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Our Tenth Year

This issue of *Contact* is designated as Volume 10, Number 1, which means that this month marks the beginning of our tenth year. This is a significant time for us and we rejoice in the faithfulness of God which has brought us to the threshold of another year of ministry and service.

The response of Free Will Baptists to this magazine has been most gratifying. Your letters have indicated that you are in sympathy with the editorial policies of the magazine and that *Contact* is a reliable source for news, information, and inspiration. It is our determination to be faithful to this trust.

At this time, *Contact* enjoys the largest circulation in its nine year history. However, there are many more Free Will Baptists who need this magazine in their homes. It is our intention to do our utmost to push our circulation past the 10,000 mark in this tenth year. You can help in this.

Of course, if you do not subscribe to this magazine, then do so today. You need *Contact* in your home to be properly informed about the work and ministry of Free Will Baptists and it will come to your mailbox each month for only \$1.25 per year.

Then, you should subscribe for someone else. You, no doubt, have friends and relatives that should get *Contact* but who will never share in its ministry until first they are personally acquainted with it. You can help them and the extension of our ministry by providing a gift subscription.

Our greatest source for increased circulation is the "Church Family Plan." Churches that will subscribe for every active family in the church will get the magazine at the reduced rate of \$1.00 per year. Through this plan the magazine is mailed to the homes of the individual members each month and the church is billed on a quarterly basis. The addition of your church to this plan would be a source of real encouragement to us.

Let us also request your prayers for this magazine. It is our desire that it be effectual in the extension of our work and ministry around the world. Apart from prayer we cannot succeed.

Home Missions Month

The month of November is designated as Home Missions month. Our Home Missions department is working faithfully to evangelize needed areas in all of North America and Hawaii. This work has enjoyed much progress in recent years and it has been a joy to see God at work. All of the ministries of this department are made possible through the prayers and gifts of our people.

Response to a record budget of \$100,000.00 this year has been good, but the month of November is important to the final success of this goal. Do something this month for National Home Missions. It is important to extend the home base for the extension of the gospel around the world.

But there is more that you need to do. Your local church needs to consider the possibility of extending its work and ministry into some other part of the community. At the last session of the National Association, I spoke about the need of churches getting a vision for starting other churches in needy areas. Since that time, the North Carolina State Association has held a very successful Home Mission Conference which had as its emphasis "Each One Build One." May this vision increase.

Too long we have been content to enjoy the comfort of sizeable crowds and surplus finances. We dare not let talent lie dormant in our churches simply because we do not have enough opportunities to go around. Get a vision! Start a Sunday school or mission in a needy area. Provide the finances and the teachers. It will prove to be an open door of challenge and opportunity and the church will soon have the joy of witnessing the birth of a new church.

There is a place of service for you and your church. Seek it out and let us get on with the job which God has called us to do.

Your Gift Is Needed

Last month considerable time and effort was put forth to inform our people about the need which we now have for a new Headquarters Building. Opportunity also was given to contribute to this need. Early response has been favorable. However, we would like to point out that there are still great needs at this time.

We are anxious to purchase land soon, but we must proceed on an orderly and sound financial basis. Your gift at this time will mean so much. If you cannot send a gift at this time, the indication of your future support will give us direction in our planning.

Above all, pray with us about this matter. We have no desire to erect a building to the glory of any individual or for denominational prestige, but we are anxious to fill the place of responsibility which God is giving to Free Will Baptists in these turbulent times.

HOME MISSIONS

BASIC TO ALL WORK

by Homer E. Willis

THE CHURCHES OF Canada and the United States have in recent years furnished much of the missionary personnel of the world. However, with each of these nations fast becoming mission fields themselves, we must now begin to think in serious terms of evangelism at home as a means of preserving that which we have been sending out. There are 314,000 churches of all denominations in America, with a survey showing that only 20% of these listed as evangelical. Therefore, at best we have only a small number of Bible preaching churches (one church out of five) in America to reach the ever increasing population—now at approximately 185,000,000 in U. S. A. and 20,000,000 in Canada. We must keep in mind that people of other nations are interested in “major mission fields of the world,” but who is interested in “pagan” America.

Of 2,000 institutes of higher learning founded in America now only 50 to 75 of these make any pretense at being Christian. We have produced a generation of educated pagans in America.

In the United States, we have 5,500,000 Jews, more than any nation in the world; we have 19,000,000 negroes, more than many of the *new* nations in Africa; we have 5,000,000 Indians, only 7% of whom are Protestants; we have 5,000,000 Mexicans, one-fourth of the total; and many other races. Of the Jews in America, most have never heard the gospel one time. Many of the Negroes and Indians have never heard the gospel, and most of the Latin Americans are unreached by the Protestant Church.

Three of the large cities in the United States have approximately 50% “foreign born” population. Fifty-four per cent of the

people of Hawaii are Buddhist, and only three or four per cent are Protestant. Buddhism is gaining ground throughout the other states. Some of the most elaborate churches being built in America today are those by Buddhists, Mohammedans, Mormons, Roman Catholics, and by those of other false religions. With 37% of the American people Roman Catholic, there is a great opportunity for mission work among them here in our own land. Unless we work at home there will come a day when the freedom we now enjoy to preach will be taken from us. That day may be near at hand.

In America *one half* of the entire population lives in, or near, fourteen cities. We must evangelize in the large cities. In New York City there are more than 8,000,000 people. Of this number 3,000,000 are Jews; 2,000,000 are Negro; and at least 1,000,000 Puerto Ricans.

People are moving from rural areas to the cities. In 1865, five out of one hundred people in America lived in town. In 1818, fifty out of one hundred people lived in town. Today, two out of three live in a large city.

In New York City last year, 300 churches closed. In Chicago, 150 churches closed. In Cleveland, 110 churches closed. This is happening all over North America. The large cities are mission fields of unusual opportunity. New England is a *great* mission field with 80,000 souls unreached with the gospel. Yes, Home Missions, Evangelism, and Church Extension is basic to all our work as never before.

Two thirds of all the people in the world belong to the colored race—one third to the white race. Many of the *colored* races are living in America and waiting in America to hear the gospel. Too long we have called some “common and unclean.” The negro in America has now reached *middle*, and even *top* class status in some cases, but unreached with the gospel in most instances.

At any given time, there are thousands of migrants in America as well as thousands of foreign students in our colleges and universities. This is a mission field of no small proportion.

How can we say that all the world is pagan except the U. S. A. when there are 4,000,000 nonchurched in one city, and only 10% Protestant in that same city, and possibly 2% of 8,000,000 in that city born again. Also, we are reminded that at least 3,000,000 in that city have not even heard the gospel one time.

Let's face it. Home Missions is not attractive to some people. We have no pictures of naked natives and hungry children. We have no halos or furloughs in our program. Also, let's fact it—we could have no missionaries in the other parts of the world if we did not have *home* bases. We could not have institutes of learning, orphanages, or *any* other work without *local* churches. Just as the pastor is God's key man on earth, so is the local church God's headquarters here on earth. My brief is that the Home Missions program is *vital* and *basic* to all our work. New churches started by the Home Mission Board and home missionaries are fast becoming our best sources of finance for a world-wide program of evangelism and are furnishing new man power for the Kingdom work. Check your reports. See what the new churches in Washington, Colorado, Iowa, Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Washington, D. C., and the others are doing in this respect.

More strong local churches is the greatest need today in the Free Will Baptist denomination. We are endeavoring to support a worldwide ministry. Let's face it, home missions and church extension work is basic and vital. According to history, the Apostle Paul started 187 churches. What will you do? Where are you giving your money? Your dollar given for National Home Missions will yield future dollars for all the work.

HOMER WILLIS is General Director of the National Home Missions department. He has served in this capacity for six years.



Home missionary Lee Whaley of Anchorage, Alaska, congratulates Rudene Kennedy (center) and Joy Rice for a job well done. These young ladies enjoyed a very successful ministry among the children of Anchorage and Fairbanks during the summer. The occasion was a farewell service given by the church.

HOW GOD ANSWERED PRAYER

by Lee Whaley

A PERSON seldom realizes the impact of "Lo, I am with thee" in the great commission until he has encountered difficulties that only God could lead him through. These five years in Alaska have been full of these experiences; many which have led us into a deeper knowledge of God.

Last year was the coldest that we have experienced since we have been in Alaska. The temperature dropped to a record low many times and remained that way over long periods of time. On December 4, 1961 after Brother Willis and I prayed together I left Nashville, Tennessee, driving a jeep that had been donated to the work. God's presence was very real and I was confident of His hand upon my life.

Due to the extreme changes in climate as I traveled from one end of the continent to the other, I encountered many difficulties including a motor job on the jeep. The last problem occurred just 387 miles from Anchorage when the generator went out. I was out on the Alaska highway where parts could not be bought and the temperature was 60 degrees below zero.

After contacting home, Ethel and another missionary friend, the Reverend Elston Page came with a generator but to our disappointment it did not fit. Anxious to get home, as Christmas was only three days away, we put everything in Brother Page's station wagon and started home, leaving the jeep until a more suitable time to go for it. As we drove along we were quite aware of the hazardous conditions surrounding us and our utter dependence upon God. Suddenly as we were winding around a steep, icy mountain, Brother Page lost control of the car and in a second we were headed toward a deep precipice. When the car came to a stop we rested within inches of the edge of the cliff . . . within inches of certain death. Fellow-travelers assisted us in getting out of the snow bank and we were soon on our way.

Upon our arrival in Anchorage, Mrs. Page related an unusual experience. "I felt a definite urge to pray and I called upon some of the Christians of our church to join me. Soon after we had finished praying I received a telephone call from my mother in Lumberton, North Carolina, who hastened to ask what was wrong. She too, had felt an unusual call to prayer at that very time. So definite was her experience that she called to find out what the trouble was. As we considered the time element, the Holy Spirit had led these servants to pray for us at the very time our lives were so endangered.

"The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous and His ears are open unto their prayers" (I Peter 3:12-a).

Students Serve In Alaska

MATTHEW 19:14: "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Our work this summer in Alaska was primarily with the children. It was our privilege to teach boys and girls about Jesus and also to see them accept Him into their hearts.

We spent the month of June in Fairbanks working with the Godwins. At the Fairbanks Bible School, there was an enrollment of 52. This included Eskimo, Indian, White, Negro, Japanese, and Mexican children. It was a real thrill to teach these boys and girls about Jesus. For some of these children, attending Daily Vacation Bible School offered them their first real knowledge of Christ and His plan of salvation. These children and many others could be reached for Sunday school and church services if our missionaries there had the transportation and the workers available.

Every Wednesday prior to our week of D.V.B.S., we held a Bible club in a native home. We were thrilled by the interest shown by the children and by the possibili-

ties of many more such weekly clubs if personnel were available.

After the Bible School in Fairbanks, we went to Anchorage to work for the month of July. Because the work in Anchorage is older, there was naturally much more work of every sort to be done. We especially enjoyed the Friday night young people's meeting, called "Fishers of Men." Then we had three Bible Clubs each week in different sections of town. For our last week of Bible Clubs we had over 60 boys and girls in attendance with over 20 decisions for Christ. There was no one to continue the clubs, so we had to discontinue them. How we need someone for this great ministry of reaching unchurched children in their own neighborhoods! We spent our last week in Alaska in D.V.B.S. in Anchorage. Our enrollment was a huge number—101.

As we look back over the summer, all we can say is, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21).

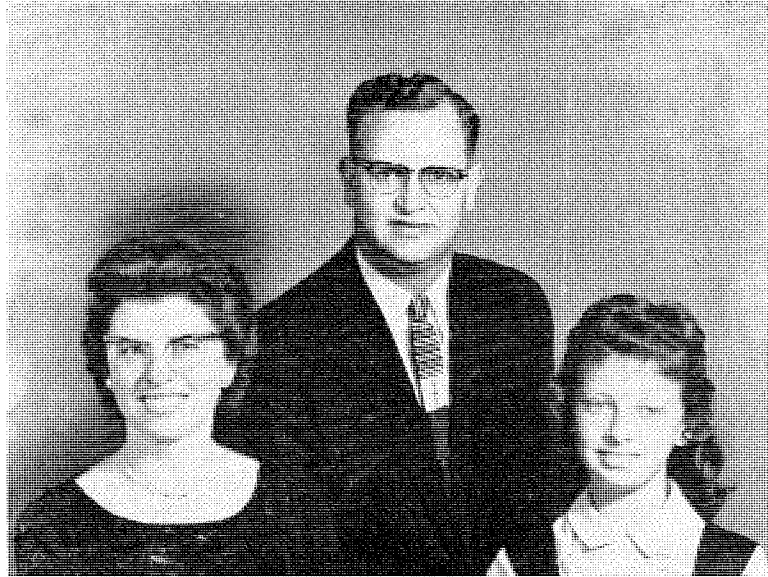
PLEASE READ every word of this article because it is an urgent S.O.S. Never in my life have I been faced with such a momentous task as this one that has recently been thrust upon me. As all of you know we have been conducting services in the basement of our very small and inadequate house for over three years. We have made Sunday School rooms under our floor, in our garage and every available place. We have been constantly searching for a reasonable and suitable place to have a church and there is absolutely none to be found. We have tried to find some land, but as I have previously informed you, land is unreasonably high—about \$2.00 to \$4.00 per square foot.

A few days ago I located a tract of land of 77,778 square feet (approximately 1¾ acres) which is about one half block from the Waipahu Elementary School and four blocks from the High School. There are about twenty-five eight unit Apartment Buildings about two blocks away and the place is flanked on three sides by about eight hundred to a thousand new houses that have been built within the past two years. After much prayer, I made an offer of \$60,000.00 to the Okazaki Realty Company, and believing that God was able to do it *through you* I promised to pay \$10,000.00 by November 1, and the remainder of the \$50,000.00 by the end of 1963. To our unexplainable joy they accepted our bid. Now if you had any idea of how difficult it is to get land for a church you would rejoice with us. The cost of this property seems high to you but when you consider that we are getting it, not for \$3.00, nor for \$2.00, and not even \$1.00, but approximately 77¢ per square foot it seems too good to be true.

I know that I have put myself and Free Will Baptists out on the proverbial limb but I believe we can do it through Him (Philippians 4:13). I wonder how many individuals and churches will if necessary borrow from the bank \$500.00 to \$1000.00 and send it in for this urgent need. We are not asking you to build us a church, put carpets on the floor or make us comfortable, but we must have your help now or we shall never have a church in Hawaii. This is a God given opportunity—an open door. It would cost each member of a church with a membership of 100 only three cents a day for one year to raise \$1,080.00—less than the price of a pack of gum. I don't say this with any doubts about the final outcome but if this venture fails I think that we just as well forget about a church in Hawaii.

I never want to have to tell another child "You can't come to Daily Vacation Bible School because we don't have room for you". Please, will you share with us at this time?

Land Made Available In Hawaii



Home missionary Luther Sanders and family are our representatives for Christ in Hawaii. They have enjoyed a fruitful ministry for approximately three years.

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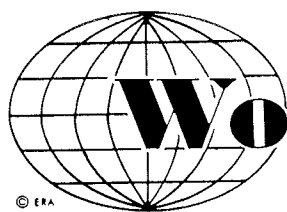
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RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

and television, literature and special Bible correspondence courses are made available to those who write. Currently more than 600 persons are enrolled in Bible study courses.

Bible Stories in Schools in Japan

CHICAGO, ILL.—Two hundred sets of the five-volume Moody Bible Story Book have been placed in public school libraries in Japan. These beautifully illustrated books contain the main events of the Old and New Testaments. They were translated and published by the Japan Sunday School Union in language a child can easily understand.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Buenos Aires, Argentina (MNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham brought his month-long Latin American tour to a close October 27 as he preached to a crowd of about 50,000 at the main football stadium here. Taking his text from Joshua 24, he spoke of Joshua's plea to a nation which, he said, was plagued by internal decadence following military victory.

About 1,200 people responded to Dr. Graham's invitation to come forward and make a decision for Christ.

The final rally brought the estimated total attendance for the eight-day Buenos Aires crusade to 187,500.

Earlier in the day the evangelist met for ten minutes with Argentine President Jose Maria Guido.

In the midst of the crusade here the Cuban crisis exploded into world headlines. Because of the threat of anti-American demonstrations extra police were stationed at the stadium, but the meetings proceeded without incident.

Dr. Graham answered questions on a telecast beamed to 60 per cent of the Argentine population and into neighboring Uruguay.

During the tour of six cities in four South American countries, Dr. Graham and his team preached to some 571,000 persons, of whom approximately 12,500 made some public decision.

E.F.M.A. Receives New Members

Washington, D. C. (MNS)—At the mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors last month the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association received into membership the Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

The Rev. Charles S. Sterrett of Newburgh, New York is corresponding secretary of the Board, which has 15 missionaries serving in Cyprus and Japan.

The E.F.M.A.'s membership now includes 56 mission agencies, with a total of 5,811 missionaries serving in virtually all areas of the free world.

NAE Makes Statement

WHEATON, ILL. (CNS)—In a statement on Christian unity which was released on the eve of the opening of the Second Vatican Council in Rome the National Association of Evangelicals declared that "only a spiritually united church can effectively confront an unbelieving world."

The conservative Protestant body deplored the bigotry, intolerance and human traditions which hinder Christians from experiencing true spiritual unity. "Thus we identify ourselves with all believers who share such great concerns as the unity of all regenerated persons as members of the body of Christ, a full devotion to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and the living head of the church, and a submission to the full and final authority of the Sacred Scriptures," said the statement which was adopted by the NAE board of administration during their semiannual meeting.

New Denominations Join NAE

AURORA, ILL. (CNS)—Two Protestant denominations were accepted as members of the National Association of Evangelicals thereby bringing NAE's total number of constituent groups to forty. These two groups are the Evangelical Congregational Church and the Pilgrim Holiness Church whose applications for membership in NAE were approved recently.

Korean Orphan Choir Tour

SEOUL, KOREA (CNS)—The 34-member World Vision Orphan Choir from Seoul, Korea, is now on a concert tour of 15 nations in Asia, Europe and North America.

Traveling with the choir is Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, an interdenominational missionary service organization sponsoring the tour. The choir will arrive in New York on November 29 for a coast-to-coast tour of North America.

Twenty-four girls and 10 boys, aged 8 to 12 make up the choir and were selected from more than 14,000 orphans in 151 orphanages in South Korea.

Teen-Age Evangelism in Germany

WEST BERLIN, GER. (MNS)—A program of saturation evangelism at the teenage level is being carried out by a Youth For Christ International "Teen Team" here at the invitation of the Minister of Education.

Every junior and senior high school is open to the team. In each school a full assembly program is presented, following which team members are usually allowed to spend several hours with the students in the classrooms. The Gospel is clearly presented and every effort is made to bring young people to a personal decision for Christ.

Mayor Willy Brandt officially received the teen-agers and expressed appreciation for their activities. He also thanked America for sending this caliber of teen-agers to influence the young people of Berlin.

Bible Sells in South America

MEDELLIN, COLUMBIA—More than 25,000 Bibles and Scripture portions were sold during the Book Fair held August 21 to September 8. Leaders of the Roman Catholic clergy opposed the "sale of Protestant Bibles" and attempted to have the Bible Society's permit canceled, but the other 17 exhibitors declared that they would have to evict them first. The Bible Society's booth continued to attract many customers, and sales averaged 3,000 a day.

Missionary Uses Television

SAN SALVADOR, EL SAL. (MNS)—By means of television and radio the Rev. Paul Finkenbinder, Assemblies of God missionary here, is reaching an estimated 40,000 persons with the Gospel message.

Well-known Bible stories are enacted and filmed for half-hour releases on television and distributed in El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Chile, and the Dominican Republic. In many cities public television sets are placed in the town square for everyone to view.

As a follow-up of the broadcasts on radio

THERE IS STILL TIME TO RESPOND

OUR GOAL = \$100,000.00

Some time ago when Chicago was planning its first World's Fair, the people began to feel pretty grim about tackling such a big job and trying to make it pay off. About this time Daniel H. Burnham, an architect advised:

"Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and will probably themselves not be realized. Make big plans."

The National Association of Free Will Baptists is a strong, growing influence for Christ because men have dared to think and plan big and because local Free Will Baptist churches across the country have given staunch support. The challenge today is great, but Free Will Baptists are equal to this magnificent opportunity.

WILL YOU ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE?

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WITH YOUR CHECK
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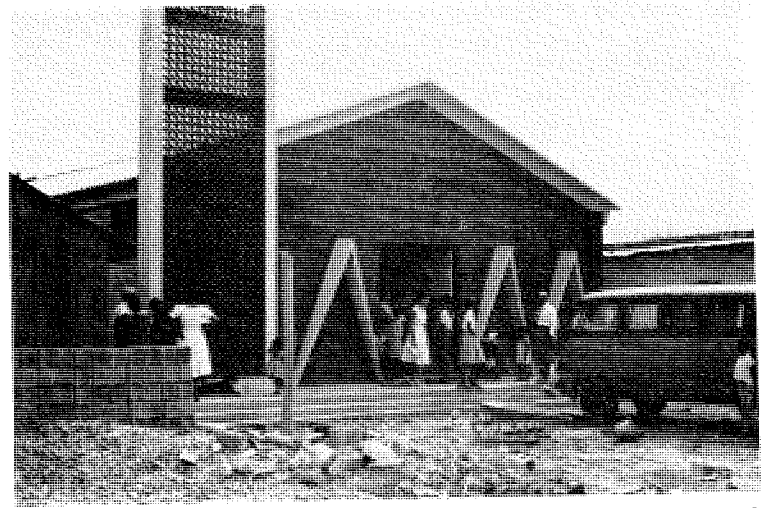
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Words from the Front Lines

**last-minute reports from
home missions outposts
in north america**

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

There are many needs for which we covet your prayers. (1) We are in great need of the adjoining two lots for expansion purposes. (2) Our present heating system is inadequate, hazardous, and expensive. Pray that better heating facilities may be supplied. (3) A car or station wagon is needed. (4) There is also the need for someone to assist in the office.—Lee Whaley

MIAMI, FLORIDA

The Free Will Baptist Cuban Relief Center started several months ago continues to grow. Increasing numbers of Cubans arrive here each week and we wonder how all the needs can be supplied, but somehow it has been done. Like the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, we know all things are possible with God. We are not only interested in the material needs, but also the spiritual. We provide Bibles and Testaments and always give a witness.—Bessie Yeley

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

We had the dedication of our church on July 8. The auditorium will seat 250. There are seven classrooms, nursery, pastor's study, and Sunday school office. We now have 54 members with a record attendance of 98.—Johnny Vick

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

We have been having better church attendance. Last Sunday there were 27 in our services. We have several new families and many who are unsaved. Our Bible Club has enjoyed real success and now has 14 members.—Kirby Godwin

MONTERREY, MEXICO

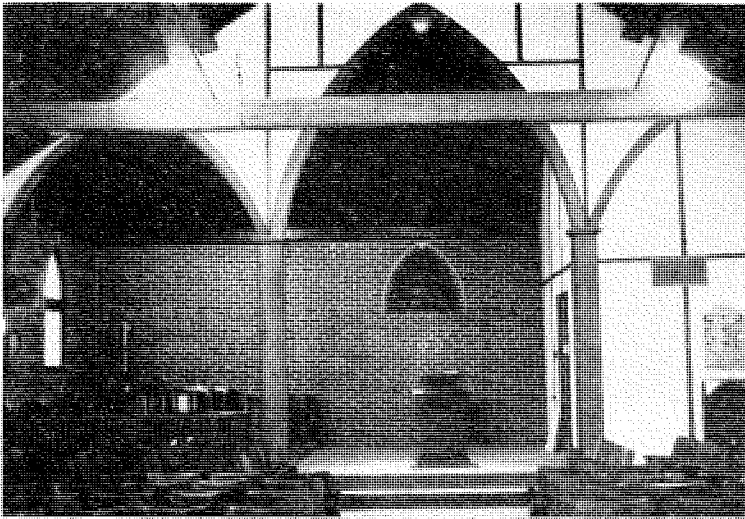
We are working very hard in our school with little time for anything else. Classes are from eight in the morning until one in the afternoon. Church attendance has increased until someone said recently, "We may have to build a balcony soon." Our young people have an early morning broadcast now at six o'clock each morning. The Lord has been good to us.—Arthur Billows

DENVER, COLORADO

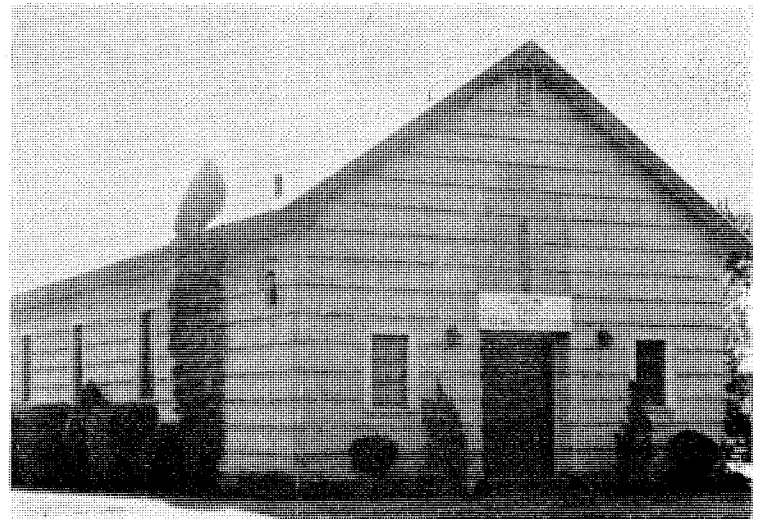
The church has purchased its own property at a cost of \$31,500. Our Sunday school continues to grow with an attendance of 113 last Sunday. There are many opportunities open to us in the surrounding area.—Roy Thomas

WASHINGTON, D. C.

We continue to see people saved. Recently a Catholic was converted. The church still needs property on which to build. We have issued bonds in the amount of \$25,000 in preparation for this. Some could help us at this time by investing in some of our bonds.—Kenneth Walker



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TWIN MOUNTAIN, N. H.

During anniversary Sunday, we could not help but remember how some of the folks in our community declared the church would not stay open through the first winter. This was also the occasion of establishing a building fund for more Sunday school rooms. Our first offering for this purpose was \$207.00. Our youth choir has now grown to 25 voices.—Mark Vandivort

NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

In the short while the church has been reopened, we have seen six saved. There were about 65 people in our services last Sunday. The people are encouraged at the progress. We have a real challenge with so few active churches in the area. Pray with us that God will give great victory.—Mack Owens

WAIPAHU, HAWAII

We have utilized all the available space in our rented house—under the porch floor and in the garage. The last project which we have begun is building a lean-to on the back of the house for more Sunday school space. Now that we have land available to us, we are hopeful of more adequate facilities soon. There were 108 enrolled in our recent Bible School.—Luther Sanders

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

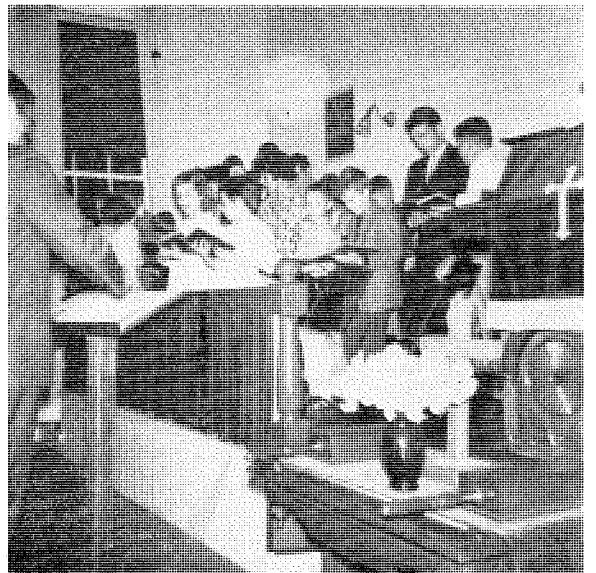
Since the beginning, the church has enjoyed the blessings of the Lord, with several conversions and baptisms. We have an auditorium which seats 200 with seven classrooms. Our property also includes a parsonage. Total cost was \$13,850.00. Average attendance now runs about 40. The nearest Free Will Baptist church is 110 miles to the west.—Johnny Postlewaite

PICTURE STORIES

(1) The Cuban congregation at worship in Miami. Rev. M. Martinez is pastor. The Home Mission Board, with the Foreign Mission Board, is also working with the refugees through CERF (Cuban Emergency Relief Fund). (2) The Free Will Baptist church in Monterrey, Mexico. Arthur Billows is the area missionary. (3) Interior of the church purchased in Denver, Colorado. Located in a growing area, the church has great opportunities according to pastor Roy Thomas. (4) The Free Will Baptist church in Vancouver, Washington. One of our newer projects, it is now reaching more in the community. Johnny Postlewaite is the pastor. (5) Church opened in Millville, Canada, by missionary Mack Owens. There is a great need for spiritual ministry in this area. (6) The Junior Choir of the Free Will Baptist church in Twin Mountain, N. H. Mr. Warren Veñdt is director and Rev. Mark Vandivort is pastor.



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WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

by Louis H. Moulton



Cooperative Receipts Below Average for September

AFTER A STEADY increase for two months the Cooperative receipts for September dropped to a low of \$3,391.74. This compares to \$6,275.08 for the month of August. With increased demands upon the ministries of the National Association, a greater response is necessary if we are to meet all the needs.

Please stand with us at this time. A gift from your church or through your state to the Cooperative Plan of Support will help maintain and extend present ministries.

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Good Water Church, Slocomb	5.00	22.41
State Association	17.41	537.51
CALIFORNIA		
State association		537.51
GEORGIA		
State association		218.36
ILLINOIS		
State association		364.92
KENTUCKY		
Southside church, Paintsville		35.12
NEW MEXICO		
Free Will Baptist church, Hobbs	51.68	
First association	17.79	67.47
NORTH CAROLINA		
Swannanoa church, Swannanoa	100.94	
Fellowship church, New Bern	84.66	195.60
OKLAHOMA		
State Association		953.30
TENNESSEE		
Wooddale church, Knoxville	102.86	
Horton Heights church, Nashville	102.68	
Olivet church, Clarksville	215.00	421.35
TEXAS		
State association		166.74
VIRGINIA		
Bethany church, Norfolk		219.31

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Tennessee \$3,391.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Mission	1,004.20	
Executive Department	795.49	
Bible College	645.40	
Home Missions	484.32	
Sunday School Department	167.88	
League	165.38	
Superannuation Board	96.81	
Stewardship Commission	32.26	<u>\$3,391.74</u>

Your questions for use in this column are invited. All questions not answered in the column will be answered personally. Send your questions to Rev. Louis H. Moulton, 8 Richmond Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

Can a Trustee of the church be voted out of office by the church when he has done no ungodly act?

Yes indeed. It does not mean that you necessarily have done anything or have not done anything to have someone elected in your place. Don't let Satan use this to spoil your victory. There are plenty of other avenues of service in your church for Jesus and eternity.

All I hear from my pastor week in and week out is missions, missions, missions. Isn't there something more important than to hammer at a congregation constantly about missions?

No. Missions is the heartbeat of the Bible. The marching orders to the church is "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature . . ." (Mark 16:15, 16). The "go" is still in the Gospel and this is missions. Sounds to me as though someone needs to do a little missionary work with you.

I read a quote from A. B. Simpson where he said he had rather play with forked lightning or take in his hands wires of fiery current than to speak recklessly against any servant of God who preaches the Word of God. Don't you think we in the pew ought to have the right to criticize our pastor and if needs be to talk about him as we please?

I Thessalonians 5:12, 13 says those who are over us in the Lord are to be esteemed very highly in love for their work's sake. Read the whole passage. Hebrews 13:17 says "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account . . . for you." Psalm 105:15 says "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." If God in His Word speaks thusly of His ministers, then what ought to be your attitude toward him?

I don't like to hear preaching about other groups which criticizes or condemns them. Is there not always the possibility of hurting people's feelings?

I am in the midst just now of preaching on the cults, acquainting my people with their doctrines which are false and contrary to the Bible. Thus far I have covered generally Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormans, Spiritism, Christian Science, Seventh Day Adventists, and yet have some more to cover. I do not hate the people in these cults but desire very much that they come to the light and be saved. But I despise the doctrine they teach because it is contrary to the Word of God. I shall, as long as I live, preach against them because they are the enemies of the Cross of Christ.

My little boy says that we ought not to let in our house those who knock on the door those watchtower books, etc. I say to him that we ought to let them in and try to win them to Jesus. What do you say?

We ought to try to win them to Christ all right. With that I certainly am in agreement. But your little son seems to have more discernment than you do. In II John verse 10 "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed" and verse 11 says "For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." The doctrine that John refers to is the doctrine of Christ (see verse 9).

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STUDY IN THE EPISTLES OF JOHN

THE FIRST CENTURY was rapidly coming to a close when John the Apostle wrote his first epistle. The date is somewhere around 85 to 90. John is the only living apostle. James, Peter, and Paul have been dead more than twenty years. John is now an old man. The tone of his writing is paternal, filled with fatherly authority as well as fatherly affection.

No one group or church is addressed in this letter. John has written this perhaps as a circular letter intended for several churches.

One of the most evident reasons for this epistle was to combat the false teachers of that day. The *Ebionites* taught that Christ was a mere man. The *Docetae* taught that Christ did not have a real body, therefore he did not really suffer. The *Cerinthians* held that Christ was an emanation from God which came on the man Jesus at his baptism and left him before the crucifixion. Thiessen quotes Irenaeus as saying that Cerinthus held that Jesus was not virgin born, but rather the child of Mary and Joseph. All of these false views nullified the true Biblical teaching of Christ and His atonement for sin. Also, all of these views led to many, many immoral practices. False doctrine always leads to lower standards of conduct.

To counteract these false teachings, John begins this letter by declaring truth concerning Christ. John had personally heard, seen and handled the Son of God. His assurance is underscored many times by the expression "we know." "Know" and kindred terms are used forty times in this little book.

The four-fold purpose of John in writing this epistle is found in the text itself:

1. (1:4) To enhance their joy
2. (2:1) To keep them from sin
3. (2:26) To inform them about the false teachers
4. (5:1) To lead them to full assurance of eternal life

Perhaps the shortest and simplest outline of I John is:

1. Introduction, 1:1-4
2. God is Light, 1:5-2:11
3. God is Love, 3:1-4:21
4. God is Life, 5:1-20
5. Conclusion, 5:21

Charles A. Thigpen

One could hardly complete the reading of chapter one of this letter without considering the word, "fellowship," which occurs four times in these ten verses. I have found two outlines built around this word which may help you in your study of this book. Miss Laura Belle Barnard in "Bible Survey Notes" suggests the following outline:

- I. Fellowship with God: a joyful life (1:1-10)
- II. Fellowship with God: a victorious life (2:1-17)
- III. Fellowship with God: a guarded life (2:18-4:6)
- IV. Fellowship with God: a confident life (4:7-5:18)

Also, Dr. Walter Dunnett in *An Outline of New Testament Survey*, gives the following interesting outline which follows the same theme of fellowship:

- I. Introduction: The Reality of Fellowship, 1:1-4
- II. The Requirements for Fellowship, 1:5-10
- III. The Victorious Character of Fellowship, 2:1-17
- IV. The Enemies of Fellowship, 2:18-29
- V. The Reasons for Fellowship, 3:1-12
- VI. The Tests of Fellowship, 3:13-24
- VII. The Discernment of Fellowship, 4:1-6
- VIII. The Practice of Fellowship, 4:7-21
- IX. The Foundation of Fellowship, 5:1-12
- X. The Privileges of Fellowship, 5:13-21

This life of fellowship with God is conditional upon walking in the light, confession of sin, forgiveness of sin, and cleansing from sin. Surely this is the secret of a victorious, overcoming Christian life.

The Second and Third epistles of John are personal letters. The second letter is addressed to the "elect lady and her children." We do not know if this refers to a certain

person or to a church. It is my opinion that the author had a definite person in view as he wrote. Dr. C. H. Benson states that this woman was of some prominence and influence, having shown hospitality to many traveling missionaries. However, she was ignorant of the ways of false teachers and subject to being "taken in" by them. To warn this good woman then, is the central idea in this letter.

This epistle was written shortly after the first epistle (85-90).

John beseeches the elect lady, to walk in love and to keep the Lord's commandments (5, 6), to warn her against the deceivers that were abroad (7-11), to inform her of his plan to visit her soon (12), and to convey the greeting of the children of her sister (13).

The admonition and warning of verses 10 and 11 should be remembered by present day Christians; "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

The Third epistle of John is the shortest New Testament book. The date of its writing is about the same as the other two epistles. John is here addressing "Gaius, the beloved." This was a very common name and we do not know what Gaius John had in mind. There is a possibility this could be the same person that is spoken of in Romans 16:23 and I Corinthians 1:14. That person was noted for his outstanding Christian hospitality.

Miss Barnard states the following concerning this little book; "This epistle of John is of special interest because it affords an insight into the churches in the closing years of that first century. We see the churches in their actual, everyday condition, with their virtues and defects, their noble and ignoble members, and the errors into which they might be betrayed."

The book seems to fall naturally into the following divisions:

1. Introduction, 1
2. Prayer and Praise for Gaius, 2-8
3. Condemnation of Diotrephes, 9-11
4. Commendation of Demetrius, 12
5. Conclusion, 13



JOHN WELCH



JAMES MILLER

TWO VETERAN PASTORS RETIRE

Two of our Free Will Baptist ministers, whose active years of duty represent more than 100 years of service, are retiring from the pulpit. They are the Rev. John L. Welch and the Rev. James F. Miller.

Mr. Welch, the first moderator of the National Association organized in 1935, holds the record pastorate among all ministers in the city of Nashville, Tennessee. For 53 years he has pastored in the city. Except for a short time at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, Mr. Welch has been the leader of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Welch are going into retirement at their new home on Raywood Lane in Nashville.

Mr. James F. Miller, one of the denomination's great soldiers, is retiring at Farmington, Missouri after a three year pastorate at Forest Grove Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. Ordination for Mr. Miller took place at Flat River, Missouri in September of 1915. Since that date he has pastored 19 churches in Missouri, Texas, North Carolina and Tennessee. His longest pastorate being at Flat River.

Mr. Miller served on the board of trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College for 18 years.

New Church Organized

SUMMERSVILLE, W. VA.—With 29 members present for the organization, the Nile Chapel Free Will Baptist Church became a reality. The new church is located at Persinger, West Virginia and has a Sunday

School enrollment of 63. Rev. Huling P. Brown is the pastor.

Bible Institute Opened

CRAMERTON, N. C.—President Roy Rikard has announced the opening of the Piedmont Bible Institute for its seventh year of operation. The institute's four faculty members will be offering courses in Bible Survey, Doctrine, English and Music. The purpose of the school is to give Christian training to those in the immediate area.

Project Adopted

DURHAM, N. C.—During a recent session of the Woman's Auxiliary District Convention of the General Conference, the project of buying the ticket for missionary Mary Ellen Rice to go to Brazil was adopted. The District Convention plans to reach its goal of \$500.00 by the first of December.

Appearing on the same program was Dan Merkh, missionary to Africa.

Attendance Awards Presented

JOHNSONVILLE, S. C.—The Westside Original Free Will Baptist Church awarded 22 perfect attendance pins recently. The Westside Church was organized in August of 1955 with 50 Sunday school members. The Sunday school now averages 77.

Plans to Organize

YAKIMA, WASH.—A definite step toward organizing an association in the Northwest was taken recently when pastors of the four churches in Washington met to lay initial plans.

Attending the meeting held in the Free Will Baptist Church here were pastors, E. F.

GLANCING AROUND THE STATES

Snowder, Fred Dillinger, John Postlewaite, and Joe Hurst who presided.

The churches widely separated, but if travel conditions and other factors permit, the organization is planned for January. It is hoped that churches in neighboring states will also attend.

Churches Near Completion

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Two new churches in the St. Louis area are nearly completed. The Grace Free Will Baptist Church and the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. Both of these congregations expect to worship in their new buildings before the winter month. Rev. Johnny Land and Rev. Russell Spurgeon are the pastors.

Successful Rally Day

BERKELEY CITY, MO.—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Berkeley, Missouri recently enjoyed a record breaking rally day with 440 attending Sunday School. The day was also designated as "Pastor Appreciation Day" for Rev. Harvey Hill who has completed seven years as pastor of the church. The Berkeley church recently moved into a new auditorium which seats 600 and is valued at approximately \$200,000.00.

Pastoral Changes

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Rev. Lawrence Thompson from Sesser, Illinois to the Riverview Free Will Baptist Church, Bettendorf, Iowa; Rev. Dale Skiles from Riverview to Mill Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Myrtle, Missouri; Rev. Dale Jones from First Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, to Lebanon, Missouri; Rev. Frank Guinta from Nashville to Northside Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sesquicentennial Celebration

DURHAM, N. C.—A sesquicentennial celebration of the first printing of *The Former Articles* will be observed by the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists in North Carolina at the Garner Church. According to the Rev. Ronald Creech, clerk, the observance will highlight the program for the annual session, November 13 and 14.

This treatise, first printed in 1812, is the oldest in the Free Will Baptist denomination. It is believed to be a revision of the Baptist Confession of Faith first printed in England in 1660.

The program calls for messages centering in this historical document. The Rev. Leroy Forlines, professor at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, will speak on the doctrine of the general provision of Christ's atone-

ment. The Rev. R. Eugene Waddell will speak on "A Majority Shall Carry the Point," the basic principle of church government of the old General Conference. The Rev. Frank Davenport will speak on "History of North Carolina Free Will Baptists."

It was announced that several historical documents will be given to the Conference. A copy of *An Abstract of the Former Articles of Faith Confessed by the Original Baptist Church, Holding the Doctrine of General Provision, With a Proper Code of Discipline for the Future Government of the Church*, (commonly called *The Former Articles*) which was printed in 1884 will be presented during the session. The Rev. Creech pointed out that this edition was in use at the time the General Conference was disbanded in 1886.

A photographic copy of the original 1812 edition of the disciplines will also be pre-

sented. Mr. Creech announced that he is also securing a photographic copy of the first General Baptist Confession of Faith of 1660, for this occasion.

Greetings honoring this historic occasion are expected from many areas of the denomination. Representatives from the National Association and the North Carolina Association of Original Free Will Baptists will be reporting to the group. A missionary service is planned for Tuesday evening with Missionary Daniel J. Merkh from Africa speaking.

The General Conference was revived a year ago and this historical discipline was adopted. It was further pointed out that this is one of the two district associations in Eastern North Carolina which voted to remain affiliated with the National Association when the State Convention withdrew.

Announcing NAE's Expository Preaching Contest

INFORMATION

The National Association of Evangelicals continues its emphasis to "Return the Bible to the Heart of the Nation" by sponsoring an expository preaching contest. It is hoped that many pastors will participate, thus giving thousands of congregations across the country an opportunity to become personally involved with the Bible as it is preached from many pulpits.

CONTEST RULES

1. The expository preaching contest is open to any minister, missionary or chaplain.

2. All sermons submitted in this contest shall be expository, in that they will be based on a definite passage of Scripture and will endeavor to explain and to apply the content of that passage to some problem of contemporary life. Each individual may select his own passage and subject.

3. The sermon must have been preached to a congregation between July 1, 1962, and January 27, 1963.

4. Each sermon must be accompanied by an official entry blank or a separate sheet of paper on which is given all the information requested on the official entry blank.

5. Each person entering the contest shall be limited to one sermon entry.

6. The sermon must be typewritten, double spaced on 8½ by 11 paper, with a 15-point margin on each side and at least a one inch margin on top and bottom.

7. The sermon should not be more than 3,000 words in length.

8. All sermons must be original. Any quotations from other writers or speakers must be marked as quotations and acknowledged by footnote.

9. The sermon must be accurately outlined and must be written in good rhetorical form.

10. Decisions of the judges will be announced during the NAE convention April 22-26, 1963, at Buffalo, N. Y., and in *United Evangelical Action* magazine and shall be regarded as final.

11. All sermons submitted become the property of the National Association of Evangelicals and may be published in magazine or book form at their discretion.

12. All sermons must be sent first class mail and postmarked not later than midnight February 1, 1963, to become eligible in the contest. All manuscripts should be addressed to Expository Preaching Contest, NAE, Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois.

CONTEST AWARDS

1. The first winner will receive a 36-volume set of *The Speaker's Bible* (New American Edition), edited by James and Edward Hastings. This award, worth more than \$140, is being given through the courtesy of Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. A \$25.00 cash award will also be given.

2. The next nine winners will receive cash awards of \$25.00 each and the sermons of all ten winners will be published by Baker Book House in a book called *The Best in Expository Preaching*.

CONTEST JUDGES

A panel of five judges will select the winning sermons. The judges will be Dr. Merrell C. Tenney, dean of the graduate school at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood, professor emeritus of homiletics at Princeton University, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. Herman Baker of Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Neil Winegarden, president of Buffalo Bible Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., and Dr. James D. Robertson, professor of preaching at Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

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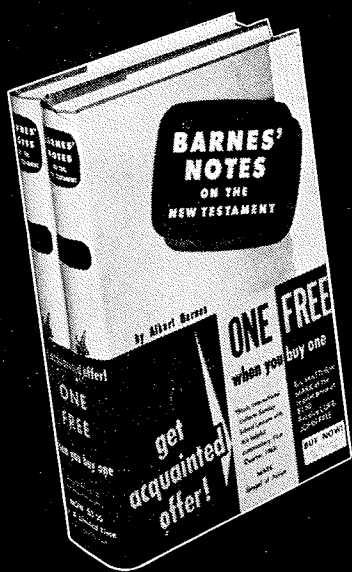
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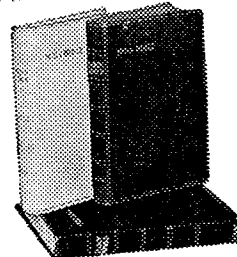
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IN THE VINEYARD

- Foreign Missions Director, *Reford Wilson*, will be attending a Missionary Conference in Oklahoma, November 1-4. Georgia State Association November 15-16.
- *Mrs. Eunice Edwards*, WNAC Executive Secretary, will be in West Jefferson, Ohio October 29-November 4. Pine Level Church, Chester, Georgia, Nov. 13, and Jacksonville, Florida, Nov. 16-19.
- *Rufus Coffey*, Director of Conference istries, will attend the Alabama State Association November 8-9. Mr. Coffey will be in the Greenville, N. C. area, November 11-12. South Carolina Association, Nov. 15-16.
- Executive Secretary, *Billy A. Melvin* will be attending the Executive Committee meeting November 6 and 7 in Nashville. November 13-14 the American Bible Society Advisory Council and November 15-16, Georgia State Association.
- *Henry Van Kluyve*, Representative of Executive Church Bonds, Inc., will be conducting a program in Jacksonville, North Carolina November 5-9.
- National League Director, *Samuel Johnson* will be in Memphis, Tennessee November 13 and 14 for the Tennessee State Association meeting.
- *Roger C. Reeds*, Director of the Sunday School Department, will be attending the Florida State Association, November 2 and 3.

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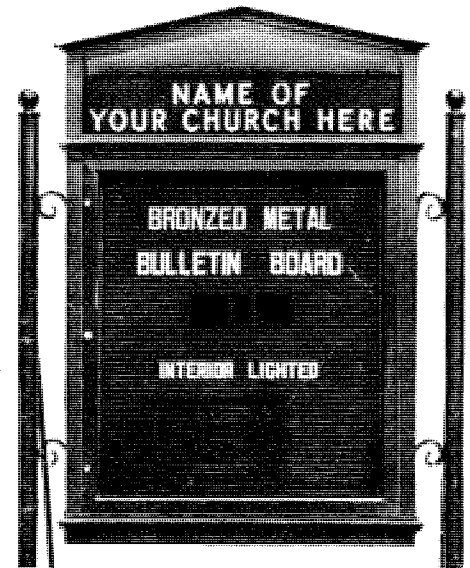
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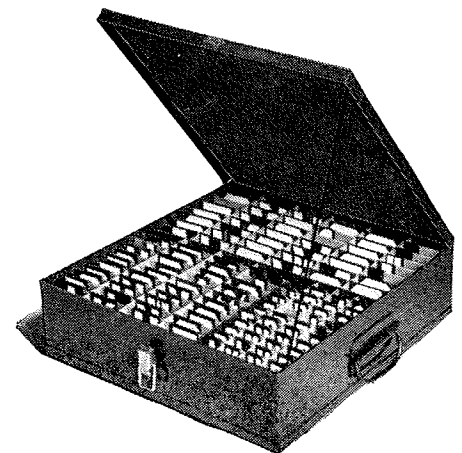
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The Cost of Missions

by Bonnie Belcher

IN JANUARY of 1956 four bodies lay dead on the beach in the heart of the Auca Indian jungle. They were the bodies of Pete Fleming, Jim Elliot, Nate Saint, and Roger Youderian, young missionaries who had come to this savage land to bring the Gospel to the Aucas. The body of Ed McCully, the fifth missionary, was never recovered. However, some friendly Quichua Indians said they had found Ed's body and brought the rescue party his watch and shoes.

These young men had tried to bring God's Word to the Aucas. They tried to show the Aucas they were friendly by dropping gifts to them from their plane. After many gift drops were made, the Aucas seemed to become a little friendly, but without any warning whatsoever they were turned upon and murdered!! Their bodies were found in the murky stream that lay near their camp. It was evident that they had been ambushed.

The whole world asked why? Why did a tragic thing like this have to happen? These young men had sacrificed success in America to go into the dangerous jungle of Equador where the primitive Auca Indians lived. They went to teach them of God's wonderful love for them and to give them the bread of life. Were their lives wasted? People all over the world said they were. They stated that what they did helped no one; that their trip was useless. The cry was, "wasted lives, wasted lives." Are these statements true?

Doesn't God have His plan and purpose in all things? These men realized this. They knew that they might have to die to penetrate the savage jungle to reach the Aucas, but they were willing to pay that price, and they did. Just a few days before the massacre took place, they sang this beautiful hymn.

"We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender,
Thine shall be the praise,
When passing through the gates of pearly splendor
Victors, we rest with Thee through endless days."

These men paid the price of being a missionary for Christ. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Cross bearing is the one condition and sign of discipleship. There is but one cross, the cross of self-abnegation. To Christ the cross meant one thing and nothing less, His sacrifice of Himself to save others. And this is what it must mean to every disciple of Christ. When a person takes upon himself the cross of Jesus and sacrifices his life for Him to do His will, he is paying the price. If he must die while bearing the cross, he will receive just reward. He will have eternal life in Heaven. For Christ said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

The Lord Jesus asks us to pay the price of world evangelization. It is wrong to refuse to do so. Yet thousands state that it costs too much. "I can't afford to pay that price." God didn't hold back, but gave up his only son to pay the price for our sins and our failures. Jesus was expendable. Therefore, as Christians, we cannot afford to be anything else but expendable!

However, one great difficulty with the whole body of professed disciples is that most of them are trying to save themselves yet be saved. It cannot be done! And so it comes to pass that today thousands go to church every Sunday. There they say the prayers, sing the hymns, and bear the name of Christ; but they essentially live a worldly life. They are engaged in no soul-saving work, and have no desire for it. They have not, and will never experience the sweetness of voluntary self-denial for His sake, until they submit themselves wholly to Christ. Oh, they are glad to give money to help bring the bread of life to lost souls, and then claim they have fulfilled their requirements in paying the price. But they are too busy in their self-indulgences to live only for Christ, and go out themselves and spend their time and effort, helping those who don't know Christ.

When those five young missionaries died, their widows did not think of self-pity, nor did the parents of those men. Quite the contrary, they had nothing but praise for the living God. They knew that this was His will and he had a purpose in doing it. As a result of this incident, people all over the world dedicated their lives to the Lord as missionaries to bear His cross. Many of them volunteered to carry on the work of those five martyrs. Those five men have their reward in heaven, and I believe that no richer reward could ever be desired.

The cost of missions cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but in the lives of dedicated men and women who are willing to dedicate their all to Christ in sacrificial living or dying. It costs just as much to live for Him as to die for Him!

Every Christian should be a missionary no matter where it is. Whether it is at home over the back yard fence, at the shop or office, the cost is the same. To be a real disciple of Christ and fulfill the cost of missions, all must be laid upon the altar in dedication to Christ: our lives, our property, our family.

"Give of thy sons to bare the message glorious,
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way,
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious,
And all thou spendest, Jesus will repay."