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# NEWS UPDATE

## October 1976



Molly Barker (above), Fred and Evelyn Hersey (top right), and Bobby and Sue Aycock (bottom right) all recently returned to their respective fields of service.

### Fellowship Conference Visited by Official

**Ivory Coast**—The annual fellowship conference of Free Will Baptist churches in the Ivory Coast met at Goumère July 12-15 according to a belated report from Robert Bryan. Approximately 125 people attended from three language groups: Lobi, Koulango, and Mossi. A special guest at this year's meeting was the Sous-prefet (governor) of the region. This was the first time any government official ever visited the conference.

Four evangelists had their licenses renewed for the coming year: Daniel Yamyego, Koffi Theodore Thya, Kouadjo Jean-Baptiste Kouman, and Jonas Tchennon.

### Boating Mishap Takes Lives of Youth Leaders

**Japan**—Two young Japanese men, youth leaders from Airin Chapel in Sapporo, lost their lives in a tragic boating accident on August 1. Peter Fujii and Sugio Harada were mysteriously drowned in a deep crater lake near Sapporo when they went out in a rowboat.

Peter Fujii attended Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville during the 1973 school year. He returned to Japan and continued to study in a small Bible school in Sapporo. He had completed his second year and married one of the students this past spring. The couple had just returned from Hong Kong where they had hopes of preparing for evangelism among the Chinese.

Young Harada was a third-year student at Sapporo University and was very active in the work at Airin Chapel. He served as presi-

dent of the young people's group, was a member of a gospel folk music group from the church, and was active in coffee shop evangelism.

A special memorial service was held at Airin Chapel on Saturday evening, August 7.

At last report the bodies had not been recovered.

### Evangelism Seminars Set for Ivorian Christians

**Ivory Coast**—One-week evangelism seminars will be held in eight different centers of the Ivory Coast this year, reports Robert Bryan. The program was devised by the missionary educational committee and three members of the Ivory Coast Free Will Baptist churches who met together.

At last report plans were not detailed but tentatively included classes on methods of evangelism, how to approach people, Bible memorization, personal evangelism, and strategy for reaching new villages. Plans considered include prayer time, study time, and team involvement in going to a new village.

### Catons Request Prayer for Families Contacted

**Spain**—Dock and Norma Caton have been busy making contacts with families in the area of Majadahonda, a suburb of Madrid, where they are trying to open a new work.

At the outset of this new work the Catons have requested prayer for these people: the Larrison family, German Soto family, Miguel Angel family, Jesus Fuentes family, Eduardo Mesquido family, Oscar Lopez family, and Carmen de Aguilar, a widow with two teen-age children.

### News Briefs from Around the World

**Brazil**—Jim Sturgill has indicated good response from two radio programs which are aired regularly in Barbacena and in Nepomuceno. Several have requested Bible study courses as a result of the radio broadcasts.

**Morehead City, N.C.**—Molly Barker, missionary nurse, tentatively planned to depart for Uruguay

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Judy Smith signs her commission as Rolla Smith stands by.



Rolla Smith expresses appreciation to Mr. R. A. McLamb (right) for his land donation. Mrs. McLamb, Bobby Aycock, and Bob King look on.

## Land Donation Provides Brazil Loan Fund

**Dunn, N.C.**—Land valued at approximately \$15,000 was donated recently to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McLamb of Dunn, N.C. Funds from the sale of this property will go into a Brazil loan fund and will be used initially by Bobby Aycock in Barbacena, Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. McLamb are members of the Prospect Free Will Baptist Church, in Dunn. Rev. Bob King is pastor.

## Texan Commissioned to Serve in Japan

**Henderson, Tex.** — Miss Judy Smith was commissioned August 22 for missionary service in Japan. The service was held in her home church, the First Free Will Baptist Church, Henderson, Tex., where Reverend Harold Teague is pastor.

Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, delivered the afternoon message and gave the charge.

Judy left for Japan on August 27.

## Lynn Miley Family in Auto Mishap

**Ivory Coast**—Lynn Miley and his family were involved in an auto accident near Koun September 7 as they were returning to Bondoukou following an orientation session with the Richards and Aldridges.

The Mileys' children were both thrown from the car by the im-

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on September 20, but she was somewhat uncertain due to family health problems.

**Ivory Coast**—Robert Bryan has requested prayer for a newly entered village in the area of Goumere called Teko. He indicated an extreme openness on the part of the people in the village.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Fred Hersey family is back in Japan following a short furlough. Although their account was still low, their return was approved due to the urgent need on the field.

**Brazil**—Ken Eagleton and his son Terry were unable to get necessary governmental clearance to come to the States in September so that Terry could enroll in high school. He had planned to finish his last year in the United States and then enter Bible college in 1977.

**Goldsboro, N.C.**—Bobby and Sue Aycock were scheduled to return to Brazil on October 5 with their son, David. Their two daughters, Debra and Rebecca, are attending Free Will Baptist Bible College.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, left for Panama on September 9 to view the work and visit missionaries. He returned to Nashville on September 21.

## \$ubstance

Through August 31

On deposit August 1	\$ 284,899.73
Total receipts	810,915.65
Total disbursements	820,863.90
Projected receipts	821,338.00
Total 1976 Budget	\$1,232,007.00

## \$hortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

Callaway	\$ 8.96
Dickens	175.37
Eagleton	372.96
Ellison	410.81
Hersey	10,975.84
Inscoe	3,709.27
McLain	1,708.99
Morgan	121.40
Moser	854.86
Murray	204.59
Palmer	3,198.37
Pinkerton	32.51
Poole	4,327.56
Sturgill	585.71
Webb	5,957.80



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pact. Jonathan received cuts on his head and Michelle suffered a broken collarbone. Ramona sustained massive bruises on her back. No other injuries were reported. Those in the other vehicle were not seriously injured.

The accident occurred as the Miley car was rounding a curve. Lynn indicated the car slid on gravel, hit the embankment, and turned on its side with the back end near the middle of the road. An oncoming auto hit their car, knocking it up on the embankment, and throwing the children from the car.

Providentially, they were not seriously injured even though the car was nearly demolished. Their belongings were also protected as some Ivorians carefully gathered their scattered possessions and took them to the police station.

Prayer was requested for their complete recovery and for the repair of their vehicle.

The Mileys have only been in the Ivory Coast since late August.

## Deeds Expresses Praise for Answered Prayer

**Brazil**—Missionary Earnie Deeds recently expressed praise for answered prayer when God solved their housing problem by making

it possible for them to continue residence in the same house.

Earnie also noted that "Things have been happening in Lafaiete—the kind of things that makes a missionary the happiest. The converts who have been instructed in the Word are beginning to win others," he declared. "During the month of July there were six professions of faith, and five of these were directly related to the personal witnessing of the believers."

Three young men from the group decided to meet and pray each night during vacation time in July. The conversions were an answer to their prayers. According to Earnie, "They were so blessed by this that they are continuing the practice on free nights."

## New Work Progresses in Nantes Area

**France** — Don Sexton reports from Nantes, "Our work is slowly progressing. We do not have a large attendance, and yet we can see the hand of the Lord moving in different ways."

Don noted that one adult woman accepted Christ on Sunday morning, September 5. "She comes from Mormon influence," says Don. "Her cousin is also with us. Pray for these two families because they have about five

families of married children living in this area."

Jerry and Janice Webb are working with the Sextons to develop this new work.

## Giving by States

### STATE QUOTAS—1976

State	1976 Quota	Quota Thru Aug. 30	Receipts Thru Aug. 30
Alabama	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 37,239.14
Arizona	6,000.00	4,000.00	2,320.11
Arkansas	50,500.00	33,668.64	42,159.80
California	50,000.00	33,333.28	29,911.22
Canada	1,000.00	666.64	.00
Colorado	1,000.00	666.64	680.99
Florida	40,000.00	26,666.64	20,412.68
Georgia	45,000.00	30,000.00	24,983.79
Hawaii	1,000.00	666.64	900.00
Idaho	1,000.00	666.64	409.10
Illinois	35,000.00	23,333.28	30,261.18
Indiana	9,500.00	6,333.28	7,736.16
Iowa	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,394.59
Kansas	6,500.00	4,333.28	4,610.98
Kentucky	21,500.00	14,333.28	16,333.66
Louisiana	1,000.00	666.64	316.11
Maryland	5,000.00	3,333.28	3,270.97
Michigan	75,000.00	50,000.00	38,797.61
Minnesota	500.00	328.00	194.32
Mississippi	21,000.00	14,000.00	11,801.30
Missouri	96,000.00	64,000.00	71,819.13
Montana	100.00	66.64	665.00
New Mexico	1,000.00	666.64	321.63
*N.E. Assn.			
Assn.	3,150.00	2,100.00	1,540.05
**N.W. Assn.			
Assn.	2,500.00	1,666.64	1,531.31
North Carolina	165,000.00	110,000.00	121,408.48
Ohio	45,000.00	30,000.00	19,918.95
Oklahoma	100,000.00	66,666.64	90,219.22
Pennsylvania	100.00	66.64	120.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	66.64	.00
South Carolina	70,000.00	46,666.64	47,437.01
Tennessee	175,000.00	116,666.64	109,551.65
Texas	20,000.00	13,222.28	19,007.23
Virginia	50,000.00	33,322.28	28,992.23
West Virginia	43,500.00	30,333.28	24,675.43
Other States	1,000.00	6,666.64	425.73
Miscellaneous	40,557.00	27,038.00	1,382.80

\*Northeastern Association  
New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine

\*\*Northwest Association  
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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