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Promotional Secretary's Corner

Sunday night, March 7, I was privileged to be with Pastor Harry Asher and the Overland Free Will Baptist Church. I delivered the evening sermon in this soul-winning church.

March 12-13, Pastor James McAllister and the Central Free Will Baptist Church hosted the Greater Kansas City District Quarterly Meeting. There was a good delegation from each of the churches. Rev. Christeson delivered the sermon Friday night and a visiting evangelist preacher at the 11 a.m. Saturday service.

Time was granted for our Missouri Cooperative Program, to which most of their churches contribute regularly. Saturday night we attended the Kansas City Youth Rally, held in our Belton Free Will Baptist Church where a revival meeting was in progress. There were souls saved in the revival effort. Rev. Jack McAllister is the pastor here.

In response to an invitation of Pastor Tommy Roberts and the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas, I delivered the 11 a.m. message there Sunday, March 14. This church is continuing to win souls to the Lord and maintain Christian witness in this community.

As your Missouri Free Will Baptist Promotional Secretary, it was a real blessing to attend the annual joint meeting held March 25-26 at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. This meeting was held for State Promotional Secretaries, State Church Paper Editors, State Moderators and other Representatives from various states. All the National Free Will Baptist Departments participated on the program. These services, directed by the National Free Will Baptist Association, provide information, inspiration and fellowship helpful to every participant.

Special missionary services were held in the St. Louis churches March 26-28. Missionary speakers were the Calvary's, Ella Jones, and Mark Vandivort. There was good attendance and a missionary spirit prevailed.

Another church adopted the Cooperative Plan of Giving in March. The March Cooperative receipts were good.

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Harry Beatty



Rev. Harry Beatty

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YOUTH CAMP

NEWS AND VIEWS



Dana Lee Deatherage

I plan to attend Youth Camp this year. This will be my ninth year, since I first attended Youth Camp when I was only four years old.

I have had a lot of fun at Youth Camp. One time I remember in particular was when my lizard, which I had bought from a boy, got loose in the girls cabin. There was a lot of screaming took place but we never did find "Harvey Hill" (that was my lizard's name).

Of course, you know, there's a time for play and a time for worship. There are classes to attend in the morning. We all get together and have a good time singing. During the free time in the afternoon the girls go swimming first for an hour and then the boys and that's fun. Before we go to church in the evening we all gather around and make a circle and have Cottage Prayer Meeting.

So, I hope to see you all at Youth Camp this year.

Dana Lee Deatherage
Age 12

The first time I saw Youth Camp was in the early summer of 1957 when a group from the Berkeley Church came to Camp to clean the girls cabin and help build the St. Louis boys cabin. Little did I realize at the time that Youth Camp and the warm, wonderful memories of sweet fellowship enjoyed there would become such a dear

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and important part of my life. The 1965 Session will be my ninth year in succession for me to attend Camp. It has been my pleasure and privilege each year to run the concession stand (one little girl called it "The Confession Stand"). Youth Camp resembled a ghost town on my first visit but it is far from a ghost town when there are approximately 200 standing in line at the refreshment stand waiting to be served.

My limited vocabulary cannot express or explain the feeling I have about Youth Camp. To me Youth Camp means being completely away from worldly things - no smoking, no radios, no newspapers, no drinking, no bad language, no one indecently dressed but the most wonderful part of Youth Camp is that indescribable feeling of fellowship and knowing that everyone in the Camp is on "your" side. Each year I meet new people, both young and old, and learn to love them. I have been blessed with the privilege of sharing in the lives of some wonderful Christians such as Paul Williams and Linda Rogers. Cherished moments such as these have been an inspiration to me. I pray that the Lord will strengthen me so that I might never be a stumbling block but a stepping stone for all who know me. I request your prayers in behalf of myself, my son, my daughter and my husband who is not a Christian.

The two weeks I spend at Camp are busy, happy ones. Youth Camp fills my cup of blessings to overflowing. I am strengthened spiritually and exhausted physically but I don't lose that buoyant feeling until I leave Camp. We have fun together playing volley ball, swimming, enjoying Freda's good food, renewing our friendship with Brother and Sister Reeves, being refreshed in the cold showers and laughing at jokes such as sewed up legs on pajamas and threats of lizards in my bed.

Our journey through this world is but a short one and I hope that both the young and the young in heart will not miss the golden opportunity of sharing a glorious week at our Free Will Baptist Youth Camp with the many Christians who gather there. I hope to attend every year. How about you?

Mrs. Bonnie Jane Deatherage



Dan Deatherage

Dear Kids,

You ought to go to Youth Camp this year. It is a place of fun and worship. You will have so much fun you won't even have time to get homesick. However, beware of fellows like Ronnie Thebeau who try to talk you into going snipe hunting. At Youth Camp you can play softball, volley ball and many other games. You also get to go to a refreshment stand three times a day. If you like the outdoors you will like Youth Camp because the cabins you sleep in are surrounded by woods. You will sleep in bunks but you will have to bring your own pillows and blankets.

The first year I came to Youth Camp I was only five and my friend, Cliff, was four. We used to fall asleep in the night services and two boys, Eddie and Bob, would carry us to our cabin and put us to bed. This was when there was only one week for all ages.

For the more spiritual things about Youth Camp there are the services. You go to several assemblies each day. Once you have gone to Youth Camp I know you will want to go again. So, I advise you to be there this year and find out for yourself what good Christian fellowship is like.

Dan Deatherage
Age 14

THE MISSION FIELD

NEWS FROM CANADA

"To God be the Glory, Great Things He hath done". Truly God has been good to us in these past months and weeks. "Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (James 5:8).

Jackie was in the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston the latter part of January for more tests, and her remaining kidney is now free from all infection and functioning well. Although her kidney difficulties have cleared it was discovered she has some other complications in other areas, which are causing her discomfort. She is improving the last few days for which we are most thankful. Please continue to pray that she will soon be completely well.

After much prayer for several weeks our church here in New Brunswick voted to purchase property in Millville to be used as a parsonage and also a place of worship. This move was to us a big step to take, but, we felt we needed to start services in Millville. We have lived in Millville over two years. This will be our fourth community in which we are serving here in New Brunswick. We will be moving the last of March and hope to be able to start services by the middle of April in this building. Our other three churches are near Millville, in small communities.

We have been praying and seeking for a couple to come to this area but, up to this time have not been able to secure anyone. Pray with us that God will make His will known to us in this matter. Also be in much prayer for workers for the province of Quebec.

The weather has been extremely hazardous with lots of snow and ice most of the time on the roads. God has given protection to us several times from the hazardous conditions when the bus was slipping and sliding over the roads when our family was on the way to church services.

We are very much concerned about our support for 1965. Many times I have been away from my work on itinerate to raise support and the work here has suffered from it. I was hoping this year with Mrs. Owens condition and our oldest child in school that I would not have to do itinerate this year. You can help by sending an offering to our account this month (which is very much in the RED), and do so every month during 1965. I am sure you will do all you can to help meet this need.

There are several needs we would like for you to pray for when you remember us in prayer. If the Lord lay it upon your heart maybe you could help meet that

need. We are in need of drapes for our Sanctuary in Millville, song books, about 30 and about 50 folding chairs. Pulpit furniture is also needed but can get along without. Paint is badly needed to paint the building soon. God has been good to us and has already met many of our needs, such as the wood was given to us for the cutting. This will save us about 400 dollars a year on our heat bill.

The need here is great and what you do to help reach these lost souls for our Lord, I know God will bless you. Let us hear from you soon.

Your Missionaries to Canada

Mack, Jackie, Becky, Andrea,
Brenda, Randy

THE EDWARD B. LEDLOW FAMILY
IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

"The Lord is blessing the work continuously. We are enjoying our work very much. The family has become adapted to life in the city very well. The girls are doing fine in their school work. They enjoy attending the school here in Montgomery.

By the time our next letter goes out to you we hope to have acquired some property for the church site. We have been trying to find and buy property, but nothing has developed in our favor yet. We are now trying to buy 1 1/2 acres in a good location. Pray that we will get this property without any restrictions attached.

We received one new member this past month. A new family has started with us. We hope they will continue to attend. I believe they are enjoying the services."

THE KIRBY JOE GODWIN FAMILY
IN JUNEAU, ALASKA

"The weather has just broken here in the Juneau area. This winter we have had a total of 15 feet of snow. Our car has been snowbound in the yard for over a month. You cannot drive on the city streets without tire chains, for our city is very hilly and it is very risky to drive without the chains.

We thank God for all of you, for you have prayed for us faithfully and supported is faithfully. You have certainly had a part in anything that has been or will be done up here. We pray and trust that you shall still feel led to support the work as God lays it on your heart to do. God can take it all and put it together and use it for His glory and honor for the salvation of souls."

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FWB Youth Group, Kirksville	6.00
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First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	40.00
Pauline Shrum, Monett	10.00
Myrtle FWB Church	49.26
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Hannon FWB Church	26.42
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Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	20.00
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Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	125.00
Central FWB Church, Kansas City	162.98
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MISSOURI HOME MISSIONS
MARCH, 1965

Fellowship FWB Ch., Flat River	10.00
Fourth FWB Ch., St. Louis	5.00
South Side FWB Ch., St. Louis	10.00
First FWB Ch., Fredericktown	20.00
Myrtle FWB Ch.	5.00
Farmington FWB Ch.	258.55
FWB Ch., Berkeley	16.38
Mine La Motte FWB Ch., Fredericktown	15.39

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Mill Creek FWB Ch., Fredericktown	17.69
Copper Mines FWB Ch.,	13.90
Hurryville FWB Ch., Farmington	23.50
Mrs. Walter Horn, Raytown	25.00
Leadington FWB Ch.	5.00
Mrs. Phillip Fry, Mtn. Grove	1.00
Mrs. Betty La Rue Horn, Rayton	5.00
Mr. Ben Vandivort, Cabool	50.00
First FWB Ch., Berkeley	13.90
Faith FWB Wom. Aux., Lemoy	5.00
Myrtle FWB Church	5.00
Overland FWB Ch., Overland	75.00
WNAC, Headquarters	386.95
Cooperative Plan, Headquarters	258.14
First FWB CTS, Monett	4.00
Total receipts	\$1,229.40

NEWS BRIEF

Lincoln, Nebraska - Due to heavy snows here, scheduled revival services were postponed and some services called off. At one time there were 24 inches of snow on the ground. Let us pray that these circumstances will not hinder the work there too badly. Missionary Lewis Perry is pastor in Lincoln.

Salina, Kansas - All night prayer meetings on Saturday nights continue here, where Missionary Joe R. Shade is pastor. The men of the church also meet for prayer each morning from 5:30-7:00.

Tucson, Arizona - God is still blessing the work here, under the direction of Missionary Malcolm C. Fry, and leading more families to the church through the members' visitation efforts. An average attendance of 85 for morning worship service was reported in January.

Portland, Oregon - Rev. J. J. Postlewaite conducted the first service in Portland on February 14. There were 22 present. A young man was saved the following Sunday. Rev. Postlewaite is not under the Home Mission Board at the present time, but we trust that you will make the work in Portland a definite item of prayer, for the need is great for a Free Will Baptist church there. Any financial support that you might feel led to send to him will be gladly forwarded through this office.

Portsmouth, Ohio - Let's not forget our retired missionary, Miss Bessie Yeley. She now resides in Portsmouth and will deeply appreciate your prayers as she works in a local church there.

The semi-annual home missions board meeting is scheduled for May 4-5. Pray that God will give wisdom in handling each decision that must be made.

The need is great for dedicated men of God to go into various fields and establish a Free Will Baptist witness. Please pray with us that qualified men will answer the call to this task.

Rev. Billows in Mexico reports 12 professions during the month of February and Rev. Jernigan in Idaho reports 25. Praise!!!



Buggy for Old Mexico.

GOD SUPPLIES BUGGY

The Billow's announce that with the offerings they had received and the offering sent by the Ever-Ready Sunday School class of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, Missouri, of

\$130.00, they were able to purchase the buggy for use in the mountains. A minister from Oklahoma sent the money for the horse. Standing next to the buggy is Gonzola Sanchez, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Free Will Baptist work in all of Old Mexico.

CHRIST

THE

SPIRITUAL

ROCK

I Corinthians 10:1-15

By Rev. Cletus Nichols
Pastor of the Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church
Kirksville, Missouri

In this day and age that we live we need a solid and sure foundation on which to build our lives.

In our day there are many theories on security and peace. Many men have advanced ideas and theories on peace and like men of old are turning away from the only true way of security and peace that we can be sure of and that is the Lord Jesus Christ, our Rock of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Let us notice the Lord Jesus Christ as the Rock we need. When we begin to build a house, we want to be sure the foundation is tried, tested and sure. The Lord Jesus is this and more. Isaiah 28:16 "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

Let us look back to the Israelite children and their journey from Egypt to Canaan in Exodus 17:6. Christ as the smitten Rock, I Cor. 10:4.

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself made the statement...."Upon this Rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18. The Christian church is built upon Christ, the tried foundation stone. Yes, Christ was tried on every hand during his life and was true to his father. Then, in his trial and crucifixion he was tried. Catch a glimpse of Christ as he is beaten with the cat of nine tails. Forty lashes with the whip makes three hundred and sixty open bleeding wounds on our Saviour. Then the heavy rugged cross laid on his back and as He carried the cross through the streets of the city, out the gates, along the road, he fell under the heavy load; but then walked on to Calvary's brow. There Christ laid on the cross as the Roman soldiers took dull nails and pounded them through His hands and feet. As the cross was raised and dropped into the hole to hold it upright, I am sure the flesh of Christ tore from the weight of his body, but the heaviest weight on Christ was the sins of mankind. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Yes, Christ was tried, He died and arose from the grave and is the Tried Foundation of Salvation which makes us so utterly unworthy of all this that Christ offers. In Exodus 16 and 17th chapters as the children of Israel were being led out of the land of bondage, they were murmuring about bread and water. After all the things God had done for them, seemingly they would soon

forget God's blessings and began to complain about their hard times.

Does this not remind you of God's people even today. So many of us seem to forget God's blessings and begin to feel sorry for ourselves; but God at all times supplies our needs as we need them. We, too, like the Israelite children, are utterly unworthy of all of God's blessings today. God still has patience and mercy with his people and He is still the rock of our salvation. We have life through Him.

We can be freed from our sins through the Grace of Christ. John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Romans 6:22, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the and everlasting life."

When Christ comes into our hearts he takes away our sin and our guilt. Therefore, Christ sets us free from the death penalty of sin. He takes away the heavy burden of sin. Washes our hearts pure and white in the blood of the lamb that takes away the sin of the world. In Christ we are free. Romans 3:24, "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

While we are in sin we are far from God, but through His blood we are made near. Eph. 2:13, "But now is Christ Jesus ye who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

When Christ has cleansed, our hearts are made near to him. So let us as Christians of today, in every portion of our life, live near to Christ in every deed and action. Let us live in the center of God's will, striving to please Him in everything that we do. Remembering what Christ has done for us. Living an abundant life with Christ. John 10:10b, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." People can have an abundant life with Christ only as they yield themselves to Him. Only as they open their hearts to Christ and allow Him to live and rule in their hearts, then God will live abundantly in them.

The children of Israel had only to go outside their tents and gather manna which God had provided to sustain life. We as God's people today need only to go outside ourselves and to the fountain of mercy and the throne of grace to receive the grace and blessings of God which sustain life within us.

Then, the call to all nations and all people is found in Isa. 55:1, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

May God bless His people everywhere and help us to live lives nearer to Christ. May God bless you as you live in His will.

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NOW ^athese are the names of the children of Israel, which came ^bGen. 11:1

IN the ^cbeginning God ^dcreated ^ethe heaven and the earth. ^fPs. 10:1

11 ^dNot that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that ^ecf. Lv. 10:8

AND the LORD said unto Moses, ^aYet will I bring one plague more

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KEN'S KORNER

April showers bring May flowers, or so the song goes, but nevertheless, here it is spring. This school year has really flown. This month many of you will take one of the biggest steps of your life. You will step out of the security of the halls of your local high school into the frustration of the world about you.

Some of you will enter college. Some will begin a career. Others are still undecided. Have you ever asked yourself this question: "What does God want me to do?" Now wait a minute. This is an important question. Don't get upset and think this is another religious "lecture". The answer to this question could mean the difference in you succeeding or failing. It could be the difference in happiness or sorrow. You want to be happy and successful, don't you? Sure you do.

Well, then take a few minutes and analyze your plans. Do they include God, or are they all self-centered? Young people sometimes get the idea that in order to serve God they have to preach, or go to a mission field. This is not necessarily true. However, if God is leading you to do that, you definitely should do it. But listen, the Bible teaches that individuals are given different abilities, or "gifts" but that no gift is more important than another. Do you really understand what that means! It means if you teach school, become a doctor or some other profession and do it for God, that you are just as important as preachers and missionaries.

You as an individual will come in contact with people that your pastor could never reach. You've heard this statement: "The field is the world." This is true, but even more so is the fact that the world includes different people, different locations, and different professions. The world, or place, that God puts you in is your field in which He wants you to work.

(Read Proverbs 3:5-6)

Ken Riggs, National Youth Director

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ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

Declamations, essays, sword drills, bible bowls, youth camp, activities plus for our Missouri state young people. Let me discuss these with you, and please give attention, for these subjects are important.

First of all, our Missouri State Youth Camp sessions for both pre-teens and teens is just a few weeks away. Plan to attend this year if possible. This year your declamations will be heard and judged at the youth camp.

There will be three (3) divisions, ages 9-11, 12-14, and 15-17. The winners of these particular divisions will be given time on our State Association program to present your declamation, plus you will receive an award for your winning declamation. If you win on the state level, then you are eligible to represent our State of Missouri at the National Association in July, at Raleigh, North Carolina. And if you do represent our state

at the national, our state Sunday School and C.T.S. Board will pay \$25.00 toward your expenses to the national. Remember this, your declamation must conform to the rules as given in the General Manual of the National CTS Board.

Check your April issue of the GEM for information on your essays.

Our sword drill at the Missouri State Association in August of this year will be for ages 9-11 only. Mrs. Wanda Rodgers will be the administrator of this drill. An award will be presented to the winner only. This winner will then be eligible to compete in the National Sword Drill at Little Rock, Arkansas, in July of 1966. Our State Sunday School and C.T.S. Board will pay \$50.00 toward your expenses to Little Rock. (A note to the church of the winner of the sword drill...and the declamations...you might want to help toward the expenses of these winners if they are from your church.)

A new feature at our State meeting will be a "Bible Bowl". Any young person the ages of 12-17 may participate. It's a simple competitive game of Bible questions and answers. Each question asked will come from the Bible. You will not be permitted to use your Bible or any other helps. You must answer from knowledge only. An award will be presented to the winner of the "Bible Bowl."

We certainly would like to see many more of our young people from across our great state attending the Monday evening and Tuesday morning Sunday School and C.T.S. program on August 16th and 17th in Monett, Missouri.

Look for our articles each month in the GEM.

Rev. A. L. McFarland, Member
Missouri State Sunday School
and C.T.S. Board

'THE VOICE OF THE ANDES' HAS HYDROELECTRIC POWER

Quito, Ecuador (MNS) - After five years of work, the hydroelectric project of Gospel radio station HCJB, The Voice of the Andes, has been completed here and the station is operating on power produced high in the Andes at Papallacta and carried 38 kilometers on power lines to the transmitters at Pifo near here. At

one point the power line crosses a 14,000 foot divide where snow blizzards hampered the constructing of the line.

The hydro plant was purchased from the Municipal Power Company at Seattle, Washington and transferred to its new home high in the Andes to become one of the highest power plants in the world.

The 2,000 kilowatt plant will enable HCJB to increase its broadcast power to reach an even greater world audience. And the "lost village" of Papallacta,

high on the mountain headwaters of the Amazon and near neighbor of the plant, will enjoy its benefits.

In comparing the power produced by the new installation with that of the diesel plant used before, Rev. Abe Van Der Puy, president of the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, said, "For 1/8 the cost we will produce 6 times as much power. God has enabled us to harness the headwaters of the Amazon for Heralding Christ Jesus' Blessings."



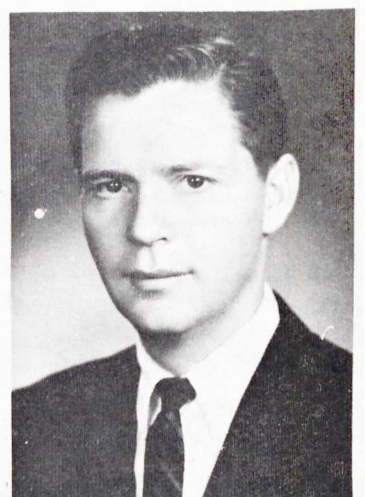
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Brazil



Rev. Dave Franks
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Mrs. Sammy Wilkerson
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Rev. C. Hanna
India



Mrs. C. Hanna
India



Geraldine Waid
Japan



Herbert Waid
Japan

EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP OF CANADA TO BE FORMED

Toronto, Canada (MNS) - Canadian evangelical leaders met here in February to lay the ground work for a broadly representative evangelical organization. At that meeting officers were elected and a brief statement of faith was adopted.

Observers indicated that the new organization will be similar to the National Association of Evangelicals in the United States. It is expected to provide affiliation to denominations, churches, individuals, schools and mission boards.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith of People's Church, Toronto, was elected president of the new Fellowship. Dr. J. Harry Faught of Danforth Gospel Temple, Toronto, was chosen as executive chairman.

A spokesman said the Fellowship plans to conduct a public convention and business meeting within the year.

GOSPEL OF MARK FOR AUCAS

Santa Ana, Calif. (MNS) - The Gospel of Mark in Auca translated by Miss Rachel Saint of Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics came off the press early this year.

Nine years ago (January, 1956) Miss Saint's brother Nate and four missionary companions were killed by the spears of the very Aucas who are now receiving these Scriptures with joy. All five of the Auca men who participated in the killing of the missionaries have become baptized believers.

Dyuwi, one of the five, and three other young Christian Aucas are planning to reach their savage down-river relatives with the newly-published Gospel of Mark.

May, 1965

SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1964-1965

	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May
Fellowship, Flat River	158	159	176	165	171	164	162	169	186		
Beacon		71	79								
Farmington	110	111	130	119	120	112	104	100	111		
Liberty-Phillipsburg	60	68	64	63	60						
Berkeley City	236	224	280	279	294						
Richwoods	52	55	54	49	50	54	42	44	42		
Kirksville	108	107	101	90	82	105	90	94	103		
Grant Ave., Springfield	183	178	166	177	167	172	164	181	180		
Hazel Creek	52	50	52	51							
Mine La Motte	30	30	29	24	34	39	34	33			
First, Flat River	100	102	114	111	107			110			
Overland Church	142	149	144	170	159	154	145	156	187		
First, Mtn. Grove	320	322	346	326	326	328	318	329			
Desloge	109	101	105	111	110	117	102	113	112		
Mill Cr., Fredericktown	57	62	61	58	58	60	58	45	62		
Union Light	112	109	106	120	102	128	96	116	110		
First, Springfield	185	222	192	188	208	191	189	183			
Sunnyview Church	53	51	50	53	50	56	58	67	63		
Central, Kansas City	107	103	91	115	110	100	108	93	95		
Hannon	65	51	72	59	62	59	59	60	63		
First, Monett	144	141	137	131	138	141	131	131	139		
Garfield-Couch	42	47	40	43	42	42	43	37			
Victory											
First, Fredericktown	150	154	164	172	147	156					
Copper Mines	93	94	76	79	79	85	81	72			
Meramec Hgts., Valley Pk.	36										
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	62	63	80		82	102					
Twin Oaks Church	61	64	57	60	56	55	49	55	65		
West Plains	173	209	215	205	202	194	201	199	171		
Cuba											
Southside	160	167	188	198	191	189	184	194	209		
First, Lebanon	74	81	81	87	83	86	90	100	97		
Myrtle Church	70	76									
Mt. Pisgah		70									
Joplin	96	95	100	92	91	93					
Grace Church	119	133	127	141	157	145	149	153			
Salem			26	26	29	37		38	37	37	
Thayer Church				122	132	130	130	135	162		
Alton Church	88	97	97	94							
Leadington							77	95	100		

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

MAY CHRISTIAN HOME MONTH

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, May 2-8
 "National Family Week"
 Sunday, May 9 - "Mother's Day"
 (Remember some outstanding Auxiliary
 mother)
 "Chaplains and Servicemen Sunday" -
 May 23
 "Memorial Day" - May 30

Send all reports to:

Mrs. Ted David
 2301 Connecticut
 Joplin, Missouri

By the 15th of each month.

AUXILIARIES REPORTING

Joplin - First FWB Church
 Thayer - Free Will Baptist Church
 St. Louis - Fourth FWB Church
 Greentop - Hazel Creek FWB Church
 West Plains - Bethel FWB Church
 Lebanon - First FWB Church
 Flat River - Fellowship FWB Church
 State Officer - Mrs. Jean Williams
 State Study Course Chm.

STUDY COURSE

The Hazel Creek Women's Auxiliary met April 7 with Mrs. John Filkins with nine members and one visitor present. In the morning we had a study course lesson on prayer. Following a covered dish meal at noon the meeting opened by the group singing choruses. Prayer by Mrs. Lola Filkins. Mrs. Cletus Nichols, the president, presided over the business session. Roll call was answered by a verse of scripture. Mrs. Lola Filkins read the scripture lesson. During the business meeting bills were paid, an offering of \$4.96 was received, and plans were made for the pre-Easter week of prayer. The treasurer gave a financial report. More coupons were turned in to be sent to the childrens home.

A partial study course was given on the manual. Our monthly lesson was enjoyed very much by all.

The work for the afternoon was helping to prepare material for our vacation bible school.

Our auxiliary works continually on medicine envelopes for the Miley's. We also participated in our district project, buying Tupperware for the Missionary Supply Closet at Nashville, Tenn.

We also took part in the district study course on missions presented to us by the

two missionary nurses from Nashville, Tenn., which was held at the Kirksville Church.

Miss Leona Thompson
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Greentop, Mo.

STUDY ON MARY MAGDALENE

Our Women's Auxiliary met April 6 for our co-labor study. Song "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross." Prayer request was given. Scripture reading by Sec. Wanda Ragsdale, Matt. 28:19-20, John 20:18. Our program chairman, Mrs. Mildred Hilderbrand, had charge of the program, "Compelled to Obey."

We were all greatly blessed by studying about such a wonderful bible woman as Mary Magdalene and her great love for Master. We were all drawn a little closer after meeting and having our program. Please pray for us that we will always be in the will of the Lord. God will bless everyone will be our prayer.

Minnie Burcham
 Corresponding Secretary

SPECIAL INTEREST TO PROGRAM

On February 9, women of Fourth Church met for their monthly program meeting. We had a good attendance. Three ladies joined our auxiliary, for which we are very thankful. We had a very interesting and challenging lesson on "The Compelling Power of Prayer." Our program lesson was led by Sis. Wilma Dodson. To add special interest to the program, Sis. Jean Willhite prepared a large cross and placed it on a table in front of the room. As each lady gave her topic, she would place a smaller cross at the foot of the larger cross. These smaller crosses represented prayer requests; such as, the unsaved, the missionaries, pastors, etc. Those giving topics were Sisters Polly Tinker, Ruby Pendergrass and Mariam Willhite.

Our auxiliary tries to send five dollars each month to someone on the mission field. We have a project now with each lady of the auxiliary purchasing a piece of artificial fruit and filling it with change. The fruit will be collected during our pre-Easter week of prayer and sent to the mission field. We have just completed a study course on "The Art of Personal Witnessing." Several more studies have been planned for this year.

We are very thankful for our auxiliary and for each lady that supports it so faith-

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fully. We do desire the prayers of every Christian in behalf of our auxiliary and our church, that we will always be faithful in the Lord's work and grow in grace and knowledge.

Lillian Hovis
Corresponding Secretary

RECEIVES CERTIFICATE

The Thayer Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met April 13 for their monthly program with 18 members present and one new member. Our regular business session was held with officers reports given.

Our personal service chairman reported a real good cottage prayer meeting held at Bro. Albert Holmes.

The Auxiliary received a certificate from the Good Will Industries for our gifts that we had sent to them.

The state workshop was discussed and we are hoping several from our auxiliary be able to attend.

The auxiliary is sending \$5.00 to Bro. Finis Johnson, our local Free Will Baptist speaker, for the radio broadcast, as a love offering.

Our program from the co-labor books was directed by Sister Ruby Johnson in the absence of our program prayer chairman. The topics were well given. Sister Phyllis Miller sang, "Christ Arose". We were dismissed in prayer by sister Lorene Pohnert.

HELPS CHILDREN'S HOME

The West Plains Missouri Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met April 5 for their regular meeting with 12 members present.

The enlistment chairman asked each member to give a tea or coffee party in her home explaining and inviting all present with our auxiliary work.

Personal service chairman reported of a good shower for Rosa Ann Good and set the date of Tuesday, April 20, for visitation of shut-ins.

Our missionary "The Calvary's" will be in our church April 23.

We are planning a five night service beginning Monday, April 12, with a different speaker each night as our pre-Easter program.

We are to meet Monday evening, April 12, to finish Mrs. Brown's quilt top and have prayer for our weekly service that week.

A letter was read from the Children's Home of the Free Will Baptists, after which we voted to send \$15.00 to help on their new buildings. We also are sending \$22.15 worth of coupons to the Children's Home.

Our lesson "Compelled to Obey" was May, 1965

a wonderful lesson.

Pray our auxiliary will feel the need of "obey" and "go ye".

Mrs. Troy Sims
Corresponding Secretary

EVANGELISM

Madlyn Loney reported on meeting held on evangelism. Pre-Easter services were held Monday the 12th and on Tuesday night.

The president asked for prayer requests. Prayer was led by Lorene Waterman. It was voted to send offering of the year project \$10.00 to the Hannas, our foreign missionaries.

Sue Cook read a letter from the Children's Home requesting prayers and offerings. Fifteen members and two visitors were present.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION



(Left to right) Mrs. Barbara Oxendine, District President, and Mrs. Wanda Rogers, National Recording Secretary, gave a study course on missions. The other two ladies are from the Mountain Grove Church.



The beautiful decorations of the church were equally balanced with the warm fellowship of the host auxiliary of the Monett Church.



Special guests included Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Dixon, with a group of their auxiliary members.

"LITTLE CHILDREN, IT IS THE LAST TIME." 1 JOHN 2:18

The sun sets on a reddened sea;
A blackness cloaks the barren land.
What heartbreak beckons here for me,
Yet leaves no traces on the sand?

Beyond the jagged mountain peak
The Day Star glimmers cool and still;
With bruised hands and bleeding feet,
Thy children climb to learn Thy will.

There is no darkness of the night
Whose gloom, Thy light cannot dispel;
No soul so crushed and far from right,
Thy loving touch cannot make well."

Submitted by

Margaret Banks
Box 185A, Route 5
El Dorado Springs, Mo.

THE EASTER PARADE

We're all dressed up, we're ready to go.
There's going to be a grand Fashion Show.

Our hats are gay with roses and lace
And a new "hair-do" will frame each face.
New dress, new shoes, new coat - that's a must.

We'll be in church. We'll make it or bust.

A new handbag, new hose - latest shade;
We'll be right in front in the Easter Parade.

There's one thing that's sure 'tho all year we don't go ---

We'll be in church Easter for the big Fashion Show.

Composed by Mrs. Alvin Highley
Farmington Free Will Baptist Church

GLEANNINGS

PROMOTIONAL MEETING

A two day promotional meeting was held in Nashville on March 25-26 with Promotional Secretaries and Moderators from 16 states attending.

Pictured here is most of the group during a tour of the new headquarters building which is scheduled for completion about May 15.

Those attending from out of state were: Elro Driggers, Florida; C. J. Hearron, Texas; S. M. Aragon, New Mexico; Horace B. Carey, West Virginia; Robert McCarty, Indiana; Harry Beatty, Missouri; William E. Atkinson, Alabama; George E. Ritter, Illinois; N. R. Smith, Oklahoma; Winston Lawless, California; Loyd Thomas, Arkansas; Homer Nelson, Ohio; George W. Waggoner, Illinois; Leo A. Worley, Michigan; Milton Hollifield, North Carolina; I. Bennie Turner, South Carolina and Ralph Staten, Virginia.



Jack Stallings
HONOR STUDENT

Jack Stallings of Kansas City, Missouri, was listed on the "B" Honor Roll at Free Will Baptist Bible College at the close of the first term of the second semester. Jack, a ministerial student, is a junior at the College.

PASTOR RESIGNS

The Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Alton has submitted the following statement concerning his resigning this church. "I am resigning the Alton Church as pastor, which will be in effect June 30, 1965. My wife and I have enjoyed our labors here for almost four years. We have met many new people

who have been a blessing to our lives. We feel that God has been with us and the church in every effort that we have made. We sincerely thank God for this fact. We know that this is a very fine group of people to work with. Our prayer is that God will supply their needs and lead them into greater fields of work. In closing, we feel that God has a field of labor for us somewhere else."

Yours for Christ's work,

Rev. Millard Ehrhardt

Editor's Note: We are sorry to see this fine man of God leave his place of work but we know that he will do a fine work wherever he goes. Bro. Ehrhardt is a fine preacher and worker for Christ.

PASTOR MOVES TO FIELD OF WORK

The Free Will Baptist Church of Salem, Missouri would like to report that their new pastor, Rev. Vergel Maness, has moved to the town of Salem and is now on the field. May the Lord bless Bro. Maness for his move of faith.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Editor,

We would like for you to publish the following letter in the May edition of the Gem. This is from our Young People's Group to our resigning pastor, Rev. Millard Ehrhardt. This is the way we can effectively give our appreciation to him for all the help he has given us.

Thank you.

Dear Pastor,

Though it is hard to write a letter to a resigning pastor whom we have trusted and believed in for three years, we, the Young People's Group, feel that this is the way for us to express our appreciation for all that you have done for us. We feel that with your help we have grown "in the grace and in the knowledge of Christ" which was our desire.

We thank you for all the advice and prayers that you gave us when we had problems. We feel that a pastor is the greatest strength to the young people of any church.

We will remember you in our prayers and we would like to request your contin-

uing prayers for us as we continue to work for Christ that we may be "...a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." II Timothy 2:21

Yours in Christ,
The Young People's Group of the
Alton Free Will Baptist Church
to their resigning pastor,
Rev. Millard Ehrhardt

REVIVAL AT KIRKSVILLE

A week of real blessings was experienced at Kirksville while Rev. Teddy Davis of Joplin conducted the evangelistic services April 4 to 10. Rev. Leland Horton is pastor.

There were four first time decisions for Christ, four came for rededication, and others for special prayer. One 70 year old man was one of the first time decisions and we rejoiced because so few are reached at this age. Three teenage young men took their stand for God and two families rededicated their lives which blessed our hearts.

Pray for us that as we serve our Master, our faith will be more deeply rooted, our vision for the Kingdom's work will be increased and that we may lift high the Lord Jesus who deserves all the praise, honor and glory for that which has been accomplished.

REV. AND MRS. LESTER JONES HONORED

The Missouri Home Mission Board recently presented an award to Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones for outstanding Missionary work in the State of Missouri. It is the feeling of the Board that service which involves personal sacrifice and extraordinary dedication to the task of fulfilling the great commission should be recognized by the people of our denomination.

All too often we as Free Will Baptists take for granted work such as that administered by Brother and Sister Jones.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones served as Missouri missionaries during the year 1957-58. During this time they led in the organization of six Free Will Baptist churches. Most of these churches are now leading churches in the Missouri State Association. In 1961 Rev. Jones was elected chairman of the Missouri Mission Board. He served in this capacity until his resignation in 1964. In these three

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years the Board organized churches in Marshall, Jefferson City, Kansas City, and Conway.

During these years Rev. and Mrs. Jones gave valuable assistance to young ministers among them the writer of this article. The help, encouragement and assistance has been and is greatly appreciated. It should be noted that although both Brother and Sister Jones were handicapped by severe illness for the past five years they have continued doing all possible for the glory of God.

Only God can record the souls that have been saved directly and indirectly through the ministry of this dedicated couple.

As a Board, our prayer is, God give us more like Lester and Myrtle Jones.

They are now living in semi-retirement in Cordova, Alabama.

James McAllister, Chairman
Home Mission Board

CHURCH HAS SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

The First Free Will Baptist Church experienced a very successful revival service during the month of April with Rev. Harvey E. Hill, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale, Florida as the evangelist. The presence of the Lord was felt in every service with six decisions and two uniting with the church. The church was brought closer to the Lord because of the services. The Lord continued to bless with good services the following week and a large number out for Sunday School.

OVERLAND FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL

We would like very much to report to our many friends of the Gem that on Monday night, starting at 7:30 p.m., May 10, 1965 we will begin a revival with Rev. Cliff Bowman as the evangelist.

Our church is located at 9440 W. Milton, in Overland (St. Louis County), Missouri. We are one half block off Woodson Road. Woodson Road runs into Page Ave.

The Bible says, "If my people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:14.

Free Will Baptists need a revival and May, 1965

need it badly! We at the Overland Free Will Baptist Church are praying that it will begin here, in our hearts and city! If you can't come, please pray for us and Brother Bowman.

Wesconnett Free Will Baptist Church
6007 Seaboard Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

Free Will Baptist Gem
3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Brother Hill,

Thank you for the Gem each month. It keeps me up-to-date on the work of the Lord among Free Will Baptist in Missouri. It is a joy to see the Lord blessing my good friends in Missouri. We thank the Lord for His blessings upon us here in Jacksonville and desire your prayers.

Perhaps some of the Gem readers may have acquaintances here in Jacksonville, since this is an area of many Navy families. Our church is located between two of the main Navy stations, and I would be happy to have the name and address of any Free Will Baptist in this area.

Sincerely yours,
Elro I. Driggers

DEDICATION SERVICE

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri will have their Dedication Service Sunday, June 6th. Rev. Billy Melvin will be with the church to help in the dedication of their new building. All-day services will be held with a basket dinner at the noon hour. The afternoon service will start at 2:00. Everyone is invited to come and see the beautiful new building and help in this service.

609 North Grant Street
Desloge, Missouri

Dear Brother Hill,

Rev. Rufus Coffey, Director of Missionary Conferences, of Nashville, Tennessee, was with the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church March 26-28. This man of God warmed our hearts with his wonderful messages.

Another inspiring service was held Rally Day, April 4. On this day our new

library was dedicated and a playlet, "The Library Meets The Need," was presented with a cast of 16 adults and children.

A revival meeting began at Farmington Free Will Baptist Church, April 23, with Rev. Rolla Smith, evangelist. Our pastor, Rev. Everett Hellard, had designated special prayer services prior to the revival.

We pray that our own spiritual needs may be revealed and supplied and that many unsaved, some of whom have shown an interest, may be won for our Lord.

Mrs. Byrdie Highley,
Church Reporter

ANNOUNCING
25TH (SILVER ANNIVERSARY)
HOMECOMING
FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME
FOR CHILDREN
Route 9, Greeneville, Tennessee

May 8, 1965 - Service at 10 A.M.

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE:

- I. Special Services - Guest Speaker and program by the children
- II. Bar-B-Que Dinner
- III. Ground Breaking Ceremony
- IV. Tour of Buildings and Grounds

Bring an offering for the building fund!!!

Dear Friend of Free Will Baptist Home:

When the Home for Children opened in 1938, they moved into a large, three-story building which had been used for a dormitory in a mission school a number of years. This building has served well, but the Tennessee State Welfare Department stated in a recent report following examination, "...this building unfit for occupancy".

For a long time some have felt the need to construct a new girls' cottage. The Board of Trustees has already authorized a building program for 1965. Estimated cost of a new cottage is \$30,000.00. Half this amount is available. We believe our people are willing to finance this project. Perhaps you would like to have a part in helping to pay for a new cottage. It is hoped that the entire amount will be on hand when the building is completed.

Don't feel you are just buying building

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FOR THOSE IN DEBT

"Money is a very important part of New Testament Christianity! Did you realize that one-sixth of all the words Jesus spoke in the Gospels have to do with money? Tithing itself is mentioned at least 32 times in the Bible, 25 in the Old Testament and seven times in the New Testament. Surely, anything as important in the Bible as stewardship of money deserves our attention." (Attack, 2nd quarter, p. 11)

Whether through lack of conviction on tithing or from fear of offending a few members of the congregation or for some other reason, stewardship (or specifically tithing) seems to be seldom mentioned in the sermons of the majority of our pastors. Consequently, the current emphasis on stewardship in the Master's Men program can have a definite influence on the practices of our laymen.

There is a biblical basis for stewardship. First, the Jewish law required the tithe (10% giving). "...they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren." (Hebrews 7:5) Second, Jesus himself endorsed tithing: "...ye pay tithe...and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." (Matthew 23:23) Third, Paul's admonition to the Corinthian church cannot be proved to mean less than ten per cent: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him..." (1 Cor. 16:2)

The first act of the new Christian ought to be one of dedication of all that he possesses to the God who has granted him salvation. When God first came to Jacob, the son of Isaac said, "Surely the Lord is in this place"; he vowed a vow to God, saying, "Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Even at that moment, long before the Jewish law of tithing was instituted, Jacob, recognizing God as his

benefactor, promised to give a tenth of all that he should receive. If tithing was valid before there was a Jewish nation, we can hardly argue today that it was no longer valid after the fulfillment of the law in the person of Christ. If we feel that we can justify our giving of less than a tenth, we ought to recall the words of Christ, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Tithing provides a means of proportionate giving for all, rich and poor alike; the only time we can feel justified in not giving a tenth is at the time we give more.

That Jesus is aware of individual giving into the church treasury is illustrated in the last four verses of Mark 12 in which he observes the widow's giving. There were many rich who gave much, but that woman gave more because she gave all that she had. If every member of our denomination gave regularly his tithe, the church would soon have such an accumulation of money that it might prove embarrassing until more efficient disbursing methods could be devised. The Bible College would no longer need to plead for funds, the newly appointed missionaries would no longer be reduced to begging from state to state, the missionaries at home and abroad would no longer be faced with deficit accounts, the denomination's literature and audio-visual plans would no longer be curtailed, God's instruments in our denomination would no longer suffer from financial anemia while laymen sought first all these treasure as we now so selfishly do.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal 3:10)

As a practical test of the financial condition of your own church, estimate the number of wage-earning members in it and multiply that number by \$7.00 (considered the average weekly tithe). If only the men of our denomination tithed regularly, our churches would receive almost a million and a half dollars each month. Would there be room enough to receive it?

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materials when you make a contribution; but, remember, you are making an investment in the livest of dependent and neglected boys and girls.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours in His service,

Ray C. Turnage, Superintendent

P. S. The names of individuals and churches contributing as much as \$250.00 will be engraved on a plaque

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to be placed in the new cottage. Individual name plates of those giving as much as \$500.00 will be placed inside the cottage. Some will possibly make "memorial" contributions to this cottage fund.

ALL articles must be in by the 15th of each month to get in the next month's Gem. They should be sent to:

FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
3100 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri



Geneva Poole
Brazil



Bobby Poole
Brazil

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TO THE NORTHEAST

By Mark Vandivort
Field Secretary for National Home
Mission Board



I think Missourians have a special reason to be interested in New England. According to the book, "Free Will Baptist History", by Baxter, a home missionary from the state of New Hampshire started the first Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri in 1843.

I am sure that you are aware that the first Free Will Baptist Church was started in North Carolina by Elder Paul Palmer in 1727. The Free Will Baptist movement in New England was started by Elder Benjamin Randall in New Durham, New Hampshire, 1780. Elder Randall assisted in establishing approximately 100 churches in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine during his ministry. The northern Free Will Baptist movement spread throughout eastern United States and Canada; then on to the midwest and southwest through the ministry of home missionaries. In 1910 and 1911, most of the northern Free Will Baptists, including the missions program and educational institutions, were merged with the northern Baptists (now American Baptist). You can obtain more details of our history from the book, "The Free Will Baptist Story", by Damon C. Dodd.

In New England one can learn of evidence of Free Will Baptist churches in many of the cities and villages. Some of these churches are still preaching the gospel. However, many of the former Free Will Baptist churches are closed or have turned to a Christ-denying religious doctrine. This is also true in many of the churches of other denominations who were once preaching the true gospel. Thus, we see New England as a needy mission field. I would like to briefly describe some of the conditions that one can observe in this area of New England.

In Littleton, New Hampshire, where our Free Will Baptist mission was established in 1958, one can observe a large church building that once boast of a large Sunday school and a \$12,000 pipe organ. Now this church building houses a furniture store. From Littleton you can drive about ten miles east to Franconia,

New Hampshire, a town where there is not an evangelical church. There you can visit a beautiful building that will seat about 300 people. This building was once the place of worship for a Free Will Baptist congregation built by Free Will Baptists. This church building is now a Roman Catholic church. In another neighboring town, Bethlehem, New Hampshire, is the location where there was once a Free Will Baptist church, but is now inactive. Also, from Littleton one can drive west to Saint Johnsbury, Vermont, a city of about 25,000 where you can observe a beautiful stone building that was once a Free Will Baptist church and now a Christian Science church. To my knowledge, there are presently only three evangelical witnesses in this city, only one of which has over a hundred in Sunday school. I could go on describing these same kinds of conditions. Perhaps we should remind ourselves that this same thing can happen in the midwest, if we would fail to stay close to God and win lost men to Jesus Christ.

Our present-day home mission work in New England was pioneered by Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens who established a Free Will Baptist mission in Littleton, New Hampshire. Littleton, New Hampshire, is Mrs. Owens' home town. Mrs. Owens first heard the plan of salvation when she was eighteen years of age. Her brother was saved while in the Navy and wrote home asking his folks to read the plan of salvation in the Bible and trust Jesus as Savior. During his next trip home, he led Jackie and her mother to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Littleton, New Hampshire, proved to be a needy mission field. Littleton is a town of about 5,000 people. There were two small evangelical churches in Littleton that had probably less than 100 active people between the two churches. During the year 1958 the Owens began their ministry in Littleton, New Hampshire, where they served about four years. God helped them to establish a small group of Christian believers who are solid in the

faith. They have acquired some good property on Main Street. The people in the Littleton church have been an inspiration to me because of their perseverance in the Lord's work. During the early winter of 1961, the small group in Littleton was having a struggle with their building payments and they were facing mounting fuel bills as the winter progressed. I am sure that all of the wage earners were already giving above their tithes. One of the members decided to park his automobile for the winter so that he could take the money that he would have spent for insurance and operating expense and give towards meeting the financial need of the mission church. Many times my own stewardship has been challenged as I thought of our dear brother choosing to walk about a mile through 20 to 30 degree below 0 temperatures to work. It was also a hardship on his wife and five children to give up the convenience of their car.

In 1962 Rev. and Mrs. Mack Owens followed the Lord's leading to a new ministry in Canada. The Littleton church called Rev. Bill Evans from Springfield, Missouri, as pastor. The Evans have seen the church continue to grow and develop.

New England has a very special place in my heart, as that is where Mrs. Vandivort and I spent three very wonderful years of our lives. We joined the Owens in New Hampshire in 1960. There the Lord led us to the community of Twin Mountain, New Hampshire, located about twenty miles northeast of Littleton.

We learned that the Baptist church in Twin Mountain had been established as a Free Will Baptist church in 1881. We found the church closed and the only active church in the community was Roman Catholic. This community and several surrounding communities did not have an active Bible-preaching service. Our community of Twin Mountain was about 80% Roman Catholics, some of whom have been saved. The Lord gave us a

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good ministry in Twin Mountain where we feel we have some very wonderful friends. Our pastorate there terminated in February 1963. We were followed by Pastor and Mrs. Bert Tippet. The Tippetts have seen a very commendable response from the young people of the area through child evangelism, Bible clubs, and youth evangelism.

In 1961 we organized the Northeastern Association of Free Will Baptists, including our two churches in New Hampshire, Linneus, and New Limerick churches near Houlton, Maine, (near the Canadian border). We are thankful for the testimony of these churches in Maine who have survived the merger of 1910 and maintained an active witness for the Lord. The Northeastern Association has since received into membership the First Free Will Baptist Church of Millville, Canada, making a total of five churches in the Northeastern Association. Our Northeastern Association is small, but the churches have made a very commendable progress in extending the gospel in New England and Canada. During the past three years, four of our foreign missionary families and the Bible College quartet have conducted fruitful itineraries in the Northeastern Association. I invite you to notice the reports in CONTACT, MISSION-GRAMS, and HEARTBEAT of the faithful support of our northeastern churches to the Bible College, Missions, and Co-operative program.

As we consider the northeastern areas of the United States and Canada, we praise God for what has been done, but we realize that we have just surveyed the field. From our two churches in New Hampshire, one can drive approximately 600 miles through huge metropolitan areas before you come to another Free Will Baptist church in Virginia. There are evangelical churches in this area, but the cities present a tremendous challenge. In many of them there are only two out of a hundred attending a Bible-preaching church. From Littleton, New Hampshire, it is approximately 300 miles to our Free Will Baptist churches in northern Maine. In the Northern New England states, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, there are many towns and villages where there is a great need for a gospel witness. The opportunities and challenges are just as great in eastern Canada. From Littleton, New Hampshire, it is about 60 miles to the Quebec border. In Quebec one can find approximately 70,000 people for each Christian worker. We praise God for Free Will Baptists and other groups who are faithfully preaching the gospel in the northeast, but as we survey the field we see

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that the harvest truly is white and laborers are needed. Please pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send more laborers to strengthen our witness in the northeast.

I appreciate your interest in our ministry in New England and other areas of the northeast. Here are some prayer requests to help guide you in your prayers.

1. We praise God that Mrs. Owens has received an encouraging report from Lahey Clinic concerning her serious kidney infection. Pray for the Owens' ministry as they minister at three preaching points near Millville, Canada. Pray for them as they are engaged in a busy summer schedule in youth camp and revival activities. Pray that Free Will Baptist people will supply the need of Missionary Mack Owens account which is over \$1,000 in the red.

2. Pray for Rev. Herman Brooks who is pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Millville, Canada. Herman has been attending school at the New Brunswick Bible Institute, Victoria, New Brunswick. Pray for Herman as he does itinerant work in Georgia and other southern states during July and August.

3. Pastor Bert Tippet has just resigned the Twin Mountain, New Hampshire, Free Will Baptist Church to join the staff of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Pray for a new pastor at Twin Mountain and for the congregation as they seek God's help in undergoing a change of leadership.

4. Pray for the Littleton Free Will Baptist Church as they make plans to support their pastor, Bill Evans, full time.

5. The Baptist church of Berlin, New Hampshire, has asked Free Will Baptists to help them obtain a pastor. Berlin, New Hampshire, is a city of about 12,000, 90% Roman Catholic and bilingual French and English. There are probably less than 200 born again Christians in the city. Pray for this need for a pastor.

6. Pray for some of our Free Will Baptist workers who are seriously considering going to Quebec, Canada, to minister. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Cousineau who will be moving from Nashville, Tennessee, to Sherbrook, Quebec, in May to attend Bethel Bible Institute. The Cousineaus are preparing for future missionary service somewhere in the French language. The Cousineaus were born and reared in Quebec, Canada. Brother Frank was led to the Lord by a Free Will Baptist deacon who worked on the same job near Berry, Florida.

7. Pray for the faithfulness of our Christians in the northeast and for God's will for the very fine group of young people

in the northeastern churches. Seven teenagers from Canada and New Hampshire attended the annual Bible conference in April.

8. Pray for new workers to strengthen our ministry in the northeast.

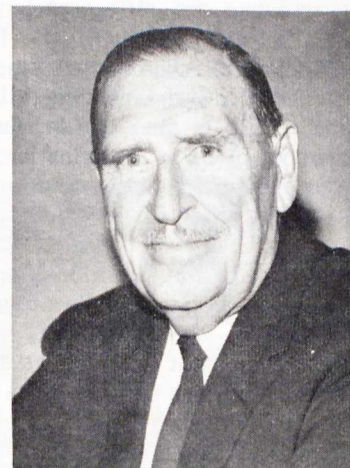
May God richly bless you as you continue to support the ministry of National Home Missions and pray for the salvation of souls in North America.



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