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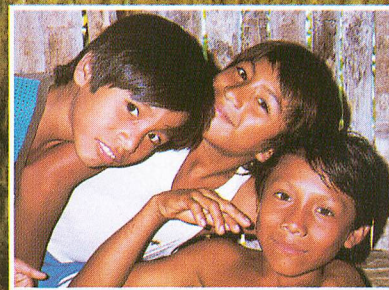
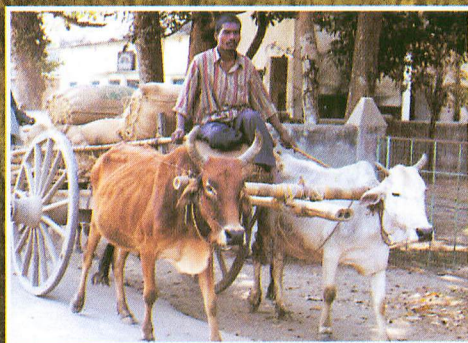
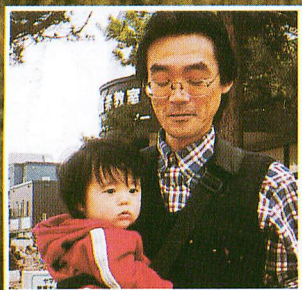
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# The Unfinished Task

By James Forlines, general director

As I sat before my computer to write this article I remembered an unusual Web page I had visited before. The page itself is titled "The Unfinished Task." I typed the Internet address ([http://www.thegreatcom.net/the\\_unfinished\\_task.htm](http://www.thegreatcom.net/the_unfinished_task.htm)) and pressed enter.

As the Web page emerged, the only item on it was a table with continually running totals. It listed the total num-

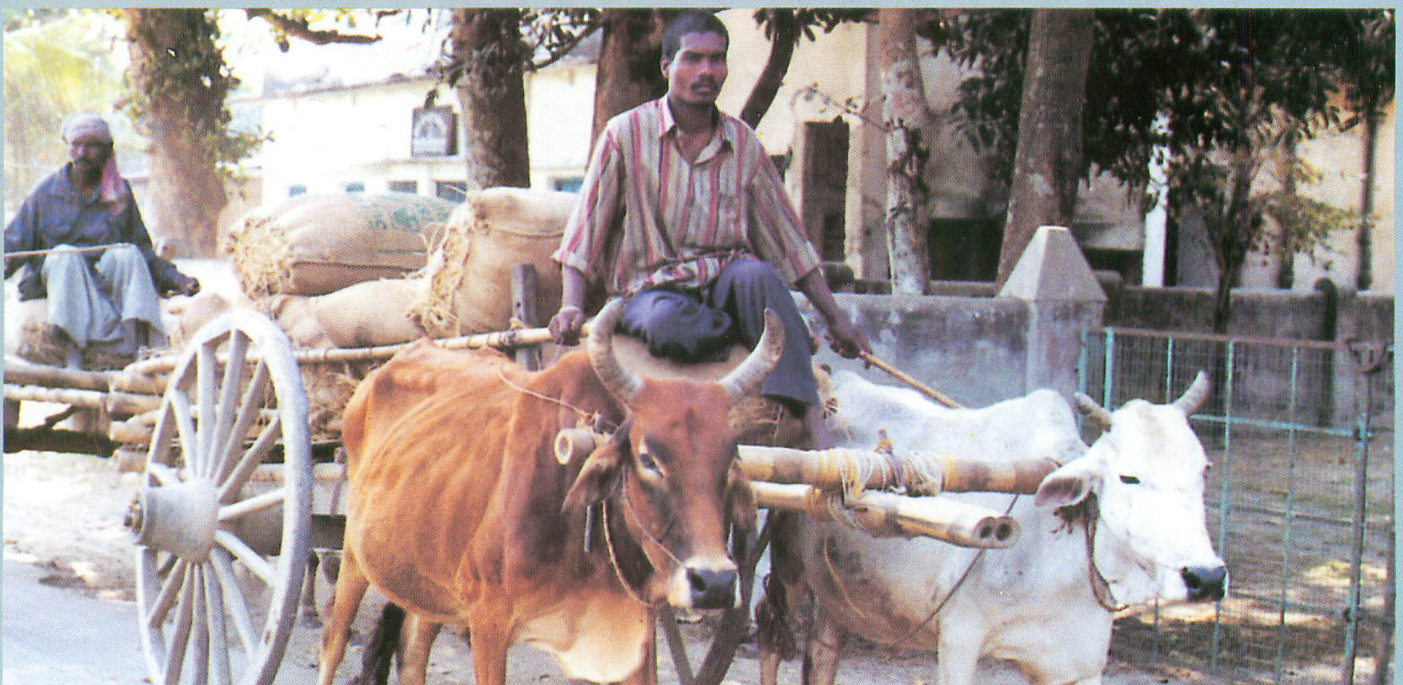
ber of people born since 12:01 that morning (130,968 at 1:20 p.m.), the total born since January 1, 2001 (82,222,463), and the current world population (6,102,766,031). These were sobering numbers in themselves, but they kept getting higher and higher.

In addition, rows tabulated three other things: (1) those who are hearing and believing the gospel (14,625); (2)

those hearing and not believing the gospel (51,327); and (3) people without an adequate opportunity to hear the gospel (66,739). All the numbers shown accounted for just 13 hours and 20 minutes in that one day. Of course, these totals are only projections based on averages up to that moment and nobody knows the real tally except God. I asked God to allow me to see beyond the rapidly scrolling numbers and envision the soul each number represented.

*Major blocks of people continue to have no way to hear the gospel in a culturally relevant way.*

My heart was touched as I realized it took 1,430 years for Bible-believing Christians to constitute 1 percent of the world's population. After another 360 years Christianity composed 2 percent and in an additional 150 years it gained another percentage point. Within only 20 more years we reached 10 percent. Right now estimates of Bible-believing Christians stand at 11 percent of the world's population (see [www.missionfrontiers.org](http://www.missionfrontiers.org)). This means evangelical Christianity is







Only 1.56 percent of the Japanese population is called Christian.

growing at least double the rate of world population. Truly, Christ is building His church!

In 1900 the Bible was available in only 537 languages. In the next 100 years that number increased by over 500 percent to at least 2,800 languages (see *Mission Frontiers* magazine, June 2000, page 14). The *Jesus* film, which shows the life of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke, has been seen by over 3.3 million people worldwide (see "Operation World" by Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk, pages 7 and 696). These and other encouraging signs give us reason for hope.

With all these positive advances, we still face the reality of an unfinished task. Joshua Project 2000 has catalogued over 16,000 distinct people groups throughout the world (see

*Kuna Indians in Panama (top, left) need to hear the gospel, and India (bottom, left) has a population of over one billion with only 2.4 percent professing to be Christians.*

[www.joshuaproject.org](http://www.joshuaproject.org)). Of these people groups 1,200 are still considered virtually unreached. Major blocks of people continue to have no way to hear the gospel in a culturally relevant way. Currently, only three missionaries for every million Muslims are seeking to reach the 1.2 billion followers of Islam with the gospel of Christ. This includes missionaries from every evangelical missions agency. At the same time only five missionaries per million Buddhists have been sent. The number is only slightly better among Hindus and Chinese with six missionaries per million (see [www.calebproject.org](http://www.calebproject.org)).

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is focusing on three major areas to help fulfill our part in getting the gospel to the ends of the earth. First, missionaries continue to labor on our traditional fields, winning people to Christ and planting churches. Our goal is to develop these churches into Great Commission churches. We want them to join the call to get the gospel to the unreached.

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Second, we are in a two-year study to determine how Free Will Baptists can best address the incredible needs of Restricted Access Countries. Most of the world's unreached peoples live in these countries.

Third, we have accepted the challenge to mobilize our entire denomination. We want every Christian to find his or her role in getting the gospel to the ends of the earth. Together we can make a significant impact as we all use our God-given gifts, talents and abilities to extend His Kingdom to every people group on earth.

The June 2000 issue of *Mission Frontiers* featured a forum discussion by six evangelical mission leaders. One of the questions asked was, "What are the greatest challenges facing the global evangelical mission movement today?" One of the participants, Patrick Johnstone (author of "Operation World"), declared that we are encountering "theological fluffiness concerning the eternity of Hell and eternal lostness of the lost." In addition, he indicated we will see "a loss of the vision of the uniqueness of Christ and of a Trinitarian basis for missions."

We Free Will Baptists say the Bible teaches the existence of an eternal Hell. But how firmly is it really rooted in our hearts? We must remember that it's not just people like Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden who will be there unless they turn to Christ. Mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, and others who desperately need to hear of Jesus Christ will also be in Hell. **Yes, the task is unfinished.** But the call still remains, "*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest*" (Matt. 9:37 NKJV).



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Steve and Judy Lytle (back, top left) are pictured with Japan missionaries during their annual field council meeting.

## Lytles Visit Japan Work; Call for More Personnel

Steve Lytle, director of field operations, and his wife, Judy, spent October 17 to 31 in Japan visiting missionaries, seeing their work and attending their annual field council meeting.

The first week was spent with the Dale Bishops, the Nathan Snows, Debbie Griffin, and short-term missionaries Shannon Little and Tonya Blanchard on the island of Hokkaido. The Lytles spent the second week in the Tokyo area with the Kenneth Baileys, the Donnie McDonalds, and Mirial Gainer.

At their field council meeting the Japan missionaries requested a number of new personnel including church planters and short-term workers for Bible studies and other lessons in English. They also asked for teachers and other personnel for the Christian school in Tokyo and for the Hokkaido International School in the north.

## Thieves Take Church Sound Equipment

Missionary Curt Holland from Campinas, Brazil, reported thieves entered the São José church and stole microphones and all the

sound equipment on October 24. The equipment had been purchased by a church in Missouri.

In spite of the loss, Curt was rejoicing over the baptism of 12 people on Sunday, November 4. The group included a young boy, two fathers, four mothers, and five young ladies.

## Survey, Jesus Film Bring Four to Christ

In mid-November a group from Nueva Vida and Malvin Alto along with Word of Life students from Argentina did a survey in the Malvin area of Montevideo, Uruguay.

According to Dennis Owen, a showing of the *Jesus* film fol-

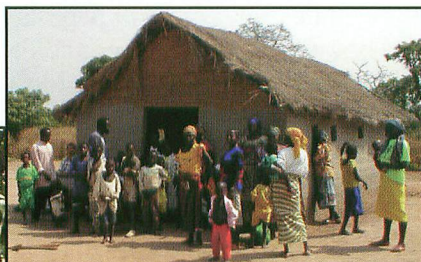
lowed the surveys. Four people responded to the invitation to receive Christ as Savior and Lord.

## Eagleton Reports Many Converts, Baptisms

At the request of national Christians, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton traveled nearly 100 miles on November 25 to the village of Tolekai to baptize a group of believers. The village is located over 20 miles off of any road. The doctor found 31 candidates seeking baptism but, after examining them, retained only 12 and baptized them. Kenneth indicated the others had some problems to work out.

The church in the village was started by a man from the area who was saved in a church in the south. He returned to the village and began witnessing. Today, over 40 adult believers are meeting together. The Christians there have already built their own church building—a mud brick wall structure plastered with cement and crowned with a grass roof. The church has no pastor and they have no Bible or New Testament in their language (Loron).

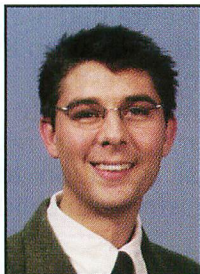
"It was very encouraging to see these Christians growing in the Lord in spite of being isolated in the bush," says Eagleton.



Dr. Kenneth Eagleton (below) prepares to baptize one of 12 converts from the village of Tolekai. Christians in the village have constructed their own church (left).







Approved for overseas service were (top, left to right) Sean and Jill Warren, Tim and Di Keener, Doug and Patricia Chamberlin and (bottom, left to right) Becky Hale, Micah Derby and Alicia Hart. The Chamberlins and Miss Hart will serve two-year assignments.

to serve a two-year term at Evangelical Christian Academy in Madrid, Spain. Alicia Hart of New Bern, N.C., was approved for two years to replace Tonya Blanchard as an English teacher in Japan—part of the Free Will Baptist evangelism strategy in Hokkaido.

Eighteen young people, including six MKs, were selected to serve as part of **Team World Cup 2002** in Sapporo, Japan (see page 11).

Eleven overseas apprentices also were confirmed to work in three countries during the summer: **Russia**—Brandon Shipp of Homestead, Fla., Victor Albright of Clarksville, Tenn., and Ben Martin of Nashville, Tenn.; **Spain**—Rebekah Caudill of Joelton, Tenn., Nicole Crowe of Nashville, Tenn., Joshua Reed of Crossett, Ark., Chuck Stewart of Ashland, Ky., and Amy Taylor of Cisne, Ill.;

## Board Approves 109 for Overseas Service in 2002

A total of 109 young people were approved for overseas service in 2002 during the semianual session of the Board of Foreign Missions held December 5 at the Free Will Baptist National Offices in Antioch, Tenn. This marks the largest number approved at one time since the board was formed.

Six career missionaries—two

couples and two singles—were appointed to work among Muslims in southern France. They include team leaders Sean and Jill Warren of Nashville, Tenn.; Tim and Di Keener of Franklin, Tenn.; Becky Hale of Taylor Ridge, Ill.; and Micah Derby of St. Louis, Mo.

Approved as overseas assistants were Doug and Patricia Chamberlin from East Tennessee who are

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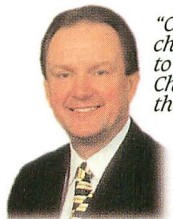


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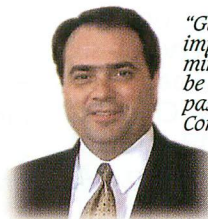


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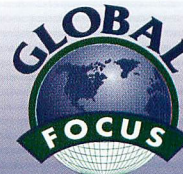


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*Panama young people pray together in a time of dedication during a youth training seminar held in Panama City.*

**Brazil**—Mitch Donahue of Indian Trail, N.C., Amy Lankford of Dickson, Tenn., and Erin Williams of Nashville, Tenn.

Six students from Free Will Baptist Bible College were chosen as TEAM interns, one to accompany each of six teams of high school students going out with TEAM ministry during the summer. Selected were Joshua Crowe of Kingston Springs, Tenn., Brandon Atwood of Huntsville, Ala., Gowdy Cannon of Turbeville, S.C., Heather Paul of Morgan, Ga., Jonathan Postlewaite of Florence, S.C., and Kendra Stovall of North Charleston, S.C.

A total of 76 high school students were selected to serve on six groups in 2002 (see page 9): TEAM France, 10; TEAM Chicago, 13; TEAM Mexico, 13; TEAM Japan, 12; TEAM Puerto Rico, 14; and TEAM St. Croix (V.I.), 14.

Robert and Judy Bryan, mis-

*Robert and Judy Bryan will serve an interim ministry in St. Nazaire, France.*



sionaries to Côte d'Ivoire, were reinstated to missionary service following a lengthy leave of absence. They will initially be serving an interim ministry in St. Nazaire, France, while Jerry and Barbara Gibbs are on stateside assignment.

The board adopted a proposal to forego the annual missions retreat in response to current financial stress and substitute a one-day gathering in Memphis, Tenn., following the National Association.

Formation of an advisory council for each of the departments in the Foreign Missions office was approved.

The board voted to change the name of TEAM to E-TEAM, in memory of Kenneth Eagleton Sr. who was responsible for the program's early development.

These dates were set: field chairmen will meet with the administrative staff April 15-19 and with the board on April 22. The annual board sessions will be held April 23-26.

## Youth Training Seminar Held in Panama

A special youth training seminar was held in Panama City, Panama, on October 20 with approximately 50 people present.

Young people were taught for six hours on evangelism, music, handicrafts, games, activities, etc. Those trained are scheduled to be used in vacation Bible schools and camp ministries.

According to Stan, several young people responded to the final invitation to step out into ministry with children.

## Cousineau Has Eye Surgery to Save Sight

Missionaries Mike and Deleen Cousineau returned to the United States at the end of November so Mike could undergo eye surgery to remove pterygiums.

Pterygiums are wedge-shaped fibrovascular growths of conjunctiva (non-malignant tumors) that can extend onto the cornea. Mike's had already begun growing onto the right cornea.

This same type of surgery was done in 1999. Surgery was performed on December 6 and was considered successful.

Deleen underwent sinus surgery the following week to correct an acute sinus infection.

The couple were to return to Côte d'Ivoire on December 29.

## Turnboughs End FWBBC Ministry; Head for Spain

Jeff and Susan Turnbough have been on stateside assignment since June 17, 2000. In December they concluded a semester as missionaries-in-residence teaching missions at Free Will Baptist Bible

*Jeff and Susan Turnbough departed for Spain on December 26, following stateside assignment and ministry at FWBBC.*







Leroy Forlines (left to right), Ed Gragg and Cathy Corley fellowship in Russia.



These 18 national pastors participated in a pastors' retreat November 12-15 in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire.

College in Nashville and departed for Spain on December 26.

The Turnboughs will resume their ministry with the Spain team in the area of Villalba.

## Forlines Teaches, Gragg Builds in Chelyabinsk

Professor Leroy Forlines of Free Will Baptist Bible College and Reverend Ed Gragg of Nashville, Tenn., left the United States on October 22 for Chelyabinsk, Russia. Mr. Forlines was completing a scheduled teaching assignment which started in March. Gragg accompanied him to work on the Bible institute building.

Mr. Forlines taught on theology, including doctrine of angels and demons, the doctrine of the church, eschatology, etc. The two men returned to the United States on November 13.

## Snows Report Early Birth of Baby Son

Nathan and Linda Snow in Japan reported the birth of their fourth child, Jacob, born on November 19 in Sapporo. The baby boy weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. He joins Daniel, Megan and Andrew.

At birth the baby's breathing was accelerated so he was taken to another hospital with a capable pediatric care facility. He spent a week in an incubator before being released.

## News Capsules

**France**—Steve and Becky Riggs in France are rejoicing that three teenage girls have recently expressed their desire to follow Christ. The girls—Fannie, Marine, and Judith—want to be baptized.

**Greeneville, Tenn.**—Mr. Hal Carter, father of missionary Annette Aycock in Brazil, died on October 9 after suffering from a rare skin cancer. Mr. Carter was 58 years of age. David, Annette and their children returned to the States to be with the family and attend the funeral.

**Côte d'Ivoire**—A pastors' retreat was held November 12-15 in Doropo, with 18 national pastors, four missionaries and 10 pastoral students attending.

**Antioch, Tenn.**—MK Jonathan

Owen, son of missionaries Dennis and Trena Owen in Uruguay, has enlisted in the United States Army. He entered Fort Benning, Ga., on November 20 and will go to Fort Bragg, N.C., following his basic training. Jonathan desires to join the FBI and needs this training for work experience.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Dennis and Carol Teague, missionaries to St. Sebastien, France, will serve as missionaries-in-residence at Free Will Baptist Bible College during the spring semester of 2002.

**Panama**—Alicia Bunch, daughter of Stan and Brenda Bunch in Panama, underwent knee surgery on December 13 in Arkansas. Latest reports indicate the surgery was successful.

**Spain**—Fifteen unsaved people were among those who attended

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# NEWS IN REVIEW



*Bobby and Geneva Poole are returning to Brazil.*

the "Cafe y Algo Mas" (Coffee and Something More) in Villalba, Spain, on Saturday, November 17. According to Tim Johnson, the speaker's message was "very powerful."

**Antioch, Tenn.**—Bobby and Geneva Poole were scheduled to re-

turn to Brazil on January 3 after being on stateside assignment since July.

**Cuba**—Missionary Ronald Callaway went to Cuba on December 1 to teach 18 seminary students and several pastors at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Pinar del Río. He returned to the United States on December 15.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Martha Crowson, mother of missionary Susan Turnbough, underwent colon surgery at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., on November 7. Latest reports indicate the surgery was successful.

**Macon, Ga.**—Mrs. Caroline Hightower from White Oaks FWB Church in Macon, Ga., has made



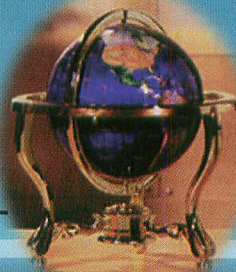
*Mrs. Caroline Hightower cares for MKs during the annual field council in Japan.*

two trips to Japan for the specific purpose of providing child care for missionary families during their annual Japan field council meeting. Her latest trip was at the end of October. Her granddaughter, Heather, accompanied her. Mrs. Hightower indicated she believes God has given her this ministry.

## Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering April 28, 2002



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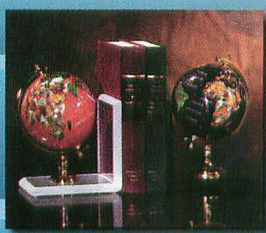
**Individuals giving \$500.00 or more**—receive a beautiful 110mm gemstone globe.

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## John Poole Reports Conviction, Conversion

MK John Poole, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, reported an unusual conversion experience in mid-October.

"A man walked in off the street and sat down in the adult Sunday school class. Five minutes later he started crying out loud. Ricardo and Marcel took him up to the church office and called me. I have never seen a man so ready to accept the Lord as he was."

John indicated the man actually lives on the street below the church.



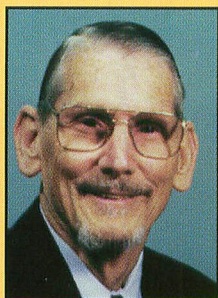
*Charolette Tallent has resigned from missionary service in France.*

## Tallent Resigns; Senses Doors Closed to France

Miss Charolette Tallent has submitted her resignation from missionary service in France due to a growing sense that the Lord was closing the door and a diminishing conviction that she was to enter student ministry again.

Charolette was scheduled to depart for France in September but was delayed in light of the September 11 tragedy. Her official date of termination was December 1, 2001.

"I deeply appreciate the relationship I have had with the board, staff and missionary co-workers," writes Charolette. "I will always be grateful for the opportunity I have had to serve our Lord in France."



*Ken Eagleton*

## Six E-TEAMS Selected

**TEAM** (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) has been renamed E-TEAM in memory of Ken Eagleton, first coordinator. The high schoolers listed below were approved to serve on one of the six **E-TEAM 2002** groups. *(The team make-up may change slightly should some decline participation.)*

### E-TEAM St. Croix

Toni Alejandria, Fairfield, Calif.  
Holley Anderson, Greeneville, Tenn.  
Melissa Armes, Sesser, Ill.  
Karen Bennett, Owasso, Okla.  
David Gray, Moore, Okla.  
Cynthia Grimes, Rogers, Ark.  
Karissa Harrell, Cisne, Ill.  
James Hettel, Dardanelle, Ark.  
Rachel King, Cramerton, N.C.  
Juli McAdams, Liberal, Mo.  
Eddie Ramsey, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
Danielle Slade, Warren, Mich.  
Lynsey Stripling, N. Little Rock, Ark.  
Rebecca Worthington, Chocowinity, N.C.

### E-TEAM Japan

Lauren Cameron, Garden City, Mich.  
Lindy Candler, Batesville, Ark.  
Ashley Carter, Nashville, Tenn.  
Susan Eastridge, Catlettsburg, Ky.  
Ryan Fowler, Greenville, N.C.  
Sara Govreau, Pittsburg, Calif.  
Melody Highsmith, Winterville, N.C.  
Amy Lawrence, Springfield, Tenn.  
James Lewis, Waverly, Ohio  
Bethany Parks, Pleasant View, Tenn.  
Daniel Radley, Greenville, N.C.  
Amanda Russell, Springfield, Ark.

### E-TEAM Chicago

Malisa Barnett, N. Little Rock, Ark.  
Rachel Caudill, Joelton, Tenn.  
Teddie Collier, Fair Grove, Mo.  
Devon Coward, Scranton, S.C.  
Stephen Hodges, Hendersonville, Tenn.  
Ashley Jefferson, Pinetown, N.C.  
Danielle Jones, Monterey, Tenn.  
Daniel Judkins, Monticello, Ark.  
Rebekah Player, Darlington, S.C.  
Alan Skiles, Guin, Ala.  
Christa St. Lawrence, Nashville, Tenn.  
NaTalia Stewart, Newport, Tenn.  
Ashley Turner, West Plains, Mo.

### E-TEAM Puerto Rico

Justin Atwood, Antioch, Tenn.  
Lori Bowers, Easley, S.C.  
Cassie Daniels, Waverly, Ohio  
Rachel Elliott, Forest, La.  
Rebekah Forlines, Nashville, Tenn.  
Jill McAlister, Farmersville, Calif.  
Aaron Montee, Arcadia, Kan.  
Kerrie Morgan, Liberal, Mo.  
Rachel Nicholson, Hot Springs, Ark.  
Becky Roberts, Winterville, N.C.  
Cherith Taylor, Salado, Ark.  
Courtney White, Owasso, Okla.  
Lance Williams, Pocahontas, Ark.  
Bethany Williams, Winfield, Ala.

### E-TEAM Mexico

Kyle Adams, Suisun City, Calif.  
Jennifer Angus, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
Alicia Ann Blackman, Eldridge, Ala.  
Celeste Davis, Nashville, Tenn.  
Joshua Detherage, Fredericksburg, Va.  
Leigh Ann Harrell, Cairo, Ga.  
Phillip Kennedy, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
Janah Pool, Huntsville, Ala.  
Cassie Rogers, Clover, S.C.  
Jessica Thielemier, Pocahontas, Ark.  
Carol Upton, Stockton, Calif.  
Anna Walker, Paint Rock, Ala.  
Tara Zilliox, Chuckey, Tenn.

### E-TEAM France

Krista Anderson, Nashville, Tenn.  
Jonathan Brown, Antioch, Tenn.  
Andrew Chamberlin, Greeneville, Tenn.  
Heath Hubbard, Bryan, Tex.  
Jonathan Locklear, Trenton, Mich.  
Kasey Lundquist, Goldsboro, N.C.  
James McNeal, Lake Butler, Fla.  
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Participants of the missions conference of Indian Creek Association in Missouri (left to right) Mike Fields, Jeff Turnbough, Brian Brinkhoff, Dr. Thomas Marberry (back), and Jerry Pinkerton (far right) stand with Raymond Riggs (front, right), first general director of Foreign Missions.

## Two Short-termers Depart for Overseas

Miss Joy Taylor and Miss Kimberly Johnson will be serving short assignments overseas in 2002. Kimberly will be serving a two-year term at New Life Children's Home in Araras, Brazil, and Joy Taylor will teach at International Christian Academy in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire, during the Spring semester.

Joy left for Ivory Coast on December 15 while Kimberly was to depart for Brazil around the first of the year.

## Barker Spared in Uruguay Auto Mishap

Missionary Molly Barker was spared serious injuries in October when the small car in which she was riding was hit by a larger car being driven without the headlights on. According to Molly, the

car was coming at a high rate of speed, "but the Lord led the other driver to try to pass us by entering into the street where we were headed, so it hit our right front fender instead of broadsiding us," Molly reported.

No one was hurt and both cars were drivable so police were not called.

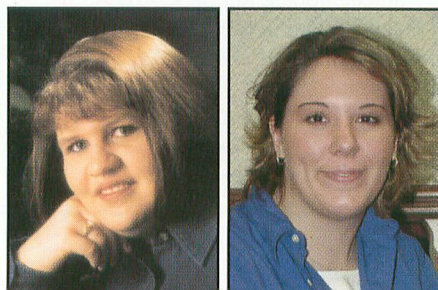
## Riggs Lauds Churches for Missions Conference

When the Indian Creek Association of Missouri had their annual missions conference during the week of November 4-9, 2001, former General Director Raymond Riggs was also present. Fourteen churches participated.

"This missionary conference has blessed my heart and brought to memory the years that I was involved in promoting missionary conferences throughout the denomination," says the former general director.

Two foreign missions families in the Missouri Show-me Plan were present: Jerry and Carol Pinkerton of Ivory Coast and Jeff and Susan Turnbough of Spain. Also participating in the conference were Dr. Thomas Marberry of Reynosa, Mexico, Mike Fields of Jefferson

Kimberly Johnson (left) and Joy Taylor will serve short terms overseas.







"Legacy of Praise" quartet members and accompanying spouses stand behind the king of the Canton of Akidom near Gouméré, Côte d'Ivoire.

City, Mo., and Brian Brinkhoff of the Cornerstone Mission in Joplin.

The association churches gathered at the Monett First FWB Church in a combination quarterly meeting and conference-ending service. That night \$28,690.28 was received in the offering. One half went toward the Show-me Plan and the other half went toward other missions projects.

## "Legacy of Praise" Ministers in Africa

The "Legacy of Praise" southern gospel quartet ministered in Côte d'Ivoire November 13-25, 2001. They went with a primary focus of using their music to provide an outreach tool in markets, schools and villages.

Bobby Edwards, spokesman, indicated the group also adopted Bouaké Project 2002 and sought to raise \$2,002 for the new church in Bouaké. Through the sale of

CDs and tapes they were able to actually give \$3,000.

The king of a village near Gouméré invited them to his village and expressed interest in the gospel.

The quartet consists of Darin Miles, Jerod Pilgrim, Jeremy Robinson, Bobby Edwards and keyboard accompanist Rodney Bowen. They have performed for about 10 years. Missionary Shane Davison sang with the group at its formation and continued for several years.

## Morgan Says Students Show Spiritual Fervor

According to missionary Clint Morgan in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, the 10 new students at the Bible institute are demonstrating spiritual fervor. "They have led at least three people to Christ in their evangelistic efforts on Saturday mornings," Clint declared.

## 18 to Participate in World Cup 2002

The following are to participate in World Cup 2002, a street evangelism outreach team, during the soccer championship games in Sapporo, Japan.

Bethany Atwood, Huntsville, Ala.  
Doug Bishop, Ebetsu-shi, Japan  
Neil Buttrey, McEwen, Tenn.  
Mitchell Cooper, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Natalie Crowson, Nashville, Tenn.  
Jennifer Dycus, Bonnie, Ill.  
Ryan Gibbs, St. Nazaire, France  
Kiley Hawkins, Greenville, N.C.  
Kenny Knight, Taylor, Mich.

Megan Mackie, Cookeville, Tenn.  
Suzanne McVay, Madrid, Spain  
Holley Miller, Huntington, Ark.  
Adam Montee, Arcadia, Kan.  
Ashley Montee, Arcadia, Kan.  
Sarah Nichols, Gouméré, Côte d'Ivoire  
Susan Pattengill, Park Hills, Mo.  
Daniel Plunkett, Ashland City, Tenn.  
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## FINANCIAL BEAT

Through November 2001

Income for October.....	\$ 516,270.09
Income for November.....	524,391.83
Total income through November.....	4,833,863.38
Projected income through November.....	7,286,325.30
Total expenses through November.....	5,333,760.04
<b>Total 2001 Budget (including VISION projects).....</b>	<b>\$7,948,718.51</b>

These accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	4,095.31	Vandivort.....	16,409.98
Callaway.....	15,952.43	Wendlandt.....	1,404.14
Chang.....	77,889.84	India Bible Inst.....	8,956.67
Epps.....	2,719.63	JLA Comm Devel.....	352,918.69
Gainer.....	18,795.76	Russian Ministries.....	28,204.85
Holland, C.....	17,161.02	<b>VISION</b>	
Lancaster.....	4,052.84	France/Nantes.....	12,987.51
Little.....	1,749.07	India Church.....	1,831.07
Martens.....	42,410.53	IC/Abidjan.....	2,409.68
Owen.....	23,625.09	UR/Pro Bldg Fund.....	1,604.37
Teague.....	19,699.69	Support Services.....	291,235.24
<b>Totals.....</b>			<b>\$946,113.41</b>

These accounts are low and needy:

Midgett.....	\$ 3,645.14	West.....	\$ 6,667.92
Sturgill.....	1,781.67		

## STATES IN ACTION

State	2001 Goal	Goal Thru Nov.	Contributions Thru Nov.
Alabama.....	\$ 438,000	\$ 401,500.00	\$ 308,358.82
Arkansas.....	607,000	556,416.67	526,942.72
Arizona.....	7,000	6,416.67	6,099.62
California.....	66,000	60,500.00	44,147.47
Canada.....	10,000	9,166.67	3,054.38
Colorado.....	4,000	3,666.67	2,245.55
Florida.....	176,000	161,333.33	155,424.59
Georgia.....	326,000	298,833.33	204,940.70
Idaho.....	6,000	5,500.00	3,109.82
Iowa.....	3,000	2,750.00	856.86
Illinois.....	166,000	152,166.67	113,948.80
Indiana.....	57,000	52,250.00	55,043.43
Hawaii.....	1,000	916.67	251.00
Kansas.....	10,000	9,166.67	2,053.44
Kentucky.....	101,000	92,583.33	69,160.25
Louisiana.....	3,000	2,750.00	3,610.58
Maryland.....	82,000	75,166.67	58,339.58
Michigan.....	217,000	198,916.67	139,311.33
Missouri.....	633,000	580,250.00	400,148.95
Mississippi.....	454,000	416,166.67	71,655.61
Montana.....	3,000	2,750.00	2,225.00
North Carolina.....	830,000	760,833.33	612,557.62
Nebraska.....	11,000	10,083.33	2,000.00
New Mexico.....	3,000	2,750.00	1,064.79
*Northeast Assn.....	3,000	2,750.00	9,534.19
**Northwest Assn.....	7,500	6,875.00	2,556.88
Ohio.....	192,000	176,000.00	100,963.66
Oklahoma.....	575,000	527,083.33	371,176.17
Pennsylvania.....	1,000	916.67	*2,090.00
South Carolina.....	472,000	432,666.67	375,780.66
Tennessee.....	990,000	907,500.00	734,374.03
Texas.....	118,000	108,166.67	71,844.23
Virginia.....	92,000	84,333.33	67,870.84
Virgin Islands.....	3,000	2,750.00	1,150.00
West Virginia.....	180,000	165,000.00	116,169.45
FWB Foundation.....	34,000	31,166.67	28,100.53
Miscellaneous.....	25,719	23,575.30	4,117.74
WNAC.....	177,000	162,250.00	136,840.16
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$7,084,219+</b>	<b>\$ 6,493,866.97+</b>	<b>\$ 4,809,119.45</b>

\*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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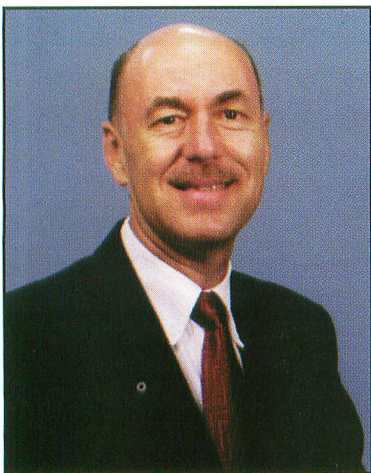
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## Lytle's Lines

By Steve Lytle, Director of Overseas Operations



### Sounding a Clear Message

In an age which praises relativism and worships tolerance, Bible-believing Christians must sound a clear message. This challenge has tremendous repercussions in the western world (primarily the U.S.A.) with its smorgasbord of competing ideas, ideologies and beliefs. It also impacts the two-thirds world where Christianity rivals powerful religious systems such as Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam.

The Bible declares unequivocally that Jesus is the only way to God (John 14:6). Peter echoes Christ's words in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other." The Old Testament also bears witness to the truth that only one God exists, and He alone is the source of salvation: "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:22).

### Christianity is Exclusive

John's Gospel makes it clear that whoever does not believe in Jesus stands condemned (John 3:18). He will die in his sins (John 8:24) and the

wrath of God is upon him (John 3:36). The evangelical position is one of **exclusivism**. Jesus is the only Savior, and men must personally come to Him in repentance and faith to be saved. This stand will bring cries of "religious bigotry" from many.

### Pluralism and Inclusivism

It is sad, but countless people, including some professing Christians, prefer **pluralism**—the idea that all truth is relative, no god is normative for all people in all places for all times, and some truth lies at the heart of all religions.

Others choose **inclusivism** and state that though one true God might exist and one way (Jesus) might be best, all religions ultimately will get people to God and Heaven. This idea that God excludes no one, but includes everyone, in the final analysis means that all people will be saved.

### Perishing Souls

Free Will Baptists must be awakened to the sobering truth: **those who reject Jesus are lost forever. Likewise, people who live and die, having never heard of Jesus, will perish eternally.**

We need clear and compelling Biblical preaching and missions teaching in our churches, including the uniqueness of Jesus Christ. We must also provide information that focuses on unreached people groups and na-

tions of the earth, including 1.2 billion Muslims. Christians desperately need to understand the mutually exclusive nature of the claims of Biblical Christianity and Islam. Then we must lovingly and compassionately carry the gospel to those other descendants of Abraham for whom Jesus died.

### True Islamic Teaching

Tom White of the Voice of the Martyrs wrote: "The simple fact is: Muslims do not 'peacefully coexist' with Christians . . . Islamic teachings offer no tolerance for those who reject Mohammed for Christ. Read the Koran for yourself. Study Islamic history. Learn the truth about what is happening right now in Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Yemen, Iran, Nigeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Tajikistan and other countries where Islam has a foothold."

We desperately need a revival of intercessory prayer. We need what Wesley Duewel calls "mighty prevailing prayer" for the nations. The conflict will be won as the Church advances on her knees in prayer. It will also be successful as believers in Christ know the truth, understand the truth, live the truth, and communicate the truth in culturally relevant and contextualized ways. The battle for truth and the battle for souls demand such a commitment.

*Steve Lytle*