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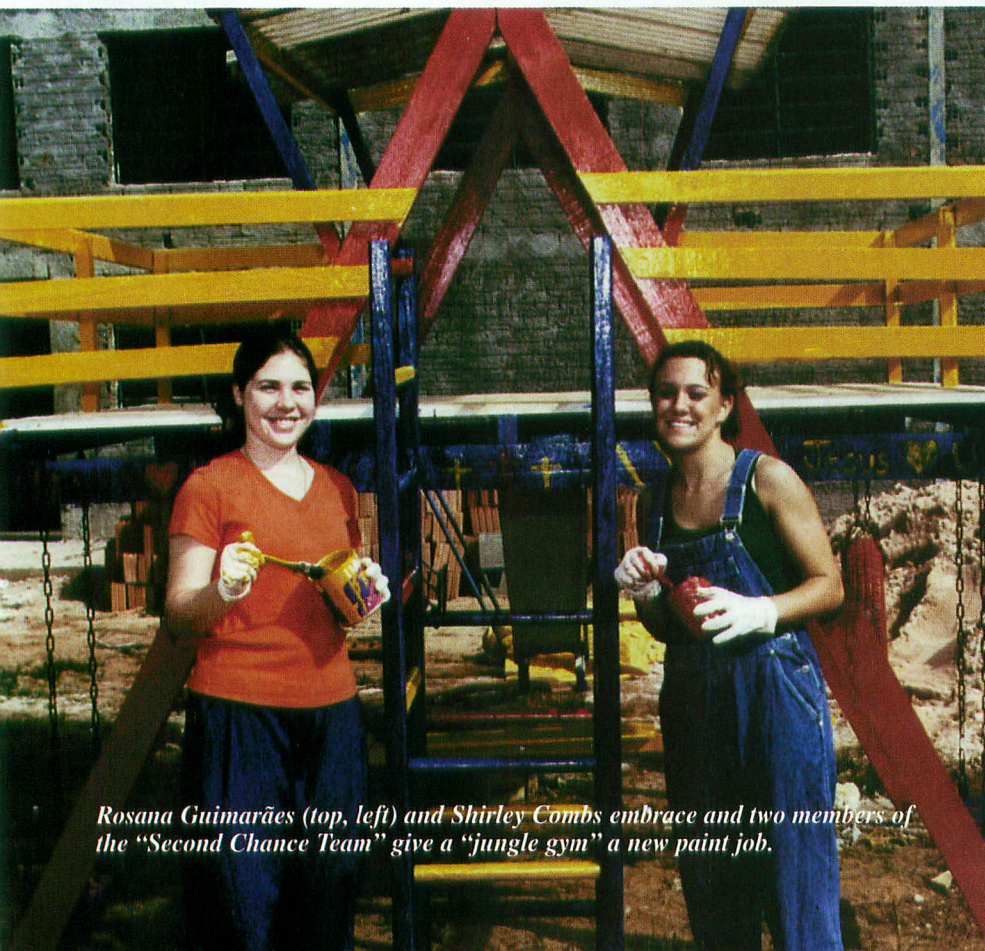
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A Simple Church Sign

By Annette Aycock



Rosana Guimarães (top, left) and Shirley Combs embrace and two members of the "Second Chance Team" give a "jungle gym" a new paint job.

Seeking a sign from God, Rosana's eye caught sight of a simple church sign which led to her transformation.

Rosana Guimarães is a beautiful, vibrant Brazilian. She is the wife of Eduardo and mother of Carolina, age 12. She had been searching for hope and meaning for her life for many years. Her search really began after her brother, Rogerio, moved to Canada and met a Christian woman named Joanne who led him to the Lord. Rosana saw the transformation in her brother's life and desired what he had.

Joanne continually prayed and witnessed to Rosana by phone over a four-year period. On one particular night in September of 2000 Joanne prayed with Rosana and told her that God was waiting for her. "God will send someone or something into your life . . . a person, a SIGN!" she exclaimed.

"God, is that the sign you wanted me to see? Please, God, help me."

The next day Rosana was driving her daughter home from school when she spotted a sign in front of a church close to her house. The sign read, "Please come join us for our missions conference. Tonight: Andy Moore from Brazil." The First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, S.C., was holding their annual missionary conference. She turned the car around to get a second look at the sign. Did she really see what she thought she saw? She stopped in the parking lot and prayed, "God, is that the sign you wanted me to see? Please, God, help me."

Rosana had only lived in Florence for two months, but she knew this was not a coincidence. She went inside the church and learned that Andy Moore

would be speaking that evening and David Aycock, who was born in Brazil, would speak the following night. She was urged to attend.

The Brazilian was there to hear Andy preach. She was very impressed that such a young couple as the Moores would leave their country and go to hers in search of lost souls.

The next night Rosana returned to the church and brought her family. "What happened that night completely changed my life," Rosana declares. "David, his wife and their four children had decided to return to Brazil as missionaries. David talked about my country, my people, my culture, and my life. He was so sure of the work of the gospel that I started to open my heart to God. He showed us a Brazil that I did not know.

"David said, 'God loves you so much that He will bear your hurt and sorrow for you. You just have to open your heart to Him.' I stared up at the altar and whispered, 'Please, God, I need you.' At that moment I felt His presence. It was so intense. It was better than anything I had ever tried in my life. This was love sweeter than anything.

"There have been many miracles in my life—a loving husband, a perfect daughter, good friends, and living in this blessed country—but this miracle was the greatest. This was the miracle of God's love."

"David led me to the Lord in my own language."

After the service, David asked Rosana if she was ready to give her life to Christ. She told him she was ready for God to come into her heart. "At that moment, David led me to the Lord in my own language," the vibrant Brazilian declared. "This was a true moment of GLORY! Praise the Lord!"

One week after Rosana was saved the Moores gave her a book, *A Second Chance*, by missionary Shirley Combs. The book relates the ministry of saving street children in Brazil. Rosana read two pages and knew in her heart that God wanted her to help save the children of her country!

The new Rosana called Shirley Combs in Brazil and said, "Madam, I am a brand new Christian, and just started my relationship with the Lord. I am amazed at the job you are doing with my children in Brazil. What can I do to help you?"

Shirley responded, "Rosana, to me, just knowing that you are a Christian is already a blessing. If you want to come here just to be with us, come and let our children bless you with their love."

Rosana says she was "very excited about it" and started talking with Eddie Hobbs and other people of her church. She learned of a need and was able to gather 18 Christians from her church and some other South Carolina churches to go to Brazil in June 2001. They became the **Second Chance Team**. Their plan was to finish an activity center for "Lar Nova Vida" (New Life Home), a children's home which cares for more than 30 destitute street children. Today most of them are Christians.

Rosana and Eddie Hobbs arranged a group training and orientation session with James Evans of Benchmark Ministries in Nashville, Tenn. Then a video team from Foreign Missions accompanied the group to Brazil.

Rosana traveled 1,500 miles and gave her testimony in 23 churches, the

South Carolina State Association, five woman's auxiliary meetings, and three pastors' breakfasts. Most gave love offerings. Some people participated in a walk-a-thon, others washed cars and trucks, and some held garage sales. They raised over \$26,000—\$8,000 above their \$18,000 goal.

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When the team departed for Brazil, their luggage carried more than 700 pounds of clothing, shoes and toys for the children over and above the cash raised for construction. One South Carolina store donated five boxes of clothing to the cause.

Although the volunteers were unable to complete all of the work needed on the building, they showed love and care for the children in the home. "I really believe the team made an impact," says Rosana. "They came with their work clothes on and the people of Brazil could feel the love they had for the children."

The blessings of this trip moved Rosana to encourage others to do something similar. "It is important for you as a believer to go to other countries and participate in missionaries' work there because it will change your life forever."

A church sign! A simple thing, but God used it to help change a life, which led to mobilizing a group and blessing others.

Annette Aycock is currently serving in the area of Barbacena, Brazil, with her husband, David, and their four children.



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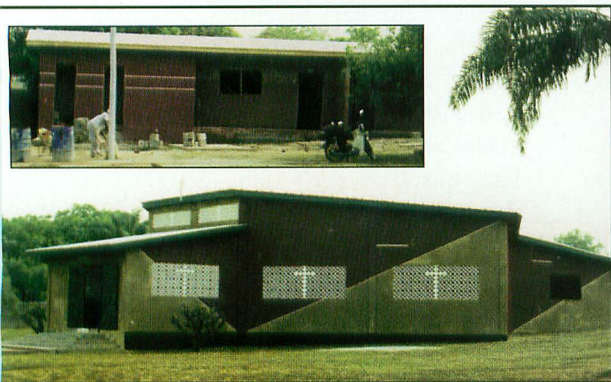
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Clockwise: The new church and Sunday school building (inset) in Gouméré, Côte d'Ivoire, were dedicated in February. Former missionary Ledge Ferguson (top, left) preached at the dedication as Dr. Eagleton translated. Special guests (bottom) cut the ribbon.

New Church Building Dedicated at Gouméré

The new church building constructed in Gouméré, Côte d'Ivoire, under the efforts of missionary Darrel Nichols, was dedicated on Sunday, February 10. According to Darrel, the dedication began with an opening speech from Pastor Kobena. This was followed by a brief history of Free Will Baptists and the work in Côte d'Ivoire by Pastor Samuel of Bondoukou.

The local leader of the political party gave a speech outlining the history of Gouméré and the contribution of the Free Will Baptist church there. Madame Gbagbo, an evangelical Christian and wife of the Ivorian president, had been invited to cut the ribbon but could not make the meeting. Her press secretary represented her and gave a speech full of spiritual emphasis.

Ledge and Sharon Ferguson, former missionaries who had worked in this area of Côte d'Ivoire, were present for the special dedication. Ledge brought the main message.

Following a prayer by Pastor Jérôme Kambou of Bouna, president of the Free Will Baptist Association, the group moved to un-



veil a sign at the road. Following that they had the ribbon-cutting and Darrel, as chief architect, led the people on a tour of the new church and Sunday school buildings.

84-Year-Old Buddhist Lama Receives Christ

Recent reports from Mongolia indicate that an 84-year-old Buddhist lama has renounced Buddhism and become a follower of Jesus Christ. He was baptized in early December.

The Buddhist leader started receiving training for his position at age three and was trained by the Dalai Lama himself. He was the most revered lama in his entire area. Reports indicate the scandalous news has hit the area like a shock wave.

ICA Group Evangelizes at Soccer Matches

A group of approximately 60 people traveled from Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire, to Sikasso, Mali, on January 18 to evangelize those attending the African World Cup soccer matches.

According to Shane Davison, the group used music, drama, puppets and skits to display Christ's love. They held their first service on Saturday night, January 19, and concluded their activities Monday evening, January 21. "Only three made a public decision for Christ," writes Shane, "but we know the seed was planted in many hearts. We estimate more than 1,600 people heard the gospel through our efforts."

Amber Falk, one of the ICA Evangelism Explosion girls, shared the gospel with a young man. He had seen the *Jesus* film the week before and he told Amber he had prayed that God would send a Christian his way to tell him more. The Lord brought him to Amber. She shared the Truth with him and he trusted Christ.

Gilliland Visits ELIC Teachers in Thailand

Neil Gilliland, director of member care, traveled to Thailand on January 26 to meet with Free Will Baptists serving under the English Language Institute in China. The

These FWB teachers working with ELIC recently met in Thailand for a conference.



two couples and five single overseas affiliates were in Thailand for an ELIC conference.

Gilliland went to encourage the workers and assure them of the denomination's support of their work in Asia. Neil said, "It was a very good trip. I think the timing was providential. I was able to encourage one of our ladies who had just learned her father had to have heart surgery."

The member care director returned to the United States on February 5.

Clint Morgan was also in Thailand and met with the affiliates to discuss their perspective on working in a restricted access country.

Aycock and Moores Finish Language Study

Missionary Annette Aycock completed language study in Campinas, Brazil, in January. Annette, David and the family left Campinas on February 6 for Barbacena where they will begin their regular ministry. Annette will be teaching a three-hour English class at the Bible institute. David will be teaching at the institute on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Andy and Andrea Moore will finish language school in March and are making plans to move in April to Uberlândia where Tom and Nancy Hughes are laboring.

B.I. Students Go Two-by-two in Bouna

According to missionary Kenneth Eagleton, students of the Bible institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, have started a practical service program in which the students are evangelizing two-by-two.

The students are going to five different villages in the Bouna area. They try to cover everyone



Jaimie Lancaster and Trena Owen watch while Brian Ellison prepares a video camera for gathering footage for a video production promoting Uruguay's field strategy.

in the village and share the gospel message. "Since most of these people have never heard the gospel message before," says Kenneth, "the students are doing a presentation in stages so villagers will have a good grasp of what it is to be a Christian before they commit themselves. Many in the villages are very attentive to the presentations."

FM Crew Videotapes Uruguay Program

Two part-time members of the Foreign Missions video production team traveled to Uruguay on December 10 to tape a video presentation for the Uruguayan missionaries. The purpose of the video is to raise interest in the field of Uruguay and to present the new field strategy.

MK Timothy Crowson and Brian Ellison made the trip, planned the production, and shot the footage to produce a video entitled "The Next Step." They returned to the United States on December 24.

The video will be released in two versions. The first will be a six and one-half minute video which will show the ministry and will be used to help in raising funds for their building program. A 12- to 13-minute version is expected to be released in late spring.

13 Complete Semester at Panama Institute

Thirteen students in the region of Azuero, Panama, completed the fall semester of the Panamanian Bible Institute on November 26. According to missionary Stan Bunch, this is the largest enrollment ever in the Chitré, Las Tablas, Parita area of the country.

Four courses were offered during the year: Romans, Introduction to the New Testament, Homiletics and Christian World View. Stan noted that four students are very close to completing the requirements for graduation. They hope to have the first graduation in that area in May of 2003.

Four Children Saved in L. Morgan Bible Club

Clint and Lynette Morgan in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, reported in December that four children had made decisions for Christ in the Bible club taught by Lynette. The club meets each Wednesday.

"It has been a real joy seeing their eyes light up as they hear about Christ for the first time in their lives," write the Morgans. Ten or more of the children have gone to church and several of their parents have begun attending as well.



These missionaries (left to right) departed for their fields of service: Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Robert and Pam West, Alice Smith, Cathy Crawford, and Brenda Wendlandt.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton on February 10, Robert and Pam West on February 25, and Miss Alice Smith was scheduled to leave on March 4.

Owen Has Bypass Surgery in Uruguay

Missionary Dennis Owen in Montevideo, Uruguay, suffered a mild heart attack on December 29 and tests indicated he needed triple bypass surgery. He underwent surgery in Uruguay on January 7.

Dennis was released from the

hospital on January 11. At last report he was doing well.

Two Couples and Three Singles Go Abroad

Two missionary couples and three single missionaries have departed or will soon depart for missionary service overseas.

Returning to Ivory Coast were

The Pinkertons will be working in the Bible institute at Bouna while the Wests will return to their ministry in Kafolo. Alice Smith will be working in Agnibilekrou for a period of time before joining the Verlin Andersons and Kenneth Egletons to work with the Community Health and Evangelism program.

Brenda Wendlandt, who has been assigned to a two-year term

Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering April 28, 2002

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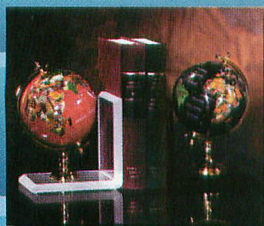


Churches giving \$2,500 or more—receive two globes, one for the church and one for the pastor.

Churches giving \$5,000 or more—receive a large gemstone globe for the pastor and a large globe for the church.



Churches giving the equivalent of \$6.64* per person based on average attendance—receive a gemstone globe on a wooden base.



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Puppets were used by Brazilian Christians to teach at a family retreat.

to teach English in Tokyo, Japan, departed for her ministry on January 24.

Miss Cathy Crawford, who has been on a leave of absence since July 1, 2000, departed on February 9 to resume her ministry in St. Sebastien, France.

Family Retreat Held in Belo Horizonte Area

A family retreat was held during Brazil's carnival time in the area of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, with an average of 50 people attending. This was 10 more than the previous year. According to missionary Jim Sturgill, one pre-teen girl was saved.

Sturgill expressed praise over another victory as more responsibility was assumed by Brazilians. "Vicki handed Fernanda five puppet program ideas with scripts and gave her the opportunity to use her creativity," says Jim. "She did a fantastic job."

Hughes Reports Four Baptized, Six Saved

Missionaries Tom and Nancy Hughes of Uberlândia, Brazil, reported four people baptized on November 25. Six children between the ages of 10 and 12 were saved during the month of January.

The Hughes noted that 11 peo-



Pictured is the recently completed church building in São José, Campinas, Brazil. It was dedicated January 26. Curt and Mary Holland began the São José work in September 1997. The church elected a full-time Brazilian pastor in January.

ple had been converted in Uberlândia during 2001.

São José Church Building Dedicated

The São José Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil, dedicated their new building on Saturday, January 26. Over 200 people were present for the dedication.

The program centered around the theme "Celebrate the Marvelous Things of God."

Missionary Curt Holland says, "We had lots of songs, two choir presentations, a musical program, a video exhibition and photos showing the three stages of the São José church growth."

News Capsules

Uruguay—According to Molly Barker, God answered prayer regarding Christmas plays in Uruguay. Four people made decisions for Christ at the close of the play in Melo on December 23 and three others were saved on January 6 when the play was repeated. Three people made decisions at Barrio Recreo in Rivera.

Japan—On January 26 missionary

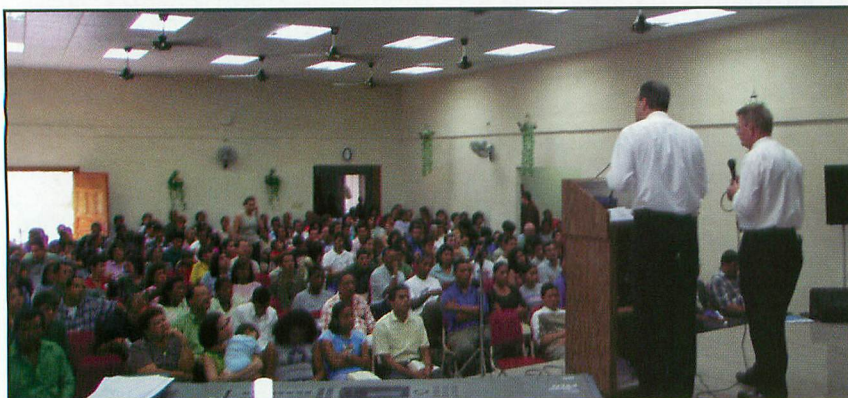
Judy Bailey fell on a concrete step in front of the Bailey home in Japan and suffered some facial injuries. X-rays indicated no bones were broken.

Nashville, Tenn.—Ben Plunkett, 28-year-old son of former Ivory Coast short-term missionaries Lloyd and Betty Plunkett, has been suffering complications from compression of the cerebellum and brain stem. He had been scheduled for surgery at a medical center in Iowa City, Ia.; however an infection has kept the surgery on hold.

Brazil—Missionary Jim Sturgill reported in January the church in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, had 105 people present for their Sunday night activities just before Christmas. Several salvation decisions were made during the month.

Spain—The women of the Vilalba church in Spain were in charge of the morning service on January 20. According to June McVay, the theme of the service was "Beauty Within and Without." Eleven women participated in the service.

Korea—Doctors John and Esther Chang in Korea have relocated from Seoul to the Bible institute



Nelson Henderson, pastor of First FWB Church in Pocahontas, Ark., (above) preached at Panama's National Association in January. Stan Bunch translated. Ken Holmes of First FWB in Russellville, Ark., presented a check from Russellville's youth group to Adelaide de Mendoza, director of Panama's children's camps.



campus which is several miles outside the city.

Russellville, Ark.—Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster left Uruguay on December 25 to begin a six-month stateside assignment.

Japan—Former Japan missionary Wesley Calvery passed away on January 13. He apparently suffered a heart attack. The Calverys had made their home in Japan and a memorial service was held there on January 16.

Russellville, Ark.—LaRhonda Bowerman had surgery on January 31 to repair a sliding kneecap and some damage caused by it. She is receiving physical therapy.

Brazil—São Jose Church in Campinas, Brazil, held a vacation Bible school January 10-12 with an average attendance of 61. The Bible school was conducted totally by Brazilians.

Springdale, Ark.—Glen Davison, father of Ivory Coast short-term missionary Shane Davison, passed away February 13. His death from complications following gall bladder surgery was unexpected. Shane was able to travel to the States for graveside services on February 16. He returned to Côte d'Ivoire on February 23.

Johnsonville, S.C.—Tim and Kristi Johnson returned to the United States from Spain on December 19 for a nine-month assignment.

Bowerman, Four Men Visit Panama and Kuna

Missionary Eddie Bowerman, accompanied by three laymen from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville, Ark., and Pastor Nelson Henderson of First FWB in Pocahontas, Ark., visited Panama January 10-19.

The men attended the Panama Association of Free Will Baptists which met at Betania church in Panama City January 12 and 13. Nelson Henderson preached and Stan Bunch translated.

Ken Holmes of Russellville presented a check for \$1,012 from donations of the youth group at First Church in Russellville. He also presented approximately \$350 from children of First FWB Church in Greenwood, Ark.

Bowerman and the men visited the Kuna village and spoke with the chief. However some groups with Kuna pastors are seeking entry, so Eddie and LaRhonda feel those groups have a significant advantage. The Bowermans and the Panama field council have decided not to pursue a ministry among the Kuna at this time.

Missions PowerPoint® Presentations Available

Beginning in March, Foreign Missions will offer churches a PowerPoint presentation to be viewed on the Web. They are designed for use as a "missions moment." The first presentation focuses on Islam.

A new two- or three-minute presentation will be available the first of each month. Plans to make the presentation downloadable met with technical difficulties. To order the presentation on CD, please go to www.nafwb.org/fm.

Over 100 Youth Attend Panama Youth Camp

According to missionary Stan Bunch in Panama, over 100 youth attended youth camp February 13-15.

"We had a tremendous camp session," writes Stan. "During the morning of the last day three of the leaders and several teens went on a prayer walk. It was a good time of praise, worship and intervention for the closing sessions."

During the worship time later that day, several older teens (around 19 or 20 years of age) went forward "weeping profusely." Almost instantly around 80 young people came to the



Panama young people pray a prayer of dedication during their youth camp February 13-15.

altar and deep conviction was evident.

Bunch says, "It was a good time of repentance and confession. Several made salvation decisions and others answered the call to different ministries."

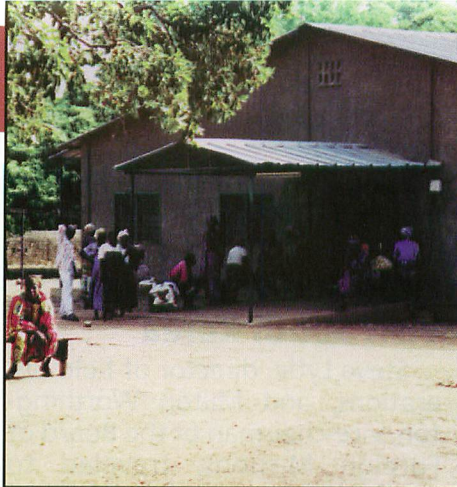
Four Churches Agree to Have CHE Outreach

According to missionary Verlin Anderson, four churches have decided to consider the Community Health and Evangelism outreach program as an evangelistic tool. Those committed included the churches in Abidjan, Tanda, Gouméré, and Bouna. Each church is to receive an overview of the program and probably two of the four locations will be chosen for this CHE work.

Tokyo Team Rents Building for New Work

According to missionary Ken Bailey in Japan, the Tokyo team of missionaries is in the process of renting property approximately two and one-half minutes by foot from the train station in Sayama-gaoka. Bailey indicated the facility occupies the first floor of a small apartment building and has the capacity to seat about 100 people.

The Iriso church members in the Tokyo area are working with the missionaries to form this new sister church.



Families wait at the entrance to the hospital (left) in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. This treatment room (right) illustrates the need for additional facilities and equipment.



Doropo Hospital Needs Disclosed by Eagleton

According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, former head of the hospital in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, the hospital needs a second operating room, a surgical ward and facilities for X-ray equipment. In June of 1998 operation of the hospital was successfully transferred to

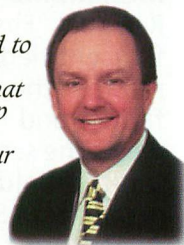
African Free Will Baptists; however, Foreign Missions representatives promised to help keep the hospital functioning.

In May a Christian Ivorian doctor joined the staff. He is trained in Family Medicine, including surgery. At this time the hospital is the only medical facility in the Department of Bouna performing surgery.

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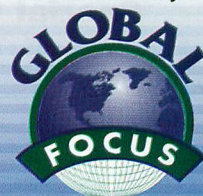
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"They need a ward where surgical patients can be placed apart from sick patients," writes Dr. Eagleton. "Currently they are placed in rooms adjacent to infectious patients."

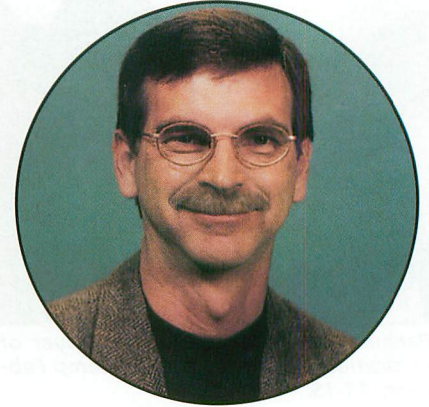
The Hospital Board estimates \$14,000 will enable them to build the needed facilities.

Project CURE, a Christian organization which finds medical and dental equipment and supplies, has indicated they could channel two containers worth approximately one million dollars to the hospital. Executive Director Ed Colvin, who visited the hospital recently, said Free Will Baptists would only need to pay for trans-

porting the containers (approximately \$12,000).

Lytle and Worthington Visit South Korea

Steve Lytle, director of field operations, and Milton Worthington, vice-chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, traveled to South Korea on January 28. They met with Dr. John Chang and Korean church leaders about the future of Foreign Missions' involvement in Korea. They discussed efforts to equip Korean Free Will Baptists for ministry among unreached peoples. The two men returned to the United States on February 4.



Dr. Neil Gilliland

Gilliland Earns Degree

Neil Gilliland, director of member care, graduated from Tennessee State University in December with a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Gilliland joined the Foreign Missions staff in August of 2001.

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New Video Series to Be Released in March

A second four-part video series, *Embracing the Vision II*, is scheduled for release in March. According to Don Robirds, director of public relations, the new series builds on the third session of last year's *Embracing the Vision* series.

"Pastors and church leaders should get the series for Foreign Missions Month in April," says Mr. Robirds. "First in the series is the film entitled *The Harvest*, which relates the story of a wheat farmer and his family in the mid-west. The series concludes with an 'on-the-field experience' of a group from South Carolina. In between are two very short video presentations which lead into

group discussion."

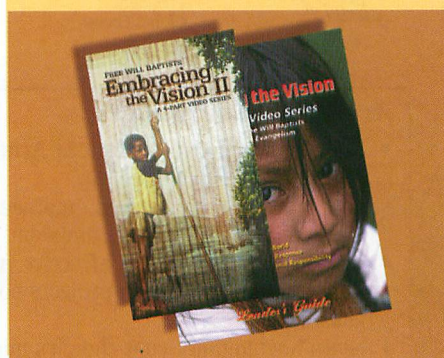
This series and leader's guide will be provided to churches free of charge upon request. In return, each church is asked to show the video and seek to raise a generous offering to help in missionary maintenance, recruiting and mobilization efforts.

Those interested can order on the Web at www.nafwb.org/fm or call 877-767-7736. Allow 10 days for shipping and handling.

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Churches and pastors who give a significant World Missions Offering on April 28 could receive an all-expense-paid missions awareness trip. The church and/or the pastor might get a beautiful gemstone globe to serve as a reminder to pray and support Free Will Baptist ministries around the world.

This year, for the very first time, Foreign Missions is seeking to motivate churches and pastors to give and learn about missions



through valuable gifts of recognition. Every church and/or individual can receive something significant by making even a modest effort to help reach the goal of \$200,000 for the World Mission Offering.

Churches giving \$10,000 or more will receive a beautiful globe for the church and a paid trip for the pastor and his wife to a mission field to be announced. For information on other gifts and the deadline see the ad on page 6 of this issue.



Dr. Richard Harris

Dr. Harris to Speak at Memphis Missions Rally

Dr. Richard Harris, vice president of the Church Planting Group of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will speak at a missions rally during the 2002 National Association of Free Will Baptists July 21-25 in Memphis, Tenn. The session, sponsored jointly by Foreign and Home Missions, will be held in the Memphis Convention Center East Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23.

The topic of Dr. Harris' presentation will include the strategies used by Southern Baptists to plant churches in North America.

The speaker is an experienced pastor, having pastored three churches in Kentucky and Texas

from 1971 to 1981. He has also served as interim pastor for 20 churches in the area of Atlanta, Ga., over the past 20 years.

Denominationally, Dr. Harris has served in various capacities including associate director and then director of the Mass Evangelism Department, chairman of Good News America, and co-chairman of Here's Hope. He has also authored books, manuals, and other materials on evangelism and revival.

Pastors, church leaders, missionaries and missions committee members are especially urged to attend this special session.

Second Global Focus Seminar for FWB Set

The second Global Focus Leadership Seminar 2002 for Free Will Baptists will be held May 1-3 in Broken Arrow, Okla. The seminar is designed to challenge pastors and church mission leaders to grow a Great Commission church.

According to Larry Reesor, president of Global Focus, "The seminar will help you become better equipped to lead your church to more effectively reach people locally and globally with the saving message of Jesus Christ."

The first seminar was held March 6-8 in Russellville, Ark.

To register or request more information, call 770-592-7011, extension 213.

Dobbs, Former Board Member, Visits Brazil

Pastor and Mrs. Dean Dobbs of Pleasant Acres Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, N.C., visited Andy and Andrea Moore and several churches in Brazil in mid-December. Brother Dobbs is a former member of the Board of Foreign Missions and Andy is from the Pleasant Acres church. The Dobbs spent 10 days in Brazil.



For application information call toll free: 877-767-7736 or e-mail e-team@nafwb.org

FINANCIAL BEAT

Through January 2002

Income for December 2001	\$ 661,047.79
Total income for 2001	\$ 5,494,911.18
Total 2001 Budget (including VISION projects)	\$ 7,948,718.51
Income for January 2002	310,881.82
Projected income through January	847,562.40
Total expenses through January	580,082.58
Total 2002 Budget (including VISION projects)	\$10,170,748.77

These accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 12,567.90	Owen	20,176.56
Callaway	8,212.99	Teague	\$ 20,098.09
Chang	61,188.55	Vandivort	18,283.70
Corley	2,179.00	Wendlandt	1,717.19
Gainer	4,167.66	India Bible Inst.	6,797.99
Holland, C.	11,671.28	Russian Ministries	37,849.18
Johnson, K.	15,322.06	VISION	
Lancaster	8,646.78	UR/Pro Bldg Fund	2,892.27
Little	2,866.52	Nantes	12,882.51
Martens	24,754.53	Support Services	328,872.05
Totals			\$601,946.89

These accounts are low and needy:

Blanchard	\$ 1,225.44	Snow	\$ 4,592.09
McDonald	5,875.28	Sturgill	2,854.04

STATES IN ACTION

States	2001 Total Giving	2001 Gifts Thru January	2002 Gifts Thru January
Alabama	\$ 332,479.75	\$ 23,969.35	\$ 19,624.62
Arizona	6,356.26	605.00	361.00
Arkansas	651,852.70	2,722.47	3,551.90
California	47,956.69	3,273.99	1,736.65
Canada	4,170.01	0.00	58.09
Colorado	2,455.55	245.00	244.08
Florida	172,265.21	14,391.58	12,683.78
Georgia	231,066.62	3,571.00	3,815.50
Hawaii	251.00	0.00	0.00
Idaho	3,237.62	193.60	451.14
Illinois	127,218.26	8,373.17	8,185.53
Indiana	64,364.67	2,992.40	6,152.38
Iowa	856.86	0.00	0.00
Kansas	2,118.44	25.00	130.00
Kentucky	74,913.25	4,496.59	7,848.21
Louisiana	3,733.08	45.00	25.00
Maryland	61,643.24	7,362.82	8,973.80
Michigan	155,248.76	1,750.10	6,442.81
Mississippi	84,011.03	6,433.15	10,462.94
Missouri	473,679.78	6,328.00	7,550.73
Montana	2,255.00	175.00	205.00
Nebraska	2,000.00	0.00	500.00
New Mexico	1,324.99	0.00	0.00
North Carolina	684,579.84	68,963.07	91,791.23
*Northeast Assn.	9,574.19	320.70	490.00
**Northwest Assn.	3,736.88	140.00	135.00
Ohio	122,499.57	2,042.25	2,387.70
Oklahoma	437,800.40	2,306.04	14,353.22
Pennsylvania	2,115.00	25.00	30.00
South Carolina	439,012.18	1,900.00	21,957.48
Tennessee	817,258.79	55,966.95	45,314.17
Texas	78,660.66	2,639.50	806.50
Virgin Islands	1,250.00	50.00	100.00
Virginia	71,528.87	9,109.68	9,183.98
West Virginia	128,382.46	6,085.52	8,306.14
WNAC	147,167.48	14,892.14	15,038.54
FWB Foundation	28,100.53	26,872.81	0.00
Miscellaneous	17,785.56	80.00	475.47
Totals	\$ 5,494,911.18	\$ 278,346.88	\$ 309,372.59

*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



Can a Small Church Make an Impact in World Evangelism?

Sixty-six percent of the churches throughout the world have less than 150 members. Ninety-five percent have fewer than 350 members. And, 60 percent of Free Will Baptist churches have fewer than 100 in average attendance on Sunday mornings. Virtually all FWB missionaries who have ever served on the foreign field have come from small churches.

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Should a small church even attempt to make an impact in world evangelism? After all, some would say, "We have our own needs," or, "Doesn't charity begin at home?" I suppose this depends on what you see

as the purpose of the church. Is the local church called to be a blessing to themselves (inwardly focused) or does the plan and purpose of God include every church (large or small) being involved in the Great Commission? Should this not include involvement in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth (outwardly focused)?

In pondering this question, consider an interesting story tucked away in the section of the Old Testament called the Minor Prophets. It is found in Zechariah 4:1-14. The Book of Zechariah includes eight night visions (1:7-6:8) and four messages (7:1-8:23). The fifth vision is of the golden candlestick and the two olive trees. In this night vision the Lord said to Zechariah, "For who hath despised the day of small things?" (4:10a).

Zechariah was a post-exilic prophet called to challenge the people of God to rebuild the temple. Some people had a very negative attitude toward the project. Others thought it was insignificant (Ezra 3:12; Haggai 2:3). Their discouragement came partly because they were such a small group of people.

But God was trying to teach all of them several valuable lessons:

(1) God Himself provides the neces-

sary resources to accomplish His work (4:6).

- (2) He has an inexhaustible supply (4:3).
- (3) God can, and will accomplish His purpose over every obstacle (4:7).
- (4) Our size is not a limiting factor with God (4:10).

Does the plan and purpose of God include every church (large or small) being involved in the Great Commission?

Not only do I believe that a small church can make an impact in world evangelism, I believe adopting the task commanded by our risen Lord will bring an infusion from the Holy Spirit just like Jesus gave to those who took up His cause. In an inwardly focused church we will always depend on our own strength. Consequently, we will always look at our limitations. Our smallness will be discouraging. But as we fulfill the purpose of the church, we will tap into the inexhaustible supply demonstrated in the vision of Zechariah.

James Forlines