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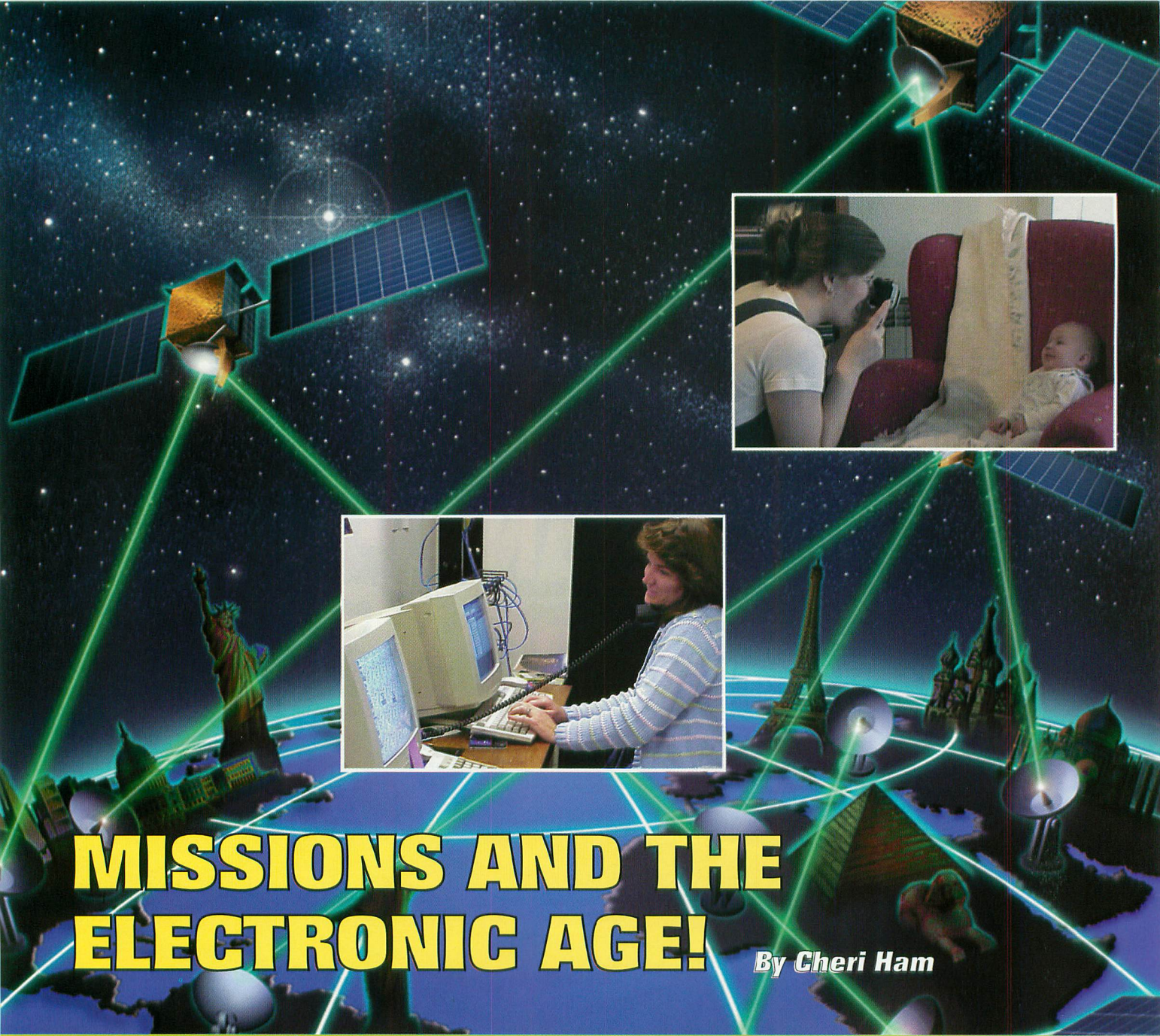
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MISSIONS AND THE ELECTRONIC AGE!

By Cheri Ham

Do you have the pioneer spirit? Would you have sold your worldly possessions to buy a ticket on the Mayflower and go to the New World? Do you pay for parking to go to the latest technology expositions and venture into a world where imagination meets reality? Today's Willy Wonka world dangles information and communication before the curious and adventurous like candy

tempting a child.

Welcome to the Global Information Age! The world of push-button, world-wide instant news and information on any topic. So how does this affect missions? Missionaries and sending agencies realize that Silicon Valley has provided an unbelievable array of tools to help us accomplish the Great Commission. Spreading the gospel is sharing information. What a challenge! God left it up to us to GO

and plant the seed of the Word. Technology facilitates that task.

But do we really need all the gizmos and gadgets, like telephones on wristbands with global positioning systems? Probably not. However, laptop computers with satellite uplinks do give our missionaries in remote regions the ability to communicate in emergencies. We have works in 14 countries with over 100 missionaries serving in 10 of these. Wiring money,

sending reports, and sharing strategies have never been faster or easier.

In 1963 when Eddie and Sandra Payne left New York harbor for their first missionary term, they knew they wouldn't be back for five years, if they lived that long. In Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, they received mail only once every two weeks. At best, a reply to a letter took six weeks. They didn't have a telephone either. Eddie said, "We might as well have been on another planet."

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Contrast that with Robert and Pam West who currently serve up country in Côte d'Ivoire. They have a satellite phone and e-mail. Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman in Panama posted pictures of their new baby on their website the day he was born.

Kristi and Tim Johnson in Spain regularly take pictures of little Alejandro, their baby, and e-mail them back home. The Department of Foreign Missions benefits by a greater quantity of current pictures from the fields to include in publications.

Missionaries certainly are more "connected" today. Preparing for the field is easier with all the information and pictures available on the internet. Candidates can immerse themselves in a foreign culture in just a few minutes by surfing the web. Once on the field, missionaries and their children can readily communicate with family and friends "back home." This eases homesickness and makes them feel closer to home. The internet news services keep them in sync with America, thereby lessening the culture shock when returning for stateside assignment. It also provides up-to-date news of world events, which could affect

their ministry.

Partners in ministry today are more informed and personally involved in the missionaries' work than ever before. Prayer needs can be shared regularly with those of us back home so we can be more specific in our prayers. Foreign Missions publishes the Hotline prayer requests every Wednesday. They can be received by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail and are posted on the internet at www.nafwb.org/fm/hotline.php3. Urgent prayer requests are e-mailed and posted as needed.

Computer graphic and editing software make it possible to create publications and video presentations that better represent the variety of work God is doing around the world. A list of available materials and videos can be found on our website www.nafwb.org/fm.

With better communications and faster travel, more people are visiting our foreign fields and taking short-term assignments with greater ease. Short-term needs such as construction projects, teaching assignments, medical ministry and technology assistance are more easily met. Teens minister abroad through our TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) program and through trips by individual church groups.

Currently, a professional volunteer network is being developed to utilize the talents of people in the denomination more effectively. From website developers to video editors to doctors and nurses, Free Will Baptists are answering the call to volunteer their extra time to share the truth and love

of Christ with the world.

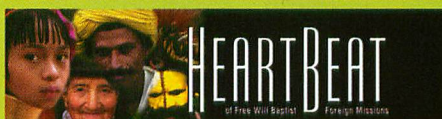
The internet has flung the door wide open to international communication. What used to be possible only by ham radio and telephone is now accomplished by a simple computer and a modem. The seeds we are sowing can catch the wind and travel thousands of miles before landing and prayerfully germinating. Yes, this is truly an amazing era.

My daughter has found that people talk more openly and ask deeper questions when they are anonymous online. You can chat with people in your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and in the uttermost parts of the earth all at the same time. It's incredible! But these "cyber-friends" are impersonal—no names, ages, addresses, or eye-contact. It gives "friendship" a new definition. It also means parents must be alert to guard their children from possible danger, temptation, and filth while cultivating such friendships.

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This is the age of fast food, travel, and communications. Research scientists at Berkley have now even made the speed of light faster, 400 times faster. So, climb on board and hold on. This is the environment in which we must seek the lost. We are going places where no man has ever gone before...yet God is there waiting for us (Psalm 139:8-10).

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179 Churches

Second year in a row!

12 churches gave over \$30,000

1	Pleasant Acres, New Bern, NC	\$99,825.03
2	Unity, Greenville, NC	94,180.36
3	Donelson, Nashville, TN	92,872.95
4	Central, Royal Oak, MI	76,697.52
5	First, Russellville, AR	57,145.50
6	Norman First, Norman, OK	50,590.75
7	First, Inman, SC	49,550.00
8	Macedonia, Purdy, MO	38,474.50
9	Piney Grove, Guin, AL	38,321.76
10	Bethel, Kinston, NC	33,431.51
11	First, Albany, GA	32,595.57
12	Fellowship, Church Hill, TN	32,368.68

9 churches gave over \$20,000

13	First, Jacksonville, NC	28,852.21
14	Cramerton, Cramerton, NC	28,677.70
15	Limestone, Jonesborough, TN	28,491.00
16	Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, TN	26,694.47
17	Cross Timbers, Nashville, TN	25,520.43
18	Ina, Ina, IL	23,715.00
19	Horse Branch, Turbeville, SC	22,471.47
20	Bethany, Broken Arrow, OK	21,971.00
21	Parker's Chapel, Greenville, NC	20,354.50

15 churches gave over \$15,000

22	Liberty, Lawley, AL	19,731.01
23	Hannon, Liberal, MO	19,095.47
24	Westside, Johnsonville, SC	19,006.13
25	Winfield First, Winfield, AL	18,722.27
26	Verdella, Liberal, MO	17,962.12
27	Allen Chapel, Batesville, AR	17,334.86
28	First, Beaufort, NC	17,261.72
29	Peace, Florence, SC	16,842.50
30	First, Star City, AR	16,666.93
31	First, N. Little Rock, AR	16,163.06
32	Ruth's Chapel, New Bern, NC	16,158.01
33	Temple, Greenville, NC	16,154.81
34	Garner, Garner, NC	15,940.90
35	Mt. Olive, Guin, AL	15,432.76
36	Grace, Lake City, SC	15,204.73

36 churches gave over \$10,000

37	First, Vernon, AL	14,807.74
38	Temple, Darlington, SC	14,699.13
39	Peace, Wilson, NC	14,462.66
40	First, Washington, NC	14,198.72
41	Sand Hill, Coward, SC	13,939.82
42	Phillips Chapel, Northport, AL	13,821.13
43	Bethlehem, Ashland City, TN	13,649.55
44	Bethany, Timmonsville, SC	13,506.00
45	Mt. Zion, Pell City, AL	13,038.22
46	Double Branch, Unadilla, GA	12,598.66

47	Porter, Portsmouth, OH	12,597.95
48	White Savannah, Conway, SC	12,572.51
49	Free Will Baptist, Townsend, DE	12,318.43
50	New Hope, Joelton, TN	12,303.17
51	Fulton, Fulton, MS	12,134.75
52	Emmanuel, Jacksonville, NC	11,804.00
53	New Hope, Ina, IL	11,712.36
54	Faith, Goldsboro, NC	11,706.12
55	Fellowship, Park Hills, MO	11,386.37
56	Red Bay, Red Bay, AL	11,165.55
57	Oak Park, Pine Bluff, AR	11,027.92
58	Immanuel, Durham, NC	10,999.54
59	Liberty, Chuckey, TN	10,994.00
60	Calvary Fellowship, Fenton, MO	10,882.16
61	Bethel, South Roxana, IL	10,638.00
62	Trinity, Bridgeton, MO	10,615.19
63	Sophia, Sophia, WV	10,615.11
64	New Haven, Ernul, NC	10,601.54
65	Good Springs, Pleasant View, TN	10,550.38
66	Gospel Light, Bonne Terre, MO	10,530.00
67	First, Farmington, MO	10,432.77
68	First, Florence, SC	10,425.00
69	Bellview, Colquitt, GA	10,399.54
70	Oak Grove, Greeneville, TN	10,362.72
71	Cookeville, Cookeville, TN	10,098.50
72	First, Pocahontas, AR	10,037.50

37 churches gave over \$7,500

73	Forest Grove, Knoxville, TN	9,988.61
74	Poplar Spring, Glen, MS	9,986.09
75	Unity, Smithfield, NC	9,886.46
76	Landmark, Cary, NC	9,821.03
77	First, Dothan, AL	9,742.45
78	Heritage, Gilbert, AZ	9,390.00
79	First Bible, New Castle, IN	9,330.89
80	Tippett's Chapel, Clayton, NC	9,298.51
81	Union Chapel, Chocowinity, NC	9,283.25
82	Sherwood Forest, New Bern, NC	8,987.16
83	Fawn Grove, Fulton, MS	8,840.85
84	First, Duncanville, TX	8,812.04
85	Collin Creek, Plano, TX	8,788.27
86	Lebanon, Effingham, SC	8,761.30
87	Horton Heights, Nashville, TN	8,714.85

Top \$5,000

For the second consecutive year 179 churches topped \$5,000 in giving to Foreign Missions. These gave a total of \$2,347,093.23 in 2000.

88	Heads, Cedar Hill, TN.....	8,658.07
89	First, Northport, AL.....	8,597.76
90	United, West Plains, MO.....	8,503.02
91	First, Darlington, SC.....	8,444.00
92	Madison, Madison, AL.....	8,218.37
93	First, Mountain Grove, MO.....	8,217.75
94	Fifteen Mile, Sterling Heights, MI.....	8,194.00
95	First, Florence, AL.....	8,166.16
96	First, Tuckerman, AR.....	8,128.64
97	Trinity, Darlington, MD.....	8,116.55
98	Discovery, Stockton, CA.....	8,087.25
99	Sulphur Springs, Berry, AL.....	8,032.14
100	Gilead, Scranton, SC.....	8,013.78
101	Sherwood Forest, El Sobrante, CA.....	7,919.16
102	Mt Harmony, Vernon, AL.....	7,814.50
103	First, Marion, IL.....	7,792.76
104	Faith, Knoxville, TN.....	7,785.00
105	Meadowbrook, Black Mtn, NC.....	7,703.36
106	Johnson City, Johnson City, TN.....	7,561.41
107	Statesboro, Statesboro, GA.....	7,551.91
108	First, Church Hill, TN.....	7,532.00
109	Cornerstone, Tabor City, NC.....	7,500.00

37 churches gave over \$6,000

110	Liberty Bible, Gainesville, GA.....	7,443.75
111	Harmony, Fresno, CA.....	7,329.51
112	Harrison, Lucasville, OH.....	7,311.98
113	Victory, Goldsboro, NC.....	7,218.75
114	Northridge, West Milton, OH.....	7,141.32
115	Union Grove, Atkins, AR.....	7,082.00
116	Columbia Original, Columbia, SC.....	7,025.00
117	Wayne, Romulus, MI.....	7,000.00
118	Shady Grove, Whitesburg, TN.....	6,976.00
119	Valley Falls, Spartanburg, SC.....	6,955.00
120	First, Desoto, MO.....	6,937.50
121	Liberty, Millington, TN.....	6,880.00
122	North Warren, Warren, MI.....	6,873.55
123	First, Morehead City, NC.....	6,839.73
124	East Nashville, Nashville, TN.....	6,794.28
125	Fellowship, Bryan, TX.....	6,724.25
126	Roan Street, Elizabethton, TN.....	6,717.00
127	First, Springfield, MO.....	6,570.88
128	Liberty, Guin, AL.....	6,437.89

129	Swannanoa, Swannanoa, NC.....	6,405.00
130	Lakehills, Cedar Park, TX.....	6,303.39
131	Fayette First, Fayette, AL.....	6,302.26
132	Second, Ashland, KY.....	6,250.00
133	Mill Branch, Johnsonville, SC.....	6,249.62
134	Dailyville, Waverly, OH.....	6,245.62
135	Pleasant Mound, Bellevue, TX.....	6,203.50
136	Daisy, Kirby, AR.....	6,163.01
137	Blue Point, Cisne, IL.....	6,153.14
138	Forest Valley, Springfield, OH.....	6,138.00
139	Faith, Ray Township, MI.....	6,129.15
140	Woodbine, Nashville, TN.....	6,105.95
141	Ballew's Chapel, Grubbs, AR.....	6,095.26
142	White Oaks, Macon, GA.....	6,076.43
143	Plainview, Plainview, AR.....	6,073.00
144	Campbell, Campbell, CA.....	6,046.69
145	High Point, Lancaster, SC.....	6,010.99
146	First, Crossett, AR.....	6,003.56

33 churches gave over \$5,000

147	New Home, Hartville, MO.....	5,970.00
148	Freeman Chapel, Stewartville, MO.....	5,940.00
149	Emmanuel, Wabash, IN.....	5,935.00
150	Ebenezer, Glennville, GA.....	5,924.16
151	Heartland-Union, Plain City, OH.....	5,850.00
152	First Ministries, Newport News, VA.....	5,808.75
153	First, Huntsville, AR.....	5,723.28
154	Evergreen, Erwin, TN.....	5,690.00
155	Parkway, Spartanburg, SC.....	5,630.00
156	Goodwater, Newton, AL.....	5,609.13
157	New Lebanon, Tishomingo, MS.....	5,590.48
158	Belk, Fayette, AL.....	5,576.80
159	First, Jesup, GA.....	5,559.32
160	Comstock, Comstock, MI.....	5,500.70
161	Shady Grove, Clarksville, TN.....	5,477.53
162	Springfield, Vernon, AL.....	5,426.47
163	First, Waynesville, MO.....	5,415.33
164	Faith, Lavalette, WV.....	5,403.00
165	First, Brunswick, GA.....	5,374.76
166	New Zion, Headland, AL.....	5,304.68
167	Thomaston Community, Thomaston, TX.....	5,300.00
168	Mt. Calvary, Hookerton, NC.....	5,274.37
169	Good News, Chesterfield, VA.....	5,229.69
170	Burbank, Elizabethton, TN.....	5,200.00
171	Baxley, Baxley, GA.....	5,196.53
172	New Light, Morgan, GA.....	5,135.00
173	First, Savannah, GA.....	5,133.44
174	Cool Springs, Norman Park, GA.....	5,127.42
175	Gateway, Virginia Beach, VA.....	5,116.10
176	Haven, Raleigh, NC.....	5,070.98
177	Beulah, Pamplico, SC.....	5,045.01
178	Grant Ave, Springfield, MO.....	5,034.50
179	Forestdale, Birmingham, AL.....	5,026.59

By Don Robirds

Responses from the 13 churches which tested the new four-part video series and accompanying materials have been overwhelmingly positive. Yet, some participants pointed out a few weaknesses in both the video and the leaders' guides. We expected as

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Missionary Steve Riggs (left) and Director of Field Operations Steve Lytle look over the new building purchased by the Nantes FVB Church in France.

Villalba Church Wins in Court; to Seek Damages

The Villalba Free Will Baptist Church in Villalba, Spain, was awarded a victory on January 31 in the Superior Court of Madrid. The court dispute had been going on since January of 1994 when the city refused to grant them a building permit for the property the church had purchased.

The church accepted the verdict, then decided to take the lawyer's advice and seek monetary damages from the city. This will mean more court proceedings. Missionaries urged Christians to pray for the church.

Earthquake Devastates Northwestern India

Church buildings, children's homes, and schools were leveled by an earthquake in northwest India in late January. The death toll for this quake was expected to total 30,000 people.

"The scene is horrifying," reports P. G. Vargis, head of the Indigenous Christian Ministry Indian Evangelical Team. "Tens of thousands are homeless, without food or proper clothing. Many of the people are just living on the street."

Christian Aid Mission, a charita-

ble organization which helps indigenous mission boards and agencies, is collecting funds to assist in the huge job of feeding and sheltering the victims of the disaster.

Lytles See Optimism Amid France's Gloom

Director of Field Operations Steve Lytle and his wife, Judy, flew to France on January 19 to visit missionaries and to attend the annual French missionary field council meeting on January 30.

Steve spoke in the St. Nazaire church on January 21 and ministered in the Nantes church on January 28. The Lytles were with Dennis and Carol Teague in St. Sebastien on February 4.

"We thoroughly enjoyed fellowship with our missionaries in France," Steve declared. "The trip helped us understand some difficulties of living and ministering in France. At the same time, we saw an optimism and a sense of excitement among the field council and French believers."

Lytle noted that both the Gibbs and the Teagues will return to the U.S. for stateside assignment this summer.

The Nantes congregation, under missionary Steve Riggs, has recently purchased a building in

an accessible and highly visible location in front of a train station. They will soon be moving to the new building which will seat approximately 170 when refurbished.

Moore Preaches, One Saved; Building Starts

According to a report from missionary Curt Holland in Campinas, Brazil, new missionary Andy Moore preached at the São José church on Sunday night, February 4, with David Aycock translating. A young lady, Vanessa, gave her heart to the Lord.

"We have been praying for her since September," says Curt. "That is when Silvado, her fiancé, was saved."

Holland expressed praise that the foundation of the church building is finally underway.

Morgans to Develop Restricted Access Plan

Clint and Lynette Morgan have been assigned a short-term responsibility to develop ministry opportunities in restricted access areas of the world. The Morgans are currently in Côte d'Ivoire. They will present a proposal to the Board of Foreign Missions in May.

The couple has not determined where they will live in order to conduct this ministry most effectively.

Uberlândia Church Has Christmas Play

The Uberlândia Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil sponsored several Christmas season activities in December: the play "From Heaven's Viewpoint" was presented on December 17, a Christmas Eve dinner was served December 24 after the worship ser-



Dr. Hack Bong Chung (right) congratulates a student upon graduation from Asia FWB Seminary in Seoul, Korea.

vice, and on December 31 a watch-night service was held.

Three people were baptized on New Year's Eve during a special service: Dayane Costa, age 11; Dayane Moura, age 11; and Francisco Mattos, age 13. Fourteen converts were baptized in 2000.

Six Graduate From Asia FWB Seminary

Six students graduated from the Asia Free Will Baptist Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, on January 8.

According to Dr. John Chang, Dr. Hack Bong Chung has been selected as the new president of the seminary. Dr. Chung has been in charge of the graduate program.

Memorial Service Gives Contacts in Uruguay

A special memorial service was held at the Nueva Vida Free Will Baptist Church in Montevideo, Uruguay, on February 17 for the father of Roberto Ghione, a church planter with the Evangelical Covenant Church. Approximately 25 of Roberto's family members attended.

Ghione had hosted Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster in Southern California during their Missionary In-



Carlisle Hanna (center, back row) stands with the ordained pastors of North India during the 50 year celebration of Free Will Baptists in India.

ternship program prior to leaving for Uruguay.

According to Jaimie, Roberto had been visiting his ailing father in Buenos Aires, Argentina. When his father died, he called the Lancasters and sought permission to hold the memorial service in the church. Many family members are unbelievers and could not go to Argentina. One uncle lives only six houses from the Lancasters.

"Pray for the contacts that were made and for those who 'promised' to come back to see us," says Jaimie.

North India Work Celebrates Jubilee

Free Will Baptists throughout North India made the trek to the mission compound in Sonapurhat to celebrate their Golden Jubilee (50 years of ministry) March 5-11. More than 5,000 people participated. General Director James Forlines joined the celebration.

Carlisle Hanna, Free Will Baptists' only missionary remaining in India, was challenged with housing, feeding and providing sanitation needs for this crowd.

According to Hanna, "Our Lord's Church continues to grow in spite of persecution." Several years ago the Hannas asked peo-

ple to pray that the Lord would give them 100 churches by the year 2000. In December of 1999, North India reported 125 organized churches! Several were started in 2000 and still others have been initiated since the beginning of this year.

Cowarts Resign, Cite Health and God's Will

Missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart have submitted their resignation from service in Brazil. They had planned to return to Brazil in January but were wrestling with their emotions.

"This decision has been the most difficult Karen and I have ever made," says Jim. "It comes only after long months of prayerful and deep emotional consideration."

The Cowarts cited two basic reasons for their resignation: Karen continues to struggle with an illness called Menier's Disease.

Jim and Karen Cowart have resigned from missionary service.





Grimaldo Vera, a graduate of the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Panama, has joined the faculty of the institute.

They also became assured that the Lord was showing them it was time to leave the field.

Jim and Karen submitted their resignation January 31 to be final at the end of April.

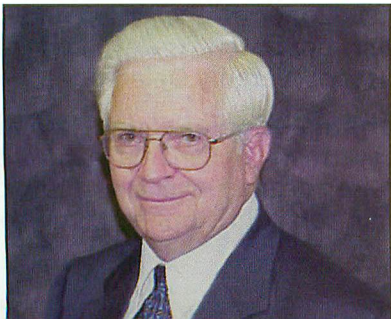
Leroy Forlines Teaches Theology in Russia

Free Will Baptist Bible College professor Leroy Forlines left Nashville, Tenn., on March 6 for Chelyabinsk, Russia, to teach theology in the Chelyabinsk Bible Institute.

Forlines is accompanied by Pastor Barry Simpson of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Joelton, Tenn. Missionary Mike Corley, who has been in the United States since early January, joined the two men on the trip. The three men are to return to the United States on March 26.

Brother Forlines planned to use the Russian translation of his book, *Biblical Systematics*. The

Leroy Forlines went to Russia again.



book was translated into Russian and published in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1996.

Institute Graduate Joins Faculty, Begins Teaching

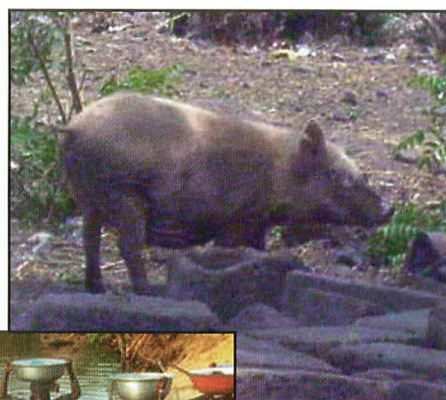
Grimaldo Vera, a graduate of the Bible institute in Panama, recently joined the institute faculty. Near the end of last year he taught a class on homiletics at the Manatíal de Vida Free Will Baptist Church in San Migelito, Panama. Eighteen students took the course which concluded December 2.

Grimaldo is an elder in the Manatíal church.

Summer Camp 2001 Offers Pre-TEAM Training

According to Eddie Payne, director of mobilization and recruitment, Summer Camp 2001 is scheduled for June 17-22 at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The college-sponsored missions camp will be held in conjunction with TEAM 2001 training on the campus. Campers will have an opportunity to participate in some of the TEAM training for cross-cultural ministry.

For information on Summer Camp 2001 contact FWBBC, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205.



Pigs in the street and contaminated water supply contribute to diseases.

Immunizations Needed in Côte d'Ivoire

"Typhoid has been a problem here, resulting in several infant deaths," writes missionary nurse Verlin Anderson from Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire. "The pigs run free and the trash stays on the streets with plenty of flies to spread it around. Tetanus and measles have ushered visits of the death angel to attendees of our church, but there has been no great push for immunization other than against meningitis."

Verlin and Dr. Kenneth Eagleton are seeking to develop a Community Health and Evangelism Program in villages of Ivory Coast.

An introductory 18-session Vision Seminar was planned for March 26-29. This will include explanation and discussion with Ivorian church leaders.

Callaway Speaks 19 Times in Cuba

Ronald and Linda Callaway spent nearly two months in Cuba during January and February. They declared, "We ministered in seven different churches with Ronald speaking 19 times."

In addition to teaching in the Bible institute, Callaway presented two studies at the pastors'

NEWS IN REVIEW



Kim Zegelian has resigned and returned to North Carolina.

retreat focusing on pastors and their children. He also spoke during the annual convention.

Linda spoke to the pastors' wives at the retreat. She also worked with several Sunday schools and taught the children's music director how to use bells. The bells, taken to Cuba by the Callaways, were a gift from the vacation Bible school of Tippet's Chapel, Clayton, N.C.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

These special gifts were received in December 2000 and January 2001:

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Zegelian Resigns After Starting Language Study

Missionary Kim Zegelian has resigned from missionary service to teach at the Christian school in her church in Jacksonville, N.C. Although she was in French language study in Quebec, Canada, and headed back to Côte d'Ivoire to do her "dream job," she felt an uneasiness.

"I began to realize that I was doing what 'I' wanted to do, not what the Lord was telling me to do," says Kim. "After praying and seeking counsel from Mr. Forlines, my pastor and others, I respectfully submit my resignation. I know the Lord is leading me in this direction."

81-Year-Old Brazilian Starts New Work

An 81-year-old deacon from the Candida Free Will Baptist Church in Araras, Brazil, asked to be sent to the city of Brothas as a missionary to start a FWB Church. According to missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs, the Candida church was started on the deacon's front porch.

"After six months, Joaquim has rented a house and has regular weekly services," report the Combs. "They have few adults but have about 35 in Sunday school."

Rufus Coffey, Former FM Administrator, Dies

Rufus Coffey, former director of conference ministries for Foreign Missions, died from cancer on February 12 in Massachusetts at the age of 74. Coffey served the department from October of 1962 until August of 1967 when he became executive secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Funeral services were held on



Ken and Judy Bailey (top) and Debbie Griffin (bottom) have returned to Japan.

February 15 at the Bowman Southern Methodist Church in Bowman, S.C.

Baileys, Griffin Return to Service in Japan

Missionaries Ken and Judy Bailey and Debbie Griffin have returned to Japan after their state-side assignments. Miss Griffin departed on January 31 and the Baileys left on February 15.

Ken Bailey returned somewhat hampered since he broke a bone in his left foot on January 22 and was expecting to wear a cast for about six weeks.

News Capsules

Panama—General Director James Forlines and his wife, Anita, visited missionaries and churches in Panama during January.

Portland, Ore.—Conor William Delamarter was born January 12 in Portland, Ore., and weighed nine pounds, nine and one-half ounces. Missionaries Ken and Judy Bailey are the proud grandparents. Conor is the first child of their daughter, Tracey, and her husband, Jeremy Delamarter.

Panama—Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman in Panama expressed praise recently over the birth of their son, Christopher Loren, on



Marriage seminar participants in Villalba, Spain, take notes.

January 5 in Panama City. The Bowermans have two other children: Alyssa, age 5 and Brianna, age 3.

Spain—A marriage seminar was held at the Villalba FWB Church in Villalba, Spain, on February 11. Missionaries Tim and Kristi Johnson and Anthony and Lea Edgmon taught the seminar. Thirty people were served lunch prior to the seminar.

Côte d'Ivoire—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton arrived in the United States from Côte d'Ivoire on March 13 to begin a nine-month stateside assignment.

Royal Oak, Mich.—Mr. William Thomas, father of missionary Becky Riggs in France, died on January 8 in Royal Oak, Mich. He had suffered a stroke on December 27. Becky attended the funeral which was held January 13 in Royal Oak.

Côte d'Ivoire—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton baptized two men from the village of Saye on January 21. According to Kenneth, the lay leader at the church had discipled the men and asked him to baptize them. Dr. Eagleton also reported 17 decisions for Christ on January 28 when he preached in the Bouna FWB Church.

Warren, Mich.—George Johnson, father of missionary Tim Johnson in Spain, underwent quadruple bypass surgery on Feb-

ruary 27 in Detroit, Mich. Surgery went well for the North Warren pastor and at last report he was recovering normally.

Brazil—Pastor Flávio, a student of the Brazil Bible Institute, assumed leadership of the Barbacena FWB Church in January. Bobby and Sue Aycock indicated things were going very well with the young pastor.

Nashville, Tenn.—Mark and Rae Cowart gave birth to their first child on January 18 in Nashville, Tenn. Cora Isabelle weighed five-pounds seven ounces. She is the first grandchild of missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart. Mark is video production and public relations assistant for Foreign Missions.

Brazil—Lorena Dias was saved on February 18 in Uberlândia, Brazil. Nancy Hughes says the eight-year-old girl is the only Christian in her family.

India—South Carolina pastors Sherwood Lee, J. M. Creech, and Todd Parrish went to India in March to participate in the North India Free Will Baptist Golden Jubilee celebration.

Evangelism Explosion Team at ICA Wins Three

Shane Davison, teacher at International Christian Academy in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire, accompanied an Evangelism Explosion team from the school recently as they went out to witness. "We saw three guys sitting underneath a tree listening to a soccer game on a hand-held radio," says Shane. "After sitting and talking with them for almost two hours, they accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior."

Davison urged Christians to pray for Julien, age 21; Didier, age 19; and Jules, age 19.

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FINANCIAL BEAT

Through January 2001

Income for December	\$ 491,775.13
Total income for 2000	\$5,650,131.57
Income for January	289,384.05
Total income through January	289,384.05
Projected income through January	662,393.21
Total expenses through January	537,481.51
Total 2001 Budget (including VISION projects)	\$7,948,718.51

These accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	\$ 3,417.54	West	\$ 10,541.95
Blanchard	2,132.28	Wilson, V	1,108.00
Callaway	4,385.01	Korean Min	5,522.40
Chang	83,274.38	Russian Min	17,081.07
Gainer	4,358.48	India Bible Inst	
Hanna	3,830.90	Coimbatore	5,350.97
Holland	1,722.86	Third World Dev	3,768.20
Kohn, KC'99	280.00	VISION	
Lancaster	2,545.22	Abidjan Land/Ch... ..	14,426.63
Little	4,354.99	Nantes	19,077.51
Martens	11,668.72	Russian Bible	
Nichols	1,052.75	Inst	33,710.02
Owen	5,011.10	Uruguay Bible	
Price, M'99	2,738.83	Inst	2,371.76
Sturgill	9,516.06	Support Services	132,870.66
Teague	\$ 1,288.31		
Total			\$387,004.46

STATES IN ACTION

State	2000 Total	2001 Goal	Contributions Thru Jan.
Alabama	470,991.27	\$ 438,000.00	\$ 23,969.35
Arkansas	466,617.30	607,000.00	2,722.47
Arizona	6,580.37	7,000.00	605.00
California	54,838.91	66,000.00	3,273.99
Canada	5,604.62	10,000.00	245.00
Colorado	2,553.62	4,000.00	
Florida	148,201.01	176,000.00	14,391.58
Georgia	266,342.99	326,000.00	3,571.00
Idaho	4,003.93	6,000.00	193.60
Iowa	1,530.76	3,000.00	
Illinois	134,987.11	166,000.00	8,373.17
Indiana	59,739.79	57,000.00	2,992.40
Hawaii	300.00	1,000.00	
Kansas	2,904.57	10,000.00	25.00
Kentucky	69,483.95	101,000.00	4,496.59
Louisiana	1,167.80	3,000.00	45.00
Maryland	54,823.13	82,000.00	7,362.82
Michigan	200,983.27	217,000.00	1,750.10
Missouri	485,614.54	633,000.00	6,328.00
Mississippi	82,577.40	454,000.00	6,433.15
Montana	2,100.00	3,000.00	175.00
North Carolina	804,840.98	830,000.00	68,963.07
Nebraska	6,772.00	11,000.00	
New Mexico	1,580.19	3,000.00	
*Northeast Assoc.	2,749.93	3,000.00	320.70
**Northwest Assoc.	13,563.67	7,500.00	140.00
Ohio	142,136.03	192,000.00	2,042.25
Oklahoma	451,102.89	575,000.00	2,306.04
Pennsylvania	259.50	1,000.00	25.00
South Carolina	395,479.43	472,000.00	1,900.00
Tennessee	778,244.99	990,000.00	55,966.95
Texas	95,828.60	118,000.00	2,639.50
Virginia	75,074.29	92,000.00	9,109.68
Virgin Islands	3,183.25	3,000.00	50.00
West Virginia	119,911.65	180,000.00	6,085.52
FWB Foundation	19,070.46	34,000.00	26,872.81
Miscellaneous	27,734.34	25,718.51	80.00
WNAC	128,802.71	177,000.00	14,892.14
Totals	\$ 5,588,281.25+	\$ 7,084,218.51+	\$ 278,346.88

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

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Forlines' Focus

By James Forlines, General Director



Golden Jubilee

I have just returned from the fiftieth anniversary conference of our work in North India. It is exciting to see what God is doing in spite of economic deprivation, growing harassment and persecution. His power is clearly evident through our work in this region. Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

As many as 5,000 people gathered for this Golden Jubilee celebration. Included in the number were believers from India, Nepal, and a group of exiles from Bhutan. Converts have come from Hindu, Muslim, and Animistic backgrounds. Those from Bhutan come from a country steeped in Buddhism.

Only Carlisle Hanna Remains

Brother Carlisle Hanna is currently the only missionary in India serving with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. He and his wife, Marie Wright Hanna, were commissioned in 1951 and departed for India in 1952. They served together until Marie's death in 1998. Carlisle continues to labor there.

I was asked to bring the closing message at the Jubilee Conference. I chose as my text Philippians 2:5-8 where Paul challenges us, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." As I looked over the vast congregation I was struck with the potential. What if these people, as a corporate group, truly possessed the mind of Christ? What a tremendous impact they could have throughout North India and the surrounding countries.

The Mind of Christ

I declared that having the mind of Christ would cause us to act as Christ himself acted. The text includes three areas that would change: (1) we would leave our safety zones to reach out to those in darkness; (2) we would adopt the role of a servant; and (3) we would be willing to sacrifice to accomplish God's purpose.

That is what Jesus did. He left the safety and security of Heaven when he looked down on earth and saw us lost in the darkness of sin. He "took upon Him the form of a servant." That was His total lifestyle. And in the end He gave the ultimate sacrifice when He died on the cross for our sins. To have the mind of Christ, we also are to emulate these characteristics.

The Model

I explained that they had seen this modeled for them. Carlisle and Marie

Hanna left the safety of their homeland to come to a land they did not know, and to people they had never seen. Why? Because they had the mind of Christ. Their early days were filled with hardships, challenges and fears, but they continued. Why? Because they had adopted the role of a servant to the Indian people.

A Call to Sacrifice

Within 50 feet of where I preached was the grave of Marie Hanna. She literally gave her life for the people of India and Carlisle continues to do so, although he is now in his 70s. Why? Because the missionary call is an appeal to sacrifice. I reminded them that Philippians 2 was not just for Carlisle and Marie Hanna, but for every Christian.

As I look over the Free Will Baptist denomination I am struck with a similar sense of potential. What if Free Will Baptists, as a people of God, truly possessed the mind of Christ? What a tremendous impact we could have throughout the world. During April, the month of Foreign Missions emphasis for Free Will Baptists, why not commit yourself to manifest the mind of Christ in some way as you and your church make an impact upon our world.

James Forlines