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Dr. LaVerne Miley on a recent trip to the Bondoukou Circle visited our church at Goumere. Missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks are stationed here.

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The Pressure Begins

Last fall, for the first time in our history, our country elected a Roman Catholic as President. There were many who felt at that time that the election of a Roman Catholic would open the door for the Roman Church to put additional pressure in areas where she wanted help. One of these areas was public tax support for their parochial schools.

Now that a Roman Catholic is serving as President, we observe that these fears were not baseless. Although President Kennedy has been in office only about two months, an intense drive is on to secure public funds for the support of Catholic parochial schools.

Cardinal Spellman, a Roman Catholic leader, phrased the thinking of his church when he said, "It is unthinkable that any American child be denied federal funds because his parents choose for him a God-centered education." He also stated that to deny equal aid to those in church related schools would deprive them of "freedom of mind and freedom of religion guaranteed by our country's Constitution." He added, "I cannot believe that congress would discriminate against Lutheran, Baptist, Catholic, or Jewish parents—Americans all—in the allocation of federal funds.

Lutherans and Baptists were quick to disassociate themselves from Cardinal Spellman's views. Dr. Oswald C. J. Huffman of the Lutheran Church said, "Let Cardinal Spellman speak for himself. He does not speak for us Lutherans." From Rev. Hubert W. Porter, associate general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, came this word, "I believe the use of the public treasury for the support of any sectarian purpose is a violation of a basic liberty which is essential to our American heritage, for it employs the power of government in coercing many citizens to support religious objectives of which they cannot conscientiously approve." From five Jewish organizations there came a joint statement. "We deem the maintenance of and furtherance of the Jewish religion to be the responsibility of the Jewish community, a responsibility we have which we have no desire to impose on the American taxpayer."

Protestants have no desire to take from Roman Catholic parents their right to educate their children in schools of their own choosing. Many Protestants are doing this very thing, but this is not the basic issue. The point in question is this: should the citizens of this country, against their will, have to support financially through taxes; doctrines and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church which they do not believe and to which they are strongly opposed. We believe the answer to be an unequivocal "no" and that Protestants who hold to the separation of church and state should oppose any effort to use public tax money to support sectarian schools.

It is our conviction that this is just the beginning on the part of the Roman Church to bring pressure upon our government to help her cause. Her designs are open and well defined. What will be the course of Protestants in these days? Will we exercise our right to protest? If we expect to keep our religious liberties and maintain the separation of church and state, we have no choice but to protest. If you have not written already, write to the members of Congress from your state today! Let them know that you have some very strong feelings on this very important issue. Encourage others to write. Unless we speak today, we may well lose our right to speak tomorrow!

In Your Hand

For the year 1961 our National Association has adopted a budget of \$571,877.51. This represents the combined budgets of our seven departments of work. This sum of money might be viewed in several different ways. To many in government, this sum would be insignificant—just "a drop in the bucket." However, to the laboring man who lives from week to week, this would be almost an inconceivable amount of money. But the viewpoint which concerns me most is your viewpoint as a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. How do *you* see this sum of money? Is it your concern, an object of prayer, a means of witness, an obligation, or just a meaningless figure?

If the needs of all the departments of our National Association are met this year, you must take a personal interest in this figure. Only as individuals like yourself become interested and concerned, seeking to stir others, will all our needs be met. "But what can my church do?" you say. "What can one individual do?" Let me show you.

Let's think of one individual holding the entire ministry of our National Association in their hand. This means that you could hold the entire ministry of our National Association in your hand for one *day* by giving \$1,606.40; one *hour* by giving \$33.46; one *minute* by giving \$5.58. Or, to put it still another way, for as long as a heart-beat, hold the ministry of our National Association in your hand for 9¢.

This viewpoint makes it possible for us to think of our local church or even ourselves as paying for the entire ministry of our National Association—a ministry that reaches to "the ends of the earth"—for a certain period of time. What will *you* do about it? What will your church do?

*Native workers shoulder responsibility
in the absence
of missionaries from the field*

What's Happening in Cuba?

By Tom Willey Jr.



O SING UNTO the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things; his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The Lord hath made known his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen."

Praise God that in the midst of the chaos of this world we can sing praise unto the name of our Lord because "He hath made known his salvation." What a thrill it was for me to return to Cuba, though with some regrets for my stay was limited by the State Department to only 28 days. Another regret was that I had to return without my family.

Just to set the record straight, I would like to make it clear to all, and especially to those who are our faithful supporters, that we did not run out of Cuba, nor were we put out or persecuted in any way. As many of you know, we came out of Cuba because we thought it best for the baby we were expecting to be born here. For His own reasons the Lord saw fit to withhold our son from us, and he died some eighteen hours before birth.

Two days later, Dad and I returned to Cuba during which time we experienced a marvelous time of fellowship through our pastors' retreat and yearly Bible conference at the mission. At that time, the Council of Workers (General Board) met and made arrangements in case we were to be detained in our return to Cuba. The most outstanding among these arrangements was the election of the Rev. Benito Rodriques as second vice president and thus director of the work in case of our absence.

Dad returned to Miami and to missionary conferences further north while I stayed on to straighten out last-minute details and

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Pictured below (l. to r.) is the Rev. Tom Willey, Sr., Rev. Estemio Garcia, and Rev. Benito Rodriguez. Mr. Willey is Director of our work in Cuba and is now on itinerary in the States. Mr. Garcia and Mr. Rodriguez are native pastors.



Literature distribution by faithful men and women has brought the message of Christ to many who have never heard.

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FOURTEEN CENTS—a dime and four pennies, the change from a ten cents plus tax article when paid for with a quarter—can purchase the soul of a heathen for whom Christ died.

“Careful study shows us that a soul is won to Christ overseas for every 14 cents invested in Gospel literature,” to borrow a quote from noted missions authority Dr. Oswald J. Smith.

In reality, no amount of money can purchase a soul. The price was the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus as he purchased redemption for mankind at Calvary. The cost of provision for salvation was great, but the cost of publishing the fact of this salvation is nominal. In another very real sense a soul is purchased by the proper appropriation of a few cents.

A Buddhist priest stopped for the night in a wayside Tibetan inn. A tract pasted on the wall caught his eye. It spoke of peace, and he had none. The message followed him until one day he sought out a Christian teacher who led him to a lasting peace in the Lord Jesus.

In British Guiana a young man, born of Hindu parents and influenced by a Christian brother, wrestled with the frustration of cultural and spiritual conflict. He groped in the darkness for he knew not what. “I thank God with all the fervor of my soul that a few Moody Colportage books came my way. These I read avidly—they made the way so plain. I failed to see Christ through the witness of living people, but I saw Him through cold print.”

Since you began reading this article, 100 more people have learned to read. Authorities say that there are 1,000,000 new liter-



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The printed page is becoming increasingly important as strong bids are being made for the minds of men. Dare we fail in our responsibility?

Effective Missionary Tool

BY JERRY BALLARD

ates a week who yearn for something to read. It is expressed that within the next 25 to 30 years illiteracy will have virtually vanished from the earth.

The Communists know this. So do the cultists.

Instead of the Gospel tract that led the Buddhist priest to Christ or the Moody book through which the young man in British Guiana found new life, it might have been the Peking booklet selling for 30 cents that attractively and effectively tells how a poor young Chinese lad joined the communist party and now devotes his life to bringing this so-called better way of life to other Chinese peasants.

In 1957, according to a United Nations report, Russia published 59,530 titles with over a billion copies. In 1913 they published a little more than half a book per person. Today it is five and a half books per person. The world average is slightly more than two books per person. The Russian foreign language book publication program has increased 38 times since 1913.

Yes, the Reds truly believe that "the pen is mightier than the sword" and are flooding the world with their tendentious literature.

According to the Jehovah Witness 1955 yearbook, they printed 2,927,062 books, 27,941,465 pamphlets and 36,500,383 magazines in a single year. *Awake* magazine prints 2,700,000 copies in a single issue in 17 languages. The *Watchtower* magazine prints 3,500,000 copies per issue in 47 languages. And someone blandly asks why they have made phenomenal advances during the past five years.

Jehovah's Witnesses thrive on areas previously pioneered by the evangelical missionary, mission literature executive Peter F. Gunther points out. "The Christian worker whets the appetite with his message of hope,

but very often has not been able to leave any literature explaining the way of salvation. Along come the Jehovah's Witnesses asking permission to read from the Bible and to pray with the family. The next step is to leave their literature in the home explaining their teachings. Their zeal for fervency is most effective."

A 1958 Seventh Day Adventist yearbook reveals that they operate 36 publishing houses outside the United States, having established works in 185 of the 208 countries and political subdivisions in the world. They publish in 213 languages with 356 periodicals enjoying total sales of \$21,406,478.09 in one year. Every radio listener is familiar with their "Voice of Prophecy" program and the correspondence course they offer which is designed to capture the thinking of nominal Christians as well as the non-Christian by carefully withholding their offbeat doctrines from the first several lessons.

Roman Catholics are presently issuing 604 periodicals as compared to 367 in 1945. Distribution totals 21 million copies. Their foreign program includes dozens of newspapers published in 29 languages.

One of the top ranking newspapers in the world today, the reference daily for many of the nation's leading newspaper editors, is the *Christian Science Monitor*.

Around the world today newsstands are filled with morally degrading literature as another avenue through which Satan is making his bid for the minds and hearts of men.

The Scriptural truth that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" is recognized by every force battling for man's devotion.

The fact that war is raging today is clearly evident. It is a war of words, proving once again the old maxim that "the pen

is mightier than the sword."

Literature is a weapon. It can never replace the foot soldier, but the foot soldier without it is greatly handicapped. Literature can go where he cannot. Literature will stay when he must leave. And literature speaks when the reader is at leisure, ready to hear. It is designed to reach men more effectively at a faster rate than any other missionary tool.

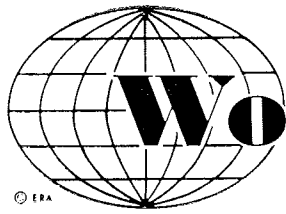
Another has pointed out the power of the printed page as a missionary weapon listing the following advantages:

- (1) It can be secured and studied in secret.
- (2) It gets undivided attention in quiet hours.
- (3) It leaps language barriers and race tensions that hamper personal contact.
- (4) It has permanency.
- (5) It goes where the missionary cannot.
- (6) It lives after spoken words are lost.
- (7) It is the most economical means of carrying out our Lord's Great Commission.

The forces of evil, realizing the power of printer's ink, have capitalized on literary propaganda (as the 3.8 billion dollars spent for literature by Communists last year and the millions of dollars spent by the cults quickly verify) and readily admit that it is responsible for their rapid advances in every part of the world.

In contrast, available evangelical titles including thin volumes are pitifully lacking in most languages. Evangelical Literature Overseas executive Harold B. Street points out in his pamphlet "The War of Words" that there are only 182 titles in Hindi, 52 in Indonesian, and 618 in Japanese, not including Scripture portions, hymnbooks, or tracts. In most languages of the world all the evangelical titles available would not

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Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

In Tokyo: Expectancy

TOKYO, Japan—As the May 6 opening day of the month-long Tokyo Christian Crusade draws near, expectancy fills the air of this the world's largest city.

A Tokyo newspaper (*Tokyo Shimbun*) has commented that the Crusade with its anticipated 300,000-plus attendance "will be the biggest event ever held in Tokyo except the demonstrations and May Day Parades."

Dr. Ken Muto and Dr. Akiji Kurumada, Japanese churchmen serving as leaders of the Crusade, have expressed the confidence that this "most unique evangelistic campaign ever attempted in a non-Christian nation" will bring thousands of new believers into the churches of Tokyo.

An eight-week Counselor Training Program beginning March 6 will help prepare some 5,000 Christian workers—an estimated one-fourth of Tokyo's Sunday morning church attendance.

Another gargantuan enlistment program is recruiting 5,000 other persons to serve, on a rotating basis, in the nightly 1,000-voice Crusade Choir.

An 85-piece symphony orchestra will participate in the musical program each night, accompanying the choir and Christian musicians from around the world included in the team led by Evangelist Bob Pierce.

Radio and television plans are being finalized, to help bring the impact of the Crusade to the entire nation of Japan with its 93,000,000 population.

Schools Unite

PASADENA, Calif. (EP)—The trustees of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., and Winona Lake School of Theology, Winona Lake, Ind., have announced merger plans for the two schools. Under the new arrangement, Winona Lake School of Theology will become the Summer School Division of Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Harold John Ockenga, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Acting President of Fuller, has announced that Dr. John A. Huffman, former president of Winona Lake School of Theology, will become a trustee of Fuller and will serve as Director of Fuller Theological Seminary Summer School Division at Winona Lake, Ind.

The Winona Lake School of Theology was founded in 1920 by Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the late British Bible expositor, and has since served as a summer theological training center for pastors, missionaries, teachers, and Christian workers.

Fuller Theological Seminary was founded by Dr. Charles E. Fuller in 1947.

In Dec., 1957, a little more than 10 years

after the Seminary had come into existence, it received full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools. Fuller Seminary maintains a staff of full-time faculty members, possesses a selective library of 82,000 volumes, and is housed in a new functional campus home.

Under the terms of the merger stated in a joint release by Dr. Ockenga and Dr. Huffman, Winona Lake School of Theology will come under the trustees and administrative control of Fuller Theological Seminary, which will continue the annual ten-week summer theological school at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Conference on Missionary Medicine

Walter Judd, M. D., and Dr. Paul S. Rees will be among the speakers highlighting the Second International Convention on Missionary Medicine at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, December 26 to 29, 1961. Dr. Judd, a medical missionary in China until the country was closed by Communists, is a Congressman from Minnesota and an authority on Communism.

Dr. Rees, Vice President of World Vision, Inc. and an outstanding Bible teacher, travels throughout the world in the interest of missionary endeavor.

Medical missionaries from around the globe will join homeland Christians active in medicine and dentistry for the convention. Mission Board executives and other Christian leaders are also invited to attend. The group will discuss and analyze problems relating the significance of Christianity in medicine to the physical and spiritual needs of the world. (EP)

Teaching Aids Produced

NEW YORK, N. Y.—New teaching materials utilizing advanced audio-visual techniques have been produced for churches by the American Bible Society.

Prepared for national distribution on the eve of the 350th anniversary later this winter of the King James Bible, the teaching materials are the most authentic, inspiring and colorful ever before available on the history of the English Bible.

Church school teachers, as well as organizations, service clubs, public and private schools, can use the materials to illustrate Biblical themes and to relate the story of the Bible coming down to modern mankind from the past.

One teaching kit consists of four film strips in color entitled, HOW OUR BIBLE CAME TO US, Part I The Bible Is Put Into Writing, Part II The Bible Crosses Europe, Part III The Bible Comes To England, Part IV The Bible Comes To America.

With recorded narration, the kit is available for \$15.00. With written narration only, the price is \$12.00. It is designed into a special container for easy handling, storage and preservation.

Another teaching aid is a set of 16 "Picture Posters of the History of the English Bible," also in full color, available at \$1.25 a set.

Woman's Place Not in Home

HONG KONG (EP)—Woman's place? In Communist China, definitely not in the home.

Through the centuries of time in old China, woman's first virtue had been "to obey her father before marriage, her husband after marriage and her sons if her husband should die before she does."

But not under the present Communist regime. Through repeated social legislations since 1950, the Communists have been turning women into "builders of socialism and equals of men."

A recent official announcement from Red China declared that 27 million housewives on the Chinese mainland are working outside their homes in urban industries "under the constructive direction of socialism."

In Shanghai, one report says, there are 500,000 women industrial and office workers compared to 180,000 at the time of "liberation."

In Peking, women are replacing men as taxi-drivers, bus conductresses, police-women, railway administrators, postwomen and even barbers.

It is noted that in addition to Madame Soong, vice-chairman of the government, 10 women are holding either vice-ministerial or assistant ministerial rank in government services.

A Catholic Views Protestant Missions

ASHEVILLE, N. C. (MNS)—Commenting on the growth of Protestant work in Latin America a Catholic professor, Paul Bouchard, in an article on missions in Latin America carried by the *Presbyterian Journal* (2/15/61) says that "the Catholic Church has already started to counteract" these activities.

"In all the Catholic countries of the world," he continues, "and especially in nations which like French Canada are nearer to the Latin mind, an international crusade is being organized to save Hispanic America from the spiritual anarchy of the United States. A plan is under study to send educators, social workers, lay and religious missionaries to the rescue of the Church of Christ. Latin America will thus become the battlefield of the most unneeded struggle of its history."

Mr. Bouchard views Protestant activities in Latin America with alarm, seeing them as "a Big Money Operation, an out and out offensive in which an enormous capital is invested."

The *Journal* carried the article to give its readers a firsthand view of the Catholic view of Latin America.

A Personal Word From Our Foreign Mission's Director

ROLLA D. SMITH



FOR THE PAST several years the month of April has been designated Foreign Mission Month by the National Association.

During this month it is hoped that many churches and individuals will do something extra special for foreign missions to help meet the ever-increasing financial needs.

Within the past four months five new missionary families have been sent out—the Mileys, Aycocks, Pooles, Moehlmans and Palmers.

Two other families, the Robinsons and Fulchers, will be leaving soon. The Robinsons are waiting for final approval on their visas by the government of Uruguay. The Fulchers are waiting for the next term of language school to open in Costa Rica.

We are very grateful for the increased giving on the part of many of you. Also we rejoice because week by week gifts are being sent in by new contributors. Apart from sacrificial giving by many Free Will Baptists, the above mentioned missionaries could not have been sent out.

There must be continued liberal giving

if the missionary program is to advance as we believe under God that it should.

The number of anticipated as well as unexpected requests for additional funds from the different foreign fields is increasing with the enlarged missionary staff and program. These requests are usually for worthy projects or very real needs.

The accounts of some of the missionaries who have been on the field for several years are in need of additional support. In some instances, support which they once received has been for one reason or another discontinued or channeled to some other account.

Those who wish to make additional contributions or assume additional support of some missionary will do well to send their money undesignated or confer with the home office relative to where it is most needed. The exception would be in those instances where specific needs have been clearly spelled out by a member of the foreign mission department. By following this procedure, we can, in my opinion, maintain a more wholesome balance in the various accounts.

Missionary Directory

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Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks (A.M.—25c)
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Faithfulness

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25th Session Program
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Too many people feel that their only part in carrying out the Great Commission is to drop an offering in the plate when the missionaries come to their church.

FROM THE FIRST glimpse of the title of this article, some, perhaps, have already concluded that this is written especially for the missionaries, pastors, or those preparing for foreign missions work.

The average layman does not feel that the Great Commission, as outlined in Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8, applies to him. Too many people feel that their only part in carrying out the Great Commission is to drop an offering in the plate when the missionaries come to their church, or to rummage around in the attic and pull out some old discarded clothes and send them to the mission station. Then they pat themselves on the back and feel that they are missionary minded.

I would like to show in this article that every individual Christian at home and abroad is responsible for getting the Gospel to the whole world. When I think of missions, I like to think in terms of "Co-Missions." In other words, I believe that anywhere there is a soul that is lost and some Christian witnesses to that soul he is carrying out the Great Commission.

The local church that is faithful in

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spreading the Gospel in the community is carrying out the Great Commission as much as any missionary on foreign soil.

Let us notice from the Scriptures (1) the Preparation; (2) the Program; (3) the Performance; in carrying out the Great Commission.

PREPARATION: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49).

Christ knew that His disciples were not prepared to do the job. He had instructed them, outlined the program for them, but without the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives they would be failures.

The first step in preparation was prayer. They were to pray until they were endued with power. This little band of despised people through the proper preparation would soon "turn the world upside down" for the glory of the risen Saviour.

If they had started the program of missions without prayer and power they would never have won souls to Christ. Prayer must precede power, and these are essential for winning souls today even with all the modern methods and gadgets.

The local church needs great "prayer

to the Commission

warriors." How Christians need to fall on their faces before God and confess their sin of omission of the Great Commission, and let God fill their hearts with His love and power.

My Christian friend, you may not be able to stand on the front lines of battle with the missionaries or your pastor, but even if you be bed-ridden, not able to take an active part in the soul winning efforts of your local church, you can pray. You can pray for your busy pastor, your missionaries, your officers and leaders in the church and the denomination. Many pastors and missionaries have had victories over problems, temptations, and soul winning efforts because some great saint of God prayed. We need men and women who are willing to stay behind the scenes (if this is where God wants them) and pray. This, of course, does not excuse those on the front lines from praying.

Our desire should be that God would give us churches that will pray until they be endued with power from on high.

THE PROGRAM: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

After power through prayer came to the disciples, they were ready to go with the message of salvation. I believe in prayer, but I also believe there is a time to stop praying and get up and go. These disciples could have stayed in the room on their knees in prayer until they all dropped dead, and the world would not have been evangelized.

Jesus outlined in detail the very program of missions for the disciples. They were to be witnesses right where they lived, and then they were to send missionaries to the whole world. The missions program was to be carried out at home and abroad at the same time. Jesus did not intend for the disciples to win everyone in Jerusalem before they took the message to the rest of the waiting world. It is interesting to note the words in Acts 8:1, "And at that time there

was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria." Verse 4 tells us that they went everywhere. It was not until persecution came that they went to the very cities that Christ outlined for them in Acts 1:8. Perhaps, mind you I say perhaps, they were so overjoyed with the success in Jerusalem they forgot the rest of the command. It took persecution to wake them up to the need of the whole world.

Some churches are so wrapped up in their own local program that they fail to have any interest at all in missions the world over. Some try to excuse their lack of missionary zeal by saying, "We ought to evangelize our own community before we go to lands around the world." Have you ever noticed that the people who feel this way seldom if ever do anything to evangelize their own community. For the most part you can count on one hand the number of times they come for visitation or even invite their friends to church.

On the other hand, some try so hard to pretend they are for foreign missions that they are no good at all to the local church. It is much easier to put an offering in the plate for missions than it is to go from house to house on visitation.

The missions program at home and abroad must be carried out at the same time. While the local church is witnessing at home through the local visitation program she should be training and sending missionaries to other parts of the world.

THE PERFORMANCE: "And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." (Acts 5:42).

In the preliminary training of the disciples, Jesus taught them how to do house to house visitation. In Luke chapter 10, He sent them out two by two, village to village, house to house. This same method of evangelism will work today in the local church. It is the only method that will be successful.

Jerusalem was stirred by this house to house visitation. It does not take a great mathematician to figure the success of the church at Jerusalem. The small group of 120 people that assembled for prayer and power is about the same size of many of our Free Will Baptist Churches. It is interesting to follow the growth of this church in the Book of Acts.

In Acts 1:15, there were 120 people who assembled for prayer. In Acts 2:41, 3,000 people were saved. In Acts 2:47, the Lord added daily to the church. In Acts 4:4, 5,000 more were added to the church. In Acts 5:14, multitudes were added. We go on to Acts 6:7 and notice that the Lord multiplies the number of disciples including many Jewish priests. Some scholars estimate that the number of converts in this church amounted from 20,000 to 25,000 before they ever left the city limits of Jerusalem. God's method of evangelism works.

If the disciples, without the aid of radio, television, printing press, or auto were able to win this many souls, surely we Free Will Baptists can do a greater job in missions than we are doing. Any church that will follow Christ's method of visitation evangelism will grow beyond expectation. This method of evangelism cannot fail. I don't mean by this statement that every person sent out on visitation will win every person contacted. But I do mean that the overall program will be successful.

I was visiting in a home one night trying to get the father and mother in church. The father was an insurance salesman. He told me that when he starts out each morning, he realizes that he will not sell everyone he meets. "But," he went on to say, "If I see enough people, I will sell some." This is true in evangelism. If we visit enough people, some will come to church, hear the Gospel and be saved.

Every time the laymen in the local church go on visitation they are carrying out the Great Commission just as much as the missionary on foreign soil. Every time you invite a person to church or witness to some-

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What's Your Problem?



BY LOUIS MOULTON

Q. I know that there are some Free Will Baptists who do not believe in the rapture of the Church but I do and I know you do. But I am puzzled about little children. What will happen to them at the rapture?

A. The teaching of the Word of God is that men are lost because they reject the Lord Jesus Christ by whom is our only entrance into heaven (Acts 4:12). Since little children cannot reject Christ, we believe that all of them before the age of accountability will also be caught away. We have nothing in the Bible to substantiate infant damnation.

Q. I read recently that you said that the word "obey" is omitted from most modern marriage ceremonies. Do you think a Christian wife should obey her husband who is an unbeliever?

A. Since the Bible teaches against being yoked together with unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14) and thus teaches against mixed marriages, you as a Christian have disobeyed God's Word by marrying an unbeliever. Your experience could be multiplied many times over by young women who are so desirous of getting married that they completely disregard the Word of God even though they themselves are Christians. There may be some who would say to you that you made your bed hard, now lie in it. But as a Christian, your first allegiance and obedience is to God. That does not mean that I think you should not obey your husband. However in Acts 5:29 the apostles made a statement which still applies, "We ought to obey God rather than men." So when a woman's obedience to her husband does not interfere with the plain teaching of the Word of God she should indeed be subject to her husband.

Q. I was against the election of a Roman Catholic president in our last national election. The American people by a skin of the teeth majority voted him in. Since he is steeped in Catholicism with hardly there ever being any chance of his being converted to real Christianity, do you think we should pray for him?

A. In 1 Timothy 2:1, 2 we are exhorted to pray for those in authority and this includes a Roman Catholic president. I too, was very much opposed to his election and even now believe that this very thing may be the beginning of God's judgment upon us. The Word of God, the prophecies of God, cannot be broken and shall certainly come to pass. For instance much prayer is offered up by many for peace, but we know that no permanent

peace will come until Jesus returns. But no man knows the day nor the hour of His return so it certainly is not wrong to pray for at least a period of peace. If through the election of a Catholic president the will of God is brought about which will hasten the day of Christ's return, then we surely should praise God and definitely pray "Thy will be done."

Q. I am faced with a real problem. I have little children, two girls and a boy, who want to be just like the other children in regards to dress, etc. The girls want shorts, pedal pushers, jeans, and they use the argument that all the other girls wear them. I do not want to conform to the world and follow the pattern set thereby but warm weather will soon be here. Then the clothes begin to come off. I am in a place where decisions are hard to make. What do you advise?

A. Surely with warm weather I think people should dress comfortably but I'm afraid my old fashioned ideas are not popular with the modern generation. Few, even separated Christians, frown upon abbreviated apparel for tiny children but modern fashions have allowed and even advocated the going of half or almost completely naked by little children. So having been brought up accustomed to nakedness, it is a thing that is continued when they grow up. I cannot believe God is pleased with the exposing of the human body publicly as it is done today. Even though it is contrary to custom and fashion, parents should hew the line themselves and insist and teach their children that it is unscriptural and a dangerous extreme to which the world is going today.

Q. Ever so often and just recently I read in our local newspaper of two Jehovah's Witnesses against whom a court order had been obtained to give their child a blood transfusion to try to save his life. The parents said it was contrary to their religion and in this recent case to which I refer the child died even though the court had ordered the parents' decision overruled. They were just a little too late. What about people like this?

A. To me these people fall in the same category as the heathen who throw their children to the crocodiles to appease their heathen gods; or those who try to find some merit with their gods by cutting themselves, lying upon a bed of nails or spikes, or keeping their bodies twisted in a certain position until they can no longer stand or sit normally. Our nation guarantees freedom of worship and I thank God for it, but I also thank God that we do not stand by idly when a life is in danger simply because some fanatic will not make use of modern medical skill and knowledge. A parallel may also be drawn to fanatics who under the guise of religion handle snakes. Thank God that in most places this has been outlawed also.

Cooperative Receipts Are Average in February

With an increase of approximately \$1,-100.00 over the previous month, Cooperative receipts bounced back to a more average figure. All departments of our work benefited by this response in their "first of the year" work. Please note the disbursements for the month to each department as listed at the bottom of this column.

It is important to keep in mind that all departments of our work have definite commitments which must be met. Regular and systematic giving through the Cooperative Plan will make it possible for these commitments to be fulfilled. Share this month and every month by sending at least 10% of your church offerings to Cooperative Plan, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

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Goodwater church, Slocomb	5.00		
First church, Dothan	85.55	\$	90.55
ARKANSAS			
State association			376.89
FLORIDA			
State association			312.79
GEORGIA			
State association			349.64
KENTUCKY			
Southside church, Paintsville			76.09
MISSOURI			
Macedonia church, Purdy	89.75		
State association	964.93		1,054.68
NORTH CAROLINA			
Fellowship church, New Bern	83.71		
Swannanoa church	72.60		256.31
NEW MEXICO			
First association	13.51		
First church, Hobbs	82.86		
First church, Grants	45.23		141.60
OHIO			
Franklin church			6.42
OKLAHOMA			
State association			663.59
TENNESSEE			
Oak Grove church, Charlotte	28.61		
Wooddale church, Knoxville	34.46		63.07
TEXAS			
State association	435.62		
Trinity church, Ft. Worth	50.00		485.62
VIRGINIA			
Bethany church, Norfolk			88.46
Total undesignated			\$3,965.71
Designated Receipts			
Florida	942.76		
Tennessee	75.57		1,018.33
Total Receipts			4,984.04
DISBURSEMENTS			
Bible College	932.11		
Executive Department	941.95		
Foreign Mission Department	1,613.06		
Home Mission Department	852.36		
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League Department	200.29		
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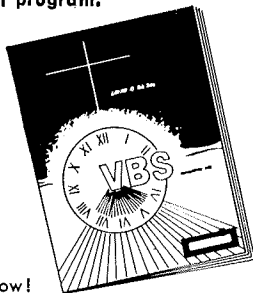
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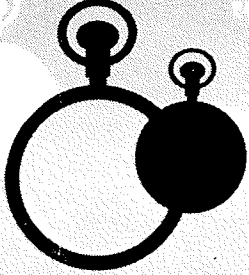
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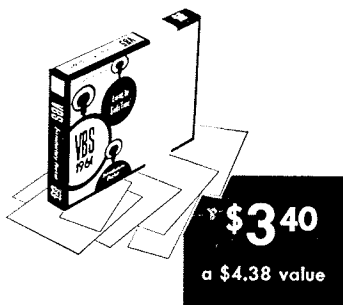
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An Effective Missionary Tool

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fill even one shelf of a sectional bookcase. All the evangelical books available in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia, can be held in two hands, while there are more than 6,000 evangelical titles in English currently available in bookstores not to mention the thousands of books in public and private libraries.

At last, however, the church is awakening to the potential of literature and is making its bid for the thoughts and through them the hearts of men. Many mission boards are assigning added personnel to a full time literature ministry. Christian organizations are making larger and larger appropriations for literature production.

The Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the foreign missionary arm of Free Will Baptist churches affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, has realized the power of the press and has taken a definite step in the direction of missionary literature.

The first move was institution of the new monthly missions magazine *Heartbeat*. With three issues now published, circulation has climbed to nearly 23,000 copies.

A revision of present promotional literature with necessary additions is currently in progress. This is necessary to meet requests by the home constituency for information concerning the ministry of Free Will Baptist foreign missions.

Work has begun on the publication of tracts and pamphlets in foreign languages. Tracts for use in Spanish speaking countries is being given top priority since missionary activity in Cuba has been limited by the State Department. The most effective missionary there today is the printed page. The first in a series of Spanish tracts came off the press in March.

An offset printing press, purchased for use in Cuba but not sent there because of the political situation existing, has been set up at the National headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. It is on this press that Spanish tracts and some promotional literature is temporarily being produced.

Even the finest evangelical literature is not a panacea for all the missionary ills in the world today, to use the words of a prominent missions literature executive. But it is the most effective weapon available to the dedicated servant of the Lord Jesus. The church in touching only the fringe of meeting this tremendous need for effective literature.

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The question is not whether men will read, but it is what will they read. Will it be Karl Marx? Mary Baker Eddy? An immorally written paperback? Or the life-changing message of the Gospel of the risen Saviour?

Evangelical Convention To Plan New Strategy

WHEATON, ILL.—Planning strategy to meet a triple threat which faces conservative Protestantism in America will occupy the attention of over 1,000 evangelical leaders as they meet at Grand Rapids, Mich., April 10-14 for the 19th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The triple threat, according to Dr. George L. Ford, NAE executive director, is composed of atheistic Communism, liberal Protestantism which has forsaken many of the historic Christian doctrines, and Roman Catholicism with its efforts to break down church-state separation.

Asserting that too much of America's religious life is "soft", the evangelical leader said, "We need a rebirth of spiritual conviction in this country that will give us the strength and dynamic of the first century Christians who also faced a world where the odds were against them. NAE is dedicated to this concept."

Dr. Henry Bast, president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Grand Rapids, will address the convention on "A Master Strategy for Evangelicals." Other speakers will include Dr. Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Thomas F. Zimmerman, president of NAE and general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo.; Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on *The Lutheran Hour*, New York, and Dr. Glenn Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United.

All sessions will be held in the Civic Auditorium and Pantlind Hotel, which will serve as convention headquarters. A copy of the complete program may be obtained by writing to NAE, Box 28, Wheaton, Ill.

New Church in Savannah

SAVANNAH, GA.—A second Free Will Baptist church has been organized here with a charter membership of thirty. The pastor is the Rev. Louis H. Moulton, former Promotional Secretary of Foreign Missions, and writer for "What's Your Problem?" column of *Contact*.

After meeting two months as a mission, the group organized into a church inasmuch as they were self-supporting and without outside help from any church.

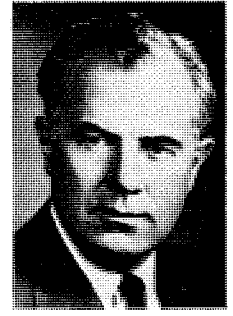
The organization service took place the first Sunday of January and the church has been received into the South Georgia As-



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Glancing Around the States

sociation. The new church is named Bethany Free Will Baptist Church and located at 110 East 35th Street in Savannah.

Church Is Dedicated

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Easter Sunday with its special significance to Christians was an even more memorable day to members of First church in Albuquerque. It was the dedication date for the church building which has an auditorium with seating capacity of 100 persons and has four classrooms.

The church was begun under the leadership of Rev. W. W. Winters who is the present pastor, and his son, Wesley, in 1955.

Church property is valued at \$6,000.00, and the present membership of 74 looks forward to a substantial growth in the future.

New Quarterlies Meet

BENTON, ILL.—The West Central Quarterly met February 18 at Harmony church and heard missionary Tom Willey, Sr., Rev. Bill Buster and Rev. Louis Hanna speak. A missionary offering of \$101.00 was received. The next meeting was set at Hazel Dell church in May.

The South Central Quarterly met at Mt. Olive church in Benton on February 24-25, and reported a good meeting. The May meeting will be at New Hope church.

Ohio Has New Work

COLUMBUS, OHIO—A new mission has been organized on the west side of Columbus. The Rev. Fred Evans who

resigned the pastorate at Welch Avenue church in Columbus is the minister in charge. He reports a Sunday school attendance of 109 recently with about 70 prospective members for the new church.

On the south side of Columbus is a new church, the Highlock Free Will Baptist church, whose pastor is the Rev. Richard Fluted, from the Bryce Road church.

Promotes Fellowship

TULSA, OKLA.—The Lewis Avenue church recently held a fellowship dinner to promote interest in the Master's Men and the Women's Auxiliary. A skit was presented from each group to emphasize the purpose and activities of each. The pastor presented the plans for raising money for the missionary conference scheduled March 24-25. Rev. Paul Inbody, pastor, and his family, presented a skit, "How To Have A Family Altar."

Good Enrolment Reported

COTTONDALE, FLA.—The new Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute held its opening rally and enrolment on February 25. More than 20 applications of students were received, coming from residents of Alabama and Florida. The Rev. Harold Harrison is Administrative Dean and may be contacted at 677 Forrest Avenue, Chipley, Florida, for information on the Institute.

Sets Attendance Record

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. — First Free Will Baptist church here held a week's

revival and witnessed 16 decisions. A new high record in Sunday school was reached on February 12, with 173 present. The pastor is Rev. E. B. Condit, who also served as evangelist for the revival.

Report of Evangelistic Series

GREENVILLE, N. C. — Twenty-nine evangelistic series are in the 1961 schedule of meetings for Evangelist Jack Paramore. The scheduled campaigns will carry the 25-year-old evangelist to Free Will Baptist churches in Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Michigan, and Florida.

During 1960 he preached approximately 400 times in 32 revival series with 1,022 recorded decisions for Christ, not including mass consecration services. The meetings were held in churches in six states. Mr. Paramore's address is 2706 S. Dickinson Avenue, Greenville, North Carolina.

Building Project Begun

BERKLEY CITY, MO.—First Free Will Baptist church has begun grading for the parking lot and also excavation work for the new church building which is to be erected. Financing for the new building is through an \$85,000 bond issue. Rev. Harvey Hill is pastor.

Workshop Features "Sermonettes"

SAVANNAH, GA.—The South Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Workshop featured "Sermonette Time" in which three ministers, Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Rev. Emmett McDuffie, and Rev. Damon C. Dodd, spoke for 15 minutes each.

A Thermometer poster was used to indicate the progress made on the project for Africa, and a panel discussion was held on the needs of missionaries and the children's home.

State Employs Missionary

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—The small church of Grand Rapids will have the services of Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Vick, beginning May 1. The National Home Mission Board will be directing the work of the church and the salary for the missionaries will be underwritten by the state association of Michigan. The Vicks list Southside Church of St. Louis, Missouri, as their home church and Mr. Vick has pastored churches in the Nashville, Tennessee, area since his graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1958. He is resigning New Hope church, Joelton, Tennessee, to accept this new work.

Church Organizes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The new church of Washington, D. C., under the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Ken Walker, was organized March 8. The church is a product of the National Home Mission Board, and Rev. Fred Rivenbark, member of the board, was present for the organizational services. The church will join the Tidewater Conference and Southwest Virginia association.

Sell Bonds for Youth Camp

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The Master's Men of the Cumberland District are sponsoring the purchase of grounds and buildings for Youth Camp assembly. The association has purchased 157 acres of land including lovely rolling hills, wooded area, and some land for cultivation. A small lake is situated on the premises also. The grounds are known as Hillmont Assembly.

A building 160 x 60 feet, featuring three wings has been moved to the grounds, and renovation and remodeling work is underway. The building will provide dormitory, kitchen and dining space for the campers.

A \$15,000 bond issue was voted in the March meeting by the Master's Men and will be available soon for purchase. Churches or individuals interested in investing in the bond sales may contact any of the following trustees Mr. J. J. Poole, chairman, Ashland City, Tenn., Howard Walker, Ashland City church, Ray Dowlen, Trinity church, and Ray Turnage, East Nashville church.

COLLEGE BUSINESS MANAGER RESIGNS



M. L. JOHNSON

MT. OLIVE, N. C.—After ten years of uninterrupted service, M. L. Johnson has resigned his position as business manager-treasurer of Mount Olive College effective June 30. Johnson, a native of Johnston County, was elected treasurer of the College in 1951 when it was chartered by the North Carolina State Convention and was appointed business manager in 1956.

An ordained minister for twenty-five years, Johnson disclosed that he plans to return to the pastorate. In addition to his services to Mount Olive College, Johnson is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association, treasurer of Church Finance Association, Inc., and moderator of the North Carolina Western Conference.

Successful Campaign Reported

DALLAS, TEX.—The Rev. H. Z. Cox, pastor of First church here is pleased and grateful for the response to the "Fruitful February" campaign in the church. Attendance in all services of the church has been tremendously increased and the pastor sees a greater possibility of growth and ministry in the future than was observed at the beginning of the campaign.

Home Mission Churches Report

NASHVILLE, TENN. — The National Home Missions Department reports that for the month of February the average attendance in home mission churches are as follows: Sunday schools—44, League—23, Woman's Auxiliary—11. The highest average attendance reported was 91 for Sunday school, 46 for League, and 19 for Woman's Auxiliary.

New Church in Texas

SAN ANGELO, TEX.—A small group of Free Will Baptists in San Angelo wanted so much to have a church in their town. They contacted Rev. Rue Thomas and Rev. J.A.C. Hughes in Midland, who came to their assistance.

The church was organized in November, 1960, and now has its own property and church building. Rev. Rue Thomas has continued as pastor of the new church.

Young People Set Goals

TULSA, OKLA.—The Airport church YPA's and GTA's report very interesting meetings in January and February. The January meeting centered on resolutions and those made by the groups included reaching set goals, making new friends, and being more mindful of missionaries. The February theme was love—and following the meeting a Valentine party was held with members of the YPA, GTA, and Junior Master's Men participating. Corresponding secretary is Glenda Owens.

Observes Youth Week

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—First church observed National Youth Week in which all services were directed by the young people. A visiting speaker presented the message each night which followed this theme:

Sunday—"What Does It Mean to Surrender?" Mr. Harold Critcher

Monday—(Scout Night)—"Surrender Your Goals to God," Rev. Max Albritton

Tuesday—(Little Folks Night)—Music by the Angelic choir and message, "Surrender Your Talents to God, by Rev. Henry Van Kluyve

Wednesday—('Tween Night)—Music by Hampton High School choral director, message, "Surrender Your Time to God", Mr. Charles Haley.

Thursday—(Teen Night)—"Surrender Everything to God", Rev. Fred Rivenbark.

Services also included testimonies, special music and Bible quizzes.

What's Happening In Cuba?

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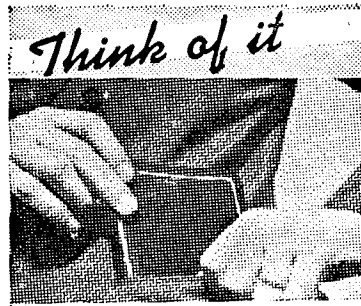
make arrangements for my absence for another short time, hoping that on my return trip I would be able to take the family with me. But the Lord did not see fit to allow this, for when I returned I found that Ruth was not well and that the doctor's opinion was that she was not yet strong enough to return to the field. So I again went back alone to spend three busy weeks visiting the churches, recording radio programs, making arrangements to buy property, etc.

This time when I left Cuba I felt fully assured that this would be my last round trip and that when I returned it would be with the entire family and to stay. I was getting somewhat tired of hopping back and forth and it was costing both the mission and us for these trips. I was thrilled upon my return to find that my wife was feeling better and the doctor gave his consent for her to return, so since this was near Christmas time we decided to spend the holidays in North Carolina with the family.

Then, in the first days of January the United States broke diplomatic relations with Cuba and by the time we got back to Miami it was impossible for my wife to return since a visa from the Czech Embassy was now required. However, since I have been a long-time resident of Cuba I was able to return with no trouble from the Cuban side, but once more my stay was limited (this time by the State Department) to only 28 days.

What a thrill it was to return after being away for a month and to see the progress of the work. The work at the mission was moving along nicely. The building that we had begun was almost completed. How great is His faithfulness! Through these trying times and all of these things that apparently were to become obstacles to our work, He was working. The Cuban pastors had begun to accept responsibilities that in the past they would not dare to have taken. The church, too, had begun to accept more responsibility. Many who had not supported the Lord's work to any extent before had begun to tithe. Others because of a raise in income were able to give more than before.

But over and above this was the number of new faces I saw in the churches. Most outstanding of these was the church in Pinar del Rio. People whom we had known for years, had done business with, and yet had never been able to reach were now in the church—a college professor and his wife, a school teacher, a photographer, a young lady who also is a school teacher, and others. I'm sure Dad's heart was thrilled as he heard the recorded message sent from all the Cuban pastors which ended with the testimony of the young school teacher as she weepingly expressed her thanks to Mother and Dad, whom she had never met, for having taken the Gospel to Cuba so that she might be saved.



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A phase of the work which has been of great blessing has been the radio broadcast. Although we did not have the necessary funds to do this we took a step of faith and began. We were able to get time on a provincial network for a very reasonable amount, and in a room at the mission we set up our recording studio. Using a different pastor each month and the quartet from the church in Pinar del Rio, we have begun to preach the Gospel each Sunday. Please pray much that the Lord will continue to use this media to send out the Gospel.

Many of you have probably wondered about the work in Cuba during these days in which we hear so much adverse news. As to religious freedom, we have as much freedom to preach the Gospel as ever before. In fact, we have a definite advantage at this moment, for we do not dabble in politics. The Roman Catholic church is being persecuted because it is fighting the government. Immediately after the new government took over, the Catholic church formed a political party, the Christian Democrats to try to fight it. As long as it was just talk, their opposition from the government was mild, but when the church began to gather and instigate violence, the government clamped down. I am not defending the present government, but I am trying to be truthful. The Catholic church is not suffering because of its religious faith but because of its political goals and financial losses—no more government “hand-outs.”

It is true that we have other forces to contend with, but the Word says that it is “not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord.” And so we are confiding not in politicians or soldiers but in the Gospel—“the power of God unto sal-

vation to all men.” We have a positive message, not a defensive position. We are not of this world, nor do we expect any good to come of this world. We are pilgrims passing through on our way to a greater and better world. Our command is not to make a democratic world but to “preach the Gospel to every creature.” Our task is not to change political systems but to change men from “death unto life.”

In closing we would like to leave with you these prayer requests:

1. Pray that the Lord will give Benito Rodriguez and those in charge of the work wisdom in facing every problem.

2. Pray for a real revival in evangelical churches in Cuba. We can praise Him for what is going on, but pray that it will be more complete.

3. Pray that the Lord will supply the financial needs of the work. These are crucial times in Cuba and we must let our brethren know that we love them and are still behind them.

4. Pray that the Lord will enable us to secure the needed permission to return to Cuba, if He so wills. We want His will above all else. Naturally we want to return. Everything we own has been left there. We have great aspirations for the work and would like to be there to see it grow. Personally, we feel that were we out of Cuba because of fear for our own lives we would not be worthy of the title “missionary” and much less “Christian.” Pray that His will may be very clear.

And now may we leave with you the words of one of the Cuban pastors as he sent his greeting to Dad. “Viejo,” he said, “we want you to know that we are holding high the banner that you love so, and we will not be moved from our places.”

Faithfulness To The Great Commission

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one on the job or over the back yard fence you are carrying out the Great Commission.

We, as a denomination, can never carry out the missions program abroad as effectively and as quickly as we need to, until we convince our people at home that each member has a vital, necessary part in the Great Commission. The church that is alive in an all out soul winning effort in the local church will be alive for missions the world over.

Many churches are not sold on house to house evangelism because many pastors are not sold on house to house visitation. There is no excuse for any church anywhere failing to carry out the Great Commission on the local level as well as the national level.

Free Will Baptists everywhere, in the rural areas as well as the urban areas, have a tremendous task in getting the Gospel out to the whole world. Let's join hands and hearts across this great denomination of ours and be faithful to the Great Commission.

IN THE VINEYARD

The annual Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College, April 3-7, will be attended by all departmental directors and itineraries were set after those dates.

■ **Homer E. Willis**, National Home Missions Director, will attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 10-14, and will conduct a revival meeting at Marion, North Carolina, April 16-23.

■ **Rev. Jerry Ballard**, Promotional Secretary of Foreign Missions and editor of *Heartbeat*, presented the challenge of missions in the Ashland City, Tennessee, church on Palm Sunday.

■ National League Director **Ray Turnage** met with committee chairmen for the ninth nationwide League conference in Albany, Georgia, on March 11, and spoke in First church of Albany on the 12th. Mr. Turnage attended the spring meeting of the League board in North Carolina, March 21. Following the Bible Conference, Mr. Turnage will attend the Eastern Quarterly meeting of the Cumberland Association at Columbia, Tennessee, on April 8.

■ **WNAC Executive Secretary Mrs. Eunice Edwards** worked with six auxiliaries in the Kansas City, Kansas, area March 10-17. Mrs. Edwards will be in the Cramerton, North Carolina, April 6-13, Goodsprings church, Pleasant View, Tennessee, April 15-18, Fellowship church, Flat River, Missouri, April 19-24, and Paintsville, Kentucky, on April 27.

■ **Rolla Smith**, Director of Foreign Missions, will attend the NAE convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 10-14, will be present for the annual board meeting April 18-21, and will attend a missionary conference at Holdenville, Oklahoma, church on April 26-29.

■ Executive Secretary **Billy A. Melvin** will attend the NAE convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and represent the denomination on the Board of Administration.

■ Bible College President **L. C. Johnson** will speak in a revival meeting at Horney Heights Church, West Asheville, N. C., May 15-19.

■ **Dean Charles A. Thigpen** was speaker for a week-end meeting at Olivet Church, Guthrie, Ky., March 10-12. He brought the morning message March 31 at the Northeast Mississippi Association at Beech Springs Church, Saltillo. He spoke at the Easter sunrise service conducted by the people of the Thomaston, Ga., area.

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ON WEDNESDAY and Thursday mornings of the National League Conference the book of Galatians will be studied. The speaker, Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, will cover the highlights of this wonderful epistle of Paul. The theme for the study will be "Freedom and Responsibility."

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Bible Teacher

Rev. Charles A. Thigpen is well known as a pastor, teacher, and leader in our denomination. He was born in South Caro-

lina. He graduated from Bob Jones University and has done graduate work at Winona Lake School of Theology and at Peabody College. He has served as dean of men, teacher, registrar, and presently is dean of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Mr. Thigpen served as pastor of Highland Park Church, Detroit, Michigan, 1953-1957, and as moderator of the National Association, 1954-1960.

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This study on the book of Galatians is needed by leaguers both young and old. Begin now to prepare for this Conference highlight by reading the entire book of Galatians several times. It is important that you read the book prior to the study since time will not permit a verse by verse review. Instead, the highlights will be pointed out. Remember to read the book of Galatians before the Conference begins. You will enjoy this study very much.

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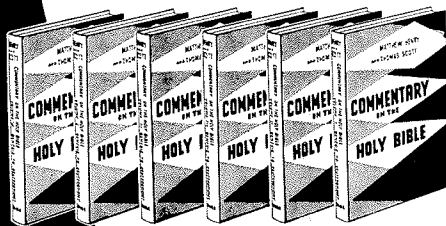
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The Church Apostles—J. D. Grober, Herald Press, \$3.00.

A series of missionary lectures in which the author deals primarily with the "why" or the objective of missions rather than the "how" or methods of missions. The idea is that our philosophy of missions determines the scope of our task. The author shows the failure of many missionary groups or churches in that they have looked upon evangelization as the end of the missionary goal and have failed to follow through in the founding of churches which in turn become vital witnessing fellowships. He shows the need not of a "Social Gospel" but rather of the Gospel of Grace demonstrated in deeds of love to the needy world. The universalism of God's purposes is insisted upon and thus the field of missions is seen to be world-wide. His book contains a great appeal to enlarged missionary giving. "We cannot put missionary giving in the same slot with the coal bill, the rent, Sunday-school supplies or the mortgage on the building." This book should especially be recommended reading for missionary candidates.—Reviewed by T. O. Terry

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