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#### HOME MISSIONS, OUR HERITAGE

#### Dear Reader,

As you turn through the pages of this edition of the Gem you will note the emphasis given to Home Missions. November is Home Missions Month. Some five hundred copies of this special Home Missions edition have been ordered by the Home Missions Department and will be distributed throughout the denomination.

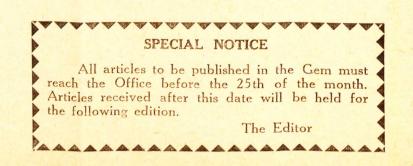
During the past decade we have witnessed a tremendous advance in the field of Home Missions. Gifts to this phase of our work have climbed from practically nothing to the astonding figure of \$47,178.46 during 1958. Missionaries are now serving in Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, and the United States. Free Will Baptists are on the march and churches are being born in heretofore untouched territory.

Home Missions is not a twentieth century development. In fact it is as old as the church itself if not older. Jesus told the maniac of the Gadarenes to "go home to thy friends" after he had been healed from the power of demons. After His resurrection and prior to His ascension He told His disciples to be "witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea..." Home Missions is definitely a part of the Great Commission. To neglect it would be a tragic sin of omission.

Home Missions had its start with Free Will Baptists back in 1834 when a Home Missions Society was organized under the leadership of Rev. Silas Curtis. Work was bugun among the negroes of the south and many of the negro Free Will Baptist churches of today owe their existance to the Home Missions Society of the last century. The Society employed home missionaries who traveled into untouched territory and established Free Will Baptist churches. In succeeding years the Society accomplished much by making appropriations of a limited amount to aid churches in their work. In many states local Home Mission Societies were formed and our denomination spread forth into new areas.

Today, the work of Home Missions is under the direction of a five man board that employs a promotional secretary. These men are named elsewhere in this edition. In addition to this board there are many local Home Missions Boards that are assisting in the advance of the Free Will Baptist movement. Hats off to those who are laboring so faithfully in behalf of this worthy cause.

Yours in His Service, Roger C. Reeds, Editor





Rev. Cliff Bowman

Dearly Beloved: We would like to bring to you a message from God's Word, using the fifteenth verse of the second chapter of Genesis as the basis for our thoughts.

"And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."

This man whom God had placed in the Garden of Eden was God's first creation of man. May we ask why did God create this man? The same verse of Scripture tells us that God had a purpose for this creation. There was a job to be done and so God created a man and placed him in the Garden that he might do this job. Since the very beginning of time there has been work to do for the Lord. Since the time God gave Adam the position as dresser and keeper of the Garden there has been work to do. Today there is work to do for the Lord. Adam had a position to fill and you also have a position to fill. You have a job to do. May I ask this question, have you found your position? Are you doing the job the Lord has for you to do? There are many people who know the position that they are to fill but they are failing to do the will of God, because they think I cannot do that job as well as somebody else could or maybe they use the excuse, what would this person or that person think? Lay aside all your ex-

#### **God's Position For You**

By Cliff Bowman

cuses, the only thing that matters is what does God think. If you know your position and are not filling it you are not happy and for sure God is not. Maybe you are not sure of the position God has for you, there is only one way of knowing your true position and that is for God to reveal it to you and the only way God will reveal it to you is by you, yourself, seeking through prayer. (Matt. 7:7-8) "Ask and it shall be given you: Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.'

Now if we have found our position and we have begun our work let us bring into remembrance that Adam was filling his position and was doing his work until one day Satan came on the scene and caused Adam to partake of the forbidden fruit, this act on Adam's part caused him to be cast from the Garden of Eden. There is no place for transgression in a Christian's life. God help all that name the name of Christ to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thess. 5:22).

I would like to mention a few of the positions that are being neglected today. The world is in great need of a revival. Maybe you think it is the preachers job to evangelize the world, yes the preacher has his part to do, but you also have a part and when I say you I mean every individual who names Jesus Christ as their Saviour. (1 Peter 4:10) "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Every person, young or old, that has Christ abiding within should be a personal soul winner for the Lord. The highest merit of award for a Christian is to win a soul to Christ. Have you received this award? There are positions at home and abroad. God help us to find and to fill our position no matter what place it may be.

There is much work to be done. Let us join together in prayer and effort to bring about this world-wide revival.

According to a recent survey there are nearly two million people in the State of Missouri alone, who know not Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. (St. John 4:35) "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

We can see all around us that the fields are white and ready to harvest, let every Christian take a position and set out to harvest this mighty field of lost souls.

The Apostle James said, (James 5: 20) "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

This is my message to you, that there is much work to do, let each of us take a position and work "While it is day: The night cometh, when no man can work." It is up to you to do this work and to "...shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,..."

November, 1959



#### **Eight New Members** At Fredericktown Church

FREDERICKTOWN, Mo .--- During the month of September revival services were conducted at the Fredericktown Church with a different minister speaking each night. The meeting was followed up with a Rally Day when a total of 177 were present in Sunday School. A basket dinner was served at the noon hour and during the afternoon service the Melody Quartette of Mt. Grove, Missouri, presented a program in gospel song. The Rally Day was concluded with a baptismal service conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ben Scott. During the past quarter, eight new members were received into the church.

#### **Revival** At Amity Church

NIANGUA, Mo.-Rev. Finis Johnson served as the evangelist during a recent revival at the Amity church near Niangua. According to the church clerk, Mrs. Opal Hyde, there were no conversions but the church was greatly revived.

#### Thayer Church Has Fellowship Day

THAYER, Mo.-The last Sunday of each quarter is designated as Fellowship Day at the Thayer Church. Dinner is served in the church dining room and a gospel program of song is conducted in the afternoon. The Sunday School averaged 90 for this past quarter and there were five additions to the church. Rev. Harry Beatty is the pastor of this church.

#### Methodist Council Upholds Bar on Pastors Smoking

ST. LOUIS, Mo .- The long-standing Methodist Church bar on the use of tobacco by its clergy was upheld yesterday by the Judicial Council of the denomination which is holding a three-day session here.

## GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

The council held that a candidate for the Methodist ministry who failed to keep his vow not to smoke, can be denied full ordination. The case before the council involved a theological student who was on trial and seeking ministerial status.

The council decision overruled a bishop of the church who had declared that the Board of Ministerial Training could not withhold recommendation for admision to full ministerial status because the no-tobacco pledge had been broken. St. Louis Circuit Judge Ivan Lee Holt Jr., is a member of the nine-man Judicial Council.

#### American Bible Society Holds Board Meetings

NEW YORK, N. Y .--- A meeting of the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society was held at the Bible House on Thursday, September 10, 1959 at 3:30 p. m., President Daniel Burke, LL. D., in the Chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Dentan. The Board had learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Stephen L. Angell, a member of the Board of Managers, and the following Memorial Minute was adopted by a rising vote:

It was reported that the Bible Society had sent on August 12 a new shipment of Russian Bibles, New Testaments in the Slovak language, Greek New Testaments for theological students, Scripture Portions in Russian, English Bibles and copies of the Illustrated New Testament to the American National Exposition in Moscow.

Reports from Peru revealed the enthusiastic reception of the new edition of the Quechua New Testament, which has also the Spanish text, special celebrations being organized in three centers, where copies were presented immediately upon arrival of the books.

A total circulation of 225,852 volumes of the Scriptures in Japan during the month of June was reported.

Good news from the Philippines included that of a service of dedication

of the new Hiligaynon Bible, which was held in Iloilo on August 3. In describing the occasion Secretary Taglucop wrote: "There was great re-joicing. It came like manna from heaven."

#### **Program For**

South East Mo. Minister's Conference

- Saturday, November 21, 1959
- Place: Copper Mines Church.
- 10:00 a.m.-Devotions, James Barker. 10:15-Business Session.
- 11:00 a. m.—Preaching, Elmer Turnbough.

- Noon—Lunch. 1:15—"Presentation and Delivery of Sermons," Albert Halbrook.
- 1:40 p. m.—"Ministerial Ethics," Rolla Smith.
- 2:00 p. m.—Open forum on above subjects.
- 2:05 p. m. Adjourn.

#### **Financial Statement of Mo. State** Sunday School & League Board

#### 1958-59

Balance in Bank,	
September 1, 1958	\$203.08
Income Aug. 21, 1958- Aug. 26, 1959	
Offerings from churches	161.40
Sale of Sword Drill Bible	2.00
Total	\$366.48
Expenses 1958-59	
Board Meeting Expenses	
Phone Calls	10.73

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Sword Drill Winners of 1958	58.50
Report Forms	6.25
Stamps, Envelopes, &	
Secretary Help	12.91
Sword Drill Bibles	12.00
Speaker for 1959 Convention	60.00
Sword Drill Winner	The section
(1st place for 1959)	18.75

Total Expenses ...... \$206.74

Balance	In Bank,	$= \sqrt{2}$
Sept.	1, 1959	\$159.74

#### Church Extension Seminars Conducted

WHEATON, Ill.—The Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension of the National Association of Evangelicals is sponsoring three seminars this fall in widely separated sections of the country—for the special purpose of aiding churches in the establishment of new churches in new areas.

First of the seminars will take place November 2, at King's College, Briarcliff, New York. Rev. Albert S. Taylor, NAE's Eastern Region director, is registrar. Keynote address for the gathering will be given by Dr. Luther Grubb, chairman of the NAE Commission, on "The Challenge of a Burgeoning America." A Panel of pastors will discuss: "The Local Church and Church Extension." There will be classes led by experts on church planning: "Ways and Means," Dr. Nate Taylor, Birby-Smith Associates; "Planning the Location," Dr. George L. Ford, NAE's executive director, and "Planning the Building," Rev. Joseph Kimbel. Christian Life architect. Dr. Lacy Hall of King's College will speak on "Counselling Opportunities in the New Church Field."

Similar seminars are scheduled for two other areas. One of these will be held November 9, at Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., with Rev. Robert Klingberg as general moderator. Keynote address on the same subject as that at the first meeting will be brought by Rev. Mahlon L. Macy, NAE's field director. The Pastor's Panel and Planning Classes will be manned by local personnel. The third seminar will take place the following day, November 10, at Grace Seminary, Winona Lake, Ind., with Dr. Grubb serving as moderator. Keynote speaker there will be Dr. Neil A. Winegarden, chairman of the Church Extension Committee and associate professor of Practical Theology, Wheaton (Ill.) College. Similar Panel of Pastors and Planning Classes will be conducted.

In conducting a survey on the church planning situation, NAE's Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension reached this conclusion: "The local pastor is the key man in Church Extension." Response to a questionaire concerning procedures followed in establishing mission churches revealed that out of 65 new churches surveyed, 27 of them were instigated by a local pastor; 18 by individual members of a local parent church; 18 by boards and/or committees in a parent local church; six by appeal to the local church from denominational agencies.

Basic conclusion of NAE's Commission was this: "Church extension is a one-man job—one man, that is, with a vision, linked to an endless chain of men likewise committed to the task."

Further information on the Church Extension Seminars may be secured from Dr. Neil A Winegarden, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

#### Protestant Persecution In Colombia May Be Easing

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Officials of the Catholic Church in Colombia have advised "the faithful" of La Plata, Huila, to make restitution to the Protestants of their town for damages incurred in a mob attack on September 3.

The statement from the Colombian Bishops was reported by the National Catholic News Service of Colombia.

The attack was made on the Evangelical Chapel in La Llata by a mob which had been incited by the local priest. Damage was estimated at 10,000 pesos (\$1,200). This was explained by the bishops as the result of "public indignation" which finally exploded.

The statement recommending restitution was interpreted by some Protestant leaders as an indication of the initiation of a more freindly attitude toward the Protestant minority. The recommended action would be unprecedented in Colombian religious affairs.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, said that the Roman Catholic hierarchy has apparently adopted a new strategy. This is partly reflected in the designation of Father Strube as spokesman, he said. He is quite intent on reflecting the Pope's ecumenical approach which has been termed by some as the "soft approach."

#### NAE Sponsors Week of Prayer

WHEATON, Ill.—A nationwide observance of Universal Week of Prayer is being planned by the National Association of Evangelicals for its constituent churches, January 3-10, 1960. This is the fourth consecutive year for the observance which is sponsored by the association's Spiritual Life Commission.

Universal Week of Prayer began in England over 100 years ago under the then budding World Evangelical Alliance. Observance there is by communities with the people coming together in a different church each day of the week. Since beginning, the observance has spread to other countries, but only recently has a widespread attempt been made to introduce it into American church life. A folder with the prayer themes for each day and appropriate remarks is widely distributed for use in regularly scheduled or special church services and in family and private devotions.

Ministers wishing to obtain free materials for an observance in their churches may write to the National Association of Evangelicals, 222 East Willow Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois.

#### Twenty-Two Churches Still Closed In Spain

WHEATON, Ill.—At least twentytwo churches representing four different religious groups in Spain are still closed by government order, according to an anonymous Spanish Christian writing in the November issue of United Evangelical Action.

The author, while known, is not identified because of the fear of possible reprisal. Writing under the title, "The Truth about the Protestant Situation in Spain," the author says, "Veteran Christian leaders in Spain say that 1958 was one of the worst years for Protestants in that country since the close of the Spanish Civil War in 1939."

Despite Article Six of the Spanish Bill of Rights which says, "No one shall be molested for his religious beliefs or in the private exercise of his worship," the writer points out twelve areas of discrimination. Protestants are prohibited to (1) identify their churches by any outward sign, (2) advertise their services either by press or radio, (3) circulate Bibles or portions of the Bible without Roman Catholic notes, (4) distribute tracts and other evangelical literature on the streets, (5) have private schools or educate their own children, (6) teach in public schools, (7) be officers in the armed forces, (8) operate their own hospitals, (9) establish old folk's or orphan homes, (10) broadcast the gospel over Spanish radio stations, (11) rent public halls for "special gatherings," and (12) operate public evangelistic book stores.

He adds: "A recent newspaper article in Barcelona mentioned that the United States government was making a gift of \$130 million to Spain through the Catholic Welfare Conference. This American money is being used in Spain for the defense of the free world in a country that is constantly violating the basic human rights. It isn't easy to explain the logic of this situation to our Spanish Christian people."

He concludes by saying, "They feel that a great deal is at stake for the free world here in Spain—a twentieth century Spain which is suffering a first century persecution."



**Rev. Homer E. Willis** 

Homer Emerson Willis, Ph. D., General Director-Treasurer of the National Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee, is a native of Virginia, and a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. He was ordained to the ministry in 1942. Since that time he has held pastorates in Nashville, Tennessee; Detroit, Michigan; and Paintsville, Kentucky.

Dr. Willis has served his denomination as Assistant Moderator of the National Association for three years, member Home Mission Board seven years, and held other positions with State Associations.

He has studied at the Detroit Bible College, and earned his degree from Pioneer Seminary. He has taught in the public schools, and is active in civic work.

In addition to his ministry as a pastor, he has held revivals throughout the denomination, done extensive home mission work, traveled in every state, and three foreign countries.

He is married and the father of three children. Since October, 1956, he has held his present position, with offices at 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

He is a Kiwanian, Life Member of the Gideons, and a member of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society.

## November Is Home Missions Month

Rev. Homer E. Willis

November is National Home Missions Month. Various months were assigned to the various departments of the National Association to be used by them to promote their cause. November was selected by the National Home Missions Board. All during this month, churches throughout our denomination will place special emphasis on Home Missions and make a special contribution to the cause. In some areas Pre-Thanksgiving Services will be conducted by the Woman's Auxiliaries and offerings will be received in behalf of Home Missions.

During recent years the Home Mssions Department of the National Association has expanded the scope of their work. Missionaries are now serving in Alaska, Hawaii, and Old Mexico. Even though Alaska and Hawaii are now a part of the United States their location and spiritual needs makes them a definite mission field. In addition to these fields the Home Missions Department has Missionary Teams spotted in needy areas throughout the United States.

Missouri's Quota for this year to the cause of Home Missions is \$4,200.00. To date \$3,581.79 has been contributed leaving a balance of \$618.21 that must reach the Home Missions office before the end of this year if Missouri is to meet its quota.

Some of the areas where missionaries are sevring are destitute and there is a need of clothing. Send all used clothing to Home Missions Board at 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. There it will be sorted and packed and shipped to the places of need.

#### HOME MISSIONS BOARD MEMBERS

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#### SEND ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

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Rev. Harvey E. Hill Home Missions Board Member

## Rev. Harvey Hill Speaks For Home Missions

Dear Gem Readers:

As perhaps you already know, November has been designated as National Home Missions Month by our denomination. In this month, we trust that you, your church, Sunday School class, League, Woman's Auxiliary, G. T. A., Y. T. A., Master's Men, etc., will make a special effort to help us financially by taking an offering and sending it to National Home Missions Department, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Missouri has always responded to any appeal by our great denomination, and we can be proud of this. I am sure each of you want Missouri to be one of the states that meets its Home Mission Budget this year.

As a member of the National Home Missions Board, I recently returned from our annual Home Missions Board Meeting, held in Nashville, Tennessee. Our Director, Rev. Homer Willis, informed me that Missouri had several hundred dollars to go to reach their quota. I told Bro. Willis that I was sure you would respond to my appeal and help us go over the top in Missouri again this year.

I am asking that Missouri send in at least \$1,000 during November.

I know as a member of the National Home Missions Board and a pastor in this state that you will respond to this appeal and send in your special offering. I have personally become acquainted with most of the pastors in this state, and I know they are men who have their denomination at heart and want to see every phase of the denomination go forward. That's why I know I can depend on you to do your best financially for National Home Missions for the month of November. Just an offering or so from every church will put Missouri over the top in 1959.

November 22 has been set for a special Home Missions Thankgiving offering Sunday in each church. However, you may prefer another Sunday in November which will be quite all right. The important thing is TO MAKE A SPECIAL HOME MISSIONS OFFER-ING IN NOVEMBER.

Many new fields are now open to us as a Home Missions Board and denomination as never before. We now have missionaries in Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, and other parts of the world. Many young men and women have applied to our Board for work in states where we do not have a Free Will Baptist Church, and so often we have to turn them down for lack of funds. THIS OUGHT NOT TO BE. It doesn't have to be if only each of us will make an added effort to give of our financial means. WHAT WILL WE AS FREE WILL BAPTISTS DO ABOUT IT? Remember, your National Home Missions Board can only do what you make possible for them to do. REMEMBER, \$1,000 IS OUR GOAL FOR NOVEMBER. LET'S EVEN BEAT THIS. I know your denomination, your Home Missions Board, and above all, God can depend on you.

> Rev. Harvey E. Hill National Home Missions Board Member

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## MEET THE HOME MISSIONS FAMILY



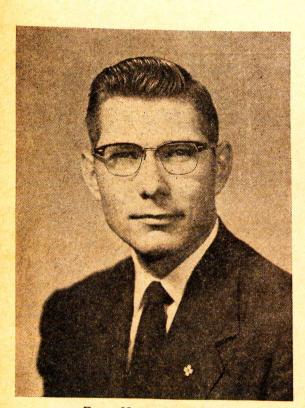
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Hawaii

November, 1959



#### 83 New Students At Mt. Olive College

MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.—Mrs. Jose-phine H. Ricks, registrar at Mount Olive College, has reported that 151 students enrolled for the fall semester. Of this number, 117 are in the junior college division and 34 are adult and special students. Eighty-three new students are among the 117 in the junior college division.

Four states are represented in the student body: North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida.

#### Indian Creek District League Convention Plans Study Course

STELLA, Mo .- Free Will Baptists who live in the Indian Creek Association should plan to attend a League study course on organization and methods to be given at Jones Chapel beginning the evening of November 30 and going through December 5. A certificate of award will be presented to those who make 70 or above on an examination given at the end of the course.

The purpose of such a study course is to help leaguers to have a more complete knowledge of League work. Demonstrations of how to serve in various capacities will accompany the lectures.

This study course was scheduled by the officers of the Indian Creek District League Convention. As National League Director, may I encourage you to avail yourself of this opportunity to learn more about "the Training Service of the Church."

Ray C. Turnage National League Director

#### Free Will Baptist League Monthly -\$1.50 Per Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - When subscribing to The League Monthly, please enclose \$1.50 (former rate-\$1.00 per year) for one-year sub-scription. This amount only covers part of the cost of printing. The actual value of the ideas each issue contains

cannot be determined. As League officers you should never miss an issue.

Send your name, address and \$1.50 for each subscription to: The League Monthly, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

#### National League **Project Gifts**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.-So far the state of Missouri has contributed \$196.72 to the "College Kitchen Campaign". The Leadington Free Will Baptist Church has contributed \$110.00 of the total amount already given by Missouri. Approximately one third of the \$15,000 has already been raised. If your League has not contributed, would you consider doing so? Many of our Leagues contribute \$5.00 each month. General directors, sponsors, and pastors, challenge your Leagues to help us reach our goal as soon as possible by sending regular contributions. We're counting on the Leagues in Missouri. Send all contributions for this project to "College Kitchen Campaign," 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

#### Mt. Grove G. T. A. Meets

MT. GROVE, Mo .- The members of the GTA met in the basement under the direction of the leader, Sister Helen Wade. The order of the service was the installation of officers for a new year of work by these boys and girls. Seated at the head table were the following who were properly installed:

Ann Elliott-President.

Tommy Spurgeon-Vice President.

Joy Wade-Secretary-Treasurer.

Glenda Hunt-Program Chairman. Kay Elliott-Missions Chairman.

Gary Raney-Social Chairman.

Dane Spurgeon-Stewardship Chairman.

Huel Halliburton-Personal Service Chairman.

Delilah Mason-Song Leader.

The scheduled meeting dates for

this "Go Tell Auxiliary" is the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 4 p. m.

#### Salem Youth Reports

SALEM, Mo.-The Salem V. P. A. responded to "Young People's Night" during our revival. Approximately 40 young people were present and approximately 15 came on Rev. Rehkop's request and fully dedicated their lives to the service of the Lord.

#### **Cheap Living Leads to Cheap Entertaining**

#### Rev. Rodney Holder, D. D.

Scripture Lesson: St. Luke 21:25-33. Much reading and clear thinking seasoned with prayer will bring the mind, soul and body into a healthy helpful attitude toward God and man. If we are Christian, which is like Christ, (or living as He would have us live), things around us will look different and we will be moved to more noble living, which will be encouragement to others to so live.

Many of us live far beneath such living principles. When opportunities come to do good, we aren't able to give moral support to those in need. Some of us do not even sense the need; others do not look. This all reverts back to shallow living. There is nothing visible but a wrecked world. If we pause in our thinking long enough, the question will come, "Did the people survive the wreck?" Surely such senses will touch the mainspring of our lives, which will bring us into action of doing something about it.

Science, no doubt, has done much to bring about better living conditions, better farming with greater produc-tion. This was done by bringing us into what we call the machine age. We have better homes and transportation, which is also known as the push button age that brings everything to our finger tips. Even the lazy susan

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# THE MISSION FIELD



Rev. Rolla Smith

#### Smith to Head Mission Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The Foreign Missions Department has elected Rev. Rolla Smith of St. Louis, Mo. to the position of General Director of Foreign Missions. Rev. Smith was selected at a recent meeting of the Foreign Missions Board and will assume his duties in Nashville January 1, 1960. He succeeds Rev. Raymond Riggs, who has resigned and accepted a call to the Bethany church at Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Smith was born December 29, 1920 on a farm near Mt. Grove, Mo. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Homer B. Smith. He graduated from Mt. Grove High School in 1939 and in 1941 was married to Agnes Scott, daughter of the late Rev. George Scott. The Smiths have two daughters, Linda Anne, 14, and Elizabeth Nelle, 9.

Before entering the ministry in 1948, Rev. Smith attended the State Teacher's College at Springfield, Mo. and taught in Missouri public schools for four years. He enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1948 and in 1949 accepted a call to the Hazel Creek Union Church near

Kirksville, Mo. He served this church untill 1952 when he accepted a call to Fellowship church of Flat River, Mo. In April of this year he was called to the Third church in St. Louis.

Rev. Smith has been a member of the Foreign Missions Board since 1952 and its Chairman since 1957. He has been a member of the Missouri State Executive Board since 1951, serving as chairman a great deal of the time. He has served as moderator of the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting and the South East Missouri Yearly Meeting for the past five years. He has been a member of the Youth Camp faculty for the past ten years. Rev. Smith has conducted revivals in Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, and Florida.

#### The Mission Field 9 Months Statement

During the first nine months of the current year, Free Will Baptists have given \$126,490.90 for the cause of Foreign Missions. Your gifts have made this possible and we are grateful. This leaves a balance of \$77,189.90 to be given if we meet our suggested quota by December 31. Dare we do less?

#### Why Should We Give To Foreign Missions

BECAUSE, of 2,974 major languages presently spoken in the world, 1.789 have not yet a single portion of God's Word.

BECAUSE, there are literally hundreds of thousands of interior and out-of-the-way villages and areas of the world today without a testimony of Jesus Christ.

BECAUSE, only 9% of the world's population speaks English (91% speak other languages); yet 94% of all ordained ministers are preaching to the 9% who speak English, while only a bare 6% of all ordained ministers are ministering to the massive 91%; and only 4% of all church giving reaches the 91%, while 96% is consumed on the 9%.

BECAUSE, Jesus shed His blood for every soul.

BECAUSE, "God so loved the world"—the whole world.

BECAUSE, He is "not willing that any should perish."

BECAUSE, "There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord is over all."

BECAUSE, How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent.

#### New Law Regarding "Personalized Giving"

The Internal Revenue Department has recently passed a ruling that "Personal Giving" to missionaries is not tax deductible. A church has the right to designate their giving to individual missionaries, but the individual who does such, will not be allowed tax deduction. You may still designate your gifts to a particular field and claim deduction, or of course; to the Foreign Mission Board proper, and full amount is deductible, without question.

#### **Bill Jones Says**

Money without vision is Mercenary Vision without money is Visionary. Vision plus money is Missionary

An airman had to take to his parachute owing to engine trouble. On his way through space he met an old lady floating up.

"Hey," he shouted. "Have you noticed a Spitfire going down?"

"No," replied the old lady. "Have you seen a gas stove going up?"

A teacher, annoyed with his clockwatching students, covered the clock with cardboard on which he lettered: "Time Will Pass. Will You?"

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#### FROM FLAT RIVER:

#### First Church Auxiliary

Wednesday October 14, our meeting was called to order by singing hymns—"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "I Must Tell Jesus". Prayer by Sis. Lizzie Williams and Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Scripture reading Acts16: 13 by our evangelist, Bro. Paul Williams. He then gave a message on the Woman's Auxiliary. Benediction by Sis. Faron Jones.

Gussie Hamblen, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM SPRINGFIELD: Grant Ave. Auxiliary

The Grant Avenue Freewill Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met October 1st at the church at 1:00 P. M. There were 7 regular members and three visitors present.

Roll call was answered with Bible verses. Opening prayer was by Agnes Terry. Opening hymn was led by our songleader, Reba Ferrell. Two more hymns were sung, then we had prayer by Beatrice Felts.

Arlene Malloy and Agnes Terry presented special music.

Business meeting was called to order. The installation service was set for Friday, October 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Program for October "Be Ready to Speak." Topic I-"The Self You Ought to Be," by Arlene Malloy. Topic II-"'Hiding the Word in the Heart, by Delma Branson. Topic III-"Five Heart-Searching Questions," by Beatrice Felts.

Service was dismissed with altar prayer led by Arlene Malloy.

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The Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary held its installation services Friday, October 16th at 7:30 p. m.

A play was presented by the ladies of the Auxiliary entitled, "Let Susie Do It."

Officers elected and installed for the year are:

President-Agnes Terry.

Vice-President-Arvella Points.

Recording Sec.-Beatrice Felts.

Corresponding Sec.—Marilyn Boaz.

Treasurer-Helen Chapman. Youth Chairman-Braxine Evans.

Study Course Chairman-Venita Broyles.

Program Prayer Chairman-Mildred Kensinger.

Personal Service Chairman-Arlene Malloy. Marilyn Boaz Cor.-Secretary

#### FROM ST. LOUIS: Berkeley Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Berkeley Church met September 22 for their regular monthly meeting with eleven present. The program was, "The Word in a Dark Place." As each topic was given we were all made more concerned for our missionaries. We have several new members that have joined our auxiliary recently.

-Mrs. Auverne Lewis, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM WEST PLAINS: **Bethel Auxiliary**

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Bethel Church met on Saturday afternoon, October 10, at the church. The president, Mrs. Addie Adkinson, opened the meeting by reading Psalm 19:7-14 and II Timothy 3:16-17. Mrs. Claudia Combs led us in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the five members that were preesnt. The Study Course Chairman, Ella James announced that she was planning a study course on the Auxiliary Manual. Following the business session the program was presented. Mrs. Adkinson gave the introduction to the program that was titled, "Christ Is the Word." The topics were presented by Lillian Brooks, Ella James, Louise Lewis, Addoe Adkinson, and Claudia Combs. We were dismissed in prayer by Louise Lewis.

-Claudia Combs, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM FREDERICKTOWN: Fredericktown Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fredericktown Church met on Tuesday night, October 6, for their regular meeting. Vice President, Blanche Pogue, was in charge of the service.

The devotions were led by Easter Graham. During the business session plans were made to send some clothing to the Arizona-Mexico Mission Field. Hallie Dettman, Program Chairman, led the program titled, "Be Ready to Speak." Helen Gamblin read Psalm 19 and II Timothy 2. Topics were given by Hallie Dettman, Lulu Freeland, and Genelle Scott. We were dismissed in prayer by Margie Hahn.

-Jaunita Skaggs, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM FLAT RIVER: Fellowship Auxiliary

The Woman's Auxiliary met in our regular October meeting with thirteen members present. The theme of the program was, "The Word in a Dark Place." Topics were given by Mrs. Wanda Ragsdale, Mrs. Burcham, and Bernice Dodd.

Mrs. Mildred Hildebrand, Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM FLAT RIVER:

**District** Auxiliary

The St. Francois County District Auxiliary Convention met with the Leadington Auxiliary on October 15 with four churches represented. The theme for the convention was, "The Word Has Called Us." Hymn—"How Firm A Foundation." Devotional— Psalm 119:49-50, by Mrs. Dale Jones. The morning message was delivered by Rev. Elro Driggers, pastor of the Fellowship Church. A lunch was served at the noon hour. In the afternoon session Mrs. Genelle Scott led in the installation of the officers for the coming year. They are:

President-Mrs. Oscar Treaster.

- Vice President-Hazel Scott.
- Stewardship & Prayer Chairman-Freda Pirtle.
- Study Course Chairman-Ruth Burcham.
- Personal Service Chairman-Albie Penrod.
- Secretary-Geneva White.
- Youth Chairman-Ruth Wilfong.
- Treasurer-Mrs. Rosnic.
- Corresponding Secretary-Mrs. M. Hildebrand.
- The next meeting will be at the Fellowship Church.
  - -Mildred Hildebrand, Cor.-Sec.

#### DESIGN FOR A HOME

Preparation: Invite the Lord Jesus Christ to lay the cornerstone. Excavate for foundation by removing all doubt, fear and selfishness.

Construction: Erect a strong framework of faith supported by sturdy beams of deep devotion; lay stout flooring of sympathetic understanding; lath with generosity; insulate with enthusiasm and plaster with a sense of humor. Shingle the roof with protective kindness and apply siding composed of high hope and great expectation. Chink all cracks and crevices with pleasant memories and little family jokes.

Build in permanent fixtures of honesty and integrity. Provide doorways wide enough for the heavy-hearted and the merry-hearted to enter. Plan plenty of windows to admit sunshine for the joy of living. Carefully weatherstrip all openings with appreciation.

Equip with plumbing adequate for daily cleansing of the Spirit! Install heating apparatus guaranteed to maintain a steady glow of friendly warmth; illuminate with shining radiance of smiles and tears, and ventilate with an unlimited supply of patience.

Adorn the walls with cheerful courtesy and pave the hearth with hospitality.

Cement the walk with humility and surround the yard with a fence of loyalty entered through the gate of gratitude.

Furnish throughout with love.

Insure against all disaster by fervent prayer for daily guidance.

Walk right in—the place is yours. Author and source unknown.

Names And Addresses of Home Missionaries

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Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Billows Apartado 2094 Monterrey, N. L., Mexico

Miss Molly Barker

P. O. Box 550 Nogales, Arizona

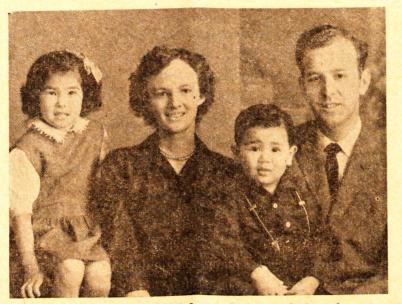
Rev. and Mrs. N. Melitino Martinez 447 S. W. 6th Street Miami, Florida

Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite 645 Highline Drive East Wenatchee, Washington Rev. and Mrs. D. Lee Whaley P. O. Box 277 Anchorage, Alaska

Rev. and Mrs. Luther Sanders Apartment D. 94-239 Aniani Pl. Waipahu, Hawaii

Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens 14 Hill St. Littleton, New Hampshire

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Walker 3801 Richland Ave. Nashville 5, Tennessee



Rev. & Mrs. Wesley Calvery, Rebecca & Jonothan Our Missionaries to Japan The Calverys are scheduled to sail for home November 13 and arrive on November 28. Pray for their safety in travel.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	
Cuba	40	40	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Pisgah		51	67		54	66	53	51	49	57	
Copper Mines		106		110				11	49	57	
Fellowship, Flat River								214	221	217	
Leadington		68			78	79	81	81	83	217	
Farmington	56				60			74	65		
Fourth, Maplewood	60	65			54		39	42	55	60	
Old Bethel	26	24	28	21	23	28	23	30	27	00	
Berkeley City	154	177	207	163			186	198	218	228	
Richwoods	45	44	53	55	59	50	51	67	61	56	
Oak Grove	48		1		1	1	40				
Joplin	64	70	86	70	70	79	66	1			
Kirksville	91	91	96	101	103	95	97				
Grant Ave., Springfield	78	80	90	94	68	88	85	86	100	96	
Hazel Creek			44		46	25		51			
Twin Oak	63	44	65	57	60	61	73			55	
South Side Church		163	170	186	149	148	142	173	174	181	
New Hope, Kansas City	35	35	49	42		50	50	40	42		
Mine La Motte	31	39	62	49	48	39	41			A	
Mill Creek	53	55	65	64	65	63					
First Church, Kans. City		55	64	65			1		1		
Liberty	29	1.00			- inte						
Overland Church	78	90	102	101	117	128	100	114	117	118	
Third Church, St. Louis	90	100	104	108	108	109	92	101	100	106	
Faith, St. Louis		95	91	78				1			
Myrtle		54	51	55	57	54	59	60	62		
Mountain Grove	283	281	392	1							
Crystal City						19	17	22	14	19	
Bethel, West Plains	1.1		52	49	39	48	60	62	77		

Only twenty-nine churches are reporting their Sunday School averages. Why don't you post your church's average in the next issue of the Gem? Others are interested in the progress of your church and your Sunday School attendance is a pretty good guage. If your church has not reported its average lately then be sure to bring your report up to date.

Kirksville Church-Oct. 19-30

Rev. Harry Beatty, Evangelist Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Pastor

Salem Church-Oct. 12-?

Rev. Glen Rehkop, Evangelist Rev. Max Courtney, Pastor

Lone Star Church-Nov. 1-?

Rev. O. T. Allred, Evangelist Rev. Fred Marler, Pastor

Overland Church-Nov. 9-?

Rev. Homer Willis, Evangelist

Rev. Harry Asher, Pastor

(Why not post a notice of your revival in this column?)

## Pastoral Changes

Rev. R. B. Spurgeon has accepted a call to the Third Church in St. Louis where he replaces Rev. Rolla Smith who has resigned to become General Director of Foreign Missions.

Rev. Bob Wright is pastoring a new Mission that opened recently in Granite City, III.

Rev. Dale Skiles has been called to the Richwoods, Mo. Church.

Rev. Johnny Land was elected pastor of the Valley Park Church at its recent organizational service. He served the church as pastor while it was a mission.

Rev. Clarence Burcham is now pastoring Old Bethel Church.

(Please inform the Editor and our Gem Readers of the Missouri pastoral changes as they occur.)

## REVIVALS

Farmington Church-Sept. 28-Oct. 10

Rev. Elro Driggers, Evangelist Rev. James Barker, Pastor

Waynesville Church-Nov. 15-25

Rev. O. T. Dixon, Evangelist Rev. Marion Allsman, Pastor

Hazel Creek Union Church-Nov. 2-12

Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Evangelist Rev. Wm. Buster, Pastor

Grant Ave. Church-Oct. 19-30

Rev. O. T. Dixon, Evangelist Rev. Grover Terry, Pastor

### EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

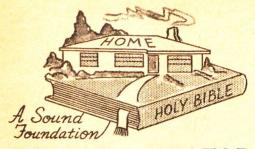
#### **OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The Every Church Family Plan is the best plan ever used by Free Will Baptists to keep their membership informed. It is currently being used by the Gem and our national magazine Contact. The plan is simple. The church clerk makes out a list of the names and addresses of all the families in the church. (Be sure each home is represented on the list.) This is sent to the Gem editor and he adds the names to the mailing list of the Gem. As the Gems are sent out the editor bills the church for the amount of copies sent out to their members. Names may be added or dropped at any time. The plan remains in effect until the church requests that it be discontinued. It does not expire. By using this plan every family in every church that subscribes to the plan will be informed of denominational activities. This is the best plan for your church. Why not use it? Here is a list of the churches who are currently active in the Every Church Family Plan:

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Fellowship	
Amity	
Black Oak	Rev. Ezra Vestal
New Lebanon	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Leadington	Rev. W. I. Lurnbough
Conner Mines	Rev. Glenn Rehkop
Myrtle	
Kirksville	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
Ionlin	Rev. Paul Williams
Farmington	Rev. James Barker
Verdella	
Richwoods	
Old Bethel	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion	
South Side	Rev. Roger Reeds
Thaver	Rev. Harry Beatty
Cantorvillo	Rev. Kenneth Turner
Englavialitatum	Rev. Ben Scott
Placent Crove	Rev. Chas. Black
Clill'Inter	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Old Liberty	Rev Alta Mikel
Wartinstown	Rev. Alta Mikel
Hannon	Rev. James McCully
First, Flat River	Rev. Dale Jones
Alton	Rev. E. A. Dodson

Springfield	
Neosho	
	Rev. Albert Halbrook
	Rev. Curt Johnson
	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah	
Fourth St. Louis	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
	Rev. B. Spurgeon
	Rev. O. D. Matthews
	Rev. Lester Jones
	Rev. Alice Dickey
New Hope	Rev. James McAllister
	Rev. O. T. Allred
	Rev. Bud Arnold
Oskaloosa	
	Rev. Cecil Campbell
	Rev. Alford Ford
	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
	Rev. Grover Terry
	Rev. Tommy Day
	Rev. F. D. Johnson
Wagoner	Rev. James McCully
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. David S. Jones, Jr.

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#### THE FAMILY ALTAR

#### **Prayer Requests:**

Pray that the Youth Camp may have funds to expand its facilities. Pray for Rev. & Mrs. Reeves, the caretakers. (Isaiah 54:2)

Pray for: Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., Mt. Olive Junior College at Mt. Olive, North Carolina. (II Tim. 2:15)

Pray for the youth of our nation. Have you read recent newspaper accounts of juvenile delinquency? The answer to this problem is Christ in the homes. (I Cor. 15:58)

Pray for our ministers as they stand in the pulpit from week to week to deliver the message of the Word. Nothing is more imporant than God's Word. (II Tim. 4:2)

Pray for the home missionaries from our state, Rev. & Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite of East Wenatchee, Washington, and for Rev. & Mrs. R. Luther Sanders in Hawaii. (Eph. 6:17, 18)

Pray for the Billows of Mexico, the Whaleys of Alaska, the workers of Arizona-Mexico Mission, and all other Home Missionaries. (Acts 13:2)

Pray for our foreign missionaries located in Africa, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan, and Spain. (I Thess. 4:2, 3)

#### COOPERATIVE GIFTS NEAR \$1500 FOR OCTOBER

Gifts to the Cooperative Fund totaled \$1441.57 for the month of Oct. This is some four hundred dollars above last month's gifts. Here is a list of the churches who gave and the amount each church gave. Is your church listed?

Aulsbury Chapel \$	81.90
Myrtle Church	11.70
Fredericktown Church	75.27
Oak Grove Church	10.00
Alton Church	12.00
Monett Church	70.56
Leadington Church	60.00
Dutch Chapel	5.00
Fellowship	137.55

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Mill Creek Sunday School	13.50
Mill Creek Church	50.01
Hickory Grove Church	14.62
Deslodge Church	167.85
St. Louis District Qtly	324.07
Kirksville Church	60.00
Copper Mines Church	44.35
Thayer Church	100.00
Carterville Church	15.55
Grant Ave. Church	24.06
Mountain Valley Church	43.71
Farmington Church	34.09
Mt. Pisgah	10.00
Total	\$1441.57

#### CHEAP LIVING LEADS TO CHEAP ENTERTAINING

(Continued from Page 10) on our table, is it the dish so called or the hand that operates it? With a great improvement in the medical world which has given life added years and more strength to operate more smoothly and efficiently, all these inventions have created another problem in leaving more leisure time on our hands. What are we doing with this time? Where are we spending it? Seriously thinking and investigating, we find to our sorrow the time has been and is being spent in such a way that it has created a serious problem.

The spotlight of the day has brought both parents and children into shallow living and thinking. Spending our time in cheap entertainment which has caused and is causing the life to mould in the muck and fog of ungodly living, under the sunlight of wealth and great opportunities which has been brought to our homes. This should create and so stir the heart of sound thinking, Christian people to a more efficient way of living, lest we sink in despair. This calls for more efficient leadership and people who are willing to follow to a higher and more noble way of living that would turn indifference into action. Hear the call of Christ and they would turn from the broad road that leads to selfishness and destruction to the straight and narrow way that leads to Christ and His Church.

These good things God has revealed to us which he wants us to use to a more Godly way of living, would be a stepping stone to enjoyment and making life more cheerful and peace-

ful, instead of a millstone around our necks that will eventually drown us in the sea of despair. This is our choosing. Keep going as we are or face about, come to the surface of real living. In the beginning God, Christ so taught us, if we put Him first, all needed things will be added. Which way out? Jonah 1:6 "The shipmen came to him and said unto him, 'What meanest thou, O sleeper, Arise, Call upon thy God if it be that God will think upon us that we perish not'."

#### REPUTATION

A preacher known both in America and Britain was once spending a holiday in a village where he was unknown by face. In the church one Sunday morning, the preacher not arriving, he was invited to preach and afterwards was politely and rather formally thanked. In the course of the week it leaked out that the great Dr. Jowett was in the village; the leaders of the church went to invite him to preach. Jowett said, "But I did preach last Sunday and you did not seem greatly impressed." "No," they replied, "but we did not know it was you."

It is a queer thing, this influence exerted by mere "reputation." One is led to suspect that reputation has more weight and influence than words and real worth. When Ella Wheeler Wilcox was a girl in the West, scores of her poems and short stories were returned by the publishers. After she became famous, the same magazines paid her handsomely for the very manuscripts they once returned.

Many a man with reputation really says no more nor says it better than many unheard-of and unknown men, but the people go to hear him just the same. Dr. Highbrow or Dr. Jowett are just wonderful if the people know who is speaking. If, perchance, they are unaware, they often wonder what "slouch" it is trying to speak.

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- The builder lifted his old gray head: "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said
- "There followeth after me today
- A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
- This chasm that has been nought to me, He, too, must cross in the twilight dim
- Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

One of the best tests of religion is to find yourself in church with nothing less than a dollar in your pocket.