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## Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey and Baby

### SPECIAL NEED!

Whereas, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey would like to join the Calverys in Japan, since being refused visa to India, and

Whereas, the Calverys are very anxious to have help in Japan, and whereas, our other missionaries see the need and do recommend that we increase our staff in Japan as soon as possible and whereas, it will require approximately \$2,000.00 for equipment and passage and whereas, the Herseys have only \$364.01 in their account, therefore we recommend, and do hereby appeal that everyone who reads these lines do something **Special Now** for the Hersey fund that we might send these new missionaries to the field in the very near future. They are scheduled to sail March 15, 1956.

This, truly is a special need at this time and we feel that we should let you know. Remember we make a living from what we get—but, we make a life from what we give.

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**Missions or Omissions--  
Which?**

The Missionary Idea originated in heaven. When God called for volunteers to carry the glorious news of salvation to this lost world, Christ came forward, saying, "Father, I will go." He was the first Foreign Missionary—from heaven to earth. God so loved the world that He sent; Christ so loved the world that He went.

Readily we see in this the underlying principles that must impel every true missionary that goes and every true Christian that sends. This principle is love—love as broad as the entire world; a love that leaps over national boundary lines, caste, or conditions of men, that sees in every man a subject for the merits of the atoning Blood. This is the compelling power that Paul spoke of having, and must be the power that compels us to either go or send.

Another principle that must grip the heart of the true missionary is self-sacrifice. The Father gave His Son; the Son gave His life to reach us with salvation. God loved the whole world; we look only at our little patch and very little at the distant fields. We continue on the promises of the Word which are a benefit, but dwell with sadness on those which call for sacrifice. Yet, before the heathen world feels keenly the mighty impulse heavenward, these principles of love and sacrifice will have to get hold of the Christian world with a mightier grip than that which seems to grip us now.

God's idea was first a soul, then a church, then the world. The Redeemer is for all—and the Church must be enthused with the idea of all the world for the Redeemer. If He is necessary for us, He is for the heathen—and they must have a chance.

We sincerely believe the facilities today for missionary activities are God-given—cheap Bibles and tracts, wonder-working medicines, tools to implement our work, rapid transit, and consecrated men and women—and there ought not be any lack of means to send these messengers of light and life to the darkest corners of the earth. May God grant that the day of widespread missions has opened, and the day of omissions has closed.

Pastor Clyde W. Rather  
Herald of Holiness

Sailing vessels get into the doldrums and never move for weeks. Sometimes church members get into the doldrums and never move for years.

## Youth Report

It has been several months since we have sent in a report from the Youth Department of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville. This is a brief view of our work but to really appreciate it you would have to be a young person and be with us.

### Youth Added

When our church was organized in September 1953 there were no young people in it. Now we have a nice number for which we are thankful.

### Youth Trains

We attend the training service of the church (The League) regularly. All of the League officers are young people. The League has helped us to train for better service for the Lord. We also have an active Young People's Auxiliary that meets weekly. The first Tuesday night of each month we have Bible study. Ample time is given for the discussion of our many problems. The second Tuesday night of each month we have a program from the Y. P. A. program book. The third Tuesday night we have a Study Course on Missions or Stewardship. The fourth Tuesday night we have special prayer in a home. Especially do we appreciate invitations to the homes of shut-ins or unsaved people.

### Youth Prays

On Wednesday night of each week we attend Prayer Meeting at the church. At our Prayer Meeting we have an assembly at the first of song, prayer and testimony after which we assemble into separate prayer groups (the youth together) with one of the older members as group leader. There we pray for the many requests that have been made and our many needs. We would like to encourage young people every where to attend prayer meeting in your church. We know it has made each of us spiritually stronger.

### Special Prayer Requests

We are asking the Lord for a prayer room in our high school where we may go each day for prayer and devotions. We ask you to join us in this request for we feel it is a great need.

### Youth Works

We took as a special project the making of a streamer to go across the street in front of our church advertising our revival. Since we used it another church has borrowed it to use.

### Youth Plays

We have a social hour with refreshments once each month. We are

grateful to the Woman's Auxiliary for furnishing refreshments for this.

### Youth Leads

We have had two special services in our church the last few months. Our Pastor, Rev. Lester Jones, permits us to have the entire evening service quite often. Keith Phipps (one of our number) brought the message the first Sunday night in January at our special service. He is attending Bible College at Nashville.

### Youth Dramatizes

We are now preparing a play "The Wrong Ticket" to give at the District League Rally on Saturday evening before the Fifth Sunday.

### Youth Encourages

We would like to take this means to encourage young people every where to live for Jesus every day.

Please send your reports to the Gem so we may know what you are doing too.

Shirley Houston (President)  
Betty Griswold (Secretary)

## Letter From Harvey Hill

Recently I was appointed by the Missouri State Youth Camp Board to serve as Promotional Secretary for our Missouri Youth Camp since Rev. Willard Day, who has been serving in this capacity, has moved to Oklahoma to take up the pastoral work of the Lewis Ave. Church in Tulsa. Each month a news sheet called the "Youth Camp Crier" will be sent out over the state. If any of you wish to be added to the mailing list, you may contact me and I will see that you get your copy. As perhaps most of you know already, our Youth Camp is in need of a greater cooperation if we are to meet our indebtedness which was brought about by the many improvements made at the camp recently. If we are to meet our obligations, **We Must Have Your Help.** Why not set aside a certain amount of money and send it in regularly to Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.

A little from every church each month could soon retire the indebtedness on this most important piece of property. Should you refuse to do this we could loose our property. Look back to the years we have had camp and see the many boys and girls who have been saved because of it and the several who have answered the call to special service because of it and see if you do not think it well worth a regular offering each month.

If you would like to belong to the Dollar A Month Club, Please send

your name and address to me along with one dollar and then send one dollar a month to our Treasurer, Rev. Reeves and we will be glad to enroll you and send you a membership card at once. The dollar you send me will then be forwarded to our Youth Camp Treasurer.

Remember, your youth camp board depends on your cooperation, your Promotional Secretary depends on you, the many boys and girls over the state depend on you, and above all, **God Depends On You To Do Your Best By Praying and Giving So That This Great Work May Continue.**

Yours for Christ

Rev. Hervey E. Hill  
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## Keys To Getting The Most Out Of League!

By Rev. Robert Picirilli,  
Instructor at Free Will Baptist Bible College

Getting the most out of the Free Will Baptist League in your Church may be somewhat like it used to be back home for getting something out of the smokehouse—we had to use a key. Perhaps the "most" which you desire is still locked up just because the right keys have not yet been used. Anyway, here are three of the most important keys that need to be used for getting the most out of League.

Key number one is proper motivation. Many of your leaguers, no doubt, are attending for wrong purposes; at least they are elsewhere. For example, there are young people who go for purely social purposes. It is, of course, nice for a couple to go to League. But the real purpose of the League is not to provide a social outlet for the young people of the Church. Another example of a quite different misconception of purpose is that there are many who think we attend League to learn. I remember one occasion when our General Director in my home church wanted us to have a teacher in each group to teach the lesson instead of group members participating. But though there will be some learning at League, the primary purpose is something else.

In addition to those who have wrong ideas of purpose, there are many who simply do not realize that there is any valuable purpose in the work of the League. But there is a fundamental purpose; and unless it is realized fully by the Leaguers, the most cannot be gotten out of the League.

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## The Sunday School

Rev. Wm. Mishler

The Sunday School is the longest arm of the Church for reaching the unreached masses of people. It is the 20th century recruiting agency for the entire church program. As a denomination we have always been identified by those things which we most vividly assert we believe.

We Free Will Baptists, with a reaffirmation of the basic facts of our faith, have been peculiarly marked and classed by the extension of the Kingdom of God through our organizations and programs. The Sunday School, as the oldest of these organizations, has become the tool for our Bible teaching task, the instrument of projection and outreach used most effectively in the extending and developing of the church program.

Since the Sunday School is the longest arm of the Church, its constituency is all inclusive. From the cradle to the grave, the old, the young, the shut-ins and the shut-outs, all of these have come to know the blessings of the ministries of this great organization.

Its curriculum is the Bible, its objective, Bible teaching, thus making its ministry to become the main artery of the Free Will Baptist blood stream—in outreach, indoctrination, and evangelization of the Church.

Through the Sunday School the church can multiply herself ten-fold. Over the past five-year period of our denomination there was an approximate gain of 476 Sunday Schools, and an enrollment gain of 31,344 pupils. Over this same period nationally, there has been an average gain of 2,000,000 a year in Sunday School.

It is very evident that more people are attending Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools today than in any other period in the history of our denomination. With this increased attendance, more people are brought into contact with the church. However, according to last years statistics we had approximately 2,000 churches reporting. We say that the Sunday School furnishes the greater portion of the church membership. If this be true there would be a gain in membership of only approximately 15½ members per church over this five-year period.

For some reason we are failing to tie these Sunday School pupils to the church proper. What are the reasons? As Sunday School Promotional Secretary I have contacted well over 200 Sunday Schools in the past 18 months and I list some of the apparent reasons: The lack of interest in the Sunday School program on the

part of the pastor. Here is one of the best ways for a pastor to multiply himself, through his Sunday School. A church never rises above its leader. It has been said that the pastor is the chief officer of the Sunday School in the same way that the President of the United States is commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy. He really holds the key to the situation; and in the last analysis, therefore, is responsible for the success of the Sunday School. Thus, he should be vitally interested in the Sunday School program of his church. There is but one possible answer to this demand made upon the pastor for fruitful teaching throughout the Sunday School—he can invest himself in officers and teachers, thus multiply himself throughout the Sunday School.

The lack of trained teachers, equipment, housing facilities, over-conservativeness, selfishness, etc. It must be remembered that the first introduction most people have to the church is through Sunday School. What they see and hear while in the Sunday School will largely determine whether or not they become a member of that church. These are some of the reasons for our loss.

Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools are a multi-million dollar business functioning for God in the outreach, indoctrination, and evangelization of the church. This in turn effects the entire church program. For as the Sunday School program goes, so goes the church program. This makes the Sunday School an integral part of the church, worthy of the wholehearted support of the church and its officers. Someone has said, "The Sunday School exists to aid persons in becoming Christians and in reaching their maximum growth in Christlikeness".

### ILLINOIS Y. P. A. 'S PROGRESSING

The young people of the South Roxana Church have been selected to present a playlet at the next Sunday School Alliance, to be held in April. They have selected a name for themselves: Crusaders For Christ. The youth group is growing and plan great things for Christ and His glory. Rev. Wallace Malone is pastor.

—Shirley Buster, Pres.

This old world needs Christ, not the chaos of communism. We need a new birth, not a new social order. We need regeneration and revival, not revolution or renovation. We need the Gospel, not guns; power and prayer, but not powder. We need ambassadors for Christ, not diplomats.

## Sunday School-Home Base For Missions

By Harold E. Garner

Aside from the fact that the Sunday School is the church's greatest medium of teaching the Word "which is able to make," pupils "wise unto salvation," I believe it is the church's greatest means of providing opportunity for Christians to obey Christ's command, "Go ye.... teach.... beginning at Jerusalem."

God is calling for missionaries to go across the street as well as across the sea. The Sunday School provides the local setup for obeying this missionary challenge which is as much for the development of workmen as for the development of the work.

People have an innate desire to serve. Many times the church does not capitalize on this desire, and as a result its members become discontented with an organization that asks only for their attendance and gifts. "Use me or lose me" is a motto that ought to be hung around the neck of every new convert until the church does something about this challenge. The Sunday School in its home base as well as in its branch works, is in a strategic position to offer the best means possible for putting people to work, thus providing a means of stability and growth for those who serve as well as winning others to Christ.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is a friend of childhood; inspiration of youth; the strength of middle life and the comfort of declining years.

The Sunday School has God's day for its time, God's house for its place, God's Book for its text and God's glory for its aim.

The Sunday School is officered and taught by Christian men and women who are freely giving their time, talents, powers, and money to the end that the lost may be saved and the saved may be strengthened.

The Sunday School builds character, instructs the mind, warms the heart, feeds the ambition, encourages the faint-hearted, shields the tempted, and points the way of life for all.

The Sunday School deserves the sympathetic support, the prayerful interest, the loyal co-operation of every patriotic citizen, of every aspiring youth, and every prattling child.

The Sunday School stretches out a friendly hand to one and all, old or young, and bids them enter into the Father's house and listen to the Father's voice as he speaks out His holy word.

## His Young Warriors

Robert Wilfong

The Lord Jesus is pictured in Psalm 110 as Ruler over all, the King of Righteousness, and Priest of God. There is a panorama of the Messiah and His Kingdom, viewed in tremendous scope and majesty. The complete picture and application may be future, yet verse 3 has a present application for those of us who are young in years and young in heart. In the American Revised Version here is how it reads:

"Thy people offer themselves willingly

In the day of thy power, in holy array: (Or, "in the beauty of holiness:" margin)

Out of the womb of the morning  
Thou hast the dew of thy youth."

Even if this is part of the portrait of the Lord, it still has a significance for us because we are in Him. We are told also that the word "power" has a double significance, sometimes it means "strength" or it can mean "army", which is probably the best word for us to use in this verse. The day spoken of here is the day of His army, the day of the gathering of His warriors. Then, the whole verse tells what kind of warriors He has in His army. They are willing, they are faithful, and they are young. How about you, will you be one of the Lord's willing, faithful, young warriors?

In the day of the mustering of His army His people offer themselves "willingly". They are not drafted, they are not hired as soldiers, they are not pressed into service, they offer themselves willingly.

Willingness is important to God in His relationship with His people. In preparing to build the Tabernacle, Moses stood before the people of Israel to say, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord." The word "willing" in that verse can also mean "liberal or noble". And the people brought a willing offering. Near the end of his life, David encouraged his son to build the Temple, reminded Israel of all the materials he had collected for that building, and then challenged those people with, "Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?" In 1 Chronicles 29: 6-9 the Bible tells us that "then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with

the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly. . . . Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord."

Today the Lord wants us. He has some plans for our lives. He has some plans for our service. He wants to carry out these plans. But He wants us to be willing for Him to have His way is those plans. He wants us to willingly give Him our lives. He wants us to willingly carry out the service He has for us. How about it? Are you this day ready to consecrate your service, your life, your plans, your future, your everything to Him who is the Captain of our salvation.

We are told that the expression "the beauty of holiness" was used in speaking of the dress of the priests. Doesn't that tell us something more about the kind of army the Lord has? His people are soldiers, willing soldiers, but more than soldiers, they are also priests. They have a ministry to be performed, and in that ministry they are to be faithful. The ministry for His warriors today is that of winning souls to Christ. We can point other young men and other young women to the Christ who saved us from sin and tell them that He can save them also. There are many that we can reach. Someone said that in Tampa, Fla. there 13,000 boys and girls in the elementary schools that are not in Sunday School. I wonder how many there are in your town in elementary school that are not in Sunday School? I wonder how many there are in high school in your city that are not in church on Sunday Morning? How about you finding out and then starting to work in that mission field? There is someone you can reach for the Lord?

A friend of mine told me a story of a salesman who worked in a furniture store. A lady dressed in rather old-fashioned clothes came into the store. Since she didn't look like much of a customer, the salesman didn't bother to "sell" her on any of the merchandise. He answered her questions, gave her the price of this article and that article as she inquired, leisurely with her down the aisles, and finally yawned. This was too much for the customer. She turned for the door. Just then the owner of the store, coming from his office, recognized her as one of the wealthiest persons in town, stopped her from leaving, showed her some merchandise, and succeeded in selling her more than a thousand dollars worth of furniture. And the salesman was fired because he yawned on the job.

How many times do we try to pick our "customers" in this business of soul-winning? Have you ever thought, "I couldn't talk to him", or "I couldn't possibly say anything to her"? Maybe you have said, "He wouldn't come to our Sunday School?" Go see if he will! But don't yawn on the job.

"Thou hast the dew of thy youth", these warriors of the Lord are young. Dew is used in Scripture as a symbol of that which purifies and refreshes. What could be more refreshing to this whole world than a great company of vibrant, enthusiastic, young people who have plunged whole heartedly into the Lord's service of winning souls because they are willing for Him to lead their lives. Young lives are compared to dew because dew is pure, and sparkling, and bright, and clean. And young lives are just that, sparkling, clean and bright. The important thing about all that is for you to see that your life stays that way. Don't dirty it up with sin. Don't mess up your life with bad habits. Accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour make Him the Lord of your life, and go forth with Him to conquer as one of His young warriors.

"In the warfare that is raging  
For the truth and for the right,  
When the conflict fierce is raging  
With the powers of the night,  
God needs people brave and true:  
May he then depend on you?  
May the Lord depend on you?  
Loyalty is but his due;  
Say, O spirit, brave and true,  
That he may depend on you."

### QUOTES

Once truth is firmly planted in a child, it continues steadfast through any test, but the planting has to be done early in the growing season.

The strength of a country is the strength of its religious convictions.

My love for the Lord is not measured by the things I am willing to do for Him—but by the one thing I am not willing to do for Him.

What will not bear to be put before the eye of God should not be put before the eye of men.

### FROM THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

At a recent meeting of the National Sunday School Association in Spokane, Washington, the president of the Association, Dr. Harold Erikson, Rockford, Illinois, urged Sunday School teachers to reach parents—"By reaching the adults," he said, "the American family life can be strengthened, thus helping to combat parental as well as juvenile delinquency."

## "Missing The Mark"

By Ben Scott

Text: Phil. 3:14 "I press toward the mark for the prize of the High Calling in Christ Jesus."

**Introduction:** Every ship sails from port does so with the expectation of anchoring safely in a distant harbor at the end of her voyage. The pilot of every airplane which flies through the skies has a landing strip in view, on which he plans to land safely at the end of his flight. Everything that moves has a destination. Every person born into this world begins the voyage of life with his final destination—**Eternity**. From the cradle to the grave we press forward on the journey of life. There are few, if any, who would not like to find a Home in Heaven with God the Father at the end of this earthly life. Such a prize is a mark worthy of our best efforts.

Occasionally a ship will meet with disaster on the high seas and fail to make the distant port. Quite often we hear of airplanes becoming lost in a storm and crashing into a mountain side, thus missing the mark. More serious than these tragedies, tho, are the lives of millions in the world today who are drifting aimlessly toward eternity without hope.

In the text of Scripture before us, Paul expressed the opinion, or at least would seem to imply the fact that it is possible for us to miss the mark. Let us look at some plain reasons which are set forth in the Bible as to why men may miss the mark.

### I—Looking Back

Luke 17:32 is a short verse in the Bible as verses go, but it is calculated to arouse our attention and interest. The Saviour, Jesus Christ, simply said, "Remember Lot's Wife." No doubt but Lot's wife, like we all, had made many mistakes in her life. But the sin which led to her destruction was committed when she disobeyed God's commandment and turned to look back. Immediately her progress ceased; her doom came suddenly; she became a pillar of salt, a monument to all who would dare dis-obey God.

The danger of looking back is clearly set forth. We cannot make progress as an individual Christian, as a church, or as a denomination unless we look ahead with a goal in mind. Along with that goal we need a broader vision and a greater zeal for the work of God.

Again in Luke 9:62 Jesus declared "No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." If the road to

eternal life is strait and the gate to Heaven narrow, we can ill afford to take our eyes off the goal to look back to the things of the world. To Israel at the Red Sea God said through Moses, "Go Forward." If Israel had done what Paul teaches us to do, they would have forgotten the things of Egypt and looked forward more diligently to the Promised Land. By looking back many of them missed the mark.

**2—Presuming**, which means taking for granted or possessing a spirit of arrogance.

This was another thing which led to the downfall of Israel. We are warned in 1. Cor. 10:11 "Now these things happened unto them for examples." We may find ourselves saying "It will never happen to me" but Paul warns the members of the church again in the next verse, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Many are like the story of the Hare and Tortoise who, we are told entered into a race. The hare, being much more swift, ran well at the start and would have won easily had he not presumed he had the race won, and stopped to commend himself. After doing this, he indulged in a little bit of careless and foolish play. As the story goes, while he was having a good time the tortoise kept moving along slowly, but step by step toward the goal. At the outcome of the race, it was the tortoise and not the hare who won.

Some of the major sins of Israel are mentioned by Paul. They are Lust, Idolatry, Fornication, Murmuring, and other sins as well. After they were delivered from Egypt's bondage, presuming they could not help but enter into the Promised Land, the people became careless. It is said of them in the Scriptures, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." The Bible also declares that many of them fell. They missed the mark! History tells us that Nero fiddled while Rome burned. He felt so certain that he and his city were secure that he never bothered his mind with the solemn warnings of coming disaster. It is sad but true today that many churches and church members have "Sat down to eat and drink" and are fooling their time away while souls are being lost.

### 3—Overweighted

On the highways of our nation there are "weight stations" where all trucks which carry a heavy load must stop for weighing. If the truck is found to be overloaded, some of the weight must be cast aside. Hebrews 12:1 admonishes "Let us lay aside

every weight!" The Christian life is a RACE. No runner would try to win a prize running while weighted down. Yet many people are trying to get to Heaven carrying pet sins, childish peevish, hurt feelings, mild grudges, and numerous other things which would most certainly be out of place in Heaven! Somewhere we must unload! Unless we do we will miss the mark and fail to win the prize. The words of Dan. 5:27 will spell our doom, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting."

The Christian life is like the Marathon race. It is not usually over in one service, or one revival, or one year. It begins at conversion and does not end until we die. It is said the Greeks and Persians met in battle on the plains of Marathon. After the battle was won by the Greeks a young soldier was chosen to carry the good news to their people who waited in the city of Athens. The journey was long and hard but the young soldier ran hard, never stopping. Mile after mile he kept running. He had a message to carry to his people who were anxiously waiting. Just at sunset, as he came in sight of his beloved city, the people who had gathered together to wait his coming opened wide the gate to let him in. Just as he entered the gate he shouted with his last breath, "Rejoice, We Conquer!" and he fell dead. At the end of the Christian race many wait in the City of God for our coming. When our bodies fall in death, if we have been a faithful runner we can join the glad number of the redeemed, saying "Rejoice! through Jesus Christ, we have conquered." We cannot afford to MISS THE MARK!

### RIVERTON KANSAS

Dear Sister Edwards:

I am enclosing my check for \$1.50 to renew my subscription to the Gem. I enjoy it so much, and pray that God will bless you in your work, and that the subscriptions for the Gem will grow. I don't get to attend a Free Will Baptist Church often, as I don't drive very far, and the Church in Joplin is the closest. I always listen to Monett at 8 A. M. Sunday if possible.

Best wishes for a prosperous 1956.

Libbie Bowers

Box 34, Riverton, Kans.

The Word is quick and powerful. It is keen to divide right from wrong, to reveal the hidden resources of truth. Perhaps that is why the Psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."



## OBITUARY

Leslie Everett, was born to David and Hettie Everett, August 8, 1879 near Sharfield, Missouri. He passed away January 2, 1956 at his home in St. Joseph, Missouri.

He united with the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in the year of 1900 and remained a devoted and faithful member until his death.

He was united in marriage March 8, 1897, to Miss Julia McGauhey. To this union was born 6 children, four daughters and two sons, who with the wife survive. Besides his wife and 6 children who survive, he leaves eleven grand-children, ten great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Mr. Everett was a member on the Board of Trustees of the Church for about thirty years.

He was a faithful attendant as long as health permitted. He loved his church and did all he could to promote its work. He was a loving husband, father and a wonderful friend. January fourth, 1956 he was laid to rest in the Church cemetery to await the "resurrection morning."

Officiation Ministers were: Rev. R. L. Robinson, and by request of the deceased, Rev. Melba White brought a message being a life long friend of the family.

—Melba White, Reporter

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Halbrook, a charter member of the Leadington Church passed to her reward January 10, 1956.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, one son, Willard, and a daughter, Mrs. Violet Hutson. She leaves to mourn her going, six sons, namely: Everett, Roscoe, Oda, Clarence, Alvin and Albert. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, one sister, several nieces and nephews besides a host of friends.

"Grandma Halbrook" as she was known by all, had been a Christian for over sixty years. She was a devoted wife and mother. She was a faithful member of her church always doing whatever she could to further its progress.

Shortly before her passing, she gave her testimony to the realities of heaven and then said, "Jesus is such a wonderful Saviour."

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, for to know "Grandma" was to love her.

You can't help another up the hill without getting a little closer to the top yourself.

## Now Is The Hour

By Raymond Riggs

Following is a quotation from a recent letter from Rev. Wesley Calvery from Tokyo, Japan. (Dear Editor: The quotation is on separate sheet enclosed.)

Visas to India have been refused Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey and it has been agreed by those concerned they should enter the field of Japan. This is advised by our missionary there and also the missionaries on other fields who know the problems entailed by leaving lone missionaries on the field.

It will require between two and three thousand dollars for passage and equipment to get this fine couple and their baby into Tokyo, which today remains one of the greatest mission fields in the world.

We only have a short time in which to raise this money and to get these missionaries to the field. We are going ahead by faith and arranging for the space on steamship and also trusting that much of the equipment will be provided by churches and auxiliaries on the field. You might note elsewhere in this paper or the enclosed copy the articles that are needed to equip them for service on the mission field.

It has been some time since we have actually sent a new missionary to the field and we believe that now is your opportunity to help do it. Remember this must be over and above your regular missionary giving. Let us rally to this special project at this time.

The Hersseys indeed, are worthwhile folk. They have proven themselves in every respect and we are anxious for the funds to come in for them to be sent to Japan. Let us not keep them waiting. Send your offerings today designated for the Hersey fund. Make a special donation to the Hersey fund that we might plant a new missionary team in Japan.

The Hersseys will be doing itinerate work in the different churches in the near future and in the event they arrange to come to your church, we believe that you will do your utmost to give them a good reception and a fine offering to hasten them on to Japan. We are confident that the recommendation of Bro. Calvery is noteworthy and we would certainly like to have them there in time for the language school beginning April the 9th.

After the visa refusal to India the Hersseys expressed their willingness to go either to Africa or Japan but

somehow we believe the Lord would have them to join our staff in Japan at this time. We have hopes of course of opening a field in Africa at a later date and we are praying that the Lord will provide sufficient personnel for this field.

## Calverys' Letter

Tokyo, Japan

Greetings from Japan:

Thousands of miles from home and a wonderful Christmas. This statement sounds contradictory doesn't it? Americans usually associate Christmas with going home to be with the folks for a few days and without that trip home, Christmas does not seem complete. But for us, even though we were far from home we had a truly happy Christmas day. First of all, on Christmas morning we attended English speaking services, in down-town Tokyo, for missionaries in this area, but our real joy came in the afternoon and evening with our Japanese friends. In the afternoon we had a Christmas service for the children in our garage. There was singing, Bible Stories and slides. Each child received a little box of candy which was bought from their own Sunday School offerings. They also each received a scripture verse pencil as a gift from "Wsuri San and Airlin San" (Wesley and Aileen). They were really happy. You should have heard them as they said "ureshii" (I'm happy) and then all bowed together and said "Thank you very much". We trust that all of them have learned to love the Lord Jesus Christ and the true God. Some of the older ones have expressed a desire to become Christians.

In the evening there was a Christmas service for the adults. There were seven or eight Christians among the thirty who were in attendance; most of whom have become Christians as a result of our meetings. The service was held in our neighbors living room. As you know, in a typical Japanese room everyone sits on the floor. So we did not have to worry about chairs. All of us sat on the floor for the two hour service. (I must admit that it was rather painful after the first hour.) The service was in the form of a candle light service with each person lighting a candle from a large candle on the Bible. It was an impressive service and reminded me again of the thousands in this land who have not received the "Light of the World" into their hearts.

After Christmas we joined about fifteen other missionaries in Morioka, Japan (10 hours by train north of

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## The Jericho Road

By Raymond Riggs

Upon our visit to Jerusalem we traveled over the Jericho road, and our guide pointed out to us the place where the man fell among thieves and was stripped of his raiment, was wounded, and left for dead. Also, we were shown the Good Samaritan Inn, or rather the place where the inn once stood. Even though a police station is now standing on the spot, much of the remains of the "ole inn" is still there.

As we traveled the narrow winding road from Jerusalem to Jericho it was quite obvious how dangerous this road could be. There are many places where thieves might hide, and pounce upon an unsuspecting victim.

It is twenty-three miles from Jerusalem to Jericho, and as you go, you will descend over three thousand feet. While there may be snow in Jerusalem, on the same day it would be hot in Jericho.

The wild country laying off the Jericho road is a barren, trackless wilderness in which nothing grows. It is covered with stones, completely waterless and cut into hideous and fantastic ravines and gorges with steep, overhanging cliffs, which throw back an intense heat that makes existence almost intolerable.

It is difficult to describe ones feelings as you stand on the roadside looking over that expanse of baking, shimmering, convulsed and arid land, so hostile and menacing. Off in the distance I remember seeing a lone Arab citizen as he walked along leading his camel. The poor beast looked almost starved, and actually was hardly more than a rack of bones.

This landscape reminds you of some obscene and horrid monster which would lure you into its lair and reveal horrors that would turn the brain before devouring your flesh. The yellow, sulphurous rocks seem to be twisted into a kind of agony as if they were cooling from some ghastly, devilish furnace.

Actually this is the Wilderness of Temptation, where Jesus wandered for forty days and forty nights, tempted of the Devil. The Bible says, "He was with the wild beasts..." jackals, hyenas, hungry wolves, and during the time of Christ, lions and bears.

Before visiting the Holy Land, I had more or less envisioned the Wilderness of Temptation as a dense forest with thick underbrush, etc. Imagine my surprise as we viewed the jagged rock, barren cliffs and gaping caves!

From the writings of Leslie Weatherhead comes this story that describes the hazards of this desert. "Two students discovered just how terrible this desert is. They thought they would take a short cut across it. And it is not that the desert is so vast. Actually, the distance as the crow flies would not be a distance outside the power of two normally healthy young men. But one cannot travel in a straight line across this desert. First the desert loses you in its intersecting river gorges. Then it starves you and drives you mad with thirst. Then it leaves you to the wild beasts and the pitiless sun and vultures. An Arab found one student unconscious and brought him back to Jerusalem. They never found the other. They only found a few bones and buttons in a jackal's den. Yet the students were never more than a few miles from Jerusalem."

Another story is told of the police searching for a bandit who had built a stone wall right across the narrow black-top road, stopped fourteen cars, robbed everyone, threatened to cut off a lady's fingers because her rings could not be gotten off quickly enough, and shot dead several policemen who attempted to arrest him. There is certainly nothing ancient and out of date in the Scripture that says, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves who stripped him of his raiment and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half-dead."

But, we certainly don't have to go to Jericho to find thieves. During our recent visit to Michigan we stopped over in Columbus, Ohio for a service with our good friend and brother in Christ, Rev. Delbert Gould, who is pastor of the Welch Ave. F. W. B. Church. After a very fine service in the church we went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crum on N. Washington St. My wife two sons and two daughters were along, and we were looking forward to the next day, Dec. 23rd when we would go on to Michigan to spend Christmas with our parents, and friends of long standing. We had the station wagon well loaded with our clothes, and also our Christmas gifts for our people. We were royally entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crum, but were certainly disappointed the next morning to find that the station wagon had been broken into and stripped of our possessions.

Fortunately, none of the Foreign Mission equipment was missing even though there was a camera and Missionary film inside.

We mended the broken glass in the car window as best we could—and went on our way, feeling rather empty, but as we looked toward the back of the station wagon—Behold, it was empty too! We must say, however—that soon our hearts were full as we visited loved ones at home with memories of "Glad Re-Union Day"—in heaven—where thieves do not break through nor steal.

## From Our Missionaries

### THE HANNA'S

#### North India

"The Lord is working in our midst and especially among our Santali people. One entire village of about twenty-three people has come out for the Lord. These things always thrill our hearts. Besides these, three Santals from three other villages have accepted Christ as Saviour and are awaiting baptism.

Our mela opens January 20th, and our conference follows closely afterwards. Please pray that His hand of blessing may be upon us in this and all our work for Christ."

Miss Volena Wilson

(Note: Miss Wilson visited with the Hanna's a few weeks during the Christmas holidays—and here is what she writes:)

"It has been such a privilege to have been on the scene of so much blessing. I am grateful to the Lord for allowing me to share in the work. The responsibilities are many and the burden great but I hear no word of complaint from these who must shoulder the burden alone, yet not alone, are they? as He is with them—only alone in the sense that there are no other missionaries on the field at the moment. Until now I have never fully realized the tremendous task in our work here in the North. I confess quite frankly that I turn my face again to the South with a heavy heart as I leave this place of overwhelming needs.

Christ was as real to our hearts during the Christmas season. It seemed He cradled us close to His heart in His loving arms and we knelt before Him in adoration and praise. The deep contentment and peace and joy that he alone can give filled our hearts and we were lifted right up into the heavenlies."

Reports of the use of tobacco and alcoholic liquors in Israel indicate that Israel is one of the most temperate nations in the world.

—Gospel Herald.



## Japan--Equipment Suggestions For Hersey's-- Hurry!

### Household Equipment

(The following are a Must)

Refrigerator—one of the small, compact ones are best. Electric. Portable kerosene heater—the tall, round ones with a bail are good—bring 2 kerosene stoves for cooking—Perfection brand with 3 or 4 burners and either portable or built-in oven are used by missionaries here satisfactorily.

(The following you must have but now because there are many armed forces personnel here moving about, their used ones may be bought cheaper than buying them and shipping. So if you do not already have these, do not buy but bring money to buy here.)

Washing machine, Large kerosene heating stove, Sewing machine, Typewriter, Radio, A good mattress.

### (The Following bring)

Any electrical appliances you have except a clock as it won't work. Also any that you may receive as gifts such as toaster, mixer, etc.

Electric blanket—if possible. Especially if you have difficulty in getting warm at night in the States as it's much worse here.

Kitchen—a good set of pots and pans, a pressure pan with extra parts, a good can opener, stainless steel silverware; dishes are everywhere here but if you have a few very heavy ones bring them; bring pyrex pieces.

Household linens etc.—bring pillows; sheets—about 12; bath towels—about 30; hand towels; washcloths; dishtowels; tablecloths (pure linen is cheaper here) a few doilies; curtains if you have some nice ones, anything you would use at home.

Blankets—about 6 or so heavy ones, can buy here; can also buy the heavy quilts here.

Books—bring the good books you have on hand that you think you might use. Be sure to include a good dictionary, medical books, Bible commentaries and Bible study books, a good book on etiquette. If some friend wants to give you a subscription to some good magazine accept them because you will appreciate them very much. Flannelgraph material which you have used.

Food—bring for at least one year: coffee, cocoa, jello, Shampoo, deodorant, lotions, and creams, (all the kinds you would use at home plus some lanolin), razor blades, shaving cream or soap, aspirin, Lux soap

flakes, Vitamins—a general everyday one unless you need a special one, home medicines if you think you need them—as Alka Seltzer, etc. Jellies are expensive, so if you like it bring sure jell, there's none here. Also, put in some cans of sandwich meat as Spam, and if winter, some cheese. All these can be bought here, but are from three to five times the price in States.

### Clothes—

Japan is quite a bit like the States in climate. Tokyo being like the Central States, except is more humid in summer and has hard drying wind in the winter. The people in Tokyo dress same as in States, wearing very nice clothes. You'll probably be in Tokyo the first year and a half or longer except perhaps for the summer. The houses are open and no heat much at all, so more clothes are needed in winter and the chlorine in the water wears out all clothes and linens etc., more quickly than in America. So, judging accordingly, I suggest bringing all the clothes one needs for the first 2 years or so and then, if they can't be found here they can be made or sent from the States. Most things can be bought here at about the same price but sometimes sizes are a problem. Two distinct types of clothes are needed. For the hot, humid weather: open sandals, light cottons, crinkle nylon are fair; then for the cold weather. Do not bring any red, nor buy many bright colors.

You cannot wear red here, nor the men any bright colors. If you have on hand bring a few. Bring all the good clothes you have plus new ones. In addition perhaps to what one would need in the Central States at home, here are some suggestions.

### Woman:

Shoes—worn outside only—good walking shoes, no heels except what you have as the side walks and streets are bad. One pair each of boots and galoshes. A couple of rain-coats. For inside—two or so pair of lined house shoes or any light weight warm shoes that are noiseless and won't mar the floor for winter. They have slippers here but are cold for winter.

Hat—only the one you will wear.

Underwear—part wool slips and or undershirts and knee panties. For summer the lightweight four-gore shadow panel cotton slip is nice, and

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Tokyo, Japan

Dear Brother Riggs:

"We were happy to hear that the Herseys will be joining us soon. We trust that the Lord has led and will continue to lead all the way. I will get right down to your questions and plans for their coming to Japan.

The most urgent thing for them now is that they get started with the language. Thus if at all possible they should be here ready to start language school on April 9. If not they must wait until July for the summer session which is held in the mountains about 40 miles from Tokyo. If they can begin in April we will be here to help them in the many problems that they will have as newcomers. We plan for the ending July 1 to be our last term in school. After that we will probably not be in Tokyo. Considering everything, it will be much better if they can be here by April 1st. So if at all possible please make arrangements for them to be here then. It is not advisable for them to start to language school late but if they can not be here by April 1st they can study with a private teacher until the next term starts."

### CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN SOUTH INDIA

Our Christmas season was a blessed one. We had over 200 in Sunday School and 300 in the church service.

It was a thrill to see it. Five of our young men—products of our own church—gave brief messages on: **The Shepherds Received Him, The Wise Men Sought Him, The Innkeeper Neglected Him, and the King Rejected Him, What Will you Do with Him?** respectively. And in all the Sunday School class rallies held during Christmas week (we have 7 classes in the Sunday School now) there was real blessing. In our intermediate and senior Boys groups 14 either took their stand for the first time for Christ, or (4 of them) renewed their vows and asked for baptism. In the women's class 26 were present, and one of the greatest joys of all was to see the little woman who during our dedication time was under the power of demon-possession, now joining in all the fun and inspiration and testimonies. She hasn't missed a Sunday since she started. There are more earnest enquirers than ever before.

Even out on R. V. Estates, the place which has been so raw and so hard, it seems the Spirit is moving. Our own teacher, Ahiczer, goes out each Sunday afternoon now and conducts a Sunday School for the children there.

**NEW PASTOR AT MYRTLE**

The Myrtle Church called Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon from Mt. Grove, Mo., to serve as Pastor and he assumed his new duties, December 1, 1955.

Rev. Spurgeon attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College last year. He is a young man with a wife, Elaine, and a small daughter, Jean Anne.

—Mrs. David Sorrell, Cor.

(Much success to you, Mr. Spurgeon and to your fine church. Editor)

**CORRECTION BY CAMP CARETAKER**

I wish to make a correction in my financial report on last issue of the Gem. In the "Outstanding Bills"—

Note .....	\$5000.00
Payment due Oct. 1956, ....	1000.00
Open account .....	2560.00
Paid on account .....	800.00
Balance due .....	1760.00

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec.-Treas.

The Youth Camp Program committee for the 1956 session will meet early in February to select the teachers and help to plan the program. Our session will meet June 24-30. Rev. Lester Jones, Kirksville, General Supervisor.

**NORTHEAST QUARTERLY MEETS**

The Northeast Missouri Quarterly Meeting convened with the Green Grove Church Saturday afternoon, January 28. The theme of the conference was: "Preach The Word." The theme was ably carried out by Rev. Lester Jones, Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, and Rev. Kermit Crooks.

Saturday night was given to the League Rally. The Rally was a blessing to all present.

—Leona Thompson, Cor.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI LEAGUE CONVENTION MEETS AT FELLOWSHIP**

The Southeast Missouri League Convention was held at the Fellowship Church in Flat River, Saturday night, January 21, 1956 with the president Rev. Harry Asher presiding. There was a total attendance of 256.

Bro. Dain Ward led the congregation in the opening hymn, and Rev. James Barker prayed the opening prayer.

It was voted upon to pay the Secretary-Treasurer a fee of \$5.00 a quarter, and also to pay for the purchase of new secretary and treasury record books.

The Third Church retained the banner for the largest attendance.

Singspiration was then led by Bro. Ward.

Jack Coulter, a leaguer from the Berkeley Church presented the topic "My Responsibility to My Home." Also a leaguer from Leadington, Miss Doris Spradlin, presented the topic, "My Responsibility to My Church."

A very interesting film was shown on the importance of young people starting out their marriage with Christ.

The next convention will convene with the First Church in Flat River.

Rev. Ben Scott prayed the benediction.

—Glenda Barks, Sec.-Treas.

**RICHWOODS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School Average attendance for the past three months was sixty-nine. Our Superintendent is Mr. Clarence Sohn. Our average League attendance was thirty-three for the past three months. Bro. Jim Schutte, is president. Our average has dropped some through the winter months because of so much sickness and bad weather. We desire your prayers that everyone will be well again soon and able to attend Sunday School and Church.

We have been making plans to start building a Church basement as soon as the weather permits. The Lord is blessing in this part of His vineyard and we give Him all the praise and thanks for everything.

—Sophia Ackerson, Cor.

**CHURCH SENDS HOME MISSION OFFERING**

Our church for an indefinite period will be sending a check of \$25.00 monthly to you. Please credit this to Bob Wilfong to help on the work in Florida. For several years, we have been helping an individual or a church here at home.

—Willa Mae Barker, Cor.

**FIRST CHURCH, BERKELEY CITY, MISSOURI**

Dear Gem Readers:

As most of you know by this time, I have recently returned to the state of Missouri to take over the pastoral work at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Berkeley, Missouri. Since coming here some three months ago, God has been wonderfully blessing us in our labors for him. Quite a number have accepted Christ as their Saviour and thus far 21 have united with the church.

Our Sunday School has almost doubled in attendance for which we are so thankful, and our league has been growing right along. We also began a vigorous youth program soon after our arrival which has grown to

be an outstanding organization in our church. A regular monthly paper published by them has certainly been a blessing to our church as well as a means of finance. Our educational building has been completed with the funds raised in publishing of this monthly paper.

We have also reorganized our G. T. A. and have a large number who attend these meeting regularly. Mrs. Avery DeWitt is the sponsor of our Y. P. A. and Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Mrs. Eudora Stephens, Mrs. Paul Stone, and Mrs. Sylvia Hill are sponsors of the two groups of G. T. A.'s. The G.T.A. groups raised sufficient funds to redecorate our entire basement of our church and work is now under way in that, through the willingness of our newly reorganized brotherhood who is doing the work. Mr. Ben Stephens is the president of our brotherhood and is doing a fine work.

All in all, God has certainly been blessing us here at the Berkeley Church and we want to praise His name for it. The people here all seem to have a mind to work and that is what it takes to have a growing church.

Pray for us when it goes well with you.

Yours for Christ,  
Rev. Harvey Hill

**FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA**

The hand of the Lord has been upon us in blessing today. An Indian girl was saved in the morning service. We have a full time Pastor, a good League, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meeting, and Sunday School. Pray for us.

—Emma Moore, Cor.

**THIRD CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO.**

Dear Gem Readers:

We of the Third Free Will Baptist Church would like to let you know just how we are progressing for the Lord. Our Church is growing in Spirit as well as in number. Just to give you an idea just how we are growing we are going to give you this information. Bro. John Rogers and his wife came to our Church in the Fall of 1954 and since he has been here, we have had 95 conversions, and a large number added to the Church. Our Sunday School attendance average for last 6 months was 181 and we started out this year with an attendance of 144 and we are looking forward to seeing 200 before the year is gone. Our Prayer Meeting is growing all the time. Last week we had 71 present and the week before 81. We are very thankful for what the Good Lord has done for us and we pray that we

might even see greater things than what we have previously seen. We desire your prayers.

Here is something we are very thankful for and that is our Ladies Auxiliary. They have certainly been doing a lot of wonderful work for the Lord. They have now started a sewing circle the 1st Thursday of each month. The Lord has certainly been blessing in the regular monthly cottage Prayer Meetings, the Ladies Auxiliary sponsors them.

Some of you might know, but for those who do not, we are in the process of a new building for Our Lord. We want you to pray for us that God would supply our needs that we might always glorify God for what he does give us rather than glorify man.

—The Bulletin Committee

### FORMER MISSOURI MINISTER WRITES

Free Will Baptist's of the State of Missouri:

I would like to come into your home by means of the **Gem**. As I sat here in my study, I remembered I had not written Mrs. Edwards since coming to the State of Georgia.

First, I want to say that we have a nice Church here. In about all of our evening services, from one to two have been saved. I feel that God is in the state of Georgia as He is in Missouri.

Before coming here the first of December, I preached a revival at Seymour, for Bro. Mace. It was an old-fashioned meeting with eight saved, sixteen coming into the fellowship of the Church. My thanks to the people of the state and to the good ministers that helped me. I love all people, but Free Will Baptist seems to me are among the best on earth.

We have a good league here, also a good Sunday School. Pray for us.

—Rev. L. R. Curtis

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The St. Francois County Sunday School Convention met January 28, 1956 at the First Church in Flat River, Mo. There was a large delegation present to enjoy the prepared program, which consisted of a Chalk drawing by Mrs. Norma Blakely, a Round Table discussion of Sunday School problems and interests, a Sword Drill, won by Larry Getz of the Fellowship Church, and special music by the Desloge Church.

The roll call revealed there were 128 present among which were 32 Sunday School officers and teachers and nine ministers.

—Cor.

### MRS. PERRIMAN WRITES

Dear Mrs. Edwards:

You will remember me as one who wrote you from the Springfield Sanitarium. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me and here we are in sunny Arizona. It is beautiful here and I feel my health and strength returning each day. I praise God for it all.

I do not know if my subscription has expired or not. I don't want to miss a single issue.

Mrs. Pearl Perriman  
1022 N. 27th Street  
Phoenix Arizona

Editors Note:

(We would be happy to receive any contribution you care to make.)

### ENJOY'S GEM

Mrs. Edwards:

I am sending my renewal to the **Gem**. My husband and I are F.W.B., but live in a community where there isn't a F.W.B. church. Even though we attend church every Sunday, it makes us homesick to read of the great things our own church is doing and we long to be able to go to our own. The **Gem** is our means of contact.

Mrs. Walter Smith  
Rt. 2, Lovington, Illinois

### LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS

The Ladies Auxiliary met Wednesday January 11, with Maizie Sevits for the first meeting of the new year with 11 members, 1 visitor and seven children present. The work for the day was piecing quilts. We pieced, quilted and gave a quilt to Rev. and Mrs. Laverne Miley for Christmas. Maizie Sevits introduced the lesson, "We need to know God's word for such a time as this", and topics were given by Leona Thompson, Martha Letterman, Ethel Thompson and Minnie Thompson. A special number in song, "Where Could I Go", was given by Leona Thompson, Bernice Thomas, Martha Letterman and Maizie Sevits.

The Officers for the new year are: President—Maizie Sevits, First Vice President—Leona Thompson, Second Vice President—Martha Letterman, Third Vice President—Dora Sponsler, Fourth Vice President—Waneta Newcomer, Fifth Vice President—Emma Van Laningham, Sec. Treas.—Mary Filkins and Reporter—Lola Filkins.

A special number was decided upon to be presented at the Fifth Sunday Meeting. Our Auxiliary asked to entertain the Fifth Sunday Meeting in April.

—Lola Filkins, Reporter

### JAPAN—EQUIPMENT SUGGESTIONS FOR HERSEY'S HURRY

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they as well as all underclothes wear out quickly here. These can be bought here but sometimes size is a little problem. **Nightwear**—very light weight for summer and very heavy for winter. Bring some heavy wool sox, and wool hose if you can find—can be bought here.

**Coat**—bring very heavy one with zip lining is best. Must have very heavy one.

**Sweaters**—At least 8 or so cardigan sweaters, besides plenty of slip-overs, wool blouses, skirts, wool dresses, gloves, scarves, etc. I wear 3 or 4 sweaters in our house and more at the neighbors, as it takes a lot. All skirts should be full as you will sit on the floor when visiting. Try to bring 1 or 2 very heavy sweaters as they have to be custom made here. If you have a pair of wool slacks bring them. Also, heavy bathrobe.

**Men**

About the same line of thought. Cannot wear any red at all. Perhaps a little in a tie. If you have any other bright colors on hand bring them but do not buy new bright colors. The men wear mostly dark blue, gray, black and brown, although lately a few wear brighter colors. In getting clothes together pay special attention to the following:

**Sweaters**—plenty of wool ones.

**Socks**—heavy wool ones, can be found at sporting good stores, if you wear over size 8 shoe size, bring plenty of all kinds.

**Shoes**—a couple of pair of good ones for walking and a dress pair, if you like loafers, they are good as you take them on and off so much—this goes for girls too. Also, heavy house shoes for winter.

**Underwear**—long under wear for winter two piece is better. Of course other wear.

**Pants**—dress pants for school or you can wear khaki to school. Bring a heavy pair or two.

**Shirts**—a good supply of dress and sport shirts, but no loud sport shirts.

**Suits**—You will need two or so for each season and bring what you have.

**Rainwear**—rains a lot, so bring rainshoes, boots, rainhat of some kind.

Submarines will never sink the Ship of Zion. The Captain of our salvation will return with the armies of heaven. The Bread of Life has not been rationed.



# Woman's Auxiliary

## Viewing The Fields

Mrs. Leser Jones  
State President

"She hath done what she could—"  
Mark 8a

These words were spoken by our Savior concerning work that one woman had done. Of course we realize that we cannot anoint the body of Jesus as she did but that does not excuse us from doing the things we can do in His kingdom today.

A good thought for the New Year is, "I will help Christ fulfill His mission".

Regardless of who you are or what position you may hold this is your duty and your sacred obligation. Begin your work at home then use every other opportunity you have to labor for Him.

The Woman's Auxiliary is a channel through which the women of our church can be utilized. It should not be just a "chit and chatter" club; a social affair; or a money making organization but a godly institution for the purpose of helping Christ fulfill His mission.

Too often we are prone to think that serving as an officer in the Woman's Auxiliary is all the service there is to be done. If that is your thought you have already lost the vision. If we are not going to do anything we have no right to exist.

Let us "look on the fields that are white already unto harvest" then "pray ye therefore to the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest", listen closely then say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

The field of Enlistment is a challenge to us today. We have many women in our churches who are not members of the Auxiliary. Enlistment Chairman, have you and your committee done what you could in this field? Have you invited again and again the women in your church who are not attending the Auxiliary? If the Auxiliary is important enough to have, it is important that all the women belong to it. Have you contacted the absentees to see why they are not coming? If not, you have not done what you could.

Youth Chairman, how about you? Have you looked on your field that is white unto harvest, the Youth of your church? The grain in this field will soon be fallen if it is not harvested quickly. What have you done to-

ward getting a Y. P. A. or a G. T. A. organized in your church? If you have done nothing about it thus far, may the Lord help you to get started now. We must do something for our Youth today, tomorrow may be too late.

The field of learning is a broad open field today and one which remains un-explored so far as many of our Auxiliaries are concerned. The woman at the head of this department is the Study Course Chairman. Every Auxiliary should have the regular study course. Mrs. Chairman, how about planning a study course for your Auxiliary? You can either teach it yourself or get some one whom you know will be capable of teaching it. Certainly the saying is true "if we never know we never grow."

Mrs. Program Chairman, much depends upon you. It means a whole lot to your Auxiliary to have a well planned program each time. Sometimes because of an uninteresting program lies the cause of keeping up your attendance. Your work involves much prayer and planning and also utilizing the women on program.

From the field of personal service comes a direct challenge to each of us. If we are not using this field we are falling far short of doing what we can. Christ's work is personal. Mrs. Personal Service Chairman, let it not be said of you that you failed on your part. View the field and see what needs to be done that your Auxiliary can do. Each respective field presents varied opportunity to serve. Come to the Auxiliary prepared to direct the personal service work in your field. You need to have the list of services to be performed with you that time may not be taken from the program. Seek help from God in the guidance of your field of work. "To serve" must be our chief aim. Do not neglect the house to house visitation program which pays such big dividends in His work.

Sometimes we over look the field of "records". But our Secretary-Treasurer has a very important task. One of her chief tasks should be to keep us informed as to whether we are making any progress. She ought to know—she has the records. If we have not done more this year than we did the previous year we have not progressed. She should also remind us of our responsibilities, financially. The money we give in the Auxiliary is used in the Lord's work the same as what we give in church. That re-

minds me, Mrs. Secretary, if your Auxiliary has not sent in your offering for the visual aid equipment for Dan and Trula Cronk please do so at once. The amount to be raised in Missouri is \$100.00. As to date there has been \$55.30 sent in leaving a balance of \$44.70. Each Auxiliary was asked to send thirty cents for each member to Sister Eunice Edwards, Des Loge, Mo.

Last but not least, Mrs. President, you hold an important office. The success of your Auxiliary depends much upon you. Be very careful in the conducting of your business meeting. Keep the business moving right along so that time will not be wasted or taken from the time for your program. Sometimes women will not come to the Auxiliary because the business period is too long and drawn out. Avoid as much of it as possible. You should see that the plan of work in every field is carried out. Study your duties and do them well and your Auxiliary will bear fruit for the Lord.

"There remaineth much land to be possessed" and we take this means to "stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance." May God help us each one to have the approval of the Master upon us with "she hath done what she could."

## God's Stewards

Mrs. Rolla Smith

As stewards of God we have the performance of certain tasks and the care of certain things entrusted to us. Usually when we think of stewardship we immediately think of money. Certainly we are stewards of the money we handle but money is not all that has been entrusted to us. We are stewards of time, talents and all that we call our possessions as well as money.

The full meaning of stewardship carries with it the fact that we are not only to wisely use, invest or care for that which has been entrusted to us but also that we must give an account of such use, investment and care. Were it not for the fact perhaps many of us would not be nearly as careful and cautious as we are with those things in our keeping. Then, too, it is probably true that because we have not yet been asked to give account and because the day of accounting seems so far in the future, many of us are more careless than we

would be if we had to give a personal account of the use of every minute at the end of each day. This does not lessen our accountability in the least.

One of the strongest requirements of a steward is that of faithfulness. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." (I Cor. 4:2.) As stewards of God we will not be reckoned with altogether on the basis of the amount of service done but according to our faithfulness. Thus the person whose capabilities are limited can be just as faithful to his small duties as the person whose capabilities are many and seemingly unlimited. The story of the servants in Matthew 25:14-30 well illustrates that statement.

The servant that had been capable of taking care of only two talents was just as faithful as the one that had received the five talents and accordingly received the same commendation and reward. The one who had been given the one talent was cast away not because he had been capable of taking care of only one talent but because he had not been faithful in the care of the one talent entrusted to him. Accordingly, we must not be unfaithful in our duties because they seem small and unnoticed but we should accept them as the best service we can offer to God and be faithful in the care of them. Perhaps women are more prone to think of their duties as unimportant than any other group of people. Because we are unwilling to perform the humble tasks assigned to us we often attempt greater things and fail. The truth is, that faithfulness to our tasks is so very important that we can not afford to leave them to another and attempt greater things. It is comforting to know that we are accountable only for those tasks assigned to us—not those assigned to another. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12.

## Enlist

- 9:30 A. m.—Registration.  
 10:00—Hymns. "As a Volunteer" or "Bring Them In".  
 10:10—Devotion, "He first findeth his own brother and brought him to Jesus". John 1:41-42.  
 10:20—"Who's Who and Where we are from."  
 10:30—Theme Song, "Win Them One by One."  
 10:35—"Enlist Every Church Member in Auxiliary Membership".  
 10:50—Enlistment Playlet (Order from WNAC—10c)  
 11:10—Hymns, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains". Special Music.

11:30—Missionary Message.

12:00—Benediction.

1:00 P. M.—Singspiration, "I've Enlisted for Jesus"; "Each One Win One."; "Lead Me to some soul today."

1:15—Devotional.

1:25—"Enlist Every Member in Challenging Study."

1:40—"Enlist our Youth in Missionary activity:

—Mission Speech Contests  
 —Essay Contests

1:55—"Enlist Every Family as Subscriber to Church Periodicals."

2:10—"Enlist Every Member in Planned Personal Service."

2:25—Group Discussions led by District or State Officers.

Plan Work for year

3:00—Adjourn.

Mrs. Paul Pursell,  
 Study Course Chairman  
 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention

## W. N. A. C. Project

Adopted by the W. N. A. C. during the July, 1955 Convention.

W. N. A. C. will be sending the equivalent of two full time workers to the field in India in the form of Visual Aid Equipment. Recording, filming, and printing will not only spread the Gospel in India, but aid our home churches in seeing the needs and the accomplishments as they occur.

South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, and Ohio have invested in lives for the Master. Time is Fleeting! We as Christians must claim for the Lord His own in India.

## UNION WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Union F. W. B. Women's Auxiliary met near Thompsonville, Illinois, January fifth, with ten members present. The meeting was opened with singing. Scripture read by Barbara Reed, Matthew 24:1-51. Prayer led by Myrtle Jones.

Roll call and business session followed. Motion carried to send a donation every three months to the Co-Labourer Band.

Lesson from Year Book was enjoyed with topics by Mrs. Joyce Browning, Mrs. Juanita McClerren, Mrs. Flo Elam, Mrs. Zola McClerren, and Mrs. Reathel Jones.

Offering received. Prayer, Mrs. Gladdes Bnucchi.

—Reporter

## COPPER MINES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Copper-mines church met the third Thursday in December for our study course meeting. We concluded our study on "Go Home and Tell Thy Friends" by Rev. D. C. Dodd. It made us understand more clearly the great need of Home Missionaries, and the opportunities of our beloved denomination. When we realize there are so many states that do not have a Free Will Baptist Church, we really get an idea of what the Lord means when He said, "the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

Pray for our auxiliary that we might be a blessing to our church, that we might work together in unity and love, that we may grow in grace and knowledge, and that the lost of our community might be reached through our efforts.

—Norma Hovis, Sec.-Treas.

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Alabama .....	45.00	\$	\$ 45.00
Arkansas .....	20.00	15.00	5.00
California .....	45.00		45.00
Florida .....	25.00	25.00	
Georgia .....	60.00		60.00
Illinois .....	30.00		30.00
Kentucky .....	20.00		20.00
Michigan .....	60.00		60.00
Mississippi .....	25.00	5.00	20.00
Missouri .....	100.00	55.30	44.70
North Carolina .....	175.00		175.00
Ohio .....	20.00	20.00	
Oklahoma .....	100.00		100.00
South Carolina .....	80.00	121.55	
Tennessee .....	100.00	52.00	48.00
Texas .....	55.00		55.00
Virginia .....	20.00	20.00	
West Virginia .....	20.00		20.00
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## Missionary Reviews

"Westfield"

Kotagiri, South India  
December 10, 1955

Dear Ones:

The Old Year is ending, and Christmas hastens on. I expect all of us are profitably reviewing the year. 1955 has been a year set apart in my experience. Last Christmas season had brought unusually rich blessing in fellowship with our humble Indian Christian "family", and the Bible Conference and evangelistic meetings immediately following had ended with a glad harvest of souls. We were terrifically aware then that 1955 was to be a marked year.

Then came the crisis when our old school-our-church building had to be demolished and a larger structure erected to meet government regulations (and our own conscience) for our growing school. This was a task much beyond my small range of knowledge and ability, and I know wisdom would have to be given step by step. With humble thankfulness I recall how the Lord sent along one missionary brother with wide experience of building in India, just when I was getting the plan and estimate drawn up. His wise and willing counsel in the outset was a blessing direct from the Lord. And so, throughout the six months of demolishing, excavation and builded, the future nine and one half months of furnishing and finishing, the Lord gave the needed help. We dedicated the church on September 11, and Bro. Carlisle Hanna used Psalm 127:1 as a text for his part of the service: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." I knew, as no one else could have known, how literally true it was that God Himself had built that house! And then the Indian clinched this message with John 10: 22-23, "It was the feast of the dedication—and Jesus was walking (about) in the temple." I believe it is true to say that all of us felt the presence of our Lord on our Dedication Day, "walking about" in our midst in the house He had built. And we felt then, as we do 3 months later, that it was not built in vain.

But we set out to build a school. How did we end up dedicating it as a church? This, too, is a blessing that sets this year apart. After we had gotten well under way with the building program a servant of God poured out her sweet lintiment on His feet in giving us one half acre of land with a fine school building all ready for use, even to blackboards built in the walls! A much larger building with

many more conveniences than we had set out to build for ourselves, and a playground we had dreamed of but had not dared to hope for! So, by this miracle the would have been school building became a church! We have now a nice church building and a beautiful adequate school, one across the road in front of our residence, the other up the path at the back.

For two months, after beginning to demolish, we had the entire school in our residence, giving up space for five classes daily. Then for the entire 6-months period it was necessary to continue with the church service, Sunday School, and all other meetings here. This meant even more rooms for Sunday School. It taught us a good many valuable lessons—and no doubt it was ourselves the Lord was wanting to teach, more than the school children! It was a precious experience, and the Lord emptied the noise of the children and other annoyances, so much so that we felt a little pained when outsiders asked how we could bear it! Then when God's child came along and gave the beautiful school building and campus, we felt we had given so little and He so much.

Annual Harvest Festival was held in the new church on Saturday 10th, preceding Dedication on the 11th. Although offerings from this service were smaller than last year, we were aware that during the year our people had advanced much in the grace of giving and there had been a steady increase in number of tithers. Also, a fine spirit of giving had been shown in other connection. Moreover, it was gratifying to see the men of the congregation undertake gladly and efficiently the collecting of harvest gifts, arranging them on attractive display, and afterwards conducting the auction in the open air. At the close we sent one hundred and thirty rupees to the Bible Society. A lovely detail of the Festival concerns a 12-year old Hindu boy who in return for a kindness he had done, had a half-rupee as a tip. His conscience would not let him receive pay for an act of kindness, and so he brought the coin in an envelope carefully labeled, and presented it as a Harvest offering to help distribute Bibles to the world.

One of our boys, Wilson-Raj, having completed a Bible training course in April, is now doing a fine pioneer work in nearby villages of his own caste and languages. He has persevered with groups of jungle children untouched by a school and other civilizing influences, trying to teach at least a few in each village to read

so that these villages may have the witness of the written Word. Also, he has tried hard to teach adults to read. All this is a tedious effort, especially when evil-doers come to the villages and spread false rumors that the teacher has a political connection and aims to deceive them. More than once he has gone 8 miles to meet his class to find not a child in the village.

Once they had even destroyed the brush-arbor school which they had built for this use. Often we find some one has frightened them in this way, and the lad has to start from scratch again and tediously rebuild, not only the arbor but attendance and interest.

As many children work, grazing sheep, cattle or buffaloes, regular attendance is near impossible at best. In one village only 4 boys are regular, but these are justly proud of their progress and they read and write their lessons before me with great satisfaction. I wondered if I would have the grace and patience to persevere against odds as this teacher-preacher has done. He is one of the blessings God has given us this year, and we feel that when our little church (the spiritual building) produces the likes of him, it is on a solid Rock.

Then we have over and over again seen the Lord at work in answer to the united prayers of the church. There was the 16 year old lad who was enticed away by false teachers, and who in a spectacular way was watched over through severe testings of hunger and pain and attempts to pervert his faith, and was delivered back to his parents with a stronger faith, in answer to united prayer. A woman demon-possessed was delivered from thralldom as the church prayed. A piece of land adjoining our church compound was critically needed to safeguard our new building and to give us a suitable access to it. Owned by a man of Kota Tribe, an unbeliever caring for nothing but material gain, it had been a government grant to the Tribe and this portion always held by one family, handed down from generation to generation. A miracle therefore was needed to break down sentiment against parting with it and also to cause the man to agree to a moderate price. A second miracle was needed to provide the money for purchasing.

As in simple confidence the group prayed and expected, both miracles were performed. The owner was invited to a special business meeting of members and there he told the group he had heard they were praying God would give the land, and that he had not been able to resist those prayers.

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## Growing Families

By Raymond Riggs

Herewith is the likeness of the missionaries who were commissioned at the recent Missionary Conference in Nashville, Tenn. They are from left to right—Miss Ester Ruehle, Registered Nurse, Rev. and Mrs. Danial R. Cronk and son Randy, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey and son Philip.

Of course the babies were not commissioned but all of us are glad to receive them into our missionary family. As our families grow and multiply so must we increase our foreign mission giving.

The Cronks expect to return to India in June. The Willeys hope to go to Cuba after this school year while the Herseys are planning to go to Japan.

Since visas to India for the Herseys and Miss Ruehle were refused we are not certain as to where Miss Ruehle will go. Please pray for Divine guidance in this matter. Also please pray that God will provide the necessary funds for passage and equipment for each of these as they go to minister in the Regions Beyond.

### N. A. E. (RADIO PROGRAM)

The National Association of Evangelicals is presenting four broadcasts on the **Faith in Action** Program over the NBC Radio Network.

"A Vital Faith for Perilous Times" is the central theme of the series in which the NAE President, Dr. Henry H. Savage, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, is interviewed by Rev. William Hake, also of Pontiac.

The first program broadcast on January 29, dealt with the question, "Can We Believe the Bible?" Other questions which will be considered are "Is Jesus God?", "Religious or Christian?", and "Is Perpetual Peace Possible?" These programs will be broadcast on February 5, February 12, and February 19, respectively.

Evangelicals are urged to contact local NBC outlets to suggest that this series be broadcast over local stations.

## The Free Will Baptist Story

By Rev. D. C. Dodd

Ever since Damon C. Dodd joined the Free Will Baptist church in Flat River, Mo., twenty-two years ago, he has been greatly interested in the history of his denomination. All of the material he could find, however, stopped at the close of the 19th century and even this was scarce. There was no current history to satisfy his appetite for the facts about his denomination.

So fifteen years ago, armed only with his fascination for church history and a desire to bridge the gap between 1900 and current Free Will Baptist activity, he set out in earnest to collect the valuable material which has gone into this book. He consulted with many of the people who

actually made the history and visited most of the important sites in the development of the denomination. He spent days among books, periodicals and documents pertinent to the Free Will Baptist cause at Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa., and at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich. His research also included material from the Samuel Colgate Historical Collection in the Colgate-Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

This activity was pursued while he was serving as a pastor, a foreign missionary, and a denominational executive. Mr. Dodd is now promotional secretary for the Board of Missions and resides in Nashville, Tenn., with his wife and two daughters.

"There is no denomination now in existence that has a more glorious heritage than Free Will Baptists. If this sounds like boasting, let it be so to the glory and honor of God, for some of the 'elite' of Christendom had a leading role in the Free Will Baptist drama. For many years our people have been clamoring for the story of the denomination's history. Various efforts have been made to answer the requests and some of these are most commendable. However, that which has been done has not been made available to the rank and file of our people. The purpose of this book is to make the Free Will Baptist story available to everyone."

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The night has a thousand eyes,  
And the day but one,  
Yet the light of the bright world  
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With the dying sun.  
The mind has a thousand eyes,  
And the heart but one,  
Yet the life of a whole life dies  
When love is lone.

—F. W. Bourdillon



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

Church	January
Mt. Pisgah .....	
Copper mines .....	
1st Flat River .....	
Fellowship .....	
Leadington .....	103
Desloge .....	96
Farmington .....	
Fourth .....	63
Southside .....	
Monett .....	
Jones Chapel .....	

## KEYS TO GETTING MOST OUT OF LEAGUE

(Continued from page 3)

What is the purpose? It is to help train the members of the Church for most effective service in the local community. Every phase of the League's work should help toward this aim. For example, even being an officer is part of the training process. I still attribute the fact that I am in Christian service today to the fact that I was once made General Director of our League back home. And of course it goes without saying that the purpose of having members participate on programs is so that they may develop poise and confidence in being able to be more effective servants in the local church. I wonder also if other types of training, such as soul-winning, should not be undertaken or sponsored by our leagues. Every activity, all organization, each program, and the presentation of each part must work together toward this goal of training if the Leaguers are to get the most out of league.

The second key is proper organization. There are yet many Leagues which meet in one or two groups, having only a general league. This is certainly not satisfactory; for the Leagues must be separated into proper age groups for maximum effectiveness. Doing this lessens tension, since members of one age group work best by themselves; and no group is neglected. Proper organization will result in more activity such as regular meetings for departments, officers, etc. For these and other reasons, getting the most out of League will be impossible without proper organization. One may see the Manual for further suggestions here.

Third, but by no means least, is the key of proper preparation. This has two phases: (1) It concerns proper preparation on the part of the group captains and those responsible for planning the activities and programs

of the Leagues. Proper and careful planning on the part of the leaders will insure the activities of the League to be vital and interesting. On the part of the group captains, careful attention and prayerful planning will insure variety and interest in the weekly programs. In turn, this will stimulate interest, keeping the League out of the old rut that runs so easily. Hard work in preparation by each of the committees, such as the social or membership committees, will keep all the activities of the League going smoothly, and there will be no "dead heads" in the organization. The General Officers as well should give much forethought to the work of the League as a whole; this would include special activities, such as the training of soul-winners as already mentioned. (2) The other phase of preparation concerns the individual member as he prepares for the weekly meetings, especially for the one who has a place on the program. With the dull, monotonous way most parts are read on Sunday evenings, it is no wonder our Leagues have the poor attendance they do. People do not get anything out of a part presented this way; much less do they get the "most" out of it. The truth is this: only proper preparation for the presentation of a part will bring about the realization of the League's purpose, the training of its members, which after all is getting the most out of League.

## W. N. A. C. PROJECT:

All auxiliary members: the progress being made on their special equipment project. This material, consisting of loud speakers, slide projector, movie camera, visual aid material etc. has already been ordered and much of it delivered. We would like very much to have all funds in as soon as possible so perhaps you could remind those in your auxiliary of the need so every state may share their portion in this worthwhile ministry. Bro. and Sis. Cronk will take the equipment with them back to India and they, along with all of us say—Thanks to our fine women who are making this possible.

## VISION

God does not make the mountain tops to be inhabited. They are not for the homes of men. We ascend the height to catch a broader vision of the earthly surroundings, but we do not tarry there. We descend to our farms, our shops, our studies, our household and other tasks. This need not be a downfall. Let life hold its true meaning and all duty becomes sacred.

## MISSIONARY REVIEWS

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We are now asking for his soul, and those of the Kota Tribe to whom we have witnessed so long, apparently in vain.

Not least of all the great things God has done this year is the conversion of Santham our 12 year old girl, "left on our doorstep" as a one and a half year old baby, 10 years ago. I quote from a recent letter written from her boarding school: "October 15 was my spiritual birthday. That day I opened my heart to Jesus and was born again. Pray for me in my school work. I am now happy with the girls in the school, and Jane and I don't quarrel any more." Keep her in your prayers for India and for God's glory."

Laura Belle Barnard

## CALVERYS' LETTER

(Continued from page 7)

Tokyo) for some "dendo" (Evangelism) work. This was our first experience with people away from Tokyo. We spent only two days in house to house visitation but that was enough to let us know that Japan still needs the gospel. About one third of the people we contacted had never heard of the message of Christ. Another third of them knew only a little about Jesus Christ. Only a few of them were professing Christians. Some of the people seemed glad to listen to the message; others were openly opposed to the gospel. As we were telling the gospel in one house, the old lady of the house kept saying "dame desu, dame desu" (It's no good, no good). Another man said "Kikitakunai" (I don't want to listen) and shut the door in our face. The people of Japan are not receiving the gospel with open arms but here and there are those who after having heard, believe. How precious they must be in the eyes of the Lord. We praise God that He has sent us here to help find those who have gone astray. Most of the eighty million people of Japan do not know of the saving grace of Jesus Christ; many of them have never heard. Please pray for us that God will use us here in this great harvest field. Our success or failure may depend upon your faithfulness.

Your missionaries to Japan  
Wesley and Aileen Calvery

Jesus Christ is rest for the restless, hope for the hopeless, life for the lifeless, help for the helpless, joy to the joyless, and a friend to the friendless.