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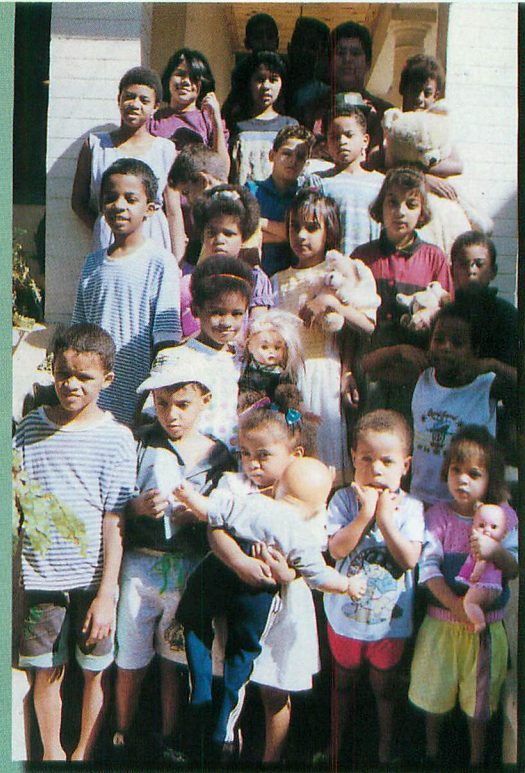
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June Brunkhorst sits with some of the children of the New Life Children's Home in Araras, Brazil. At the right are a few children and workers from the home.

FRONT COVER: George Brunkhorst, the painter, sits lovingly with children from the home.



"George Who?"

By Shirley Combs

One night Jim was restless in bed. Slowly he raised himself on his elbows and said to me, "I can't seem to get to sleep. I keep thinking about our need for paint to finish the project, and even more than that, a painter to do the job."

He had my attention. The "project" was the construction of the new cottages of the New Life Children's Home in Araras, Brazil.

"The funny thing is that someone came into my mind and it seems the Lord is saying to call George Brunkhorst," he continued. "I thought 'Lord, George Brunkhorst? He is older than I am!' but I guess I will call him tomorrow in California."

I had known George longer than I had known my husband. Yes, he was older than Jim. My mother had witnessed to him in a restaurant in Oklahoma, had invited him to church, and had seen him accept Christ as Savior. My folks had discipled him over the years.

George is quite a guy. He was once named layman of the year among Master's Men. Later he started preaching. His wife, June, played the piano

and they sang together in church.

We hadn't seen George in years; however, he is a painter. But what about the language barrier? Culture shock? The expense of a trip from California?

Now I couldn't sleep!

"I thought 'Lord, George Brunkhorst? He is older than I am!' but I guess I will call him tomorrow in California."

The next day Jim called California. George wasn't home but June promised to have him call.

"Brother Jim," came the familiar voice from over 6,000 miles away, "June told me you called. It was good to hear news from you."

Jim told him how his name came to mind and the need we had for painting the buildings so we could get the children moved into their homes. We needed to get out from under the monthly financial responsibility of US\$1,400 for rent on two homes.

As usual, George was enthusiastic. He said he was interested and would call Jim back soon.

"Um, Brother George, before we hang up I need to tell you a couple of things. We can't pay for your plane tickets nor can we pay you for the days you are here, away from your company. But we will promise to feed you while you are here."

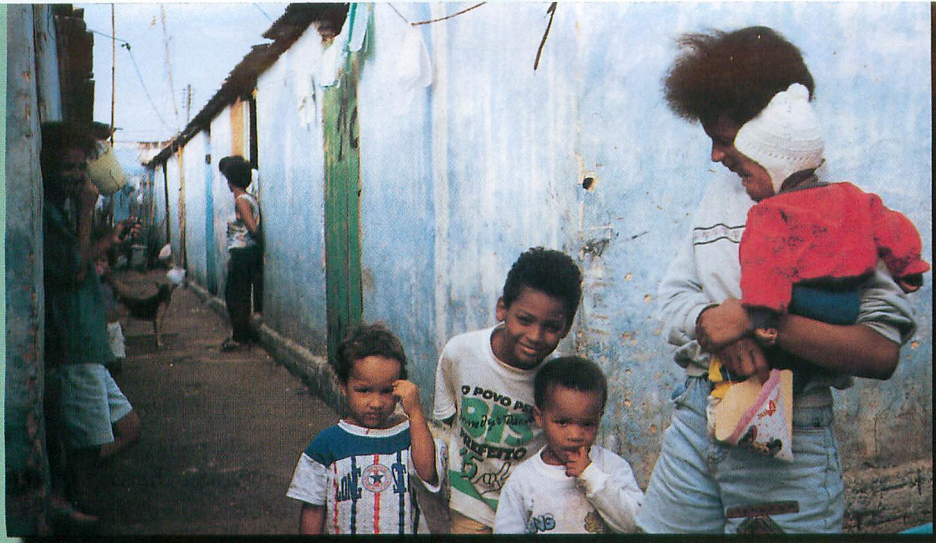
"Don't worry about that. If God confirms that we are to go, then He will provide a way. We have wanted to do something like this on one of our mission fields for a long time. We'll get back with you soon."

Shortly he did call to confirm their arrival in September and to tell us they could stay four weeks.

We had our painter, now for the paint.

"Irmãos," Jim addressed the brothers and sisters at our Thursday night prayer meeting, "we have a Christian brother arriving on Monday to help paint the children's home. We have an urgent prayer request. PAINT! We have the painter but no paint."

After church, the women decided they would be responsible for an of-



Street children are the products of broken homes, extreme poverty and drug abuse.

fering to cover a can of paint (five gallons). They were excited to participate in God's provision. The request was put on the prayer list. Sunday evening Jim repeated the request.

On Monday we made the two-hour trip to the São Paulo airport to pick up our friends. We had a surprise waiting for us.

Brother George had fallen from a scaffold several stories high while painting. Both legs and his back had been broken. This put him in a wheelchair for a while. He came through the arriving passenger door smiling but all bent over.

Jim said he thought to himself, "Oh no, what have I done? How will he ever be able to take on that big project?"

As we drove through the greater São Paulo area, home for 20 million people, the Brunkhorsts saw the fascinating contrast of cardboard and tin shanties in the slums with miles of modern towering skyscrapers against the skyline.

The scenery wasn't the only thing interesting. As we traveled, they shared how the Lord marvelously saved George from death and how He helped him walk again. Through the terrible accident, God had provided the funds for them to make the trip. It seems they had been waiting many months for a settlement, but only after they had told the Lord they would

make their "mission" trip did the money come through. It was adequate to pay for the tickets and to cover expenses the month they would be away from their business.

George painted five days a week and preached almost every night.

Soon after we arrived in Araras, George and June were interested in seeing the construction project. We were proud to show them the five new buildings. The two houses have the same floor plan. As we showed them the living room of one of the homes, to our surprise the floor was covered with cans and cans of paint, brushes and rollers, sandpaper and other supplies. About \$2,500 worth!

We were speechless at first. We learned that a couple, owners of a paint store in town, had heard about our building project and offered to donate some paint. When they discovered the size of the need, they offered

to supply most of the materials if they could choose the colors.

Since George hadn't heard we had no paint, he was able to see God's provision both at that moment and throughout the month they were with us.

George painted five days a week and preached almost every night in our two churches and home Bible studies. June spoke to our women's meetings, played the piano and sang in the services. Even without knowing the Portuguese language, they made friends with folks in town. Some tried to speak to them in broken English. One couple, owners of the ice cream parlor, visited our church because of George and June.

A lady from our church said, "I realized I was not as active in the ministry of Lar Nova Vida as I had been in the last years. When I saw the dedication and sacrifice of this couple from another country it was like a slap in the face. I told God if he would have Pastor Jim ask me to serve in a greater way I would say YES."

Soon after the Brunkhorsts left, Jim asked the lady to serve as treasurer of the board of directors, so we heard her testimony and joyfully heard her YES.

As they left our newly painted buildings and us, George and June got many hugs from our church folks and 30 children from the homes. During the last hours of 1998 we joyfully moved into the new houses, thanks to the miracle that God painted . . . with George's help!

Shirley Combs and her husband, Jim, have served in Brazil since 1964 except for a four-year ministry at Hillsdale FWB College in Oklahoma.



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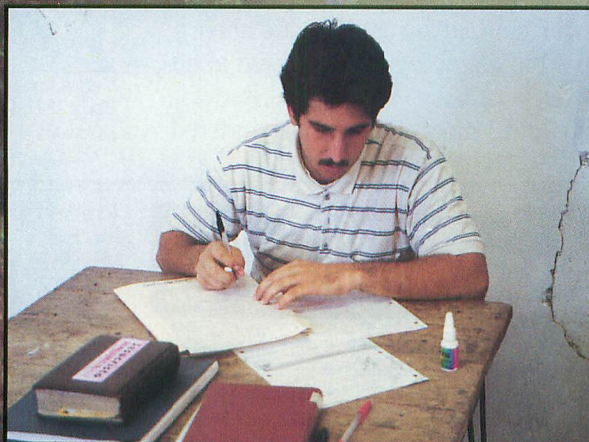
Equipped for Service

By Ronald Callaway

Hanging out on a dark street corner in Havana, Cuba, Ariel and his street gang were smoking, drinking and just waiting for trouble. As the gang leader, Ariel was ready to pick a fight or to harass whoever might come their way. It was dark when a group of young people came toward them from the other end of the street. Just as Ariel was about to block their path, one of the girls suddenly walked up to him, gave him a piece of paper and said, "God loves you." The group walked on past him.

The gang leader was so stunned he didn't know what to say or do. The paper turned out to be a gospel tract. His gang members immediately began to make fun of him: "Hey, are you going to be one of those religious peo-

Ariel studies for class at Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Pinar del Río, Cuba.



ple?" A quick look and some words from Ariel, an expert in martial arts, brought silence. He stuck the paper in his pocket.

During the following weeks he often pulled the paper from its hiding place in his house. Two words from the tract burned into his mind: "hell" and "fire." He told his friend and second-in-charge of the gang that he was going to an evangelical church to learn what it meant. "Don't do it!" his friend exclaimed. "My grandmother is an evangelical, and they will change your mind about life."

"No they won't," said Ariel. "I've got to find out what these words mean."

Two words from the tract burned into his mind: "hell" and "fire."

He found a Christian church in his neighborhood, which turned out to be a Free Will Baptist church. In time he was saved. The Lord Jesus did the changing of his life and mind, and He did the same with others from Ariel's gang. After growing in grace, knowledge and service, Ariel felt God was calling him to preach the gospel. His pastor recommended him as a student to the FWB seminary (Bible institute) at Los Cedros del Líbano (Cedars of Lebanon). FWB missionaries Thomas and Mabel Willey and Rafael Josue of the West Indies Mission started the Bible school in 1944 in Pinar del Río, about 110 miles west of Havana. They trained Cuban FWB pastors until the institution was closed in the late 1950s.

The school finally reopened in the late 1980s. Since that time three classes have graduated, providing 19 more ordained pastors for the Cuban FWB Convention. Presently, the seminary has two classes and is planning

to begin a third in September of 2001. Ariel is part of the second-year class.

At the beginning of the school year each seminarian is assigned to a church or a mission where he serves every weekend. Sometimes the student works directly under the supervision of an ordained pastor doing visitation, evangelism, teaching and preaching. Ariel is currently assigned to a mission work in a rural area where no pastor is available.

Each Monday morning the students make their way back to the seminary as best they can. Due to the problem of public transportation in Cuba, what should be a two- or three-hour trip sometimes turns into an all-day ordeal. Some students hitchhike from Havana to Pinar and then walk the remaining four miles to the school. A few who have assignments to works closer to the seminary can come and go on bicycles.

Classes begin each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. From 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each student works on the institute grounds. Ariel is assigned to the kitchen this semester, while others work on buildings, help with the banana crop or cut grass with machetes. Classes are taught by various pastors who make up the faculty. Every week two different pastors rotate through the teaching schedule for the semester.

FWB missionaries Thomas and Mabel Willey and Rafael Josue of the West Indies Mission started the Bible school in 1944 in Pinar del Río.

Normally, the young pastors study at the seminary for three years. Then they work six months exclusively in the ministry to which they have been assigned. Following this "hands-on" internship, they conclude with their

final semester of classroom work. After graduating, each new pastoral candidate works two years as a pastor in a local church or mission before he can be considered for ordination.

In spite of the difficulties of life and work—few new clothes, little time with one's family, and shortage of food—graduates are extremely loyal and supportive of the program. All Cuban FWB churches give sacrificially to support the school.

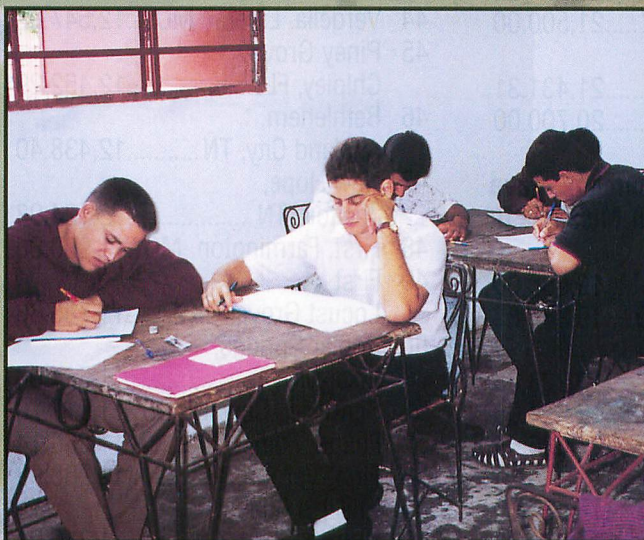
A "waiting list" of prospective students is maintained. To qualify, a person must have been saved at least three years and must have been involved weekly for two years in the

work of a house-church ministry. His life must be characterized by holiness and a zeal to win others for Christ. He also must demonstrate a call of God upon his life to become a pastor, evangelist, or missionary.

Ariel used to "hang" on the streets of Havana, looking for trouble. He and his fellow seminarians now "search" the streets of Havana and Pinar del Río, looking for troubled hearts and souls.

Ronald Callaway and his wife, Linda, live in Panama. They work at training nationals in Panama and travel to Cuba for short sessions at Cedars of Lebanon.

Ariel (center, front) stands with students in the second-year class at the Bible institute.



Students take exams.

179 Churches Top \$5,000

The following six churches gave over \$50,000 each for world outreach in 1999:

- 1 Donelson,
Nashville, TN\$80,675.40
- 2 Central, Royal Oak, MI ..63,361.16
- 3 First, Norman, OK.....59,859.71
- 4 Limestone,
Limestone, TN58,599.70
- 5 First, Russellville, AR ...56,087.43
- 6 Unity, Greenville, NC.....50,950.62

The next 11 churches gave over \$20,000 in 1999:

- 7 Piney Grove, Guin, AL..38,906.81
- 8 First, Albany, GA.....32,047.77
- 9 Bethany,
Broken Arrow, OK28,174.30
- 10 Cofer's Chapel,
Nashville, TN28,110.05
- 11 Fellowship,
Kingsport, TN27,749.78
- 12 Horse Branch,
Turbeville, SC.....25,772.70
- 13 Cross Timbers,
Nashville, TN23,513.48
- 14 Bay Branch,
Timmonsville, SC22,027.00
- 15 Heritage, Gilbert, AZ.....21,500.00
- 16 Calvary Fellowship,
Fenton, MO.....21,431.31
- 17 Ina, Ina, IL20,700.00

The following 45 churches gave above \$10,000 to Foreign Missions in 1999:

- 18 Peace, Florence, SC19,560.00
- 19 Hannon, Liberal, MO19,365.87
- 20 Bethany,
Timmonsville, SC19,228.38
- 21 Bethel, Kinston, NC18,674.00
- 22 First, Ada, OK17,626.44
- 23 Immanuel,
Durham, NC.....17,537.00
- 24 Garner, Garner, NC17,494.88
- 25 Westside,
Johnsonville, SC.....17,247.16

- 26 First, Jacksonville, NC\$16,993.94
- 27 Sherwood Forest,
New Bern, NC.....16,854.89
- 28 Unity, Smithfield, NC15,761.55
- 29 Allen Chapel,
Batesville, AR15,620.04
- 30 First,
North Little Rock, AR ...15,298.29
- 31 Bethel,
South Roxana, IL15,286.21
- 32 First, Star City, AR15,177.24
- 33 Rejoice,
Owasso, OK.....14,900.13
- 34 Faith, Goldsboro, NC14,781.12
- 35 First, Beaufort, NC14,218.82
- 36 Fellowship,
Park Hills, MO14,205.37
- 37 Townsend,
Townsend, DE13,438.98
- 38 First, Winfield, AL.....13,094.98
- 39 First, Florence, SC12,798.35
- 40 Mt. Olive, Guin, AL12,651.48
- 41 Parker's Chapel,
Greenville, NC.....12,645.50
- 42 Oak Park,
Pine Bluff, AR12,619.61
- 43 Tippet's Chapel,
Clayton, NC.....12,617.77
- 44 Verdella, Liberal, MO12,547.88
- 45 Piney Grove,
Chipley, FL.....12,452.29
- 46 Bethlehem,
Ashland City, TN.....12,438.40
- 47 New Hope,
Joelton, TN12,124.93
- 48 First, Farmington, MO ..11,900.00
- 49 First,
Locust Grove, OK.....11,785.66
- 50 Poplar Springs,
Iuka, MS11,544.90
- 51 Sand Hill, Coward, SC..11,517.76
- 52 Fulton, Fulton, MS.....11,368.14
- 53 First, Vernon, AL11,288.98
- 54 Phillip's Chapel,
Northport, AL11,210.61
- 55 First, Darlington, SC.....11,033.00
- 56 Mt. Zion, Northport, AL10,922.94

- 57 New Haven, Ernul, NC\$10,743.67
- 58 Bellview, Colquitt, GA ...10,669.62
- 59 Temple, Greenville, NC.10,497.50
- 60 Temple,
Darlington, SC10,475.00
- 61 Good Springs,
Pleasant View, TN10,208.71
- 62 Heritage Temple,
Ashland, KY10,120.38

The next 117 churches are recognized for giving over \$5,000 in 1999:

- 63 Trinity, Bridgeton, MO9,993.35
- 64 New Lebanon,
Tishomingo, MS.....9,965.11
- 65 First, Northport, AL9,684.39
- 66 Macedonia, Purdy, MO...9,633.50
- 67 Harrah, Harrah, OK.....9,570.57
- 68 Valley Forge,
Elizabethton, TN9,548.45
- 69 North Warren,
Warren, MI9,525.84
- 70 Red Bay, Red Bay, AL.....9,500.75
- 71 Forest Grove,
Knoxville, TN9,448.80
- 72 Gospel Light,
East Bonne Terre, MO9,420.00
- 73 Forest Valley,
Springfield, OH.....9,343.00
- 74 Prospect, Dunn, NC9,139.02
- 75 First, Mountain
Grove, MO9,110.00
- 76 First Bible,
New Castle, IN9,098.62
- 77 New Hope, Ina, IL.....8,872.62
- 78 Emmanuel,
Jacksonville, NC8,837.00
- 79 First, Pocahontas, AR.... 8,754.37
- 80 Statesboro,
Statesboro, GA8,707.70
- 81 Calvary, Norman, OK.....8,673.00
- 82 Oak Grove,
Greeneville, TN8,671.78
- 83 Horton Heights,
Nashville, TN8,671.68
- 84 Ruth's Chapel,
New Bern, NC8,656.11

0 in Giving During 1999

85	Discovery, Stockton, CA	\$8,600.61	115	East Nashville, Nashville, TN	\$7,180.92	146	First, Checotah, OK	\$6,007.18
86	Lebanon, Effingham, SC	8,592.80	116	Grace, Lake City, SC	7,062.52	147	First, Moore, OK	5,928.38
87	Evergreen, Erwin, TN	8,478.25	117	Trinity, Greenville, NC	7,038.75	148	Fellowship, Antioch, TN	5,919.61
88	Northridge, Dayton, OH	8,422.00	118	Calvary Chapel, Hollywood, FL	7,030.23	149	Pleasant Acres, New Bern, NC	5,902.42
89	Peace, Wilson, NC	8,390.00	119	Woodcrest, Catoosa, OK	6,956.72	150	First, Morehead City, NC	5,901.48
90	United, West Plains, MO	8,367.41	120	First, McAlester, OK	6,929.96	151	Madison, Madison, AL	5,893.29
91	First, Washington, NC	8,363.42	121	New Home, Tulsa, OK	6,824.22	152	Burbank, Elizabethton, TN	5,850.00
92	Second, Ashland, KY	8,350.09	122	Head's, Cedar Hill, TN	6,786.72	153	First, De Soto, MO	5,805.00
93	Sophia, Sophia, WV	8,329.18	123	Newcastle, Newcastle, OK	6,761.87	154	Shady Grove, Clarksville, TN	5,774.65
94	Fawn Grove, Mantachie, MS	8,266.45	124	Faith, Glenpool, OK	6,701.22	155	Greenbrier, Adair, OK	5,714.48
95	First, Church Hill, TN	8,261.91	125	First, Charleston, SC	6,691.30	156	First, Monett, MO	5,670.13
96	White Savannah, Conway, SC	8,219.82	126	West Calvary, Smithfield, NC	6,674.00	157	First, Ponca City, OK	5,641.42
97	Southern Oaks, Oklahoma City, OK	8,181.61	127	Cool Springs, Norman Park, GA	6,611.00	158	Faith, Lavalette, WV	5,600.04
98	Roan Street, Elizabethton, TN	8,178.00	128	Shady Grove, Whitesburg, TN	6,592.50	159	Double Branch, Unadilla, GA	5,567.27
99	First FWB Ministries, Newport News, VA	8,150.50	129	FWB Church, New Castle County, DE	6,558.33	160	First, Brunswick, GA	5,562.39
100	Columbia, Columbia, SC	8,069.00	130	Freeman Chapel, Stewartsville, MO	6,480.00	161	Damascus, Marianna, FL	5,553.94
101	Harrison, Minford, OH	7,962.76	131	Faith, Knoxville, TN	6,467.99	162	First, Marion, NC	5,529.41
102	First, Tuckerman, AR	7,958.55	132	Bloss Memorial, Arlington, VA	6,461.36	163	First, Elizabethton, TN	5,518.00
103	First, Duncanville, TX	7,872.83	133	White Oaks, Macon, GA	6,450.00	164	Collin Creek, Plano, TX	5,501.94
104	Westerville, Westerville, OH	7,814.23	134	First, Springfield, MO	6,436.47	165	Trinity, Darlington, MD	5,453.46
105	Union Grove, Atkins, AR	7,766.00	135	Johnston City, Johnston City, IL	6,429.49	166	Liberty Bible, Gainesville, GA	5,435.75
106	Meadow Brook, Black Mountain, NC	7,743.92	136	Plainview, Plainview, AR	6,405.75	167	First, Florence, AL	5,353.87
107	Thomaston Community, Thomaston, TX	7,700.00	137	Victory, Goldsboro, NC	6,390.31	168	Landmark, Cary, NC	5,272.41
108	Wooddale, Knoxville, TN	7,515.93	138	Fellowship, Bryan, TX	6,332.77	169	Eastside, Dothan, AL	5,264.73
109	Porter, Portsmouth, OH	7,459.58	139	First, O'Fallon, MO	6,319.00	170	Grace, Arnold, MO	5,239.60
110	Fifteen Mile, Sterling Heights, MI	7,374.00	140	Sherwood Forest, El Sobrante, CA	6,304.26	171	Fairview, Spartanburg, SC	5,215.00
111	First, Chipley, FL	7,369.56	141	Rocky Pass, Nebo, NC	6,230.00	172	First, Greeneville, TN	5,212.51
112	First, Dothan, AL	7,251.38	142	Mt. Elon, Pamplico, SC	6,152.64	173	Sulphur Springs, Northport, AL	5,189.46
113	Calvary, Durham, NC	7,235.34	143	Webb, Camargo, OK	6,088.60	174	Southside, Darlington, SC	5,180.89
114	North Spartanburg, Inman, SC	7,195.36	144	Mt. Calvary, Hookerton, NC	6,080.44	175	First, Savannah, GA	5,036.00
			145	Ebenezer, Glennville, GA	6,070.00	176	Ballews Chapel, Grubbs, AR	5,028.90
						177	First, Newport, TN	5,006.28
						178	Riverside Fellowship, Clinton Township, MI	5,001.78
						179	Oak Grove, Conway, SC	5,000.00



Teens Equipped and Active in Missions

Twenty-four hundred dollars and nearly a month of time . . . long days and short nights . . . tiring travel. Does this sound like summer vacation? To scores of Free Will Baptist young people the litany represents an adventure of a lifetime.

Is TEAM worth the cost?

Good question. TEAM is not a glorified "spiritual" vacation overseas or an exercise in personal gratification. TEAM offers positive opportunities for serious young people to learn and minister in the context of a foreign mission field. Many TEAM alumni are now well along in the process of becoming career missionaries. They are also great promoters for the cause of world evangelization.

Does TEAM have any real ministry impact on the field?

Here is a testimony from Heather Paul, a student intern this summer, written to TEAM members after their visit to Brazil. "Well, the youth group here is really pumped! At camp we never touched on the subject of giving your life to God and finding out what His will is for your future. This was probably started by YOU! You guys planted these seeds in

their hearts! It was conversations with you, your testimonies, and your living testimonies that started these kids wondering about what God wants out of their lives. Way to go you guys! If for no other reason, this made your trip worth it."

What about TEAM 2001?

TEAM 2001 has two confirmed destinations. A traditional TEAM will be going to CUBA. They will do music and drama. TEAM JAPAN will use conversational English in various camps and church settings. Two other destinations, Panama and Brazil, are pending. A possible focus will be basketball camps.

Is it too late to apply?

NOT YET! Final TEAM selections will be made November 1, 2000. Applications received after October 9 will be held for consideration for TEAM 2002.

For applications or information, write to

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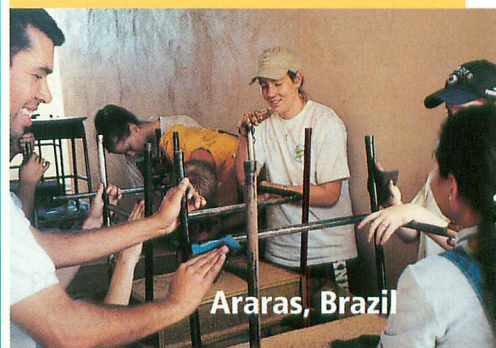
TEAM 2000 Impacts Brazil and Panama

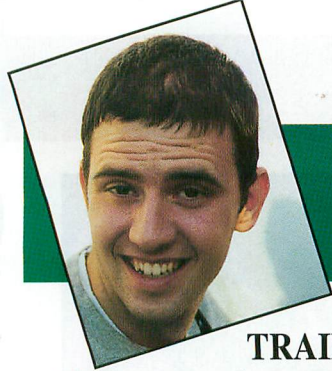
Three groups of teenagers went to Brazil and Panama in mid-June to witness, sing, preach, distribute literature, perform drama and mime, paint furniture and buildings, build personal relationships, etc. Reports indicate the 30 participants of TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) 2000 were effective in fulfilling their roles in both countries.

In Panama the teenagers made a historic trip to the Kuna Indians where they ate in a Kuna hut and sang and testified to the villagers.

In Belo Horizonte and Araras, Brazil, drama and musical presentations were helpful in introducing unsaved young people to the Savior. In Araras the teens interacted with kids at the New Life Children's Home and helped by cleaning, painting furniture, etc.

According to missionaries and TEAM leaders, the labor and love shown manifested a positive message. But most of all, the young people returned home on July 6 with a challenge in their hearts and a new understanding of cross-cultural ministries.





Joshua Crowe shares his TEAM 2000 experience:

TRAINING—

What, one whole week!

Everybody is really pumped up about getting ready to go, so after dinner you tell your parents goodbye. For some people that is a really hard thing



to do. You work from 7:30 a.m. to about 10:30 at night learning skills for coping in a different culture and what you

will be doing there in ministry. You get a full load of everything.

By Wednesday morning you are so worn out that you don't know what day it is. You find out about your fellow team members—what they are like and how you deal with the things you do not like about them. You have to learn to work as a team, overcome problems, and be positive.

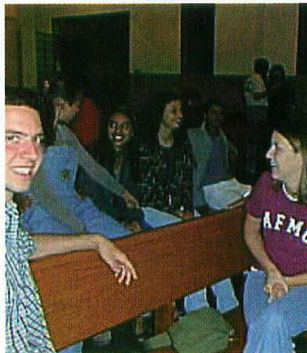
BRAZIL—First impressions.

The eight-hour flight really drains you. We are excited about landing when this smell hits me. It's like nothing I have smelled before. We look at each other and say, "This must be Brazil."

Belo is a huge city with a lot of people. Traveling from the airport, I saw a lot of poverty. It was hard to believe people could live in such conditions.

COMMUNICATION— Say it again, Sam!

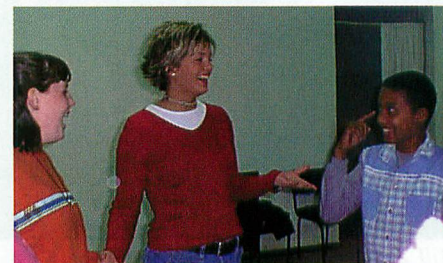
My uncle taught me some Portuguese. I thought I was on top of it, but I discovered they talk a lot faster. They also use a lot of hand gestures. Man, communication is difficult!



People see you trying and they smile. When you smile back, things get better. It is easier to communicate with the Christians than the people at the mall, because they accept you.

TEAM DYNAMICS— Growing together.

During training we got acquainted and learned just a little bit about everybody. In Brazil we began finding out more than just the surface things we humans tend to do. We discovered



how divisions hindered us from doing ministry and quickly learned how to bond. Three weeks earlier we didn't know each other's names. Now, I can tell you their names, their parents' names and occupations, and even their dog's name!

LEAVING BRAZIL— The hardest part.

The hardest part about leaving Brazil was knowing the great need there. I realize I am only one person and, for now, I have obligations elsewhere. But about the future . . . ?



BELO HORIZONTE



Bill and Lois Reagan (above) receive a plaque from James Forlines. David Shores (top, center) speaks at the National Association.



Fred Warner (left) is thanked by Brother Forlines for his service with Foreign Missions. The general director (above) challenges the body during his report.

Forlines Stirs National, Wilson Elected to Board

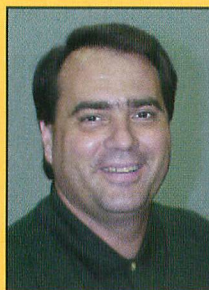
When the National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in Anaheim, Calif., July 16-20, Foreign Missions General Director James Forlines challenged the body to quit playing it safe. He urged those present to depend on God to use Free Will Baptists to make a difference in the world.

On Tuesday morning, during a joint session with Home and Foreign Missions, David Crowe, Richard Hendrix and Richard Atwood of Home Missions challenged the audience to participate in "Operation Saturation" and "One Million in 2000." Brother Forlines followed with a moving powerpoint presentation of the Bible basis of missions. Then he expanded on how FWB Foreign Missions has reorganized to help mobilize the entire denomination to fulfill the great commission.

The general director continued with a report to the delegates on Wednesday in which he declared, "Foreign Missions is not in a maintenance mode." He proposed an aggressive budget for 2001 of over \$7 million needed to facilitate a massive mobilization effort.

The budget was adopted.

The body elected Randy Wilson, pastor of Bethany FWB Church in Broken Arrow, Okla., to the Board of Foreign Missions. Bill Reagan had served on the board for 12 years and was ineligible for reelection. Bill and Lois, his wife, were honored for their



Randy Wilson

sacrificial contribution to Foreign Missions.

Fred and Rachel Warner and Dave and Pat Franks were also recognized during the business session. The Franks have retired from active service after 43 years in Brazil, and Fred Warner has resigned from the foreign missions department after 13 years to re-enter the pastorate (see page 12).

David Shores, FM board member from Ina, Ill., was the speaker for the Wednesday night missions service. Many people responded to the invitation during that service. A missions offering of \$19,087.81 was received.

Missionaries Elaine Holland and Annette Aycock represented Foreign Missions at the meeting of

Women Nationally Active for Christ. On hand for the Wednesday night service were 29 foreign missionaries and 50 home missionaries. These were introduced by Steve Lytle and David Crowe.

Anderson Finishes Study, Goes to IC After Delay

Missionary Verlin Anderson, who has been studying tropical medicine in Antwerp, Belgium, finished his exams in late June in spite of a severe kidney stone attack.

The Andersons were scheduled to depart for Côte d'Ivoire on July 6 when they heard news that the airports were closed due to an uprising by Ivorian soldiers. Although delayed a couple of days, they were able to travel to Abidjan on July 8 and are currently settling in Bouna.

Aldridge Suffers Heart Attack; Doing Well

Jimmy Aldridge, who retired in January from duties as overseas secretary for Foreign Missions, suffered a heart attack on Friday, June 30, in Jasper, Ala. He had just returned on June 28 from a trip to Russia.



Negotiations are underway to purchase this building in Chelyabinsk, Russia, to house the Russian Bible Institute. Funds are needed NOW.

Jimmy was hospitalized in Birmingham and on July 3 doctors inserted a stint in an artery that was blocked. He was released from the hospital on July 4 and latest reports indicate he is doing well.

Funds Sought for BI Building in Russia

Following a June visit to Russia by former overseas secretary Jimmy Aldridge and new board member Randy Wilson, the Board of Foreign Missions has authorized the two men to raise \$110,000 to purchase a building which is available in Chelyabinsk. They have already raised \$20,000. The building would house the Russian Bible Institute and provide dormitory space for students.

Aldridge noted that the building is located in a more affluent and growing area of the city with a large lake nearby. It could serve to start a new church as well as provide a youth camp facility in the summer. The building has 10,000 square feet of space which would need to be remodeled.

Blanchard Teaching 12 English Classes

Miss Tonya Blanchard, overseas assistant working in northern Japan, reported recently that she is adapting to Japanese culture

and is currently teaching 12 English classes a week at three different churches: Ai No Sato, Koinonia, and Miharashidai.

Tonya, who went to Japan in June, has assumed the teaching responsibilities of Miss Debbie Griffin who is in the United States on stateside assignment. "I have already been out with many of my students," says Tonya. "The Lord has quickly given me opportunities to make friends. It's exciting to observe the ways the Holy Spirit chooses to work!"

Unrest Continues in Côte d'Ivoire, Africa

Following the coup d'état on Christmas eve of 1999 things in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, had seemed to stabilize considerably. All that changed early in the morning of July 4 as unhappy soldiers marched through the streets, set up roadblocks, closed the airport, and demanded back pay.

According to Jerry and Carol Pinkerton in Abidjan, a convoy of soldiers went past their house, stopped and told an African who was washing the Pinkertons' truck that they were taking the truck. Although Yao pleaded with them, they insisted they were going to get the keys from the house. But Carol says they "saw our two big dogs. The soldiers just backed

away and they all left."

Latest reports indicate conditions have calmed considerably and in August several missionaries on stateside assignment were able to return to their areas of service in Côte d'Ivoire.

Bailey Seeks Master's Degree to Teach

Missionary Ken Bailey was recently awarded a full scholarship to Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., to obtain his master's degree in intercultural studies. He hopes to be able to assist in the future training of leadership in Japan.

Ken is the first graduate student to attempt to complete Wheaton's degree program in six months. The Baileys plan to return to Japan in early January.

Near 700 Attend African National Association

The National Association of Free Will Baptists in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, met August 7-10 in Bouna for their annual convention. Approximately 700 people were on hand for the session and a meeting of the national women's organization.

According to missionary Alice Smith, 345 of those attending registered and attended a youth camp-congress held August 2-7 around the theme "The Victorious Walk of the Disciple of Jesus Christ."

Three new pastors were ordained Tuesday evening, August 8, during the national meeting: Kossonou Jean-François of Abengourou, Noufé Roger of Doropo, and Hien Jean-Pierre of Kafolo.

One highlight of the activities was a parade through Bouna staged by the women on Women's Day. The women wore outfits made from cloth which was printed especially for the



Anthony Edgmon (left) and Jeff Turnbough (right) baptize Francia, a convert from Colombia.

occasion with the emblem of the National Association of FWB in Côte d'Ivoire. Radio, television, and other media were on hand to cover the event.

11 Immigrants Baptized in Two Spanish Churches

According to a report from missionaries Jeff and Susan Turnbough, four adults from the Vilalba church and seven adults from the Alcala de Henares church were baptized on June 11 in Spain.

Turnbough indicated that all 11 baptismal candidates were immigrants: the four converts from Vilalba are Colombians and the seven from the Alcala church are Romanians.

Barker Reports Camp Building Project

According to missionary Molly Barker in Rivera, Uruguay, a special building project is underway at the camp property outside of Rivera. Construction includes a new dining hall which will be located alongside the old one. They hope to join the two in order to accommodate over 200 campers.

Molly noted they were having 12 new metal beds made for the camp.

Warner Resumes Pastoral Ministry

After 13 years with Foreign Missions, Fred Warner, director of stateside development, resigned to resume a pastoral ministry in Arkansas. Fred had served 12 years on the Board of Foreign Missions while pastoring prior to assuming his role with the department in 1987.

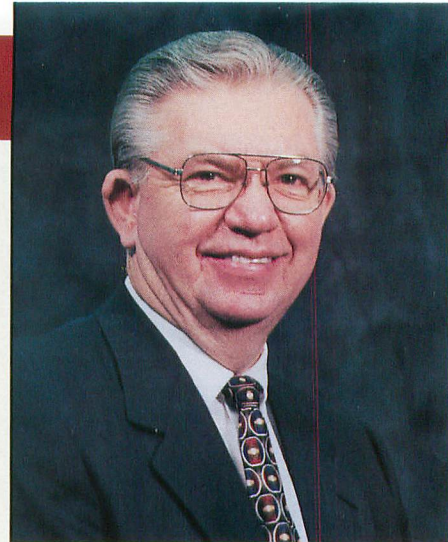
Reverend Warner has accepted the invitation to pastor the Vista Free Will Baptist Church in Van Buren, Ark. He left the department on August 16.

19 MKs Reported to Be Enrolled in College

Nineteen children of missionaries (MKs) are reported to be enrolled in college for the fall semester.

These nine are to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.: freshmen—Camila Cowart, Suzanne McVay, Daniel Riggs, and Melissa Turnbough; sophomore—David Lytle; juniors—Vera Sturgill and Matthew Turnbough; seniors—Stephanie McVay and Adam Morgan.

Attending other colleges: Ben Bailey, sophomore, Wheaton College, Illinois; Kevin Bishop, sophomore, Valdosta State University, Georgia; Jonathan Bunch, junior, John Brown University, Arkansas; Brooke Cousineau, sophomore, Athens Area Tech, Georgia; Melissa Cowart, sophomore, Nashville Tech, Tennessee; David Eagleton, freshman, Simpson College, California; Paul Eagleton, senior, Middle Tennessee State University, Tennessee; Joel Gibbs, sophomore, University de Haute Bretagne, Rennes 2, France; Rebekah Nichols, sophomore, Southern Nazarene University, Oklahoma; and Jonathan Owen, senior, Millikin University, Illinois.



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A. Smith Reports 52 Saved in School Ministry

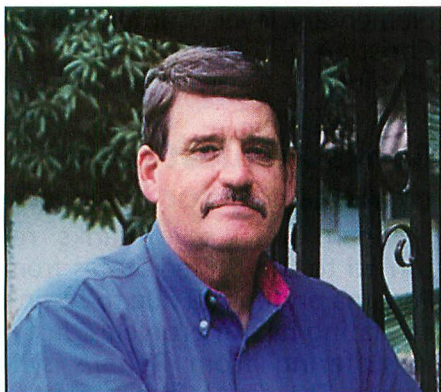
According to missionary Alice Smith in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, Bible club classes in elementary schools were completed at the end of June. Alice reported 52 children between the ages of eight and 15 years prayed to receive Christ as Savior during the year.

"Because of the political instability, teachers' strikes, etc., the children missed a lot of school this year," says Alice. "I was not able to teach all the lessons that I normally do. Still, the Lord has blessed."

Missouri Youth to Help Build Church in Brazil

According to missionary Curt Holland, the youth of Missouri and their churches have been challenged to help construct a new church building in the São Jose area of Campinas, Brazil. Holland says, "The Missouri Challenge 2000 began in May and will continue throughout the year." The youth and churches seek to raise \$30,000 for the project.

Holland noted that the São Jose church has purchased property and is looking at final plans for their building. Two and a half years ago they began Sunday school in São Jose with 20 people.



Ronald Callaway will travel to Russia in October to teach for two weeks at the Russian Bible Institute.

On Sunday, August 20, they had 65 present. Sunday night attendance is running between 60 and 70 people.

Callaway to Teach at Russian Bible Institute

Ronald Callaway, missionary to Panama and Cuba, will travel to Russia in October to teach a two-week intensive course on New Testament exegesis at the Russian Bible Institute in Chelyabinsk. Callaway has an earned Master's degree in theology and has taught extensively in Spain, Panama and Cuba.

Mike Corley in Russia has requested people to pray for the students as they finish up work from last term at the Bible institute and prepare for October.

Cameron Lane to Act as Volunteer Coordinator

Cameron Lane, a physical therapist in Russellville, Ark., has accepted the unpaid role as coordinator of professional volunteers for ministries around the globe with Foreign Missions.

According to Eddie Payne, director of mobilization and recruitment, Lane will be the point man for those wishing to use their professional skills and gifts to serve short terms alongside career mis-



Campers study the Bible during a session at youth camp near Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

sionaries. Those interested may sign on at the FM web site www.nafwb.org/fm or call toll free 1-877-767-7736.

Four Saved During Brazil Youth Camp

Young people from several churches in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, gathered July 17-21 for youth camp at a Youth for Christ facility near Belo Horizonte.

Four of the 79 participants made salvation decisions. Flavio, a young man from the Belo Horizonte congregation, answered the call to preach. Another 50 young people rededicated their lives to God or accepted the challenge to be active participants in His Kingdom work.

Jim and Vicki Sturgill of Belo Horizonte were assisted by summer intern Heather Paul, national workers and their daughter, Vera, who had just completed her summer internship in Montevideo, Uruguay.

"We asked the Lord to make this the best camp ever. Our prayers were more than answered," writes Jim.

News Capsules

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Mr. W. A. Midgett, father of missionary Lynn Midgett in Spain, suffered a severe heart attack on June 3. He was admitted to the hospital in Oklahoma City where they told

him he had lost 50 percent of his heart function. Lynn was able to come home and be with her family for a period of time but has returned to her ministry in Spain.

Spain—Alexander Ray Johnson was born June 9 to missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson in Spain. The boy weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Tim and Kristi graduated from the University of Madrid on June 15 with a diploma in Spanish studies.

Charleston, S.C.—Carlisle Hanna arrived in the United States on June 20 from India and will be on stateside assignment over the next several months. He requested prayer for drought conditions in parts of India.

Brazil—A vacation Bible school was held at the Second FWB Church in Uberlândia, Brazil, during the last week of July with an average attendance of 100. One young man, Jose Miguel, made a decision for Christ.

Atlanta, Ga.—Jeffrey Bishop graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology August 4 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science (BSCS).

Wheaton, Ill.—Benjamin Bailey, son of missionaries Ken and Judy Bailey, was named to the Wheaton Dean's Honor List in June, maintaining a 3.8 GPA during his first year of college.

Russia—Mike and Cathy Corley,

NEWS IN REVIEW

missionaries to Russia, are responsible for organizing a Sunday school teachers' conference scheduled for September 16 in Chelyabinsk, Russia. The conference will feature several workshops and discussion groups.

Brazil—Missionary Geneva Poole underwent vascular surgery on July 27 in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, to correct dilated veins due to the heavy dosage of cortisone prescribed during her bout with Pemphigus. Reports indicated that surgery went well and Geneva was home from the hospital.

Spain—According to missionary Anthony Edgmon in Spain, a Basque terrorist group has been very active over the past few months using car bombs and shooting people. Edgmon noted that two car bombs had exploded in Madrid over the last few months.

Antioch, Tenn.—A new website

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

These special gifts were received in February and March:

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Justin and Leslie Banks have requested a leave of absence after returning from Panama due to Justin's health needs.

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Brazil—The Second FWB Church of Uberlândia, Brazil, celebrated its eleventh anniversary on July 2 with 157 people present.

Spain—A Christian wedding for Colombians Jhon Freddy and Francia was held in the Villalba church on June 3. The couple was baptized on June 11.

Brazil—Missionary Curt Holland expressed praise recently that a demon-possessed person in their church had been delivered in answer to prayer.

Antioch, Tenn.—John Clifton Carey, son-in-law of missionaries Jim and Vicki Sturgill in Brazil, has received a commission as a full-time U.S. Army Chaplain. He, Lynne and the children moved to Ft. Riley, Tex., in July. John graduated in May with a Master of Divinity degree from Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis, Tenn.

Côte d'Ivoire—On June 9 Miss Traci Epps received the Outstanding Single Staff award for the

elementary level at International Christian Academy in Côte d'Ivoire.

Banks Request Leave of Absence for Health

Justin and Leslie Banks returned to the United States from Panama on June 29 due to Justin's escalating health problems. Justin is suffering from Reiter's syndrome. The couple has requested a leave of absence for one year to see if Justin's condition can be brought under control.

"We, along with fellow missionaries, have reached the decision that the door has closed for us in Panama," says Justin. Leslie has assumed a position as a first grade teacher in a school in Denison, Tex.

The couple will not be doing missionary services but requested supporters to continue giving and to pray that God would open another door overseas.

15 Arkansas Youth Help French FWB Churches

An Arkansas youth team comprised of 15 high school juniors and seniors and two adult sponsors went to France on June 19. The team participated in "Made In America," a youth rally at the St. Sebastien church on June 24. Twenty-one students heard the gospel, possibly for the first time.

The event was a combined effort of the missionaries, the youth and church groups in St. Sebastien and St. Nazaire, the Operation Mobilization team, and the "France 2000" youth missions team from First Free Will Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark.

The Arkansas youth split into two teams with half going to St. Nazaire and half to St. Sebastien. They sought to build relationships with the French youth groups.



Dr. Timothy Irwin, a licensed psychologist of Atlanta, Ga., speaks to missionaries, staff and board members during the annual Foreign Missions retreat in August.

The team also presented a drama/mime titled "The Redeemer."

The group which went to St. Sebastien helped prepare for the youth rally by passing out almost 10,000 flyers in mailboxes around the church. Youth pastor Allen Pointer and youth sponsor Donna Olsen accompanied the group from Arkansas.

Jeffrey Deeds Seriously Ill, Condition Worsens

MK Jeffrey Deeds, 35-year-old son of retired missionaries to Brazil Earnie and Jean Deeds, was diagnosed with viral labyrinthitis in February. The condition, which causes extreme dizziness and nausea, was supposed to clear up in two to four months. Instead, Jeffrey's condition has continued to worsen and doctors have not been able to give a clear diagnosis.

Although he has shown signs of a light stroke and the first stages of multiple sclerosis, recent tests have ruled these out.

Due to his inability to work, Jeffrey had to resign from his job at

Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City, Okla. He and his wife, Kimberly, have five daughters between the ages of one and nine.

FM Retreat Features Dr. Timothy Irwin

Foreign missionaries, former missionaries, board members and the Foreign Missions administrative staff gathered July 31-August 3 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., for the annual foreign missions retreat. Dr. Timothy Irwin, a well-known consultant and clinical psychologist from Atlanta, Ga., was the main speaker. He has traveled to more than 20 countries.

Dr. Irwin spoke from the Bible and his years of experience working with mission boards and missionaries. He held three sessions dealing with integrity: "Integrity in Relation to God," "Integrity in Relation to Self," and "Integrity in Relation to Others."

Robert Morgan of Nashville presented the Bible messages on two mornings. James Forlines, general director, gave a power-point presentation on staff reorganization; Eddie Payne, director

of mobilization and recruitment, challenged former missionaries who were present to get involved in recruiting and mobilizing people in their areas for world outreach.

FINANCIAL BEAT

Through July 2000

Income for June	\$ 504,825.96
Income for July	447,009.38
Total income through July	3,079,078.41
Projected income through July	4,798,388.88
Total expenses through July	3,667,847.62
Total 2000 Budget (including VISION projects)	\$8,225,809.51

These accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	\$ 1,698.93	Turnbough	\$ 719.02
Barker	2,028.52	Wilson, V	451.00
Blanchard	1,954.89	Church Planter	
Callaway	3,953.67	Noyabrist	766.06
Dr. Chang	70,000.00	Korean Ministries	16,570.38
Gainer	1,519.18	Marie W Hanna	
Gibbs	1,450.30	Bible Inst/India	9,438.57
Holland, C	434.92	Info Promotional	20,104.47
Holland, E	2,246.71	Support Services	71,730.48
Little	193.05	Third World	
Martens	9,609.04	Development	3,768.20
McVay	2,054.98	VISION	
Pool	2,157.79	Abidjan Land/Ch	17,154.13
Tallent	2,223.06	Indian Church	2,446.57
Teague	6,255.49	Korean Sem	351,145.00
Total			\$602,074.41

These accounts are in the black but in serious need:

Lancaster	\$ 2,366.48	Sturgill	\$ 1,549.05
Nichols	3,449.36	West	3,009.43

STATES IN ACTION

State	2000 Goal	Goal Thru July	Contributions Thru July
Alabama	\$ 325,000	\$ 189,583.33	\$ 261,742.91
Arkansas	455,000	265,416.67	234,450.37
Arizona	12,000	7,000.00	4,444.42
California	70,000	40,833.33	37,096.63
Canada	10,000	5,833.33	3,001.48
Colorado	10,000	5,833.33	1,336.00
Florida	145,000	84,583.33	87,649.79
Georgia	265,000	154,583.33	132,242.86
Idaho	10,000	5,833.33	2,873.70
Iowa	5,000	2,916.67	940.32
Illinois	170,000	99,166.67	87,446.59
Indiana	60,000	35,000.00	39,743.05
Hawaii	1,000	583.33	300.00
Kansas	7,000	4,083.33	2,104.81
Kentucky	95,000	55,416.67	38,811.41
Louisiana	10,000	5,833.33	801.86
Maryland	80,000	46,666.67	35,865.12
Michigan	240,000	140,000.00	94,170.75
Missouri	485,000	282,916.67	246,619.11
Mississippi	150,000	87,500.00	54,268.79
Montana	5,000	2,916.67	1,225.00
North Carolina	700,000	408,333.33	425,781.20
Nebraska	3,000	1,750.00	5,077.00
New Mexico	6,000	3,500.00	731.66
**Northeast Assn.	5,000	2,916.67	700.17
**Northwest Assn.	13,000	7,583.33	11,252.24
Ohio	210,000	122,500.00	86,532.84
Oklahoma	550,000	320,833.33	234,838.35
Pennsylvania	2,000	1,166.67	159.50
South Carolina	420,000	245,000.00	207,755.81
Tennessee	890,000	519,166.67	353,904.21
Texas	105,000	61,250.00	49,534.41
Virginia	105,000	61,250.00	51,110.47
Virgin Islands	4,000	2,333.33	1,743.25
West Virginia	135,000	78,750.00	80,065.34
FWB Foundation	25,000	14,583.33	19,070.46
Miscellaneous	224,685	131,066.25	26,044.34
WNAC	170,000	99,166.67	90,680.88
Totals	\$ 6,177,685+	\$ 3,603,649.58+	\$ 3,012,117.13

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

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon and Washington

+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



Hurricane or the Hand of God

We are officially in the middle of hurricane season. As you are reading this, conditions may be developing half a world away which might have a devastating impact on some coastal region of the United States. If extremely warm temperatures prevail in the North African Sahara while substantially cooler temperatures develop along the Gulf of Guinea coast, a tropical depression may now be forming off the Cape Verde islands. Though we may not hear much about it today, in a week or two it may be the top news story on every nightly news program.

We all know that natural disasters work that way. We may not fully understand when we are told that, unseen by human eyes, tectonic plates beneath the surface of the earth could now be shifting in any number of seismic hot spots around the world. The results might be days, months, or years away. But an earthquake is inevitable.

A Major Movement of God

This is not only true of disasters and tragedies; it is true of good things as well. A major movement of God is not always seen in its beginning state. Conditions may be developing right now for a major movement of God in a place least expected. The prayers of God's people may be meeting with His providence. Though we may not hear much about it today, in His timing, the reality may be undeniable, and the results may be incredible!

A Burden to Be Involved

I believe this may be happening in churches across America and in the lives of thousands of lay men and women! God is placing a burden in His people to be personally involved in reaching the unreached with the message of Christ. We have always known that God wants to use missionaries to spread His Word, but many are now coming to realize that He wants to use **all** of us!

Determination to Work Cooperatively

Imagine what would happen if all of God's people decided to use all that God has given them to extend His Church throughout the world. Working together, Free Will Baptists can be a significant force in the

world; but if we are to fulfill the task before us, the cooperation of all of us is essential.

Roles Are Abundant

Maybe you are a carpenter, electrician, plumber, block layer, cement finisher, teacher, doctor, nurse, dentist, dental technician, physical therapist, agriculturist, theologian, pastor, youth pastor, musician, composer, a student still in school, a retired person, a stay-at-home mom, or simply someone who can speak English! Roles are abundant for you to play. Perhaps a whole wave of George Brunkhorsts is just waiting for the right conditions. God is making those opportunities available today like never before.

A Vision for Mobilization

Our vision as a department is to prepare for a massive mobilization across the denomination, to touch the world individually and corporately for Christ. God is moving in ways unseen! We marvel at His wisdom and His power to change circumstances and people. We wait, in faith, for the movement of God to shake our world.

James Forlines