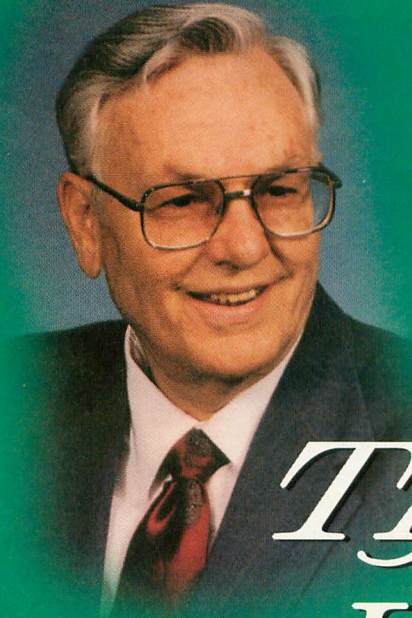


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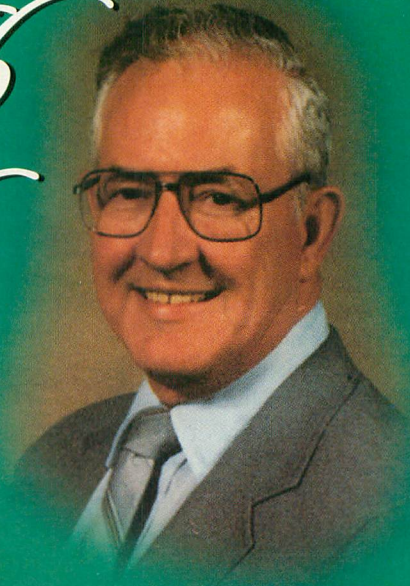
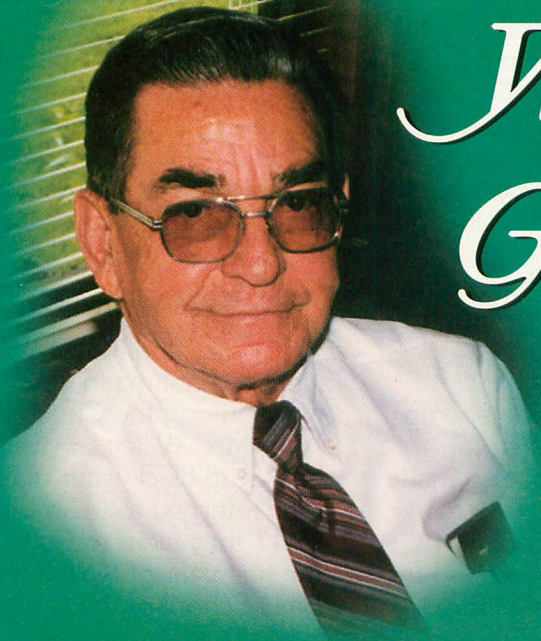
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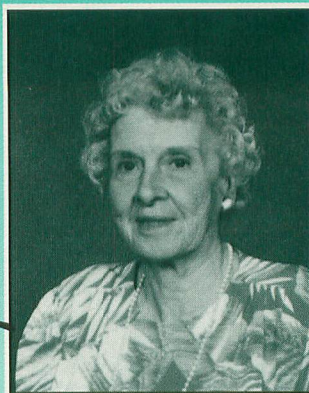


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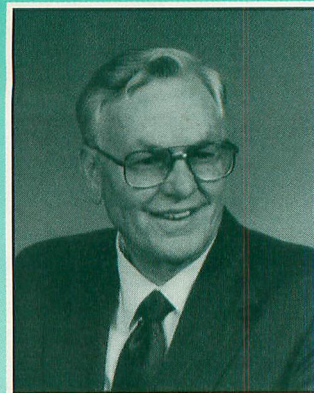


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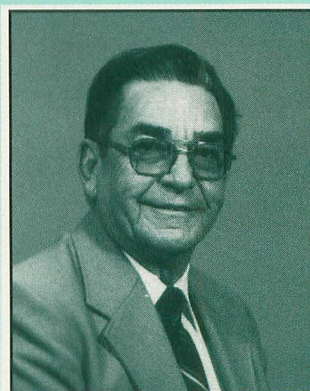
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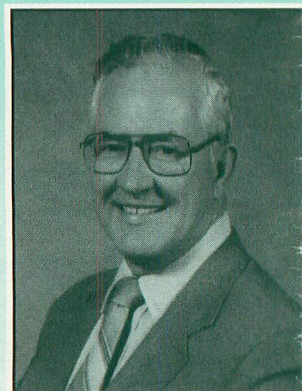
Mabel Bailey Willey



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When God spoke, they listened . . . and obeyed. Mabel Bailey Willey, Daniel R. Cronk, Archie J. Mayhew and Donald R. Sexton were distinct individuals with diverse opinions, abilities and gifts. But each shared a great love for God and a commitment to spreading His message of redemption to people who had not heard. They all had experienced rich blessings of God in the ministry but had finished their courses, so one by one God called them home. Strangely, He called all four within a four-month period.

Mabel "Mom" Willey, the senior pioneer missionary to Panama and Cuba, lived a fruitful 92 years. She went home on January 16, 1998, while residing with her daughter in Bryan, Texas.

Daniel Cronk entered heaven's gates on November

20, 1997, at the age of 74 at his home in Nashville, Tenn. He had served 25 years as a missionary to India and nine years as a professor of missions at Free Will Baptist Bible College. He had cancer of the esophagus.

Archie Mayhew lived a joyful life of 71 years and went to be with his Lord on October 26, 1997, in Modesto, Calif. He was a victim of colon cancer. Archie had served 17 years as a missionary to Côte d'Ivoire and 12 years as a member of the Board of Foreign Missions. He also had pastored churches in Tennessee, Illinois and California.

Donald Ray Sexton grew up in the coal-mining hills of eastern Kentucky but also made an impact on many people in Tennessee and the country of France. He and Billie served for eight years in France before

they had to leave the field due to Billie's ill health. Not long after that, Don was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Don finished his work on earth on December 17 in Elizabethton, Tenn., at the age of 67. He died from a blood clot following surgery.

All four of these special servants made their mark on the hearts of people wherever they labored. This issue of *Heartbeat* is dedicated to the memory of their lives and labors for the Lord.

Mabel Bailey Willey

Thomas and Mabel Willey went to Panama in 1937 to work among the Choco Indians. After Mrs. Willey survived a bout with blackwater malaria, they returned to Miami, Fla. In 1941 they went to Cuba. After the first year of teaching in the Bible School of the Cuban

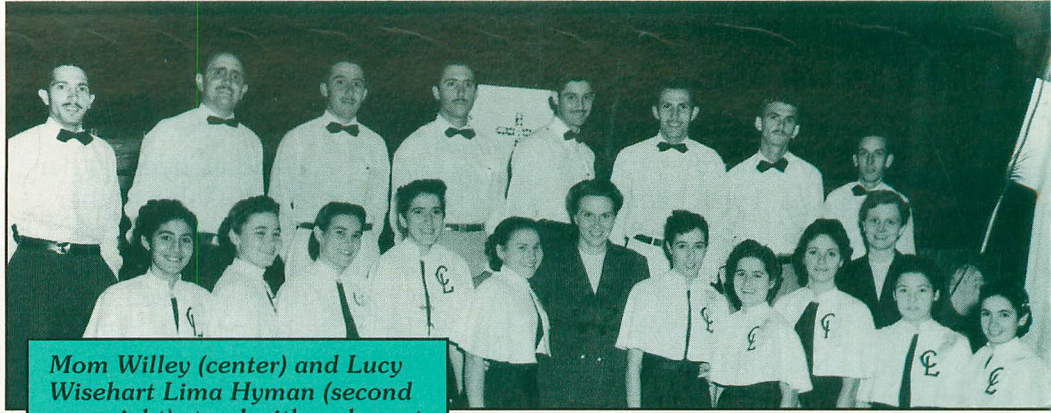
Evangelization Association, the Willeys opened their work in the Province of Pinar del Rio in western Cuba. With the town of Pinar as the center, five churches on outlying stations sprang up and were organized within one year. In 1943 property was purchased near Pinar, and a Bible institute, “Cedars of Lebanon,” was begun with seven students in the first class.

In February of 1943 the Cuban Free Will Baptist Association was organized. Total membership in all churches at that time came to 76, but some 200 converts were awaiting baptism.

Miami pastor Benito Rodriguez, who was fruit of the Willeys’ ministry in Cuba, says, “It is my opinion that the years Mrs. Willey spent in Cuba—1941-1960—were the peak of her life. She was young, talented, healthy, strong and experienced. The Bible institute was in all probability the single most important and productive work of her whole life and ministry.”

After Castro took over the island in 1960, the Willeys were forced to leave. So, “Mom” and “Pop” Willey ministered to refugees in the Miami area and traveled across the States, speaking on behalf of foreign missions. Tom Sr. lost a battle with cancer and died in 1968, but Mabel continued her service to the Lord in the Miami area.

In 1971, though she was already in her mid-sixties, Mrs. Willey returned to Panama to minister to professional women. Tom Willey Jr., who had labored with his parents in Cuba, was ministering for Free Will Baptists in Panama at the time.



Mom Willey (center) and Lucy Wisehart Lima Hyman (second row, right) stand with a class at Cedars of Lebanon Seminary. Benito Rodriguez (second from left, back row) was a member of this class.

Benito Rodriguez reflects, “While Mr. Willey was the man with big ideas and undertakings, Mrs. Willey was the shaper of them and the person that related wonderfully well with students at the school [Cedars of Lebanon] and with pastors and their wives.”

At her graveside service Rodriguez noted, “Mom Willey was able to move among all levels of society—from the top to the bottom. And she could do it with great ease.”

R. Eugene Waddell says, “I have no doubt that Mom was one of the most effective missionary speakers we have ever known.”

Bill Jones, who served several years as Mabel’s pastor in Bryan, Tex., said, “If one were asked to describe Mabel Willey, the first response would be, ‘She was a lady!’ She was as comfortable in a diplomat’s home as she was in a mud hut somewhere in a jungle—as thoughtful in the presence of a peasant as she would have been in the presence of a princess.”

Mrs. Willey often spoke to churches and women’s groups in a manner we might call

preaching although she simply referred to it as “speaking.” Rolla Smith, former general director of Foreign Missions, says, “One of her classic messages I vividly recall was an exposition of John 12:24, ‘Except a corn (grain) of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.’ The death of Jesus produced a bountiful harvest. Death to self is the key to spiritual fruitfulness in the life of a Christian—that was her emphasis both by precept and by example.”

Mabel Willey was a diligent student of the Bible. John Moehlman, her son-in-law, said, “Mom loved the Word of God. This is where she found her strength . . . Some of my vivid, early recollections about her speaking . . . were her ability to coin a few phrases and build a message from the text around these phrases.”

John recalls, “One of the messages I remember so clearly had three points, and it was based on John 5. The three points were: Waiting World, Worthless Works and, finally, Wonderful Words. Ironically, as Barbara and I were going through some of her things over the weekend (after her death), I opened one of her notebooks and found that very outline!”

Steve Lytle, missionary coworker in Panama, recalls, “During our first term in

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Panama, I watched as ‘Hermana Mabel’ (Sister Mabel), as the Panamanians called her, taught her Tuesday night Bible class for the young people of First Free Will Baptist Church. Upwards of 20 teens and young adults would crowd into her apartment, sitting on every available chair, couch, and even the floor to listen to her expound the Scriptures and often to seek her counsel. Today at least nine of those young people are pastors, pastors wives, and Christian workers.”

At her funeral service—a celebration of her homegoing—R. Eugene Waddell, general director of Foreign Missions, declared, “God used Mrs. Willey, like Deborah in the Bible, to instill hope in God’s children and to defeat the ignorance and unconcern among us. God used Mom and Pop Willey to rekindle a missionary zeal so that from the ashes of the past a new movement was born which has sent out over 250 missionaries into 12 countries.”

Waddell continued, “Mabel Willey was a woman upon whom the Lord had showered many gifts. I have no doubt that Mom was one of the most effective missionary speakers we have ever known. God truly endowed her with the gift of communication.”

Dr. Mary Wisheart, executive secretary-treasurer of Women Nationally Active for Christ, has recently completed the manuscript of the biography of Mabel Willey entitled “Beyond the Gate.” She says, “Mrs. Willey showed us the way. She enthralled us with her stories of

God’s grace and wonders in her life and ministry. Although her ministry extended far beyond Free Will Baptists, she loved ‘my people’ as she called us.”

Dr. Wisheart notes, “Her last years were spent in ministry in the USA, speaking in churches and colleges, but especially at women’s meetings, conventions and retreats. She won the hearts of Free Will Baptist women with her attractive personality and her dedication to God. She was a speaker, Bible teacher and a pioneer missionary to be admired. She also became a friend, a counselor. We knew she cared.”

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At Pop Willey’s funeral, some 28 years earlier, John Moehlman recalls they received a telegram from Dr. Stan Mooneyham (now deceased), former executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It read, “Heaven Took Note of Hero’s Arrival.”

John concluded, “We know when Mom Willey stepped into the Lord’s presence, she was filled with joy to see her Lord. But I think shortly thereafter the ‘hero’ and the ‘heroine’ were united again.”

Daniel R. Cronk

Daniel R. Cronk not only served as a missionary in India, he also served nine years as a missions professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College and 15 years as a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

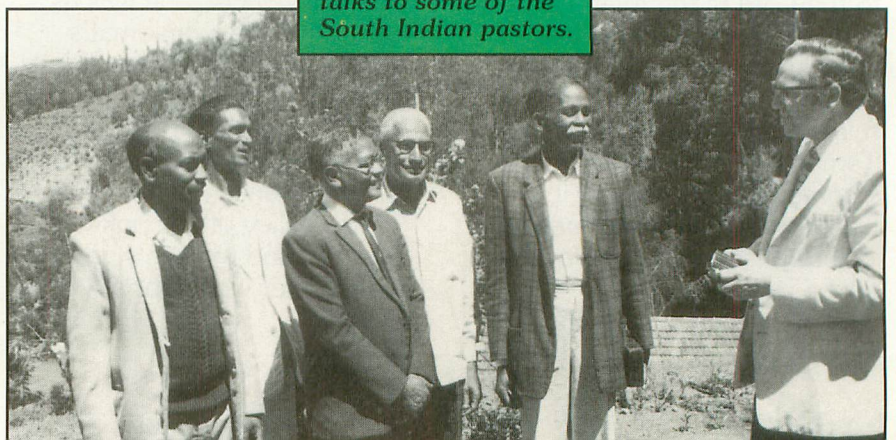
Daniel was a uniquely qualified man of God. As Jack Williams, editor of *Contact* magazine, says, “He chose to be God’s servant first. Andrew Murray said, ‘Do you want to enter what people call the higher life? Then go a step lower down!’ Andrew Murray said that. Dan Cronk did that!”

Dan was a peace-loving, passionate man. His pastor, Terry Eagleton, says a prayer penned centuries earlier by St. Francis of Assisi reflected Dan Cronk:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Oh, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Dan did love people. His wife Trula reflects, “He was generous, loving

Dan Cronk (right) talks to some of the South Indian pastors.



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and kind. He loved his friends. He loved them with a commitment to love. He especially loved the men who mentored him when he was a young Christian and didn't even know John 3:16: Raymond Riggs, Dr. Linton C. Johnson, Robert Crawford, Paul Woolsey and others. He would never have tolerated any denigration of their virtues."

As one of those who were very close to Dan, Dr. L.C. Johnson, former president of Free Will Baptist Bible College, stated, "I've had that unique relationship. I was his teacher for a while. But while I was his teacher he was my teacher. As a teacher and colleague we worked together, but beyond all of that there was a deep friendship. And that friendship is what I remember most about Dan."

Dan was never short of time and always demonstrated genuine interest in people.

Brother Cronk was recognized as a very learned missiologist as Dr. Robert Picirilli, academic dean at FWBBC, explains: "I think I can say without fear of contradiction that Dan Cronk was, indeed, the first missiologist in the Free Will Baptist denomination. A missiologist is more than just a missionary. It means several things. First of all it means Dan didn't just understand the practice of missions but also came to understand the theory and the philosophy of missions In other words, he became a student of missions

and then, more than a student, a scholar in that subject."

R. Eugene Waddell says, "I served on the Board [of Foreign Missions] with Dan for a number of years, and I certainly saw the value of having a man like Cronk with overseas experience to help the board avoid some serious mistake."

Perhaps Dan was misunderstood by some because they did not have the patience to wait on his answers to questions posed. "He did not take a direct approach," explains Jack Williams. "He kind of circled the answer. He would start out where he knew he was and where he thought you might be. Then he would pick up all of the ideas, the concepts and the theories and bring you into contact with what was going on in the historical context, the geographical context, the political context and how they were going to impact on each other. Eventually he would get down to answering your question if you listened long enough."

But Dan was never short of time and always demonstrated genuine interest in people. Mark McPeak, who was a student under Dan and a close friend of the Cronks, says, "When I would go and see Dan, I would usually have some big decision to make or something in my life that I didn't understand. Dan was not a person who had a great self-interest. He was a person who was interested in you. And when he took the time to talk to



Dan makes his point to the Board of Foreign Missions.

you, he always had things to say. He challenged me to give my life (everything) to God, and he was a wonderful example of that."

Reflecting on Dan's early life in the Cronk home, his sister, Mrs. Liz Robbins, says, "Dan was a big brother to me spiritually as well as physically. He was very unique in many different ways. He loved to eat and he loved to talk. I'm still trying to figure out which would come first. I guess I would say talking."

Trula Cronk rightly says, "No one knew Dan more than I did. For 55 years we had been married. He was not only my husband, he was my best friend. He was my example and my pastor and my teacher. He taught me almost all I know. I learned how to live life forgivingly, and then recently he

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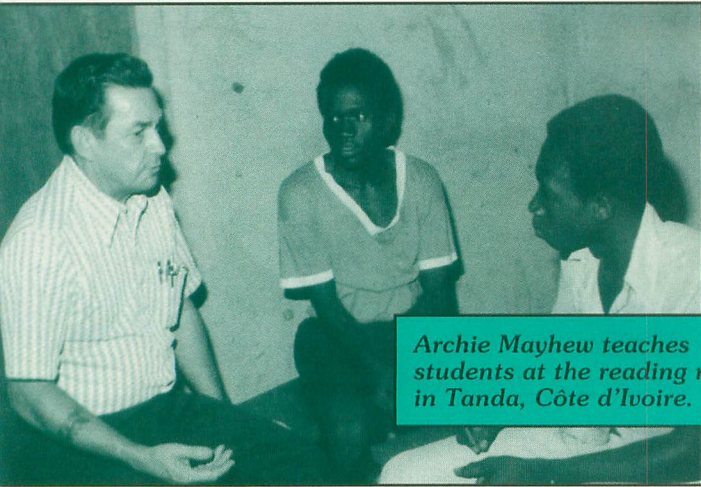
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Archie Mayhew teaches students at the reading room in Tanda, Côte d'Ivoire.

missionary Robert Bryan once said that Archie was the eternal optimist like the man who fell from a 10-story building and was heard saying at the fourth floor, "Well, so far, so good!"

Time meant little to Archie

when it came to devouring or dispensing God's Word. And though some found it difficult to listen as long as Archie could talk, he never seemed threatened by their inability to stay up with him. "Next to studying the Word, Archie loved to share the Word," declared Tim Rolen. "That did not stop until Archie's mouth stopped."

Archie was a modern-day Barnabas who could lift the downhearted and give hope to the despairing.

Jerry, the Mayhews' second son, said, "Dad was quite a person. I was asked what one word would describe my dad, and I couldn't do it in one word. After about five minutes I said, 'Happy.' That was Dad, 'Happy.'"

Archie was happy and an encourager with tremendous insight. He also had the vision and technological ability to see that some of his teaching continued. Years ago he established a cassette tape ministry which sent tapes across the country. He had even done some studies on videotape and others by computer. Jimmy Dudley, a deacon in Dickson,

Tenn., says, "His commentaries about scriptural subjects will continue to minister now that he is gone."

One thing was indisputable—Archie loved to talk. And Al Lassiter, an associate with Archie in the Modesto FWB Church, adds, "He started off talking about Jesus. He didn't waste any time."

Eddie Payne served with the Mayhews in Africa, but he first encountered Archie at Free Will Baptist Bible College in the 1950s: "I quickly got the impression that school and business were just sidelines to his main pursuit. Archie loved God, the Scriptures and people. With well-worn Bible and a large cup of coffee, he was always either leading someone to Christ, discipling someone with endless hours of personal Bible study, or talking about the Lord and the Word."

After working with Archie in Ivory Coast, Payne observed, "He was the consummate optimist. God could do anything, so Archie often asked Him to prove it. He usually did."

Most anyone who observed Archie could spot him as a Christian. Larry, the Mayhews' oldest son, says, "Two things about Dad stand out in my mind. The first is his tranquillity. He radiated peace and joy, something which drew many people to him. The second is his desire to do what was right. When I was 11, my mom told me, 'I respect your dad. A lot of people won't do what they know is right. But with your dad, all you have to do is convince him that something is the right thing to do, and you know he will do it.' I wonder how many 11-year-olds hear

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Reflecting on those memorable years of parenthood, Trula added, "He loved his family, too. He loved his son (Randy). His son came as the most precious gift to him, as did his little granddaughter (Anka) when she joined us, as a little tiny baby."

Well, Trula is right. No one knew Dan better than she. Yet many knew him well enough to realize he was one who wielded a positive influence on the lives of many. His contribution to the Free Will Baptist denomination will be remembered and appreciated for years to come.

Archie J. Mayhew

Optimist, encourager, lover of God's Word—that was Archie J. Mayhew, God's servant and man's friend. During the memorial service in Modesto, Calif., Tim Rolen, who served as Archie's pastor for two and one-half years, said, "Archie had a relationship with God of such a spiritual nature that he could see things that sometimes you and I, without his spiritual insights, could not."

Archie was a modern-day Barnabas who could lift the downhearted and give hope to the despairing. Ivory Coast

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their mothers say that about their fathers?"

Tim Rolen noted, "When you think of Archie, you think of Christ. But you also always think of 'Archie and Sarah' because they go together.

Archie was the heavenly-minded one and Sarah was the one who kept his feet firmly planted on planet earth."

Eddie Payne put it this way: "Archie was magnanimous with the things he had, and he was quite frequently 'had' by those seeking only 'things.' Sarah is the realist who brought the fluttering butterfly back down to earth by reminding him of a limited missionary budget."

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Daughter Merry Rorabaugh recalls words from her dad when she married: "Dad had a very important piece of advice: 'Honey, you need to clean out the pockets of his pants before you wash them.' My reaction was a typical, 'He needs to learn to clean out his own pockets!' Dad replied, 'Oh, Honey, that's drastic.'"

Had Archie lived until December 4, he and Sarah would have been married 53 years. Sarah declares, "He has been a major part of my life since I was 17 years old. He committed his life to Christ at the age of 27 and followed to the best of his ability what he believed to be the will of God for his life from that day forward.

Sarah continues, "A few years ago I had surgery on my feet. Archie went down to the

gift shop and bought a little music box that played the music

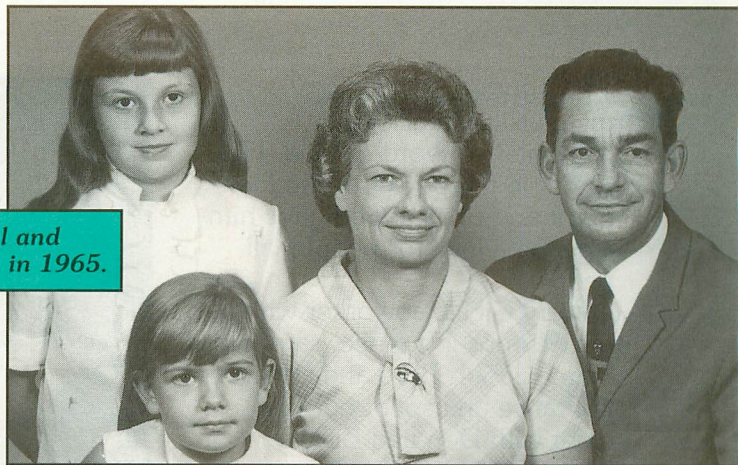
Archie, Sarah, Sheryl and Merry went to Africa in 1965.

to an old song: 'Can't Help Fallin' in Love.' He signed the card, 'From your husband, pastor and friend.' I think that is the best statement defining most of our 53 years together."

Archie also was a gifted counselor as evident in the advice he gave his daughter-in-law, Becky, when she was in her twenties. She thought it was a shame her parents hadn't reached her spiritual heights and emotional stability. Becky says, "Gently, lovingly, but with steady eye contact, he asked me to remember that if I had reached greater levels of spiritual and emotional maturity, it might be because my parents had given me a higher foundation to build on than they had received."

When my wife, Carol, and I were saved in the First FWB Church in Modesto, Calif., it was about a year after Archie and Sarah had given their hearts to Christ and joined that church. Soon after our conversion we began studying the Bible together. Without a doubt the Mayhews have had a greater impact on our lives than any other couple.

Archie was my teacher. He taught me how to lead someone to Christ and how to seek God's will for my life. He was my brother in Christ and a true example of a Christian. But most of all, he was my friend. And like Jesus, he was a friend



who stuck closer than a brother.

According to Sarah, Archie maintained his happy, joyful spirit as well as his optimism to the very end. He was sure God would heal him. And He did. Permanently!

Donald Ray Sexton

Donald R. Sexton was no ordinary man. I recall my early acquaintance with him and Billie and their family. Don was a classmate at Free Will Baptist Bible College but soon became our pastor as Carol and I decided to work with them in the Oakland FWB Church just north of Nashville, Tenn. Don was gifted and diligent, finishing four years of college in three.

But Don's wit, humility and genuineness were characteristics which endeared him to most who knew him. He had the ability to bring people face-to-face with their own shortcomings and failures. Then he would give them hope through God's grace and the truths of God's Word.

Don loved God and His children. And he was committed to reaching a lost world for Jesus Christ. Rolla Smith said Don was "a powerful preacher. He loved the Scriptures and boldly declared and defended

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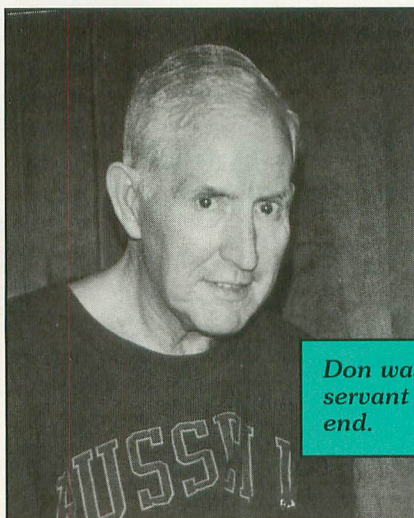
them as the infallible, authoritative Word of God. He relied on the power of the Holy Spirit and prayer. God gave him a genuine love for people, all people.”

Jerry Gibbs, coworker with the Sextons in France, says, “In March 1974, Barb and I arrived in France and spent our first night with Don and Billie Sexton. We were young, homesick and wondering if we had made the right decision about coming to France. Don and Billie made us feel at home and assured us that we were where God wanted us.”

Jerry continued, “Don was never one to just put on a ‘happy face.’ In other words, when things were not going right he did not mind sharing with you. For a young missionary it was good to know that he was not perfect, was sometimes discouraged, and did not always have an answer for everything. He displayed no pretense.”

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Former missionary Dan Merkh added, “I don’t suppose anyone had a more congenial nature than Don. He loved to hear stories of the various experiences that missionaries have, especially with the customs and language. One of these embarrassing situations happened to Don. With his deep hearty laugh, he told us about what happened to him and his response to the



Don was a delightful servant of Christ to the end.

situation. He could laugh at himself.”

Yes, Don could laugh and make others laugh. Rolla Smith agrees: “Don was endowed with a winsome personality and a delightful sense of humor.”

Although Don and Billie were unable to return to France, they maintained an active ministry for several years as missionary representatives. They were very effective in raising missionary financial and prayer support. As Jerry Gibbs declared, “In his heart, Don Sexton was a missionary to France. The love he had for France never left his heart.”

Though Don was confined to a wheelchair or to the bed for quite some time, he continued to be a blessing to others. Dan Merkh says, “Margaret and I had several occasions to visit Don and Billie. We never heard him complain about his condition or his suffering, and even in pain, Don always had something to say that would amuse us.”

Don and Billie’s efforts in the Tennessee Walk-a-Thon for Foreign Missions were so noteworthy that the state association named the annual

event the Don and Billie Sexton Walk-a-Thon in Tennessee. And Don’s handicap did not stop him from doing all he could to promote the event each September. When he sought those who would help promote the walk-a-thon, Dwight Mitchell, a layman in East Tennessee, says, “You could not

hesitate too long to say ‘Yes’ when you looked at Brother Don’s zeal as he stood in the quarterly meetings or sat in a wheelchair promoting the project. He was a determined man for the cause.”

Pastor Jonas Revis of Watauga Valley FWB Church in Elizabethton, Tenn., remembers “how hard he [Don] worked for what he believed in.”

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Jonas helped Don attend the National Association when it was in Indianapolis, Don’s last trip. “I remember the experience of escorting him from place to place in his wheelchair,” says Jonas. “Everyone knew him. Through this experience I witnessed what a great man he was, how happy he was, and how I benefited personally from having a friend like Don.”

Billie indicated that Don had left many Timothys along the way. She expressed gratitude and noted that Don “made my life so much happier by being such a special part of it.” She

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says he not only “brought love into my life, there was also joy, security and laughter, as well as two special children—Kyle and Donna—and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.”

To Billie it seemed that “no task was ever too hard for Don, whether he was learning a new French language well enough at the age of 41 to preach so people could understand or the task of moving the family 19 times in 21 years.”

Daughter-in-law Janie Sexton (Kyle’s wife) says, “I had the privilege of taking care of ‘Papa’ for the last nine months of his life. And oh, what a privilege it was! At a time when I had drifted so far away from the Lord, the light of His love shining through Don showed me the way ‘home’.”

Yes, Don loved his family. Daughter Donna Cook makes that clear as she quotes her little girl: “I’m grateful that PaPaw can run outside and play with me when we get to heaven.” Then Donna notes, “This is what my four-year-old daughter, Taylor, says in her prayers every night. (She had only seen Dad walk a few steps and that was with assistance.) When asked to tell her favorite memories of PaPaw, she replied, ‘Playing games with him, watching TV, laying in his bed with him, talking to him, sitting on his lap.’ Even in his illness and incapacitation he engaged in special activities with his granddaughter.”

But if you were to ask most people what they remember most about Don Sexton, they are likely to respond like Dwight and Debbie Mitchell: “We loved to hear him preach. There were times he’d have you crying and

laughing almost at the same time.” Jerry Gibbs concluded, “He could preach the Word, divide the Truth in an uncompromising way with a bit of humor, and when it was over, you knew that the Lord had spoken through His servant.”

Reflection

As we reflect back over the lives of these four great servants of God, R. Eugene Waddell sums it up this way: “It is almost

as if God is saying, ‘This is the end of an era.’ Perhaps it is, and we may never again see or know anyone who measures up to their example of sacrifice, commitment and fruitful service. But we can rejoice in their example and ‘press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus’ just as they did. We also can pray that God will call and send forth other laborers to follow in their steps.”

In Memorial

Mabel Bailey Willey

Born: June 13, 1905

Died: January 16, 1998

Daniel Richard Cronk

Born: February 28, 1923

Died: November 20, 1997

Archie Jerome Mayhew

Born: May 10, 1926

Died: October 26, 1997

Donald Ray Sexton

Born: July 9, 1930

Died: December 17, 1997

I Want to Be a Prayer Warrior!

Yes, I will pray for more missionaries to carry the gospel and follow the example of these departed saints of God.

I will pray for open doors of opportunity to reach the unreached in our current fields and new fields around the world.

I will ask God how I can help fill the gap left by deceased and retiring missionaries.

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Ruth Bivens (left) interprets for Dr. Barbara Tuley during the Cuban Christian Medical Conference at Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

90 Attend Christian Medical Conference

Cuba—A special Christian medical conference at Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, was sponsored by the Cuban National Association of Free Will Baptists December 5-7, 1997. Approximately 90 people participated, including physicians and nurses from various Protestant denominations.

On hand for the special conference were Dr. Barbara Tuley of Ada, Okla., and Ruth Bivens, a nurse and missionary to Mexico.

Dr. Tuley addressed the theme for the conference: "Christian Ethics Concerning Brain Death and Organ Donation." Presentations also were given by several Cuban physicians on the latest medical developments.

Ruth Bivens says, "I had hoped for at least 30 [attendees] and took that many small New Testaments with me to give as gifts to the doctors."

At the end of the conference a pediatric surgeon approached Barbara and Ruth and congratulated the doctor on the presentation she had given. Then he took the little New Testament out of his pocket and said, "The whole conference has been excellent. But for me, the best gift of all is this. I have never had one before."

Land Purchased for Abidjan Church

Côte d'Ivoire—Two acres of land have been purchased for the new church in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. According to an early February re-

port from missionary Robert Bryan in Abidjan, the owner agreed to sell the property for 15 percent less than she had been asking.

The new property is centrally located on a well-known, main four-lane road with easy access and in an area with few Bible-preaching churches (none close by). Robert indicated the land already has a building which can hold 200 to 250 people and could be used for the first worship center. The new site is surrounded by houses in a rapidly developing part of the city.

Bryan said three Neighborhood Outreach Groups (NOGs) have already been meeting and a fourth is ready to start. The goal is to have 10 NOGs, which will require 30 lay leaders. Eight people already have signed up for baptism classes. The Bryans and Pinkertons have urged people to pray that God will supply the money for the property and building and the leaders needed for these outreach groups.

Attendance Up in Spain; New Areas Surveyed

Spain—Attendance is up in the Alcala de Henares and Villalba churches in Spain, according to missionary Jeff Turnbough. "Many new people are visiting. That would indicate that God is working in their midst and that the churches' weekly services are meeting a need in new people's lives," writes Jeff.

Missionaries and churches are praying for direction regarding where to begin new ministries among the more than 7,000 cities in Spain with no evangelical Christian witness.

Committee Seeks to Restructure Clinic

Côte d'Ivoire—According to a recent report from missionary Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, a committee has been formed with six national representatives and three missionaries to study how to restructure the clinic at Doropo and have it function totally under national leadership.

"We've had one meeting so far and I'm happy with the progress that we've made," says Eagleton. "I am optimistic that we will have some kind of structure functioning under national leadership this year."

Kenneth has been chosen to head

up a program of community health and evangelism which is already in progress.

Missionaries and nationals alike have sensed the need to change directions in the medical ministry due to the changes that have taken place in the area of Doropo over the last few years. The great need for evangelism is of primary concern as they seek to best utilize skills and personal efforts to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Eagleton noted that the Doropo church has voted to participate in the community health and evangelism project.

Annual Conference Set for March 5-8 in India

India—When Carlisle and Marie Hanna left Charleston, S.C., on July 13 to begin their forty-sixth year in India, they looked forward to the annual Free Will Baptist Conference which is scheduled to meet March 5-8 in Sonapurhat.

Over 1,500 people attended last year's conference, and they're expecting even more this year. This conference is a time of fellowship, Bible study, children's meetings, business and village outreach.

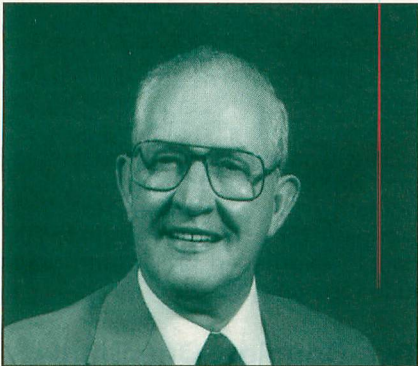
Sherwood Lee, former missionary to Côte d'Ivoire and current moderator of the South Carolina state association, is planning to attend the conference again this year. He will be accompanied by two South Carolina pastors, Todd Smith and Floyd (Buddy) Seay.

Cowarts Assume Ministry in Ribeirão Preto

Brazil—Missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart, who arrived back in Brazil in September of last year, have recently moved to the city of Ribeirão Preto and have assumed leadership of the Ipiranga congregation.

When the Cowarts accepted responsibility for the ministry in October, the congregation was running about 15 to 20 people on Sunday and five to 10 people on Thursday night for Bible study. Since then attendance has increased to an average of 35 on Sunday and over 20 for the midweek service.

Jim noted, "We have had three salvation decisions and a large number (over 25) of dedication and re-



Mabel "Mom" Willey (top) died on January 16, and Don Sexton (bottom) died on December 17.

penitance decisions in January. The church has entered a 'fix-up and clean-up' campaign to improve our testimony with our neighbors." Cowart added, "It is my goal to have this congregation organized into a church by the end of our two-year term in 1999."

Mabel Willey, Don Sexton Called Home by the Lord

Antioch, Tenn.—Two more veteran missionaries were called home by the Lord in December and January: Don Sexton died on December 17, and Mabel "Mom" Willey passed away on January 16.

Don Sexton had undergone surgery on December 12 to remove a blockage in the colon. A blood clot caused complications and led to his death in the hospital at Johnson City, Tenn.

Don leaves his wife, Billie; a son, Kyle of Elizabethton, Tenn.; and a daughter, Donna Cook of Winston Salem, N.C.

Mabel Willey had been hospitalized on various occasions over the last several months but died at home in Bryan, Tex., from congestive heart failure at the age of 92.

Mrs. Willey is survived by one son, Tom Jr. of Miami, Fla., and one daughter, Barbara Moehlman of Bryan, Tex. She also leaves seven grandchildren and five great-grand-



Church members of the Second Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia, Brazil, perform the play, *Heaven's Viewpoint*, written by Mae Fry.

children.

A special tribute is given on pages 2-8 of this *Heartbeat* for these two missionaries as well as for Dan Cronk and Archie Mayhew.

Eagleton Says Several Converted in Doropo Area

Côte d'Ivoire—According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, several people made decisions for Christ in the area during the last few weeks of 1997. "I was privileged to lead a teenage girl, Viviane Ouattara, to the Lord," says Kenneth. "One man became a Christian because he said he had a lot of hate in his heart for a brother who had wronged him."

Eagleton baptized seven people at the Free Will Baptist church in the village of Kalamon on November 16. Kenneth indicated the Kalamon church has a new building although it is not yet completed.

Curt Holland Auto Taken at Gunpoint

Brazil—Missionary Curt Holland had his car stolen at gunpoint on Tuesday night, February 10, after returning from his Bible study in the São José area of Campinas, Brazil.

"I arrived home at about 10:15 p.m.," says Curt. "Before I could close the garage gates, two men entered with guns and stole my car, money, Bibles, documents and credit and bank cards. I am so thankful that Mary and the girls were not with me."

Holland noted that his automobile was found the next morning and all of his documents were still in the car. The only thing missing was the spare tire.

135 Attend Christmas Play at Uberlandia

Brazil—Heaven's Viewpoint, a play performed by members of the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlandia, Brazil, was presented in December to 135 people in the church auditorium.

According to Tom and Nancy Hughes the program also included a children's choir, an adult choir and music for the little children. Many people had to stand outside and view the program through open doors and windows.

Traci Epps Teaches 13 Third Graders at ICA

Côte d'Ivoire—"I'm having a great time with my class," writes first-term missionary Traci Epps from Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire. "Before I arrived at ICA (International Christian Academy), I was told my class was very hyper. They are very energetic, but they are still well-behaved."

Traci has 13 students in her class—eight boys and five girls. They are from Canada, the United States, Korea, France and Mali. Most of the students are missionary children.

Second Support Forum Set for April 23, 24

Antioch, Tenn.—The second special Support Forum, sponsored by Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, has been set for April 23, 24 at the Free Will Baptist National Offices in Antioch, Tenn. This forum is a sequel to a forum held last April and was scheduled at the request of those on hand at that meeting.

This year's forum will feature Dr. *Continued on page 12* →

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Robert (Rob) Conley (left) and missionary Mike Cousineau (center) sit and visit in an African courtyard. François, an African Christian leader (right), showed genuine appreciation for missionary efforts.

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Doug Carter, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs for EQUIP (Encouraging Qualities Underdeveloped in People). He will address the group on "Eight Powerful Principles for Effectiveness in Supporting Missions" and "The Priority of Asking."

Due to limited space and the provision of a catered meal, participation will be by invitation and response.

State leaders, mission leaders, members of the Board of Foreign Missions, some missionaries and the Foreign Missions staff will be among the group attending the forum.

Since last April several states have adopted missionary support plans. The following states now have plans in action: Arkansas, Missouri, South Carolina, Illinois, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Oklahoma. Other states are in the process of developing a plan of support.

Alice Smith Reports Three Saved at Agnibilekrou

Côte d'Ivoire—A December report from Alice Smith in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, indicated three people had been saved at the church recently: an elderly woman and two high school boys. Alice says the woman has been a fearful worshiper of spirits and idols all of her life.

Miss Smith also declared that she is beginning a new school year with 190 students registered for her Bible

classes in the three elementary schools in the area. She urged people to pray for her as she winds up her term in Côte d'Ivoire. She plans to begin her stateside assignment at the end of May.

New Church Purchases Land in Araras, Brazil

Brazil—Missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs in Araras, Brazil, reported in December that the newest church in the Candida area of Araras has purchased two lots and hopes to begin construction on a new church building. They indicated they are in the process of meeting local government requirements.

Conleys Visit Africa for First Overseas Trip

Antioch, Tenn.—Foreign Missions Treasurer Robert Conley and his wife, Jennifer, traveled to Côte d'Ivoire in West Africa on November 12. This was their first trip outside the United States.

According to Rob, this trip was one of many firsts. It was his first time to bring a devotion or speak anywhere besides in the U.S., his first time to speak through interpreters—sometimes two at a time—and also the couple's first time to eat a "truly African" meal.

The Conleys visited all of the main works. Rob worked with missionaries on various financial matters and discussed ways of improving accounting methods. The couple also attended the annual field council meeting. Conley says, "It was simply

an education for me to see the process and the manner in which they [the missionaries] conduct business on the field."

After observing the Africans, Mr. Conley says, "African Christians taught us something about being thankful and appreciative for God's blessings. They seemed truly thankful to have heard the gospel." One leader, François, epitomizes this appreciation. Rob says, "Though he has so little, he has given gifts to many to show his appreciation for their part in bringing him the gospel."

The Conleys lifted off from Abidjan on November 28 to return home—a trip which kept Rob from sleeping for a 42-hour period. The couple expressed praise and gratitude for a safe trip.

Two Couples, One Single Depart for Their Fields

Antioch, Tenn.—Two missionary couples and one single missionary have been approved to return to their fields of service during the first quarter of 1998.

Bobby and Geneva Poole returned to Brazil on January 6 after a short stateside assignment. They

Miss Debbie Griffin (right), Bobby and Geneva Poole (below) and Dave Sr. and Pat Franks (bottom) were all cleared to return to their fields of service during the first quarter of 1998.



are continuing their ministry in Ribeirão Preto.

Miss Debbie Griffin is scheduled to return to her ministry at the Ai No Sato church in Sapporo, Japan, on March 4. She has been on extended stateside assignment due to the loss of her father last summer.

Dave Sr. and Pat Franks will be leaving for Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on March 19. They have extended their short stateside assignment due to support needs. They came to the States at the end of June.

Church Has Successful Christmas, One Baptized

Japan—According to missionary Dale Bishop in Nopporo, Japan, Christmas programs and services were well-attended during December. The Sunday school program was held on December 14 with approximately 50 people in attendance. The annual church family dinner and concert were held on December 20 when over 90 people gathered for food, fellowship and music. Several attended for the very first time.

Dale noted that Miss Noriko Abe, a 25-year-old woman, was baptized on February 1. Noriko had been attending church for a number of years and only recently received Christ as Savior. She wanted to be baptized on the Sunday closest to her birthday.

Aldridges Visit Brazil, Consult Missionaries

Brazil—Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife, Janie, flew to Brazil on January 7 and spent the rest of the month visiting and consulting the churches, national Christians and missionaries.

Jimmy and Janie did most of their traveling—from São Paulo all the way to Uberlândia and back—by bus and left the missionaries free to fulfill their ministries. They met with the field council in Campinas January 25-29.

Aldridge said he was very impressed with evident, measurable church growth in size of congregations, especially in Belo Horizonte, Uberlândia, Jaboticabal, Ribeirão Preto and Campinas. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Ribeirão Preto evidenced a growth of 40 to 50 per-



Earnie Deeds baptizes a convert at the Conselheiro Lafaiete church in Brazil.

cent since the Aldridges' last visit in the fall of 1995.

In Campinas the couple found a congregation of about 100 people, and Jimmy said it was "one of the best prepared worship services I was ever in."

The Aldridges returned to the United States on February 4.

Deeds Say Good-bye to Brazilian Converts

Brazil—When Earnie and Jean Deeds packed up their belongings and prepared to return to the United States in December for their stateside ministry, they had to say good-bye to many of those they had led to the Lord and disciples over the years.

Deeds baptized seven people in November and left the church in the hands of a young Brazilian preacher, Flavio Grossi.

"Moving to the States, we experienced lots of mixed feelings," write the Deeds, "sadness at leaving Brazil, our son Daniel, our daughter-in-law Eni, and so many people we have come to love."

Many Brazilians expressed grati-



Deeds (right) teaches Flavio Grossi, his replacement at the church, how to tie a necktie.

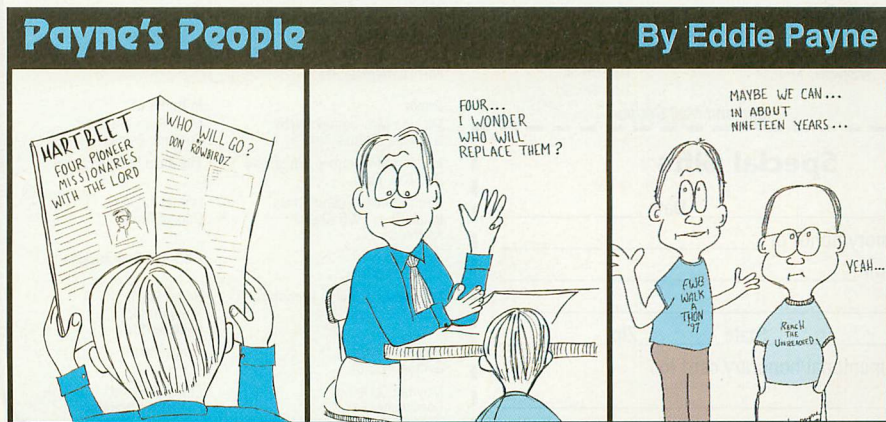
tude for the ministry of the Deeds over the years and presented them with going away presents. The Deeds have served 35 years as missionaries to Brazil.

Holland Reports First Converts at São José

Brazil—Two people were saved on Sunday, December 7, at the São José work in a suburb of Campinas, Brazil, according to missionary Curt Holland.

Magal and Rita—who live across the street from Bill and Claudia, members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas—made decisions after months of Bible study.

"We held our evangelistic Bible
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study classes in Bill's house from September to the first of December," writes Holland. "Bill had started the series of studies with Magal and then invited them to church."

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—Mirial Gainer is scheduled to return to the United States in April to begin her stateside assignment.

Panama—New missionaries Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman completed language study in Costa Rica and moved to Panama on December 12. They are currently residing in Chitre near Stan and Brenda Bunch.

Spain—Sam McVay, new missionary to Spain, is working on the final plans for a retreat that he will be di-

recting for the youth in the Madrid-area Free Will Baptist churches. The retreat is scheduled for March 6-8, and approximately 50 teens are expected to attend. Christians have been urged to pray for the retreat and for the Spaniards who will be doing the speaking, teaching and leading.

Japan—Ken and Judy Bailey in Japan voiced praise recently for good news about their son-in-law, Jeremy Delamarter. In 1997 Jeremy underwent several months of chemotherapy for a recurrence of Hodgkin's lymphoma. He had a CT scan at the end of January, and no signs of cancer were evident.

Bixby, Okla.—Mrs. Verna Morgan, mother of missionary Judy Bryan in Côte d'Ivoire, died on Saturday, January 10, after several months of

declining health. The funeral was held on January 13 at the Schellenbarger FWB Church in Bixby, Okla. Judy came to the States for the funeral.

Japan—Andrew William Snow was born January 31 in Sapporo, Japan, to missionaries Nathan and Linda Snow. The baby weighed eight pounds and was 20 and one-half inches long. At latest report both mother and baby were doing fine. The Snows have two other children: Daniel, age 4, and Megan, age 2.

Brazil—Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole sounded praise that the latest biopsy on their son John proved to be negative. John had been diagnosed as having cancer of the thyroid gland. Doctors are now treating him for hypothyroidism, and he is improving.

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These individuals gave special gifts in December and January in memory or in honor of these friends or loved ones:

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Eugene Waddell Nashville, Tenn.	Don Sexton	Panamanian Field Council Panama	Mabel Willey
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Zegelian Says 130 Saved Through ICA Outreach

Côte d'Ivoire—In December Kim Zegelian reported results of an outreach ministry of International Christian Academy in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire.

According to Kim, seven high school boys and two staff men went to a village to put a roof on a church. While there they visited with people and shared the good news. In those two days the group led over 130 people to the Lord. They also put the roof on the building as planned.

Waddell Ministers in Panama and Colombia

Panama—General Director R. Eugene Waddell and his wife, Genevieve, traveled to Panama on January 7 where they attended the annual meeting of the Panama Association of Free Will Baptists and viewed much of the work of the denomination.

The convention was held January 9-11 in Panama City. After business sessions and reports on Friday night and Saturday at the First FWB Church in Parque Lefevre, the group moved to a local gymnasium on Saturday evening. Mr. Waddell spoke to a crowd of around 200 people.

On Sunday, January 11, Eddie Bowerman preached and Ronald Callaway taught the adult Sunday

school class. Reports showed a total of 72 professions of faith and 45 baptisms during the year. Later re-evaluation of the report indicated well over 100 had made professions of faith.

On January 16 Waddell, Steve Lytle and Stan Bunch flew to Medellin, Colombia, where they visited an indigenous work that is interested in affiliating with Free Will Baptists.

Mr. Waddell met with the Panama field council January 20-22 in Chame and Gorgona. He and Mrs. Waddell returned to Miami on January 23 in time to attend and participate in the memorial services for Mabel "Mom" Willey on January 24.

FWB Ministries Program Via Satellite Reset

Antioch, Tenn.—A special satellite broadcast of "The Free Will Baptist Hour" has been rescheduled for April 4 at 10:00 a.m., according to Dr. James H. Cox Jr. The program will be aired on Telstar 5, Transponder 24.

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Total income for December 1997.....	\$ 740,795.65
Total expenses through December 1997.....	4,702,941.74
Total 1997 Budget (including VISION projects).....	\$4,954,961.67
Total income for January 1998.....	265,899.84
Projected income through January 1998.....	482,020.95
Total expenses through January 1998.....	496,282.97
Total 1998 Budget (including VISION projects).....	\$5,784,251.45

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Banks.....	\$ 38.95	Noyabrisk Church Planter.....	\$ 511.55
Bryan.....	75.77	Owen.....	1,868.71
Callaway.....	4,344.92	Robinson.....	3,894.54
Crosby.....	278.57	Tallent.....	5,813.78
Eagleton Sr.....	10,750.95	Teague.....	17,176.66
Ekaterinburg Church Planter.....	2,695.06	West.....	9,668.05
Ellison.....	1,578.45	Willey, M.....	3,380.45
Franks, Dave Sr.....	3,981.00	Wilson, V.....	1,270.35
Hersey.....	1,358.37	Central Asia.....	1,448.57
Kamyshlov Church Planter.....	4,093.80	General Fund.....	41,117.90
Kopeysk Church Planter.....	3,797.63	Information Promotional Fund.....	60,709.83
Kurgan Church Planter.....	209.64	International Consultation of FWBs.....	3,954.40
McFall.....	1,046.32	Russian Pastor's Conf.....	6,449.30
McLain.....	535.56	Special Committee, Africa.....	18,882.34
Morgan, A.....	1,182.76	Third World Development.....	1,731.03
Total.....			\$213,845.21

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The following accounts are in the black but in serious need:

Bailey.....	\$ 673.50	Combs.....	\$ 188.34	Middett.....	\$ 371.95
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State Goals—1998

States/ Organizations	Goal 1997	Contributions Through December	Goal 1998	Goal Through January	Contributions Through January
Alabama.....	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 210,544.47	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 20,833.33	\$ 13,809.48
Arkansas.....	300,000.00	305,389.51	367,000.00	30,583.33	19,434.53
Arizona.....	6,500.00	8,917.48	8,000.00	666.67	355.00
California.....	83,000.00	58,993.46	72,000.00	6,000.00	3,732.83
Canada.....	10,000.00	6,533.16	9,000.00	750.00	680.88
Colorado.....	8,000.00	9,987.04	6,000.00	500.00	203.04
Florida.....	85,000.00	123,169.03	85,000.00	7,083.33	4,705.21
Georgia.....	200,000.00	238,449.97	227,000.00	18,916.67	8,399.78
Idaho.....	1,000.00	4,245.11	1,000.00	83.33	933.85
Iowa.....	3,000.00	2,062.04	3,000.00	250.00	270.00
Illinois.....	150,000.00	154,074.54	152,000.00	12,666.67	6,845.82
Indiana.....	40,000.00	42,119.84	59,000.00	4,916.67	3,640.54
Hawaii.....	1,000.00	125.00	750.00	62.50	
Kansas.....	9,000.00	7,784.76	10,000.00	833.33	566.25
Kentucky.....	80,000.00	75,290.70	76,000.00	6,333.33	4,135.98
Louisiana.....	2,000.00	1,785.00	2,500.00	208.33	366.00
Maryland.....	29,000.00	46,907.24	46,000.00	3,833.33	4,676.11
Michigan.....	200,000.00	187,275.62	185,000.00	15,416.67	11,542.17
Missouri.....	325,000.00	413,667.01	378,000.00	31,500.00	6,119.69
Mississippi.....	75,000.00	72,519.61	76,000.00	6,333.33	4,496.14
Montana.....	2,500.00	2,100.00	2,500.00	208.33	175.00
North Carolina.....	570,000.00	635,131.45	656,000.00	54,666.67	55,045.64
Nebraska.....	1,000.00	1,035.00	2,000.00	166.67	116.00
New Mexico.....	2,000.00	3,481.80	4,000.00	333.33	154.00
*Northeast Assoc.....	2,400.00	2,865.00	2,000.00	166.67	60.00
**Northwest Assoc.....	10,000.00	6,968.01	10,000.00	833.33	704.82
Ohio.....	135,000.00	185,438.48	178,000.00	14,833.33	5,544.88
Oklahoma.....	420,000.00	459,707.90	457,000.00	38,083.33	6,113.28
Pennsylvania.....	1,000.00	447.00	2,000.00	166.67	10.00
South Carolina.....	255,000.00	330,589.25	275,000.00	22,916.67	5,124.73
Tennessee.....	715,000.00	786,605.45	777,000.00	64,750.00	53,220.70
Texas.....	100,000.00	76,627.19	91,000.00	7,583.33	3,543.00
Virginia.....	110,000.00	89,435.24	107,000.00	8,916.67	6,576.62
Virgin Islands.....	3,000.00	2,511.13	2,300.00	191.67	100.00
West Virginia.....	110,000.00	110,543.67	127,000.00	10,583.33	5,103.30
FWB Foundation.....	23,000.00	20,144.24	23,000.00	1,916.67	12,166.24
Miscellaneous.....	19,365.88	19,985.47	83,351.45	6,945.95	2,472.00
WNAC.....	170,000.00	163,309.68	198,000.00	16,500.00	11,937.03
Totals.....	\$ 4,451,765.88***	\$ 4,866,766.55	\$ 5,010,401.45	\$ 417,533.45	\$ 263,080.54

*Northeast Association

New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Washington, D.C. and Massachusetts

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Alaska, Oregon and Washington

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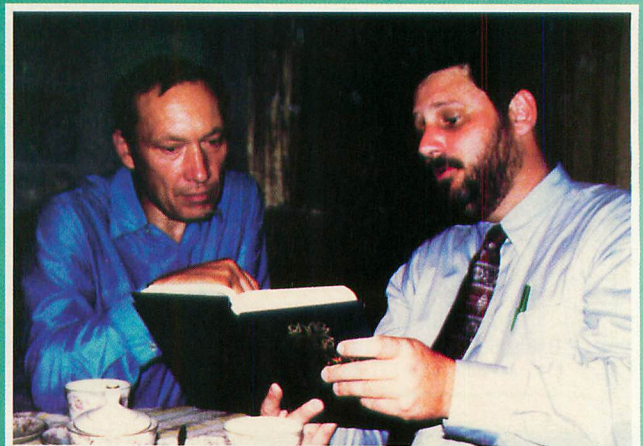
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- *Enable missionaries to discover unreached peoples.*
- *Provide for active recruitment of missionaries.*
- *Help train new missionaries.*
- *Provide pastoral care for the missionary family.*

*This is the only annual offering to meet these
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