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# Strangers in the Land

by Jeff Turnbough

**D**oes language affect the way we think and categorize things, or does language simply reflect how we think? Probably a little of both are true. When we sense something doesn't fit where we are, we call it foreign. And, we label people who are "not from here" foreigners. When something deviates from that to which we are accustomed, we call it strange. We also place people with whom we are not acquainted in the category of "strangers."

While historically the United States has prided itself as being a melting pot, willing to receive all nationalities to its shores, this has not been Spain's claim in recent centuries. When discussing the subject of one million immigrants in their country, Spaniards debate whether or not they are to be hospitable or hostile. Much tension that exists these days can be reduced to cultural and economic clashes.

The majority of Spanish people

tend to expect newcomers to assimilate into Spanish culture. Only in recent years have the numbers of immigrants in Spain been so large that ethnic communities are forming foreign subcultures. This is an irritation to Spaniards. Most immigrants come to Spain due to poverty, need for help, and a desire to get jobs to earn a living. These realities have caused cultural and economic clashes between Spaniards and immigrants. It is not uncommon to hear things like, "These foreigners just don't do things like we do." They are strangers in the land.

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Currently the majority of immigrants are coming to Spain from North Africa, South America, and Eastern

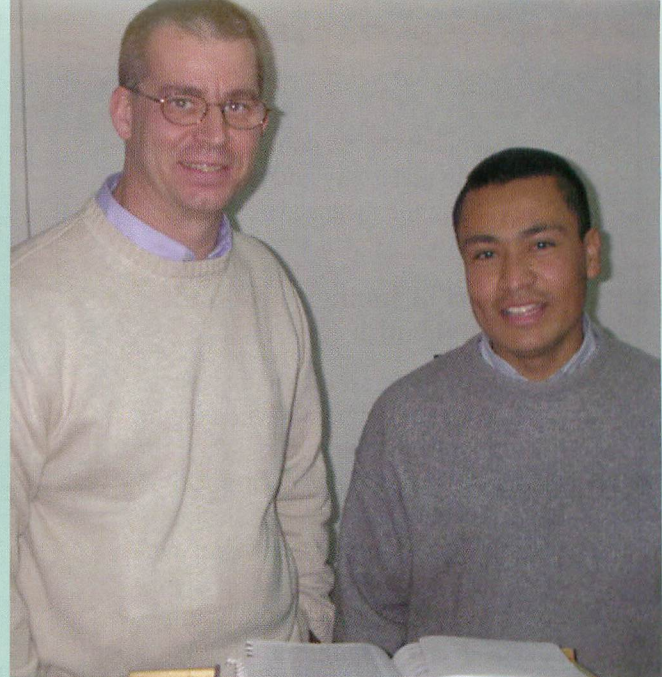
Europe. Seldom does a week go by without news covering some event or issue concerning or involving immigrants. "The immigration problem" is a common subject of conversation at Spanish tables. Last year in his annual address to the nation, King Juan Carlos said the greatest challenge facing Spanish society is the accommodation of immigrants.

## Reaching Immigrants versus Spaniards

Segments of the immigrant population are more open to the gospel than Spaniards. South American and Eastern European immigrants in general appear to be seeking spiritual help among Christians. North African immigrants, on the other hand, are generally from Muslim backgrounds.

Less than one percent of Spaniards are evangelical Christians. As a general rule, Spaniards never visit a Protestant church. I asked a Spanish





*Left page to right, Jeff and Susan Turnbough stand with Ivan and María Inés, from Colombia, S.A., Hugo and Jhon Fredy (also from Colombia) work on the wall of the property for the new church, Lucien and Crina of Romania have been saved and were married in April, and Jeff stands at the pulpit with Jhon Fredy and his open Bible.*

pastor this last week his opinion about the openness of Spaniards to the gospel these days. He said, "I believe Spaniards in general are as closed as ever, and maybe more closed than ever. Tolerance is the popular concept today, and anyone or any religious system that is exclusive (such as evangelicals who believe Jesus is the only way to salvation) is immediately and dogmatically rejected as intolerant."

***Economic pressures and cultural clashes cause some Spanish believers to prefer that immigrants go somewhere else.***

In contrast, immigrants are filling Protestant churches across Spain, especially in the large urban centers. Evangelicals do not have to produce marketing campaigns to get immigrants to come to their churches; they simply show up! Some immigrants attend two or three different Protestant churches every week. That is a major switch for missionary work in Spain.

I personally believe immigration

has changed the face of missions in Spain. For years the prototypical evangelical church in Spain was a congregation of approximately 30 people, struggling to stay alive. José Manuel Parrón, pastor of a Free Will Baptist church near Madrid (filled to capacity with immigrants) was recently invited to speak to a church in Madrid where 700 Romanians were attempting to crowd into one church! This church had to divide into two congregations simply to house the immigrants that attend.

**Impact of the Spanish Church on Immigrants**

The interesting thing about this influx of immigrants in Spanish Protestant churches is that the average Spanish believer has not looked for opportunities to serve or impact them. Yet immigrants are real people with real needs and they showed up at the

front door asking for help. I asked Dr. Rubén Borrás of Madrid (who works with Southern Baptists) how their churches were handling immigrant needs. I believe his words describe the experience of many in Spain.

"The majority of evangelical churches in Spain are small and struggling, and the needs of so many immigrants has been overwhelming for most churches," says Borrás. Even sadder is the fact that economic pressures and cultural clashes cause some Spanish believers to prefer that immigrants go somewhere else.

Sensing a loss of cultural identity, one evangelical church in Madrid hired a South American pastor and invited all the South American immigrants to assemble in another location, leaving only Spaniards in the mother congregation. Fortunately, this is the exception, but it demonstrates the attitude of some Spanish believers. Other



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Spanish believers are doing all they can to help materially and spiritually, even though the means available are meager.

## Impact of Immigrants on the Spanish Church

Perhaps the most fascinating aspect of the whole immigrant phenomenon in Spain today is the impact it has on the Spanish church. On occasions I buy a Roman Catholic periodical, mainly to see their perspective on current social concerns in Spanish society. A recent article indicated South American and Eastern European immigrants could very well be the source of a spiritual awakening in Spain.

In our local church in Villalba the believers who are "rising to the top" in spiritual leadership are South Americans! Had anyone asked me 10 years ago if a South American could successfully pastor a Spanish church, I would have said, "No way!"

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While inherent problems still exist (cultural and economic clashes), things are changing in our local church. In an institution that is voluntary and depends on the willingness of individuals to be open to the work of God, immigrant believers are a breath of fresh air. Most Spanish believers who have been here for years say they are burned out, but many of the immigrant believers are willing to do anything God wants them to do.

A young Colombian couple with two cute kids attended our church two or three times, stopped coming for a while, and then started attending



again. After the message one day, Jhon Fredy and Francia approached me and asked what they had to do to be baptized. When I offered them weekly Bible studies, they accepted immediately. Soon, they both decided to follow Christ. They informed me they had never been married, and they wondered if that was right. I performed their Christian wedding ceremony first, and then baptized them. Jhon was especially hungry to learn, and eager to serve. Almost immediately he began to talk about wanting to preach.

Today Jhon is training to be a pastor. He is a member of the church council, preaches, teaches, assists me with home Bible studies, works hand in hand with Sam McVay on the church property, and is willing to do anything.

Many Spanish believers are uncomfortable with the cultural differences

between them and immigrant believers. But, most all believers in the Villalba Church are careful to say something like, "Jhon Fredy is different." Indeed, Jhon is a breath of fresh air in a difficult place to serve, and I thank God for him every day.

Alín, a Romanian, is the youth pastor in the Alcalá de Henares church, and it appears that God is using immigrant believers to carry some Spanish churches. Our prayer is that Spaniards will allow God to impact them by observing up close and personal what D.L. Moody expressed years ago after being challenged by these words: "The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him." Moody determined to try his utmost to be that man. Many immigrant believers in Spain seem to be doing that today.

For years we asked God to move in Spain. We thought that would be through Spanish believers. But as often happens, we may not have been looking where God was working. No doubt immigration in Spain is a problem for the politicians, but it may be one of the greatest praise items the people of God have seen in recent history. Thank God for "strangers" in the land.

Jeff Turnbough and his wife, Susan, have served as missionaries in the Villalba area of Madrid, Spain, since 1984.

*A representative group of young people from the Villalba church includes (left to right) Elisabet of Spain, Michelle of Ecuador, Dani of Spain and Eliana of Colombia.*





# Every Pitney Needs a Bowes

*(Dreamers and Doers)*

by David A. Joslin



**T**he Pitney Bowes commercial for television speaks to the point of dreamers and doers teaming together for accomplishment. It portrays Mr. Pitney as an ingenious young man with ideas and visions. He visualizes the product needed for today's market. However, he needs the knowledge and information to market the vision he perceives in his mind.

## Enter Mr. Bowes.

Mr. Bowes is the ideal man for this responsibility. His ability to communicate coupled with his marketing skill enabled the two to form a company in 1920 called Pitney Bowes. This company is on the cutting edge of today's market, supplying all types of postage meter and mailing machines. Key to their success was TEAMWORK between a dreamer and a doer.

It is not always easy to dream. During the embryonic stage of our denominational development only a handful of men dared to dream the impossible. They dreamed what Free

Will Baptists could be and do.

Visionary men who dared to dream of a better future began to consider and conceive goals and projects which were previously regarded as impractical and impossible. Within a sphere of visionless churches and dreamless pastors, a few men of unusual discernment and foresight looked down the corridors of time and dreamed a dream. The dreamers of the early years were joined, over time, by the doers. This gave us the realities of the present.

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The most desperate need of our denomination is a vision of accomplishment. However, dreaming alone will not get us anywhere. Dreams must be mixed with action, determination, and

endurance to accomplish objectives.

Disappointment will be our lot if success is expected without effort. Yet, it is the dream within that counts more than anything else. We have a continuing need for more dreamers and doers within our ranks. Dreamers and doers must help us meet this century of challenge.

Enter James Forlines and Doug Little, a Pitney Bowes team that worked well in the state of Arkansas. Doug, a man with a compassionate world view and filled with determination, is now joining visionary General Director James Forlines at Foreign Missions as the new director of state-side development. This team is certainly capable of giving needed direction and accomplishment in the future of missions.

Godspeed, my brothers.

David Joslin retired from the position of executive director of Arkansas Free Will Baptists after serving 29 years. He is now working as field representative for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Greeneville, Tenn.





# Impact Impact Impact of a Japan Experience

*By Shannon Little*

**I**n August of 2000 I began the adventure of a lifetime. I boarded a plane in Nashville, Tenn., and 24 hours later I was halfway around the world in Hokkaido, Japan. One of the things that kept running through my mind during the grueling trip was, "What in the world am I doing?" I had given up a job as a hospital nurse, said goodbye to all my friends and family, and headed out into the unknown. I was petrified!

Although I knew God had a plan for my life, I had a difficult time understanding what a year in Japan had to do with my ordinary life in Nashville. When my friends asked why I was doing something so radical I could only answer, "This is what God wants me to do." My Christian friends would nod their heads knowingly and encourage me. My non-Christian friends had responses that varied from "Wow, you're brave" to "I'm glad God didn't ask me to do that."

*Everything that had been easy and familiar to me in America was radically different.*

After a few weeks in Japan, the novelty and intrigue of my new life faded away and I was faced with the stark reality that I was living in a foreign country. I looked radically different from all of the nationals around me. I didn't speak or read the language. I couldn't do anything on my own. I had to get help to go to the grocery store. I had to have a translator to understand a church service. Everything



that had been easy and familiar to me in America was radically different.

I realized that I could have one of two attitudes. I could either moan and complain and become bitter, or I could view it as an adventure, learn as much as I was able, and make the best of it. I chose the latter.

At the same time, as a Christian I realized I had a built-in Helper with me all the time. I began praying about the most trivial of things. "God, I'm not sure if this is the right train. Could you please show me a landmark that will reassure me that I'm going the right way." "God, please help this person to whom I'm talking understand my question and let me understand his answer." God would answer these prayers faithfully and in incredible ways!

The Lord used the wonderful missionaries in Japan and the Japanese Christians to help and encourage me. When I went to Japan, I had expected to be able to help the Japanese people grow their faith in some way. I never imagined that my own faith would be grown and strengthened so incredibly!

God's hand was evident in the timing of my August arrival. Summer in Hokkaido is beautiful. The days are long and sunny with little humidity. However, the winters are a different story all together!

In mid-November we received our first snowfall of about six inches. In April, the last of the snow melted and we could see the grass again. In total about 21 feet of snow fell. I had never seen that much snow in all of my life! Although it was difficult to adjust to life with that much snow, I still was able to see the beauty of winter. Usually I saw the beauty much more clearly when it wasn't my turn to shovel the snow!

In the middle of my first winter one of the missionaries approached me about extending my term for another year. Already I knew that God was

doing something incredible in my heart. I prayed about it, and came to the conclusion that I would stay another year.

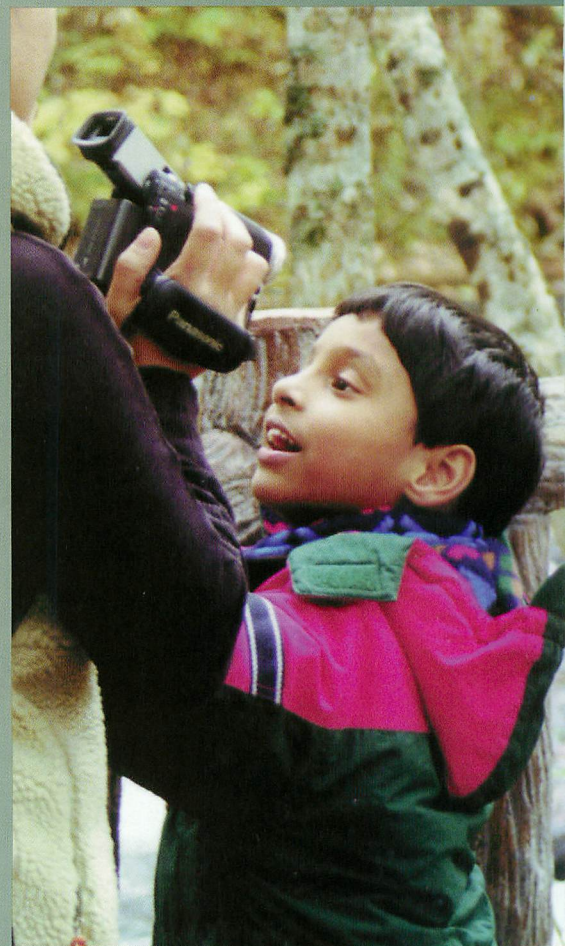
During both of my years in Japan I worked at an international school as the school nurse. The school is relatively small so not much "school nurse" work was needed on a typical day. I helped out in kindergarten, first and second grades as a teacher's aid.

A developmentally delayed boy from Bangladesh needed some special attention and since I had some extra time I became his helper. Every day during my first year in Japan, I worked in the kindergarten room with Wasil. Children from Zaire, South Africa, Japan, Korea, Finland, the Netherlands, and Belgium were in that one class. Most of them did not speak English very well or at all.

*God has placed deep in my heart a love for the Japanese people and a desire to share the gospel with them.*

I enjoy working with kids and have no qualms about playing in the floor with them and getting on their level. I'm also very affectionate with them, so I was always hugging somebody. Through my interaction with the children I was able to develop relationships with many of their parents. While I never got to sit with them and show them in the Bible how to become a Christian, they all knew that I was a Christian. Many of them would ask me why I would leave my home and come to a place so far away. I was able to share with them about my faith.

During my second year in Japan, I began to pray about what God would have me do when I returned to the States. The more I prayed, the more I



*Left page, top to bottom, Shannon and a colleague take children on an outing, Little and a friend enjoy the snow and Shannon gives a friendly hug. Above, Wasil of Bangladesh looks at a video camcorder.*

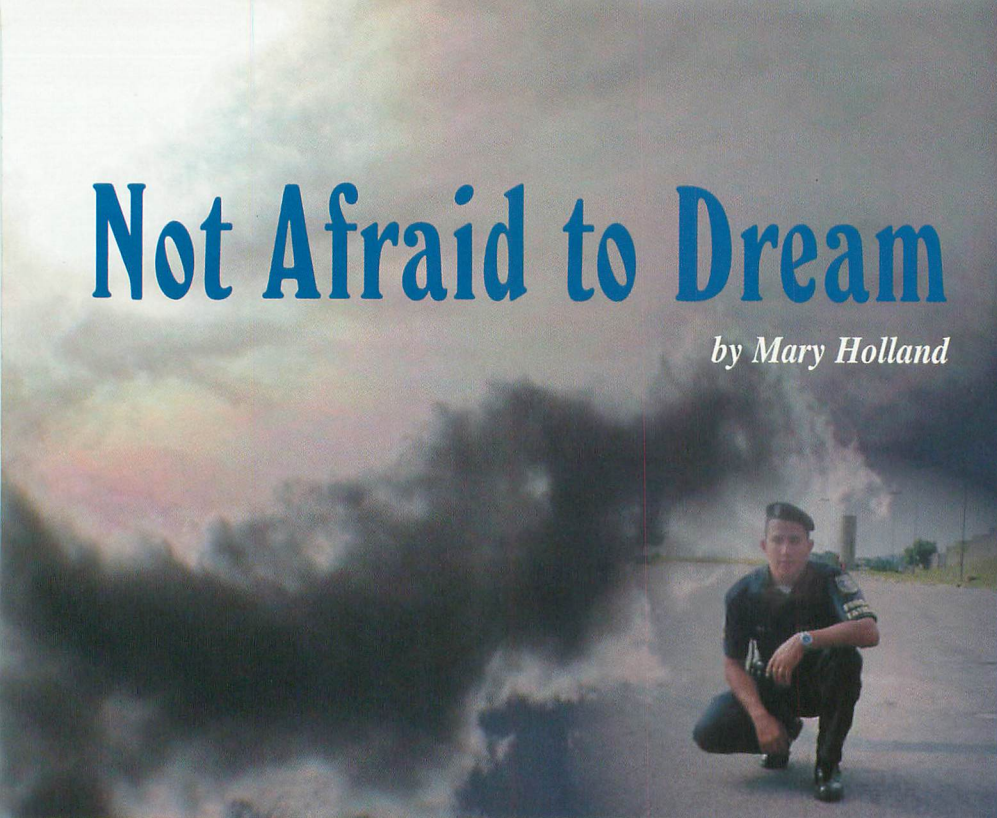
felt a tug on my heart to return to Japan as a career missionary. God has placed deep in my heart a love for the Japanese people and a desire to share the gospel with them. Never in a million years would I have imagined that God would use a "one-year term" in Japan to change the course of my life. I went from being perfectly content to never leave the great Nashville area to counting the days until I can return to Japan. The initial impact of my Japan experience has been life changing. I can't wait to see what the final impact will be.

Shannon Little is currently completing missions courses at Wheaton College in Illinois so she can return to Japan as a career missionary.



# Not Afraid to Dream

by Mary Holland



**L**ord Jesus, bless us as we continue to meet in this garage. Thank you that our congregation is growing. God, we ask You even now to raise up a pastor from this neighborhood. One who will love You and will not be afraid to dream the impossible.”

Most every little boy dreams about being a fireman, policeman or a professional athlete at one time or another. Osmir was no exception. As a boy he dreamed of being a policeman. Catching bad guys, solving crimes, and dodging bullets were a part of his play. So was playing soccer and “winning” the world cup for his country, Brazil. Yes, Osmir was like most little boys—growing, learning, playing and dreaming.

*As a boy he dreamed of being a policeman.*

Osmir has always lived in Brazil. He was raised with an older and younger brother. His parents separated

and the presence of his father was minimal in the home.

Although he began working at an early age, Osmir stayed in school because he liked learning. During his high school years his mother had two other children in a second marriage. Her second husband didn’t stick around either, leaving five boys in the home.

Osmir’s oldest brother didn’t want the responsibilities of a family so he left home. He became the primary “father” to his younger brothers and helped provide for his mother. He had to be responsible for the family.

By his late teens Osmir worked full time during the day and studied at night. His dream of being a policeman appeared to be diminishing. How could he pursue his dream when daily responsibilities consumed his energy and time? Through determination he graduated from high school and continued to work to help support his mother and three little brothers.

Little did Osmir know that God was aware of his dream. In fact, the Lord knew his true dream before

Osmir ever dreamed it.

While at work one afternoon, Osmir heard about a film to be shown in his São José neighborhood in Campinas, Brazil. Amazingly, he was hired to announce the showing with a loud speaker throughout the area. The film was scheduled for that very evening. After listening to the advertisement for the *Jesus* film the entire day, he decided to go and watch it. For the first time he heard and saw what Jesus had done for him and why. It made an enormous impression on him.

*God allowed Osmir to live his dream. Then He gave Osmir a new dream.*

The following week Osmir kept thinking of the *Jesus* film and the truths it revealed to him. He decided he would check out the group that had been responsible for showing the film in his neighborhood.

Osmir made his way to the church service in a garage and sat quietly. He attempted to put the *Jesus* film into perspective with what the missionary was sharing in the service. He realized Jesus desired a personal relationship with him and wanted control of his heart. After the service a small group of men from the congregation led him to Christ.

Osmir was 21 years of age when he was saved. He was in love with a girl he hoped to marry some day. Maria also loved him but decided she could date him no longer. His experience in that small congregation confused her. She broke off their relationship because she was afraid.

The congregation and Osmir prayed that God would send a pastor who would love their neighborhood and dare to dream the impossible for God.

A few weeks after Osmir’s conver-



sion Maria showed up at a service in the garage. That night she prayed to receive Christ as her Savior. Shortly after that the couple resumed dating. Only this time, Christ was leading.

Six months after Osmir accepted Christ he was hired and began training to be a policeman. God allowed him to live his dream. Then He gave Osmir a new dream. This dream was scary, beyond his imagination. It certainly seemed absurd for a new Christian. But God wanted him to preach. In addition to the police training, he enrolled in a four-year seminary program to equip himself to become a pastor. He worked as a policeman by day and often at night. Monday through Friday evening he also studied at the seminary.

The young man loved to study God's Word. He was passionate about theology and especially enjoyed Greek. Each week he grew in knowledge and slowly took active parts in the church.

Osmir's older brother made fun of him, but the young preacher continued to witness to him. Unfortunately, it seemed to go nowhere until tragedy hit the family. Their father was hit by a car and killed. Through this experience and Osmir's faithful testimony, the older brother—a drug abuser—gave his life to Christ. Later his younger brother also was saved.

### ***My dream is to study God's Word and be a pastor.***

About two years into seminary Osmir shared his testimony with the church: "My entire life I have wanted and dreamed of being a policeman. And I'm good at it. I've been promoted and made a supervisor in a short amount of time. But this is no longer my dream. I'm not satisfied. My dream is to study God's Word and be a pastor. I want to make a differ-

ence in the place where I live."

Did God put two dreams side by side to show Osmir where his heart really was? The Lord knew the desire of his heart even before Osmir knew it.

This young Christian wasn't afraid to dream the impossible with God. Because he dared to dream, he finished seminary, married his Maria, became the pastor of the São José church in a neighborhood of 40,000 people and has seen his entire family come to know Christ.

"... raise up a pastor from this neighborhood. One who will love You and will not be afraid to dream the impossible." Osmir? The ordinary little boy who wanted to be a policeman! Who would have guessed it?

God knew! God even knew the dream undreamed.

Mary Holland and her husband, Curt, have served in Brazil since 1992. They worked to establish the São José church in the city of Campinas from July of 1997 until July of 2002 when they left for stateside assignment. Osmir was ordained in May of 2002 and assumed the pastorate when the Hollands left. He and his wife, Maria, have a two-year-old son named Filipe.

*Pictured clockwise from left page—Osmir displays his police uniform, the wedding is performed by Curt Holland (in the background), Osmir and Maria hold Felipe, and hands are laid on Maria and Osmir at his ordination.*







Lea Edgmon illustrates a story during an English story hour at the public library in Alpedrete, Spain. Kristi Johnson (left) watches and awaits her turn to teach.

## "Story Time in English" Held in Spain Library

Missionaries Kristi Johnson and Lea Edgmon led an English story hour at the public library in Alpedrete, Spain, on April 26. A total of 15 children were on hand as well as several parents.

The ladies told two stories followed by a craft time as the children made butterflies out of coffee filters and clothespins.

Kristi and Lea made several new contacts for evangelism and were excited when the librarian asked them to do it again in early June.

## Prayer Summit 2004 Set for January 16-18

A prayer summit is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, January 16-18, 2004, at Camp Garner Creek in Dickson, Tenn. The theme for **World Prayer Summit 2004**, sponsored by the Department of Foreign Missions, is "Intercession for World Evangelization."

Speakers for the summit include former missionaries Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley and the worship leader is Doug Little, director

of stateside development.

Two workshops are confirmed: *Developing an Aggressive Local Church Prayer Ministry*, led by Rev. Glen Johnson; and *Prayer Journeying as Ministry*, led by Eddie Payne. Other workshops may be offered.

## Four Baptized, Three Saved in Uberlândia

Four converts were baptized in Uberlândia, Brazil, on April 6. Tom and Nancy Hughes also reported three others saved, one on each of these days: April 9, May 18 and 25.

Those baptized were Stefani, Lucia, Kelly and Diana. Stefani is the daughter of Sunday school teacher Rosana Oliveira who helped start the Second FWB Church in Uberlândia. Lucia and her daughter were converted in November. Diana, whose parents were saved in 1993, was raised in the church.

New converts include Wisner Gonçalves, age 15, saved on April 9; Otavio Mattos, 81-year-old father of three adult members of the church, saved on May 18; and



Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton (top) and Darrel and Lila Nichols (bottom) are transferring to new fields.

Lúcia Ferreira, the mother of one of the teenagers in the church, saved on May 25.

## Two Couples Transfer from IC to Other Fields

Two couples from Côte d'Ivoire, Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton and Darrel and Lila Nichols, are transferring to other fields. The Eagletons are moving to Brazil and the Nichols will go to Panama following their stateside assignments.

The Eagletons have served in Côte d'Ivoire since May 1984. Dr. Eagleton worked in the Doropo hospital until it was transferred to Ivorian Christians in May 1998. In subsequent years Dr. Eagleton helped initiate and develop the Community Health and Evangelism (CHE) program and has assisted with the leadership training program.

Kenneth says, "We feel the Lord is leading us to continue our ministry of leadership training in Brazil." Kenneth grew up in Brazil and Rejane is a Brazilian.

The Nichols are transferring to Panama after 16 years in Côte d'Ivoire where they have successfully partnered with existing national churches in church planting. Darrel also helped erect





*Doug Little has been chosen to assume the office of director of stateside development for Foreign Missions.*

church buildings in Agnibilékrou and Gouméré.

"For several years we have had Panama on our hearts," writes Darrel. "The civil war led us to step up this decision."

Darrel and Lila are to begin Spanish language study at the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Tex., in August of this year.

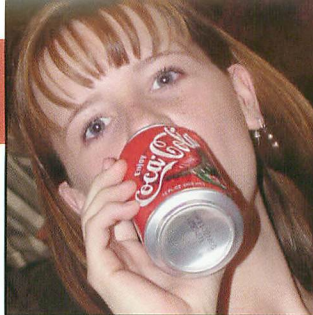
## Little Selected Stateside Development Director

Doug Little of Russellville, Ark., is the new director of stateside development for Foreign Missions. The position has been vacant since Fred Warner resigned in August of 2000. Little, who has served 18 years as senior pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville, is to begin his responsibilities with Foreign Missions in July.

"Brother Doug is a man of God with the heart of God for the world," says General Director James Forlines.

Little is a 1977 graduate of FWB Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. He has served on the staffs of FWBBC and Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Okla. Elected to the Board of Foreign Missions in July

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## Eight E-TEAM Groups Minister This Summer

Eight high school groups were deployed in June as part of E-TEAM 2003. Training took place June 16-22 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., and the teams departed June 23. E-TEAM Cuba is to return to the States July 5; E-TEAMS Tokyo, Hokkaido and Panama are to return July 7; and E-TEAMS Brazil, Uruguay and Mexico are to return July 8.

Those participating are listed below:

**E-TEAM Brazil 2003**—Jennifer Angus, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Malisa Barnett, North Little Rock, Ark.; Kendra Blasingame, Alma, Ark.; Jason Bradley, Springdale, Ark.; Megan Brown, Grabill, Ind.; Rachel Caudill, Joelton, Tenn.; Desirae Clark, Virginia Beach, Va.; Rachel Elliott, Forest, La.; Mahalie Garrison, Darlington, S.C.; and Joshua Green, Wyandotte, Mich. Team intern: Ronald Crider; Team leaders: Curt and Mary Holland.

**E-TEAM CUBA 2003**—Ana Coker, Nashville, Tenn.; Elizabeth Dennis, Vilonia, Ark.; David Gibson, Florence, S.C.; Misty Hayden, Wabash, Ind.; Timothy McNeal, Auburndale, Fla.; Kelly Meagher, Cisne, Ill.; Aaron Montee, Arcadia, Kan.; and Christopher Riley, Chicago, Ill. Team intern: Ashley Carter; Team leaders: Stan and Brenda Bunch.

**E-TEAM HOKKAIDO 2003**—Amanda Bunch, Liberal, Mo.; Tom Carabajal, Fairfield, Calif.; Teddie Collier, Fair Grove, Mo.; Heather Helton, Russellville, Ark.; Jarrod Lauthern, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; Jonathan Lawrence, Springfield, Tenn.; Amanda Rees, Sylacauga, Ala.; Samantha Tibbs, Cisne, Ill.; Heather Watkins, Batesville, Ark.; and Hannah Williams, Liberal, Mo. Team interns: Steven and Lori Torrison; Team leaders: Jerry and Janice Banks.

**E-TEAM MEXICO 2003**—Jennifer Bishop, Hokkaido, Japan; Holly Blott, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Heather Couch, Brentwood, Tenn.; Celeste Davis, Charlotte, Tenn.; Joshua Detherage, Fredricksburg, Va.; Alan Dooley, Austintown, Ohio; Benjamin Edgmon, Nashville, Tenn.; Sarah Hodges, Hendersonville, Tenn.; Phillip Kennedy, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Chelsi Mentink, Marion, N.C.; Jacqueline

Prosser, Suisun, Calif.; and Jenny Williams, Hoxie, Ark. Team intern: Jennifer Kizzire; Team leaders: Tim and Terri DeCresie.

**E-TEAM SOCCER NASHVILLE 2003**—Kyle Adams, Suisun City, Calif.; Alice Caudill, Pierceton, Ind.; Adam Keeling, North Little Rock, Ark.; and Bethany Warner, Hermitage, Tenn.

**E-TEAM PANAMA 2003**—Shelly Bracey, Joelton, Tenn.; Rhonda Cantley, Coward, S.C.; Ashleigh Duplex, Pleasant View, Tenn.; Leah Holland, Bixby, Okla.; Kristina Scott, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Jared Singletary, Timmonsville, S.C.; Jeremy Skiles, Guin, Ala.; Brittinay Staller, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; and Tabatha Wolf, Ada, Okla. Team intern: Joshua Keel; Team leaders: Shane and Joy Davison.

**E-TEAM TOKYO 2003**—Melissa Armes, Sesser, Ill.; Shane Brown, Rose Bud, Ark.; Nancy Coward, Scranton, S.C.; Nicholas Darnell, Greeneville, Tenn.; Tasha Foster, Charleston, Ark.; David Gray, Moore, Okla.; Amanda James, Fairfield, Calif.; Daniel Judkins, Monticello, Ark.; Ashley Ridgway, Tulsa, Okla.; and Katelynne Sherman, Purcell, Okla. Team intern: Bradley McDaniel; Team leaders: Shannon Little, Rodney and Mary Yerby.

**E-TEAM URUGUAY 2003**—Sarah Aldridge, Brandon, Fla.; Drew Bigley, Ina, Ill.; Rachel Dennis, Vilonia, Ark.; Miriam Haas, Thayer, Mo.; Jinan Hassan, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Katie Hicks, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; James McNeal, Auburndale, Fla.; Kerrie Morgan, Liberal, Mo.; Matthew Riley, Chicago, Ill.; and Ashley Turner, West Plains, Mo. Team intern: Josh Reed; Team leaders: David and Pat Shores.





*Pastor Rob Morgan of Donelson FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn., teaches missionaries from France and Spain during a joint retreat near Nantes, France.*

1998, Doug has served as chairman for the last three years.

"The focus of my attention will be helping state leaders and pastors lead their churches to respond to the enormous opportunities to extend the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth," Mr. Little states.

Doug is married to the former Joyce Dunbar. The Littles have a daughter, Rachel, who is married to Thomas Whittenburg.

## **Pinkertons and Wests Return to Côte d'Ivoire**

Missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton were scheduled to leave June 23 and Robert and Pam West were to depart June 26 for Côte d'Ivoire. Both couples plan to initially settle in Abidjan, the economic capital of the country.

Jerry and Carol expect to work with Pastor Samuel to plant a third Free Will Baptist church in Abidjan. They were instrumental in starting the first two churches in the city.

Robert and Pam will work temporarily in Abidjan, but ultimately hope to return to their ministry in the northern village of Kafolo.

## **Missionaries to France, Spain Join in Retreat**

A retreat for missionaries to France and Spain was held May 26-June 1 at Le Pas Opton, a Christian retreat center near Nantes, France. Guest speaker for the event was Pastor Robert Morgan of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

Morgan spent the time going through the book of Ephesians. He gave each missionary a copy of his new book, "Then Sings My Soul," and presented the children the "International Children's Devotional Bible" which he edited.

## **Japan Team Active in Gospel Music Workshops**

The missionary team in Tokyo, Japan, has been cosponsoring and participating in gospel music workshops in Japan. Several members of the team sang in a workshop/concert in April.

According to missionary Ruth McDonald, this is an effort to ride the wave of interest in black gospel music which is evident among unsaved Japanese.

"Ben Bailey, Amy and I are currently part of a 25-voice gospel

choir rehearsing every other Saturday for a June 14 concert," writes Ruth. "Eighteen of the members are unsaved! They have all received Gideon Bibles and information about the three sponsoring churches in our city (Good News Chapel included)."

## **Lynn Midgett Joins Local Choirs in Spain**

Miss Lynn Midgett reported in May that she had joined the municipal choir in Collado Mediano, a village about five miles from her home in a suburb of Madrid, Spain. The choir meets two nights a week.

Lynn has also become involved in another choir which meets in the Gallegan Cultural Center in Villalba. She has had to learn songs in Gallego, the language of Galicia, a province in the northwest part of Spain which has a strong Celtic heritage.

Through this participation she is making contact with people from various backgrounds.

## **Board Meets, Approves PRAC Outreach Plan**

The Board of Foreign Missions met in its annual session on April 29 in the Foreign Missions conference room in Antioch, Tenn.

These actions were taken by the board: authorized the administrative staff and Clint Morgan to create a legal entity for a Non-Government Organization to accommodate the Project Restricted Access Countries (PRAC) program. The board adopted a four-pronged strategy proposal for PRAC, claimed Central Asia and North Africa as the geographic focus of efforts and agreed to enter a partnership with the Baptist Union of Central Asia.

Reverend Doug Little was approved as the new director of





Mike and Cathy Corley were given approval for career missionary status.

stateside development to begin July 1, 2003.

The board agreed to work toward a change in field structure that calls for three regional directors for overseas ministries.

Mike and Cathy Corley were recommended and approved for full career missionary status.

The Kenneth Eagletons were approved for transfer from Ivory Coast to Brazil and the Darrel Nichols family was granted a transfer to Panama.

New officers elected included Milton Worthington, chairman; Randy Wilson, vice chairman; and Danny Williams, secretary. The board is scheduled to meet following the National Association in Tampa and again December 10-11 in Nashville. The annual meeting for 2004 was set for April 19-21.

## Rebels Hold, Release Côte d'Ivoire Pastors

Pastors Jérôme and Désiré in Côte d'Ivoire were arrested in early June by rebels and held for some days. A member of the Bouna Free Will Baptist Church spoke up for the pastors at the time and was taken into custody but released shortly.

Reports indicate the rebels were searching for Somé, the 26-year-old maintenance man at the Bible Institute, but he managed to flee to Abidjan.

Information received on June 9 indicated Jérôme and Désiré have been released.



Participants at a family camp near Montevideo, Uruguay, gather in front of one of the camp facilities.

## 42 Attend Montevideo Area Family Camp

A special family camp was held just outside Montevideo, Uruguay, April 17-19 with 42 people from the Montevideo area attending. This was the first Free Will Baptist camp to be held in Montevideo and it coincided with the mini-family camp held in the Rivera area. The economy did not allow the group to travel to Rivera as usual.

"Secrets of the Vine" was the theme of the event with classes divided among adults, teens, pre-teens and children. Missionary Jaimie Lancaster says the camp provided a closeness of believers, fellowship between the two churches in Montevideo and a better understanding of fruitfulness, discipline, and pruning. It also provided encouragement for the youth.

## News Capsules

**Pryor, Okla.**—Sarah Nichols, daughter of missionaries Darrel and Lila Nichols, is to be married to Jacob Myers on July 12 at the Locust Grove FWB Church in Locust Grove, Okla.

**Mongolia**—ELI teacher Jeff Lunsford reported on April 29 that two cases of SARS had been confirmed in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**Uruguay**—Missionary Molly Barker fell on April 5 in Uruguay and broke a bone in her right hand. It was not put in a cast until April 9.

**Brazil**—Tom and Nancy Hughes reported 208 people in attendance at the Easter program on April 20 at the Second FWB Church in Uberlândia, Brazil.

**Japan**—Dale and Sandra Bishop are scheduled to return to the United States from Japan on July 10 to begin stateside ministry.

**Uruguay**—According to Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster in Uruguay, 26 students have registered for Bible institute studies in Montevideo.

**Brazil**—According to a report from missionary Bobby Aycock, three young people were baptized recently in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil.

**Russia**—Mike and Cathy Corley hope to depart for Russia in August. They plan to spend this term of ministry in the southern area of Krasnodar.

**Valdosta, Ga.**—Reverend Damon C. Dodd, former missionary to Cuba and well-known minister among Free Will Baptists, died on April 27 in a nursing home in Valdosta, Ga. He was 87 years of age.

**Bethany, Okla.**—Rebekah Nichols, oldest daughter of missionaries Darrel and Lila Nichols, graduated from Southern Nazarene



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University in Bethany, Okla., on May 17 with a B.S. degree in history. She plans to enter the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond this fall for graduate studies.

**Brazil**—David and Annette Aycock have been approved for a

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*Brazilian Christians enjoy fellowship on April 18 in front of the Antonio Carlos FWB Church near Barbacena, Brazil.*

mini-stateside assignment from August to October 2003.

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Mike and Deleen Cousineau were scheduled to return for stateside assignment June 20.

**Uruguay**—A mini-family camp was held in Rivera, Uruguay, April 16-19. Fifty-four people were on hand and at least two adults and some young people made decisions for Christ during the week.

**Brazil**—Missionary Molly Barker and former missionaries Paul and Amy Robinson traveled from Uruguay to Araras, Brazil, to participate in a missions conference in the Candida church April 22-25. The Robinsons were in Uruguay on a short-term assignment.

## 180 Attend Good Friday Fellowship

A special fellowship meeting was held on April 18 at the Antonio Carlos Free Will Baptist Church near Barbacena, Brazil, with over 180 people attending from the six FWB churches in

the Central Minas Gerais area. According to missionary Jim Sturgill, this was a record attendance for the fellowship meetings in the area.

Ricardo, a Bible institute student from Barbacena, preached in the morning session and Sturgill preached in the afternoon.

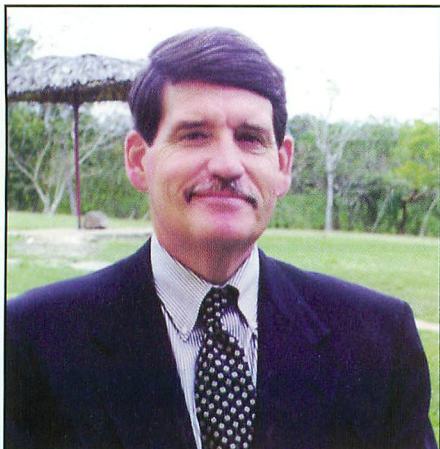
## SARS Hampers the Ministry in China

According to a news release by The Bible League, more than 40 church planters in China were forced to halt their ministry recently due to increased police presence, travel restrictions, and the fear of the SARS epidemic that has swept through that nation.

Reports indicated that SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) has infected more than 8,000 people worldwide, 5,000 of those in China alone. As of late May, the mainland's death toll stood at approximately 300.

The increased government presence to prevent the spread of SARS has added to the risk Chris-





Ronald Callaway will join the faculty at Free Will Baptist Bible College later this fall.

tians already take to spread the gospel. On the other hand, the Lord is using the tragedy to open the hearts of the lost in China.

## 23 Enrolled at Institute in Ribeirão Preto

Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, reported in June that they have 23 students enrolled in the Bible institute. They indicated these students really have a love for the Lord and desire to prepare themselves for the ministry.

At least two students have answered the call and are preparing for missions work.

## Callaway to Join Bible College Faculty

Ronald Callaway, veteran Free Will Baptist missionary to Spain, Cuba and Panama, will join the Free Will Baptist Bible College faculty this fall to direct its missionary training program. Dr. Milton Fields, academic dean, made the announcement following confirmation by the Bible college board of trustees.

In addition to the Bachelor of Arts degree he earned in 1975 at FWBBC, Ron has studied at the University of Madrid (Spain) and

holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since 1976 he and his wife, Linda, have served as church planters and as teachers in institutes in Spain, Cuba, and Panama.

The Missouri-Texas native will fill the place occupied for six years by former missionary Tom McCullough.

## Seven Students Serving as Overseas Apprentices

Seven Bible college students are serving abroad this summer as overseas apprentices:

**Japan**—Working with Donnie and Ruth McDonald and Ken and Judy Bailey in Tokyo are Rusty Carney, Thompsonville, Ill.; and Jonathan Postlewaite, Florence, S.C. They left June 2 and return July 16.

**Brazil**—Helping Jim and Shirley Combs in Araras, April Skelley, Oakley, Ill.; Holly Hubbard, Bryan, Tex.; and Jessica Hall, Batesville, Ark., left May 21 and return July 10.

**Korea**—Shirley Williams of Ranson, W.Va., left May 21 to work with Drs. John and Esther Chang. She is to return July 9.

**France**—Amanda Hodges is in Nantes, France, assisting Patsy Vanhook at the new bookstore. She left May 28 and returns July 14.

## 10 Students Participate in Go and Be Spain

Annually a Go and Be team goes abroad for special cross-cultural ministry and education. This year the group will study in Spain.

**Go and Be Spain 2003** is comprised of Jennifer Bryan, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; Neil Buttrey, McEwen, Tenn.; Mitchell Cooper, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Nikki Jennings, Russellville, Ark.; Sean Mer-

cer, Leesburg, Ga.; Stephanie Paul, Morgan, Ga.; Joni Pettus, Ozark, Ala.; Gina Shrewsbury, Pleasant View, Tenn.; Carol Stone, Headland, Ala.; and Melisha Thompson, Liberal, Mo.

Team leaders are James and Barbara Evans. Missionaries Clint and Lynette Morgan will accompany the team to assist with logistics. The group leaves June 30 and returns August 7.

## FINANCIAL BEAT

### Through May 2003

Income for April.....	\$ 447,573.29
Income for May.....	565,266.11
Income through May.....	2,343,405.77
Total expenses through May.....	2,332,644.47

These accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey, K.....	\$ 1,639.02	Poole.....	\$ 6,484.00
Bishop.....	4,109.49	Riggs.....	435.89
Chang.....	4,768.31	Sturgill.....	6,164.33
Gibbs.....	666.90	Vandivort.....	1,884.04
Griffin.....	6,800.35	India Bible Inst.....	32,302.80
Holland, C.....	6,971.36	+Support Services.....	489,354.33
McDonald.....	382.16		

+The April World Missions Offering should help to significantly lower this deficit.

## STATES IN ACTION

States/Source	Gifts in May 2003	Gifts thru May 2002	Gifts thru May 2003
Alabama.....	\$ 42,222.04	\$ 141,806.70	\$ 180,178.24
Arizona.....	1,352.47	2,448.53	3,400.56
Arkansas.....	38,915.78	191,790.54	178,943.30
California.....	6,550.52	23,793.05	31,659.79
Canada.....	379.26	1,585.00	1,305.14
Colorado.....	278.61	1,151.56	1,508.94
Florida.....	18,115.54	68,724.99	72,067.61
Georgia.....	21,077.86	67,809.43	99,097.42
Hawaii.....	0	0	0
Idaho.....	195.23	1,243.97	1,538.53
Illinois.....	23,143.06	69,089.02	100,030.18
Indiana.....	4,149.39	23,979.39	26,339.54
Iowa.....	0	620.44	668.22
Kansas.....	82.15	844.12	626.39
Kentucky.....	7,911.93	36,055.77	32,170.65
Louisiana.....	800.00	1,995.00	1,950.00
Maryland.....	4,866.37	30,912.13	29,329.74
Michigan.....	35,700.97	71,176.45	89,020.49
Mississippi.....	7,495.20	42,384.87	31,648.42
Missouri.....	48,077.19	190,808.84	208,019.72
Montana.....	400.00	1,040.00	1,250.00
Nebraska.....	0	500.00	1,500.00
New Mexico.....	119.32	739.05	345.29
North Carolina.....	64,981.55	361,637.70	320,603.18
Northeast Assoc.....	45.00	1,570.00	819.50
Northwest Assoc.....	80.00	2,100.62	1,931.20
Ohio.....	13,486.85	64,160.44	63,079.47
Oklahoma.....	52,545.82	183,853.61	198,111.62
Pennsylvania.....	883.00	982.00	1,593.50
South Carolina.....	45,709.50	143,735.61	156,570.50
Tennessee.....	68,642.09	282,890.67	304,024.58
Texas.....	9,074.67	29,409.85	32,179.56
Virgin Islands.....	0	1,500.00	1,200.00
Virginia.....	9,820.17	32,801.73	33,059.45
West Virginia.....	9,845.56	44,170.67	46,399.33
WNAC.....	26,775.16	54,157.32	68,800.09
FWB Foundation.....	0	0	15,000.00
Miscellaneous.....	870.00	2,754.86	5,765.00
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>\$ 564,592.26</b>	<b>\$ 2,176,223.93</b>	<b>\$ 2,341,734.15</b>

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

\*\*Northwest Association  
Alaska, Oregon and Washington

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





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## Forlines' Focus

By James Forlines, General Director

### Destroying Satan's Strongholds

The cover article in this issue comes from Jeff Turnbough, veteran missionary to Spain. Along with the other citizens of Western Europe, Spaniards have been very resistant to the gospel. It often takes years of working with an individual before he or she is ready to commit to Christ.

Satan has significant strongholds in resistant countries. As Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4, Satan has *"blinded the minds of them who believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."*

How can we destroy the strongholds of Satan and allow the light of the gospel to shine? Some might say, "Well, let's send more missionaries." It is true, people will not believe unless someone (a missionary) is sent (Romans 10:15). But missionaries by themselves do not have the power to destroy Satan's strongholds and bring the Light.

Others might say, "Let's raise more money." Undoubtedly financial sacri-

fice is a must in our efforts at world evangelism. But money alone is powerless against the spiritual fortresses of the Deceiver.

### Depending on God

The whole duty of man is to glorify God. If the task of world evangelism could be successful through our own efforts, it would rob God of His glory and would fill us with pride. In actuality, when we acknowledge our absolute dependence upon Him, He begins to work.

That is what Paul is trying to get across in 2 Corinthians 10:4 when he says, *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [residing in our own strength], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."* Though God works through our efforts, it is *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts"* (Zechariah 4:6). As we acknowledge our dependence upon Him through prayer, He unleashes His power to destroy the strongholds of Satan.

We know this to be true. Prayer is an essential component to reaching the world for Christ. Missionaries are serious when they say, "If you can only do one thing, please pray for us." But do we? Beyond the "Lord, bless the missionaries" prayer, do we really pray effectively and fervently?

If Free Will Baptists do anything significant in world evangelism

throughout the twenty-first century it will be because we understand and practice prevailing prayer. Every great movement of God in the world can be traced to a movement of prayer. The Moravians of the 1700s had a 24-hour a day prayer meeting that lasted unabated for over 100 years. Is it any wonder that God used them as the first great wave of foreign missionaries after the Reformation? Similar testimonies could be shared about the Student Volunteer Movement which mobilized over 20,000 foreign missionaries in the last century.

### Mobilized to Pray

One of the most important tasks of the Foreign Missions Department is to help mobilize Free Will Baptist people to spiritual warfare prayer. To this end we are planning **World Prayer Summit 2004** in January of next year. It will be held at Camp Garner Creek in Dickson, Tenn., January 16-18. We are praying that this special retreat will play a part in igniting a genuine prayer movement among our churches. Please mark the dates on your calendar and join us in praying that God will meet with us in an unusual way.

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