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HEARTBEAT

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS

“Good tidings
...to all people”

LUKE 2:10

Lighting Dark Places

THERE CAN be no Christmas without a "star." The birth of the Son of God produced a star in the sky. Astrologers came from the east to Jerusalem saying, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2). ¶The prophetic star was a fulfillment of a promise. It was prophesied by Balaam, "There shall come a star out of Jacob" (Numbers 24:17). ¶The Christmas star brings great joy. "The star which they saw in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy" (Matthew 2:9, 10). The tidings of great joy were for *all people*. ¶There are 3,000,000 villages in the world without a gospel witness. No star shining . . . no angels singing . . . no joy. No Christmas carols . . . no gifts of love . . . no dramas of His birth . . . no Jesus. ¶You can be a star in our "mission galaxy," and together we can light the way for the heathen to find heaven. How beautiful is the night sky filled with stars sprinkled like diamonds on black velvet. Your missionaries are shining lights "holding forth the word of life" in the dark places of the world. ¶Let your light shine this Christmas on our mission fields by calling your family together for 15 minutes of special prayer for our missionaries. Make your gift list complete by including your department of foreign missions. ¶If you have spent \$5.00 for Christmas gifts, you have spent more than the average Free Will Baptist family gave to foreign missions this year. You can make this a more meaningful Christmas by lighting the dark places of the world with the preaching of the gospel.

by
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OSMUNDO CORRALES, Cuban Free Will Baptist pastor, is shown with his family as they leave customs in Miami following their flight to freedom.

Blankets, Winter Clothing Needed

MIAMI—An urgent appeal for blankets and winter clothing has been issued by CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund) working in this refugee city.

Cooler weather has brought with it demands for blankets, winter clothing, sweaters, and men's overcoats.

The need for specially earmarked funds in excess of regular missionary support continues.

Blankets and clothing should be sent directly to CERF, 232 N.W. 8th St., Miami, Fla. Money should be earmarked and sent to 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

Lynn Miley Elected President

MAMOU, GUINEA—Lynn Miley, son of Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley of the Ivory Coast, has been elected president of the Mamou Youth Fellowship where he is enrolled in school.

A letter from the missionaries' children school says, "We are very happy to have Lynn as a student here . . . everyone enjoys his keen mind and wit."

Doropo Clinic Kept Busy

DOROPO, IVORY COAST—"Medical work has been quite a task thus far this month since the government dispensary has practically no medicines

**Free Will Baptist
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NEWS

and patients have been coming here," reads a report from Dr. LaVerne Miley.

During the first six days of October, there were approximately 1,100 patient visits recorded at the clinic. Morning hours have been filled, and night visits are recorded regularly.

Panama Mission Registered

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA — The Free Will Baptist mission here has just received notification that its application for registration with the Panamanian government has been accepted.

"The first big hurdle is passed," comments Missionary Tom Willey, Jr. "The next step is to solicit resident visas." The Willeys and the John Moehlmans are submitting documents of registration as employees of the mission.

*Don't Forget Your
Missionary in Your
Christmas Giving!*

Christmas away from home is a lonely time . . . but it can be a time of heart-warming as you remember your missionary in a special way this Christmas. Give a Christmas gift to the account of the missionary God has laid on your heart.

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3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee

Name _____

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**HIS FAMILY WAS
ALLOWED TO LEAVE,
BUT MIGUEL REMAINED**

ONE STEP AWAY

THE FOUR-ENGINE Pan-Am plane rested in the loading zone. Castro militiamen guarded the gate leading to the loading ramp. Only minutes now and the gate would open to those who had permission to leave Cuba for the United States.

Miguel Castillo Betancourt stood with his family waiting to board his flight to freedom. He was only one step away.

He could recall events of the past months. He remembered the Batista regime and how he had been imprisoned and horribly beaten without just cause. Then, he had risked his life again and again for Fidel Castro and the revolution. And, with his countrymen, he had been deceived by the arch-traitor.

As months passed and the Red complexion of the new dictator was clearly seen, Miguel stood for freedom, turning against the man for whom he had fought only a few short months before.

Miguel was brought back to the pres-

ent by the sound of engines turning over as the large plane began to warm up. The gate leading to the ramp opened, and one by one refugees from the Communist-held island handed their papers to guards for a final check.

Then it happened. As Miguel readied himself for the short walk to the plane, a Communist soldier gave the order, "Miguel Castillo Betancourt, you cannot fly today. Come with me."

Only those who have been terrorized by the brutality of a Communist regime can realize the sensation that flooded Miguel's heart.

Miguel was one of the faithful deacons of the Vinales church, a pharmacist by trade, a man of integrity held in high esteem by his associates.

"We have been ordered by the minister of interior to detain you," militiamen informed. Fortunately, Miguel, anticipating all possibilities, had made arrangements in such a way that his wife and children could proceed even if he were detained. He begged that his family be permitted to go on, and since they had the proper papers they were allowed to pass through the gates to freedom. Weepingly, Miguel and his wife parted, she to board the only avenue to freedom, he to be led away by Communist guards.

Then, God began to work. Havana is 150 miles from Vinales, Miguel's home. Miguel, with no money, employed a chauffeur and car for the trip trusting to find friends in Vinales from whom he could get the money.

It was Sunday, however, and no one could be located.

Then he went to the police station in Vinales, and there, of all places, God's intervention began. There he found a "gusano." "Gusano" is a word meaning "worm" which is applied by Communists to all who sympathize with Americans and are opposed to the Castro regime. This policeman, a secret

"gusano," proved himself a friend to freedom and placed his own life in danger to help this man of God.

"You come at a very bad time," the policeman said. "Everybody is at the beach drinking and carousing with the Russians, but I will help you."

Miguel once again turned to God in prayer, and he knew God would take care of him.

The policeman took Miguel to the town recorder who, not anxious to be troubled, said he did not know where the keys to his records were. The policeman sharply retaliated, "You find the keys and help this man."

The recorder asked Miguel if he were willing to pay for all animals owned for the past three years. With no money at all in his possession but with the firm realization that this was the only way out, Miguel pledged, "I will pay." He knew that God would provide.

"As I walked along the street," recalls Miguel, "a friend hurried up to me, just a poor countryman, and asked me what my problem was. When I told him, knowing that he would be unable to help, he said that it would be a pleasure to help me. I told him I needed at that moment around \$1,000. He said he would give it to me. He did."

At 8:00 p.m., with papers completed, the chauffeur, another "gusano," took him at that late hour to his home for food. And, at 5:00 a.m. they were back at the airport in Havana. Those leaving the country are required to be there at that time so that all papers may be checked, although they do not leave until 10:00 a.m.

"I once again began the long wait for them to call for me to check out my papers. I had been informed that they might come at a very late hour, so I searched for a quiet place to pray."

Miguel was praying when an elderly gentleman touched him on the arm saying, "I will take you to them." He

was another "gusano" of God.

Miguel was taken to the inspector who looked at him with understanding, the look of a "gusano" in his face.

It was on the next to the last flight from Havana to Miami before flights were cut off due to the present Cuban crisis that Miguel Castillo Betancourt finally made his one step to freedom.

There are thousands today still in Cuba only one step from freedom. They are living on an island wrought with hunger, suffering, and disease. Medicines sent from America are kept by officials. Inferior medicines from Communist countries are given to the poor.

The people get only one cooking banana per day, one egg per person for the week, and one-half pound of beans per person per week. Only one step away is a land of plenty. Pray for the liberation of these people.

And, there are those who have taken this one step to freedom and have crossed the 90-mile gulf between Communism and United States. More than 200,000 are in Miami today. They have taken a step away from hunger and privation into a land of refuge.

Now, with hearts warm with gratitude those who a few short months ago did not have time for the gospel have been brought to the place where they are anxious to hear.

Free Will Baptists are operating a refugee center in Miami to reach these people with the gospel message and to care for their physical needs of food and clothing. Your continued help is needed. No funds are allocated in missions budgets for this operation. Free Will Baptists across the country are called upon to give in addition to regular missionary support to meet this emergency need.

Information for this article furnished by the Rev. Thomas Willey, Sr., director of CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund) in Miami.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD / OCTOBER '62

CASH IN BANK OCTOBER 1, 1962	\$39,890.29
Interest	60.99
	<u>\$39,951.28</u>

RECEIPTS

W.N.A.C.	\$ 153.98	
Refunds	148.71	
Missionary Conference	358.01	
Sale—Unto the Uttermost	7.50	
CERF	393.98	
Miscellaneous	218.25	
Africa	150.00	
Alabama	775.26	
Alaska	8.00	
Arizona	103.52	
Arkansas	775.45	
California	945.15	
Colorado	27.97	
Florida	373.81	
Georgia	206.59	
Illinois	233.45	
Indiana	213.73	
Iowa	120.00	
Kansas	47.33	
Kentucky	250.14	
Michigan	1,657.52	
Mississippi	228.17	
Missouri	1,288.31	
Louisiana	15.00	
New Hampshire	10.00	
New Mexico	21.52	
New York	10.00	
North Carolina	3,468.32	
Ohio	582.23	
Oklahoma	4,625.20	
Oregon	15.00	
South Carolina	1,771.71	
Tennessee	3,833.08	
Texas	532.73	
Virginia	1,923.42	
West Virginia	342.77	
	<u>25,835.81</u>	
	\$65,787.09	

Department Car—		
Operational Expense	69.81	
Books and Tracts	73.03	
Films and Supplies	15.80	
Salaries	1,672.67	
Postage	518.08	
Office Supplies and Equipment	259.51	
Mortgage Payment on		
Residence	65.67	
Residence Expense	2.90	
Printing	1,669.52	
Maintenance	25.07	
Telephone Service	82.65	
Hospitalization	22.60	
Moving Expense—Director of		
Conference Ministries	620.77	
Miscellaneous	31.00	19,784.06
		<u>\$46,003.03</u>

UNEXPENDED FUNDS

General Fund	\$ 2,275.58
CERF	393.98
Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge	171.60
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Aycock	604.34
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	2,393.56
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk	866.45
Rev. and Mrs. Earnie Deeds	567.39
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth P. Eagleton	645.76
Rev. Dave Franks	2,343.90
Rev. and Mrs. William Fulcher, Jr.	269.58
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, Jr.	1,947.94
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Jones	587.34
Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley	2,065.86
Rev. and Mrs. John Moehlman	303.02
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.	4,000.58
Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Payne	125.64
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Phipps	826.19
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Poole	1,416.85
Miss Mary Ellen Rice	1,139.84
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson	35.57
Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks	104.95
Mrs. Josephine Stevens	495.00
Rev. and Mrs. Samuel L. Wilkinson	407.62
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.	495.00
Miss Volena Wilson	1,858.32
Furlough Wagon Depreciation	949.26
Africa—Medical Building	8,675.90
Africa—Children's Division	4,016.64
Repatriation and Reserve	9,535.26
	<u>\$49,115.33</u>

Deficit:

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Hersey	\$ 311.15	
Miss Eula Mae Martin	537.97	
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh	511.11	
Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid	1,226.33	
Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.	525.74	3,112.30
		<u>\$46,003.03</u>

STATE QUOTAS

STATE	QUOTA	PAID	UNDER QUOTA	OVER QUOTA
Alabama	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,715.61	\$ 1,784.39	
Arizona	2,000.00	304.41	1,695.59	
Arkansas	7,000.00	4,577.31	2,422.69	
California	11,000.00	6,677.59	4,322.41	
Florida	6,500.00	4,216.11	2,283.89	
Georgia	8,000.00	7,409.52	590.48	
Idaho	200.00	110.21	89.79	
Illinois	10,000.00	6,403.33	3,596.67	
Indiana	2,000.00	1,206.52	793.48	
Kansas	500.00	969.04		\$ 469.04
Kentucky	5,500.00	2,349.01	3,150.99	
Maine	200.00	100.00	100.00	
Michigan	25,000.00	15,494.52	9,505.48	
Mississippi	5,000.00	2,227.37	2,772.63	
Missouri	18,500.00	16,768.73	1,731.27	
New Mexico	1,000.00	566.55	433.45	
North Carolina	50,000.00	38,242.22	11,757.78	
Ohio	8,000.00	5,621.62	2,378.38	
Oklahoma	14,000.00	16,539.60		2,539.60
South Carolina	12,500.00	11,520.14	979.86	
Tennessee	20,000.00	20,481.15		481.15
Texas	11,000.00	7,461.63	3,538.37	
Virginia	13,500.00	10,510.12	2,989.88	
West Virginia	3,500.00	2,270.68	1,229.32	
Miscellaneous	3,741.00	5,031.74		1,290.74
	<u>\$245,141.00</u>	<u>\$191,774.73</u>	<u>\$ 58,146.80</u>	<u>\$4,780.53</u>



*A Cuban preacher, a missionary pastor,
a Sunday school class, and good advice led
the Paul Robinsons to become*

LAY MISSIONARIES TO URUGUAY

MORE THAN 20 years ago Free Will Baptists sent missionaries to the island of Cuba. In 1950, an early convert of these missionaries, Benito Rodriguez, was speaking in a special service in Detroit, Mich. A young American responded to the Cuban pastor's invitation to receive Christ as Saviour and in a unique way became a second generation product of Free Will Baptist foreign missions.

Further missionary fruit resulted as this young American responded to the call of God for foreign service. His name is Paul Robinson.

Shortly after Paul's conversion, he joined Central Free Will Baptist Church in Detroit. Under the ministry of the Rev. Raymond Riggs, he began to grow in missionary interest.

"I was elected teacher of the young married couples Sunday school class," Paul relates. This proved a real challenge to me and was one of the greatest helps to my Christian life because I was forced to really study the Bible. As my knowledge of the Word increased, so did my vision of a world in need of the Saviour."

It was through the spiritual advice of a second pastor, Rev. Charles Thigpen, now dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, that Paul was brought

to consider full-time church service in a lay capacity.

"If I had followed the desires of the flesh," Paul testifies, "I would have stayed with my job at U.S. Rubber Company and thus would never have been a missionary candidate in all probability. But thanks to the good Lord, I took the job and have never been sorry. I enjoyed my church work, and it helped me to see the need in the regions beyond."

Paul was married to the former Amy Lucaciu in September of 1950. As God began to lead toward foreign service, the Robinsons set direction toward Latin America. And, in March of this year they arrived in Uruguay, the first Free Will Baptist missionaries to this rapidly growing South American country and the only lay missionary couple presently serving under the foreign mission board.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birthdays: Paul, June 20, 1925; Amy, May 13, 1929
Birthplaces: Paul, Liberty, Tenn.; Amy, East Chicago, Ind.
Parents: Paul, Charlie A. and Gladys J. Robinson, Detroit, Mich.; Amy, A. S. and Livia Lucaciu, Detroit, Mich.
Education: Paul, University of Wisconsin, Berlitz School of Language (Detroit), Detroit Bible Institute, Free Will Baptist Bible College, University of Monterrey (Mexico), Spanish Language School (San Jose, Costa Rica); Amy, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Spanish Language School
Children: Kenneth, February 13, 1952; Rebecca Ruth, December 7, 1961

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'IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?'

DO YOU THINK the Holy Spirit came just to bring you more joy, and help, and happiness? Just to SERVE YOU? Just to make the Christian life more satisfactory and easy for you yourself? Is THAT all His coming means to you? Is it nothing to you that the Holy Ghost wants to POSSESS YOUR LIFE, consecrate you to God and to the service of Lord Jesus, to direct your life into His holy will, and to thrust you forth into the great harvest fields of the earth that are white with ripened grain and ready for reaping? Have you not been told to pray the Lord of the harvest to do this? And if you prayed that He do this, can you hold back yourself and refuse to let Him thrust YOU forth?

—adapted from *Is It Nothing to You?* by G. Christian Weiss

BRAZIL, S.A.

The Bobby Aycocks
The Ken Eagletons
Dave Franks*
Eula Mae Martin
The Bobby Pooles
The Sam Wilkinsons

CUBA

The Tom Willeys, Sr.**

IVORY COAST, AF.

The Bill Joneses
The Dan Merkhs*
The LaVerne Mileys
The Lonnie Palmers
The Lonnie Sparkses*

JAPAN

The Wesley Calverys
The Fred Herseys
The Herbert Waids

NORTH INDIA

The Daniel Cronks*
The Carlisle Hannas

PANAMA

The John Moehlmans
The Tom Willeys, Jr.

SOUTH INDIA

Volena Wilson

URUGUAY, S.A.

The Bill Fulchers
The Paul Robinsons

ZULULAND, S. AF.

Josephine Stevens

as you pray for your missionaries...

BRAZIL / Expansion of work into other cities here has increased the duties of Ken Eagleton, field director. *Pray for continued strength and wisdom in leadership.* **CUBA** / Tension is great both on the island and in Miami. There is great temptation to discouragement. *Pray for CERF and for the Lord's provision of refugee needs.* **IVORY COAST, AFRICA** / Bill Jones has completed translation of Mark into Agni and is in process of mimeographing. He is now preparing to translate Acts into Agni. *Pray for this important ministry.* **NORTH INDIA** / The border war between India and China poses a constant threat to the safety of the Carlisle Hannas serving near the Nepal border. *Pray for protection and continued blessing.* **JAPAN** / The Herbert Waids are working with the four Free Will Baptist church groups in Tokyo. *Pray for an effective ministry to Christians here and an effective outreach.* **PANAMA** / The Tom Willeys, Jr., are working in the Panama City area at present. *Pray that resident visas will be granted soon and that they will have clear direction regarding their ministry in this Central American republic.* **URUGUAY** / A more adequate meeting place has become a real need in the work in Rivera. *Pray for the Lord's provision in this.*

*On furlough in states

**With CERF in Miami