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Korea for All of Asia—

These people attended the 2000 FWB Annual Convention.

A 21st CENTURY VISION

By Dr. John Chang

This is the country God can use.” That’s what many Christian leaders and laymen say when they visit Korea. Most agree that Korea is the gateway to evangelize all of Asia. If you were to visit Korea, the “Land of Morning Calm,” and see how Korean churches are growing, you would probably concur.

In December of 1998 the Board of Foreign Missions saw this opportunity and decided to take a leap of faith. They appointed me to start in January of 1999 as the coordinator for ministries to Korea and the Pacific Rim.

Someone might ask, “Why send a missionary to Korea?” I can give you three good reasons.

First, even though Korea has many big churches and many church members, we still need to present the strong biblical gospel to those who are in church as well as to those who are not in church. Just as in churches in other parts of the world, many people in Korean churches have not been born again. Therefore, we need a strong, conservative, biblical denomination like Free Will Baptists in Korea.

Second, North Korea does not have an evangelical church. Even though two churches exist, they are not biblical churches as far as we can tell.

Third, one of the great purposes for missions in Korea is to train young people to reach out to all of Asia’s countries.

I came from a Buddhist background and was saved in 1967 by grace through faith, following the Word of God. I was ordained as a minister in 1970. Since that time, God has used me as a Korean Air Force chief of chaplains, an evangelist and a

People gather before a razor-wire fence, reminder of the division which continues to hinder visits and ministry to people in North Korea.



local church pastor.

God has given me great opportunities to preach the gospel to youth in the military, in churches and in outdoor crusades around the world. I had the occasion to preach to about 30,000 people during the past year. About 2,000 were saved and 500 young people dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service. For example, I was the main speaker for the HSCCC (High School Campus Crusade for Christ) conference last summer at Saejong University in Seoul. About 3,000 students and leaders attended. My message was, "I Can in Jesus." About half of them responded to accept Jesus Christ and about 200 students dedicated their lives to be full-time pastors or missionaries.

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Being a Korean proved to be a great advantage to the missionary effort. I was able to start a ministry immediately without studying the Korean language. This saved time and finances. Praise the Lord!

God has blessed this ministry in many ways. Since starting the work in Korea I have met many laymen and ministers. After hearing about our denomination, some of them declared, "This is the biblical church for which I have been searching." Others said, "This is a new movement in Korea

with the pure gospel, not just for Korea, but for all Asian countries." Someone else commented, "This denomination is not political, but is for cooperation with a Christian heart, for His glory, and for sharing the gospel. I want to join."

The FWB Church for All Nations was established on March 1, 2000, in Seoul. Now 70 people are attending. I preach every Sunday and through November I had baptized 14 believers. Many people in the church say, "I have never heard such a simple but strong gospel of Jesus Christ."

We started the Asia FWB Seminary on March 13, 2000, with 17 students enrolled. Through this education program young people are growing to be ministers in local churches and missionaries to other countries in the future. Classes have been held in the FWB Church for All Nations.

On October 3, 2000, we dedicated the Atwell Memorial Hall at Kyung Ki Do in memory of Mrs. Joyce Atwell of Amory, Miss. Two buildings are on the grounds already, one for classrooms and one for family living. We also plan to build a dormitory for students. These buildings will be used for the school beginning this year. We thank God for the prayer and financial support which came from Free Will Baptists in the United States for the ministry and buildings.



Brother Sukjoo Hong, seminary student, visited me and asked, "Pastor Chang, I want to serve the Lord full time. Which seminary is the best for me?" After I explained to him the biblical basis and purpose of Asia FWB Seminary, he said, "I have searched for such a school for a long time." He decided to attend our school because he wanted a strong, biblical, conservative education.

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The FWB National Association of Korea was officially organized on March 23, 2000. Now 34 ministers and 17 churches are members of the association. We had the 2000 annual convention on October 3 and 4 at the mission property in Kyung Ki Do. The Korean association has already adopted workers for China and North Korea.

While I preach in local churches and crusades, the priority of my ministry is to train young people through our FWB Seminary to send them as witnesses to Asia and throughout the world. I truly believe Korea is the gateway to evangelize Asia.

Dr. John Chang and his wife, Esther, became missionary consultants and coordinators for Korea and the Pacific Rim countries on January 1, 1999.

COVER PHOTO: Dr. John Chang embraces FWBBC Professor Tom McCullough and Steve Lytle, director of field operations.

LEFT: Korean pastors join hands with General Director James Forlines to pray for the ministry.

Ministry Gate to Asia Faces Great Need

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Governor Jim Hodges of South Carolina presents the Order of the Palmetto to missionary Carlisle Hanna. This is the highest honor the state can bestow on a person.

Hanna Awarded Highest South Carolina Honor

South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges presented missionary Carlisle Hanna with the Order of the Palmetto on November 16 in Columbia, S.C. Carlisle, a native of Lake City, S.C., received the state's highest honor in recognition of the nearly 50 years of service he and his wife, Marie, rendered to God and mankind in India.

The ceremony was held in the governor's chambers of the State House. Scores of friends and family members from across the state greeted Brother Hanna as he arrived and were on hand to witness his acceptance of the award.

Reverend Buddy Seay of White Savannah Free Will Baptist Church in Conway, S.C., South Carolina state moderator Sherwood Lee of Sand Hill FWB Church in Coward and Brother Robert Rabon of the Prayer Center in Conway recommended Carlisle for this award.

When asked about the best memory of his years in India, Hanna replied, "I think knowing that I was in the will of God."

Marie Hanna died in April of 1999 in India and is buried on the mission station at Sonapurhat.

St. Nazaire Church Pays Off Building Debt

The St. Nazaire Free Will Baptist Church in France held a special service on November 26 to celebrate the final payment on the church building constructed in 1988. Missionary Dennis Teague was the special speaker for the celebration.

"We did not have a piece of paper to burn, but we lifted our praise to God in song and testimony," declared missionary Jerry Gibbs. "What a blessing to see the church full!"

A video clip of the construction in progress was shown and more than 60 people gathered for a meal in the new fellowship hall of the church. Gibbs says, "The past two years have been very difficult because of the added expense of the new building. But God has been faithful and we always honored our debts. We always kept our missions giving going."

Tennessee Walk-a-thon Raises Over \$141,000

The annual Don and Billie Sexton Walk-a-thon for Missions in Tennessee was held across the state in September. A total of \$141,251.95 in receipts and commitments was reported through November 10.

Funds from this effort will go toward the accounts of these Tennessee missionaries: Debbie Anderson, Annette Aycok, Karen Cowart, Paul Creech, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, Barbara Gibbs, Nancy Hughes, Shannon Little, Don McDonald, Sam and June McVay, Lynette Morgan, Bobby Poole, Steve Riggs, and Susan Turnbough.

Contributions were recorded from 81 churches.

Lyttles Visit Russia, View Seminary Building

Steve Lytle, director of field operations, and his wife, Judy, spent October 17-25 in Russia. They met with leaders of the Russian Baptist Union in Moscow, visited with Mike and Cathy Corley in Chelyabinsk and reviewed ministries supported by Free Will Baptists.

The Lyttles joined professors, students and the Corleys to tour the new seminary building in Chelyabinsk which is being renovated. The group dedicated the building to the Lord.

N. Carolina Church Gives \$64,612 to Send Moores

Pleasant Acres Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, N.C., presented Andy and Andrea Moore a check for \$64,612.84 on December 3, the day after their commissioning service. These funds were given to help cover the high initial costs of transportation to the field, language school, furnish-



Clint and Lynette Morgan (top) will be filling a new assignment to develop ministry to restricted access countries. Dave Jr. and Becky Franks (bottom) will not be returning to overseas ministry due to continuing health needs.



Michael Gragg (left end) and missionary Donnie McDonald (right end) stand with Japanese students and Professor and Mrs. Chang of Abashiri, Japan, during a visit to the FWB National Offices. Gragg (left inset), coordinator of the students' visit, talks with the Changs.

teenagers into four teams for the summer. Two groups will go to Cuba and Japan while the other two teams will minister in home mission works in Puerto Rico and St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

The board did not reassign Dave Jr. and Becky Franks to overseas service due to their continuing health needs. The board expressed gratitude for the Franks' years of dedicated service in Uruguay and urged donors and friends to pray for them as they transition to a ministry in the United States.

The board approved the subsidization of 20 church planters in Cuba and the purchase of a van for ministry on the island.

Clint and Lynette Morgan were given a special assignment. They are charged with the responsibility to investigate, research, and develop an approach to ministry in restricted access countries.

The board approved a recommendation to bring all missionary personnel to Atlanta, Ga., in April of 2001 for a special mobilization training conference. Due to the paradigm shift of the mission in its mobilization efforts, total cooperation by the missionaries and the entire missions staff is essential.

Establishment of a Support Services Endowment with the Free Will Baptist Foundation was approved.

A special joint breakfast was held with the Home Mission Board and staff on Thursday morning, December 7.

11 Japanese Students Visit Nashville, Tenn.

Professor Joseph Chang and his wife, Miki, of the Free Will Baptist Church in Abashiri, Japan, accompanied 11 Japanese university students to Nashville, Tenn., during the Christmas season. Michael Gragg of Donelson FWB Church coordinated the effort.

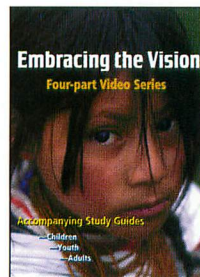
The couple and the students stayed in Christian homes during their visit to the United States. According to Dr. Chang, not any of the students are Christians.

New Video Series Set for Release in March

The new four-part video series being produced by the Department of Foreign Missions is still set for release in March. It is designed to help churches develop a vision for mobilization to reach their "Jerusalem, . . . Judea, . . . Samaria, and . . . the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

The new series is entitled "Embracing the Vision" and features four 18- to 22-minute sessions: *The Heartbeat of God*, *The Cry- ing Need of the World*, *The Free Will Baptist Response*, and *The Church's Personal Involvement*.

The video series is available on one VHS tape and will be sent with leaders' guides free of



Board Approves 62 for Overseas Ministries

The Board of Foreign Missions met December 6 and 7 in the National Offices in Antioch, Tenn. A total of 62 young people were approved for short-term overseas assignments during 2001.

Eight students were approved for ministries as overseas apprentices during the summer. Another 10 Bible college students will be going to Côte d'Ivoire in July with Go and Be 2001 under missionary Clint Morgan and Tom McCullough, missions professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) will divide 44

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Teague Interviewed on Local TV Station

Dennis Teague was interviewed recently by a journalist for a TV station in the area of St. Sebastien, France. The journalist heard about Dennis' coaching a girls' basketball team, and he thought it was a good human interest item. He and his film crew attended a basketball game on Saturday, December 2 and services at St. Sebastien on December 3.

The Teagues indicated the minute-long presentation aired on the local affiliate of a national network December 4 and gave a positive report of Dennis and the church.

News Capsules

Bixby, Okla.—Reverend Calvin Morgan, father of Ivory Coast missionary Judy Bryan, died of natural causes on Thursday, October 18, in Bixby, Okla. He was 93 years of age and had fulfilled a long ministry. Funeral services were held October 23 at the First FWB Church in Bixby, Okla.

France—The Nantes FWB Church in France has signed a contract to purchase a building for their church services and activities. The group has been searching for property for almost four years.

Japan—Miss Mirial Gainer, missionary to northern Japan, has been ill with pancreatitis. Mirial is back in Bihoro after undergoing diagnostic tests in Sapporo, but she has been ordered to get plenty of rest.

Spain—Anthony and Lea Edgmon have been studying the Bible with a young woman named Carmen. According to the Edgmons, Carmen knows the plan of salvation but is afraid of her family's rejection if she becomes a Christian.



Andy and Andrea Moore (top) and David and Annette Aycock (bottom) left for their ministry in Brazil.

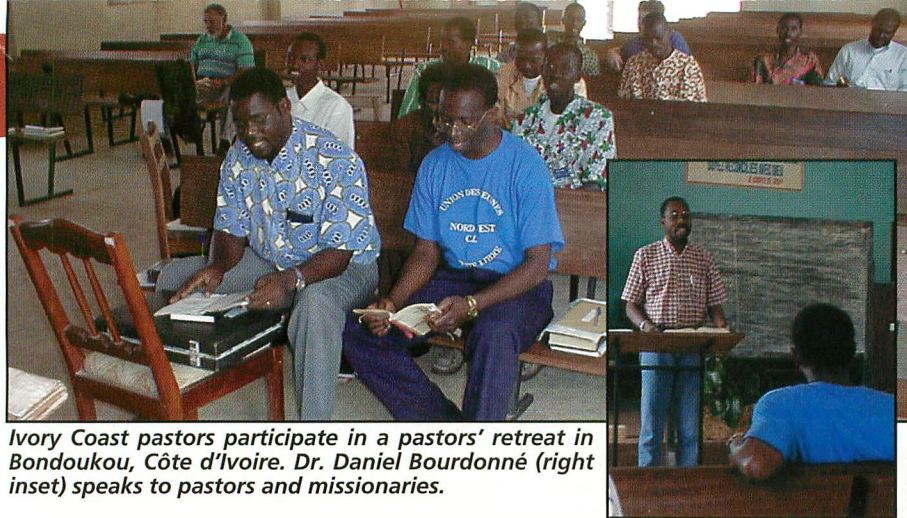
Hanna to Return to India; Jubilee Set

Missionary Carlisle Hanna was scheduled to depart for India on January 6 to resume his ministry among the North Indian churches. Carlisle also will prepare for the annual conference of Free Will Baptists in North India to be celebrated in March. This will be their jubilee year of ministry. Thousands of Indian Christians are expected to attend along with guests from the United States.

Hanna expressed praise that God had answered prayer for the work in North India. People were asked to pray that Free Will Baptists would have 100 churches by the turn of the century. By December of 1999 they already had 125 churches. Several others were started this past year.

Two Couples Depart for Brazil, Language Study

Missionaries David and Annette Aycock and their family left the United States on December 28 and Andy and Andrea Moore were scheduled to depart on January 2 for Brazil. Annette and the Moores will study the Portuguese language in Campinas. David Ay-



Ivory Coast pastors participate in a pastors' retreat in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire. Dr. Daniel Bourdonné (right inset) speaks to pastors and missionaries.

cock, a Brazil MK, will work with Curt and Mary Holland while Annette is studying.

Pastors' Retreat Explains Church Administration

A pastors' retreat was held November 13-16 in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire. According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, 15 national pastors and five missionaries attended the event which focused on church administration.

The special speaker for the retreat was Dr. Daniel Bourdonné, regional director of Intervarsity in Francophone Africa. He holds degrees in three areas: biology, philosophy and theology.

National leaders from 14 different towns and villages participated in the retreat. Thirteen are pastors and two work with the theological education by extension (TEE) program.

Historical Event Cited at Brazil Church

"This week has been historical in the life of our church," says Shirley Combs. She was speaking of two new cell groups which were started by national Christians recently in Tiradentes, an area of Araras, Brazil. "Thank God for the interest of our people in these evangelistic efforts."

According to Shirley, the Tiradentes neighborhood is a new area of low-income government housing with an estimated 7,000

inhabitants. It is located seven miles from the Candida Free Will Baptist Church in Araras.

On Thursday, December 14, some 24 people from the neighborhood and 13 others from the Candida church attended the first evangelistic Bible study in the Tiradentes area.

Earlier in the week a family opened their home for a women's meeting. Seven from the neighborhood and seven from the Candida church attended.

Pancake Breakfast Draws Many to Church

A special pancake breakfast connected to a program of singing and Bible study drew many to the Miharashidai Chapel in Sapporo, Japan, on October 29. According to Dale Bishop, the program was conducted during the Sunday school with 46 children and parents present.

Linda Snow taught the Bible lesson, then everyone helped with the pancake cooking, eating and cleanup. Many of those present were in church for the first time.

15 Saved in Service at Abidjan Church

One hundred nine people were in service at the Abidjan FWB Church in Côte d'Ivoire on November 19 as a result of much prayer and personal visits by the laypeople of the church. Pastor Silas preached an evangelistic

message from 2 Samuel 18:32.

"Fifteen people made public confessions!" says Carol Pinkerton. "Follow-up started immediately—not by the three pastors present—but by several laymen in the church."

FINANCIAL BEAT

Through November 2000

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| Income for October | \$ 434,039.34 |
| Income for November | 446,969.08 |
| Total income through November | 4,881,458.83 |
| Projected income through November | 7,540,325.38 |
| Total expenses through November | 5,489,749.16 |
| Total 2000 Budget (including VISION projects) | \$8,225,809.51 |
| Total 2001 Budget (including VISION projects) | \$7,954,503.26 |

These accounts are in the deficit:

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Banks | \$ 5,219.27 | Wilson, V | 1,111.00 |
| Barker | 3,171.31 | Church Planter | |
| Blanchard | 941.13 | Noyabrisk | 766.06 |
| Callaway | 3,903.04 | Russian Ministries | 17,949.50 |
| Dr Chang | 86,523.05 | Korean Ministries | 24,752.15 |
| Gainer | 3,875.52 | Marie W Hanna | |
| Holland, C | 628.15 | Bible Inst/India | 8,528.47 |
| Jalayn Martens | 8,706.07 | Info Promotional | 3,510.01 |
| Lancaster | 8,148.17 | Support Services | 132,833.73 |
| Nichols | 1,792.91 | Third World | |
| Owen | 6,151.73 | Development | 3,768.20 |
| Sturgill | 6,891.99 | VISION | |
| Teague | 4,457.43 | Korean Sem | 351,145.00 |
| West | 6,905.81 | Abidjan Land/Ch | 14,526.63 |

Total **\$706,206.33**

STATES IN ACTION

| State | 2000 Goal | Goal Thru Nov. | Contributions Thru Nov. |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alabama | \$ 325,000 | \$ 297,916.67 | \$ 425,525.80 |
| Arkansas | 455,000 | 417,083.33 | 386,342.57 |
| Arizona | 12,000 | 11,000.00 | 6,174.49 |
| California | 70,000 | 64,166.67 | 52,669.17 |
| Canada | 10,000 | 9,166.67 | 4,720.03 |
| Colorado | 10,000 | 9,166.67 | 2,328.13 |
| Florida | 145,000 | 132,916.67 | 131,370.73 |
| Georgia | 265,000 | 242,916.67 | 232,400.95 |
| Idaho | 10,000 | 9,166.67 | 3,866.69 |
| Iowa | 5,000 | 4,583.33 | 1,438.66 |
| Illinois | 170,000 | 155,833.33 | 116,809.99 |
| Indiana | 60,000 | 55,000.00 | 54,394.97 |
| Hawaii | 1,000 | 916.67 | 300.00 |
| Kansas | 7,000 | 6,416.67 | 2,600.41 |
| Kentucky | 95,000 | 87,083.33 | 63,584.65 |
| Louisiana | 10,000 | 9,166.67 | 1,070.76 |
| Maryland | 80,000 | 73,333.33 | 52,614.17 |
| Michigan | 240,000 | 220,000.00 | 161,578.17 |
| Missouri | 485,000 | 444,583.33 | 406,349.45 |
| Mississippi | 150,000 | 137,500.00 | 76,584.66 |
| Montana | 5,000 | 4,583.33 | 1,925.00 |
| North Carolina | 700,000 | 641,666.67 | 627,970.18 |
| Nebraska | 3,000 | 2,750.00 | 6,772.00 |
| New Mexico | 6,000 | 5,500.00 | 1,232.73 |
| * Northeast Assn. | 5,000 | 4,583.33 | 1,570.80 |
| ** Northwest Assn | 13,000 | 11,916.67 | 12,213.97 |
| Ohio | 210,000 | 192,500.00 | 124,990.27 |
| Oklahoma | 550,000 | 504,166.67 | 381,743.53 |
| Pennsylvania | 2,000 | 1,833.33 | 239.50 |
| South Carolina | 420,000 | 385,000.00 | 341,795.65 |
| Tennessee | 890,000 | 815,833.33 | 680,889.48 |
| Texas | 105,000 | 96,250.00 | 82,020.90 |
| Virginia | 105,000 | 96,250.00 | 71,904.45 |
| Virgin Islands | 4,000 | 3,666.67 | 3,083.25 |
| West Virginia | 135,000 | 123,750.00 | 110,297.38 |
| FWB Foundation | 25,000 | 22,916.67 | 19,070.46 |
| Miscellaneous | 224,685 | 205,961.25 | 27,704.34 |
| WNAC | 170,000 | 155,833.33 | 121,849.08 |
| Totals | \$ 6,177,685+ | \$ 5,662,877.92+ | \$ 4,799,997.42 |

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Forlines' Focus

By James Forlines, General Director

Major Events That Change History

Major seasonal events, such as the beginning of a New Year, provide unique opportunities for pastors to share important truths with their congregations. A few years ago, when I was still in the pastorate, I was preparing for the first message of the year. As a part of my study I read a New Year's message by Reverend J. B. C. Murphy in the book *Through Fast and Festival* which was printed in London in 1890.

His text was Luke 15:10: "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." He emphasized the celebration in Heaven over a lost soul coming to Christ. Then he compared this to what the world considers to be great events.

What the World Considers Great Events

He said, "Suppose, therefore, a man sitting down at such a time as this—the beginning of a New Year—to summarize the most important events that have taken place in the year that has just closed. Take his summary, and you

will read of the fall of a Ministry; the outbreak of hostilities; the passing of an Act; the signing of a treaty; the opening of an Exhibition; the obituary of eminent personages; some occurrence unusually tragic. All the world is agreed that these are important matters, while in the year that has just come to an end they seem to stand out conspicuously as *the* events to be recorded.

"And yet, looking at things even from our own earthly standpoint, judging even by our own human standard, it is quite possible that our estimate is entirely wrong. . . . And so it may well be that some event, far exceeding . . . any that we have noticed, has either escaped us altogether, or has been passed over by us as unworthy of remark.

"This event—the event of the year—has been, perhaps, the birth of a child, born of obscure parents in some obscure place—a child who is destined to change the world's very history."

The Year Before the Book Was Published

As I read that, I wondered who was born in 1889, the year *before* this book was published. Could it be that Reverend Murphy was correct? The settling of the London Dock Strike would have been one of the major events of 1889, but perhaps the birth of a child would be even far greater news.

I thought about leaders of the twentieth century who had worldwide expo-

sure and wondered if any had been born in 1889. To my shock I discovered that was the year Adolph Hitler was born. Yes, he was born of obscure parents in an obscure place and changed the world's history. J. B. C. Murphy was right! The list of the greatest events of the year, from an earthly perspective, will never be completely accurate. In reality, God himself is the only one who can determine from an eternal perspective what events are considered great.

Perhaps someone will read *HEART-BEAT* this year and be especially touched with the crying spiritual needs of the world. This leading may begin a work in his or her life that could sweep thousands into the Kingdom from around the world. Maybe someone will view the new video series, "*Embracing the Vision*," and God will motivate him to be a world Christian—reaching out to the lost through his gifts and skills.

A school teacher might so identify with retired school teacher Fern Phillips and her ministry in Brazil that she would also say, "Where can God use me?"

Pray with us that God would work in such mighty ways among Free Will Baptists. Could you be one of those touched in 2001?

James Forlines