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# A Pouting Prophet Learns About A Loving Lord

by R. EUGENE WADDELL

## Missionary Jonah

**T**HE BOOK OF JONAH is the outstanding missionary illustration of the Old Testament. This exciting real-life drama reveals what happens when missionary duty is shunned. It vividly shows the effectiveness of the missionary's message. However, its greatest revelation is the missionary heart of God. Jonah is the story of how a pouting prophet learned about the loving Lord.

Here is where missions begins. Some react to the appeal for world evangelism as though it were merely the scheme of church leaders to expand denominational domain. To the contrary, missions is born in the loving heart of God.

To see how deeply God loves the heathen, take a good look at Nineveh. This city was steeped in idolatry. It was there that Sennacherib the king of Assyria was killed in the house of his God, Nisroch (II Kings 19:37).

The wickedness of this heathen metropolis caused God to plan its destruction. Since Assyria, whose capital was Nineveh, was the main threat to the Jews, it would appear to be a helpful move for them. This probably influenced Jonah's reaction to God's call.

However, God's love for the unlovely was so great that He called a missionary, Jonah, to go to Nineveh with a warning and a chance to repent. He continued His training and chastisement of the prophet until the job was finished.

The contrast of God's love and Jonah's hatred in chapter four makes the message of the Master's compassion most vivid. After Jonah finished his ministry, he sat hopefully awaiting destruction of the city. Meanwhile, God sent a gourd to comfort him. Before he knew it, the prophet fell in love with the shadowing vine. Then the Lord sent a worm which "smote the gourd that it withered."

Jonah was furiously angry because of the fate of the gourd. He even prayed to die. Take a good look at Jonah, sulking in his booth under the shadow of the gourd. His heart is void of any concern about the salvation of Nineveh. It would please him to see Nineveh destroyed. The prophet's heart is wrapped up in the gourd. It is the sole object of his affection.

How much like the average American church member! Americans are on the brink, if not already in the pool, of pleasure madness and convenience craziness. Almost every woman says, "I don't know what I'd do without my refrigerator, built-in-oven, deep freeze, washer, drier, dish washer, and, of course, my T.V." Men today are no less attached to such marks of modern living as a two-car garage (crowded of course), the motor boat, the golf club, and the beach house. The pathetic part is that most Christians are falling prey to these idols. The ordinary Free Will Baptist is carried away with creature comforts.

There is great concern over monthly installments to keep gadgets in the home, but not much interest in the missionary offering to send the gospel abroad. Most church members are interested in keeping up with the Joneses but are unconcerned

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about keeping the Joneses out of Hell. Today's Christian may not have "bats in the belfry" but like Jonah, he has gourd vines on his mind.

It is sometimes hard for church leaders to keep from being entangled in the gourd vines. The temptation is to become occupied by projects which will add prestige to the denomination while overlooking the one great purpose of the body of Christ—Missions. Local churches face the danger of neglecting lost Nineveh while concentrating on the gourd vine of beautiful buildings. The spirit of the tower of Babel—Let us make a name for ourselves—did not die when the tower fell.

We need to realize that our conveniences and comforts come from the Lord. He gives us many things to make our way a little brighter and our load a little lighter. However, these things are to be used and not to be loved.

"Nineveh?" Mr. Average Christian says, "Let Nineveh take care of itself. We've got enough heathen here at home to keep us busy." Jonah could easily have used this excuse also. He was preaching in the northern kingdom of Israel—a country founded on rebellion and nurtured upon idolatry. In Jonah's day the cup of Israel's iniquity was filling rapidly. The kings of Israel "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." Certainly he had plenty of work at home. But even as a backslider, the prophet didn't use this excuse. Instead he went sailing off to Tarshish.

No one will dispute that there are too many heathen in America. Certainly there is more work in the United States than all the preachers can finish. But the "all" still remains in the great commission. In Matthew 28:19, Luke 24:47, and Mark 16:15 we read of God's command to evangelize "all nations" and "all the world." God's love also includes Nineveh.

The loving Lord showed Jonah how misguided his interest was. "Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not labored neither madest it grow; which came up in a night and perished in a night" (4:10). God thus pointed out Jonah's lack of ability to do anything about the gourd. He also noted how temporary the gourd was. This was done to draw attention to God's deep compassion as expressed in the next verse: "And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?" (4:11). The thought of a city full of hell-bound people moved the Lord. The 120,000 innocent children brought out His mercy. The mass of humanity in Nineveh was the thing Jonah should have been crying and praying about instead of the gourd.

It was His great love that caused the Lord to delay the punishment of Nineveh. When revival swept the city, God changed His announced plan of judgment.

Today, no doubt, God is grieving over 1,000 Ninevehs. He compassionately desires to give them an opportunity to repent. The Lord is calling men to go with His message. God wants you and me to share His burden for those in heathen darkness.



by Jerry Ballard

# 'make disciples'

*The basic ministries of evangelism and teaching have but one goal in Free Will Baptist foreign missions—to bring men to an abiding and abounding relationship with the Lord Jesus*

**A**S YOU GO into all the world, make disciples of all nations!

This translation of the "great commission" passage of Matthew 28:19 intrigued me. A check with the professor of Greek at Free Will Baptist Bible College confirmed it. There is one basic command that Jesus gave His men of mission: "Make disciples!"

It was as though Jesus took it for granted that men have enough intelligence to know that the only way to proclaim His glorious gospel to all men is to go to all men. He had already made it clear that God was not willing that any should perish. Thus, the big imperative here is not so much the going as it is making the going count.

Free Will Baptists believe that the denomination has an obligation to go into all the world with the message of redemption and that their ultimate goal is to bring men into a vital relationship with the Living Lord. God's plan is clear: make disciples or followers of the Lord Jesus. The field is equally clear: the world, "all nations." Naturally, the only way to get the job done is to go.

This is indeed a world of need. There is the hunger of the impoverished, the nakedness of the forgotten, the disease of the depraved, the backwardness of the uninformed. These are great needs. Yet the basic need of every man, whether he be

Japanese, Indian, African, Latin, or American, is not social, economic, or political. It is spiritual.

It is the recognition of this basic fact of mankind that has stimulated Free Will Baptist foreign missions to gear every phase of its missionary program to the one great goal of "making disciples." This is the reason evangelism has always been, is now, and by God's grace always will be the focal point of the denomination's missionary program.

Various approaches are used throughout the world in seeking to bring men to a saving relationship with the Lord and in leading them "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Educational, economical, and cultural factors determine which of these approaches works best in given situations. However, on every field there is in operation a program of evangelism and a program of teaching.

Open air preaching is effective in most countries where it is allowed by the government. Missionaries in Brazil employ public address systems in preaching the gospel on the street, in a vacant lot, or on the hillside. People will gather—some out of curiosity, some out of concern—to hear the gospel message which usually follows a song service. They are invited forward for more personal discussion if they are interested in having the peace that Jesus alone can give. Then they come. They are given gospel literature. Some make decisions; others have appetites whetted enough that they begin to attend services in the rented meeting hall or in the church as the case might be.

In Africa, village evangelism with open air preaching is the order of the day. Natives have never heard anything like this before, and they come closer. The invitation is given, and a few come forward to pray for forgiveness through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus.

Tent evangelistic campaigns are fruitful in Japan. Posters are placed in conspicuous places announcing the meetings. A public address system attached to a motor scooter or jeep lets people in the area know that something is going on. And, again, men come to hear the message of salvation.

Hand to hand combat with the forces of evil is probably the most effective on any field. Visiting in homes where opportunity is given to speak person to person about the Lord Jesus is a daily occurrence. Speaking with a lonely man standing beside a Panamanian road, conversing with a student while riding across Tokyo in a bus, a witness to a government official while taking care of routine business—this is evangelism.

In India where fruit seems to come more slowly than in other areas, regular sessions of gospel preaching and Bible study are held. Eventually, someone steps out to receive Christ and to be baptized. In South India monthly meetings are held with women in the Koragiri area. Bible study is scheduled weekly called "mother's meeting"

*A Brazilian instructor explains a passage of Scripture during regular Bible classes in Campinas.*



which is conducted by a retired Bible woman. Other Bible women go throughout the area holding woman's meetings. Many have come to the Lord through these services.

Attempts to reach young people have a basic place in the ministry of evangelism. The use of flannelgraphs and the formation of children's clubs has been successful, especially in Brazil and the Ivory Coast, Africa. Joy Jones writes from Koun, Ivory Coast, "Another praise item is that we have had the privilege of praying with three girls. These are the first ones among the girls here to show their desire to follow the Lord. It happened when I gave a special invitation after my Sunday morning flannelgraph lesson. They all go to school and have been pretty faithful in class attendance." Language classes also afford opportunity to reach many with the gospel.

In India, hostels have been used by the Lord to win a good many. A group of fellows will be housed and fed in these hostels. In turn they are of assistance to the missionary. Some of these young men have gone forth to preach the gospel to their own people.

Student work in Japan is another challenge. Opportunities to witness come frequently. It may be a conversation originating about a camera, for which the Japanese are famous, or it may be a discussion about America. Perhaps the greatest single avenue of reaching students has been through teaching the English language. Many desire a knowledge of English and



*A crowd gathers to hear the gospel on a Latin American hillside.*

come to the missionary for help. He helps, and at the same time tells them about the Lord Jesus who sent him to Japan.

Behind all of these avenues of witness is a regular schedule of services. A nucleus is won to the Lord. They invite their friends and families to come. Others are won. And slowly a church is built.

Since the objective is not only to bring men to decisions for the Lord Jesus but to ground believers in the Word, some program of Bible teaching is in progress in every field. Sunday schools are the most obvious. But in addition to these are Bible

study sessions, institutes running from two to six weeks and sometimes longer. Bible conferences have been a real means of inspiration in South India. Perhaps there is no greater event on the church calendar here than the annual Bible conference.

Yes, God is at work through Free Will Baptist foreign missions bringing some to Himself from every tribe and nation to whom a witness is made. Pray for the denomination's 42 missionaries presently serving in foreign countries, and pray for every convert that he will grow in grace and be a fervent witness for the Lord Jesus.

## **Free Will Baptist Foreign Missionary Directory**

### **BRAZIL, S. A.**

Reverend & Mrs. Bobby Aycock  
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Brazil, South America

Reverend & Mrs. Ken Eagleton  
Caixa Postal 273  
Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo  
Brazil, South America

Reverend Dave Franks  
Caixa Postal 538  
Riberão Preto, Est. de Sao Preto  
Brazil, South America

Miss Eula Mae Martin  
Caixa Postal 273  
Campinas, Estado de Sao Paulo  
Brazil, South America

Reverend & Mrs. Bobby Poole  
Caixa Postal 538  
Riberão Preto, Est. de Sao Preto  
Brazil, South America

Rev. & Mrs. Sam Wilkinson  
C. P. 217  
Jaboticabal, Sao Paulo  
Brazil, South America

### **CUBA**

Reverend & Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Sr.  
Cuban Emergency Relief  
432 N. W. 12th Avenue  
Miami, Florida

### **IVORY COAST, AF.**

Reverend Bill Jones  
Mission Protestante  
B. P. 24, Koun Par Agnibilekro  
Republic of Ivory Coast, West Africa

Reverend & Mrs. Daniel J. Merkh  
Mission Protestante Evangelique  
B. P. 20, Bouna  
Republic of Ivory Coast  
Africa

Dr. & Mrs. LaVerne D. Miley  
Mission Protestante Evangelique  
B. P. 20, Bouna  
Republic of Ivory Coast  
Africa

Reverend & Mrs. Lonnie Palmer, Jr.  
Mission Eglise Baptiste Libre  
B. P. 54, Goumère Par Bondoukou  
Republique de Cote D'Ivoire  
West Africa

Reverend & Mrs. Lonnie Sparks  
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Nashville 5, Tennessee  
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Reverend & Mrs. John Moehlman  
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Panama City, Panama

Reverend & Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, Jr.  
Apartado 6931  
Panama, R. de Panama

### **SOUTH INDIA**

Miss Volena Wilson  
"Westfield"  
Kotagiri, South India

### **URUGUAY, S. A.**

Reverend & Mrs. Bill Fulcher  
Gorge Morariu  
Calle Nelson 3160  
Monterideo, Uruguay

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Robinson  
Gorge Morariu  
Calle Nelson 3160  
Monterideo, Uruguay

### **ZULULAND, S. AF.**

Mrs. Josephine Stevens  
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P. O. Mkuzi  
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## Round-Up of **World-Wide** RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### **Redpath Resigns**

CHICAGO, ILL. (CNS)—Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of the historic Moody Church in Chicago, has resigned to accept a call to the Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland. He will leave in October to take the pulpit which has previously been filled by Dr. W. Graham Scroggie and Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter.

Dr. Redpath came to Moody Church in 1953 from the Duke Street Baptist Church in London, England, and has become nationally known as a conference speaker with a deeper-life emphasis. He started the Mid-America Keswick at Moody Church and has written several books while in the United States.

### **Spanish Officials Seize Gospels**

LA JUNQUERA, SPAIN (MNS)—A consignment of the Gospel of John was seized as contraband material by customs officials at this frontier post. The Gospels were in a car operated under British registration and driven by R. E. Love, an American citizen, who is a representative of the publishing house of Ediciones Evangelicas Europeas, Winterthur, Switzerland. Spanish Protestants are reported to be planning an appeal to the United Nations' Human Rights Commission protesting the seizure and arrest.

### **Graham Tour Concluded**

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (MNS)—The current series of crusades down the west coast of South America was concluded in Santiago, Chile, with a gathering which drew over 12,000 people. The Santiago meetings, as had been the case all the way down the coast, were an occasion of great rejoicing to those who have faithfully proclaimed the Gospel throughout the years.

They saw a harvest which has encouraged their hearts to look for greater things in the days ahead.

Earlier in February the Quito crusade drew some 7,000 to the closing night rally. At a luncheon given in Quito by Radio Station HCJB, former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador referred to Dr. Billy Graham as "a powerful voice speaking simply and convincingly to ordinary people regarding their deepest fears and problems and bringing hope and renewal to many." Among the guests at the luncheon were Mrs. Marge Saint and Mrs. Marilou McCully, whose husbands were among the five missionaries martyred by Auca Indians.

In Lima, Peru, the efforts of young people who circulated some 300,000 handbills and 5,000 posters announcing the crusade were rewarded as the final night's attendance reached 13,000. Total decisions for the whole campaign came to 2,100.

### **Now on Air 21 Hours Daily**

NAHA, OKINAWA (MNS)—Gospel radio station KSDX, operated by the Far East Broadcasting Company, has added three hours daily to its schedule, bringing the total to 21 hours. Formerly when the station signed off at 11 p.m. it was noted that a Communist Chinese station immediately signed in on the same frequency, thus picking up the local audience. To counteract this scheme, KSDX now stays on the air until 2 a.m. Local reaction has been very favorable.

### **Will Dedicate New Headquarters**

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—The new headquarters building of Youth for Christ International which has been occupied since early this year will be dedicated on April 9, according to President Ted W. Engstrom. The new building provides three times as

much space as the previous headquarters in Wheaton and was erected at a cost of \$140,000.

"This modest new building will allow us to continue to expand the world-wide evangelistic activities of Youth for Christ," Dr. Engstrom said. At present YFCI operates in 45 nations with a program of high school clubs, youth rallies, literature and overseas "teen teams."

### **Teenage Spectacular**

MUSKOGON, MICH.: Youth Films, Inc., the teenage division of Gospel Films, Inc., has launched an entirely new concept in the Christian motion picture industry. A feature-length, teenage "spectacular" filmed in beautiful color entirely on location, "The Big Blast", is the first film utilizing this new concept. Without the cooperation of the United States Department of Defense and the United States Air Force, the filming of this revolutionary-type production would not have been possible.

### **Evangelistic Tool at World's Fair**

SEATTLE, WASH. (CNS)—Space-age science which gets top billing at the Century 21 Exposition here this summer will also be used as a tool for evangelism. This unusual boost for religion was conceived by a group of Seattle laymen who heard about the famed "Sermons from Science" lectures given by Dr. George E. Speake and invited him to give them at the world's fair.

A "Christ for the World Committee" was formed under the leadership of Ulphin O. Davis, to get funds and support for the project. Now just a few short weeks before the fair opens, their Sermons from Science auditorium is nearing completion and a staff is being recruited and trained for service in this evangelistic outreach. The auditorium—of ultra-modernistic design—is located right in the center of the exposition grounds.

In its 350-seat theatre, fair-goers will be able to see demonstrations of amazing scientific feats used to illustrate the gospel message. Mr. Davis estimates that during the three live science demonstrations and the ten film showings each day that they will be able to reach over half-a-million people. Among the many counsellors will be nuclear physicists and other scientists who can answer questions concerning modern science and the Christian faith.

The total cost of this unique venture in evangelism will be approximately \$150,000 with considerably more than half of the money already raised. During the final "countdown" before the fair opened on April 23, the committee was seeking to raise \$1,000 a day to meet the total cost in advance.

So for the thousands of fair visitors who wonder what's new in science, there'll be a surprise in store as they see it help preach the old-fashioned gospel.

**T**HE MISSIONARY DOCTOR from the beginning had explained that it would be several months before the clinic would be completed and supplies received so that medical work could really begin. But the need seemed to be immediate.

Dr. LaVerne Miley and his family had hardly more than arrived when activity summoned them to the yard outside. A native brought his little boy who was seriously ill. The diagnosis did not take long. He had spinal meningitis. And this was just the beginning. Dr. Miley found himself in the midst of a meningitis epidemic. Free Will Baptist medical missions program in the Ivory Coast, Africa, was underway.

Working with limited supplies and facilities, Dr. Miley was soon making trips into the village to see patients. The government nurse in the village supplied penicillin, but it was hardly sufficient for the need. Yet, God had begun to work. The missionary doctor had already won his way into the hearts of many.

From the beginning of the modern Free Will Baptist missionary program, medicine has been used to gain entry into the hearts of men who were without Christ. Caring for minor aches and pains is a part of missionary life on nearly every station. In some cases, the mission home has a striking resemblance to an apothecary. A missionary wife with any nursing training at all soon finds that she has more medical work to do than possible to maintain.

The gospel pages reveal that the need for physical help was just as real in the days of the Lord Jesus. Everywhere He went He found men in need. Many were drawn to Him as physician and came to know Him as the Saviour. It is this prin-

# Medicine and Missions

ciple which is behind the use of medicine in modern day Free Will Baptist foreign missions.

Missionary medical work has for some time been maintained through the ministry of registered nurses. Eula Mae Martin, R.N., is using her medical knowledge in Brazil. She works daily in an evangelical hospital in Campinas.

However, formal medical work in the hospital is only a part of her ministry. As she labors with people in the church in Campinas, she finds many physical needs which will never be brought to a hospital. By ministering to these people, she is able to demonstrate the compassion of the Lord Jesus and tell them that it was this compassion that sent Him to the Cross to die that they might live forever. Among people who are entrenched in superstition, it is a real advance when they lower the barrier and come for help.

The first M. D. to be sent to the field for missionary service by the National Association of Free Will Baptists is now in Africa where Free Will Baptists are setting up their first major medical missionary ministry. Dr. Miley, a graduate with high honors from one of America's foremost medical schools, is at work today setting up this ministry. Assisted by his wife, Lorene, he will never lack for work to be done.

Missionary builder Dan Merkh has completed a mission home and temporary dispensary at Doropo Medical Station. He is now beginning work on the clinic. Already plans have been altered to increase the size of the clinic. The experience of other mission medical works has been that of constant enlargement of medical facilities. The need for more personnel is already present.

There are some outstanding prospects for Free Will Baptist young men and women who will follow Dr. Miley to the Ivory Coast. There is the need for more. There is the need for registered nurses.

God has wonderfully blessed the denomination in His provision of this medical program. He has raised up His man to begin and to administer this program. He is working in the hearts of young people now to go and become Dr. Miley's collaborators in this great ministry to the physical and spiritual needs of the African people. He has laid this ministry on the hearts of praying people. And, He has touched many who have given that equipment and supplies may be purchased.

There is need for more who will prepare and go. There is the need for more who will labor before the Lord in prayer. And, there is the need for those who will give that this ministry may be advanced.

Dr. Miley wrote in a recent letter, "In the midst of so much physical illness and spiritual need, we can readily see why the Lord has led us here. We thank you who have prayed and given that this ministry might be accomplished, and we ask that you continue to pray for us. May the Lord bless you all as you serve Him and follow in His paths." ■



*The future of these young natives is brighter now because Dr. LaVerne Miley has gone to them with the message of the Lord Jesus for their aching hearts and medicine for aching bodies.*



# WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton



*Do you think that the infants and very young children of the heathen who die as such are saved?*

*Please tell me what Free Will Baptists believe about feet washing. People where I live have gone to the extreme about feet washing. Our church does not tithe or pay anything to missions, but they sure do wash feet. Give me your opinion, please.*

*My pastor wants me to get up before the whole church and confess my sins. I disagree, believing that we should confess our sins only to God. What they you say?*

*We wanted to show a missionary film in our church, but our pastor said "no" because of some absurd notion of his. Is there anything wrong in showing this type of film in the church?*

*The communists flood the world with literature make converts through the printed page. Why can't we do the same instead of endangering the lives of our missionaries and their families by sending them into heathen countries?*

Human beings are condemned for the sin of not believing on God's Son (John 3:18). We have nothing in the Scriptures which suggests that those who die in infancy are lost. If we believe that our own children who die in infancy are saved, then why or by what right do we condemn infants of those who have never heard the gospel? We arrive at this reasoning because infants have not the capacity or the ability to receive or reject Christ.

Feet washing is taught as a third ordinance in our denomination and is a part of our doctrine. However, you are quite correct to infer that many piously practice the doctrine of feet washing and fail to live up to the spiritual significance of such a practice. To bypass the "weightier matters" taught in the Word of God regarding the great commission (Matt. 28:19) and the support of the same, honoring God with the first-fruits of our time, talents, money, etc., and then to wash feet at the drop of a hat, making it a chief point of Christian doctrine, puts one in the category of a religious hypocrite. We do wash feet, but there is more to the ordinance than just washing feet—it has a deeper significance of true servitude and ministering one to another.

If your sin was against the church so that it hurt the testimony of the church, then I believe that public confession should be made for your own edification and for that of the church. However, if you have reference to private sins, if we may call them that, then private confession to God should be made and is sufficient.

To me there is nothing wrong with it. I have shown the same type films in many churches across our denomination. Many decisions for Christ and for the mission field have been made because of a challenging film. I am lifting this Scripture out of context, but Paul said in I Cor. 9:22, "that I might by all means save some." The moving picture is a wonderful invention. It has been used so long to promote the devil's business that I'm all for using it to glorify God.

Through the efforts of various Bible Societies, the Bible Meditation League, the World Home Bible League, Life Messengers, etc., Bibles and Scripture portions are being sent and distributed in many parts of the world. They are doing an excellent job. But the reason we don't stop there is because Jesus said "go" and He meant what He said. For it "pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Cor. 1:21).

## Cooperative Receipts Are Steady in February

Response to the Cooperative Plan of Support continues to be good in this new year of operation. For the second consecutive month, receipts have passed the \$5,000.00 mark in undesignated funds. The total for February was \$5,157.16. An additional \$518.45 was designated making a total of \$5,675.61 disbursed through the plan.

### FEBRUARY COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS Undesignated

<b>ALABAMA</b>			
State association	\$ 17.32	\$	181.28
First church, Dothan	163.96	\$	181.28
<b>ARIZONA</b>			
First association			25.00
<b>ARKANSAS</b>			
Poplar Valley church,			
Bono	5.00		
State association	283.13		288.13
<b>FLORIDA</b>			
State association			156.01
<b>GEORGIA</b>			
State association			190.74
<b>ILLINOIS</b>			
State association			543.89
<b>INDIANA</b>			
Wabash Valley association			49.18
<b>KANSAS</b>			
First association			18.00
<b>MISSOURI</b>			
Macedonia church, Purdy	77.57		
State association	948.92		1,026.49
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>			
First association	12.34		
P. W. B. church, Hobbs	49.82		62.16
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>			
Fellowship chapel,			
New Bern	69.34		
Swannanoa church,			
Swannanoa	84.12		153.46
<b>OHIO</b>			
Limecrest church,			
Springfield	12.59		
First church, Springfield	117.00		129.59
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>			
State association			1,764.03
<b>TENNESSEE</b>			
Horton Heights church,			
Nashville	55.91		
Blue Springs church,			
Columbia	20.00		
Wooddale church,			
Knoxville	32.10		108.01
<b>TEXAS</b>			
State association			353.61
<b>VIRGINIA</b>			
Bethany church, Norfolk			81.60
<b>WASHINGTON</b>			
First church, Wenatchee			25.98
			<u>\$5,157.16</u>

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

Florida	\$ 285.72		
Ohio	45.00		
Oklahoma	104.28		
Tennessee	83.45		518.45
			<u>\$5,675.61</u>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions	\$1,846.38		
Executive Department	1,248.22		
Bible College	1,035.57		
Home Missions	913.20		
Sunday School	261.11		
League	264.85		
Superannuation Board	154.71		
Stewardship Commission	51.57		5,675.61
			<u>\$5,675.61</u>





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## Know Your Bible Series

### STUDY IN COLOSSIANS

**F**OUR OF PAUL'S letters, Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon and Philippians, are known as "Prison epistles." The term is applied to these because they were written during Paul's first Roman imprisonment. As a whole, these epistles deal with Christ, His person and work—so we also call them the "Christological epistles."

In these studies, we are dealing with Paul's books in the order they are arranged in the Bible, and not as they were written. Our last study dealt with Philippians, so now we are to consider Colossians.

Paul had never been to Colosse. The church at this place was probably established by a convert of Paul, Epaphras. Most likely Epaphras was saved during Paul's three years in Ephesus. So, Paul would have felt somewhat responsible, even though he did not personally found this church.

Colosse was a small city of Phrygia, in the Roman province of Asia. Colosse, along with Laodicea and Hierapolis, also mentioned in Colossians, are all situated in the valley of the Lycos river, a tributary of the Meander. Many of the people in Colosse had descended from Thracian invaders (Phrygians) but there were also large numbers of Greeks and Jews living there. These cities were about a hundred and twenty-five miles southeast of Ephesus, located on the great highway which connected Ephesus with the markets of the East.

It is very probable that the believers in Colosse first met in Philemon's house. In the little letter to Philemon, Paul speaks of "the church in thy house" (verse 2). Paul has some high notes of praise for the believers in Colosse. Please note the following items of commendation: he speaks of their faith in Christ Jesus, their love for all the saints, their fruit which had been produced by the gospel and their love in the Spirit (Colossians 1:3-8). These are not words of flattery. They were true or Paul would not have uttered them.

It seems evident that Epaphras' visit to Paul was for the purpose of bringing information relative to an insidious error which was beginning to creep into the Colossian church. Possibly the heresy was just in embryonic form, but the pastor, Epaphras, had detected it. He, no doubt, felt incapable of handling the problem so

### Charles A. Thigpen

he brought it to Paul. As Paul was in prison and could not go to Colosse he wrote this letter to the Colossians.

The error was a mixture of three different false teachings, according to Charles R. Erdman. He says it was ritualistic, placing special emphasis on religious regulations, forms, days and seasons. Secondly, it was ascetic, subjecting the body to severe regulations and austerities in order to attain a higher spiritual state. He says, finally, that it was mystic, claiming visions and revelations which were communicated only to the initiated. It is evident that Paul refers to the conflict in Colosse in several different ways. He speaks of a "philosophy," "tradition" (2:8), a "show of wisdom," and an asceticism which produced a sort of humility (2:23). Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter states that "This strange mixture of Jewish traditionalism and Greek philosophy stressed two things: reverence for angelic powers (2:18), and contempt for the body (2:20-23).

To combat this serious error, the Holy Spirit seems to hide Himself in order to more completely exalt the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. A careful study of Colossians 1:15-19, shows the exalted position of Christ, which, if believed, would be the complete undoing of the false teachers of Colosse and their wicked teachings. Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter, in *Explore the Book, Volume Six*, lists as follows the teachings of these verses concerning Christ:

1. The visible form of the invisible God.
2. The Prior-Heir of all creation.
3. In Him the universe was created.
4. He is before the universe.
5. In Him the universe coheres.
6. The Head of the body, the Church.
7. The Firstborn from among the dead.

In pointing out the way in which the Holy Spirit seems to deliberately hide Himself in this epistle, Dr. H. A. Ironside, in *Lectures on Colossians*, says, "In Colossians He is never mentioned doctrinally, and only once incidentally (1:8). . . . This is surely most significant; even the Holy Spirit Himself, eternally co-equal with the Father and the Son, who all together constitute

God, would nevertheless hide Himself if men belittle or lose sight of the Lord Jesus as Head of the new creation. The blessed Paraclete speaks not from or of Himself but He takes of the things of Christ and shows them unto us. He would not even risk (to speak after the manner of men) being put in as one coming between the believer and Christ."

The book seems to naturally divide itself into two parts, the doctrinal (chapters 1 and 2) and the practical (chapters 3 and 4). Dr. James M. Gray, divides the book into four divisions as follows:

- Chapter 1—Doctrinal
- Chapter 2—Polemical
- Chapter 3—Hortatory
- Chapter 4—Conclusion

The prayers of Paul are always of great interest. Let us look at the prayer stated in Colossians 1:9-13. The great Apostle prays four petitions for the Colossians:

1. That they might be filled with the knowledge of God's will.
2. That they might walk worthily of the Lord in fruit-bearing.
3. That they might be strengthened with power to endure temptation.
4. That they might be thankful.

All of us who are in the church of today need these same four elements perfected in our lives. God grant that this need may be met.

In closing, another quote from Dr. Ironside seems very appropriate: "It is a signal mercy that in His wisdom God allowed every possible form of error to arise in the Apostolic era of the Church's history, in order that all might be exposed, and the truth declared through inspired men, that thus the faith in its simplicity might be preserved for the generations to come. As a result of this, Satan has nothing new to offer. Old heresies are re-dressed and brought forward as new conceptions of truth from age to age, but in this respect, 'there is nothing new under the sun.' Therefore, all the Christian needs to protect him from modern systems of an evil character is a better acquaintance with the Word of God, where the truth is taught in its purity and the lies of the adversary are brought out into the light and fully exposed."

**P**ROBLEMS of communication are among the greatest problems in the modern world. Contract negotiations fail, the United Nations takes on the look of frustration, a husband and wife are at odds with each other, many times due to misunderstanding because of a breakdown in communication.

Selling products, whether it be a household detergent or an ideology, depends on conveyance of facts in an effective and convincing manner. Thus, millions of dollars are spent annually in developing better ways of getting one's message to the world. And, evangelicals are beginning to awaken to the use of some of these means to get the gospel out.

The greatest message ever communicated by any means is the life-changing challenge of salvation through faith in Christ and His work on the Cross. This is the story a dying world needs today. It is the message of Free Will Baptist foreign missions.

Problems of communication have been the greatest obstacles to the expansion of the gospel. Learning the language is only the beginning of a missionary's life of communication. To tell his story effectively takes days and days of faithfully proclaiming the gospel through every means at his disposal.

Basically, God deals with man through His Sacred Word. Throughout Scripture, note Nehemiah 9 as but one example, man responds favorably to God only after a clear communication with God. This is the reason that it is absolutely imperative that the Scriptures be given to the world in man's own language. "For faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." It is the Word of God which is

## Technological advances provides better avenues for proclaiming Gospel

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described as being "as sharp as a two-edged sword." It is the Word of God through which the Holy Spirit convicts man of his sin. It is the Word of God through which the Holy Spirit reveals the Lord Jesus as man's Saviour from his sin. It is the Word of God that the Holy Spirit uses to mold man into an instrument which is "clean, meet for the Master's use."

A major ministry of Free Will Baptists in the Ivory Coast thus far has been the breaking down of languages into writing and the translation of the Word of God into these languages.

Languages at best are complex. For example, one language in the Marshall Islands has more than 60 terms just to describe the parts of a coconut tree and its fruit. In translating the precious Word of God, hours are spent seeking to ascertain which word of the native language really says what God is saying in His revelation.

Lonnie Sparks, working in the Kulango language, has completed a primer in that language and has translated the Gospel of Mark into Kulango. The translation has been accepted by the American Bible Society and production is expected this year. To have done this at a standard of work acceptable to the Society without any formal linguistic training or previous experience is truly a miracle of God. Bill Jones is presently laboring with the Agni language. He is working on a primer, or textbook to teach the language to the natives, and is translating the Gospel of Mark.

The written message has been increasingly used to propagate ideas in the Twentieth Century. Development of offset printing and other printing advancements have made printing the greatest single selling tool in modern society. The communists and cults found it potent years ago. Evangelicals are now being aroused to its power in proclamation of the gospel.

The foreign missions department operates an offset division which produces tracts and pamphlets in Spanish and Portuguese in addition to promotional literature.

Sixty thousand two-color pamphlets in Portuguese are scheduled on the press at



*Bobby Poole explains a gospel tract to a group of Brazilian lads.*



# ASSISTANTS



*Bill Fulcher broadcasts from his shortwave station in Latin America giving him frequent contact with the home office.*

this writing. Others will follow. One Spanish run was made during March with plans for others during the coming quarter, as funds are made available.

Problems in checking proofs are tremendous, but they are not impossible. God has miraculously provided a typesetter in Nashville who had had previous experience setting Portuguese for the government. He handles all Portuguese materials. Proofs are airmailed to the field. When they are returned and necessary corrections are made, another gospel tract in a foreign language is in use.

The use of radio and aviation is being given careful consideration by the foreign mission department. Modern advances along these lines and the ever expanding foreign missions program are increasing the feasibility of these assistants in the denomination's world-wide ministry.

Radio broadcasting has already been used effectively by Free Will Baptist foreign missions. This has been a valuable aid in spreading the gospel in Latin America. Regular broadcasts over commercial Cuban stations were maintained until permission for such broadcasts was withdrawn by the Castro government.

Although Free Will Baptists have not as yet set up its own religious program broadcasting operation, the denomination has been cooperative with evangelical broadcasting agencies such as HCJB in Quito, Ecuador.

The use of shortwave radio as a means of inter-missionary communication is pres-

ently being explored by the department. For the past year frequent shortwave contact has been maintained with missionaries in language study in Costa Rica.

Missionary Bill Fulcher has a ham rig powerful enough to reach the United States from Central America. Mission headquarters here has been in touch with him frequently through the cooperation of local ham operators. The missionary has also made contact with numerous Free Will Baptist pastors across the land. Since he will be going to Uruguay this month, more powerful equipment will be required to

continue contact. An interested person in the states has already pledged help in this undertaking.

Such shortwave contacts have made possible quicker and more effective communication between the home office and the field resulting in better co-ordination of the work on the field and better reporting of needs and accomplishments to the home constituency.

Already the use of radio in this way seems to hold real possibilities. Also, a ham operator provides contacts for a gospel witness when assisting locals with emergency matters and when making contact with other operators around the world. The main factor that has kept use of radio to the limited extent of the present has been the lack of funds for this expenditure. There is an indication, however, that God is speaking to some to do something in addition to regular mission support so radio may become a more vital assistant in modern Free Will Baptist foreign missions.

Investigation is also underway as to the use of airplanes in missionary service. One missionary pilot is already under appointment pending completion of specialized aeronautical training. He is Bill Phipps who is currently studying at the Emory Riddle Aeronautical School in Miami.

The idea of using an airplane in connection with the medical ministry in the Ivory Coast is being explored. Such a program would also be of general assistance to missionaries in matters of supply and emergency. A real need for aviation assistance has arisen in Latin America. At this time it is indefinite as to where an aviation ministry would be most feasible. Yet, one thing is certain—aviation is a coming thing.



*National worker Laercio explains tract to man in front of meeting place in Pirassununga, Brazil.*

# MIGHTY GOD

## EXTEND THY WORK



Several pastors met recently with Executive Secretary Billy A. Melvin to discuss promotion of the "Share In The Free Will Baptist Future" program in the Tidewater area of Virginia. Those attending (l. to r.) were Raymond Riggs, Billy A. Melvin, Ralph Staten; standing, J. B. Chism, and Henry Van Kluyve.

### I PRAY

that God is going to inspire all of our people in our churches throughout America to demonstrate such committed stewardship that this building will soon be a reality.

There are three things I am especially grateful for about the SHARE program:

1. I am glad that it was adopted by such a decisive vote by the National Association last July. As you remember, this was carried by a unanimous vote, and there was great enthusiasm displayed by those who talked and prayed about this forward thrust of our denomination. It was out of such consensus that the goal of \$125,000.00 was set. We stand now on the verge of reaping the dividends of this great ground swell of opinion.

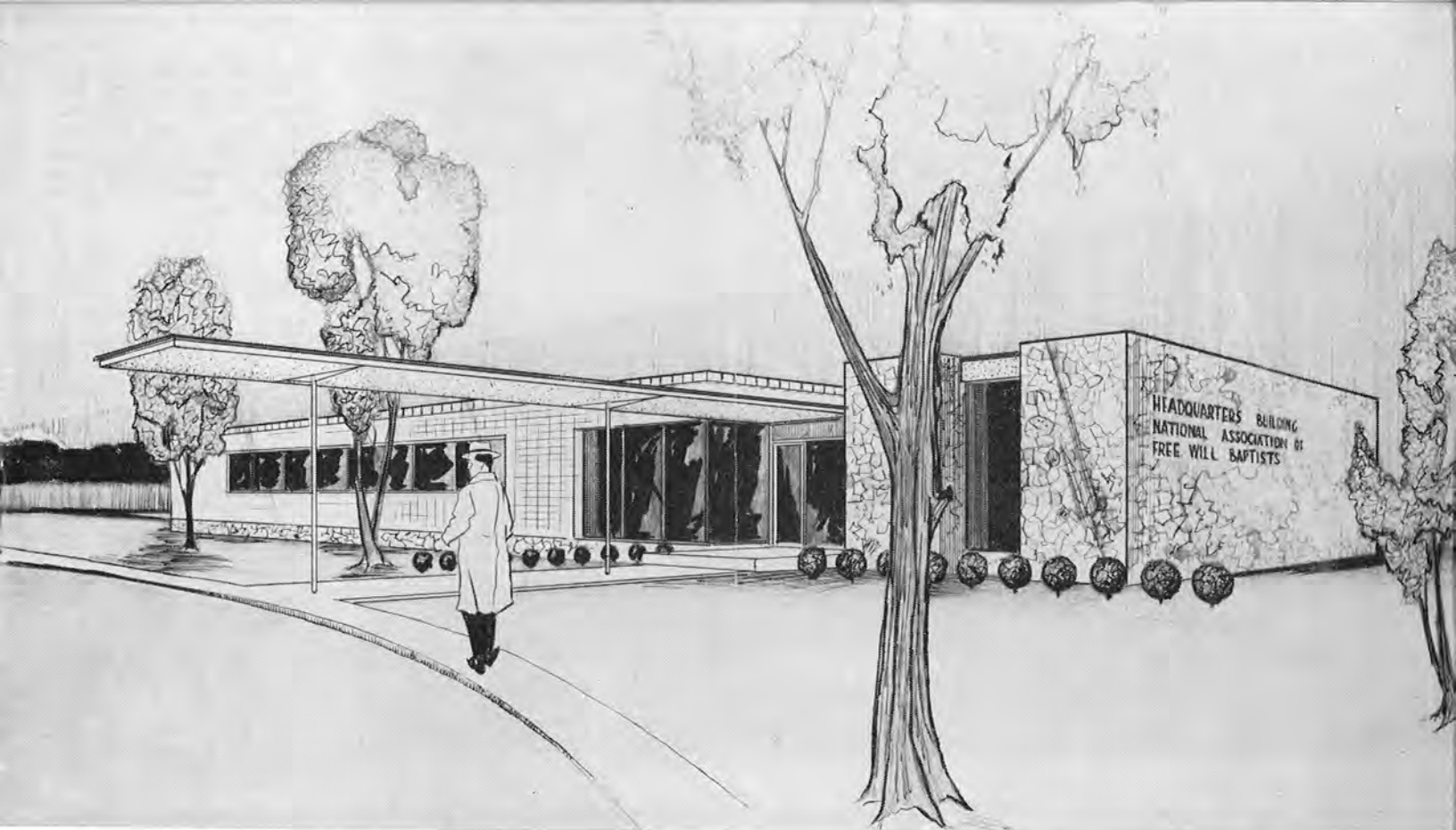
2. I am glad that the goal is so challenging. Often we suggest to God only low goals and mediocre programs. But this is one that challenges the spiritual best that is in us all—to raise \$125,000.00 this year by over-and-above gifts. It was D. L. Moody who used to say, "If God is in your plans, make your plans big!" It seems to me that this is what the National Association has done in the SHARE program. And I hope that its very size will inspire and encourage all of us to give our best to it.

3. I am glad that the SHARE program includes our total denominational effort. We have talked often about our united mission for Christ in our fellowship and this program is no exception. With adequate provision in this new building for each department of our national work, our outreach for Christ at home and abroad will be greater than ever before.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars is a thrilling financial goal, but out beyond that it reflects a far more potent spiritual dimension of that which God is able to do through us and that to which we may be able to measure up in our personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

Billy A. Melvin, Executive Secretary  
National Association of Free Will Baptists





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Churches or individuals that buy five or more shares will be "Advancement Contributors." These churches and individuals will be listed on a bronze plaque to be placed in the entrance hall of the new building.

Your indication now, on the opposite form, of your desire to share in our future will be a great inspiration to us. We dare not fail to meet the challenge which is ours as Free Will Baptists. Thank you for your consideration of this need and may God bless you.

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Building to meet the challenge of a growing metropolitan area, Bethany Church in Norfolk, Virginia, votes to build new sanctuary. This is their second building program in three years under the leadership of pastor Raymond Riggs.

## BETHANY CHURCH TO BUILD NEW SANCTUARY

NORFOLK, VA.—The Bethany Free Will Baptist Church voted recently to construct a new sanctuary which is expected to seat about 350 people. This is the second building program for this new church which earlier completed a building program that provided Sunday school rooms and a chapel seating about 150.

Pictured above is Mr. George Gaskins, chairman of the building committee, as he signs the contract calling for a construction price of \$65,000.00. Witnessing the signing of the contract is (l. to r.) Howard Findley, Clifton Sessoms, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Belvin Boyd, and John Moscoffian.

Completion date for the new sanctuary is set about the first of September.

### *Southside Pastor Resigns*

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The Reverend Roger C. Reeds, pastor of the Southside Free Will Baptist Church here, has given his resignation to be effective June 10, 1962. Mr. Reeds has led the church in an aggressive program of work, including several building programs, during his five years of service with the church. His future plans are not definite at this time.

### *Church Has Missionary Conference*

SAVANNAH, GA.—The annual missionary conference was of interest here recently at the First Free Will Baptist Church. Posters and streamers throughout the church sanctuary not only added color to the conference,

but impressed the nightly congregations with the fact of missionary responsibility.

Speakers for the conference were the members of the South Georgia Mission Board and the Reverend Fred Hersey, missionary to Japan. The missionary faith-promise goal for the conference was \$5,625.00. The Reverend Damon C. Dodd is pastor.

### *Master's Men Reap Harvest*

CHIPLEY, FLA.—“Then shall the earth yield her increase and God, even our own God, shall bless us.” This might well be the words of the Master's Men of the Chipley Free Will Baptist Church, after their corn growing experience last year.

With two acres of ground at the parsonage location, the men decided to plant a crop of corn. Ernest Owen brought the necessary equipment into town and did most of the planting and cultivating. The Cartledge Fertilizer Company furnished the basic fertilizer. In the fall, a number of the Master's Men got into the act by sharing in the harvesting of the corn which was done by hand.

Sale of the corn brought \$108.00. Fifty dollars of this was sent to the Children's Home in Alabama and the rest was given to the church. The group plans to farm the acreage again this year.

### *Kansas Quarterly Meeting Organized*

WELLINGTON, KAN.—History was made recently when the First Kansas Quarterly Meeting was organized here. Four churches and one mission took membership in the organization. They were Liberty Church,

Wichita; First Church, Wichita; West Side Church, Wichita; First Church, Wellington; and First Mission, Ulyssis.

Officers elected were the Reverend Wayne Bookout, Moderator; the Reverend Bill Turnbough, Ass't Moderator; Christine Lechner, Clerk; and the Reverend Clyde Campbell, Treasurer.

The body voted to adopt the National Association Treatise and to support the National Co-operative Plan with 90% of all funds coming into the Quarterly Meeting.

Visiting the meeting and assisting in the organization was the Reverend Harry Staires and the Reverend John West, both of Oklahoma.

### *Mission in Capital City*

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—The Alabama State Home Mission Board has started a Free Will Baptist mission in this city according to the Reverend W. H. Ryland, secretary-treasurer of the board.

A building has been rented at 1213 Bell Street, one mile north of downtown Montgomery on highway 31N.

Effort is being made now to contact as many Free Will Baptist families in the area as possible. If you can assist in this, please write the acting pastor, Reverend Clifton Brighurst, at P. O. Box 7033, Montgomery, Alabama.

### *Church Votes to Support*

WEST JEFFERSON, OHIO—The Free Will Baptist Church here voted recently to start regular and systematic support to several departments of the National work. As of March 1, the church has been sending monthly gifts to National Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and the Bible College.



## GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

### **Paramore Schedule Announced**

GREENVILLE, N. C.—Evangelist Jack Paramore announces twelve evangelistic meetings scheduled during the spring and summer months.

Seven states are included in Mr. Paramore's schedule. He will be holding campaigns in North Carolina, Virginia, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

During 1961 the young evangelist spoke 441 times in 31 campaigns covering 47 weeks. The meetings included 15 one-week series and 16 two-week meetings. His schedule covered eight states from Michigan to Florida.

Recorded decisions for 1961 totaled 658. Not included in this number were several hundred rededications and mass consecrations. Evidence of real church revivals was seen in numerous places.

Evangelist Paramore recently purchased a tent which he plans to use in his ministry beginning in the summer of 1963.

Following is Mr. Paramore's schedule for April through June, 1962:

April 1-5: Bible Conference, Nashville, Tennessee; April 8-22: Fellowship, Durham, North Carolina; April 23-May 6: Hyde Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia; May 9-20: Southside Church, St. Louis, Missouri; May 21-30: Berkeley City, Missouri; June 3-10: Fayetteville, North Carolina; June 13-24: Guymon, Oklahoma; June 25-July 8: Dover, Tennessee.

### **Church Organizes Auxiliary**

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Another milestone in its history was established recently by the Bloss Memorial Free Will Baptist Church.

On March 22, 1962, a Woman's Auxiliary was organized by the ladies of the church. The organizational meeting was the outgrowth of a previous meeting at which ten ladies of the church met to discuss the nature and work of an Auxiliary. The interest of the ladies in this work has been reported as excellent.

Attendance at the church continues to increase. A goal of 85 has been set for Easter Sunday. The Reverend Kenneth Walker is pastor.

### **Bible Institute in Ohio**

DAYTON, OHIO—The Little Miami River Conference is sponsoring another Bible Institute April 9 through 20 for all interested pastors and laymen. Classes will be held each evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the First Church of Dayton. The Reverend Ralph Hampton, instructor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, will teach the study course "Survey of the New Testament."

Pastors are asked to encourage the attendance of all Sunday school teachers and officers.

### **Panama Mission Address Set**

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—John Moehlman and Tom Willey, Jr., have located here to begin a new Free Will Baptist work in this Central American country.

Their address is Apartado 6931, Panama City, Republic of Panama.

Free Will Baptists having friends or relatives in the Canal Zone are requested to send names and addresses to Moehlman and Willey. This will make possible visits by the missionaries to acquaint them with the new work.

### **Pastors Resign**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—According to word which has reached Nashville, the Reverend Thomas K. Johnson and the Reverend Albert M. Rollins have resigned their present pastorates.

Mr. Johnson, a graduate of Bob Jones University, has been pastoring in Fayetteville, N. C., for the last seventeen months. During this time, the mission there has become a fully organized church, a \$10,000.00 parsonage has been built, as well as a \$12,500.00 church building. His future plans are indefinite. He may be contacted at 209 Brookwood Avenue, Fayetteville, N. C.

Mr. Rollins, who attended Free Will Baptist Bible College, has served for the last five years the Moseley's Creek Church in Dover, N. C. He may be contacted at Route 2, Box 12, Dover, N. C.

### **New Work in Tyler, Texas**

TYLER, TEXAS—Prospects for a new Free Will Baptist Church here are very good according to the Reverend Bobby Ferguson who has been doing some survey work in the area. Eight families have been found which have a definite interest.

Prayer is requested for this work as well as any contacts which may be helpful. Write Brother Ferguson at Route 4, Box 313, Henderson, Texas.

### **Send VBS Offerings**

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The National Home Missions department requests again this year that each Free Will Baptist Church consider sending VBS offerings to the work of home missions. This work extends to Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, as well as North America.

A special need at this time is the Spanish work in Miami, Florida, where an extensive ministry is needed among the Cuban refugees.

### **Home Mission Board Organized**

CAMPINAS, BRAZIL—An organized home missionary outreach became a reality here last month when the Campinas Free Will Baptist church officially adopted a proposal to set up a home missions board for promotion of missionary activity in the area.

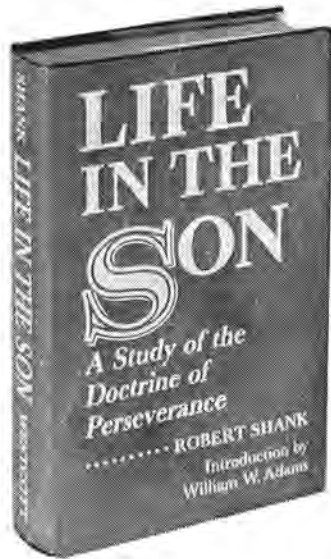
The board will appoint, place, and generally direct national missionary activity by the church. Funds will come from churches or congregations presently served by national missionaries. At the present time there are four former students of the Brazil Bible Institute who are receiving support from the board.

"They are receiving only a fraction of the support they need," commented Missionary Ken Eagleton, "but at least it is a beginning."

Elected to serve on the board are Missionary Eagleton, Benedito Luiz dos Santos, and Lazaro Farias.

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## IN THE VINEYARD

■ During the first week of this month, all of our National workers will remain in Nashville to attend the Bible Conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College. They hope to have the opportunity to greet many of our Free Will Baptist people who will be in the city.

■ General Director of National Home Missions, **Homer Willis**, will attend the National Association of Evangelicals in Denver, Colorado, on April 9-12. He will have services in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 22-29. Mr. Willis and the National Home Missions Board will share in a board meeting at Davenport, Iowa, with the new Free Will Baptist Church there on May 1. On May 6, he will preach at the Free Will Baptist Church in Elkhart, Indiana.

■ **Reford Wilson**, General Director of Foreign Missions, will attend the NAE meeting in Denver on April 9-12. On April 14 he will attend a quarterly conference at Wichita, Kansas, and the week of April 22 share in a South Carolina missionary Conference.

■ Workshops are an important part of the work of **Mrs. Eunice Edwards**, Executive Secretary of WNAC. She will teach one workshop in Sylacauga, Alabama, on April 6-7 and another in the Newport, Tennessee, area on April 14-22.

■ **Billy A. Melvin**, Executive Secretary of the National Association, will also attend the NAE meeting in Denver on April 9-12. He will share in a quarterly conference at Wichita, Kansas, on April 14 and will be guest speaker at the General Conference in North Carolina on April 28. Revival services will be conducted by Mr. Melvin at Pardue Memorial Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, beginning the week of April 30.

■ National League Director **Ray Turnage** will attend the Eastern Quarterly Meeting at East Nashville Church, Tennessee, on April 7 where he will bring a League emphasis. April 14 he will attend the South Carolina State League Convention. He will visit South Carolina churches on April 15 and churches in the Thayer, Missouri, area on April 28-29.

■ Bible College Dean **Charles A. Thigpen** and **Ralph Hampton**, faculty member, will attend a Christian Education seminar at Atlanta Christian College, Atlanta, April 16-17.

■ President **L. C. Johnson** will attend the State Line Association of Alabama April 7.

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***With the challenge of missions in a modern world  
clearly set before us, the time comes for every Free  
Will Baptist across the land to make his***

# Decision



**T**HE CONGREGATION is singing. You feel an inner urge to answer the plea of the pastor. You are a member of the church. What would the people think to see you going forward?

You are not a sinner, but there is a strange sense of conviction that you need to respond to this particular appeal. Stand still until we examine the cause for this urging of the soul.

Your hands have turned the pages of CONTACT. You have become as one of the missionaries whom the Lord has sent forth. You have tried preaching your first sermon in a strange language, sweated with the missionary builder on the clinic, waited anxiously with the missionary doctor by the side of the baby with a burning fever, prayed earnestly for divine guidance in translating the Scriptures, and rejoiced when two natives were ordained to the ministry. It is the bond of Christian love to become one with the missionary on the field.

But you must do more than imagine that you are a missionary. You must experience more than just an emotion of joy or fear. You must see more than just pictures.

These missionaries are real people serving the Lord. The pictures are souls destined for eternity, and you may determine their destiny.

This issue of CONTACT comes to you not by accident but by Divine purpose. The reading of these articles gives an insight into Christian responsibility. There is no cloak to hide your sin of indifference to the missionary program of your church.

There is a need. There is the constraint of love. There is the call for help. The villages of Africa, the cities of Brazil, the valleys of Panama, and, the hills of India

are white for harvest. Something must be done!

A nurse considers anew the will of God for her life and an application is received at the mission office.

A school teacher is challenged with missionary education, "Go teach all nations. . . ."

A salesman converts his store into a missionary shop as the commission from his sales support a missionary.

A rancher brands a missionary cow. The calves are sent to market as a sacrifice for missions.

A factory worker designates overtime pay one week each month as missionary money.

A young newspaper carrier has a missionary street with all money for papers sold on that street given to tell the "good news" to those who have not heard.

An aged couple decides to live on in the ministry of their missionaries and includes the foreign mission department in their will.

A car salesman makes a fifth car sale of the month a missionary car taking the gospel to others.

The Lord has set before us open doors. We are still under staffed in Africa. The survey of Central America shows definite areas of need. The rapidly growing cities of Brazil and its new frontiers offer real opportunity for preaching the gospel. The staff of workers in Japan need to be increased. The Lord is surely calling you to do something now.

We are entering the doors which the Lord opens. This year our first medical missionary, Dr. LaVerne D. Miley, and his family began practice at Doropo, and the Lonnie Palmer family established residence at Koun, the Ivory Coast, West Africa.

The Paul Robinsons and Bill Fulchers

have opened new work in Uruguay. The Tom Willeys, Jr., and the John Moehlmans have begun their ministry in Panama. The Bobby Aycocks established a new work at Araras, Brazil. The Sammy Wilkinsons report a growing work at Jaboticabal, and the Bobby Pooles find opportunity to begin at Riberao Preto, Brazil.

God's people are not waving white flags of surrender but are blowing trumpets of victory. The Iron Curtain of Russia will be broken by God's rod of Iron. The Bamboo Curtain of China will burn with a blast from God's furnace. The walls of Berlin will fall like the walls of Jericho.

Now is the time to get in step with the marching ranks of an advancing missionary army. Growth has not been phenomenal, but it has been steady. Giving has had a gradual increase, but the time has come for the ranks to swell with those who will give and go.

You must decide now. What will you do? This is between you and God. A right decision will change the destiny of many souls now doomed for an eternity in hell.

The congregation is still singing and you have reflected upon the cause of your inner conviction. The Holy Spirit has brought understanding. You must answer the plea—not as one unsaved but as one uncommitted. There is an urgency about this decision for too long you have waited to do something for missions. The pastor and the people must know of the decision which you have made.

These decisions are not imaginary with me, and I believe that across the denomination in many of our churches next Sunday there will be men, women, boys, and girls who will commit themselves to Christ as has been suggested in this article. Let us know of your decision. ■



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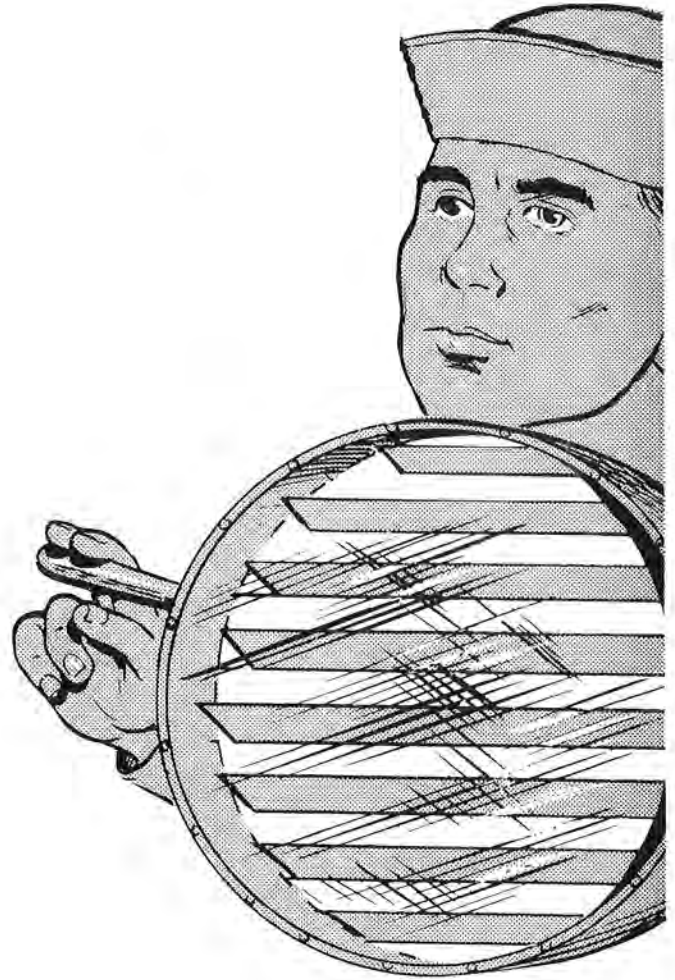
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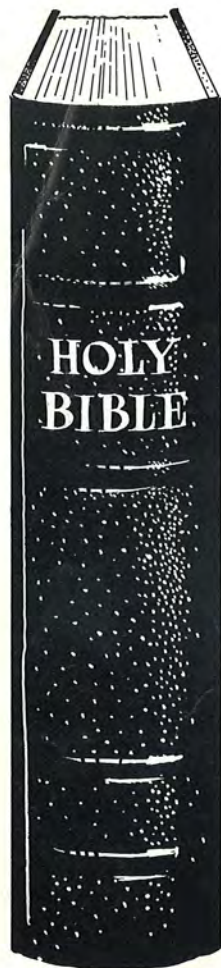
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