

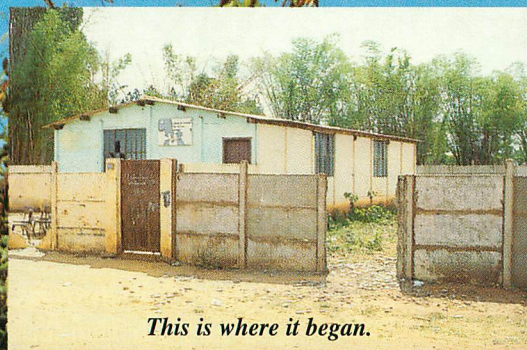


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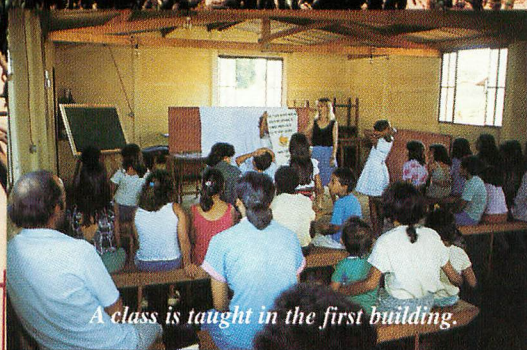
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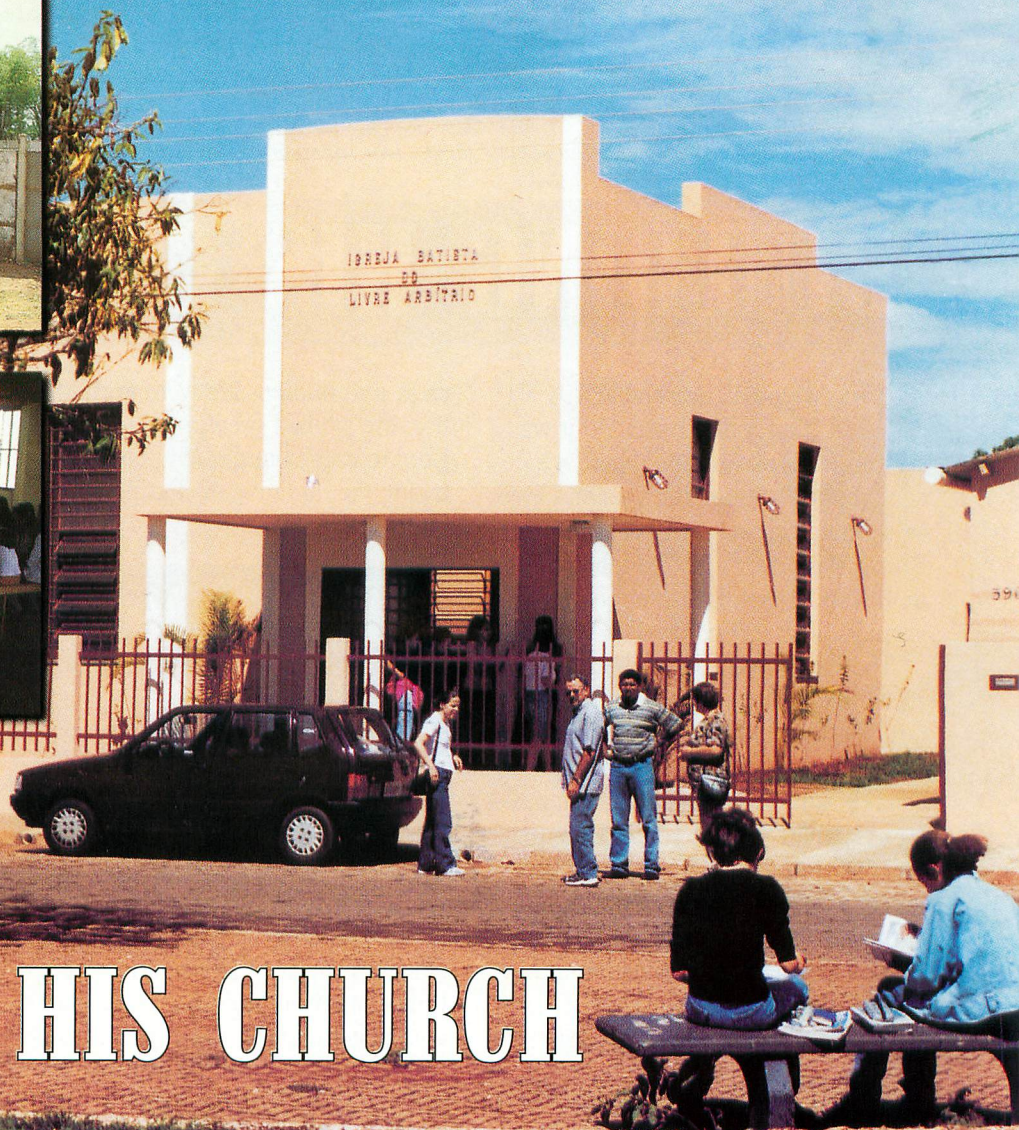
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This is where it began.



A class is taught in the first building.



BUILDING HIS CHURCH

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Children participate in the dedication service for the new sanctuary of the Second FWB Church in Uberlândia, Brazil, in November 1999.

BUILDING HIS CHURCH

By Tom Hughes
A Second Church
Graces Uberlândia

It was Monday, September 19, 1988. Nancy and I decided it was time to look for land where we could build facilities for a second Free Will Baptist church in Uberlândia, Brazil. With over 400,000 inhabitants in the city at that time, we felt we should start a second work.

The First FWB Church had completed their sanctuary and educational building two and one-half years earlier. I was still pastoring the First Church as there was no Brazilian pastor available. Several young Brazilian men were studying in our local Bible institute and I gave them opportunities to preach. Most of the church's income was going toward paying the building loan.

One of our church couples had moved to an outlying neighborhood, Jardim das Palmeiras (Garden of the Palms). They were burdened for the hundreds of children in that community who didn't have even one Sunday school where they could hear about Jesus.

The couple asked us if we could help them start a Sunday afternoon

class for children. We were excited, because we had been praying for the Lord to touch our church people about taking the initiative in starting a second work.

One of our church couples was burdened for the hundreds of children in the community who didn't have even one Sunday school where they could hear about Jesus.

We agreed to help but suggested that the project be presented to the First Church for approval. The church voted unanimously to support the outreach effort. The couple began to look for a house or a meeting hall to rent. Neither was found; however, we located a small one-room Mother's Club building that the city had built in the neighborhood. Permission was granted to use it for the children's Sunday school class. That small room was soon overflowing with children.

Since we wanted to reach adults also, we realized better facilities would be needed. Nothing was available to rent, so the only solution was to build.

A realtor in the First Church agreed to start looking for land we could buy in Jardim das Palmeiras. Late one afternoon he called and said he had located two lots just off the neighborhood square. We met him at the site. He did not have all the information on the land but promised he would get it and call us the next morning. When he called the next day he sadly told us that the lots had already been sold.

After a few days with no news of any land for sale, Nancy and I decided we would start knocking on doors next to vacant lots to see if anyone knew the owners. We stopped at a house beside two vacant lots. The lady of the house said she had no idea who owned the lots but she informed us that a real estate man living at the end of the block might be able to help.

We went to the realtor's house and asked him if he knew of land that we might buy. Since lots here are small,

we told him we would need at least two adjoining lots. Our hearts sank as he assured us there was no such property available in the area. He told us that only a few days earlier he had sold the only two vacant adjoining lots in the neighborhood. They were the very ones we had seen.

Somewhat discouraged, we started home. As we drove by the community square something interesting caught my attention. I realized that a common, broken-down fence joined several lots in front of the square. A shack was located on one of the lots. I braked the car and quickly backed up. An old man emerged from the shack.

Excitedly I blurted, "Do you want to sell me this property?"

"No," he replied, "It's my son who wants to sell you this property. He just decided yesterday that he wants us to move closer to the center of town."

Within a few days we owned three lots directly in front of the neighborhood square. We started construction of the first building in March of 1989. This first building had a very small auditorium, three classrooms and two restrooms.

In July of 1989 we began our regular schedule of services for what would become the Second Free Will Baptist Church. I rotated in the preaching responsibilities between the First Church and the new congregation. Several of the students of the Bible institute helped me.

When we returned from furlough in late 1992 I resigned the pastorate of the First Church. That allowed me to dedicate myself full-time to the new congregation.

God blessed and the work grew. The attendance, which dropped somewhat during our furlough, tripled during 1993. God has blessed the church and it has grown to a congregation of over 100 people. For the last several years we have had to hold classes for all the children under eleven years of



The new church building in Garden of the Palms in Uberlândia is pictured while still under construction though nearly complete.

age during our worship service since the entire congregation would not fit into our small auditorium.

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In April of 1999 the church began the construction of our new sanctuary and the annex to our educational unit. The annex was completed in July in time for VBS. The sanctuary was dedicated on November 27 of last year.

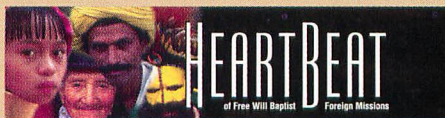
It has been a privilege to see God build His church in Brazil and be involved in the work in Uberlândia. Just like in the construction of the First Church, this project produced more than space. Luis, one of the construction crew, was saved and is studying

the 12-lesson course for new converts.

When we won teens to the Lord in the First Church, we had no idea that some would become co-founders and helpers in the Second Church. The brick mason who built the First Church was saved before he finished the church. Who could foresee his moving into the community of the Second FWB Church? Some of the children who came to our afternoon classes 10 years ago are now teaching and singing in the choir. One is married to a lay preacher and Sunday school teacher.

God sent us a man who played the organ in a Catholic church before he was converted. He became our organist. An ex-professional soccer player is our guitarist. Praise God, others are also using their talents to glorify Him and build His kingdom in Uberlândia, currently boasting around 600,000 people. The harvest is plentiful!

Tom and Nancy Hughes have served in Brazil since 1971.



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Dr. John Chang (fourth from left, front row), consultant and coordinator for Pacific Rim countries, is shown with those ministers and church representatives who joined the new FWB Association of Korea.

FWB Association of Korea Formed in March

According to an early April report from Dr. John Chang in Seoul, South Korea, the Free Will Baptist Association of Korea was organized on March 23 with a total of 32 ministers and 10 churches.

The Asia FWB Theological Seminary began classes on March 13 with 17 students enrolled, and the newly established FWB Church for All Nations in Seoul now has 60 believers attending.

Bunch Reports Five Saved in Cell Group

Missionary Stan Bunch was asked to speak to a cell group in Chitré, Panama, on March 21. Five people prayed to receive Christ following the study.

"I was seeking the Lord as to what to share," says Stan. "When I got to Olga's house as we waited for the guests to arrive, some of the women started talking about how they were troubled with frequent times of depression. As I listened, I was overwhelmed with joy because of how God was putting things together. What

was my topic? Matthew 11:28-30: 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'"

Uruguay Church Adds to Church Building

The Free Will Baptist church of Barrio Recreo in Rivera, Uruguay, finished a new addition to their building in February. The church did the construction without the help of missionaries.

Missionary Dennis Owen says the church was able to finish the remodeling and addition in just seven months. Pastor of the church is Mário da Conceição.

Approximately 116 people from the church attended camp recently.

Uruguayans completed expansion of their church in Barrio Recreo, Rivera, Uruguay, without the help of missionaries.



77 People Attend Café y Algo Mas

The Villalba Free Will Baptist Church in Spain hosted a "Café y Algo Mas" (Coffee and Something More) on March 26 with approximately 77 people in attendance. According to missionary Sam McVay, "Probably 15 or more unsaved friends and family were in that number."

The special speaker for the event was a Christian woman who works with a local movie company dubbing Spanish over other languages. McVay indicated she gave a very clear presentation of the gospel.

Matthew Turnbough, son of Jeff and Susan Turnbough, gave a special musical presentation on the piano accompanied by Javier Gonzalez on the flute. Javier is a Spanish teenager in the Villalba church.

West's Say New Church Started in Komite

Missionaries Robert and Pam West in Kafalo, Côte d'Ivoire, report that a new church has been planted in the village of Komite in their area. The first official services were held with 39 people present, including 12 new Christians.

The Wests recently completed their house and report spending two to three nights each week on



Jim Sturgill (right) presents Dave and Pat Franks a "send-off" gift from the Belo Horizonte church upon their retirement.



Osmir, a young preacher in the church in São Jose, Campinas, Brazil, and his fiancée, Maria, were married on April 1. This is the first wedding to be held in the new congregation started by missionary Curt Holland.

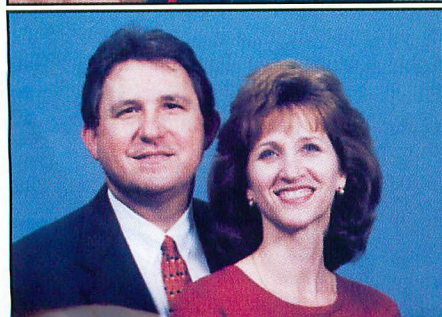
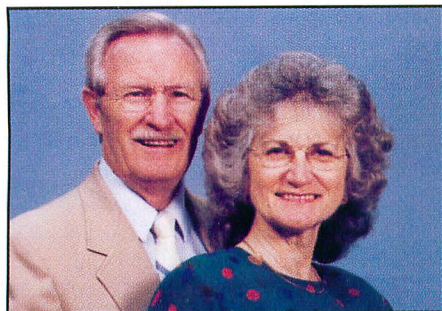
their front porch counseling with young people. "Some want to live Christian lives in a difficult society where everything is anti-Christian," write the Wests. "We have five couples talking about getting married."

Two Couples Return to Ministries Overseas

Jim and Shirley Combs are scheduled to return to Brazil in May to continue their ministry in Araras.

Dennis and Trena Owen are scheduled to return to Uruguay early in June to resume their ministry in Montevideo.

Jim and Shirley Combs (top) are to return to Brazil in mid-May and Dennis and Trena Owen (bottom) plan to return to Uruguay in early June.



Franks Given Special Send-off After 43 Years

A special send-off celebration for missionaries Dave and Pat Franks was held on April 2 at the Buritis church in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The Franks have retired after 43 years in Brazil.

According to missionary Jim Sturgill, approximately 93 people were on hand for the special service. Among those was the architect that designed the Franks' house and the apartment building where the Sturgills reside. The vice president of the Association of Residents of the Buritis neighborhood and some of the first converts from the Prado neighborhood of their early ministry were also present.

The Franks left Brazil on April 4.

Two Saved in Brazil After Student Preaches

Two people were saved on Sunday, March 5, in the São Jose work in Campinas, Brazil, following a message by Osmir, the student preacher from the church. Osmir preached while Curt Holland was away speaking in Araras. Church people indicated the new pews were full and the young man preached well.

On Saturday, April 1, Osmir and his fiancée, Maria, were married. Both were saved in 1998. This was

the first wedding for the new congregation.

Holland urged people to continue to pray as the church looks for land for a permanent location.

News Capsules

Nashville, Tenn.—Phillip Lytle, son of Steve and Judy Lytle, will marry Amy Rene Lotz on May 13 at First FWB Church in DeSoto, Mo. Amy is the daughter of Charles and Shirley Lotz, home missionaries to Northglenn, Col.

France—Jerry Gibbs in St. Nazaire, France, expressed praise recently for the salvation of Nicole, a lady who was visiting St. Nazaire from Paris.

Uruguay—Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held in and around Rivera, Uruguay, in February. Average attendance in the Central church was 55. Forty children met in a lady's yard and several of those made decisions for Christ.

Nashville, Tenn.—Retired missionary Marvis Eagleton has expressed praise to the Lord for those who responded to liquidate the \$17,219 account deficit remaining after her husband, Ken, went to be with the Lord.

Owasso, Okla.—Reverend W. T. Roberts, father of Brazil missionary Shirley Combs, died on March 29 in Owasso, Okla., after suffering complications during surgery.

NEWS IN REVIEW

on a broken hip. Funeral services were held on March 31 at the Rejoice FWB Church in Owasso.

Nashville, Tenn.—Global Missions Fellowship at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., held a special "Dollar Day" in chapel on April 19 to raise money for Russian ministries. They raised \$640, which was \$40 over their goal.

Uruguay—Missionary Molly Barker expressed praise recently for the salvation of a demon-possessed woman in Melo, Uruguay. The woman's father also accepted Christ after seeing how God had worked in his daughter's life.

Panama—Brenda Bunch in Panama reported starting a new Sunday school class in Chitré. On March 26 she had 11 young people in class and most of them are new Christians.

Nashville, Tenn.—Micah Derby

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

These special gifts were received in February and March:

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Buses bear witness of Free Will Baptists in India traveling to their annual conference.

of Fresno, Calif., is to leave for France in mid-June to serve a short-term missions assignment while studying at the University of Rennes.

3,000 Attend Annual Conference in N. India

According to Sherwood Lee, who attended the Free Will Baptist Annual Conference in North India March 16-18, over 3,000 people attended this year's event at Sonapur. Lee, a member of the Board of Foreign Missions and a former missionary to Côte d'Ivoire, indicated the churches in India are really growing.

Sherwood was accompanied to India by Pastor Buddy Seay. He urged people to pray for Carlisle Hanna and the national pastors as they spread God's Word.

Three Groups of TEAM Set for Brazil, Panama

According to Eddie Payne, director of mobilization and recruitment, three groups of TEAM (*Teens Equipped and Active in Missions*) are set to minister in Brazil and Panama during the summer of 2000.

The 21-member TEAM Brazil 2000 will divide into two parts, one to minister in Belo Horizonte

led by Jim and Mark Cowart. The other, under Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton, will work in Araras. Steve and Judy Lytle will lead the 10-member TEAM Panama 2000.

The 31 teens are to gather at Free Will Baptist Bible College June 12-16 for orientation and training. They plan to leave the United States June 19 and return July 6.

TEAM Brazil Belo Horizonte includes Amy Brown of Homerville, Ga.; Rachel Bryant of Vero Beach, Fla.; Rebekah Caudill of Joelton, Tenn.; T. J. Cole of Blanchard, Okla.; Jason Cox of Webb, Ala.; Joshua Crowe of Kingston Springs, Tenn.; Rachel Henderson of Pocahontas, Ark.; Chelsea Mosley of Norman, Okla.; Ashlee Riley of Tuckerman, Ark.; and Charis St. Lawrence of Nashville, Tenn.

TEAM Brazil Araras consists of Alicia Bunch of Panama; Ashley Coker of Nashville, Tenn.; Thomas Cook of Cookeville, Tenn.; Cassie Daniels of Waverly, Ohio; Sarah Eagleton of Kingston Springs, Tenn.; Rachel Forlines of Nashville, Tenn.; Melody Highsmith of Winterville, N.C.; Heath Hubbard of Bryan, Texas; Andrea Linville of Dierks, Ark.; Jamie Teresa Sheets of Bunker Hill, Ind.; and Natalie Williams of North Judson, Ind.

TEAM Panama is made up of Brooke Lee of Swannanoa, N.C.; Ashley Lewis of Cisne, Ill.; Amanda Magdalena of Cookeville, Tenn.; Ashley Montee of Arcadia, Kan.; Brian Phillips of Batesville, Ark.; Patrick Phillips of Wabash, Ind.; Blake Randolph of North Judson, Ind.; Betty Stamey of Stafford, Va.; Samantha Walker of Blanchard, Okla.; and Monica Werner of Liberal, Mo.

Sturgill Baptizes Four But Satan Hinders

Jim Sturgill baptized four converts on February 20 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, after several schedule delays. Missionary Pat Franks attributes the delays to Satan and notes that one delay was because no water was available in their area of town.

Those baptized included a woman, Terezinha; two girls, Ana Paula and Alciara; and a young man, Christian.

Even after the baptism took place "the battle continued," says Pat. "Ana Paula's father had a heart attack the next day and Christian is encountering serious problems."

MK Graduates

Melissa Turnbough and Suzanne McVay are to graduate from Evangelical Christian Academy in Madrid, Spain, on June 9.

Camilla Cowart of Brazil is to graduate from Nashville Christian School in Nashville, Tenn., on May 12.

Phillip Lytle of Panama and Rachel Callaway of Spain/Panama/Cuba graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College on May 11.

Six Couples to Begin Stateside Assignment

Bobby and Sue Aycock are to arrive in the United States on May 10 for a two and one-half month ministry.

Jeff and Susan Turnbough and Sam and June McVay in Spain are scheduled to return to the United States on June 17 to begin a year of stateside assignment.

Ernest and Elaine Holland are expected to arrive in the States from Côte d'Ivoire in May to begin their stateside assignment.

Don and Ruth McDonald leave

Japan in June for their year of ministry in the United States.

Steve and Becky Riggs leave France in June to begin their stateside assignment.

Matt and Cristina Price, who have been helping Steve and Becky Riggs at the church in Nantes, France, are to return to the United States in June. The Prices spent 10 months at the University of Nantes studying French.

Family Retreat Held in Brazil During March

A special family retreat was held during Carnaval March 4-8 at Evangelândia, the campground in Jaboticabal, Brazil. The theme for the gathering was "Coping with Changes in Our Society."

Approximately 150 people attended.

According to Bobby Poole, Foreign Missions board member Milton Worthington, pastor of Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Mich., was the main speaker. Bobby and John Poole also gave Bible studies. Geneva Poole and two Brazilian workers were responsible for 45 children.

100 Attend Uruguay Camp, Two Baptized

Family camp was held March 4-9 in Rivera, Uruguay, with 100 campers attending. The theme for the gathering was "Giants." According to Molly Barker, other visitors came every day so the average attendance was 118.

On Sunday afternoon two people, Marcos Trindade and Giovana Silva, were baptized by Pastor Casildo Trindade from the Santa Teresa church in Rivera. Several campers were saved and some rededicated their lives to the Lord.

One negative event marred the week. A gang of teenage thieves

robbed the tent of Jaimie Lancaster, one of the boys' dormitories and the men's dorm. The burglars were able to get in and out while campers were at supper on Saturday night. They took clothes, money, a radio, tennis shoes, etc.

FINANCIAL BEAT

Through March 2000

Income for February	\$ 421,924.94
Income for March	472,670.84
Total income through March	1,119,228.36
Projected income through March	2,056,452.38
Total expenses through March	1,732,530.46
Total 1999 Budget (including VISION projects)	\$8,225,809.51

These accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 16,609.27	Support Services	\$ 181,861.02
Callaway	2,278.11	Info Promotional	36,832.43
Chang	33,846.96	Third World	
Corley	2,964.70	Development	3,768.20
Deeds	5,338.92	Church Planter	
Hanna	15,547.04	Noyabrisk	766.06
Holland, E	2,174.44	Marie W Hanna	
Martens	5,061.06	Bible Inst/India	5,800.23
Nichols	3,578.65	VISION	
Snow	5,327.71	Korean Sem	351,200.00
Teague	3,643.70	Abidjan Land/Ch	19,330.38
Korean Ministries	11,431.41		
Total	\$690,751.02		

These accounts are in the black but in serious need:

Banks	\$ 2,808.96	Barker	\$ 1,959.57
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STATES IN ACTION

State	2000 Goal	Goal Thru May	Contributions Thru May
Alabama	\$ 81,250.00	\$ 126,324.74	
Arkansas	455,000	113,750.00	69,966.69
Arizona	12,000	3,000.00	989.00
California	70,000	17,500.00	11,682.34
Canada	10,000	2,500.00	703.00
Colorado	10,000	2,500.00	601.00
Florida	145,000	36,250.00	32,409.90
Georgia	265,000	66,250.00	46,216.18
Idaho	10,000	2,500.00	1,764.96
Iowa	5,000	1,250.00	581.59
Illinois	170,000	42,500.00	36,072.45
Indiana	60,000	15,000.00	16,566.86
Hawaii	1,000	250.00	0.00
Kansas	7,000	1,750.00	557.45
Kentucky	95,000	23,750.00	13,546.17
Louisiana	10,000	2,500.00	115.00
Maryland	80,000	20,000.00	16,009.94
Michigan	240,000	60,000.00	26,949.02
Missouri	485,000	121,250.00	80,772.71
Mississippi	150,000	37,500.00	30,539.76
Montana	5,000	1,250.00	700.00
North Carolina	700,000	175,000.00	189,283.56
Nebraska	3,000	750.00	2,325.00
New Mexico	6,000	1,500.00	309.63
*Northeast Assn	5,000	1,250.00	0.00
**Northwest Assn	13,000	3,250.00	1,813.23
Ohio	210,000	52,500.00	34,360.16
Oklahoma	550,000	137,500.00	79,767.51
Pennsylvania	2,000	500.00	60.00
South Carolina	420,000	105,000.00	46,333.17
Tennessee	890,000	222,500.00	153,716.01
Texas	105,000	26,250.00	18,505.44
Virginia	105,000	26,250.00	19,852.90
Virgin Islands	4,000	1,000.00	717.00
West Virginia	135,000	33,750.00	23,752.33
FWB Foundation	25,000	6,250.00	5,970.23
Miscellaneous	224,685	56,171.25	1,177.66
WNAC	170,000	42,500.00	22,842.76
Totals	\$6,177,685+	\$1,544,421.25+	\$1,113,855.35

*Northeast Association
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+Does not include VISION projects

Note: Miscellaneous includes miscellaneous sources, states and interest income.



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Forlines' Focus

By James Forlines, General Director



A Commitment to Win

If we learned no other lesson from the war in Vietnam, we should have learned that we can never enter another war we are not committed to win.

We recently commemorated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ending of that war. I do not remember the days of national unity during World War II. I wasn't born until 13 years after it ended. But I do remember the fabric of national unity being ripped to shreds during the Vietnam War.

The Loss of Noncommitment

In this article I am not attempting to evaluate whether or not the United States should have been in Vietnam. This debate continues to rage a quarter of a century after the guns have been silenced. One thing is certain. The lack of national resolve had devastating consequences.

Over \$141 billion in aid went to the South Vietnamese government and a million U.S. combat troops were committed to the fray. More

than 56,000 American soldiers gave their lives during the 14 years of conflict. In addition, 1.7 million Vietnamese died. All of this loss came from a war the United States was not committed to win. Although our forces were never militarily defeated, it was considered a humiliating political defeat!

A Spiritual War

In recent speaking engagements I have been reminding people of the spiritual war to which all believers have been called. Paul urged Timothy to endure hardness as a good soldier. Then he issued this challenge: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier" (2 Timothy 2:4).

The cause of world evangelism is a spiritual war. The forces of darkness have held billions captive to superstition, self-reliance and fear. As soldiers of the cross we have been commanded to invade enemy territory with the Truth which can set men free.

Parallels can be observed between a nation at war and the spiritual warfare of God's people. During World War II the whole country went into warfare production. People from every walk of life found their role in the war effort. Prayer was a vital in-

gredient as people prayed earnestly for divine intervention.

Personal Sacrifice

The call to sacrifice was heeded as people willingly rationed gas, nylon, coffee, sugar, and countless other items. Yes, some abused the system and took advantage of the moment, but the common people across America were willing to do without. They did whatever it took for the soldiers on the front lines and the stateside infrastructure to have whatever was needed to win the war. This unparalleled sacrifice was possible because the nation was convinced that the war was a worthy cause and that the tyrannical leaders of the Axis powers had to be stopped.

Commitment to Involvement

The unreached people groups of this world cannot be reached by the gospel unless God's people adopt a warfare lifestyle. We certainly should be convinced that reaching them is worthy of our efforts. Our desire to get the gospel to the ends of the earth must be characterized by the same commitment to involvement and sacrifice that led our country to victory in WWII. After all, it is Christ's command!

James Forlines