christians and win the unsaved to Jesus Christ. Evangelist Turner may be reached at 25 North Barfield Street, Manning, South Carolina.

New Album Released

Wichita, Kansas—The Doyle Terrys announce the release of their new album, "He Lifted Me." The album, which is their testimony in song, was recorded in Nashville with Henry Slaughter providing background music. The Terrys are available to assist in revivals and conferences. Requests for records and revival invitations should be sent to: Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Terry, 423 West 14th, Wichita, Kansas 67203.



Missionary Dan Cronk, wife Trula, and son Randall left the states September 23 for their fourth term in India. The Cronks are engaged in village evangelism and also share in the boys hostel ministry.

Seminar For Pastors and Laymen

Washington, D. C.—A Public Affairs Seminar for pastors and laymen will be held January 13-17, 1969 in our nation's capital. Key men from every branch of the government will share information on the processes of American Government and issues that affect the Christian Church. A new perspective will be gained of a Christian's civic responsibility and how evangelical influence can be exerted on national decisions. It will provide an opportunity to see Washington at work. Not only is this meeting informative, but it is very inspiring as congressional leaders and government officials bear witness to their personal faith in Christ while serving our country. A registration form and details may be secured from NAE Office of Public Affairs, 1405 G. Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20005.

Missouri Mission Established

Columbia, Mo.—Home Missions Extension worker Mark Vandivort reports a record attendance of 31 for the newly established mission. Services began September 1. Plans call for construction of the first unit which will seat 100. The project is sponsored jointly by the Missouri State Missions Board and National Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The new church has adopted the Cooperative Plan of Support and also includes the Bible College, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions in its budget. Pastor Vandivort writes our monthly "Problem Post."

Oklahomans Purchase Missionary Vehicle

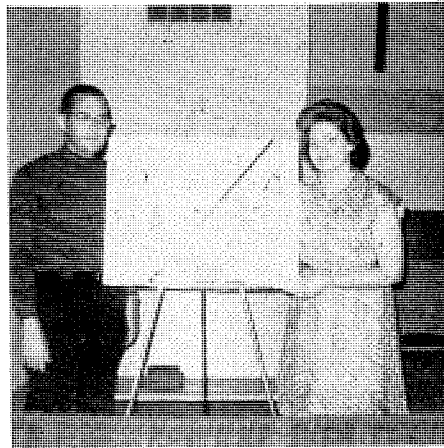
Wagoner, Okla.—During their annual meeting, South Grand River Association voted to purchase a vehicle for the Robert Bryans, appointees to Ivory Coast, Africa.

Ahoskie (N.C.) Church Needs Pastor

Ahoskie, N. C.—Ministers interested in pastoring Ahoskie Free Will Baptist Church are asked to contact B. F. Hawkins, Route 4, Ahoskie, North Carolina. Telephone: 332-3681.

Enlistment Program In Virginia Church

Arlington, Virginia—Using the theme "Measuring Up", the Master's Men and Woman's Auxiliary of Bloss Memorial Church, Arlington, Virginia met in a joint session. Members of both organizations spoke on the theme. The meeting, which served as an enlistment effort, was climaxed by showing a pertinent filmstrip. Jim Goodlin and Mrs. Joe Hurst are program chairmen of the auxiliaries.



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Excitement ran high as teen-agers from the Lakeland, Florida district learned the Bible Tic Tac Toe rules at their recent organizational meeting.



Parents of young children write: "We want to teach our children to be interested in missions. What are some things we can do?"

Recognize your home as a part of the world-wide mission field. Teach your children about Jesus before they say Da-Da. Babies associate the words *Daddy* or *Mamma* with the man or woman of their home. Very early they should be aware of another Presence in the home to whom Mamma and Daddy talk each day. His name is God or Jesus Christ. The baby should observe that Mamma and Daddy turn to God's Book for daily guidance.

Your child's salvation and a life time of obedience to God should be of supreme importance from the day of his or her birth. I believe the most effective time to teach your children about Christ and Christian principles is before they enter first grade. When they recognize that you are deeply concerned about their salvation, it will be easier to teach them the need of telling people around the world about Jesus.

In order for your child to learn the proper meaning of the missionary offering or faith promise, help him share in your concern for lost souls in your community. Provide ways for him to earn money around the home so that he can have a personal share in giving. Thus he can recognize the missionary offering as a testimony of your concern for salvation of lost souls on the home and foreign mission fields.

During family worship display pictures of our missionaries. Teach your child to pray for them by name. Bring the mission field to your doorstep by praying and planning as a family as to how you can share your knowledge of Jesus Christ with families of foreign language or custom in your area or state. For example, there are 50,000 citizens of India in our country. Perhaps some of these live in your state. They represent 50,000 potential opportunities to send the gospel to India. If your child attends the state university, he will have opportunity to meet many foreigners. If he has been concerned for world-wide evangelism he will take advantage of his unique opportunity.

cooperative giving

GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES EFFECT A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT

September 1968

	Sept. 1968	Sept. 1967	Year to Date	Designated
Alabama	\$ —	\$ 189.23	\$ 3,138.70	
Arizona	—	—	923.05	
Arkansas	533.20	300.15	6,552.89	
California	325.90	435.82	6,552.89	
Florida	1,133.90	—	4,092.96	
Georgia	531.56	—	4,759.81	
Idaho	17.81	—	194.20	
Illinois	659.22	1,330.07	6,271.99	
Indiana	—	14.60	477.05	
Kansas	107.00	158.00	759.21	
Kentucky	383.33	220.76	1,597.07	
Louisiana	—	—	99.39	
Michigan	147.00	161.85	1,620.92	
Missouri	1,726.62	1,066.62	17,472.71	
New Jersey	—	21.00	74.00	
New Mexico	—	185.92	446.64	
North Carolina	124.78	280.89	1,575.63	
Ohio	45.67	157.86	2,111.87	
Oklahoma	1,898.56	1,349.22	14,265.06	
Tennessee	162.97	384.87	1,475.21	116.79
Texas	250.49	84.61	1,275.06	
Virginia	372.00	1,108.06	4,794.50	
Washington & Oregon	92.06	—	686.43	
Wisconsin	10.00	—	100.00	

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Department	\$2,920.21	\$1,664.84	\$24,134.07	\$ 24.52
Foreign Missions	1,699.38	2,286.88	18,394.66	33.88
Home Missions	1,007.29	1,313.85	10,880.11	18.68
Bible College	1,472.61	1,788.09	15,578.24	24.52
Church Training Service	511.93	762.45	5,480.98	11.67
Superannuation Board	253.67	229.20	2,695.07	3.52
Master's Men	150.11	—	1,547.58	—

The Fruit of A Missionary's Witness

September, 1968

Dear Rev. Willis,

My wife and I and one of our sons just left the dock at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia on the Bluenose Ferry. We spent a few days with Rev. Mack Owens and his family.

Mack and Jackie have meant a great deal to us ever since we met them in Littleton, New Hampshire nine years ago. Through their faithful witnessing, we accepted Christ as our personal Saviour. I had heard the gospel in Florida, but to my knowledge no one spread the Word like Mack did in our hometown.

At the youth camp in Charlotte, Maine, we were talking about Mack's work in Nova Scotia. I was impressed with what he was doing and wanted to come and visit to get even a clearer picture of the work here.

I am thankful that you and the Board of Home Missions realize the need for the gospel in the North Country. We meet people all the time who don't even know what the term "being saved" means.

There doesn't seem to be much opposition here in Nova Scotia or New Hampshire. The problem is getting people like Mack Owens who are willing to dedicate some hard work and enthusiasm to spreading the Word.

While I was in Nova Scotia I had the opportunity to speak in Mack's two churches. I sincerely appreciated the opportunity.

When we get home my wife and I are going to try harder to help the missions project through our prayers and encouragement. There is nothing that increases one's burden like seeing the need first-hand.

Thanks again for your interest in the North Country.

Sincerely in Christ's name,
Gerald and Mona Winn
Littleton, New Hampshire

woman to woman



by CLEO PURSELL

THANKFULNESS is not so dependent upon outward circumstances as upon "innerstance." Bill Mims, a west Texas athlete who until his senior year in high school spent most of his time on the football playing field, is a good example.

He was in the backfield during a scrimmage game a few days before school started in September, 1953. The play was called, and Bill had the ball with a touch-down in mind when the opposing forces tackled him. It was a clean tackle—the kind you see in every football game. Bill got up, staggered a few steps toward the huddle and collapsed.

The doctors said he was destined to a life as a quadriplegic. Until then, Bill Mims hadn't known what it was to be idle or inactive. The accident changed his entire life.

"Religion has come to mean something more practical since my accident," he confides. "It is more real and there's more depth to it now." Bill has found his true identity in solitude—the inner man which many people seek to know for a lifetime. He said, "Some people think I should have been—should still be—bitter, but bitterness has never been a part of me." He contends there must have been some reason for the accident, and he feels fortunate to have retained complete mental faculties. What do you have to be thankful for?

One Thing Hasn't Changed

Thanksgiving has had some changing since Grandma's day, it's true; when F.D.R. was President, we had a choice of two. And you'll recall a few years back when cranberries were banned; while turkey, once Thanksgiving fare, is now quite common—and—Grandma's not home, but out to dine in coffee shops and such. But one thing hasn't changed a bit—we all eat much too much!

—Nona B. Thompson

Pre-Thanksgiving Prayer

Woman's Auxiliary members and friends will be observing the pre-Thanksgiving season of prayer November 18-22. Program theme is *You Are Home Missions*.

Mrs. Louise Vandivort is the author. She and husband Mark are engaged in a church extension ministry in Columbia, Missouri. The *Lizzie McAdams* offering is for national home missions.

Sharing

Consider expressing gratitude this Thanksgiving by sharing with those in dire need. In your closets are items you will never use again. The coat that's too long . . . that suit that doesn't look right anymore . . . those clothes that just don't fit. They are too good to throw away, of course, and to someone they could be a blessing!

There are thousands of people to whom an agonizing struggle for existence is made even more difficult by the lack of proper clothing. To these people your contributions of warm clothing will bring a measure of comfort and help stave off serious illness and disease.

The World Relief Commission, overseas relief agency of the National Association of Evangelicals, has stepped up its program to help alleviate the suffering of the people in the central and northern areas of South Vietnam, whose misery was compounded by the VC Tet offensive.

The greatest need now is for blankets and clothing. All kinds of good, clean wearable clothing is needed. Please do not send hats, bathing suits, ties, formal clothing, high-heeled shoes, or pocket-books.

Send to: (Select address nearest you)
World Relief Commission, Inc.
33-10 36th Avenue
Long Island City, New York 11106

World Relief Commission, Inc.
c/o Brethren Service Center
Nappanee, Indiana 46550
World Relief Commission, Inc.

c/o Brethren Service Center
919 Emerald Avenue
Modesto, California 95351

World Relief Commission, Inc.
c/o Lyon Van & Storage Company
3600 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90007

The Personal Touch

Scalp Massage. One woman who always had trouble getting life and vitality into her hair shares a scalp massage that *really works*. Starting at the back, hold your 10 fingertips against the scalp and move the skin in small circles. (This is different from the massage used while shampooing.) Do this all over the scalp for about five minutes a day. "You'll feel the difference the first day, *see* the difference in a short while," she says.

Facial Saunas. Many women buy them, and there's no big objection to the devices provided the manufacturer doesn't claim that hot-water vapor improves the circulation, frees the pores, nourishes the skin, helps cure acne or clears sinuses. Such "medical or therapeutic" claims are misleading, says the Food and Drug Administration. Some people feel you get no more benefit from a facial sauna than from holding your face over a basin of hot water or using a hot towel.

GEM

A harassed housewife, describing a day that had been filled with frustrations, wound up with: "I even got a busy signal on Dial-a-Prayer."

*The church that fails to see beyond
its own "doorsteps" is ministering in a
small world. But the church
that bears fruit by producing another church is
extending its outreach in fulfillment of the Great Commission.
Our extension ministries are
reaching out
to a world that is
hungry for the gospel.*

What Is Happening In Ch

YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA—Our association sponsored a youth camp recently. Nineteen first time decisions were made. More than 60 campers were enrolled. The Yarmouth Church is progressing well. We have organized with seven members. A loan was recently secured for a building in which to worship. Our first service in the new building was held September 29. —Mack Owens

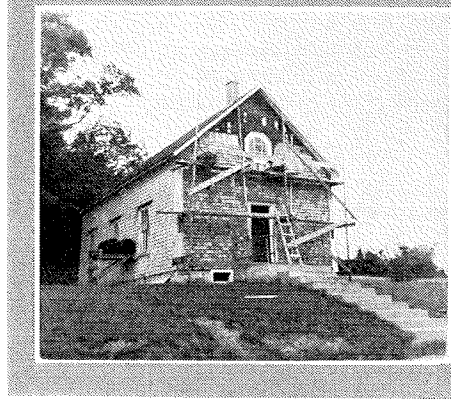
MONTERREY, MEXICO—Our eighth convention, held recently, was the best yet. City officials and businessmen joined the crowds in filling the tabernacle to capacity each day. Youth competition among our churches was an outstanding event this year. Rodriguez and Altamira were the winning churches. Twenty-five students are enrolled in our Bible institute. Harvey and Mary Aguirre, Gonzalo Sanches and wife Rosita, David Cochrane, and Javier Gallego compose our faculty. Student Lucio Hernandez has an outstanding testimony. Saved from witchcraft, this Maya Indian was the highest priest in his tribe. His brother Lazaro led him to Christ. After his conversion, Lucio burned all of his medicine, books, and other articles associated with witchcraft. During the burning he shouted, "This is for the glory of Jesus my Lord!"

—Arthur Billows

WAIPAHU, HAWAII—Our Hawaii church was nine

years old September 9, 1968. What a day of rejoicing for the congregation! Members stood in awe as they reviewed God's working during the past twelve months: Forty-three new members were received, 24 were baptized, 277 first time visitors registered, Sunday school attendance averaged 97 with 119 enrolled, and 417 visitors attended our Sunday school. We lost 69 Sunday school members because they moved out of town. The church gave \$1,624.36 to missions during the previous year. Our outreach for Christ continues to expand. The Kaneshiro family is now in language study in Japan prior to going to Okinawa as missionaries. We have five students enrolled at FWBBC and five at Bob Jones University. Our five men in Vietnam report that God is honoring their efforts in witnessing through personal contacts and Bible classes. Our four preacher boys, who will be out of service and in school next year, are Gary Watson, Vern Lewis, John Smith, and Dick Camp. Even though our new building is incomplete, we are enjoying its limited accommodations. God has done great things for us. —Luther Sanders

DALLAS, TEXAS—First Free Will Baptist Church is in a transitional stage. Having purchased three acres of land in a new section of Dallas, plans call for the completion of a church plant and school by spring, 1969. Our church



*Forest Glen FWB Church
Nova Scotia, Canada*

Church Extension Ministries?

has organized a new mission across town. The church supports every phase of our denominational program.

—H. Z. Cox

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI—Among recent developments here has been securing a building site located on Rock Quarry Road (Route 4), two miles south of the University of Missouri. Two Sunday services have been held with an average attendance of 19! God continues to open doors. Pastor Andy Lay and five of his laymen from Kirksville, Missouri, and Dan Vandivort drove ninety miles to spend a day helping our men remodel one of the buildings that will serve as a temporary chapel, seating 40 people. We plan to organize into a mission and build the first unit as soon as we can arrange the financing.

—Mark Vandivort

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—November 14, 1965 marked the beginning of a Free Will Baptist church here. Eighteen were present for the initial service. Sunday school attendance averages 51. During August, 1968, morning worship attendance averaged 62. The First Free Will Baptist Church was co-sponsored by our National Board of Home Missions and the Home Missions Board of the Northwest Association (consisting of six small churches) during the first one and a half years of its min-

istry. The two missions enterprises still contribute one third of the pastor's support. Soon after the first service in November, 1965, the Seattle Mission adopted several goals:

To begin now supporting world-wide missions by giving cooperatively 10% of all income through tithes and offerings to the next highest organization (Northwest Association), beginning in January, 1966, giving above the cooperative support 1% of our income to Free Will Baptist Bible College, Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions or some missionary under that board, and Free Will Baptist Board of Home Missions or some missionary under that board, and increasing this support as the church is able. We recently increased giving to outside causes from 13% to 16% of our regularly monthly income. During August, 1968, the church gave \$134.80 to ministries beyond the local church. Some may ask, "Shouldn't the church discontinue its outside giving and become totally self supporting?" The pastor contends, "We would then be a mission church but not a missions-minded church." As the church continues to grow, the congregation plans to continue increasing its gifts to various ministries outside the local church.

—Lloyd Plunkett



MILITANT AND MISSIONARY MEN NEEDED IN CAMPAIGN OF CONCERN

by ROBERT SHOCKEY

MISSIONS is taking the whole gospel to the whole world by the whole church." God loved the world. Christ died for the sins of the world. No one should be denied the opportunity to receive Christ into his heart and life. "The mission of the church is missions." If you know Christ as Saviour, you are now living under Divine orders to make Christ known to someone else. It's your privilege. It's your responsibility. God needs you to make His message known throughout our nation and throughout our world.

"... Into every city and place whether He Himself would come" (Luke 10:1,2).

Jesus Christ will not send His servants into any place where He Himself has not planned to go. Yes, from the lips of our Lord Jesus come these pungent words, "Lo, I am with you always."

He is acquainted with that village, that city, that town, or even that foreign land into which He sends His witnesses. But more than a few times the servant of the Lord has failed to go into "that next city" because of *fear* supported by satanic forces. Our arch enemy, Satan, wields that sword called *fear* with a practical and skillful hand. Perhaps this is the reason Paul wrote to young Timothy and said, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power; and of love, and of a sound mind; be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord." The conquest or victory over *fear* in our hearts depends upon our own consecration to the Lord of the harvest because "perfect love casteth out fear."

The National Association has given the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension the privilege and responsibility

of reaching the large cities of our nation with the gospel of Christ. We have accepted this responsibility knowing that within our ranks there are responsible pastors with experience who know how to build new churches and will accept the challenge to go into these vast areas where the people are and roll up their sleeves and go to work.

Is God calling you to "go out where the sinners are, out where the people are"—out to the large cities? You see, it is possible for some pastors to build a church, get a nice parsonage built, and decide to rest awhile. Of course, the Lord may want you right where you are, but be sure you know you are where He wants you. It is my conviction that some pastors have it made. They have put on their robes and house slippers and have rocked themselves to sleep while souls are bent on going to hell. May God rend the heavens, come down, do a melting work in our hearts, and give us compassion and concern for men's souls in these crucial hours. Should you go or stay?

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

It is impossible for an individual to have a burden for souls until he has realized their lost estate. Therefore, we must look at the field.

The United States (including Hawaii and Alaska)-Here we have opportunities for many special ministries such as: the blind, the deaf, Jews, prisoners, American Indians, Negroes, the poor ghettos, child evangelism, campus evangelism,

servicemen, foreign language groups, church extension, new pioneer churches, evangelism and the chaplaincy.

The Dominion of Canada
The Republic of Mexico
The Virgin Islands
Puerto Rico

We plan to start a *campaign of concern* to get our men to "launch out." Within the next year home mission rallies will be spearheaded by the Home Missions Department and the state and local mission boards. If you would like to have a rally in your church, simply write to the Home Missions Department in Nashville.

We must begin taking greater steps in beginning new works in large cities, suburban areas, skid row missions, and special ministries.

Today the task of world evangelism is urgent! We must begin at Jerusalem (home missions) and reach out to the uttermost part of the world (foreign missions). The population increase is adding 45 million each year to the world's population, and false religion, sects, and isms of every nature are making tremendous strides. They are militant and missionary. Dare we do less?

The fruit of the Christian is another Christian. The fruit of the church is another church. Are you willing to become involved in this reproduction process for Christ? Are you willing to enlist in our *campaign of concern*? Will you dare to become a militant, missionary man for Christ?

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SOME CHRISTIANS think that a foreign missionary has one type of message, the home missionary another, and the local pastor another. There is no such concept in the Bible to my knowledge.

The Good News of free grace and free salvation appropriated by the exercise of the freedom of the will through faith in Christ's finished work is the message of Christians everywhere!

Jesus summed it up for us in John 14:6: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Here we find the crux of a missionary's message. Why is it important that we emphasize The Way, The Truth, and The Life?

Where there's no way there's no going. Needless to say, we are living in a day of liberalized thinking. Often we hear, "It doesn't matter what you believe nor where you go to church so long as you are sincere, for all are headed in the same direction."

That isn't what Jesus said. He narrowed it down to *one* way. Why did Thomas find it so difficult to believe? If he had been willing to receive the plain and unequivocal doctrines of the Bible and lay aside his opinions and prejudices, faith would have been an easy and natural exercise of the mind.

Missionaries, pastors, and all Christian workers are faced with similar situations. It seems that every person has his own idea of how to "get right" with God. To this let us let the Bible speak: "There is a way which seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Pro. 14:12). Again we read, "The labour of the foolish wearith every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city" (Eccl. 10:15).

The way to God, the path to forgiveness, the road that leads to the abundant life here and the joys of heaven tomorrow is the *way of the cross*. Jesus is the Way. This leads us to now consider the next phase of our answer.

Where there's no truth there's no knowing. We talk of pagan Africa or the pagan islands of the sea. But today we are faced with a rapidly increasing pagan America.

Today, in America, where once stood fundamental, evangelical churches preaching the gospel stands a beautiful building perhaps, but a "social gospel" is all many people hear. In many pulpits where spiritual giants once proclaimed the good news of salvation through the blood now stand "sparrows tweeting" a watered down, lifeless message.

What has happened? Weak and compromising men have given up the fight for right, have ceased to stand for truth,

THE MESSAGE OF THE MISSIONARY

Is it different
from the pastor's
in the states?

by *kenneth walker*



The missionary instructs a believer in New Testament teaching.

and have thrown in the towel. The people they speak to do not hear of the wages of sin, repentance, faith that works and commitment to God. Therefore, darkness prevails. Truth sets men free from that darkness. Jesus is the Truth.

Now, the message of a missionary must face these truths and many others. Often in the face of adverse popular opinion, prejudices, or tradition, he must proclaim the truth. The truth being that Jesus saves. Praise God! Jesus saves! Without this truth there is no real knowledge of what God intends for man.

Where there's no life there's no living. Jesus Christ is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. Why must life be a part of the good news message? The truthful answer to that question is given by Paul who said that unsaved, unregenerate people "were *dead* in trespasses and sins" (Eph. 2:1). Solomon sums up the status of the lost by saying, "The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead" (Proverbs 21:16).

These poor lost souls, steeped in darkness and dead in sin, need to be brought alive spiritually. They need resurrection power. To whom shall they turn? Jesus said, "I am He that liveth, and was dead: and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:18). And again Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

Thus you see that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and this is the crux of the missionary's message whether he be in the green jungles of Africa or the black asphalt jungles of America's cities.

Salvation is not a thing, but a Person, a relationship with a Person, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is our salvation. He is our shepherd, our guide through life. He can meet the needs of our lives both now and in the hereafter. Thus, Jesus is the theme, the crux of our message for missions.

The missionary's objective, however, is not just to lead men into a knowledge of the Saviour, but also to instruct believers in New Testament teaching concerning the church. All hope of perpetuating Christianity lies in establishing indigenous churches, and this is the work of our Home Missions and Church Extension Department.

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GOD'S CALL TO THE MILITARY

THE MILITARY Chaplaincy is by no means a new institution; it is 193 years old. History records this type of ministry even further back than our official birthdate of 1775. The priests of Amen-Ra accompanied the armies of Egypt into battle. Seven Hebrew priests led the hosts of Israel under Joshua in their march around the crumbling walls of Jericho. The Council of Ratisbon in 742 wrote Military Chaplains into the Law of the Western Church.

The origin of the Chaplaincy in the American Military is traced to the very beginning of our country. The first Military Chaplain in America was Samuel Stone in 1637. However, it took an act of Congress in 1775 to officially institute the Chaplaincy. Since then Army Chaplains have provided moral and spiritual guidance to generations of soldiers in war and peace. It is now considered an inherent and inseparable

part of our National military structure as well as our religious character.

Closer to our time and age, we appreciate the fact that during the six year span of World War II, 8,896 ministers, priests, and rabbis wore the uniform of the United States Army. For service above and beyond the call of duty 2,395 decorations were awarded the Chaplains for heroism. Uncounted deeds of devotion and gallantry are recorded only by time. And, some, like the selfless sacrifice of four Army Chaplains on the sinking transport Dorchester, have become classics in the folklore of our time and in America's history.

THERE ARE many areas in which the modern Army Chaplain finds himself operating. One area is that of civic action. This type of ministry involves not only military people, but those of nearby communities as well. This is especially

*A realization of the
magnitude of our
chaplains' mission should stir
Christians to intercede daily in
their behalf.*

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true in respect to combat areas where the Chaplain is expected to do his part in demonstrating an attitude of concern for the local populace. In Vietnam, the Chaplain often works closely with those constructing and maintaining schools, orphanages, and refugee centers.

When stationed at a non-combat Post, a Chaplain is often asked to fill the pulpit for a local minister. This provides an excellent basis for fellowship and keeps the Chaplain in tune with civilian churches. One Chaplain, assigned to a circuit route of Posts during the week, used his free weekends to establish a Southern Baptist Church. Chaplains are urged to participate with local ministers in the support of the Red Cross, Boy Scout programs, and other community projects.

Counseling is one of the most important roles of the military Chaplain. It is doubtful that any other activity takes as much of his time. This is true because we come closest to being an individual witness for the Lord in the counseling situation. Indeed, many Chaplains seem to feel that they are most effective in this role and find great fulfillment when dealing with individuals. We remember that, after all, this is how the Lord intended for men to be won.

The man in uniform comes to the Chaplain for many reasons. They are not always spiritually motivated. However, we try to always take advantage of this time to win men to Christ. It requires a great deal of thought and tact to save a marriage and at the same time introduce a couple to the Lord in such a way as not to appear self-righteous or indulgent. And then there is the joy of helping those who do come with spiritual problems.

I have met several Chaplains who are exceptionally good preachers. One of the

best sermons I have ever heard was delivered at Fort Stewart, Georgia. The message was as well prepared and as forcefully delivered as any I could remember hearing. At the conclusion of the sermon about the Cross, two people were saved. Preaching is with Chaplains as it is with any minister: some are more capable than others.

It is true that there is little duty time for sermon preparation. This is no different from the public parish. But I underline the fact that the preparation and delivery of good sermons occupy a central part of worship services in the military. A good sermon will not go without its rewards. It will bring interest, comments, and, hopefully, souls to God.

WHILE I was preparing for entrance into the Army, I heard many comments about the Chaplaincy. One was concerning the freedom of the pulpit. The only strings attached to the Chaplain as a preacher are those which he attaches himself. The only time a Chaplain is called down for what he preaches is when he is actually obnoxious or disrespectful of the rights of others. There is no difficulty if we stick to the preaching of the gospel of redemption.

This self-limitation affects the individual who cannot adjust to an authoritarian atmosphere. This strict military disposition is evident continuously. Some say you have to "compromise." I contend this is the most misused, abused word in speaking on this subject.

The motto of the Chaplaincy is "Cooperation without Compromise." It is a way of saying, "I accept your friendship although I do not agree with your theology." All ministers are committed to maintain their particular denominational

significance. This attitude, when inserted into the strict discipline of Army life, does require adept handling of certain problems. Tact is certainly a necessity. It is wrong, however, to maintain that a Chaplain cannot witness in this setting. If he cannot, then neither can the individual soldier who knows the Lord. He faces even more obstacles. And while I must be honest and admit to some sticky situations, it is more and more obvious to me that there is no "ideal" situation for witnessing unless we consider every situation to be such.

For Free Will Baptists this is certainly a new vineyard. We need more Chaplains who interpret life and God's remedy for it as we do. It is as needy a field as any in the world. That soldiers are responsive is true. They are human. They do respond to the gospel as well as to the world.

A number of denominations much smaller than we have several Chaplains in uniform. This should challenge us to accept more responsibility not only to the soldier and to God, but also to our country. It is not an easy life. It is filled with frustrations, but also filled with rewards.

There are some men who might never have known Christ if a minister had not felt the call to the Chaplaincy. I have been privileged to see some come to know the Lord. I hope that we sense in these times an urgency to present the gospel on every front. To say the very least, we have an obligation to our own Free Will Baptist boys in uniform. My prayer is that we soon rise to meet the challenge.

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*Contact's assistant editor interviewed
Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr. before her husband's
"homegoing" so that we, the editors, could share with
you a few experiences in the life of Thomas H.
Willey, Sr., who was affectionately called . . .*

'POP'

**PIONEER
PREACHER
PHILANTHROPIST**

Describe for Contact readers the beginnings of Mr. Willey's missionary endeavors.

He first went to Peru with the Christian Missionary Alliance. (Mr. Willey and I met in 1929.) He had been down there about two years. I think he must have gone about 1927. He went to Peru and worked on one of the tributaries of the Amazon and a field called Cowpanas. Mr. Willey and Dr. Clyde Taylor were fellow missionaries, and they were single at the time. He left Asbury College his junior year. The burden of the field was so great that he felt it was more important than finishing college; however, he did spend about eight years in Asbury College. After graduating from the academy, he went on to college and has always had a great love and admiration for Asbury.

From Asbury he went into the jungle in which they hewed out wood to build up a jungle station, where later Mrs. Ruth Stall, whom so many people know, went to live and labor. He was also there at the same time she was, and then he received word that he had to return home. The reason he did not know, but he left. While walking out of the jungle with some Peruvian soldiers, he got lost. But the Lord wonderfully delivered. Later he learned his deliverance was an answer to prayer. Two women in Asbury College, the very day he was lost in the jungle, were burdened to pray for him. They spent a day and night in prayer. My husband came home to find his father very ill.

After returning to the states, Mr. Willey was engaged in evangelistic work with the Christian Missionary Alliance, with the thought of going back to the field. We went to North Carolina in 1931 and started a work in High Point, where Tommy was born. We had a marvelous ministry. It is a large church in High Point today. A spirit of revival prevailed the whole time we were there. While there, we had a call to Durham, North Carolina to pastor the Christian

Missionary Alliance Church. While in Durham, I conducted a Bible class in Washington Duke Hotel. Several Free Will Baptist young men from Rev. Henry Melvin's church came to this class, including the father of *Contact's* assistant editor, Rev. Fred Rivenbark. It was then that we were introduced to Free Will Baptists. Mr. Melvin had my husband speak at League rallies and other services on missions.

Finally, one day, he said to us, "My people are like a great sleeping giant in respect to missions. They are just batting their eyes. We need a leader." At the same time we had two other calls, one to head the work of the Central American Missions, the other to the Latin American Missions in Costa Rica. So we prayed definitely that God would lead us. One morning about two o'clock we were burdened to know the Lord's will. As we prayed, the Lord said to my husband that we should go with the Free Will Baptists.

After we made the decision, my husband wrote Alliance headquarters in New York and presented the challenge. They were very sympathetic and understanding. It was then we began our missionary endeavor with Free Will Baptists. First, it had to begin at home. I believe it was the year before when Mr. Melvin had told us that the whole denomination of Free Will Baptists had given \$50.00 in one year. You can really see how God has blessed us from that moment to this, even in a tremendous financial way.

During the first years of our ministry among Free Will Baptists, Mr. Willey visited many churches. In many churches he was faced with empty pews—not a single person showed up.

Finally, we went to Bryan, Texas, where Mr. Blackwell, secretary-treasurer for our missions department ministered. At that time we did not have a board, so there was little money. My husband wanted to make a survey trip to Panama, so he took what they had in the treasury and gave me more than half of it. He

then got on a boat and went to Panama. One door after another was opened. The Lord wonderfully supplied his needs and helped him to survey the field. Then he came back and both of us went to Panama. We labored there for two-and-a-half years. The Catholic church put us out of Panama, but the Lord used our exodus for His glory. It was frustrating because we had such high hopes for the work among the Indians, whom we loved. But when the Holy Spirit closes one door, He always opens another, and a more effectual one. We came back to the states and did more deputation work, more stirring up of interest among our people. We went to Miami, Florida to make preparations. My husband felt God was leading us to Cuba. (I wanted to go to Argentina, Chile or somewhere far away so I would feel like a real foreign missionary.)

We lacked money for the trip to Cuba, so we began to pray. After investigating, we learned that we and the two children could get to Cuba for \$75.00 on the *S. S. Florida*. We asked God to send us \$75.00. One Sunday morning we attended the Alliance Church. There was no Free Will Baptist Church in Miami at that time. A young man, a poor young man who had to work hard, came up to us and said, "Brother Willey, I asked the Lord to bless me in a business endeavor. I told Him I would give you the tithe of that money and here it is." Well, my husband stuck it in his pocket and said, "Thank you, Joe. God bless you for it." When we got home, he took it out and counted it. It was exactly \$75.00 to take us to Cuba.

The year was 1940. We said good-bye to our families and left for Cuba. We had to check our baggage. All the money we had was \$2.00 which I had in my pocketbook. The baggage agent said, "You have \$10.00 excess baggage." We sort of stepped aside and talked to the Lord about it. A man curtly pushed in and said, "Oh, I beg your pardon. Where are you going?" Mr. Willey told him we

were headed for Cuba. The stranger wanted to know what we planned to do in Cuba. He said he was a missionary sky pilot. The baggage agent told the pilot we had \$10.00 excess baggage. "You ought not charge this missionary," quipped the stranger. "Well, I wouldn't, but it's regulations," replied the agent. The pilot reached into his pocket, pulled out \$10.00, and paid our baggage fee.

On our way to Cuba my husband talked with the pilot and learned he was a backslidden Methodist preacher. He was going over with a lawyer to see Batista. The next morning he said, "I want to meet your wife and children." After we landed in Cuba, he spoke to me and then shook hands with the children. Tommy and Barbara were small. He put a ten dollar bill in each of their hands. I very quickly took it because I thought they would throw it over into the water. I put the bills in my pocketbook with our two dollars. We then had to go through customs. The customs agent said, "I'm sorry, but we have duty on these things you bring in." My surprised husband gasped, "My goodness! How much is it?" "Twenty-two dollars," was the reply. So, I pulled out our \$22.00, and we were in Cuba. From that moment on, the Lord marvelously provided. He opened doors through which missionaries had never before entered.

We wanted to go into an untouched area, not where other missionaries had been. Mr. Willey visited an American Bible Society director in Havana, knowing that he could point out the most needful area. The ABS director took him to the Province of Pinar del Rio upon a high mountain that overlooked many valleys. "Mr. Willey, this is one of the hardest fields, but it is untouched. If you really want an untouched field, here it is. Other missionaries have been here but were not able to stand it and had to leave. Don't come unless you feel the Holy Spirit is definitely leading you to this place," voiced the ABS director. As my husband looked into the valleys and then at the mountains, he was sure God was leading us there. I am even more sure of it today. It was the Lord's timing. It was the Lord's place.

I was very sick in those days with five different types of parasites. I had just recovered from one of the worst cases of fever one of the Panamanian hospitals had ever reported. In fact, I was told I would never be well again, and I was inclined to agree with those who told me this. Even during my sickness Mr. Willey would get on his horse, go over the hill, meet the people, and share with them the Good News. The field was so ripe that as the people heard God's message they immediately accepted it. Then



Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.

they wanted their families to hear the gospel, and next, their friends. The work grew quickly. It spread like wild fire. Mr. Willey taught every believer to become a missionary, to tell others what Christ had done for him. He set up Bible classes in areas where persons accepted Christ.

Many times the young people would mount their horses and ride with my husband for miles and miles to other areas where he would preach to another group. More believers were born into the kingdom, more missionaries were sent out. Then these young people began to feel their need of knowing the Word and using this knowledge of the Word so they might teach others. My husband said to me, "We are just two people. We will not be able to even scratch the surface, but the New Testament plan for missions is to train believers so they can take the gospel to their own people."

We felt the need to start a school. Opposition surrounded us when we began the school. But my husband's vision blossomed into reality as we started the thatch roof. The building was begun in 1943 or 1944. We built a palm board house with a thatch roof and mud floor. Five of our first seven students were: Benito, Melitino, Carmen, Juanita, and Mario. The school grew in spite of difficulties. During the week these young men and women studied. On weekends they went out to minister. They didn't have anything and yet they went among their own people preaching the Word. The interest among our people in the states was growing just as the work in

Cuba was growing. Because our people gave, we were able to carry on the work in Cuba.

What rare privilege was Mr. Willey granted after Castro took over?

He was the only person allowed to go into Fidel Castro's prison to minister to the prisoners. Mr. Willey attended the first trial that was held right after Fidel Castro came in. When the trial was over at two o'clock in the morning, he walked down the tribune of Castro's lawyers with their long beards and long hair. Later, Tommy said he prayed that the floor would open up so he could go through it. As my husband walked down to these lawyers, he said, "I want to congratulate you on the way you have carried out this trial. It has been very democratic and just. Now you have condemned these five men to death. They are going out to meet a Judge that you and I will one day have to meet. You have been democratic through this portion of the trial, but if you do not give them an opportunity to prepare to meet this other Judge, you will not be democratic." The lawyers asked, "Well, what is it, Mr. Willey, that you want us to do?" He said, "Give them a chance to get ready to meet this other Judge."

They gave my husband permission to talk to the prisoners. These men were about the worst criminals in Cuba. My husband told them the story of the two thieves on the cross, about their last moments, and about the one who asked for mercy to whom the Lord answered,

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TO THOMAS H. WILLEY, SR.

WE OWE A DEBT OF THANKSGIVING

A MAN OF VISION

I REJOICE that I had the privilege of knowing Rev. Thomas H. Willey. In 1941, he arrived in my town in Cuba with the glorious message of our Lord Jesus Christ. I will always remember with profound gratitude that his life as a man of God was a great inspiration since my early days as a Christian. For almost 20 years we labored together in the vineyard of our Lord in Cuba and elsewhere.

Since the work first began in Cuba, he had a vision of establishing a Bible school. With the help of his dear wife and other co-laborers of the Free Will Baptist Mission, this soon became a reality. The Bible school prepared many young people for Christian service who are today serving the Lord in Cuba and other places throughout the world. I was one of the first to graduate from the school. I give thanks to God for the teaching and inspiration I received there.

My most precious experiences with Mr. Willey were on the mission field. Since I was one of the first students at our Bible school, he gave me the opportunity of being with him in evangelistic campaigns and opening new preaching points—sometimes in the country and other times in towns. In each place he saw a possibility of a new mission. With the cooperation of laymen and workers, preaching points were established which later became organized churches.

Reaching unevangelized regions was a matter of great concern to Mr. Willey. Periodically, he organized evangelism trips to the Eastern Provinces of Cuba, taking the message of salvation to thousands who had never before heard of Jesus Christ.

Many times during those evangelistic trips we spent more than a day traveling by horseback through valleys and mountains, with little to eat. Many times we traveled for hours to reach a beautiful

valley among the mountains. After we held an evangelistic service, Mr. Willey would lie on the ground of the small house in which we were staying, with very little under his body. Sometimes he traveled alone; other times he was accompanied by his "Cuban children," as he called us.

I give thanks to my God for the ministry of Mr. Willey in my country and for the blessing he brought to my life in many ways. I will always regard him as a man of God. Our relation has been with true affection of father and son, always with love, respect, and courtesy.

—Melitino Martinez
New York Bible Society
Union City, N. J.

A MAN OF ENTHUSIASM AND WARMTH

DURING THE summer of 1937, Missionary Thomas H. Willey went to Wright County, Missouri to present the cause of Free Will Baptist foreign missions. His wife Mable was not physically well that year. During those days of going from church to church—all rural except one—the missionary and his son made our home their headquarters.

My father, Homer B. Smith, like the typical Free Will Baptist minister of that period, filled the dual role of pastor and farmer. He, therefore, delegated me to chauffeur Mr. Willey to some of the churches in our Model "A" Ford. As in more recent years, he carried an ample supply of movie and photographic equipment. So my help was needed in getting everything set up for the services. His dynamic enthusiasm and warmth of heart, together with the pictures, made the services very interesting and challenging to me. It was a joy to be with him. Incidentally, as a result of one of the services, I met my future wife, Agnes Scott, for the first time. Her father, the late George W. Scott, was then pastor of Mountain Grove Church.

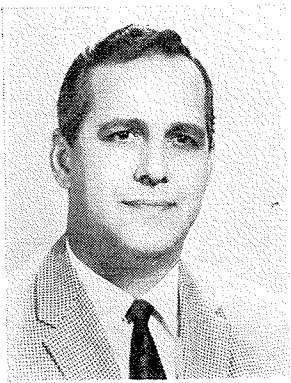
Even though Mr. Willey was thirty-nine and I was only sixteen, we had several mutual interests. For example, the "stairsteps" swimming hole at Whetstone Creek was a favorite spot of mine during the summer. I told the missionary about it and learned that he like to swim too. So getting him to walk the two or three miles across fields for a refreshing swim was no problem at all. In the swimming hole, as in the missionary services, he was very impressive. Not only did he swim well, but he also had the courage to make a high dive. The diving board was mounted on a huge boulder which stood many feet above the water. One of the things that I remember most vividly was the splash that he made when diving into the water.

Along with many other pleasant associations with Mr. Willey in more recent years, I shall always cherish the memory of the summer of 1937 and his visit in our home.

—Rolla Smith
Pastor, Savannah, Ga.
Foreign Missions Board Member

"GIVE US THIS VALLEY"

IT WAS a hot and sultry mid-afternoon. We had been riding an open air bus over many miles in the interior of Cuba back to a little village town where our dear Missionary Willey had arranged for services in a nearby valley. We tied handkerchiefs around our noses to keep from inhaling the thick dust. Upon arriving in the little town, we learned that our Cuban brother had prepared little mountain ponies for us to ride up over the mountain and down into the valley where we were to have a service that night. We mounted the ponies and started up the 45-degree angle mountain, and for two hours we rode single file over a narrow path about 18 inches wide. To our left was a huge precipice and to our right a mountain range. Our Cuban friends told us to give the ponies the reins—they



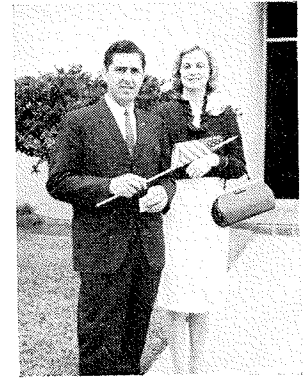
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knew the trail. So we rode single file.

Finally, when we reached the top, we pulled our mounts up side by side for the first time. Our leader, Missionary Willey, removed the big sombrero hat from his head. With the sun ready to sink into the ocean in the western horizon, he waved his hand up and down the valley where trails of smoke wound from the huts as Cubans fixed their rice and black beans. We could see hundreds of huts and clusters of buildings.

"Let's pray that God will give us this valley," voiced the senior missionary. I believe I recognized the pulse beat of the Lord Jesus Christ as He prayed through our missionary. It seemed that even our mounts, the horses upon which we had ridden, were touched by the fervor of his prayer. We then made our way down the other side of the mountain and had a great service that night. When I finished preaching, Brother Willey gave the invitation, and for the first and only time in my ministry everyone present raised his hand expressing a desire to know Christ as Saviour.

The life of Thomas H. Willey will live on and on in my heart. I appreciate his ministry, and I know there are many rewards for him. No greater tribute could be paid than that he gave his life for the cause of Christ that those in the regions beyond and around the world could hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus. I am indebted to him, and I am sure that the Free Will Baptist denomination has a tremendous debt. Free Will Baptists will always cherish the memory of Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.

—Raymond Riggs
Pastor, Detroit, Mich.
Foreign Missions Board Member

HIGH COST OF DISOBEDIENCE

IT IS impossible to tell how much Mr. Willey's life and ministry meant to me during his time of service in Cuba and also in the states. It would take a book

to relate all I feel concerning him.

Twenty years ago I found myself in spiritual bankruptcy without God and without hope, a slave of the lowest passions of sin. I sought satisfaction in the pleasures of sin. In the middle of this confusion a man arrived in my community. I realized that he was a man of God. At first Missionary Willey held services in a layman's home because no church had yet been established. When news spread that Mr. Willey was coming to our town, all of us said, "The American is coming today. Let's go to hear him." During this time I found Christ as my Saviour. Brother Willey was an instrument in the hands of God during this crucial time in my life.

I began immediately testifying about Christ among my family, but I didn't have the preparation needed to adequately present Him to others. Because of Mr. Willey's great vision, I was privileged to attend the Bible institute he established. When I arrived at the seminary, Mr. Willey came to me and said, "Estenio, to obey the Lord has a high price, but to disobey costs more." I cannot forget those words.

In spite of Mr. Willey's strong and rough image, he was a kind and sweet man, like a father to his son. I have loved him all these years like my own father.

Finally the day came when Mr. Willey had to leave Cuba because the communist government took over. Years later I left Cuba and went to Panama. Mr. Willey visited me there and encouraged me to keep preaching the gospel as I had done in Cuba. During deputational work in the states, Mr. Willey accompanied me.

Thank God for this man for whom I have deep gratitude!

—Estenio Garcia
Missionary to Panama

HEROIC SOLDIER

ONE OF the things that thrilled me most

when I was a young boy was to have Mr. Willey visit us even though I had to give up my bed and sleep on the floor. I was proud to do this because I considered Mr. Willey a real heroic man of God.

I met Mr. Willey in 1945 when I was only 13 years old. He could barely speak Spanish, but he was very dramatic and impressed every person with whom he came in contact. I was saved a few months earlier under the ministry of one of Mr. Willey's Cuban pastors. Mr. Willey's personality was so magnetic that he could get close to the most indifferent people in the community as he talked to them of the Lord Jesus Christ. His sermons were so saturated with tears and compassion that folks were moved and convinced of his sincerity.

I don't believe any other missionary in Cuba did a greater work than Mr. Willey. He put his time and strength and all he had into the work he was doing. I very well remember when Mr. Willey would leave his home and take off on a trip for three weeks on horseback carrying his sleeping equipment and all kinds of tracts. In the mountains and valleys in the western part of the Island he went making personal contacts with the people.

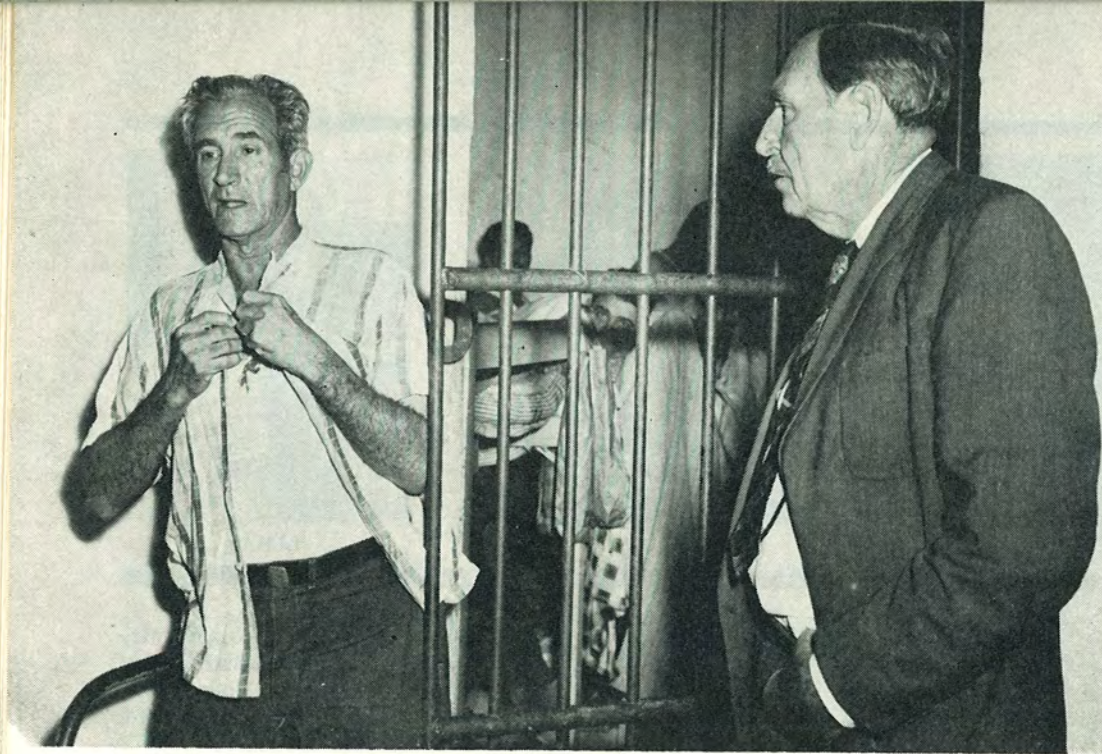
His soldier characteristics impressed me as I traveled with him on some of these missionary ventures. He didn't need very much in the way of material things. His spirit of sacrifice for others is one of the greatest qualities Missionary Willey possessed. I can never stop telling what he has meant to me.

—Felix Lima
American Sunday School Union
McAllen, Texas

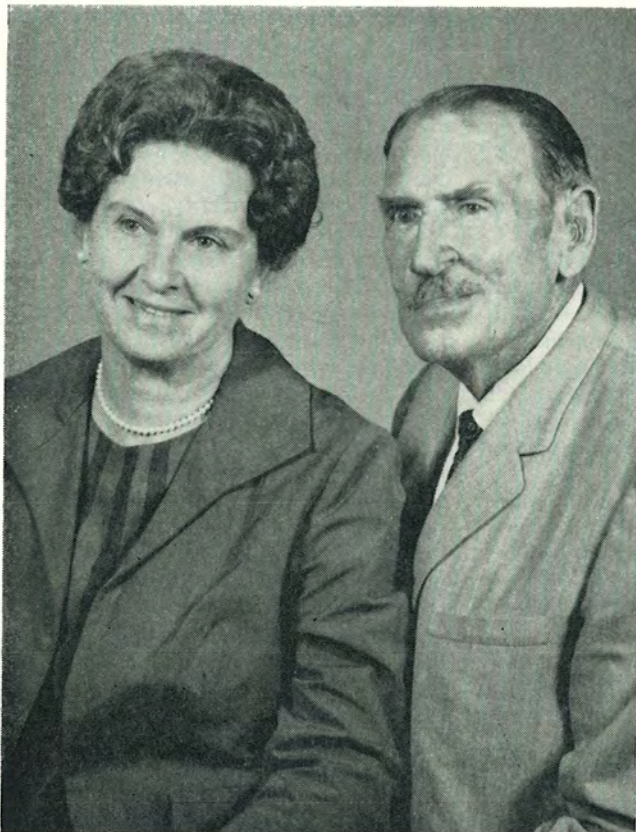
UNDER HIS WING

WHEN I think of Mr. Willey (Excuse the Mr., but I could never call him "Pop." I had a special name for him.), I immediately remember the days I spent

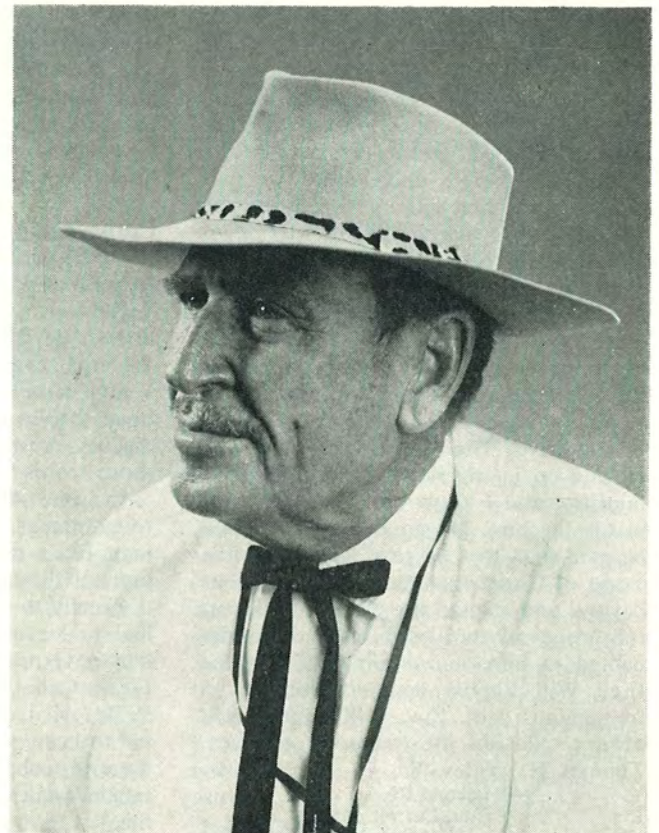
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During his prison ministry, Missionary Willey met prisoners early in the morning and prayed for them as they were taken from their cells to be shot. Many times he had to take the prisoners' personal effects to their families.



God has given Mr. and Mrs. Willey a marvelous ministry in the states since their expulsion from Cuba. Their witness in Miami among Cubans has been blessed of the Lord.



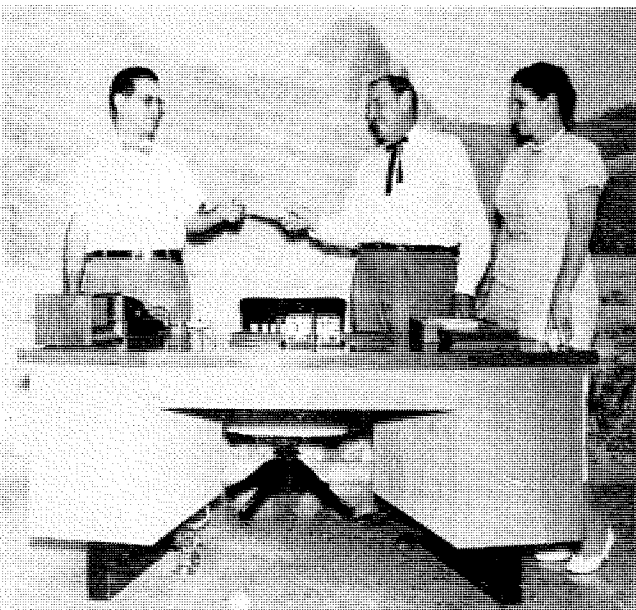
A Cuban photographer took this picture of "Pop" and won first prize in a contest. Many Free Will Baptists remember well seeing "Pop" in similar attire at conferences and associational meetings.



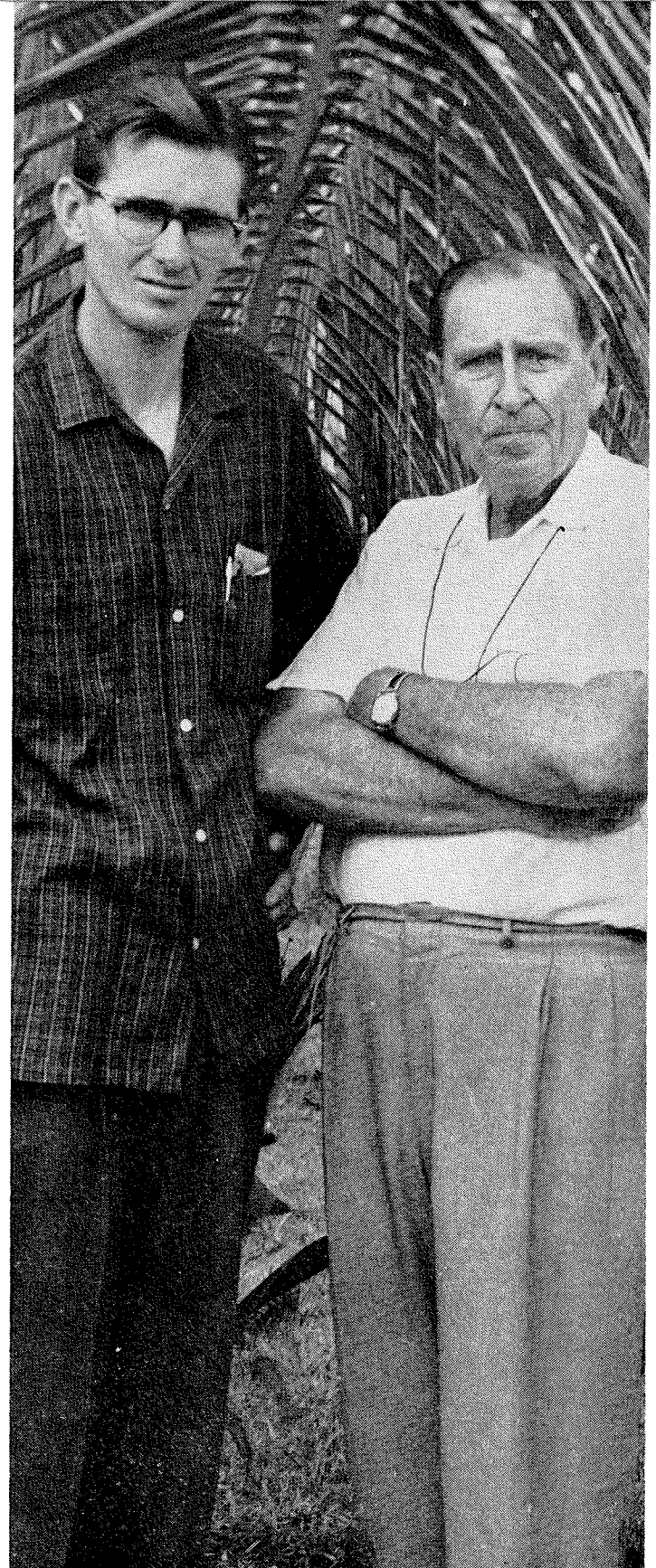
Filled with love for the Cuban people, Missionary Willey expresses this love as Tommy, his son, prays. Benito Rodriquez is standing to right of prison scene.



In February, 1962, Missionary Willey made a survey trip to Panama. He visited among the Choko Indians again, the Indians with whom he worked when the Willeys first went to Panama in the beginning of their work.



Free Will Baptist Leagues across our denomination raised money to pay for lights for our Cuban station. Mr. Willey is shown presenting the check for the lights to the head of the light department in Pinar del Rio.



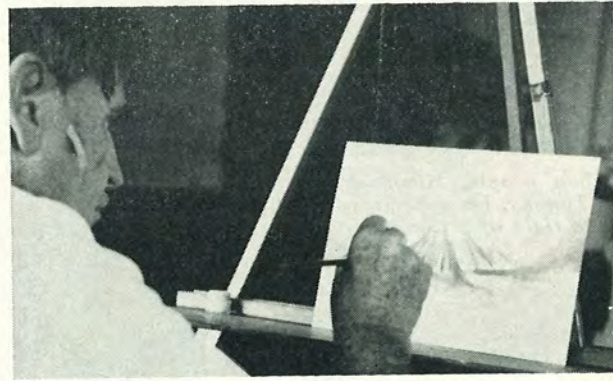
Across mountains and into valleys went father and son with the glorious news of salvation. The pioneer spirit that permeated Tommy Willey's life as the son of a missionary to Cuba continues to give expression to his missionary ambition in Panama, the country to which his dad went during the first years of his missions ministry.



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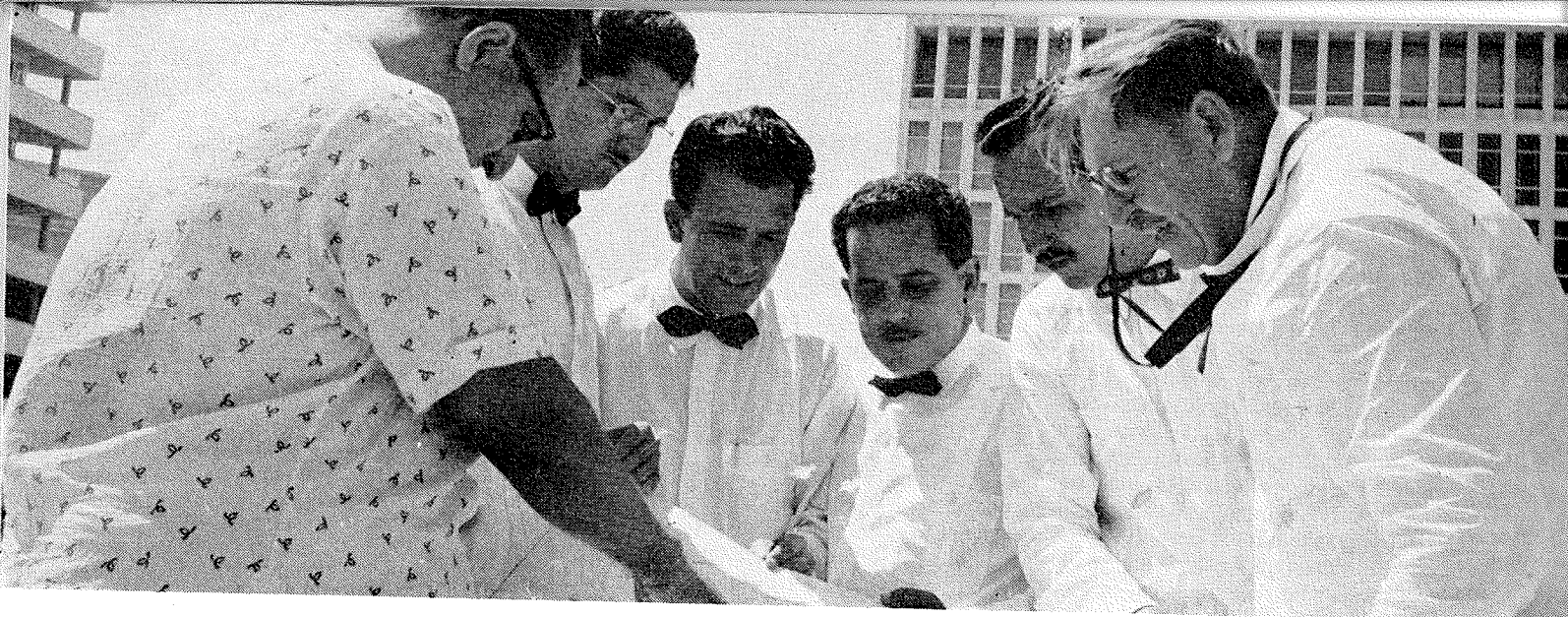
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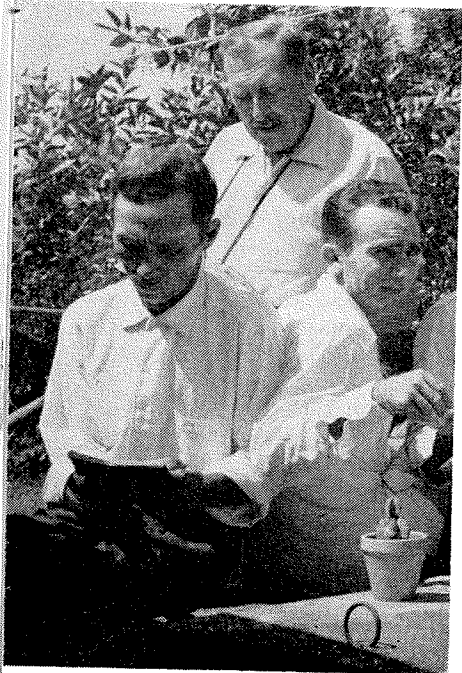


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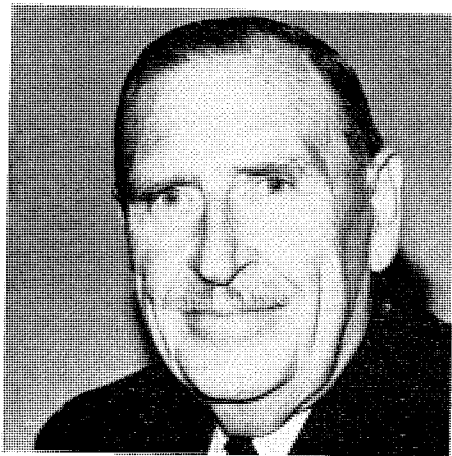




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1. *The joy of Missionary Willey's life was penetrating an unevangelized village with the glorious news of salvation. Even a day of relaxation was ended with an evangelistic service.*
2. *During Mr. and Mrs. Willey's early ministry among Free Will Baptists, they went from church to church teaching missions. The hearts of our people were strangely warmed by the depth of their messages.*
3. *Following his first operation for cancer, the senior missionary spent many hours at his easel.*
4. *He had his jovial moments too.*
5. *In 1967, Missionary Willey accompanied Estenio Garcia in his deputational work. Paul Robinson and family, missionaries to Uruguay, were present for the morning service.*
6. *Our senior missionary made a survey trip to Costa Rico in 1962.*
7. *His faithful horse took "Pop" across many mountains and into as many valleys during his ministry in Cuba.*
8. *With the firm conviction that "faith is not believing that God can, but knowing that HE will," Thomas H. Willey, Sr. penetrated many villages with the gospel of Jesus Christ.*
9. *Why does the church in Cuba stand strong today? Because years ago "Pop" Willey envisioned a Bible school that would train men to preach the Word. Staunch Cuban Christians give evidence today that this vision became a reality.*
10. *Cuban pastors discuss with their spiritual leader plans for future growth.*
11. *Christian laymen were also instructed in spiritual matters.*
12. *Garvin Garcia was a Bay of Pigs prisoner. While in prison he was converted. He gave his testimony at the National Association in 1963 in Detroit, Michigan.*
13. *"Pop's" survey trip to Panama reminded him of the first years of his missionary endeavors.*
14. *A truly great spiritual giant has entered into the joys of his Lord.*

Church Bussing

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Now that you have church approval and have purchased a bus, solicit workers who, with dedicated hearts, will canvass the bus route for riders. Workers should be secured and the route canvassed three or four weeks prior to the first run of the bus. In order to keep plenty of workers, the bus ministry must be constantly magnified before the people. It should be mentioned by the pastor in his sermons occasionally. The Sunday school superintendent and teachers must keep the pupils interested in this great work. When someone gets saved who rides the bus, emphasize this fact. Have salvation testimonies. Frequently give a call in a public invitation for bus workers. Keep the workers that you do have excited about this ministry. Let them know that their labor of love is appreciated.

Usually a church bus ministry on a short-range basis will not support itself financially. Therefore, you must keep your people informed and challenged to keep their interest sufficiently high enough to support a good bus ministry. A bus ministry can be financed by including it in the annual budget or through offerings received at the mid-week service. The Sunday school or CTS could take it on as a special project. Seek God's guidance and do as He leads.

A successful bus ministry comes about as a result of dedication and hard work. A bus route must be worked consistently in order to keep old riders and constantly add new riders. This means consistent bus route visitation, consistent promotion, and a driver and assistants who have the ministry at heart. There is no short cut to an effective bus ministry. Nevertheless, the rewards of a successful bus ministry more than compensate for the money, hard work, tears, promotion, and disappointments.

I challenge you to try the bus ministry in your church. It is one of the best ways to follow Jesus' command to "bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." It is one of the most satisfactory ways to "go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that His house may be filled."



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A Debt Of Thanksgiving

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in Cuba. From the moment I arrived in June, 1953, Mr. Willey took me under his wing and treated me just as if I were his own daughter. Because of his ministry in Cuba, I had the opportunity to go there and share in this work. The seven years I spent in Cuba were some of the best years of my life.

It seemed that Mr. Willey was constantly witnessing to the Cuban people. Never was there time to get away for a little rest and relaxation. Once when he came back from a trip in the country he was all excited about a little uninhabited island he had found with a lovely beach just off the western coast of Cuba. He had been visiting in an area where there was no church, and the people had never even been to a meeting. It was in the summer when Barbara and Tommy were home on vacation, and he wanted the whole mission family to go up to spend the day.

We went in the little bus over a narrow, terrible road until we reached the coast, and then we took a small boat over to the island. Mr. Willey had gone ahead to make arrangements. We spent the day eating the fish we caught and relaxing. Later Mr. Willey informed us that he had invited the people to an evangelistic service that night, so we rowed back to the main coast. When it began getting dark, the people started coming to the little clearing. They kept coming until a large crowd had gathered to hear the gospel for the first time. A gas light was set up for the service. We sang and then Mr. Willey preached once again to the people whom he loved so much. It was such a thrill to have a part in a service where people were hearing the gospel for the first time.

Mr. Willey was always searching for these out of the way places, finding people who had never heard about Jesus. There was never time to rest, never time to take it easy as long as people needed Christ.

But of all the things Mr. Willey meant to me personally most important was the fact that I was a lonely girl away from family and friends, and he took me in just like a father. I can never forget all the things he did for me beyond the line of duty . . . out of love.

—Lucy Lima
Cuban Pastor's Wife
McAllen, Texas

INFLUENCED DESTINY

THE LIFE and destiny of almost every individual that comes into this world is affected and even shaped by the impact of outstanding circumstances or individuals. Directly or indirectly Rev. Thomas H. Willey had more to do in the shaping of my life and work from the time I reached 18 years of age until the present time than any other person I know.

Although he did not personally lead me to Christ, he baptized me and encouraged me into full-time service in the Lord's work and provided Christian training by founding a Bible School in Cuba where I could be trained in the Bible and also in various secular subjects. I was among the first students to assist Rev. Willey in establishing the foundation of the school, and I was among the first graduates. During my stay at Bible School for over four years, he carried the tremendous burden of providing for our needs and the development of the school. To do this, he traveled quite often to the States to inform our Christians and solicit their help. I know this was not easy.

At the Bible School he founded, I not only received training but also met my future wife who has been a tremendous help to my life and ministry.

Soon after I graduated from our Bible School in Cuba, Mr. Willey brought me to the United States on a missionary trip. While in the States he contacted the President of our Bible College in Nashville, who granted me the wonderful opportunity of attending the college for one full school year. Getting acquainted with Free Will Baptists throughout several states and with the College family was an experience I have treasured in my heart through the years. I consider this privilege a precious heritage. Rev. Willey was back of all of this. Even in my present pastorate in the city of Miami I have in my congregation many who were directly or indirectly influenced by the life and work of that devoted missionary to the Island of Cuba.

—Benito Rodriguez
Cuban Pastor, Miami, Fla.

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"Pop" Willey

"This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Mr. Willey gave the message of salvation to the five prisoners and then gave an invitation.

One of the prisoners was the chief of police. He would hardly speak to us. Frankly, when I saw him coming, if I were driving, I'd pull over to the side of the curb to get as far away from him as possible. This police chief walked up to my husband and said, "Senor Willey, for God's sake, pray for me!" They knelt on the bare floor and asked God to forgive the chief of his sins and prepare him for eternity. This was the beginning of the prison ministry.

Day after day Tommy and my husband went into the prisons. If they knew the men would be shot at five o'clock in the morning they would be there praying for them when they were awakened and taken from their cells to be shot. My husband and Tommy were the last persons many of the prisoners saw before they were shot. My husband had to take many prisoners' personal effects to their families. But it was a marvelous ministry. I remember his coming home one day and telling me about a commander in Batista's army to whom he had given a New Testament earlier. The commander reached through the prison bars and said, "Senor Willey, go into the mountains and valleys, go into the cities and country, and tell my people what you have told me. Had I listened to you earlier I would not be behind these bars today." God worked in many hearts, and I believe we will see many of these prisoners in eternity.

How is the Cuban Church functioning now?

For a long time before we left Cuba we realized that our pastors, our workers, were capable of carrying on the work. Even if we were not there, our aim in training the Cubans was that they would be responsible in every phase of the work. Testimony to their ability is evidenced in the fact that the church has

stood amidst communism over the nine years. The work goes on under their capable leadership.

The daughter of a pastor in Pinar del Rio recently wrote to us: "Our church is alive and growing every day. In the last month we have seen new souls saved and added to our membership. Our Sunday school is strong and the youth department is also. The choir has about 20 members. We thank the Lord because it was a big desire of our hearts to have a choir sing during our Sunday services." The work in Pinar del Rio is a very strong one.

Under the Castro regime they are not allowed to have services any place—only where there is a church building. We have many missions, small buildings, homes, and just little chapels that were built. But now these have all been done away with. Our Christians have to attend services in church buildings. In spite of that, they tell us the church is strong. There has been a separation of wheat from the chaff. Some have fallen by the wayside, but those who were true wheat have stood.

Amazingly large numbers attend the youth rallies. Many young people have felt the call to serve the Lord at these rallies. They are also having a convention at the school again. They were not permitted to have one this year, but they did in 1967. The church stands in spite of difficulties and hardships. I believe it will continue to stand even if the time comes when they cannot have services in church buildings. Cuban Christians have said that even if they cannot meet in a building, they will *make every home a church*. I am sure the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of those who have been converted and they in turn have been witnessing to others.

How did "Pop" feel about his association with Free Will Baptists through the years?

I believe it is, in truth, and has

been the sweetest association in his life, and in mine. I don't think we need to tell you of his great love for our people. He said from the very beginning, when we first went to the field (and I myself wondered how we would make it), "God will never fail us and neither will our people." He expressed faith in Free Will Baptists, even from the very beginning when it seemed so difficult. I am glad to tell you that our people have never failed us. Even until our last itinerate, it was a joy and privilege to be in the homes of our people, be in their churches, feel their love and their interest. I am sure it has been the crowning glory, so to speak, of his life. The love of our people has been his joy, it's been his recompense. We thank God for the day He led us to you, and we are sure it was His will—more certain today than ever before.

As you reflect on the years you and "Pop" have spent ministering among our people, what stands out most vividly?

In the beginning we had to hitchhike to some churches. Many churches did not believe in missions. I remember attending a church once in North Carolina. After the missions conference, an elderly man came to me and, with tears streaming down his face, said, "Mrs. Willey, some years ago our pastor announced that a missionary was going to visit our church. We didn't know what a missionary was. It was snowy and rainy. I lived across the street. I was looking out of the door to see if anyone was coming, and I saw a man climbing through the church window. I decided I should go over to the church. In the middle of the church we had a potbelly stove. I stepped inside the church and saw a man making a fire. I introduced myself, and he said, "I'm Brother Willey, the missionary." That was the first missionary conference we ever had in our church."

As I sat on the platform and looked at the packed auditorium (children were sitting on the platform and people were even standing in the aisle) I thought, "My, what a long way we have come!"

We went into areas where people did not believe in missions. We marvelled at what God did in the hearts of many folk.

The greatest joy has been in knowing and having fellowship with our people. We thank God for every church we have been in, every home He has given us the privilege to visit in and stay overnight, the wonderful meals they have given us. The miles seemed as nothing compared to the joy that has been ours in ministering to our people—not only our ministry to them, but their ministry to us.

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A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS H. WILLEY, SR.

by Rufus Coffey

A STALWART soldier of the cross has fought a good fight. The battle is over and a victor's crown has been won. A tired, heroic warrior is in repose. The river of life has flowed into the ocean of God's eternity. It is not an occasion of sadness. It is an hour of gladness. It is not a day of sorrow. It is a time of joy.

The light of an earthly life has momentarily flickered and faded only to be rekindled in glory into an eternal flame. Clouds of physical separation obscure his presence, but the radiant sunlight of his life forever shines in our memory.

"Pop" Willey, as he was affectionately known by many, was an unusual man. He was tall, but his heights exceeded his physical stature. He towered high above obstacles, problems, and opposition. He was a strong man, but greater than physical might was his strength of character, conviction, and courage. He was very human, but his warm, amiable, loving nature was unparalleled. He was a godly man, a Spirit-filled man, a man of prayer, a man who exemplified a living faith.

This venerable man was a mighty minister who excelled in preaching the Word of God. His compassionate heart gave expression in his concern for the spiritual needs of all men. Knowing only one cure for man's sinful heart, he preached with

a passion to meet that need. He had a unique way of communicating God's redemptive love for all men. His messages were inspiring and challenging. The spirit of sincerity, self-denial, and sacrifice that characterized his life was the key to his effective ministry that always found a response.

He was no ordinary servant of the Lord. He was a remarkable missionary. His heart beat for souls universally. He identified with people in all walks of life. His vision embraced a world. With all the fervency of his soul he sought to do all he could to win a lost world to Christ. Blazing a trail in Peru, Panama, and Cuba, this pioneer missionary's ministry also reached into other Latin American countries. The accomplishments of this life wholly dedicated to God has become a modern legend in Free Will Baptist missions.

The impact of his witness will never be completely known. No human standard exists to gage his influence. How many souls were saved, how many lives were touched, how many hearts were uplifted, numbers are now irrelevant. The full measure of his life will be revealed when we read his record on high.

Until then, the torch has been passed to another generation. It is important that we bear it faithfully until we too join the train of the triumphant.

PIONEER MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

by June R. Critcher

THERE WAS a man sent from God to awaken Free Will Baptists from their spiritual lethargy and to quicken their spiritual senses regarding world-wide missions whose name was Thomas H. Willey, Sr.

During the summer of 1954 I visited the mission station he founded on the Island of Cuba and watched this towering giant in action. Even though "Pop" Willey was in his 50s at the time, his pioneering spirit was still intense. While more fearful spirits remain at home in sheltered circumstances, he ventured fearlessly into unevangelized villages in remote provinces of Cuba. He was not disturbed by difficulties, hardships, perplexities, impossibilities. As a pioneer missionary, Mr. Willey obeyed God. "To obey God has a high price attached," he opined, "but to disobey means even a greater price."

Limited in resources, this great pioneer was dauntless in faith and courage.

Physical discomforts did not discourage him. Days and weeks on horseback, nights on dirt floors with little or no relief from the discomfort of hard floors did not dissuade God's missionary. His unending patience and steady persistence eventually bore fruit in the lives of many Cubans. A strong Cuban church stands today as witness to "Pop" Willey's venturesome, victorious pioneer spirit.

This bold pioneer stood head and shoulders above his comrades in dedication, faith, and strength. Yet he had the unique ability to walk *with* men, leading them into deeper commitment, toward Christlikeness. During our trips into several villages that summer, I saw many of those whom Mr. Willey had led to Christ and later into spiritual growth. A unique breed of Christians, they seemed to reflect the likeness of their spiritual father.

The Lord's pioneer has departed. We owe a debt of love, a debt of thanksgiving, which can never be totally repaid.

CONTACT



Thomas H. Willey, Sr.
(1898-1968)

On October 18, 1968 THOMAS H. WILLEY, missionary to Cuba, graduated with honors and left the campus of this world for the glories of his heavenly home.

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