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Disbursed:	
Natl. Ass'n. of F. W. B.	\$467.75
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Mo. Home Missions	76.54
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General Fund	42.52
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### THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



Rev. Harry Beatty

October has been revival time, early this month, while doing promotional work in the Cave Springs Quarterly Meeting, I was in services at Liberty, Cotton Creek, Pleasant Ridge, and Clifton. Each of these churches have experienced revival lately, souls be-

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ing saved during revival and the regular worship service.

I was the evangelist in a revival at Berkeley City Church for ten services, one middle aged man was saved, and six affiliated with the church. This outstanding church and pastor, Rev. Harvey Hill, exemplify our Lord's cause in every phase of our denominational work, fully supporting the cooperative program, plus a missionary in a foreign field.

We rejoice with pastor Johnny Land and the congregation of Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Arnold, Mo. for their new church. Sunday Oct. 21, 2:30 P. M. fifteen ministers and many others in South East Missouri yearly meeting joined in the dedication service of this beautiful church. They gave me the honor of bringing the dedicatory sermon.

St. Louis District quarterly meeting met with the Fourth Free Will Baptist Church, Maplewood, Mo. Sat. Oct. 27. This was a good harmonious meeting. Revival spirit prevails among our churches here and souls are being saved at regular worship services.

We have \$4500 of series A church bonds still available, these mature from eight to fourteen years from now, and bear 6% interest payable semiannually. Brethren, let each of us make a special effort to sell these before Jan. 1, 1963.



Rev. Bud Hill 3100 Mt. Pleasant St. Louis, Mo.

# SERMON OF THE MONTH The Just Shall Live By Faith

Romans 1:16-17



Rev. James Barker, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Farmington, Missouri

Rom. 1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith." These words of the Apostle Paul reveal a precious relationship that mortal man can have with God. However. when we read Isaiah 64:6, we find that all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. Romans 3:10 "There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Paul said, "the JUST shall live by faith." How can sinful man ever be JUST with God? Eph. 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." My friend, this is the gospel of Christ. This is the power of God unto salvation. Sinners being saved by grace. The unredeemed being made just in the sight of God.

Through this experience with Christ the righteousness of God is revealed. Righteousness! So impossible with man, for righteousness is a divine attribute of God. How can we hope to experience a thing that is impossible with man? The Apostle tells us that we are saved by grace, the condemnation of sin is removed and God imputes to that man **righteousness**.

This is a glorious privilege that man can enjoy, but, our faith is the sustaining principle that maintains this relationship with God. The first chapter of Colossians tells about a time when we shall be presented "holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: If...." There can be no mistake about Col. 1:23 "If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, .... ' How we need to realize how important it is for the Christian to stay close to God. We are living in a day of compromise. Our attitudes toward questionable practices must still be directed by the Word of God, to abstain from the appearances of evil.

The just who live by faith can expect trials and tribulations in this present world. In this day of apostacy and falling away, when the devil is going about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he might devour, the true child of God will be tried and tested.

I Peter 1:7 gives the hope to the tried child of God. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." and James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

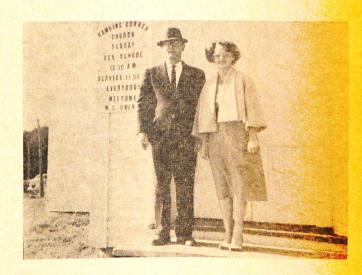
"The just shall live by faith." Not only is it absolutely essential for a man to be "born again" to become a child of God, he must also walk this Christian life with an abiding faith in Christ Jesus in order to inherit that life eternal. Eternal life does abide in the heart of the child of God now, and will continue to abide in our hearts as long as we abide in Christ, but, if we turn from Him and do the works of the flesh, we will perish.

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION WORK IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

By Rev. Mack Owen





Canada is a very large place, 3,845, 144 square miles and its population 18, 000,000 and is a full autonomy member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. Ontario and Quebec are the most thickly populated and the most highly industralized. In 1951 the Roman Catholics had 43% of the population of Canada and today 1962 they are well over the 50% mark. Quebec, which is the second largest province is about 98% Roman Catholic French speaking. New Brunswick is nearly 50% French speaking and over 50% Roman Catholic.

Free Will Baptists have a great call to the mission field of Canada. "The harvest truly is plentious, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37,38).

God has burdened our hearts to step into the open door He has made for us in New Brunswick, Canada. We have never felt more sure of our call to His place of service for us. He has not only given us an abiding conviction, but He has given us outward results. In the short while the church has been reopened seven souls have been saved and many Christians have been provided with a place to worship. During the month of September we averaged 41 in Sunday School with about 50 in Worship Services.

It was after much prayer and preparation that we moved into New Brunswick to take up our work. The church here has never had a resident pastor and by moving into the community it has given the people real encouragement. There are very few churches here that have a full church program. Most all churches share their pastor with other churches. We feel this is the reason many of the churches have lost interest and are closed.

The people are very hospitable and we are adjusting ourselves to the wood fires. We cook some and do all our heating with the stove and heater. We are trusting we will be able to keep warm when it gets cold.

There is a great interest among the youth in Young People's Meetings, so we have organized our League for those between the ages of 8 to 18. We meet at Hawkin's Corner on Wednesday evening with an average of 15 and then in a community 14 miles from here known as Cloverdale, the League meets on Friday evening with an average of 20. The League at Hawkin's Corner is sponsoring a Youth Revival the last week in October. We are trusting the Lord for many souls. Pray with us that many of our Young People will be saved.

Continue to pray for us that God's Will might be done in our lives and that Christ might be glorified. Pray that God will keep us in good health as Jackie is not too strong at this time.

> In Christian Love, Mack, Jackie, Becky, Andrea and Brenda

#### "THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED CHURCH"

Milliville, New Brunswick, Canada

As Jackie, the children and I were travelling north of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, to a friend's home in Bath, N. B., we came to a little community known as Hawkin's Corner. Knowing there were many Free Will Baptist Churches in this area at one time, I thought we would stop and inquire about the church. I noticed a man painting the church and so I asked what denominational affiliation the church had and he said, "None. it is just a Union Baptist Church, but they are not having church here now." I asked him if they were having Sunday School and he said "No, and if I wanted more information to go to see Mrs. Connars, a lady who was active in the church." Upon arriving at Mrs. Connars, we found no one at home, but as we were about to leave she came across the field from her garden. She invited us in and we told her who we were and after calling another lady on the phone and after visiting in a few more homes, we discovered a real desire to see the church reopened. We asked them to call a special meeting Wednesday night and if they wanted to have a service Sunday we could come back and hold one. After we had prayed with them we went on to our friend's, The Reverend Phillip Giberson.

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## News from

#### Waipahu, Hawaii



#### Our Dear Friends,

Please read every word of this letter because it is an urgent S. O. S. Never in my life have I been faced with such a momentous task as this one that has recently been thrust upon me. As all of you know we have been conducting services in the basement of our very small and inadquate house for over three years. We have made Sunday School rooms under our floor, in our garage and every available place. We have been constantly searching for a reasonable and suitable place to have a church and there is absolutely none to be found. We have tried to find some land, but as I have previously informed you land is unreasonably high-about \$2.00 to \$4.00 per square foot.

A few days ago I located a tract of land of 77,778 Sq. Ft. (approximately 13/4 acres) which is about one half block from the Waipahu Elementary School and four blocks from the high school. There are about twenty-five eight unit Apartment Buildings about two blocks away and the place is flanked on three sides by about eight hundred to a thousand new houses that have been built within the past two years. After much prayer I made an offer of \$60,000.00 (sixty thousand dollars) to the Okazaki Realty Company, and believing that God was able to do it through you I promised to pay \$10,000.00 by November 1, and the remainder of the \$50,000.00

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#### Washington, D. C. PROPERTY PURCHASE

"Oh praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great towrd us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord" Psalm 117.

God has opened the door of opportunity for His children once again. At the first we found it difficult to find a proper meeting place—but the Lord provided in due time. Many and varied have been the obstacles to the Lord's work here. Yet He has seen us through.

To obtain property suitable for our needs has been just one of these obstacles. However, the Lord is now answering our prayers concerning this. We are now closing out the legal matters and hope to occupy the property by January.

Until we are able to get up a building on this property we shall meet in the school where we started. Yet, we may have to start our building program sooner than we would like. It is rumored that we will have to give up the school next July. Pray that we would be able to meet the challenge that would confront us should that happen.

Then too, praise the Lord with us for the souls that are being saved. The devil is certainly aroused and to me that speaks well for the work. I hope that we can make him so mad he will explode as souls continue to give their hearts to the Lord!

Remember us when you pray. Our plans are to pay for the property through Church Bonds. Any interested parties will please write me.

Kenneth M. Walker 515 N. Nelson St. Arlington 3, Va.

## NOTICE

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#### Grand Rapids FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF GRAND RAPIDS

Home Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. John Vick

Our first service was held may 5, 1961. We were worshipping about 10 miles out of Grand Rapids. We realized that we needed to move into the city before the church would grow much. After many days of looking for a place to rent we finally gave up. Places were scarce and the rent was so high. We were made to see our real need of having our own building. We contacted the Executive Church Bonds' office and the church voted to float a \$30,000.00 bond program. This was a big undertaking for such a small group, but we placed our faith and trust in the Lord and He has wonderfully supplied our needs.

We had the dedication of our new church on July 8, 1962. The auditorium will seat approximately 250. By using the overflow we can seat approximately 300. We have seven classrooms, nursery, pastor's study, and Sunday School office.

We now have 54 members and have a record attendance of 98. We have several more awaiting baptism and we trust will become members soon. The Lord has richly blessed us with some fine young couples and real workers for the Lord. We have had two young men to announce their call to the ministry and one more to start to college in Grand Rapids this fall to prepare for some special work for the Lord.

We thank God for His wonderful blessings and leadership in this work. We feel that the Wolverine Association of Michigan should be commended for their support of this work. We also want to thank the many churches we have heard from by cards and other correspondence. It lets us know that this work is being remembered by churches all over the United States. Please continue to pray for us.

November, 1962

# Abundantly Above All That Ye Ask

#### By SIS. ARLENE NORRIS CLERK OF THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

dred fifty miles across the Cascades to plant another church in the Great Northwest. Having arrived Saturday afternoon, the first Sunday morning service consisted of John, Leah Mae, Joe, Mary Susan, Sammy and Leah Ruth Postlewaite.

Immediately, the Lord opened the door for a place of worship and a church and parsonage were leased for a period of six months with an option to buy. The first public services were conducted the third Sunday in November with fifteen people present. Services continued until the latter part of March at which time Reverend Virgle Florence from California was contacted to hold revival meetings.

On April first, the church was officially organized with twelve charter members. The organizational committee consisted of Reverends John J. Postlewaite, Virgle Florence, W. L. Easterly, and Doyle F. Goldy.

The new group voted to purchase the property and building in which they were worshipping at a total cost of \$13,850.00. This was accomplished through a \$20,000.00 bond issue from Executive Bonds, Inc. of Nashville, Tennessee. Reverend Bob Hill spent a week with the church in May directing the program. The building has a seating capacity of two hundred, a baptistry and dressing rooms, seven class rooms, pastor's study, and a kitchen, all of which are heated cen-

trally. The parsonage is a six room house including a full size basement. They are located in a residential area close to the business district.

The group has since secured an additional lot for parking at a cost of \$2500.00. This leaves a reserve in the original bond issue of \$3500.00 for future expansion. To completely pay for the property, we must sell \$3300.00 worth of bonds by January first. Certainly God has done exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think in this area of our work.

Since its beginning, the church has also enjoyed the continual blessings of the Lord, with several conversions and baptisms. Others are now awaiting baptism. A few months ago, it looked impossible to start a church here. The darkest time is before the dawn, and God did the impossible. We now have a membership of twenty nine, with a Sunday School enrollment of forty. The average attendance in all services is approximately thirty-five, with the record attendance forty-two for a Sunday morning service. The Vancouver Church is the first and only Free Will Baptist Church in this vast area, the closest one being about one hundred ten miles to the west at Garibaldi, Oregon.

Many of you desire to know of our needs as well as our blessings. Our greatest need, of course, is the con-(Continued on page 14)

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Most Americans at sometime in their lives have heard of the Hudson's Bay Company. Perhaps you remember from your history lessons that one of the Company's strongholds was Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River approximately ninety miles from the Pacific Ocean. This small settlement grew into a town with a population of 32,750, on the south edge of a county with a population of 94,809. Across the Columbia River is the city of Portland with a population of 372,676. This is a large area with many different denominations and even religions. Even though there are many churches, there are statistics that are almost staggering. Only thirty per cent of the Clark County residents and twenty-nine of the North Portland residents are church affiliated, according to the recent statistical report from the local minister's association. This includes all faiths.

Feeling a burden for the lost souls in this needy area, the John Postlewaite family, home missionaries to the Northwest, left the Wenatchee Valley in the early part of November, 1961. They had labored for five years in the establishment of the First Free Will Baptist Church of East Wenatchee. They traveled three hun-

# THE MISSION FIELD



Miss Bessie Yeley and some Mexican Children



Rev. and Mrs. Melitino Martinez and Sunday School children in Miami, Fla.

#### FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

#### September, 1962

South Side Church	14
Cooperative Plan	36
Anonymous	
Mo. State Ass'n.	3
Grant Ave. Church	1
F. W. B. C. Fredericktown	4
Oak Grove Church	1
Nora Allen	
Fellowship Church	13
Mountain Valley Church	1
Willow Springs Church	1
Virgil J. Bandy	10
Son Light Mission Conference	1
Robert G. Dotson	5
	2
Clifford Altis	3
Woman's Aux. Monett	1
Earl Gohn	
Martha Coffman	1
Buffalo Sunday School	1
Grant Ave. League	
Missionary Midgets, K. C	7
F. W. B. C. of Berkeley	7
F. W. B. C. of Berkeley	6
First F. W. B. C., Festus	-
Big Creek League	2
Clifford Altis	3
New Harmony S. S	3

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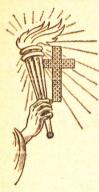
37.84	The Beacon Auxiliary met July 26
35.00	with new officers in charge:
5.00	Blanche Matthews—Pres.
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22.00	Ch'm.
20.00	Jean Williams—Study Course Ch'm.
30.00	Ruth Postlewait—Corresponding Sec.
5.00	Our personal work for the month
5.00	was giving food to a family. There
30.50	were 13 members present.
26.00	
2.00	Beacon Auxiliary met in August in
13.00	the home of Carmen Smith. There
20.00	were 9 members and 3 visitors. Sherry
2.00	Smith and Grace Venable became
6.00	members.
13.88	Our monthly project was an offering
22.00	of \$13.45 for Alaskan Missions. The
36.00	G. T. A. also sent \$4.00.
58.00	We voted to buy paint for the
50.00	Beginner's room. On Sept. 10th we
54.79	had a study course on prayer
3.00	We have a Missionary Midget Aux-
	iliary now. Dixie Green is sponsor.

\$1,915.35

Ruth Postlewaite, Cor.-Sec.

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Woman's Auxiliary

#### NOTICE

ALL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY NEWS SHOULD NOW BE SENT TO:

MRS. LESTER JONES

502 W. ELIZABETH,

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#### INSTEAD OF THE "GEM" OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS



#### Mrs. Lester Jones

Dear Auxiliary Members:

It gives me great pleasure to serve you in this capacity and trust that my health will permit me to continue. Please remember me in prayer.

We trust that our "hearts are fixed" and our goals set high to accomplish more this year. There are so many areas in which we can serve.

Send us your news so we will be able to know just what you are accomplishing.

Sis. Lester Jones

#### STATE AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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- Study Course Ch'm—Jean Williams, 8201 Northern, Raytown, Mo.
- Editor—Mrs. Lester Jones, 502 West Elizabeth St., Kirksville, Mo.

#### NOTICE!

Send all money to the new Treasurer: Hazel Hutsell, 534 West North St., Mountain Grove, Mo.

#### LET'S MAKE A REPORT

Women, send in your Auxiliary news and help me make our Auxiliary Pages real INTERESTING.

We all know that reports can be dull, uninteresting narrations of the meeting or they can be sparkling, eye catching and attention holders.

What makes a news article or Auxiliary report sparkle? It is to find out what is really happening in your Auxiliary. What are you doing? In what activities are you engaged? Have you done anything for Missions? Have you made any soul winning efforts? Let us know! I, your Auxiliary Editor, am just dying to find <mark>out what our</mark> women in Missouri are really doing. This work is dear to my heart.

You, who are responsible for sending in the report, let me whisper a little secret in your ear. You take your scratch pad with you to Auxiliary and jot down those interesting things that are done and let us know. Will you?

I see great value in good news reports. First of all, when you tell the women of your State what you are accomplishing, you inspire them to do more. So they are an inspiration! They also give others ideas of things they can do.

So fill your report full of the things you are planning to do or have already done.

Mrs. Jones, Editor

#### FROM KIRKSVILLE, MO.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Grace Lawson on Aug. 2 with 15 members and 6 visitors present. The devotions were brought by the President and the business session followed.

Plans were made to send for the cook books printed by W. N. A. C. There were 15 ordered. The general offering was \$14.70 with \$2.00 for medical missions.

The treasurer, Mrs. Dare reported having sent the tuition to the adopted Mexican boy and \$5.00 to Home and Foreign Missions. Letters from our missionaries the Waids, and Eageltons were read.

Alma Scrivens volunteered to write the missionary letter of the month to the Calvarys. Bernice Thomas and Laura Glaspie volunteered as missionaries of the month to make visitations. Plans and pledges were made by the members to try to raise \$100.00 by December to pay on the building fund. One new member joined the Auxiliary.

The program was greatly enjoy-

ed by all present as our hearts were inspired to do greater things for the Lord.

Ruth Jacobs Cor.-Sec.

#### FROM MYRTLE AUXILIARY:

The Auxiliary met Sept. 4th with 9 members present. The meeting opened with singing and prayer by Mary Ruth Wisehart.

Geneva Sorrell, our president presided. Minutes were read by Mary Alice Wisehart our sec. and they were approved.

The lesson was on Prayer and topics were given by Sister Ora Wisehart, Lillie Sorrell, Mamie Crase, Mary Ruth Wisehart, Doris Brown and Bernice Cantrell.

We sent 100 lbs. of clothing to CERF Miami, Florida.

Benevolent Ch'm., Ora Clark

#### FROM SOUTHEAST MISSOURI:

THE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AUXILIARY CONVENTION met on Aug. 11 at the Park View Church in Desloge. The meeting was called to order by the president, Iva Treaster. Congregational singing was led by Doris Raper with Jaunita Skaggs at the piano.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Long after which Christine Halbrook brought devotional thoughts from Matt. 20: 16-20. A special song was rendered by Erma Lea Hogan. Mrs. Raper then gave a report of the W. N. A. C.

The guest speaker, Rev. Mack Owen gave a challenging talk on the woman's Auxiliary work in the Canada area.

The business meeting began with the reading of the minutes of previous meeting and treasurer's report.

The registration committee reported 92 registered. The finance and credential committee reports read and accepted.

Resolutions Committee as follows:

1. That we plan for three District Auxiliary Workshops this year, one in each Quarterly Meeting area. Time and place to be determined by Study Course Ch'm.

2. That we reserve \$15.00 in the treasury for the expense of a speaker in work shop.

3. That we give Ruth Wilfong \$8.00 for expense of last Youth Rally.

4. That each local Auxiliary contribute \$5.00 per year to promote youth work. This to be sent to District Youth Ch'm. as soon as possible. 5. That we send \$10.00 to C. E. R. F.

6. That we pay our speaker \$15.00. The following officers were elected:

President—Iva Treaster; Vice President: Sylvia Hill; Youth Ch'm., Ruth Wilfong; Sec.- Treas., Betty Camp; Asst. Sec., Erma Lea Hogan; Stewardship Ch'm., Vivian Burton; Personal Service Ch'm., Doris Arnold; Corresponding Sec., Gladys Turnbough; Study Course Ch'm., Christine Halbrook; Field Worker, Elaine Spurgeon.

A rising vote of thanks was given the host church and adjourned with prayer.

#### OUR HOME MISSIONARIES WRITE To the Editor of Auxiliary News:

Recently the Home Mission Board appointed me as director of missions for the State of Missouri. We have worked five years in the New Hope Church, Kansas City, Kansas and have accomplished a great deal.

We are leaving this church that we have started and are going back onto the field to start new churches where Free Will Baptists do not have a witness. We shall be moving first to Marshall, a city of some 10,000 population. There is not a Free Will Baptist Church within 90 miles of this city.

We have before us, a great challenge and not only a challenge but responsibility as we enter into this work to organize new churches in the State.

We need your prayers. The scriptures teach that "effective prayer availeth much" when prayed by righteous people. We feel that we can depend upon the Women of our Auxiliaries to pray for us. We also need your financial support. We receive 9% of the co-operative receipts which is not sufficient to support this work. Remember to pray for us and give that we may go with the gospel. Send all offerings to: Free Will Baptist Headquarters 3100 Mt. Pleasant St. St. Louis, Missouri, c/o State Home Missions.

Yours in Christ for Missions—Jim and Helen McAllister.

Editor's Note—Women, of our Auxiliaries, let us not forget that our pre-Christmas Week of Prayer offering goes to this State Home Mission work. Let us be generous as we give this Chrismas season that the Voice of Free Will Baptists may be heard throughout our state "Ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem...."

You can make your Christian greeting to your friends this Christmas even more effective with the use of good tracts.

We have prepared several new ones for you, one of which includes a calendar for 1963. You will find it useful to slip in with your Christmas Cards.

Perhaps you would like to use some of these to hand out at your Sunday School, auxiliary meeting and/or to your entire church membership.

The form below is for your convenience in ordering.

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Address

#### FROM BERKELEY CHURCH:

The Woman's Auxiliary met May 7th with 13 members present. Our new president, Sister Plummer presided. Opening prayer by Sister Lewis, opening song "Take My Life And Let It Be."

Plans were discussed to buy decorative plates with a picture of the church and the history of the church on these plates as a money raising project.

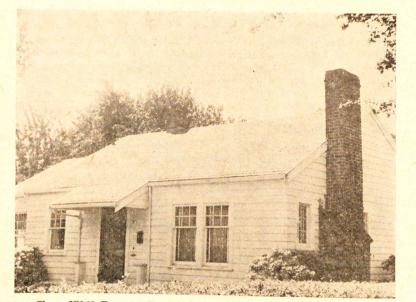
We planned a baby shower for our missionary in Uruguay, Glenda Fulcher. Each woman will donate the price of her gift as personal items cannot be sent.

Reports were given by the various committees. Topics were given by Sisters: Skiles, Lewis, Western and Combs. Dismissed in prayer by Sister Clark. Mary Barker, Cor.-Sec.

#### PLEASE NOTE!

If your reports are sometimes late it is because I do not get them in time for that issue. Please get your reports to me by the 15th of the month, if possible. Also, if you have someone in your Auxiliary who can type would you please send your reports typewritten and be sure that they are double spaced and as brief as possible? If you cannot type them be sure to write them in ink.

Would you do this for me please? Thank you and God bless you everyone! In all the years I served you as State President I don't believe I asked you for anything but what you responded. —Editor's Note The Postlewaites Speak From the State of Washington



Free Will Baptist Parsonage in Vancouver, Washington

#### WHY? GOD SHOWED US LATER.

Our family moved into the Vancouver, Washington area last November, our task was to organize another Free Will Baptist Church. It looked like a very difficult one in a town where we were complete strangers to all but two people. Our denomination was also almost unheard of, but we knew God led us here.

Our first service was in our home with only our own family present. We sang the song "I Know Whom I Have Believed," studied God's Word, and prayed that God would show us what to do in this new area.

We soon found a vacant church and parsonage which was for sale and in a favorable location. Three interested persons signed a six month lease on the property, with option to buy. Services were begun immediately. There were sixteen people present at our first Sunday morning service. Our crowds did not increase rapidly. At times we felt discouraged, but something would happen each time to increase our faith. Even at the end of our six month lease period, we still could not see many results from our labor. However, after a revival meeting and seeing the faith of a few, we organized the church and voted to purchase the property.

God began to bless our church in odd and various ways. Souls were saved, one was an older man who had lived in sin many years. Young people have dedicated their lives to His service. Backslidden people have renewed their vows with God and started serving Him anew. One lady who was not living as close to Him as she felt she should bowed at an altar of prayer on Sunday night and asked forgiveness for her sins, and in two short weeks had gone out to meet her Saviour, prepared. Seven people have been baptized, others are waiting baptism. God has performed miracles here, not in large numbers but in the lives of a few people.

Our church membership is now 30. Our Sunday School attendance is in the 40's. We purchased our property through the Executive Bond Program, and God has blessed marvelously in the selling of Bonds.

Yes, we have been here a year, and in the eyes of the world our accomplishments have been very few, but these souls that have found Christ, those that the church will reach in the future, are answer enough to the question, "Why are we here?"

Mrs. Leah Postlewaite 513 E. 26th St. Vancouver, Wash.

#### "THE REOPENING OF A CLOSED CHURCH"

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On Thursday morning they called us and said they wanted us to come to hold a service. As we approached the church Sunday morning, we found several cars parked outside. As we were a little late, we rushed into the church to find to our joy both sides of the church pretty well occupied. There were over fifty in our first morning service. After two Sundays the people asked us if we would come open the church and start a Sunday School. The first Sunday the attendance was 27. Since that time we have had as high as 48 in Sunday School.

#### WAIPAHU, HAWAII

#### (Continued from page 5)

by the end of 1963. To our unexplainable joy they accepted our bid. Now if you had any idea of how difficult it is to get land for a church you would rejoice with us. The cost of this property seems high to you but when you consider that we are getting it, not for \$3.00, nor for \$2.00, and even \$1.00, but approximately 77c per square foot it seems too good to be true.

I know that I have put myself and Free Will Baptists out on the proverbial limb but I believe we can do it through Him (Philippians 4:13). I wonder how many individuals and churches will if necessary borrow from the bank \$500.00 to \$1000.00 and send it in for this urgent need. We are not asking you to build us a church, put carpets on the floor or make us comfortable, but we must have your help now or we shall never have a church in Hawaii. This is a God given opportunity-An open door. It would cost each member of a church with a membership of 100 only three cents a day for one year to raise \$1080.00less than the price of a pack of gum, 1/3 of a coke or pepsi, three cigarettes, etc. I don't say this with any doubt about the final outcome but if this venture fails I think that we just as well forget about a church in Hawaii.

I never want to have to tell another child "You can't come to Daily Vacation Bible School because we don't have room for you." Please will you go out on this limb with us?

> Your Representatives for Christ in Hawaii R. Luther Sanders

## 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	Nev. James Lan Raper
Amity	
Black Oak	Par Clan Ianas
New Lebanon	Der Debert Wilferer
Leadington	Rev. Robert willong
Copper Mines	Rev. willard Darnell
Myrtle	
Kirksville	Rev. Lester Jones
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
Farmington	Rev. James Darker
Verdella	Rev. Winfred Davis
Richwoods	Rev. Gaylord Huckaba
Old Bethel	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion	Rev. Kalph Cook
South Side	Rev. Al Micrafiand
Thayer	Rev. W. H. Bostic
Carterville	Rev. Wm. Beazley
Fredericktown	Rev. C. H. Burton
Pleasant Grove	Rev. Tommy Carlson
Martinstown	Rev. Kermit Crooks
Hannon	Rev. Junior Ussery
First, Flat River	
Alton	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Third, St. Louis	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
	Rev. Robt. Linville
	Rev. A. A. Hogue
Skyline	
Union	
First Church, Aurora	Rev. Edward Climer
Springfield	

Neosho	Rev. Robert Duck
Mine La Motte	
Union Light	Rev. O. D. Matthews
Bethel	Rev. Davie Combs
Mt. Pisgah	Rev. Fred Wynn
Fourth, St. Louis	Rev. Max Courtney
Twin Oaks	Rev. Truman Huffman
Victory	
Mill Creek	Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Beacon	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
First, Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey
New Hope	Rev. James McAllister
Merl's Chapel	Rev. O. T. Allred
Oskaloosa	
Jones Chapel	
Pleasant Ridge	Rev. M. K. Cline
New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave	Rev. Grover Terry
Wonett	Rev Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. Ronald Clifford
Desloge	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Meremac Heights	
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restus	Rev. Chester Weir
Little Vine Church	Rev. Robert Carlson
Pleasant Hill Church	
Macedonia Church	
First Church, Greenfield	Rev. Lowell Martin
Hickory Grove	
Northside	
Hazel Creek	Rev. Cletus Nichols

(Editor's Note: If your Church has changed pastors please let me know.)

Be it resolved:

1. That the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention elect an editor to edit the Woman's Auxiliary page in the Gem paper, and that the Nominating Committee supply a nominee for this position.

2. That the Treasurer of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention publish either a monthly or quarterly report of all receipts and disbursements of the State Auxiliary.

3. That each local secretary be advised to send to the Editor of the Woman's Page the names and addresses of all local officers.

4. That we pay our proportionate part of our Minutes.

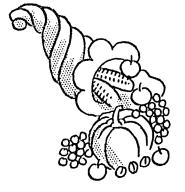
5. Since we have a Y. P. A. Declamation Winner, we recommend that, the G. T. A. Declamation Contest be held at the Youth Camp Ground in June of 1963.

6. That we comply to Article IV,

Page 122 of Manual and add as delegation: All Local Officers plus three elected delegates from each local Auxiliary.

7. That we give as an honorarium of \$25.00 to Mrs. Eunice Edwards and \$25.00 to Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Cronk.

8. That we pay \$25.00 toward the expense of the Declamation Contestant to the National Convention and give an award of \$5.00 to both the Essay and Declamation Winners.



# GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELD

Greetings in Jesus' name:

As a member of the National Home Mission Board and a pastor in your state, let me first say thank you for your splendid cooperation in helping support every phase of our national work. I am truly thankful for our people and churches in Missouri and for their wonderful cooperation in supporting our denomination in every way possible. As member of the National Home Mission Board I am coming to you with an appeal for financial help for our National Home Mission Department. God has given me an opportunity to work with some wonderful men on our National Home Mission Board in the personnel of Rev. Homer Willis, Director; Rev. Wade Jernigan, Chairman; Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Vice-Chairman; Rev. Bob Shockey and Rev. Gordon Sebastian. I am sure that each of you realize that if our Foreign Mission Board is to advance and if our education program is to go forward, as well as all of our other many great auxiliaries in our denomination, then undoubtedly we must have a greater home mission program.

We know that from our Home Mission Fields come the birth of every other denominational auxiliary and then as these auxiliaries grow, they have to be fed. And once again it comes back to a greater home mission program. I am sure that each of you know by this time that the month of November has been designated as National Home Mission Month. I am also sure that you are aware that the quota set for National Home Missions for 1962 is \$100,000.00. To be sure, you are also aware that Missouri's quota for this year is 6,500. At this writing, our National Board is \$34,771.00 short of reaching its quota while Missouri is short \$1,556.70 in reaching its quota for this year and only two more months to go. I feel

sure that we in Missouri want our state to go over the top this year. We fell short last year by only \$157.26. Let's not let that happen this year! It seems as if we failed somewhere along the line. Perhaps it is because you did not know how we stood. But let it be different this year and let us be one of the states to go over the top. Let us have a record offering for November and even go over the top in November, then come in with a good offering in December and show God that we mean business.

I know Missouri is a state that is ranked high in our denomination in giving financially and a state that our National Association knows that they can depend on. So, as a member of the National Home Mission Board and a pastor in this state, I plead with you to take a special offering in November for National Home Missions. Sunday. November 18th, has been designed by 'the National Association as National Home Mission Sunday and they are asking every church to give a liberal offering on that day, however, if some other Sunday suits you better that will be all right. Just be sure that your church gives a special offering in November and let's put Missouri over the top this year. Remember, what we do in helping organize other churches and send out other workers, will depend on how you respond to our appeal.

Write the National Home Mission Office in Nashville, Tennessee, for any kind of material that you can use. They have special Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes free for the asking. I am sure that they will ge glad to send them on to you.

May God bless you is my desire.

Yours for greater home missions, Harvey E. Hill

National Home Mission Board Member

#### **Church Homecoming**

The Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church had a Homecoming on Sunday October 14, with an all day service and basket dinner at noon.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Lester Ferguson former pastor of the church. It was during Rev. Ferguson's pastoral job that they started working on plans to build a new church. Rev. Ferguson was the first pastor in the new church.

In the afternoon short talks were made by other former pastors who were present, they were: Rev. John Long, Rev. George Miller, Rev. O. D. Matthews, Rev. Sam Yount and Rev. Ferguson.

Our pastor Rev. Lloyd Durbin read a letter to the congregation that had been received from Rev. Bill Reeves, who was one of the first pastors in the old church and was unable to make it in for the homecoming.

Special singing during the day was furnished by: The Faith Quartet; The Berry Quartet; The Barettes; The Rogers Quartet; The Matthews Sisters; The Durbin Family and the young people from the church.

We received a real blessing all through the day, feeling God's presence ever with us.

Our souls were made to rejoice even more on Sunday night when one of our young boys came and gave his heart to the Lord.

We desire the prayers of the other Christians that we might continue to grow in number and spirit and to continue doing the Lord's will.

> Miss Ruth Ann Bowling, Sec., Mill Creek Sunday School

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1962-1963

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	250
First Church, Springfield												
Victory, Kansas City	62	85	85	79			64					
Mt. Pisgah	44	73	70	78	70	1 1		70	84			
Copper Mines	57	92	87	87			103					1
Fellowship, Flat River	165	192	209	209	195	201	197	188	187			
Leadington	39	45	38	43	39	42	40	44	52	47		
Farmington	74	92		96	97	86	93	88	81			
Fourth, St. Louis	72	79	86	74	73	77	66					
Mill Creek	29	46	48	53	55	43	55	56	53			
Berkeley City	185	212	202	254	216	237	213	226	264	262		
Richwoods	40	61	53	60	62	67	62	60	73	58		1
Beacon							79	77	78	92		Ì
Joplin	78	94	75	89	78	74	89					
Kirksville	63	82	86	91	85		86	82	68	83		
Grant Ave., Springfield		126						1	125	I		<u></u>
Hazel Creek	35				55		58			· · · · · · ·		
Twin Oak	43											
South Side Church							168	199	188	185		
New Hope, Kansas City	78		107	•		·			103			1
Mine La Motte	16	•	34						·	·		<u> </u>
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First Church, Waynesville			52									
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First Church Lebanon		139							1			 
Overland Church		60	140		1.50	1.70	120	001				 
Neosho	64		207	2(4	220	207	229	225	225			
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Bethel, West Plains	108	128	138	153	145	136		130				<u> </u>
Desloge		122						116	112	112		<u> </u>
First Ch., Fredericktown		166										<u> </u>
Thayer		117										
Meramec Heights	27				34	39	40	35	38	34		
Skyline Armourdale Ch.		88										
First Church Monett	108	120										
Faith, Lemay	70	95	113	113	107	104						1
Union Light							104	123	108			
First Church, Flat River							149					Γ
Belton F. W. B. Mission .					17	18	18	21				1
Liberty, Phillipsburg								109				1
New Home Church	50	57	53	60	53	67	65		.			ĺ
Grace-Arnold								1	102	1		1

#### NEW HOPE CHURCH

On August 26th., 'Rev. James McAllister resigned as pastor of the New Hope F. W. B. Church of Kansas City, Kansas, to become director of Missions for the Missouri Free Will Baptists.

His resignation is effective Oct 29th, at which time he will assume his new office.

Mr. McAllister founded the New Hope Church with 17 charter members on Sept. 7, 1957. Under his leadership the church became one of the outstanding churches in this area. During the five years of his pastorate, a new church plant was constructed. The church, located on a two acre plot of land in Northern Johnson County Kansas, is in a large residential area just outside of Kansas City, Kansas. The property, valued at \$50,000, has an auditorium seating 180; a baptistry; 12 classrooms; a nursery; 4 restrooms; a kitchen; pastor's study; dining hall; assembly room; and 2 large parking lots. The church has voted to construct a three bedroom parsonage at a later date.

During his pastorate 130 people have united with the church, 152 have accepted Christ as Saviour, 86 have been baptized. Two churches have been organized from this body with full cooperation of the church. The Sunday School averages well over 100 with an enrollment of 200. The Sunday School is departmentalized with 13 classes and 3 departments. The Church supports all phases of the denominational program through cooperative giving and special offerings.

Rev. McAllister is a member of the Evangelical Ministers Fellowship of Kansas City; Moderator of the East Kansas Association; Assistant Moderator of the Kansas State Association; and served as treasurer of the Missouri State Home Missions Board until his resignation from said board.

The McAllisters will be moving to Marshall, Mo., to begin work in November.

#### God Blessed Us At Berkeley

#### F. W. B. Church!

Under the wonderful preaching of our evangelist, the Rev. Harry Beatty, Promotional Secretary of our Missouri State Association, God certainly poured out His blessings upon us as we saw our church revived, one soul saved, many rededicated their lives to Christ and six new members joined our church. People love Brother Beatty and we pray that God's blessings go with him as he works for the interest of Free Will Baptists and the great State of Missouri.

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## Report from Colorado

BY REV. ROY THOMAS

HOME MISSIONARY

For a long time it had grieved my heart that Free Will Baptists did not have a church in the largest city between the Mississippi River and the West coast—nor was there one in the entire state of Colorado. So I made application with the National Home Mission Board to go to Denver to establish a church.

Our itinerate to raise our support was a major factor in the success of the work here. We not only enlisted prayer support, but we also secured a list of names of Free Will Baptists who had moved to Denver from various places.

We arrived in Denver Feb. 10, 1961, and after finding a place to live, we began to look for a place to hold services. Prices were high, but we prayed, and God provided a place. It was a small, but a nice room which was used as a ballet studio through the week. This made us shun to use it for our services, but since we could find nothing else within our financial ability, we rented it. But God met with us there, and every single service we met in that dance studio souls were saved.

We contacted the names of the prospects we had, told them when our first service would be, and prayed that God would bring the people out. We set the first Sunday in March for our first service. We were anxiously anticipating the service, but when we arose that morning our hearts sank because about 6 inches of snow had fallen during the night. On the way to church Pat said, "I'll not be discouraged if not one single person comes."

We swept the snow off the walks, opened the door, and waited for the people to come. God answered our prayers and 48 people gathered for that service. My, how the Lord opened heaven that morning. Five souls were saved!

The people began to come and they are still coming. From the dance studio we moved to a lunch room in a fair grounds, and from there to a Seventh-Day Adventist church building several miles away toward the center of Denver. We grew there until we had to rent an apartment next door to the church for Sunday School rooms.

During this time our people were giving generously of their money and saved \$6,000, for a down payment on property. For weeks we looked at property, but found that such high prices (\$15,000 per acre) made it impossible for us to build a new church. However, God always opens up a way. We found a solid brick church, in Denver, easily accessible from all over town, with Sunday School facilities, for \$31,500. We paid our \$6,000 down and will have payments of \$200 per month. The church is located at the corner of Arkansas and Vine Streets. The building will seat 200 and has full basement.

We moved into this building the first Sunday in October, and are presently in a revival with Rev. Bill Ketchum from Tulsa, Oklahoma. God is blessing and souls have been saved. For the month of September we averaged 108 in Sunday School, and feel that the move into our new building will help our growth also.

Our church is a missionary church and has supported missions from its beginning. But we also believe that we should start some missions, too. So we are praying about Colorado Springs, a city of 100,000 people just 65 miles from Denver. We are praying and God is answering prayer. We have found a family who has opened its home for services and who will support a Free Will Baptist church there. So as soon as our revival is over we plan to canvass the city and begin services. If you know any Free Will Baptists there or in any other town in Colorado, please send us their names and addresses.

What has been done here can be done in any city where a Free Will Baptist church is not in existence. Help us to pray that preachers will get these western states on their hearts and will come to establish churches for the salvation of lost souls.

#### CO-OPERATIVE RECEIPTS OCTOBER 1962

Fredericktown \$	271.86
Myrtle Sunday School	57.04
Farmington	56.24
South Side St. Louis	56.10
Mill Creek	60.83
Beacon	90.27
Victory	83.70
Fourth St. Louis	73.63
Merl's Chapel	17.08
Twin Oak	72.00
Carterville	18.10
Pleasant Hill, Cave Springs	
Association	17.00
Hurryville	146.37
Houston	75.00
Monett	72.47
Thayer	44.66
Alton	12.00
Mt. Valley	51.87
St. Louis Dist. Qtrly. Meeting	235.24
Copper Mines	40.96
Union Light	4.00
Mine La Motte	8.25
Hickory Grove	17.61
Mill Creek Sunday School	12.24
Parkview Desloge	224.49
Carterville	15.87
Beacon	56.43
\$	1891.31

#### **Disbursed:**

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Natl. Ass'n. of F. W. B	\$1040.22
Promotional Department	378.26
Mo. Home Missions	170.22
Mo. Superannuation	18.90
F. W. B. Gem	94.57
Youth Camp	94.57
General Fund	
Total Disbursed:	\$1891.31

#### ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT YE ASK

(Continued from page 6) tinual prayer support of the people of God. Next, we need Christ-centered workers to reach for Christ. Many, many opportunities have come to open new works but there were no workers to take on the added responsibilities. One area had a good building to hold services in, and a good area for reaching people, but because of the lack of workers the work could not go on.

We have a far, far greater challenge than the pioneers of old. Will you get the vision together with us and help us to establish other churches for our Lord's glory? "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already unto harvest. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send more laborers into His harvest."

From Fairbanks, Alaska

#### FIRST FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF FAIRBANKS

We left for Alaska in March, 1961. We were pulling a luggage trailer with most of our worldly possessions inside. We arrived in Alaska on April 9. We stayed in Anchorage for a few weeks and then went to Fairbanks to take up our work.

The first few weeks we did house to house visitation. We had to have services in our home and the first Sunday we had only the two of us present. I taught the Sunday School lesson to Kirby Joe and he preached to me. It was a small start but the Lord honored it with his presence. It was a real blessing to us. After that, we had a few present each Sunday. The Lord only expects faithfulness from His servants.

In August, we found a place in which to worship. It was a large log house located 13 miles from town. The rent and upkeep had to come from our salary (\$300 per month). We did house to house visitation around the church. We had some very faithful attenders until the weather grew very cold. The heat in our building was inadequate. Then when the tempera-



Free Will Baptist Church in Monterey, Old Mexico

ture dipped to 62 below zero, the oil line became frozen. We gave the place up because it was no longer useable.

The next month and half we continued to visit and be a witness for the lord. It was a time of trying and testing for us. Darkness reigned in Fairbanks. We had no real daylight for over a month. Then the weather moderated a bit, to an average of 30 below zero, and the Lord answered our prayers concerning a place to meet. This was a Hall located on First Avenue in town. There was only one family, Bro. and Sis. Macon Mercer and their two pre-school age children who would be a part of our town church. Thirteen miles with these road conditions can mean an hour's drive so we understood why those living close to the old church felt that they could not make it into town. Slowly we began to build our congregation. Then two military families left Fairbanks. The people here are so transitory that you begin to feel that you start all over again every few months. It is our prayer that those who pass through the portals of our church will find Christ and have Jesus precious to their souls, no matter how short a time they are with us.

When the Spring opened up, we decided to gather in the neighborhood children for a Bible Club. We soon had Indians, Eskimos and White children enrolled. They still meet every Wednesday and we desire your prayers for these young people.

The first week in June we had a great blessing from the Lord. Two Free Will Baptist Bible College young ladies arrived to spend a month with us. They were a great help. Joy Rice and Rudene Kennedy were consecrated and willing to work for the Lord. We did house to house visitation in preparation for our Daily Vacation Bible School. When the week of Bible School was over, we had enrolled 52 children. It was a great blessing to teach children about the Christ who loves them.

For several months now, Alice and Buddy Simmons have been a great blessing to us. They are a military couple stationed at Fort Wainwright. Buddy is the Adult Sunday School teacher and our deacon. Alice assists me at the Bible Club each Wednesday and teaches the Beginners Sunday School class each Sunday.

One day at the end of Bible Club, the Indian children began to tell us that they were coming to our church the next Sunday. We had met in their home for Bible Club for months and this was a real break-through for us. The natives are very shy and it takes a while to show them that you are their friend. Now we have faithful attenders in the family, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and their four children. The Lord blesses in his own time.

We have several coming who are backslidden Christians and some who have never been saved. There is one boy who comes with his wife and two children nearly every Sunday who is under conviction. We desire prayer for him. We also desire prayer for those who have been spoken to time after time about regular church attendance. This is a wicked city and Satan has many strong holds. A person who does not stay close to the Lord and fellowship with Christian people is easy prey to Satan's devices.

One Sunday morning in late summer, a stranger entered our place of worship and introduced himself as Bill Cook. After services we took him home with us for the afternoon. We found to our delight that his wife was soon to come to Fairbanks. Now, both Helen and Bill serve the Lord faithfully. Bill is Sunday School Superintentent and Helen is church clerk and Pianist.

We organized into a church September 16, 1962 with 12 charter members. Bro. Bob Breeden, an ordained Free Will Baptist minister from Anchorage, Alaska, preached for us. In the Sunday night service, Bro. Buddy Simmons was ordained as deacon. This was a sweet service. There were tears shed as we gave Bro. and Sis. Simmons the right hand of Christian fellowship and pledged ourselves to stand by them.

Our need is funds to make a downpayment on property. We need a shield of prayer daily for our work. We believe God's people will stand behind us.

> Yours In Christ, Kirby Joe and Lib Godwin

#### Richwoods, Mo. October 22, 1962

Dear Co-workers, Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord Jesus.

We come to you once again with rejoicing and thankful hearts for all the goodness and blessings of the Lord.

Our revival began on September 24th and closed on October 3rd and the Holy Spirit was present at each service working to convict souls of sin. Rev. Floyd Arnold of Le-May, Mo., was our evangelist. There was special singing and good attendance each night and Rev. Arnold, being anointed with the Holy Spirit, delivered the gospel message each night with power. We saw 1 soul saved 3 rededications and 4 added to the church. We feel God blessed our feeble efforts and we praise and thank Him for all things.

We thank God for all visitors who came and helped us in our revival.

In these last days we all need to be at our post of duty working hard for the Lord. We must hold Christ up to a lost and dying world.

Pray for our church, that we may be stirred and kept on the firing line trying with all our hearts to help win the lost for Jesus.

In Christian Love,

Mrs. John Akerson, reporter

Dear Bro. Hill,

We of the Overland Free Will Baptist Church would like to take this opportunity to report to our many friends in Missouri, on how the Lord has been blessing our work. In the last 15 months there has been 40 saved, 24 rededications, 18 baptized, 38 united with our church. Our Sunday School is averaging close to 150, our Leagues are growing constantly. Our pastor, Rev. Harry R. Asher is teaching at the present time a Teacher's Training class during the League hour with an average attendance of 35. (This is the E. T. T. A. course.) We are about to complete the selling of a \$36,000 bond issue. Yes we at Overland have a lot to be thankful for. A spirit of revival has been with us for these 15 months. We request and desire the prayers of all Christians. Help us to pray for the salvation of the thousands of lost souls in the St. Louis area. We are praying for our great denomination and all of its wonderful people. May God bless each of you in His service.

Bonnie Stephens, Cor.

Dear Bro. Hill and Gem Friends,

Again we greet you in Christ name from Parkview F. W. B. Church, Desloge. Another summer has come and gone, one we can never recall this side of eternity. So that puts us to harvest time, not only in this yearbut in this life also. I'm sure all Christians will agree we are nearing the harvest on God's Calendar. How He must look down in grief on His field of souls and really mourn at some of us Christians' puny efforts at sowing. Surely He is about ready to harvest. Where will we stand when those sheaves are gathered in? How many stars will we have in our crown, won by bringing the unsaved to Christ? Or will we even have the crown? I believe God expects more from every one of us. We have all heard these words I'm sure, "It takes all I can do to live my life for Christ from day to day." But I don't believe that's enough for God. When He said, Go ye! He did not mean just those on foreign fields. He will not be satisfied with less than our very best.

Bro. Olon Lincoln, our Sunday School Supt. is teaching from the book of Revelation in our League. We are now in the 9th chapter. If that chapter doesn't wake the Christian up about the terrible things that face our unsaved loved ones and friends, then nothing can. Oh how we need to be up in arms against the millions of awful things that seem about to overpower us.

Our church was in revival from Sept. 17 through 28. Bro. Bob Jones from the South Roxanna, Illinois Church was our evangelist. Bro. Jones brought enough gospel in each message to save every lost soul in our community. Three young boys were saved and baptized during the revival which we gratefully thank God for. But why won't sinners come out to revival any more? Where does the fault lie? Could it be the "Cool Christian?" Some day we will know. Our pastor, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, leaves today to start a revival at Oak Grove F. W. B. Church, Waltonville, Illinois. We are praying for great success for him through salvation of the lost.

Remember us always here at Parkview when you pray.

> God's best to all, Hazel Morris, Reporter.

#### **Mob Attacks Protestant Group** In Brazil

Springfield, Mo. (MNS)-Legal action is pending against Jesuit priests who led a mob attack on Assemblies of God missionaries and national believers in Carmo do Rio Claro, Brazil, according to a report received at the denomination's headquarters here. While laying the cornerstone for a new church, the group was attacked by a mob of approximately 2,000 people led by five Jesuit priests. Many were injured, including the Rev. John Lemos, director of a Bible institute near Sao Paulo, and six national pastors. Approximately 80 persons were forced to flee the city after being severely beaten, the report states.

The home of one Assemblies of God pastor was ransacked. Sleeping children were thrown to the floor and furniture was tossed into the street and demolished. Local police had to be called to break up the mob.

#### Korean Orphan Choir On Tour

Pasadena, Calif. (MNS)-The 34member World Vision Korean Orphan Choir from Seoul, Korea, has embarked on a concert tour of 15 nations in Asia, Europe and North America. Presenting the choir is Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., an interdenominational missionary service organization with headquarters here. Concerts are planned in Japan, Formosa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Israel, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, England, Canada and the United States. The choir will begin a coast-to-coast tour of North America on November 29 when they arrive in New York.

The young singers (24) girls, 10 boys-ages 8 to 12) were selected from more than 14,000 orphans in 151 orphanages of South Korea which are sponsored by World Vision. The director, Professor Soo Chul Chang, chose each child in private audition. Mr. Chang, Professor of Music at the Union Christian College, Seoul, studied at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and at the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

Traveling with the choir will be eight adults, including dietitian, nurse and interpreters. The children represent 17,871 other orphans in 16 nations cared for fully by World Vision. The larger purpose of the tour is to point up the needs of orphanages and destitute children the world over.