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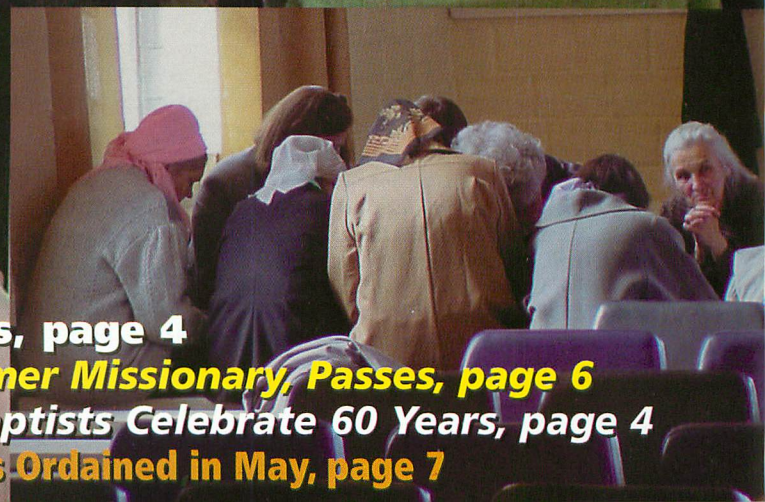
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Jimmy Aldridge (above, left), former overseas secretary for Foreign Missions, and Danny Thompson (right), moderator of the Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists, present Pastor Nikolay Sobolev a Russian translation of the book "Calvinism, Arminianism and the Theology of Salvation" by Dr. Robert Picirilli. At the right, above, new students of the Bible institute in Russia are given orientation.

Acts 1:8—Is It Working in Alabama?

By Rick Cash

Promotional Director, Alabama Free Will Baptists

The idea behind the Acts 1:8 plan of support was to shift the responsibility of missionary funding from the foreign missionary to the local church where it rightly belongs. The concept had originated from the state of Arkansas. After studying the program and making some adjustments, the Alabama State Association adopted it in November of 1997.

We started by dividing missionary budget needs into 1,000 shares of \$16 per month or \$192 per year. Then we challenged churches, Sunday school classes, men's and women's groups and individuals to do their share. The first year we only attempted to underwrite 70 percent of the budgets of Alabama's foreign missionaries. That called for \$192,000. The plan was designed to increase by 10 percent each

year until Alabama's foreign missionaries were supported 100 percent.

Working for Individuals

Now in our fifth year, this plan has been effective and has simplified individual missions giving. By making one gift, an individual can now share in the support of all of Alabama's missionaries. Many who had not regularly supported missions made commitments to do so. One individual was so challenged that he has given \$350 per month to the program since January 2000. To date, this one individual has given \$8,750.

Working for Churches

As with individual giving, church giving also has been simplified. In 1998 a total of 97 Alabama churches gave to the new program. In 2001 we had 125 of Alabama's 165 churches participating.

I remember introducing my wife to a preacher she had not met. He related how he had just met one of our children and was bragging on the child. As the man walked away, my wife

said, "I like that man." "You don't know anything about him," I replied. "He just bragged on your child." She responded, "Anyone who brags on my child is all right." I have told churches that God feels the same way. He will smile on those who are out bragging on His Son and He will smile on the church that helps those that are exalting Jesus.

***Giving has increased from
\$206,083 in 1998 to
\$497,735 in 2001.***

In January of 1998 I presented the Acts 1:8 program to the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Lawley. Longtime friend Jackie Adcox pastors this rural, bivocational church. The church leaders got excited about the program. They gave \$6,273.01 to missions the first year of the program. Church leaders later remarked how their church offerings were up and new people were attending on their own. Not only did they double their

FRONT COVER: Clockwise, Richard Hendrix preaches in Russia, Pastor Sobolev receives a gift from Alabama via Rick Cash and Mike Corley, students at the Bible institute have a meal, Russian women join in a special time of prayer, Tammy Lancaster (left) stands with three of her Bible study women and Alvaro is an active worker in the Malvin church in Montevideo, Uruguay.



Russian Bible institute students are seen in the "dormitory" space of the new building made possible by the Acts 1:8 program in Alabama. Jaimie Lancaster (center, right photo) helps with the filming of a video production in Uruguay. He and his family are funded largely through the Alabama support plan.

giving the next year, they have increased their mission support each year. At the time of this writing they have already given \$35,466.75 this year to the Acts 1:8 program.

Working for the State

Yes, this program is working for the Alabama State Association as well. The plan took off with such success for Foreign Missions that Alabama voted to include Home Missions in 1999. To simplify giving even further, the 2001 State Association voted to include the Promotional Office as part of the endeavor. The 2002 Acts 1:8 budget includes support for four foreign missionaries, two home missions works, two home missionaries to Hispanics, the promotional director and a percentage for support services. Giving has increased from \$206,083 in 1998 to \$497,735 in 2001.

Working for Missionaries

I'm really happy that the plan also is working for our missionaries. Mike and Cathy Corley, our missionaries to Russia, and the Jaimie Lancaster family, our missionaries to Uruguay, just recently completed their first terms on the field. As promotional director, I was introduced to speak at the Mt. Moriah missions banquet on January 12. After the introduction, people ap-

plauded, but Mike and Jaimie gave a standing ovation. This was not so much for the speaker as for the success of Alabama's Acts 1:8 program which I promoted.

Of the \$112,000 it cost for the facilities that now house the Bible institute (in Russia), this program provided over \$83,000.

Both of these families began their deputation on January 1, 1998, just as the Acts 1:8 program began. Due to the plan both families were on the field within fourteen months. Since its implementation none of Alabama's missionaries have had to battle deficit accounts.

Working on the Field

Without a doubt Acts 1:8 is working on the field. It has enabled Alabama to respond to the open door

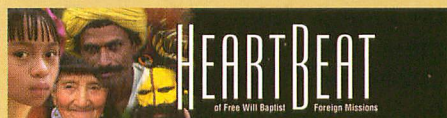
of opportunity in Russia.

In September of 2001 I accompanied three other men* from Alabama to Russia where we worked with Brother Mike Corley and met with Pastor Nikolay Sobolev. We took funds toward the costs of purchasing and renovating a building for the Bible institute. Of the \$112,000 it cost for the facilities that now house the Bible institute, Alabama's program provided over \$83,000. The building was opened for classes and dedicated on March 25 of this year.

Translation, publication, and distribution of 5,000 copies of the theology book, "Calvinism, Arminianism and the Theology of Salvation" by Dr. Robert Picirilli, was fully funded by Alabama Free Will Baptists due to the success of the Acts 1:8 program. We have enabled every Russian pastor to get a book free of charge.

Is Acts 1:8 working in Alabama? The answer is a resounding YES!

*Jimmy Aldridge, Richard Hendrix and Danny Williams participated with Rick Cash in a pastors' conference near the Black Sea.



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The shell of the Curt Holland automobile is pictured after fire completely destroyed the vehicle.

Holland Car Burns, Family Not Injured

Missionary Curt Holland in Campinas, Brazil, reported recently that their automobile was a total loss when it caught fire on May 24.

"We were on the way to the gas station and then to our house when our car caught fire and eventually burned up!" writes Curt. "Kelsey and Brooklin were with me in the car. I stopped the car and we all got out calmly and safely."

Board Meets, Appoints Two Overseas Assistants

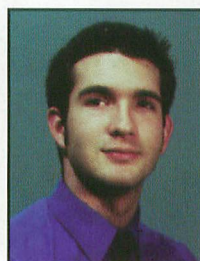
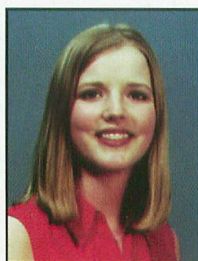
The Board of Foreign Missions met April 23, 24 at the Free Will Baptist National Offices in Antioch, Tenn. Actions taken include these:

They heard reports and proposals of the field chairmen who met with the staff April 15-19 at Cumberland Camp in Woodlawn, Tenn.

They appointed Joni Thomas of Georgia and Japan MK Benjamin Bailey to short-term service as overseas assistants in Japan.

The board accepted the resignation of Terry Eagleton from the board.

A new film/video division was



Joni Thomas (left) and Benjamin Bailey will serve short terms in Japan.

created under the supervision of the director of public relations to provide for broader distribution.

At their request, Robert and Judy Bryan were transferred from Côte d'Ivoire to France.

The annual foreign missions retreat was reduced to one day immediately following the National Association in Memphis.

Vandivorts to Retool for Ministry Change

After much counsel, guidance and prayerful evaluation of their ministry as dorm parents at International Christian Academy in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, Terry and D.D. Vandivort have asked for a transfer in ministry.

The Vandivorts are returning to the United States on July 30 for a period of time to attend to some family needs and retool for a change in ministry. The administrative staff will be working with them to determine their future involvement with the mission.

Armed Burglars Hit Combs Home in Brazil

Armed burglars broke into the home of Jim and Shirley Combs on June 3 about midnight. Three men with faces covered and armed with one gun entered a bedroom window and confronted two overseas apprentices who were still awake. The Combs had already gone to bed.

Kemper, the Combs' son, arrived home while the thieves



South Carolina men completed this parsonage for Pastor George and his family in Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire.

were there. They stole cameras, money, documents, and other items as well as Kemper's car. No one was harmed.

S.C. 10-Man Team Labors in Bouaké, I.C.

A 10-man team from Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, S.C., traveled to Côte d'Ivoire on April 21 to assist in the construction of the parsonage and church building at Bouaké. Former missionary Ron Moore led the team.

In spite of thieves taking all of the wood from the construction site just before the men arrived, the crew was able to put the roof on the parsonage. They also finished it inside so Pastor George and his family could move in.

The men returned to the United States on May 3.

Cuban Free Will Baptists Celebrate 60 Years

In May several representatives from the United States attended the sixtieth anniversary celebration of the Free Will Baptist work in Cuba. The work was started by Thomas and Mabel (Pop and Mom) Willey.

Tom Willey Jr. and his family and Benito and Carmen Rodriguez were on hand for the celebration. Others attending the special event were General Director James Forlines, his son Daniel, Ron and Linda Callaway, David and Pat



Tom Willey Jr. (above) speaks to the Cuban convention with many first generation Free Will Baptists behind him. Pastor Benito Rodriguez and his wife, Carmen (right), of Miami attended. Benito was the first Cuban moderator of the Cuban Association of FWB.



Dr. John Chang baptizes a convert in Korea on Easter Sunday.

Shores, former General Director Eugene Waddell and his wife, Genevieve, and at least 10 others.

Mr. Waddell was instrumental in reestablishing contact with Cuban Free Will Baptists following 20 years of imposed silence under Fidel Castro.

Board member David Shores, Tom Willey Jr., Ron Callaway, Waddell and Forlines were featured speakers at the convention May 29-June 2.

Brother Forlines says, "The highlight of the convention was the message by Brother Waddell, translated by Tom Willey Jr. It was very stirring and challenging. Many came forward to make commitments."

Missionaries Departing

Mike and Cathy Corley left for Chelyabinsk, Russia, June 1.

Lynn Midgett returned to ministry in Villalba, Spain, May 13.

Bobby and Sue Aycock returned to Barbacena, Brazil, June 17.

Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman are to return to Panama July 9.

Ron and Linda Callaway plan to return to Panama near the end of August.

Missionaries Arriving

Shannon Little is to return from her short-term assignment in Hokkaido, Japan, about mid-August.

Shane Davison is to return from short-term ministry at ICA July 15.

Carlisle Hanna was to return from India June 19.

Curt and Mary Holland are to begin stateside assignment July 22. They will reside on the FWBBC campus in Nashville, Tenn., and serve as Missionary-In-Residence.

Stan and Brenda Bunch returned to Missouri April 11. They are scheduled for a one-year leave-of-absence beginning September 1.

Patsy Vanhook has been granted a stateside assignment from July 18 to August 15 to raise money for the bookstore ministry in St. Sebastien, France.

Lila Nichols returned to the States from Ivory Coast at the end of May. Darrel and Gabriel were scheduled to return June 29.



(Top, left to right) Bobby and Sue Aycock, Lynn Midgett, (bottom, left to right) Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman, Ronald and Linda Callaway, and Mike and Cathy Corley are all returning to their fields of service.



News Capsules

Côte d'Ivoire—A group of men from Indiana, led by Joe Picklesimer, traveled to Côte d'Ivoire on June 5 to help build a house for a blind family who are members of the Bouna Free Will Baptist Church.

France—According to Steve and Becky Riggs, three people were baptized in Nantes, France, during May.

Wheaton, Ill.—Ken and Judy Bailey received a double blessing in May. Their son Benjamin received his undergraduate degree from Wheaton College and Ken received a Master's degree from Wheaton's graduate program.

Korea—Dr. John Chang in Korea reported baptizing seven people on Easter Sunday. He also reported that 30 people participated in a communion and feet-washing service.

France—Joël, the middle son of missionaries Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, underwent a surgical procedure on his heart on April 22. The Gibbs indicated he had Wolf Parkinson White Syndrome which caused an extra beat in his heart. Latest reports indicate a successful surgery.

Côte d'Ivoire—Clint and Lynette Morgan arrived in the States on April 12 for the field chairmen's meeting and to do research on

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limited access ministries. They returned to International Christian Academy in Côte d'Ivoire on June 15 to attend the graduation of daughter Autumn.

Springdale, Ark.—Alicia Bunch, daughter of missionaries Stan and Brenda Bunch, underwent surgery on May 9 to correct damage to her knee. According to Stan, "The doctor repositioned the kneecap and did some ligament work to help keep the calf in correct position."

Japan—The World Cup 2002 Team, consisting of 16 college students, went to Japan on May 21

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

These special gifts were received in April and May 2002:

Donor	In Memory of
Eugene and Genevieve Waddell Nashville, Tenn.	S. E. Basford Zella Vanhook Dan Merkh
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A group from Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn., (left) prepares to build a wall across the front of the church property in Villalba, Spain. (Insert) The group stands behind the finished wall. Sand had to be sifted (right) to make mortar.



to minister at the soccer event under the direction of Dale and Sandra Bishop in Sapporo. They returned to the United States on June 17.

Winter Haven, Fla.—Mrs. Robert (Louise) Owen, mother of missionary Dennis Owen, died on May 23 after battling cancer for a number of years. Funeral services were held at Pathway FWB Church in Winter Haven, Fla., on May 28. Dennis and Trena returned from Uruguay for the funeral. They will begin a four-month stateside assignment July 1 to relieve their account deficit.

Uruguay—A mini-family camp was held March 27-30 in Rivera, Uruguay, with 23 people from Montevideo, nine from Melo, 45 from Rivera and 15 other visitors attending.

Cross Timbers Group Builds Wall in Spain

A group of 11 people from the Cross Timbers Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., left for Spain on May 31 to minister in the Villalba area of Madrid and to build a wall across the front of the church property.

While there the group joined five college students, overseas ap-

prentices, who are in Spain for the summer. They distributed literature in the town of Moralzarzal.

Those leading the group were Steve and Vicki Phillips and Bruce and Barbara Bilbrey. They returned to the United States on June 10.

Daniel Merkh, Former Missionary, Passes

Daniel J. Merkh, former missionary builder and church planter, died in a Virginia hospital on April 12, one day after turning 74 years of age. He had suffered for several years from lupus, a heart condition and various other ailments.

Dan was a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife,

Daniel J. Merkh is with the Lord.





Curt Holland stretches (above, left) to lay hands on Lucas and Viviane during Lucas' ordination in Campinas, Brazil. Osmir and Maria (right photo) bow as Jim Combs and Curt join others in the laying on of hands for ordination.

Margaret, left for Ivory Coast, West Africa, in August of 1957. They spent four years building three missionary houses and the first building of the medical facility in Doropo in addition to doing evangelism.

The Merks went to France in 1966 and were very effective in initiating works in Nantes, Rennes, St. Nazaire and Lorient. They left missionary service in 1975.

Daniel spent 50 years in the ministry in Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia and overseas. More than 20 years were spent pastoring First Free Will Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

Brother Merkh is survived by Margaret, his wife of 54 years; one daughter—Elizabeth; four sons—Daniel Jr., Timothy, Raymond and Jonathan; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on April 16 at Faith FWB Church in Carrollton, Va.

The family has requested friends to send memorial gifts to Foreign Missions since world missions was closest to Daniel's heart.

Two Brazilian Pastors Ordained in May

Two Brazilian young men were ordained to the gospel ministry in May and are serving as pastors in the city of Campinas, Brazil.

On May 11, Lucas was ordained at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas where he is now serving as pastor. On May 18,

the São José FWB Church ordained Osmir into the ministry. He has been called as pastor of this new church and will assume full responsibility when Curt and Mary Holland begin their state-side assignment in July.

Holland, who had mentored the two men, preached the ordination message at each service.

Two Graduate from MW Hanna Institute

Two young men graduated from Marie Wright Hanna Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in South India on April 27.

Jomo George of Tripur and D. Wesley Rajkumar of Nilgiris received their diplomas in theology. A certificate of theology was also granted to B. Samuel of Karamadai.

Graduations, Weddings Occupy Missionaries

Jim and Vicki Sturgill came to the United States on April 12 to attend the wedding of their youngest daughter, Vera, who married Brian Eads on April 20 in Cookeville, Tenn. While in the United States Vicki had surgery on May 10 to correct problems resulting from her broken wrist last year. The couple also attended Vera's graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College on May 16.

Jeff and Susan Turnbough came to the U.S. from Spain on April 10 so Jeff could attend the meeting of field chairmen with

the administrative staff and the board. They also attended the graduation of their son, Matthew, at FWBBC and his wedding. Matthew and Brooke Atwood were married on May 17 in Huntsville, Ala.

FINANCIAL BEAT

Through May 2002

Income for April.....	\$ 475,801.85
Income for May.....	509,601.73
Total income through May.....	2,187,119.42
Projected income through May.....	4,237,811.99
Total expenses through May.....	2,490,330.95
Total 2002 Budget (including VISION projects) ...	\$ 10,170,748.77

These accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 9,875.04	McDonald.....	\$ 4,317.06
Blanchard.....	2,061.19	Owen.....	9,973.09
Chang.....	58,915.86	Snow.....	10,566.14
Gainer.....	7,584.55	Sturgill.....	603.41
Holland, C.....	7,064.43	Teague.....	1,330.25
Johnson, K.....	17,616.17	Wendlandt.....	4,618.96
Lancaster.....	4,938.94	India Bible Institute.....	20,282.80
Little, S.....	12,351.25	Russian Ministries.....	38,138.74
Martens.....	24,235.93	Support Services.....	462,466.96
Totals.....	\$696,940.77		

These accounts are low and needy:

Callaway.....	\$ 673.55	Turnbough.....	\$ 2,147.01
McVay.....	951.42		

STATES IN ACTION

State/Source	Gifts in May 2002	Gifts thru May 2001	Gifts thru May 2002
Alabama.....	\$ 23,613.30	\$ 155,745.64	\$ 141,806.70
Arizona.....	1,050.00	3,355.88	2,448.53
Arkansas.....	46,753.29	200,574.31	191,790.54
California.....	5,104.48	22,676.82	23,793.05
Canada.....	595.83	1,633.89	1,585.00
Colorado.....	198.54	1,054.65	1,151.56
Florida.....	14,460.00	73,024.91	68,724.99
Georgia.....	24,531.35	89,232.55	67,809.43
Hawaii.....		251.00	
Idaho.....	156.49	1,373.91	1,243.97
Illinois.....	13,004.89	58,599.35	69,089.02
Indiana.....	3,985.11	27,616.39	23,979.39
Iowa.....		290.73	620.44
Kansas.....	273.39	1,366.47	844.12
Kentucky.....	12,535.11	29,883.79	36,055.77
Louisiana.....		1,990.16	1,995.00
Maryland.....	8,006.43	26,395.45	30,912.13
Michigan.....	18,446.59	59,990.76	71,176.45
Mississippi.....	7,138.82	37,056.92	42,384.87
Missouri.....	39,727.04	164,737.62	190,808.84
Montana.....	275.00	915.00	1,040.00
Nebraska.....		1,250.00	500.00
New Mexico.....	257.79	427.83	739.05
North Carolina.....	76,090.08	295,277.26	361,637.70
*Northeast Assn.....	375.00	3,602.24	1,570.00
**Northwest Assn.....	359.00	1,986.88	2,100.62
Ohio.....	19,930.03	42,189.81	64,160.44
Oklahoma.....	42,094.27	161,984.70	183,853.61
Pennsylvania.....	862.00	1,615.00	982.00
South Carolina.....	40,329.79	176,401.30	143,735.61
Tennessee.....	75,454.53	326,406.95	282,890.67
Texas.....	4,130.19	30,085.10	29,409.85
Virgin Islands.....		450.00	1,500.00
Virginia.....	7,433.66	35,564.30	32,801.73
West Virginia.....	9,580.83	37,780.75	44,170.67
WNAC.....	10,671.40	59,314.92	54,157.32
FWB Foundation.....		26,872.81	
Miscellaneous.....	360.00	1,250.00	2,754.86
Totals.....	\$ 507,784.23	\$2,160,226.05	\$2,176,223.93

*Northeast Association

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

**Northwest Association

Alaska, Oregon and Washington

Does not include VISION projects

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



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Forlines' Focus

By James Forlines, General Director

Truths We Encounter in World Evangelism

On June 7, 2002, a firefight took place in the Philippines. The combatants were the Philippine military and the Abu Sayyaf group reportedly connected to the al-Qaeda terrorist network. Skirmishes such as these go on every day between warring factions all over the world, but this confrontation was different.

Three hostages were being held. One was a Filipino nurse, Deborah Yap. The other two were missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham. The battle began as Philippine soldiers tried to free the hostages. Martin Burnham and Deborah Yap were both killed. Gracia Burnham was shot in the leg but survived. She came home to attend her husband's funeral on June 12.

Martin was a second generation missionary. His parents, Paul and Oreta Burnham, began their missionary service in 1969 in the Philippines. Martin, a missionary aviator, and Gracia served with New Tribes Mission.

Martin Burnham is not the only

missionary to give "the last full measure of devotion" to Jesus Christ, but his example is truly inspiring. For a tribute to the Burnhams and their ministry you can check out the internet at www.ntm.org/connect/burnham/index.shtml. As I was reading through the testimony of their lives I was reminded of several truths about world evangelism.

Dangers, Grace and Sacrifice

Clear and present DANGERS exist for those who leave the safety of their homeland to share Christ with people who have never heard. Perhaps this is much more true now, after September 11. Yet we follow the example of our Savior who left the security of Heaven and declared to us, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). If we have the mind of Christ we will not be able to sit back, see the needs of others and remain uninvolved.

In the hour of our deepest trial, the Lord's GRACE will be sufficient. Nothing can truly prepare a person for 376 days of captivity in the jungle as Martin and Gracia endured. Yet in the midst of these trying circumstances the love of Jesus was evident in their lives. After being released, former hostages told of the strength the Burnhams gave them. Even during the days of captivity Martin continued to share Christ with

his captors. Each night, for 376 days, Martin was chained to a tree. Each night he wished his guards "good evening." Though the Burnhams were physically and emotionally worn, they never lost their confidence that God was in control.

The world will not be won without SACRIFICE. This has always been true, and it continues to be true today. We should not expect the way to be easy when our Leader paid such a high price.

On January 8, 1956, Jim Elliot, Pete Fleming, Ed McCully, Nate Saint, and Roger Youderian were killed by the Huaorani Indians (referred to at the time as the Auca Indians). While a student in college, Jim Elliot wrote in his journal on October 28, 1949, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Martin Burnham, along with many before him, gave what he could not keep—his life. In the process he gained what he will never lose.

"We might not leave this jungle alive," Martin Burnham said while in captivity, "but at least we can leave this world serving the Lord. We can serve Him right here where we are, and with gladness." God bless you, my brother. You truly did.

James Forlines