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## Promotional Secretary's Corner



**HARRY BEATTY**  
Promotional Secretary

April, 1967 has been literally an usually stormy month here in the good Show-Me State of Missouri. Cyclones and winter type of weather touched many sections of the state.

My companion Mrs. Beatty, has been hospitalized again in Springfield, Mo. since April 17. She is improving some as of this date. Thanks again Brethren and Christian friends for your prayers and other Christian acts toward our family during these days.

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It is a real consolation to know that Psalms 46: 1 holds true even today: "God is our refuge and strength," a very present and well-proved help in trouble.

Union Light Church hosted Madison Co. Quarterly Meeting April 8. Each of their churches represented with delegates. They also pooled a real good silver offering, given during this quarter to the Free Will Baptist College expansion program. Time was given for our Missouri Cooperative Program, which they support regularly. Pastor Thuman Huffman, and our Irvin Oak Church supports this plan. Sunday morning we were delighted to worship with them and share with them in the preaching the gospel of Christ.

Friday evening, April 21, and Saturday, 22, St. Louis District Meeting assembled with our Fourth Free Will Baptist Church in Maplewood, Mo. Ten churches represented with delegates. Salem church requested and received a transfer into the First Mission Quarterly Meeting of Mission Association. St. Louis District voted \$100.00 into Foreign Mission, designated for Fulcher's account.

In response to an invitation of Pastor Q.T. Dixon and Grant Ave. Free Will Baptist Church, I was privileged to deliver the evening sermon in this soul-winning church April 23. Grant Ave. Church tithes into our Missouri State Cooperative Fund monthly plus Missionary giving too.

Pastor Fred Marler and Happy Home Free Will Baptist Church in Ava, Mo., hosted Harmony Quarterly Meeting April 29. Each of their churches represented with delegates. They reported souls being saved in revival meeting and in regular services. Some time was given for explanation of our 1967 Allocation of Cooperative Funds. Some new support was pledged in this district.

Niangua Fifth Sunday Meeting convened

with Pleasant Ridge Church near Urbana, Mo. April 30. Preaching all day and a bountiful dinner spread at the noon hour on the church lawn. The final service climaxed with communion and washing of the saint's feet.

Two fine young ministers, Bro. Owens and Bro. Skinner, were licensed to the ministry. Some good reports of souls being saved in this district also. They gave me some time to promote and solicit in behalf of our Mo. Cooperative program, which receipts were below average for the month of April.

April 24 and 25 was out two-day ministers' retreat at State Camp ground. Proved to be a real blessing to approximately 30 ministers in attendance. We enjoyed good spiritual fellowship plus sermons by Pastors Murray, Lovelace, Kennedy, and Pingleton. This fine fellowship and the response of several young men in this state to call of the ministry impress me as being a fulfillment of Acts 2: 17-B, "Your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams."

Oh! how we need to catch a vision of more than three billion souls on earth of which one half have never heard of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Brethren, let us launch forth and rescue the perishing, now.

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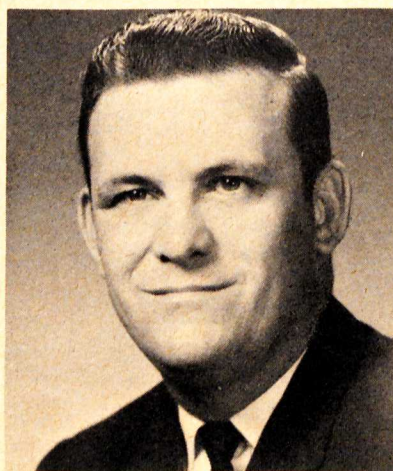
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# FATHERS' DAY

Rev. Lester Jones  
Kansas City, Missouri

"There is a generation that curses father and doth not bless mother." (Prov. 30: 11) The increase of juvenile delinquency is a problem of which we are all keenly aware. Pick up a newspaper, turn on the radio or television and this fact is verified. There must be a cause of this upsurge. Every criminal court is sickeningly aware of the terrible fact that teenagers are replacing adults on court dockets. A certain judge of a juvenile court came up with a solution that he thought would do more for this situation than anything else. The solution: That Fathers would take their proper place in the home. I think we need to admit that a father fails to take his proper place as head of the family there is a downfall in that home sooner or later. Christian fathers are to be commended. What is more beautiful than to see a christian father assuming his responsibility in devotional affairs and discipline of the home? What is more tragic than to see homes where fathers do not take their proper place?

It is difficult to select any certain godly father in the Bible as a character study for there are many. But Job left an example that should be an incentive to fathers of our day. Though blessed with children and riches he remained faithful to the Lord and ministered as a priest daily to his large household. The Bible said that he sanctified (or set apart) his children. "And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them (his children) and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, 'It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts.' Thus did Job continually." (Job 1:5) Oh, that today the fathers of our land would be concerned about the welfare of their children's souls by training and disciplining them as thus saith the Word of God. R.B. LeTorneau testified that when confronted with death, due to a certain accident, he was only concerned about his children going through with God. He was more concerned about their soul's security than he was their financial security. It behooves fathers to put first things first else a generation will grow up and has grown up in some instances, whose only memory of a father was his concern for making money and supplying the necessities of life. The father who allows his child to slip through his childhood without training him up in the way he should go has not only done his child an injustice but will bring sorrow to his own heart.

There are three ways fathers may sanctify their children: (1) By teaching them the Word of God and helping them make application of it to their every day living. Fathers often take time to talk to their children about sports, social activities and many other things but how about talking to them about the Lord? (2) By controlling and correcting them, "Withhold not correction from the child." (Prov. 23: 13) It is certainly an indisputable fact that we do not have to train them to do wrong but we must train them to do right. The greatest impression in a child's life in his later years is how he was corrected in his childhood. (3) By training them. Telling a child is helping to know. Teaching him is helping him to know and grow. But training is helping him to know and grow and do. Children must be taught and trained both by percept and example. If your conduct is not what it should be you cannot expect it to be anything less than exemplified in your child.

The prayers of our heart's today should be for fathers--to turn to Christ as Savior if they are out of Christ. And for every christian father to take his rightful place in his home as head of family, sanctify (teach and train) his children, be a spiritual example and not just a figure head in the home as some are. Only as families are led as God intended can we hope to save the present and oncoming generations and see juvenile delinquency diminish.



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## JUNE

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE MONTH



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

C.T.S. Month  
Vacation Bible Schools  
Superannuation Sunday  
Our State Youth Camp  
Father's Day - June 18 (Do something special for an elderly father of your church.)

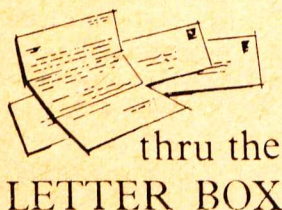
July 10, 5:00 p.m. - WNAC Fellowship Dinner

July 11, Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, Jacksonville, Florida.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

Mrs. Joanne King, our president called an executive committee meeting, May 8, 1967, in Jefferson City. We met at the Holiday Inn on U.S. 54 South for lunch and made plans for the State Meeting in August, and our State Retreat and our Youth Camp. The Gem will carry the program of our State Meeting and State Retreat in our next edition.

Officers present at the Executive Meeting were Mrs. Joanne King, Mrs. Orela Kennedy, Miss Hazel Hutsell, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Mrs. Jean Williams, Mrs. Kathy Lay, Mrs. Margaret Dixon, Mrs. Peggy Davis, Mrs. Barbara Oxendine.



### GOLD KEY

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri held their meeting at the church on May 1, 1967.

A spaghetti supper was served to the twenty-four members and three visitors present. The table was beautifully decorated with tiny white trees, each bearing a name of one member on an orchid leaf, and gold paper keys with the program for the evening at each setting.

The program "Is Your Auxiliary Out Of This World?", opened with the hymns, "To The Regions Beyond and Jesus Calls Us", prayer by Della Gets.

The welcome was given by Verna Malone, president, with prayer by Goldie Kellerman.

Missions Emphasis for the evening was by Pat Morris.

The complete history of our Auxiliary was read by Edith Brooks. The history, which was compiled by Mrs. E. Brooks, Mrs. A. Turley and Mrs. M. Burcham will be sent to our National Auxiliary.

A solo by Wanda Ragsdale "Open My Eyes" preceded the speakers for the evening, Mrs. Rachel Milburn and Mrs. Bernice Dodd, who were introduced by Betty Reeves.

Prayer by Mr. Hilderbrand just before the business, during which we received one new member, Mrs. Janeta Stevens.

Officers for the coming year were installed by Mrs. Joanne King, our state president from Farmington, Mo. Each officer being installed held a large gold key with an orchid ribbon attached to it connecting the key to a large Bible. Scripture for the evening "And I will give unto thee keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." Mathew 16:19.

The service closed with the group singing "Bless Be The Tie" and prayer by Verna Malone.

### \$15.00 FOR ST. JOSEPH

May 1 the West Plain Free Will Baptist Auxiliary met with 12 members present.

Election of new officers for the coming year made Jean Pierce, President; Dona Judd, Vice President; Effie Lou Moss, Youth Ch.; Eudine Adkinson, Rec. Sect.; Hattie Sims, Rec. Sect.; Nellie Gregory, Treasurer; Ch. Evelyn Doffron, Program Prayer Ch.; Naomi Bunch, Study Ch.; Tula Johnson, Personal Service Ch.; and Genevieve Cladwell, Mission Ch.

Reports of officers were given, Mission Ch. read letters from different Missions.

Personal Service Ch. reported a good cottage prayer meeting at Sis. Georgia Cunningham.

It was voted to send \$15.00 to the St. Joseph Mission. A Study Course on Missions was planned for May. Our Co-Labor Lesson "Is Your Aux. Out Of This World?" was a wonderful lesson.

### TWO NEW MEMBERS GAINED

The Woman Auxiliary of the Neosho Church met Tuesday with Sis. Ruth Turner. The meeting opened with prayer by Sis. Frances Meador. We added two new members to our Auxiliary--Mrs. Juanita Ferguson and Mrs. Ella Pogue. The program, "Ministering To The Deprived", was conducted by Sis. Dorothy Childress. She read from James 2: 14-24. Helping to

present the lesson was Frances Meador, Violet Makafferty, Ruth Turner, and Jewell Campbell.

Virginia Pogue  
Cor. Secretary

### THE NEED OF OUR COMMUNITY

The Alton Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary met April 7, 1967 with 14 members and one visitor present, singing "I'll Be Satisfied." Sis. Mildred Wallace gave the treasurer's report. We sent \$32.00 to foreign missions. Other officers gave a report on what they had done the past month. One new member joined the Auxiliary. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business meeting.

Program Chairman Sis. Lida Wallace took charge of the program.

Bro. John Barton, from the County Welfare office, also a deacon of the Alton Free Will Baptist Church, gave an interesting talk on "The Need of Our Community." Sis. Ilene Gonterman had a short study course on the manual.

### OFFERING FOR HANNAS'

Ladies Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist at Lebanon met May 3 with 20 members and one visitor, Donna Walker.

Opening prayer by Madlyn Looney.

Song - "Jesus Calls Us"

Installation of new officers will be May 16 at the church.

Each member is to give as a Free Will offering to the Hannas'.

In June we are to help at Youth Camp.

Several are going to attend the district meeting at Mountain Grove from our Auxiliary May 23.

Freda Hayes was in charge of the lesson, "Is Your Aux. Out Of This World?" It was enjoyed by all.

### SLIDES SHOWN OF NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The monthly meeting of the Overland Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by vice president, Sis. Jesse Crink. Nine members were present.

Minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

The group decided to choose a missionary to receive frequent correspondence and our mission offering. Sis. Louise Harris, Mission Chairman, is to bring several sug-

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gestions of missionaries to the group for vote at the June meeting.

Sis. Noram Buie, program chairman, issued cards containing a classification of jobs such as flower arranging, publicity, enlightenment of new members, etc. Each lady marked the jobs she felt best qualified to do. The cards will be kept on file for reference.

Slides of our National Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee were then shown by Sis. Norma. Many of us younger members did not realize until seeing these slides that so many people were involved in running the work of our church. The beauty of our building had not been realized either. So, these slides proved very interesting to the group.

#### ENLISTMENT TEA

As an auxiliary we are the "missions arm of the local church." In believing that everything that we do ought to be governed by this aim or purpose the Auxiliary of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville recently held a shower for the Missionary Provision Closet. Here the need was presented and gifts of linens and tupperware were collected to be sent to Nashville, Tennessee. We also held a District Study on Child Evangelism, which was taught by Mr. Vernon Roth, who is the CEF Director for the State of Missouri. This consisted of four nightly sessions of real challenge to the mission field that we have here at home amongst the little ones of our church and community. This month we also held an "Enlistment Tea" at a local dining room and encouraged each of our members to come and bring at least one guest with them. During the tea we had a program centered around the theme of Easter and an introduction to our auxiliary and our work was presented by our study course chairman in the form of a Spring Fashion show.

*Cleo Pursell*  
Executive Secretary



#### STATE WNAC TO MEET IN JULY

Mrs. Cleo Pursell is looking forward to seeing the women from Missouri at our WNAC this year. A trip, a vacation, a spiritual feast! All of this is in store for YOU when we meet at the 32nd session of the WNAC July 10-11 in Jacksonville, Florida. Please make plans to attend. One of the most enjoyable features had always been the opportunity to meet and fellowship with missionaries present and friends from across the states.

June, 1967

#### REMEMBER TO--



#### Standard of Achievement Chart

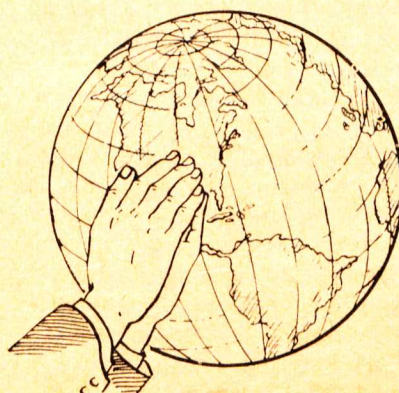
All Local Auxiliaries are encouraged to send their Standard of Achievement Chart, graded if possible, to Miss Leona Thompson as soon as possible after the close of our Auxiliary year which is May 31, 1967.

#### Delegates to Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be composed of the Officers of the Convention, together with the District. President and five delegates from each District Convention and All Local Officers and three delegates from each Local Auxiliary.

Send a list of your new officers to Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson. This applies to all local auxiliaries and District officers. Please, this is most important!

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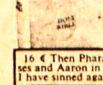
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# GLEANINGS from the fields

## REPORT FROM GRANT AVENUE CHURCH

The moving of the Spirit of God within our church has been in evidence...during the first three months there were 53 decisions with 23 uniting with the church. Rev. O. T. Dixon is the pastor of this working church.

## NEW PARSONAGE ABOUT FINISHED

Marshall Mo. --- The Olivet church at Marshall, Mo. will soon have the new parsonage finished. They began worshipping in the new auditorium about a year ago. This church was organized in 1963 by the Missouri Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board. There has been several souls saved and several additions to the church since the beginning of the new pastoral year. Rev. James Elmore is the pastor.



## MOUNTAIN GROVE PASTOR TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL MEETING

The Rev. Luther Gibson will be one of the featured speakers at the National Association of Free Will Baptist when it meets at Jacksonville, Florida in July. Rev. Gibson is the Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist church in Mountain Grove.

## MINISTERS' RETREAT A SUCCESS

Minutes of Minister's Retreat held at Youth Camp April 23, 24, 1967:

Monday, 1:00 P.M. - Began with singspiration led by Rev. Dale Skiles. Rev. O.T. Dixon presided the session: He read from Luke 24: 47. Theme: "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name."

Because of the absence of Rev. James Franklin who was to bring the message, Rev. Glenn Murray was elected to replace him.

Rev. Bill Evans and Rev. Alton Lovelace, new pastors to the state were introduced by moderator. Other pastors in the



The Fulcher family leaving from Lambert airport going back to their mission field in Uruguay.

FULCHERS' TRAVEL FUND

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## FULCHERS TRAVEL FUND ACCOUNT

Previous Receipts \$ 562.18

April Receipts

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT 100.00

\$ 662.18

TOTAL Amount Forwarded to Foreign Mission Department April 30, 1967

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Editor's Note: We are about \$400.00 behind in the Fulcher's Travel Fund Account. Let us all strive to have this amount raised by the 1st of July. Make a little more effort and we will reach this goal.

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state were then introduced.

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, chairman of the arrangements committee, was introduced, and he in turn introduced the afternoon speaker, Rev. Glen Murray, pastor of the Alton F.W.B. Church, Alton, Mo. Brother read from Ezekiel 22: 23-31: Subject, "God's Man."

2:00 P.M. - Worship service, Rev. Woodrow Matthews presiding. Services began by singing "Praise Him, Praise Him," led by Dale Skiles. The Moderator then introduced Rev. Alton Lovelace as our speaker. He read from John 21: 1-22: Subject, "The cost of Discipleship." Services were concluded in prayer led by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Tuesday, 8:30 A.M. - Rev. Woodrow Matthews presiding. Services began by singing "Jesus Saves", led by Rev. Barry Hampton. Prayer by Rev. O.T. Allred. Devotion by Rev. Finis Johnson. He read Psalms 133 and 134 and 1 John, Chapter 1. Subject, "The darkness of this world."

9:00 A.M. - Workshop directed by Rev. Earnest Kennedy. Topic: "Ministerial Ethics". Dismissed in Prayer by Rev. O.T. Allred.

10:45 A.M. - Worship Service, Rev. James McAllister, presiding. Began by singing "I Am Thine O Lord" led by Dale Skiles. Prayer by Bro. Beatty. Brother McAllister then introduced the speaker, Rev. Gover Pingleton. He read from Ephesians 5: 23-33: Subject, "The responsibility of the minister in the home." Adjournment prayer was led by Rev. Cletus Nichols. Ministers in attendance were:

O.T. Dixon, 305 E. Sunshine, Springfield, Mo.  
James McAllister, 1122 E. 77th, Kansas City, Mo.  
Woodrow Matthews, 7920 Harris, Raytown, Mo.



# STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE CONVENTION

For the first time in many years, there will be a State Sunday School and C. T. S. Convention at a time and place different from the State Association. This year we are looking for pastors, youth leaders, and several hundred young people to attend the convention on June 30, at the youth camp at Niangua, Missouri.

Competitive activities in Sword Drill, Declamations, Tic-Tac-Toe, and Bible Bowl will be some of the high lights of the day, as our young people strive to become the ones to represent the State of Missouri at the National convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

Activities will begin at 8:30 a.m., and will conclude with a 7:30 p.m. Rally that will feature the winners of the Declamations, the Sword Drill, and the final game of Bible Bowl plus special music by the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist choir.

Please see your April issue of the GEM for the entire program of the day. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Russel B. Spurgeon,  
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGES FOR 1966-1967

	July	August	September	October	November	December	Jan.	Feb.	March	April
Fellowship, Flat River	229	244	246	285	249	236	233	227	273	243
New Harmony Church	36	33	37	31	33	30	34	36	38	
Farmington	112	126	120	169	127	124	124	136	146	139
Southside, St. Louis							128	122	125	127
Trinity Church, St. Louis	101	108	121	149	128	119	122	144	134	148
O'Fallon Mission	37	30	48	33	30	31	41	54		
Kirksville	111	107	98	108	96	89	100	110	110	111
Grant Ave., Springfield	200	216	221	231	216	206	221	234	221	
Viburnum Church	42	41	47	46	38	44	36	40	38	33
Mine La Motte	31	36	25	26	23	28	30	30		
Koshkonong				32	29	27	48	37	42	
Thayer	113	125	117	109	125	113	115	120	125	
First, Mtn. Grove	321	314	321	312	321	314	311	326	335	
Desloge	73	76	75	80	81	83	90	101	104	88
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	51	51	47	51	47	51	48	52		
Union Light	106	112	113	105	108	110	102	94	105	84
First, Springfield	171	179	185	199	198	183	226	221	257	216
Central, Kansas City	123	129	142	149	153	122	133	148		
De Soto Mission					27	26	29			
Hannon	56	52	59	64	65	57	64	62	66	69
First, Monett	112	122	128							
Overland							163	175	204	183
Leadington	128	129	125	166	146	138	153	170	173	165
First, Fredericktown	165	165	168	177	166	158				
Cooper Mines	92	90	74	83	82	81	75	73	88	78
Joplin	76	88	102	100	105	95	94	109	104	
Fourth Ch., St. Louis	118	119	125	155	138	115	160	150	163	157
Twin Oaks Church	58	55	66	62	58	60				
West Plains	179	195	180	175	185	185	176	178	184	173
First, Lebanon	112	107	122	121	121	117	130	133	131	126
Myrtle Church	70	66	67	64	66		62	58	60	54
Twin City Ch., Festus	39	36	64	44	44	46	51		45	50
Richwoods	53	54	56	59	45	46				
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Grace Ch., Arnold	152	159	152	205	186	186	201	213	257	222
Cuba Church	53	63	72	88	107	92	92	119	136	
Salem Church					32	30	26	30	29	30
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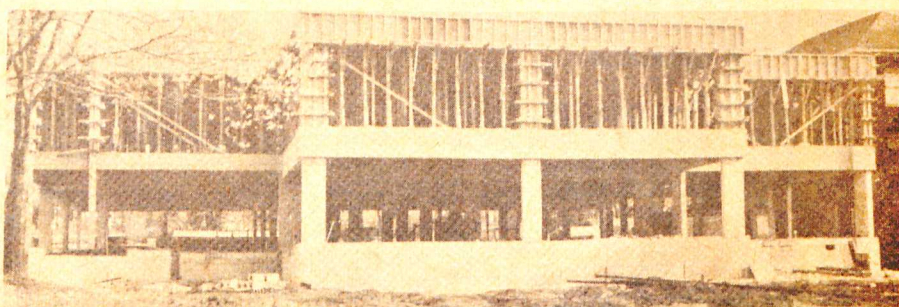
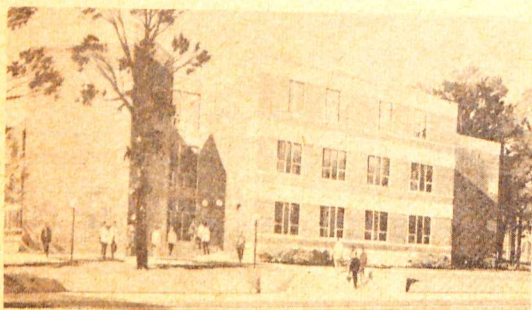
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### PROGRESS REPORT NO. 2

#### Academic Building



Free Will Baptist Bible College  
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May 5, 1967

Dear Friends:

Free Will Baptists of Missouri have gone your quota to the General Fund at Free Will Baptist Bible College this year. We join you in a song of victory! Thank you so much for standing with us in this great work!

Sincerely yours,  
Paul J. Kettman  
Director of Public Relations

#### TWO BUILDINGS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

It's a thrilling thing to see a prayer answered before your very eyes. So, as the two buildings now under construction on the Bible College campus stretch skyward, the feeling of anticipation mounts among us. We, of The College Family, Men's Dormitory

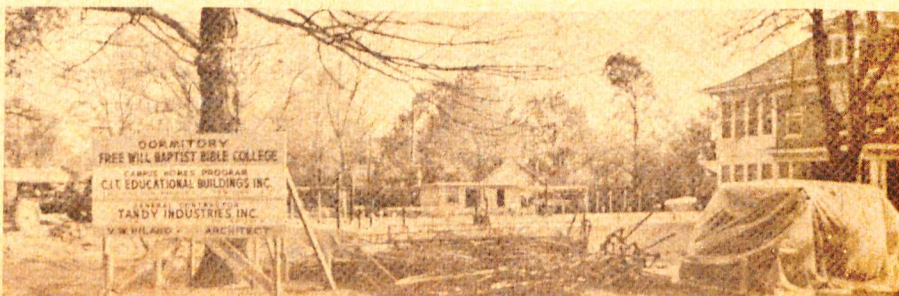
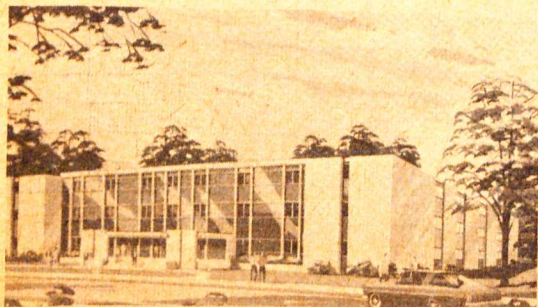
thrill to see the outline of the new three-story academic building take shape. And only a few weeks ago ground was broken for the new 120-unit men's dormitory. As student enrollments have shot higher during recent years, expansion of the school's present facilities has become a necessity. But who had the faith to visualize what is now taking place?

I've watched students silently stroll through the shell of our new academic building, almost in wonder that it should be real. I've heard them in their prayer meetings beg the Lord to involve more Free Will Baptists in this tremendous project. And I've seen them go out, voluntarily, for weekend services promoting the Development Campaign. Contrast that with the seething unrest and explosive rioting that characterizes some of the American college scenes today.

No project of this scope has been attempted by Free Will Baptists before. These two buildings, at a combined cost of

over three-quarters of a million dollars, are going up right now. And your gifts are making it possible. Pastors and laymen have swung into action all across the country, doing their parts--and far beyond--in this Campaign. A rural church in Ohio has given nearly \$2,500, a Texan has made a single gift of \$10,000, and a South Carolina congregation of about 35 people has pledged to raise \$1,000 for the school's expansion. This is the kind of involvement we need if success is ever to be realized.

But we need your involvement right now. To date, just over \$140,500 has been given--about one-third the cost of the academic building alone. Monthly construction bills ranging from \$20,000 to \$35,000 are flooding in. Your support, as an individual and as a church member, is vital. We invite you to become a partaker in the ministry of Free Will Baptist College and its service for Jesus Christ. Send the school your donation today.





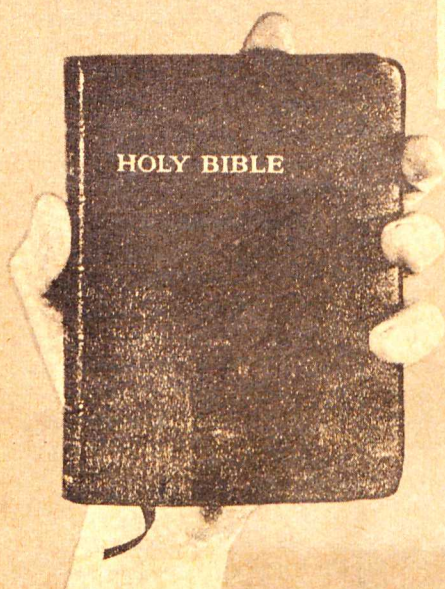
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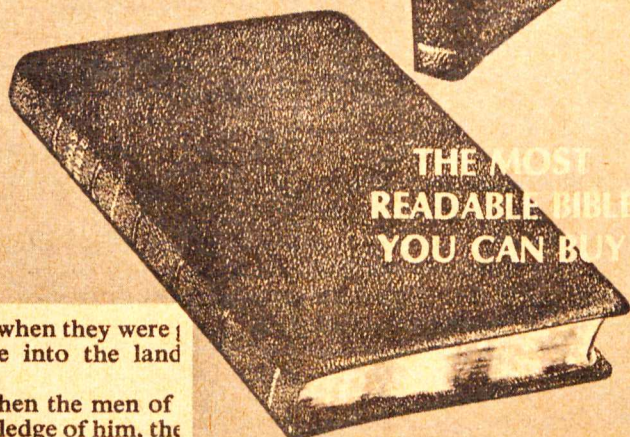
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# NEWS OF THE MISSION FIELDS



## Home and Foreign

### HOME MISSION BOARD

April 14, 1967

Dear Fellow Preacher,

I wish I could use this entire letter just to thank you for your support of our missionary program in North America. These past months have been most encouraging as we have been able to increase our ministry in every way, including evangelism, church extension, home missionary activities, church loan ministries, literature ministries, and we are sending the largest number of summer workers that we have ever been able to send to the field.

Since I must discuss something else with you, just let me say one big thank you from the bottom of my heart. We have opened our work in the province of Nova Scotia, Canada, recently and are opening our first work in the Caribbean on the island of St. Croix---VIRGIN ISLANDS about July 15, God willing. We have many other areas of work which will be discussed at our next board meeting. The responsibility of directing all of these ministries in North America is becoming increasingly strenuous. I sincerely plead for your prayers and co-operation, for I realize that it takes all of us working together to get the job done. I need your prayers for physical strength, mental alertness, and spiritual power. I ask for your prayers because I know I can count on you to remember me before the throne of God's grace.

I am asking all of our pastors to give their Vacation Bible School offerings to the home mission ministry again this year. Many of our churches have been doing this and it is a large source of income for the home mission ministry. Will you please see that this letter gets into the hands of the person who directs your Bible School? We have lots of materials which you may have for the asking to use in your Bible School. If your church does not plan to have a Vacation Bible School this year, could you make some provision to send a special offering from your church at this time. Beginning with the month of May, I intend to give recognition in our publication for all churches and individuals who send offerings of \$50 or more to the National Home Mission Department. Of course, lesser amounts are appreciated,

for without them we could not continue our ministry.

I hope you plan to attend the National Association in Jacksonville and that you will come by our booth and visit with our missionaries and personnel. I would like to visit with you while you are attending the National Association, if you find the time.

I will be watching the mail for a letter from you.

Your brother in the ministry  
Homer E. Willis  
General Director

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### MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS APRIL REPORT:

Cape Girardeau: Pastor Don Jones reported six conversions during the first Sunday in April. We praise God for this. He also reports an increase in their Sunday School attendance. Continue to pray for them.

O'Fallon: As yet they do not have a pastor at the O'Fallon church. Pray earnestly for God's direction in this matter.

Independence: Pastor Ted David reports that they have finally found a building suitable for worship services. We believe this is an answer to prayer, as they experienced a great deal of difficulty in locating a building. Pray for Ted and Peggy in Independence.

De Soto: The Home Mission Board met at Desoto on Friday, May 5. We were greatly impressed by the interest of the people in the new mission there. Please pray for them and their pastor, Brother Charles Moyers. They are averaging about 30 to 35 in Sunday School.

St. Joseph: I will be going to St. Joseph, under the auspices of the National Home Mission Board, about the 1st of August to begin a new work there. I will be doing itinerary work in the state of Missouri. We also will need monthly support from our churches in the state. Please pray earnestly for God's direction in this matter.

Those making contributions to the Home Mission Department this month are:

Central, Kansas City	\$ 15.00
Union Light, Fredericktown	10.00
Mine La Motte, Fredericktown	5.00
St. Francis County Quarterly Meeting	25.00
Victory, Kansas City	10.00
Farmington	10.00
Hazel Creek, Fredericktown	4.10
Fellowship, Flat River	15.00
Hannon	32.35
Mill Creek, Fredericktown	15.00
Madison County Quarterly Meeting	45.76
State Association - Cooperative Receipts	329.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 516.47</b>

State Home Missions is a united endeavor of which every Free Will Baptist in the state of Missouri can be a part. May God continue to challenge our hearts concerning the importance of establishing a Free Will Baptist witness in every town and city in this state.

Dale Skiles,  
Secretary-Treasurer



# THE PEACE OF TOTAL COMMITMENT

My early boyhood life was a simple yet most happy one. My parents were honest, hard working tenant farmers. We gave part of what we grew to a landlord as rent for the farm. We had little money; we raised what we ate--ate what we raised.

I was one of eight children. We did not attend church, yet observed strict rules of honesty, respect for elders, and everyone did their part of the work. My father and I were saved in the same revival and baptized in an icy mountain stream a few days later. He began preaching soon after conversion. While working in the community church, I heard preachers of many denominations proclaim their doctrines. Seeking His will for my life, I studied God's Word and asked Him to use me. I married my companion for life, Willie Legrande, August 26, 1939. After working in various churches, we united with a Free Will Baptist church and were sure God directed in this. I had little encouragement concerning missions, Christian education, finances or the outreach of the gospel. Yet, I knew something was missing in my life. During the war in the Southwest Pacific, I saw the natives of the New Hebrides, Okinawa and finally Japan without Christ. By this time I knew that missions was definitely a part of God's plan for my life.

After turning in my faithful M1 rifle that I had depended on for my life, carrying it for many miles and even cradling it in my arms while I slept, I returned to the States. That war was over for me. But I enlisted in a different warfare and took up a new weapon--the warfare was against the devil and my new weapon was God's Word, which is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword.

I began preaching and with a challenged heart accepted the pastorate of a small, newly organized church. I launched into the great task of converting my people to the conviction that had motivated me for so long. My enthusiasm was not warmly received by all, so my heart cried in the still of the night, yet I found no place to slow down or quit. By operating a dairy, I supported my family of five. I attended area revivals, I was active in district and later state work, driving my car as much as 30,000 miles per year. All the while the fields seemed to grow whiter and to have no boundaries. After 12 years of work with the Greenbrier F.W.B. Church, Adair, Oklahoma, my heart cried out within my breast. It seemed I could not clearly hear the voice of the Lord for the "lowing of the cattle." I sold my dairy herd and farm equipment, not knowing where God would lead. The church in Checotah, Oklahoma, was definitely my next field of labor. We moved, leaving our son behind, people not understanding, but God's Word was made real to me: "And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold

more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." (Luke 18: 29-30)

Again, I launched out with my vision as broad as the world. My two daughters were in school and the cost of living very high, I went to work as a carpenter to meet expenses and at the same time tried to lead my people to a world-wide vision. After eight years of work in Checotah (our older daughter now a registered nurse, the younger a sophomore at our Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee), I accepted God's call for volunteers while attending a meeting of the Foreign Missions Fellowship in Nashville. My heart was challenged by Isaiah 6: 8: "Also, I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" I answered, "Here am I, Lord, Send me."

God wrought many miracles in my life during the year that followed this commitment. There was a pastorate to resign, position as district moderator member of state executive board and others to give us, promised carpenter work to complete, meetings to attend. I had to raise my financial and prayer support.

After a whirlwind year, on January 3, 1967, at about 4:00 a.m., we began to put final baggage on the all white chevrolet pickup with fully equiped camper, for the drive to Houston, Texas, where we were to board a steamship for Africa. Again leaving houses, lands, children, parents and loved ones. Though all these were dear, something aflame in my called me to a far away place, and without reservation, I said yes to the will of God for my life.

Thirty-nine days on a freighter from Houston, Texas, to Abidjan, West Africa, gave us plenty of time for Bible reading, prayer and just communing with the Holy Spirit. As we stopped at each station of our missionaries coming inland the four hundred miles to our first assignment, we hear the muffled sound of the Lobi's drum, the sad call of the Moslem reminding his people of prayer time, and the death wail of a Lobi family who had lost a loved one.

Though in the midst of human suffering and spiritual darkness, with a task all around us greater than we can master, I have within my heart the peace and joy of total commitment. In our wonderful land of America, many are half-heartedly following Jesus. They are not willing to go, nor willing to support so others may go. Our mission fields would be staffed, our funds sufficient, if Free Will Baptist would totally commit their lives to God's will for them.

My warmest thanks to all who gave, prayed and wished us well as we prepared to come and now as we perform the work He has for us here.

The Reverend Howard Gage  
Missionary to Ivory Coast



# PROGRAM OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

## August 22-24

### CENTRAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Host Pastor: Rev. James McAllister**

Theme: "WE PERSUADE MEN"  
II Corinthians 5:11a - "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord  
we persuade man."

#### Tuesday Evening, August 22

7:30 P.M. Worship in Song  
Director of Music Rev. Clarence Burton  
Organist Miss Brenda Painter  
Pianist Mrs. Joyce Moore

7:45 P.M. Convening of the Session Rev. Frank Giunta

8:00 P.M. Welcome to State Assn. Rev. James McAllister,  
Host Pastor

8:10 P.M. Response Rev. R. B. Spurgeon

8:15 P.M. Moderator's Message Rev. O. T. Dixon

8:25 P.M. Special Music Rev. Jack Stallings

8:30 P.M. Keynote Message: "  
"WE PERSUADE MEN - TO BE SAVED"  
Rev. James Franklin

Report of State Mission Board  
Report of Youth Camp Board  
Report of State Treasurer  
Report of State Promotional Secretary  
Report of Business Committee

4:00 P.M. Adjourn

#### Wednesday Evening, August 23

7:30 P.M. Presiding Rev. O. T. Dixon  
Music Director Rev. Lloyd Durbin  
Special Music Rev. Ted Davis

8:00 P.M. Message: "WE PERSUADE MEN - TO GO"  
Rev. Wade Jernigan

Benediction

#### Wednesday Morning, August 23

9:00 A.M. Music Director Rev. Andy Lay  
Devotional Rev. Cliff Bowman

9:10 A.M. Credential Com. Report  
Corres. Letters Rec'd  
Seating of Corres. Messengers  
Report of Com. on Committees  
Adjournment for Worship Service

10:45 A.M. Presiding Rev. Harry Asher

11:00 A.M. Music Director Rev. Glen Rahkop  
Special Music Preachers Quartet  
Message:  
"WE PERSUADE MEN - BY TEACHING  
AND TRAINING"  
Rev. Bill Evans

12:00 P.M. Adjourn for Lunch

#### Wednesday Afternoon, August 23

1:30 P.M. Music Director Rev. Jack Stallings  
Devotional Rev. Alton Lovelace

1:50 P.M. Business Period  
Report of Statistician  
Report of General Board

#### Thursday Morning, August 24

9:00 A.M. Music Director Rev. Don Jones  
Devotional Rev. John Land

9:15 A.M. Business Period  
Report of Business Committee  
Report of Superannuation Board  
Report of Missions Committee  
Report of Obituary Committee  
Report of Placement Committee  
Report of Temperance Committee  
Report of Publications Committee  
Report of Sunday School and C.T.S. Board  
Report of Nominating Committee

10:50 A.M. Recess

11:00 A.M. Presiding Rev. Cletis Nichols  
Music Director Rev. Ernest Kennedy  
Special Music

Message: "WE PERSUADE MEN -  
UNTO FAITHFULNESS"  
Rev. Woodrow Matthews

12:00 P.M. Final Adjournment



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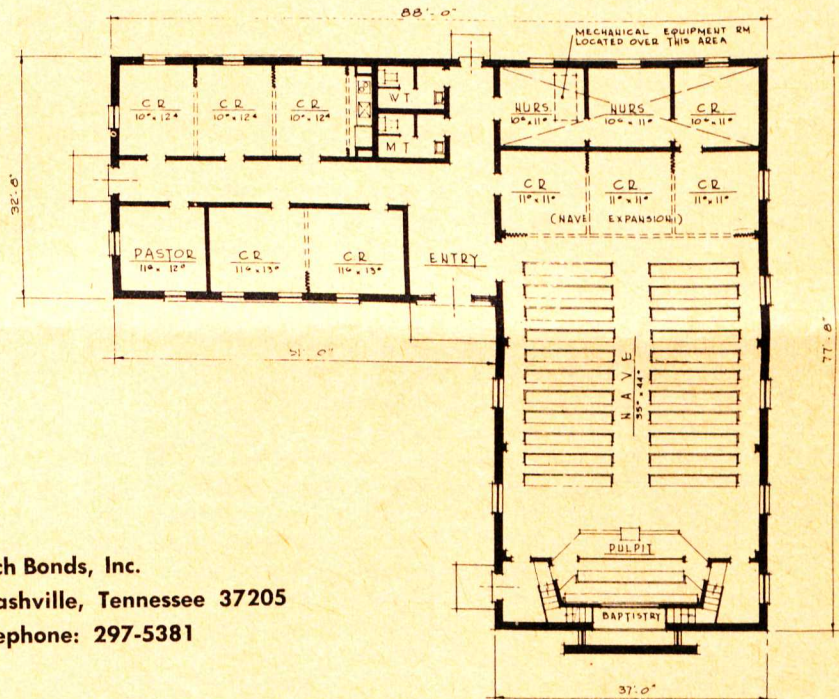
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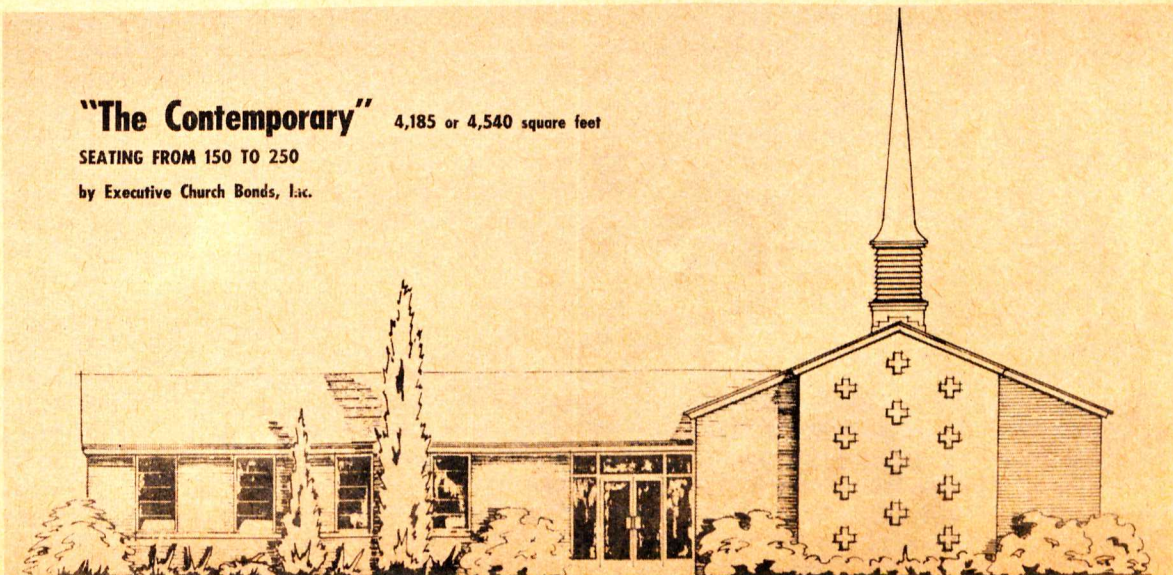
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# MISSIONARY GIVING & THE GENERAL FUND

Christians who give to missions are, by and large, motivated because of some friend who is an active missionary. This is as it should be. In fact, this very circumstance is one of the reasons why the missionary program of the church has progressed as it has. Individuals have become interested in missions through other individuals, and consequently financial help for that missionary was forthcoming.

But all good things can be emphasized to the exclusion of something else equally good. It appears that this has happened here. The average Christian, concerned with using his tithes and gifts to the very best advantage, has come to the point where he hesitates to give unless his contribution is going directly to a testimony on the field. This has resulted in strained financial circumstances for many, many mission organizations, and creates a real problem which in some way must be met.

This question actually boils down to this. IS THE MISSION BOARD A NECESSITY OR IS IT NOT? If it can be proven that Mission Boards are necessary to the outreach of the gospel, then we will have a foundation upon which to base our appeals. Mere pitiful cries such as "won't you please help us to meet the past due bills that face us this month", etc., etc., etc., are going to be woefully inadequate. If we have a reason for expecting the gifts of God's people, then let us analyze these reasons and state them. If we have none, then the quicker we disband all Mission Boards, the better.

What then shall we say? Are Mission Boards essential or aren't they? There is no doubt at all in my mind as to the answer, and the more I have thought about the matter the more convinced I have become. Let me share some of my thoughts with you.

First, there are some obvious benefits that a missionary enjoys in fellowship with a Mission Board, and this alone is a strong point in their favor. These benefits vary, of course, from one to the other. Some pay salaries, some do not. Some pool incoming gifts, and divide them equally, others allow each missionary to keep what is designated. However, discounting all these differences, there are still some basic provisions that the average missionary can look forward to in practically all Boards.

1. The Mission Board investigates the field, opens the work, and assists the worker in getting settled in his place of service.

2. The Missionary can look for varying degrees of assistance in his promotional ministry. The Board will carry on a general program which will certainly benefit the missionary, but in addition to this, he will probably find some specific assistance for his personal need.

3. The Mission Board provides counsel and advice for the worker in times of difficulty or when troubled by problems. The men who are leaders in mission activity have generally faced these problems themselves, and can offer helpful suggestions.

4. The Mission Board is responsible for outlining a policy upon which the work is to proceed. This means that the worker can benefit from the trails and errors of others.

5. Quite frequently, the Mission Board will provide some kind of vacation or furlough benefit.

6. As a member of an association of missionaries, the worker will deeply appreciate fellowship with others in the same ministry.

7. Finally, a Mission Board will likely provide some kind of medical expense benefit for the worker, either through mutual assistance or some other provision.

Now, these are the easily observed benefits which a missionary enjoys, and would themselves constitute adequate reason for the existence of mission sending agencies. However, there is more to the picture than meets the eye on first glance. I suggest that you engage in a bit of imagination with me for the next few moments.

Let us suppose that we have succeeded in doing away with all Mission Boards of all kinds. We will further suppose that all we have are Christian training schools, willing workers, and a wide open world in which to labor. Still further, we will imagine that a student has finished schooling, and is now ready for service.

The question is -- where shall he go? His travel experience has been limited, so he is not widely acquainted. To aggravate the problem, he has not had the privilege of listening to mission representatives and returned missionaries, reading missionary letters or periodicals, or receiving promotional literature from Mission Boards. You see, we have already assumed that all these are non-existent.

There is only one possibility left. He goes it alone. He begins by seeking a place of service, and this takes him maybe six months or more. Then he needs support

so another year is spent in doing his own deputational work without any assistance of any kind. Then he discovers that he must take care of a number of needs usually met by the Board so he has to have more support than he expected.

Finally, he gets to the field, but then learns that there is no suggestive policy upon which to proceed, no plan of action that might help him side-step some of the problems peculiar to his field. He has had no experience in this particular area, so he has to go at everything green-handed, learning by the costly method of experience.

Added to this is the fact that he has no one to stand shoulder to shoulder with him in his work, no one to back him up if he is falsely accused, and no one to discipline him should he be guilty of misconduct. Furthermore, in this day of income tax reports, the gifts that are given to help him in his work could not be deducted from the income tax report of the donor.

Now, I will admit that this may be an over-drawn picture, but I state without hesitation that it is indicative of the situation that would exist if there were no Mission Boards. It is true that there are independent missionaries today who are not associated with any Board, and I would be the first to defend their right to remain independent, but even these are profiting from the Boards that do exist, and are indirectly benefiting from their efforts to promote missions.

I am thoroughly persuaded that the basic need for mission sending agencies is so great, that if by some stroke of magic we could do away with them all, others would spontaneously spring up the next day. If the missionaries now working under Boards would find their Boards disbanded, the great majority would either have to leave temporarily, or would form other organizations.

Even in the Book of Acts, in the first flush of missionary activity, there were still those who sent others. The situation is no less demanding today. The birth of the modern day Mission Board a century ago is evidence of the fact that these agencies are not merely a result of the missionary vision, but are, in a very real sense, the cause of it. This being so, the Mission Board itself stands as a worthy object of missionary giving. The very ordinary expenses having to do with light, heat, phone, travel expense, have a direct bearing on the missionaries' work on the

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field.

We must, of course, confess that not all gospel organizations have proven worthy of support. Money which has been sacrificially given has been lavishly squandered, without regard to the wishes of those who gave it. But today, any Christian can know, if he wishes to, whether or not the work to which he is giving his gifts deserves his support. Any reputable organization owes it to the Christian public to present an annual audit of its financial dealings. If it does not do so, or if the financial record cannot be studied by the public, then the donor should cease supporting it.

Happily, the great majority of evangelical Boards today are administered by men of conviction and sincerity. Broadly speaking, they are soundly organized, wisely administered and conservatively financed. Such Boards deserve the support of Bible-believing Christians.

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#### 4 THINGS GOD WANTS US TO DO ABOUT FOREIGN MISSIONS

1 - LOOK. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

Matthew 9: 36

2 - PRAY. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Matthew 9: 37, 38

"And he (Jehovah)...wondered that there was no intercessor." Isaiah 59: 16

3 - GIVE. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice..."

Romans 12: 1

"Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

Luke 14: 33

"Distributing to the necessity of saints."

Romans 12: 13

4 - GO. "Go ye into all the world..."

Mark 16: 15

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me...unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8

"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Isaiah 6: 8

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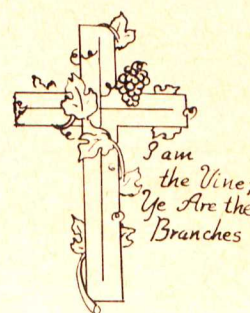


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