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THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S CORNER



Rev. Harry Beatty

To Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches, Pastors and Co-Workers, please allow me to commend you for all support given in the past, and to solicit and encourage you to share in the total ministry of the denomination in its effort to win men to Christ by giving through the Cooperative Plan of support to the world wide ministry of Free Will Baptists.

Missouri Cooperative plan of giving has proved through the years, to be the best way to systematically and cooperatively support every denominational enterprise. Some of our churches send tithes of their income monthly, some quarterly, some occasionally. This being such a good plan to support every phase of the Lord's work, why not in the near future make a special offering to Missouri Cooperative Fund? Or better still, adopt the Cooperative Plan of regularly giving and send through your Missouri State Association Headquarters, 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Fifty five (55%) percent will be forwarded to Free Will Baptist National Headquarters, Nashville, Tennessee. And there disbursed into seven (7) departments of the National Association. Forty five (45%) percent remains in Missouri and is disbursed into six state enterprises. For each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) given in the Missouri

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F. W. B. National	
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Promotional Secretary
and Field Worker,
Harry Beatty

CHIPS

From Elder T. C. Furguson's Sermons

We are judged largely by our actions; be careful.

—o—

Don't fuss, it sounds foolish.

—o—

The love of God is the Dove of peace.

—o—

Suspicion is more often wrong than right.

—o—

If you preach about hell these days, you usually raise hell.

—o—

God's Word says that the heart of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, and the mouth is where it usually comes out.

—o—

An insinuation is often the worst kind of a lie.

—o—

Excuses are often sugar coated lies.

—o—

If you are like some people, trying to get hell out of the Bible, you had better get hell out of yourself first.

—o—

The people who are trying to get hell out of the Bible are usually the ones who are afraid that they are going there.

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THE MISSION FIELD

My Christian Friend:

Don't read this letter—that is unless you want to be shocked with some cold, hard facts.

Of our 50 state capitol cities there are Free Will Baptist Churches in only 20! Three of these are National Home Mission projects: Denver, Topeka, and Lincoln. Eight of the others are new, small, or not affiliated with the National Association. **This means we have a church or churches in only 9 state capitol cities with strength.**

Of the 100 largest cities, population wise, in the United States, we have a church or churches in only 50.

In light of these facts, I plead with you to increase your giving for National Home Missions and Church Extension.

One of our newer projects is the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, where Bro. Lewis Perry is serving as full time Home Missionary.

His account is now in the red, so I am asking will you include this work in your missionary giving so we can have a church in this capitol city with a population of 130,000 people?

I am sending this letter to 700 ministers with a prayer that from these 700 we will have the salary of Brother Perry assured for this year. (His salary—\$240 per month.)

The enclosed pledge card returned will encourage all of us. Please do something about this now—tomorrow may be too late.

Sincerely and cordially,
Homer E. Willis

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Receipts from Missouri for National Home Missions for May 1963

South Side Church St. Louis	\$ 50.40
Meramec Heights Church	
Valley Park	53.00
North Side Church, St. Louis	6.11
Co-op Hqts.	363.51
Fredericktown Church	20.00

First Woman's Aux., Joplin	10.00	Oak Grove Sunday School	
Lindell Willhite, St. Louis	10.00	Class	15.00
R. M. Shaner, Bonne Terre	11.50	Myrtle Church	13.41
Jeff McCully, Monett	21.85	Park View Church	15.00
Myrtle Church	5.00	Rock Springs Church	11.29
L. R. Riggs, Jennings	5.00	Lehman R. Riggs	5.00
Finis E. Sorrell, Myrtle	1.00	Berkeley Woman's Auxiliary	25.00
St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting	11.46	Willow Springs Church	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Fyr, Monett	10.00	Willow Springs Church	7.93
Sun Light Missionary Conference, Yukon	33.00	New Harmony Mission	5.81
Woman's Aux., First Church, Joplin	5.00	Berkeley Church	105.00
Woman's Aux., Willow Springs, Mtn. Grove	3.00	Zona Smith	5.00
Grant Ave. Aux., Springfield	5.00	J. H. Bolden	3.00
Mary-Martha Circle, Mtn. Grove	5.00	Grant Avenue Church	10.00
Festus First Church	2.00	Rev. & Mrs. G. J. Pingleton	2.00
R. M. Shaner, Bonne Terre	10.00	Leadington Church	17.00
W. N. A. C. Hqts.	50.50	New Hope Church	5.00
Myrtle Church	5.00	Park View Church	25.00
North Side Church, St. Louis	4.92	Fellowship Church	135.00
Total Receipts	702.25	W. N. A. C.	398.42
		Beacon Church	13.00
		Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barks	10.00
		Myrtle Church	15.93
		Hope Combs	5.00
		Aulsbury Chapel Church	15.00
		North Side Church	14.93

Homer E. Willis, Treasurer

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FOREIGN MISSION OFFERINGS MISSOURI

May, 1963

Pleasant Hill Church	\$ 14.12
St. Louis District Quarterly	11.46
Hope Combs	5.00
Victory Church	33.25
Aulsbury Chapel Church	15.00
Beacon Church	26.75
South Side Church	238.02
Fellowship Church	135.00
Mountain Grove Church	85.07
J. A. & Thelma Hoyt	15.00
Meramec Heights Church	4.00
Meramec Heights Church	50.00
Cooperative Plan of Support	658.85
Mo. State Association	92.97
Grace Church	30.00
North Side Church	18.26
Clifford Altis	30.00
Martha Coffman & Oma Scott	2.00
Fredericktown Church	40.00

MEETING THE CHALLENGE

June, 1963

Dear Friends:

We have been in Old Mexico for a short time and the Lord has given us a rich blessing and a great burden for the work here. Brother Billows has given us permission to write to you this month and to tell you our impression of the work in Old Mexico.

We left Free Will Baptist Bible College Thursday, May 30, 1963 and went to Mountain Grove to Carolyn's home to pick up supplies before leaving for Mexico. We enjoyed being in her home church for services Sunday morning. We were very excited Sunday afternoon as we boarded the train for it was the first time either of us had ever been on a train. The trip, on a whole was pleasant. Truly the Lord was with us; we had many

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CLEANINGS

FROM THE FIELD

City-Wide Revival

Thirteen of our churches in the St. Louis area are co-operating with one another in a city wide revival to be held September 2nd through September 13th. Each member's co-operation is needed from each of the thirteen churches. The place chosen for the revival is the old Kingsland Theatre Building 6601 South Gravois. There is to be special singing by chosen home talent as well as a one-hundred voice choir composed of home folk. The evangelist will be Rev. Jack Paramore. Let us consider this revival and make it a personal matter to attend and take someone with us. The event again is City Wide Revival

Evangelist—Jack Paramore
Place—Kingsland Theatre
Time—September 2—13

You will receive a blessing as you pray for this revival and attend.

Welcome from Northeast Missouri Association to the State Association

The North-East Missouri Association will be host to the Missouri State Association in August. The session on Monday evening of the State Sunday School and League Convention will convene at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Kirksville. The church is located at 512 Elizabeth St. in North-West Kirksville.

The Tuesday morning session and the remaining sessions will be held in the Kirk Auditorium of the North-East Missouri State Teacher's College on South Mullanix St. To those coming in from the south on Hi-Way 63, take Business Route 63 at the junction to Patterson Ave. Turn right on Patterson to South Mullanix—then left on Mullanix to the auditorium.

Family Night at the Southside Church in St. Louis

Monday night June 3rd, was family night for June. There were 15 present in the G. T. A's, 11 present in the Jr. Masters Men, 15 present in the C. A.'s, 28 present in the Womens Aux-

iliary, 14 present in the Masters Men, and 14 present in the nursery, making a grand total of 97. After our lessons the Jr. Masters Men and C. A's joined the Masters Men for a movie film entitled "Five Martyred Men." The film was about the five missionaries to Ecuador who became martyrs. Mrs. McCullen, the wife of Ed McCullen, gave her testimony and her little boy sang "The B-I-B-L-E." Mr. McCullen, the father, of Ed McCullen, then showed slides taken by the five before their death. The film challenged our hearts with the idea of "What am I doing for the cause of missions both at home and abroad?"

After all auxiliaries had dismissed, we went to the basement for a fashion show presented by the Women's Auxiliary. There were dresses made of boxes, tin cans, tea bags, checks, toilet tissue, pretzels, table cloth, hats made of pie boxes, cocktail glass, bowl, used ribbons, and various other inexpensive materials. Everyone got quite a laugh out of this show.

Refreshments were served after the fashion show and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Visiting with us this family night was a group of ladies from the Faith Church brought by Mrs. Bud Arnold, they were Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Gilman and Mrs. Schebaum. We hope the ladies enjoyed themselves and will visit us again.

Why don't you come out and join us. The next family night will be July 1st at 7:45 P. M. for a real night of fellowship and worship.

Youth Camp Report:

The first week of Youth Camp was a big success with 261 present and 19 decisions—Rev. W. Matthews was the evangelist and Rev. Bostic was the General Superintendent.

The second week also was a big success with near 200 present and 23 decisions. Rev. Jim McAllister was the evangelist and Rev. O. T. Allred was the General Superintendent.

THE MISSION FIELD

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complications but all came out well in the end. Our tickets were not properly arranged and this cost a great deal of confusion. We arrived at Monterrey Monday evening, an hour later than scheduled, tired, but otherwise in very good condition.

The work, the people, and the challenge here has helped us to see a great many things we never before realized. The work here is excellent under the circumstances, however, the environment is a tremendous handicap. There is little material with which to work and what there is costs outrageous prices. The people are hard workers. At present, the native pastors and the young men are putting a new roof on the girls' dormitory. (While working on the roof Brother Billows fell and broke his arm.) The dormitory consists of five rooms, all of which are 100 feet long. There is a small kitchen which is very crude. There are three rooms used for sleeping. Each room averages about twenty feet in length and twenty feet in width. One of these rooms houses seven girls during the school year. Five girls sleep on two single folding cots. Can you guess how they do this? (The two beds are pushed together and they sleep cross-ways.) The two of us are sleeping in one of these rooms and it is crowded. We can not imagine how seven girls—could possibly live in that one small room.

The church at Monterrey is sponsoring a Bible school besides its own. We would like to thank those who have promised the money for the other schools. There will be five Bible schools in Mexico this summer; we will be privileged to work in three of them. Sunday, June 9, we will leave for Rodriguez. We will be there for three weeks after which we will go to El

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OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

The President of the Southside Y. P. A. Speaks Up

Well school is out and the summer is in the future. There are many activities to face us. Some of them are, Vacation Bible School, Youth Camp, Class picnics and hayrides. The summer for most of us will have many leisure hours in its days. We need to plan now how we will use these hours. Will we use this time for leisure sports and games, or will we use it in working for material gain, or will we use it for spiritual gain. For a well rounded life we need a little of each of these in our daily routine. Most of us see that we have time for material gain and recreation, but we neglect the spiritual aspect of our life.

In our spiritual life there are many fields we can study and broaden during our summer. One field that can be broadened is the field of prayer. Do we really know how to pray? Before we answer in the affirmative, let us look at the disciples in Luke 11:1b. They said "—teach us to pray—." If the disciples, who were so close to our Lord, didn't know how to pray, do we? Let us look at the sample prayer Christ left for us in Matt. 6:9-15.

The first phrase we see is **"Our Father which art in Heaven."** One must be a Christian before they can say "our Father" and have a father-son or daughter relationship.

"Hallowed be thy Name." We are to praise God with our whole soul mind and body. God deserves our praise in prayer as well as in daily life. In order for us to pray "Hallowed be Thy Name" we must tell others about Christ. We are asking God to cause people to praise His Name, therefore, we must do our part toward bringing it to pass.

"Thy Kingdom come." The kingdom of God is now composed of each individual who has allowed God to reign in their heart. When praying "Thy Kingdom Come," the individual is asking God to cause people to let Him reign in their hearts also the individual is praying for the millenium to come. Christ is going to come to earth with all His Saints and rule for a thousand years. Before Christ comes all the world must know about Him, therefore before the individual can pray "Thy Kingdom Come," he must witness to help bring it about.

"Thy will be done on earth as it is In Heaven." Here the individual is

praying for God's will to be done by the men and women of this earth, just as God's will is carried out by the heavenly beings. Again in order for this to be done the individual must witness, so those around him will know what the will of God is, also God wills that all should come to repentance. Romans 10:14. We see people can not know about God unless Christians witness to them.

Up through this phrase the "Lord's Prayer" is concerned with praising God and praying for others. At the end of the prayer we see the individual is to pray for personal needs.

"Give us this day our daily bread." We are not to take for granted the source of our daily food. God makes our food grow daily and seasonally, therefore, we must daily ask for our food. Included in the phrase "daily bread" is clothing and shelter. We must daily ask for food and shelter.

"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." This phrase is concerned with our debts to God. There are commands in the Bible for us as Christians, e. g. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations" (witness); "Study to shew thyself approved unto God" and etc. We see that there is a condition to this request. The way we forgive our fellowman is the way we are to be forgiven by God. If we hold a deep-seated grudge against our fellow man, God won't forgive us.

"And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." This is what seems to be a controversial statement. Actually this statement doesn't present a problem. Before Satan can tempt us, he must ask God's permission to do so. The person praying this prayer is asking God to strengthen him for the temptation to follow and also not to allow him to be tempted above that he is able. The individual is asking God to deliver him from the evil one. (Satan)

"For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever." We see the kingdom and power and glory all belong to God. Some writers say the last phrase represents the trinity. God will claim this kingdom at the end of time, power belongs to the Holy Spirit, and glory belongs to the Father. This point of view is debatable; however, the fact remains the "Lord's Prayer" is not to be used as a ritual, but is to be prayed with a sincere heart

and complete understanding of what is being said.

Did you know all this is included in the "Lord's Prayer?" Most of us didn't. Let us this summer study God's Word so we can have understanding in our minds and hearts. God has commanded us to be able to give an answer to everyone who asks us. How can we give an answer if we are unfamiliar with the Word of God? Let us study! and study some more!

—Lillian Moore, President

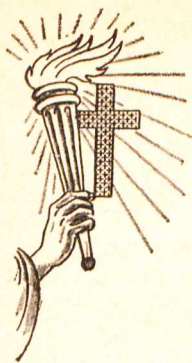
Report from The Southside Sponsors

Our College boys are home for the summer vacation and are already busy working for the Lord. Bill Van Winkle spoke at our Junior Prayer Meeting last week and will speak for the C. A.'s this afternoon when they visit the Lutheran Boarding Home. He will also be preaching at the Overland Free Will Baptist Church in their services this evening. Jim Honey will preach for South Side this evening. Wally Price is scheduled to take charge of our prayer meeting next Wednesday night. We are really happy to have our boys home again and are thrilled to see them so enthusiastic about the work of the Master. We are praying that the Lord will bless them with a harvest of lost souls for their efforts.

God has given us a wonderful group of Young People here at South Side and we should really be proud of them. All of them are showing a great interest in the Lord's work and are growing spiritually. With the help of Rev. Verlon Sinko who is conducting a Youth Bible Class, they are showing a vast improvement in their knowledge of the Bible. Last Sunday during the League Bible Quiz they answered a lot of questions that us old time Bible students couldn't answer.

Perhaps this will be an incentive for all of us to live up to God's command when He said in His Word, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Ask yourself the following questions. Has God approved our knowledge of His Word? When we witness for Him, are we ashamed of our knowledge of the Bible. Can we rightly divide the word of Truth? If our answer to these questions is no, then we need to get busy and study God's Word until

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Woman's Auxiliary



Mrs. Lester Jones

Editorially:

Have you sent your project money for Uruguay? If you haven't, please do so at once, so the project can be completed this year.

We would also like to remind you to finish and take your achievement chart to the State Auxiliary Convention. If you have not kept your achievement chart for this year, purchase one from WNAC* 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee and start marking it at the beginning of the new year. It serves as a "measuring rod" to show us what our Auxiliary has accomplished.

From Farmington

The Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church met June 8. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Genevieve Weiss. Scripture reading was taken from Matthew 15: 21-28. Prayer by Mrs. Anna Stone. Minutes were read by secretary, Mrs. Jesse Hufford. Motion was made and passed to elect Genevieve Weiss for President and Reta Klob as Vice-president. The lesson for the evening was entitled "Their Words Reveal Their World." The following women took

NOTICE

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

MRS. LESTER JONES
408 NORTH MARION ST.
KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI.

INSTEAD OF THE "GEM" OFFICE IN ST. LOUIS

part: Mrs. Jim Miller, Mrs. Pearl Denton, Mrs. Zola Francis and Mrs. Reta Klob. Meeting was adjourned by closing with prayer by Pauline Hughes. Ruma Gross, Cor.-Sec.

From Oskaloosa

The Oskaloosa Woman's Auxiliary met on March 14 at Sis. Edna Hudson's with eleven members present. The morning was spent in a Manual study course and business meeting. Meeting opened with prayer by Sis. Gladys Brooks. We voted to send thirty dollars (\$30.00) for Mario Guzman tuition at Arizona-Mexico mission. The following new officers were chosen: Personal Service Chairman, Gladys Brooks; Asst. Secretary, Wilma Smith. Mrs. Fannie Deal joined our Auxiliary. At the noon hour all enjoyed a covered dish luncheon. The afternoon was spent studying "Sowing The Seeds in Lobi Land." The Scripture was read by Laphena Harrell. We agreed to start quilting to help on our building fund. We were dismissed by joining hands and each saying a prayer.

On April 11, our Auxiliary met at Sis. Dorothy Dickey's. Scripture by Sis. Gladys Brooks, reading Genesis 1:2-15. Prayer by Laphena Harrell. As we have quilted several quilts, we voted to put the money in the bank to be used as needed. Also voted to send \$15.00 to Arizona-Mexico missions and \$10.00 to Uruguay. Sis. Mary DuRan became a member. The lesson was on "Panama—A Needy Field." Topics were given and discussed. There were nine members present.

At the May meeting which was at

Sis. Laphena Harrell's, a letter of the work and need for workers and financial assistance in the Arizona-Mexico mission was read. Also a thank-you card from a friend. After singing two songs, prayer was led by Sis. Rosa Fern and the group answered roll call with Bible verses. The Auxiliary agreed to buy Y. P. A. program books and also voted to re-bind the church song books. The date for Bible school was set for May 27—June 7. Meeting closed by saying the Lord's prayer in unison. The next meeting will be June 13 at Sis. Wilma Smith's. We enjoy hearing from other Auxiliaries and hope this will be interesting to you.

Wilma Smith, Asst. Sec.

From Berkeley

The woman's Auxiliary met May 7 and was opened with a song "I Want To Be A Worker" and prayer by Sis. Hesselmeyer. The meeting was opened by the president, Geraldine Plummer. We voted to send Dorothy Robertson (in our Bible College) a graduation gift. Sis. Gusta Barks presented our lesson on Hawaii. We had our study course this month given by Jackie Huckabee, Frances Combs and Erma Hogen. The ladies presented a fashion show which was enjoyed by the men as well as the ladies. Some of the men could hardly recognize their wives and did not know they were such great designers.

I would like to give a description of each outfit but space won't permit it so I will just give a few. Mrs. Hesselmeyer did a wonderful job of modeling her newspaper dress (print) and Mrs. Dobkins was decked out in twenty

SERMON OF THE MONTH

"GOD'S JUDGMENT ON THE WICKED"

Rev. James Lee Reed, Myrtle, Missouri, Pastor of Liberty and Garfield Free Will Baptist Churches of Gatewood and Couch, Missouri

Malachi 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

First let us look at the book of Malachi in its fulness. It is the last book of the Old Testament and nothing is known regarding the history of the prophet Malachi except what is found in this book.

The Lord is represented as having a conversation with His people. This book shows a graphic picture of the closing period of Old Testament history, showing that great reforms were needed to prepare the way for the coming Messiah. The dark side of the picture is showing the sins of a dishonest, ungrateful people, and an unfaithful priesthood. They robbed God in failure to respond to His divine love, by dishonoring His name, and by presenting blemished offerings. The priests also robbed God by evil examples, becoming stumbling-blocks, instead of spiritual leaders. They even honored sinful people according to Malachi 2:17. 'Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; or Where is the God of judgment?' In Malachi 3:15 it tells us, 'And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.' The nation of people again robbed God by selfishly withholding their tithes (Mal. 3:8-9) Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. They also, had what we might call social sins of treacherous dealing against his brother, inter-marriage with the heath-

en and divorcing wives. (Mal. 2:10-16)

The light side of the picture shows promises of the dawning of a great day in which righteousness shall tread down the wicked, which brings us back to Malachi 4:1 the day cometh, which (St. John 12:48) 'He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.'

The day that cometh shall burn as an oven which will be eternal fire. Isaiah 33:14. 'The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?' In I Timothy 6:3-5 the word tells us that we should withdraw from the proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railing, evil surmisings, perverse disputing of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth supposing that gain is godliness. Withdraw from the proud and wicked for they are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away. And how oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. (Job 21:18, 17) God also says 'Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. St. Luke 6:25-26.

The wicked of the world today think they have fullness of life. They think as long as they can be top in society and be well spoken of by others, and have plenty of this world's goods around them that they have all they will ever need. But God says that the time will come that they will hunger and the things that they laugh at now; they will mourn and weep for later. We find, for example, the rich man which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day. He didn't have time to do good to those in need. He possibly was so busy attending to his riches and trying to gain more riches, that if some-

one asked him about his soul he would probably laugh and say that he was as good as so and so and possibly he wasn't near as bad as the man that laid at his gate, full of sores. The man Lazarus, which desired to be fed with the crumbs which fell from his table. The rich man within his own eyes was a very important person. He possibly laughed many times at God and His witnesses that sacrificed so much for God's cause. We find that this same rich man's laughing turned to mourning and weeping for he like every other person came to the judgment of God. 'And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.' St. Luke 16:23. He was being tormented because of his lack of living for God, something he laughed at, something he didn't have time for. But Lazarus was comforted because, he, in his life time on earth followed God's ways of righteousness and suffered the hardships of a Christian life.

We find that God's word speaks very plain that a man may live wickedly in this world but he is going to come to judgment for the things he has done while in this life. So he says rather than a man going through this world in sin knowing that he was facing a future punishment; that 'if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.' St. Matthew 18:9

The judgment of God is something that man cannot escape for Psalms 37:38 'But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.' The punishment of the wicked is something that is final; a separation from God's people forever and torment to themselves forever.

When the rich man lifted his eyes in hell his opportunity for life more abundant was ended. He also prayed that Lazarus be sent to his father's house to testify to his five brethren lest they also come into this place of torments. His prayer was not answered because father Abraham said unto him, 'If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be

persuaded, though one rose from the dead.'

By this time we all should realize that God's judgment of the wicked is destruction. St. Luke 3:9 'And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.'

So let us bear in our minds and in our hearts that unless we ourselves and our nation bring forth good fruits of righteousness; the axe will be laid to the root of our lives and our nation. And we will be under God's judgment as being wicked.

OUR YOUTH SPEAKS

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we become the workman He expects us to be.

Thanks to all our advertisers and boosters for their continued financial support. Thanks to all of our Christian friends for their spiritual support of the C. A's. Continue to pray that God will use them in a wonderful way.

—Ches and Mae Hill, Sponsors

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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charge of the program "Their Words Reveal Their World." The Auxiliary members helped with the Bible school May 27-June 7. Some taught while others furnished and served refreshments. We had an extra good Bible school. Six accepted Christ and they all seemed so interested in God's Word. Many good seeds were sown.

The Auxiliary met June 20 for an all day meeting. At this meeting Bro. Jones installed the new Auxiliary officers. After a carry-in dinner the women cleaned the church.

Ruth Jacobs, Cor.-Sec.

From Flat River

The Woman's Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flat River met Tuesday evening, June 4 in fellowship hall. The opening song was "He Keeps Me Singing," followed with Scripture reading of Acts 15:7, 8, 9 by the president, Genevieve White. Prayer for missionaries in Africa was by Jane Norris.

During the business session the secretary, Jean Blakeley gave her report and the treasurer, Frankie Eaton, gave her report and both reports were approved. A letter from the Free Will Baptist Orphanage was read along with a "Thank You" from Hazel Hut-

zell. Plans were made for a special July meeting. The group voted to assist some youngster to attend Youth Camp.

The hymn, "Others," was sung, followed with the program, "Their Words Reveal Their World," with the introduction by Jane Norris. Topics were "The Amazoni," by Oma Barker; "The Okozile," by Alberta Dalton; "Shiphile," by Marion Wilson; "Maloyi," by Alberta Davis. The benediction was by Lillie Smith.

Jean Blakeley, Cor.-Sec.

THE MISSION FIELD

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Potosi for three weeks and then on to Altamira for two weeks. We are looking forward to each moment of our visit here for we feel sure that the Lord has much to teach us through this experience. Please pray for the work here for there are great possibilities.

Since we have been here we have seen for ourselves the great need. Mexico is closed to missionaries and there is little that we, who are blessed enough to live in America, can do. The Billows are here on their own with little support or help. They receive no support for any of their three or 3 girls they keep, and the support of most of the national workers comes from their account.

They receive \$240 a month on which to live. The entire family of eight must be supported on this. This includes rent, light, water and food, besides the other necessities. This may seem reasonable but let me assure you it isn't.

We went shopping this morning and found that two cans of Carnation milk cost \$5.50 a can of soup costs \$3.30, and a can of Campbell's pork and beans costs \$15.98 (Mex. M). One wonders how they live.

There is little we can do but so much has to be done.
Matthew 9:37, 38.

Yours in Christ,
Carolyn Clark
Ann Rinehart

Persecution of Christians Intensifying in Cuba

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—The increased pace of anti-Christian activities in Cuba indicates that the newly-formed Department of Religious Affairs, under the direction of Dr. Felipe Carneado, is fulfilling its function of cracking down on churches in that country.

It now appears that the various news items reported in MNS over the past several weeks were definitely inter-related.

With the establishment of Dr. Carneado's governmental department early this year, a spy system was perfected to bring to the central government detailed reports on the churches over the government's wanton destruction of Bibles and hymnbooks was reflected to Dr. Carneado through his spy system.

It is now believed that this touched off the March speech of Fidel Castro, in which he savagely attacked evangelicals as undesirable reactionaries. Following that outrage came the imprisonment of the Rev. Floyd Woodworth and the expulsion of other missionaries. At the same time the Bible school was forced to close, the students were sent home, the building was confiscated with all equipment.

At about the same time the press published a governmental order imposing on all evangelical pastors an 11.90% tax on all their income.

Since then a virtual reign of terror has broken upon the Christians of the island. Here are some incidents reported in March and April.

(1) While the members of the Pentecostal Church at Yaguajay, Las Villas were praying a crowd of Communists entered blaspheming the name of God and shouting "We are the Devil."

(2) In the town of Santi Spiritus, Las Villas a screaming mob attacked the preacher and the worshipers, leaving several wounded in the church.

(3) A mob entered the Presbyterian Church at Matanzas shouting "Lenin, si—Cristo, No!"

(4) The chapel of the Baptist Mission of Carril (Las Villas) was taken over by federal forces and converted into a "store of the people." The Baptist Churches at Jauco and Chibirico (Oriente) were turned into warehouses.

The Cuban government has halted construction on churches in numerous places across the island. A May dedication service was planned for the new Baptist Church at Vista Hermosa in the city of Santiago. When workmen started sanding the floors as a final preparation for opening the new building, they were stopped by authorities who refused to allow the work to be finished and the church opened. Work on other churches has been paralyzed at various stages of construction.

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Editor's Note:

For the next few issues we will be using some articles from some old issues of the Free Will Baptist Gem. The first article will be taken from Vol. 4 No. 12 December 1932.

HISTORY OF EARLY FREE WILL BAPTISTS

(By Rev. A. J. Jenkins, D. D.)

(Reprinted from the Free Will Baptist, date of October 14, 1925.)

Recently the writer had one of the most distinguished visitors of a lifetime, in the person of Rev. Meleah Tishim, D. D., a Bishop in the Free Will Baptist Church of Rumania.

Bishop Tishim had been in America visiting for a year, and looked up Free Will Baptist in the East and Central states. He came to Charleston, West Virginia, the writer's home, to visit some folks formerly from over the sea, who were in business here. A merchant friend of mine (Roumanian) introduced me to Bishop Tishim, and said to him, Dr. Jenkins is of the same faith and practice you are, Bishop. The Bishop suggested that we go to a private place and have a talk, for he was well versed in English. My friend soon took us to his office, and placed us in good chairs, and closed the door, leaving us in the room alone. The Bishop immediately began by asking me if I had my rules of faith and treatise of church work with me. As it happened I had been to our Quarterly Meeting and was on my way home, and soon had my treatise, out in my hand. Yes, that is the book the Bishop said, who had made himself familiar with same, in other visits with ministers in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Ohio. He immediately drew a book from his pocket, and said open your book at first page, and I did so, and he began to read from his book in English what my treatise said about the Holy Scriptures, word for word. He continued by reading what my treatise said about, "Being and Attributes of God," and so on until he had read all my treatise said on our confession of faith. When he was through, I said, Bishop, is that the treatise of your church? and he smiled and said no, it is the treatise of "God Almighty's Church," of which I am a member. I immediately began to inquire about the

earliest history he knew about of the Free Will Baptist in the Old Country that he was raised in, and he gave me information I knew nothing about. He said, you may be surprised when I tell you it was Free Will Baptist that the Turkish people hated so bad that they murdered in a thousand ways more than eleven million, and are still killing them. They are a Christian that dies for his convictions. The lion's den, furnace of fire, cross of sacrifice, slaughter block, gun, hot irons, punches and other cruel methods of killing and punishing, does not break our Christian people loose from their God, and His worship. I asked about when the church was first organized and this is what the Bishop said: Organized first in Palestine around Damascus in 1195, A. D. From this organization many others were affected throughout that country. Second, in Germany 1420, A. D., from which organization the work spread through Roumania, Holland, Austria. Third, in Russia and France in 1480 A. D. Fourth, in England in 1505, A. D. Fifth, in United States in 1779, A. D. I asked him if he knew about what was the total membership for the church as a whole in all the countries across the ocean, and he took a little book from his pocket and soon figured up the totals in the different countries, and gave me the surprising number of 15,875,500 and you can guess that it made me feel somewhat puffed up, yet almost ashamed when I looked up Roger's report for the United States religious bureau, and found that here in this America, we only had 321,870 members. I asked him about the classification of ministers and he said a man had to serve four years as a deacon before he was given license to preach, and women had to serve as home missionaries five years before license was issued them. Men and women each had to take a prescribed reading course of four years, or have a college training before ordination. One granted license to preach and before ordination was called a "student minister." After ordination they were called priests. And those serving as presiding officers were called Bishops. I asked him about their conferences, and he said they had

two, the minister's and the layman's. They hold business sessions quarterly, and each have their own Moderator. They have them the same time and confer with each other just as Congress and Senate does. Once a year they have an Association of ministers and laymen, but if there is ministerial work on hand, they go into executive session and only ministers are allowed to stay. No one but a Bishop presides at an Association. I asked about baptism and the Bishop said it was done strictly by immersion. I asked about their belongings, and he said they had nine universities throughout the different countries and sixteen colleges and seminaries. Nearly every organization had a church building. I asked him about the support of the schools and the ministry, and he said they trained their folks from childhood to give to the Lord's work one tenth, and this was paid weekly, and went into the church treasury in one budget, from which all bills were paid of a local nature weekly, and miscellaneous bills monthly, and school support quarterly, closing all accounts in full at the yearly Association.

Brief History of The Organization of the F. W. B. Mission Church

Dear Gem Readers:

The following is a brief history of the organization of the Free Will Baptist Mission Church, which we organized Sept 22, 1932, with 20 charter members.

When we first began to talk about organizing a mission, some of our brethren said, "Where is the money to come from with which to start the work? You must remember that we are passing through the worst financial depression the world ever saw. 'I don't believe we can raise the money.' I said, 'I believe we can start a mission without a penny to begin with.' They laughed at me, and said, 'You are building air castles.' I went to the St. Louis and Community Mission Council, of which I am a member, and spoke to the council about my desires, and laid my plans before them, and it met with their approval; and a number of places where seats and mission fixtures were in storage, and names and addresses were given me. Sister Bean the ward secre-

the Past

tary of the council, one of the most consecrated mission workers I ever met spoke up and said, "I will give you a piano." The next day I visited Elder Charley Miller and laid my plans before him, and he at once became interested. So we agreed to lock arms and put the work over by the help of God.

We visited Bro. Joe Cox, whom we had been told had some mission furniture in storage, but this was a mistake, but he gave us the address of Bro. U. S. Vinyard who was interested in some seats and mission supplies which were not in use. We paid him a visit and made arrangements for 100 folding chairs and good home made benches, sufficient to seat sixty people. This gave us seating capacity for 160 persons. Also Bro. Vinyard placed quite a number of song books in our hands free of all charge. Thus we had arrangements made for seats, piano and song books, all without being out a single penny.

We next began to look out for a suitable building, at a good place for organizing a work of this kind. Finally we found a good store building on South 7th street, in which we could seat about 120 people. It could be rented for \$15.00 per month but we had no money. We began at once to solicit funds with which to pay a month's rent. In the mean time I received an invitation from the community church at Shibley's Point in N. E. Mo. to help the pastor, our dear Bro. Geo. Miller in a revival. I was at a loss to know what to do. I took the matter to the Lord in prayer, and was led by the Spirit to make the trip. I turned what money I had collected up over to Bro. Charley Miller my beloved assistant pastor, and had an understanding with him and others that they were to keep on soliciting funds with which to pay rent on the new mission hall.

After I left for N. E. Mo., one of our young men borrowed a small amount of money and Bro. Miller rented the building paying a half month's rent, minus 50 cents. Then they moved into it, and had the first service on Saturday night before the first Sunday in September.

On Sunday, September 4th, Bro. Miller organized our Sunday School,

and officers were elected as follows: Bro. Claud Lincoln, Superintendent Bro. J. L. Nuburn, Ass't Supt. Sister Sylvia Hill, Secretary Sister Edna Abernatha, Treasurer

Thirty-one enrolled. Since then our school has increased to 84. We have only been organized eight weeks.

Now I will drop back and speak of myself and the work in N. E. Missouri. The first three messages I delivered, the Lord was with me but after that I was a preacher without a message. One young mother gave her heart to God, and the Spirit seemed to speak to me, and say, "Your work here is done." I have been in the ministry for 35 years and never had such an experience before. I was up in N. E. Mo. four weeks, attended two Sunday School Conventions, and the N. E. Mo.

Association. I preached twice at the Association and the Lord was with me. I was with Bro. Geo. Miller at Shibley's Point for three weeks, and with Bro. Marcum at Stahl, Mo. for one week. Both of these brethren are real ministerial companions, but they did not understand why I was a man without a message, neither did I. But finally, when the four weeks were up, I came home, and then the mysterious experience which I had passed through, was revealed to me and I understood. I found that some very unpleasant conditions had arisen in the mission, which Bro. Miller could not control without me, and so, Bro. Miller and others here were praying for my speedy return. I was needed at home. I soon ironed out the wrinkles, and we were ready for the organization.

But permit me to say before I describe the organization, that I got home between 4 and 5 o'clock, Saturday, Sept. 17th, and we began a revival that night. God blessed the work of myself and other good ministerial brethren, and 16 professed a hope in Christ within the following two weeks. Last Sunday, Oct. 16th, a nice baptizing took place in the Merimac river thirty miles out of St. Louis.

THE ORGANIZATION. I am Missionary for the City of St. Louis, by authority of the St. Francois Q. M., which gave me authority to organize mission work wherever the Lord led me but I felt that I should honor my

quarterly meeting; so I wrote for the Executive Board to come up and help me organize. Eld. J. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo. and Eld. Sister Tommie Franklin of Desloge, Mo. responded to the call, and Eld. Charles Miller of St. Louis was already here and a member of the Board. We turned the work over to the Board and they finished the organization. This was on the 22nd day of September, 1932. A Constitution and By-Laws was adopted, and the name given the mission as follows: "The Free Will Baptist Mission Church of 1405 South 7th Street." A business committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Claud Lincoln, Eld. Chas Miller, Sec'y-Treas. Bro. Harvey Hill, Bro. Bert Carver, Eld P. S. Cox, Bro. Lester Hill. Eld. W. C. Hill was called to the pastorate, and Eld. Chas Miller, assistant. The Sunday School as organized by Bro. Miller was approved by the Executive Board, and also a Ladies' Home Mission circle was organized by Sister James Miller, and the organization of the F. W. Baptist league recognized. Our finances are coming along fine, and the hand of the Lord is with us.

RELIEF WORK. Soon after the organization of our mission, we began to take under consideration some relief work. The more we thought about this, the more convinced we became that we should undertake it. But just how to take hold of the work was the great problem with us. I finally got in touch with Bro. J. E. Orr, a man who has been engaged in relief work for the last three years, and he took me to the Kroger Bakery Co. and introduced me to the managing salesman who kindly consented to give me from 50 to 100 loaves of bread each day, which we give to the unemployed and needy. We are also putting on a drive for clothes and shoes for the needy, which is looking favorable. We have not gone far enough in this to know just what the results will be. We have however, organized "The Free Will Baptist Relief Station No. 1," as a part of our mission work.

Pray for us, that God may continue to bless us.

Eld. W. C. Hill, 2626 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

Letters from our Readers

Richwoods, Mo.
June 25, 1963

Dear Co-workers,

With joyful and thankful hearts we greet you in the name of our blessed Lord from the Richwoods Church. The Lord is blessing us and being so good to us we can't thank Him enough.

On June the 3rd we began our Daily Vacation Bible School, with 38 children enrolled, and 5 teachers and 5 assistant teachers. Bro. Edwin Hardy was our Director and Sis. Betty Sohn served the refreshments. We closed our school with a commencement on Friday night, and our annual picnic was held on Saturday, June 9, at Washington State Park with 60 attending. Everyone reported a wonderful time in the Lord and we feel our Bible School was blessed very much as we worked each day we could feel the presence of the Lord with us. We thank God for good children and parents who are so willing to work for the Lord.

On June 16th, 8 of our boys and girls went to Youth Camp, Sis. Emily Much went as sponsor and Miss Oma Lee Wedemore to help out also. These all came back with a good report of having a good time in the Lord.

Our dear pastor, Rev. Huckaba and his wife, Jackie and 3 girls are good workers and are always on the job doing everything they can for the Lord in this place.

We thank God for them. They are precious people. They left on their vacation this week and will be away from us for two weeks. We will miss them very much.

Our visiting minister for 2 Sundays will be the Rev. Sinco from St. Louis. He is a young minister just starting out. I know we will love him, too.

We are planning a special service on the first Sunday of September. This will be the Richwoods Church 25th birthday. We would love to have all our pastors and their families come and be with us on this special day. We will have all day services and everything that goes in an all day service. We will have special singing and preaching. Everyone is invited to come be with us on this day, Sept. 1st.

Our hearts were saddened last Wed., June 12th. God called one of our dear members home to be

with him. Sister Katie Smith passed away suddenly. She was a faithful worker for the Lord and we will all miss her very much. She was 71 years of age.

Pray for us at Richwoods and God bless all of you.

In Christian Love,
Mrs. John Ackersen, Cor.

Protestant School Permit Revoked In Greece

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—Protestant parents in Greece who are trying to establish a private elementary school met a roadblock when the ministry of Cults and National Education rescinded a permit, **Christianity Today** reported here in its June 21st issue. The permit had been granted last summer following a decision by the Supreme State Council.

A protest against the Ministry's permit revocation was lodged by a member of Parliament (its lone evangelical), who was told plainly that the action was at the insistence of Metropolitan Barnabas of Katerini.

Christian Booksellers Organize In Japan

Gifu, Japan (MNS)—The Japan Christian Booksellers Association was organized recently as an outgrowth of a gathering of Christian book store operators held here early this year. The meeting was sponsored by the Rev. and Mrs. W. O. James, TEAM missionaries who supervise the Christian Literature Center here.

Leprosy Work Of Christian Missions Noted

Carville, La. (MNS)—The work of Christian missions in the field of leprosy drew high praise from a United States Public Health official at the Fourth Annual Leprosy Seminar held April 25 to May 1 at the U. S. P. H. S. hospital here.

In the seminar's closing session Dr. Edgar Johnwick, medical officer in charge of the Carville hospital, told missionary participants that "you have shown the way in leprosy work for more people than you know" and pointed out that recent leprosy programs of many governments and other agencies are based on the pioneer work of Christian missionaries. He

termed the seminar "the best, largest and most responsive" since the series was inaugurated in 1960 by American Leprosy Missions and the United States Public Health Service.

Some 45 participants, mostly missionary personnel, represented 18 Protestant mission groups working in Liberia, Nigeria, Republic of Congo, Tanganyika, Angola, Ethiopia, India, Burma, Thailand, Laos, Viet Nam, Sarawak, Korea, Hawaii, Surinam, Oman and Mexico. There were also representatives from various schools of medicine and public health departments from this country and abroad.

Overseas Crusade Working With American Teen-Agers

MANILA, PHILIPPINES (MNS)—A unique and rewarding ministry among United States teen-agers here has been developed by Bill McKee of Overseas Crusades. Having started with a weekly Bible study, the work has grown until now several clubs meet in such places as Brent High School, Subic Bay, San Miguel Naval Station, and the American High School here.

P. T. L. In Bolivia

Englewood, N. J. (MNS)—Dr. Victor Paz Estenssoro, President of Bolivia, received representatives of the Pocket Testament League on May 9 in the Presidential palace at La Paz. The League's field director, Sam Befus, presented to the President for himself and his wife two handsomely bound copies of the New Testament. The incident marked the formal initiation of a campaign to distribute 200,000 copies of the Gospel of John in Spanish throughout the country.

The PTL teams have been invited to visit all the schools of Bolivia with their program of evangelization and Scripture distribution. There is an estimated enrollment of 250,000 students to be reached.

Books

Chicago, Ill. (MNS)—Moody Press announces two missionary books in its "compact" series: **Pioneer in Sumatra** (the story of Ludwig Nommensen) by Nellie Dewaard, and **Life and Lore of the Guatemalan Indian** by Anna M. Van Hook. They are interesting reading, providing very interesting insight into the customs, practices, and Gospel responses of peoples from two widely separated sections of the world. (Price: 29 cents each)

Evangelical Leaders Pleased By Graham Crusade In France

Paris, France (MNS)—In spite of a press that was sarcastic, unfair, or silent, Billy Graham preached to large crowds in his eight-day crusade in Paris and in provincial cities. As it was impossible to secure an adequate auditorium in Paris, a tent seating 10,000 was rented. The aggregate attendance here was estimated at 60,000.

Dr. Jacques Blocher, co-director of

the Nogent Bible Institute near this city, estimated that more than half of the 1,200 who made decisions were completed unchurched.

Dr. Charles Westphal, president of the French Protestant Federation, said the crusade constituted "one of the most successful evangelism efforts ever undertaken by Protestants in French history."

Several of Graham's messages were

carried throughout France via television.

Former Director of T. E. A. M. Dies
Chicago, Ill. (MNS)—Dr. T. J. Bach, General Director Emeritus of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, died June 12, 1963. He was 82 years old. This esteemed servant of the Lord served as a pioneer missionary in Venezuela for 20 years. He then became TEAM's general director, in which capacity he served for 18 years.

EVERY CHURCH FAMILY PLAN

OUR GOAL: 2,000 SUBSCRIPTIONS

100 CHURCHES

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:

Fellowship	Rev. James Earl Raper
Amity	Rev. Gordon Heckendorn
Black Oak	Rev. Melvin Nelson
New Lebanon	Rev. Glen Jones
Leadington	Rev. Robert Wilfong
Copper Mines	Rev. Willard Darnell
Myrtle	Rev. Dale Skiles
Kirksville	Rev. Lester Jones
Overland	Rev. Harry Asher
Berkeley	Rev. Harvey Hill
Farmington	
Verdella	Rev. Winfred Davis
Richwoods	Rev. Gaylord Huckaba
Old Bethel	Rev. Clarence Burcham
Mt. Zion Gower	Rev. Ralph Cook
South Side	Rev. Al McFarland
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. Lester Nutting
First, Flat River	Rev. Gene Norris
Alton	Rev. Millard Ehrhardt
Trinity, St. Louis	Rev. R. B. Spurgeon
Salem	Rev. H. T. Dann
First, Waynesville	Rev. Marvin Allsman
Grace, Arnold	Rev. John Land
Faith & Hope	Rev. A. A. Hogue
First Church, Aurora	Rev. Edward Climer
Springfield	Rev. Henry Long
Faith	Rev. Bud Arnold
Jefferson City Church	Rev. Earl Irish
Mt. Zion, Thayer	
Sunny View, Lebanon	Rev. Bill Eden
Mt. Zion, Cuba, Mo.	
Willow Springs Woman's Auxiliary	
Granby Church	

Neosho	
Mine La Motte	Rev. Albert Halbrook
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	Rev. Glen Rehkop
Mill Creek	Rev. Lloyd Durbin
Beacon	Rev. Woodrow Matthews
First, Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey
New Hope	
Merl's Chapel	
Oskaloosa	Rev. O. J. Mackey
Jones Chapel	
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana	Rev. Len Gardner
New Harmony	Rev. Mildred Gilliam
Grant Ave.	Rev. O. T. Dixon
Monett	Rev. Tommy Day
Aulsberry Chapel	Rev. Dean Burpo
Lebanon	Rev. Dale Jones
Mountain Valley	Rev. Homer Smith
Liberty	Rev. Cleo Covington
Desloge	Rev. Webb
Meremac Heights	Rev. Bud Hill
Mendota Mission	Rev. Alta Mikel
Festus	Rev. Chester Weir
Pleasant Hill Church	Rev. J. W. King
Macedonia Church	Rev. Selph Jones
First Church, Greenfield	Rev. Lowell Martin
Hickory Grove	Rev. Ralph Cook
Northside	Rev. Frank Giunta
Hazel Creek	Rev. Cletus Nichols
Olivet—Marshall	
Marshfield Church	Rev. Wm. Reeves
Royal Oak, Alton	
Pleasant Ridge, Alton	Rev. A. T. Warren
Lead Hill, Mansfield	
Viburnum Church	Rev. S. A. Hand

Your State and the Co-operative Plan of Support

Paul said, "Let all things be done decently and in order" (I Corinthians 14:40). It was a plea for the sensible, simple, and orderly arrangement of church affairs. The apostle was interested in the maintenance of harmony, the elimination of waste, and the efficient management of every problem. So are we today.

And with this in mind, the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the 1954 session adopted a Cooperative Plan of Support for all of its agencies and departments. This plan is designed to bring order and efficiency in our money matters all the way from the individual giver through the local church to the state conventions and the national association.

The Cooperative Plan of Support is a program for economically and sensibly distributing the Lord's money which our people give for kingdom work all over the world. It combines all the resources of Free Will Baptists for carrying out the commission of Jesus and serves as a channel through which our offerings flow out into a worldwide ministry.

Our present plan of support in most instances bypasses the state conventions, with appeals being made directly to the local church or individuals. At the best, this is a long, thin line of finance without proper state reinforcement in the middle. Something must be done to strengthen this middle stake. The Cooperative Plan does this.

How? Read on and learn.

What Will the Cooperative Plan Do For My State?

(1) It will make my state a vital member of the denominational team. The national association is composed of state conventions, but we have gone around the state conventions for financial support. Consequently, some state organizations are weak and struggling. Through the Cooperative Plan the national association will work with each state convention in raising the denominational budget. Every state will be an important link in the chain of support for denominational agencies.

We are all dedicated to one purpose—the winning of the world to Christ. That calls for teamwork of the highest order with each state and each agency taking a proper place on the larger team.

(2) It will help us to see all the

causes as a whole. We all agree that Christian giving should have a more substantial basis than mere emotional urge. Yet, under our present system the causes with strong emotional appeal get the most money. Others, just as important but less colorful, receive less than their share. Under the Cooperative Plan the agencies will be supported according to need. The national association will hear recommendations and vote to assure equitable and just support.

Through the Cooperative Plan every agency will join its part in all the work of all the kingdom.

(3) It will be a symbol of our denominational unity. Up until the past few years it seemed that our states and agencies were working in competition with each other. Actually, this was not true, but our disconnected program made it appear so. We are learning better how to work together, but we need some symbol of this unity. What better way than a financial program where each will be able to submerge his own interests in the mutual interest of all the kingdom? Through the Cooperative Plan we present a united front—"laborers together with God."

(4) It will provide an efficient and economical collecting and distributing agency. One check for all denominational causes coming to one office from which it will be disbursed to the various agencies on a percentage basis is efficiency. One piece of literature designed to promote the whole program instead of many pieces of literature each designed to sell a particular program is economy. Put them together and you have an astounding saving in effort, time, and money through the Cooperative Plan.

What Can My State and I Do for the Cooperative Plan?

(1) We can believe in it. There is no moral principal involved in the Co-

operative Plan. It is not a matter of right or wrong. Some kind of system is necessary in handling money. Whether we have a good, sound system or a poor, inefficient system depends on us. Many religious groups have proved over the years the soundness of the Cooperative Plan idea. As stewards, we are responsible to God for the manner in which we handle the funds our people give.

Believing in the Cooperative Plan will mean sharing our enthusiasm with others about it.

(2) We can adopt a cooperative budget. A cooperative budget will include all the state needs (orphanage, home missions, superannuation, promotional, etc.) plus an equitable share of the denominational budget (total needed for all agencies). Churches should then be encouraged to support this budget regularly and liberally. Funds would be disbursed on a percentage basis in the amount for which each cause was included.

(3) We can organize to promote it. The adoption of a cooperative budget will necessitate a central state office to receive and disburse funds. States which have a full or part-time promotional or executive department can use that office. Others will need to set up such a department. Enthusiastic promotion will be the key to success.

When every state has taken these initial steps we will be well on the way to a decent and orderly program for denominational support. Additional copies of this pamphlet may be secured by writing to:

Executive Department
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

Voice Of America To Build Transmitters

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—An agreement that clears the way for the expansion of international radio facilities of the U. S. Information Agency's Voice of America in the Philippines was signed May 6 in Manila.

Plans call for the installation and operation of ten 250,000-Watt short-wave transmitters. Construction will require an estimated three or four years after Congress appropriates the necessary funds, an estimated \$20,000,000.

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Canal Zone	41,684
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Virgin Islands	31,904

Buddhists Step Up Anti-Catholic Activities In Ceylon

Denver, Colo. (MNS)—A new Buddhist organization known as Buddhist Action has stepped up its activities against Catholic Action in Ceylon, according to *The Register*. The national Catholic newspaper published here reported that a Buddhist Action leader recently won banner headlines in Ceylon by publishing a 175-page attack alleging that Catholic Action is a nefarious front for undercover activity within the Ceylonese government.

It was felt that Buddhism's increased opposition to Catholicism stems in part from the unrest in Viet Nam where the Buddhist population is unhappy about controls of Buddhism established by the Roman Catholic President Ngo Dinh Diem.

Catholic education in Ceylon is dwindling to a close as the remaining 42 Catholic schools (hundreds were taken over by the government in 1960 and 1961) have been forbidden to charge tuition fees. In addition, the government has proposed a tax on all funds raised by the schools in other ways.

There remain seven hospitals in Ceylon staffed by nursing Sisters. Six are to change over by next January 1. The seventh, which is a larger hospital, has until March 15, 1964 to replace the nursing Sisters.

Evangelism-In-Depth Training Course Well Attended

Cochabamba, Bolivia (MNS)—The training course for regional directors of the proposed Evangelism-In-Depth campaign in Bolivia drew representatives from 30 of the 33 groups working here. Total attendance numbered 253. The course was taught by experienced leaders who had worked with Evangelism-In-Depth in Central American countries.

Training And Planning Sessions For Evangelists Announced

San Jose, Costa Rica (MNS)—The Division of Evangelism of the Latin America Mission has announced plans to open to evangelical leaders in Evangelism the special planning and training session to be held August 19-31, 1963 at the Biblical Seminary here.

The first week will be given to intensive courses in the principles and practical aspects of Evangelism. During the second week emphasis will be placed on planning.

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LEOPOLDVILLE, CONGO (MNS)
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Gospel Team Attacked In Brazil

Lobato, Brazil (MNS)—Early in May a Gospel team under the leadership of the Rev. Austin Boggan of the Inter-American Missionary Society was attacked by a priest-led mob here. The incident occurred when the Roman Catholic parish priest led a mob of his parishioners against the missionary and the three-member team conducting a street meeting. Boggan was struck a number of times by the crowd, but all escaped serious injury. (The Inter-American Missionary Society is the Latin American division of the Oriental Missionary Society, which has headquarters at Los Angeles, California.)