

HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Christmas ...a time of GIVING

John 3:16

Christmas Gift List

Ruth - New dress, Bible

Johany - Baseball glove,
bat

Mary Ann - Doll house,
doll

Pastor - Book - A Biblical
Theology of Missions

Missionaries - Give to
deficit accounts

Give to Willey
Memorial Fund

NEWS UPDATE

December 1977

Filkins Undergoes Knee Surgery

Columbia, Mo.—Howard Filkins, missionary to Ivory Coast, returned to the States recently and underwent knee surgery in the Veterans' Hospital here on October 21. A previous injury during military service combined with this recent injury made removal of the cartilage necessary.

With doctors' assurance that Howard should have a quick recovery, the Filkins planned to return by early December to their ministry as dorm parents at the Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake.

Furlough Home Provided for Deeds Family

Tulsa, Okla.—Earnie and Jean Deeds expressed praise to the Lord recently for the East Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church members and their pastor, R. D. Hester, who have provided them a furlough home.

"The East Tulsa members not only decided to pay the rent for us, but, together with some other churches, have furnished it, even to stocking the cabinets and refrigerator with groceries," Earnie declared.

The Deeds requested prayer for the radio ministry they left in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. According to Jean, "Earnie was able to leave taped radio programs for the continuation of the broadcasting. This 10-minute, six-days-a-week program is the only gospel-preaching one we know of in the area."

Teaching and Mission Work Occupy Gainer

Japan—"It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since

I arrived in Japan," reflects Mirial Gainer from her ministry in Sapporo, Japan, "but now I face another challenging year working for the Lord both in Hokkaido International School and in the mission."

In addition to her many activities as teacher and librarian at the school, Mirial has been conducting English classes two nights a week at Airin Chapel and has been helping in the church's coffee shop ministry. At the Kita Hiroshima church, where Jerry Banks pastors, Miss Gainer plays the organ for the worship services and assists in the Sunday school.

Mirial requested prayer for Miss Nakano, a student in her English class, who is seeking the Lord but has made no decision as yet. She also noted that Martha Muramoto, who returned this year to Japan after attending Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., has continued her studies in English in order to be more effective in translation work for the mission.

Bryans Assume Temporary Dorm Responsibilities

Ivory Coast—"The stork surprised us with a new (temporary) family of 17 teenaged boys!" write Robert and Judy Bryan from the dormitory at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake. The Bryans assumed the responsibilities of house parents in the school while the Filkins were in the States for Howard's surgery.

"Counseling, correcting, loving, cooking for, and just riding herd on 17 boys was enough to keep us busy," reported Robert.

The Bryans requested prayer concerning their regular ministries at Goumère which have been postponed temporarily while they minister at Bouake.

Pinkertons Escape Customs Charges

Ivory Coast—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton arrived October 8 in Ivory Coast after an 11-day boat trip aboard the S.S. African Dawn. They expressed praise to the Lord that no customs charges were made for the Pinkertons', the Crowsons', or Alice Smith's baggage!

Jerry and Carol have resumed their work among villages in the Nassian, Ivory Coast, area.

Aycock Reports 15 Conversions Recently

Brazil—"We had about 15 conversions during August and September and our attendance has been increasing!" announced Bobby Aycock in the latest report from his ministry in Barbacena, Brazil.

Construction of the Barbacena church is underway with the foundation and baptism completed. "We are planning to use our new baptism in an open-air service soon," writes Aycock. "We have 14 people to baptize."

November 2 marked the "day of the dead" in Brazil, a holiday when families visit the gravesites of their loved ones. The Barbacena church organized a special effort to reach the community on that day. Two thousand copies of the Gospel of John were given out and cassette players with gospel messages and songs were located at the distribution points.

Amid these activities the Aycocks have been hindered with health problems: Bobby has a slipped disc in his back and Sue has been suffering from rheumatism and a kidney infection. They requested prayer regarding these problems.

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Pictured left to right, Rolla Smith, Bob Shockey, Dr. Paul Smith, and Henry Van Kluyve discuss the missionary conference.

Missionary Speakers Challenge Students

Nashville, Tenn.—In response to the challenge by missionary speakers many students at Free Will Baptist Bible College went forward to make personal commitments during the annual campus missionary conference, held October 30-November 2.

Inaugurating this year's event on Sunday night, October 30, was Norman Richards, missionary to Ivory Coast. Monday evening, October 31, home missionary to Tallahassee, Florida, J. D. Norris, stimulated listeners with his message on "Building for Jesus."

Early Tuesday morning Bill Fulcher, missionary to Panama, Bill Adkisson, home missionary to Newark, Ohio, and Dr. Paul B. Smith of The People's Church in Toronto, Canada, challenged students to a committed life. On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Smith conducted a seminar and then returned on Tuesday evening to urge listeners to expand their vision to include the entire world.

Wednesday morning started with a message from Brazil missionary Earnie Deeds, followed by a challenge from Roy Thomas, associate director of home missions. Dr. Paul Smith concluded the morning's activities with a message on "second mile discipleship." Once again, Dr. Smith conducted a seminar in the afternoon and returned that night to

preach the final message of the conference, summoning the students to be the "salt in the soup."

Several pastors and laymen from in and out of the state were on hand for many of the services. Practical helps were given to those interested in conducting missionary conferences in the local church.

Language Practice Affords Witness Opportunity

Spain—"We have finally moved into our own apartment and have applied for residency in Spain," writes Ron Callaway from Torrejon, Spain.

"We are now two weeks into our language study and are enjoying the teaching method. Since all the teaching and explanations are in Spanish, we are now understanding more and more of what we hear and are able to do our own shopping," noted Callaway.

The couple living next door to Ron and Linda are not Christians but have been very friendly and helpful to them. Since this couple speaks no English, the Callaways expressed hope that practicing conversation with them in Spanish will be an opportunity for witness.

The Callaways' new address is C/Cemento, Bloque 5, 3-C, Torrejon de Ardoz (Madrid), Spain.

New Work Progressing in Belo Horizonte

Brazil—After their recent return to Brazil, Dave and Pat Franks report on the new work they have begun in Belo Horizonte:

"We are having services in our home on Wednesday night," writes Dave. "A recent convert who attends the university here comes regularly and brings his mother although she has not made a decision as yet. A Christian accountant recently brought a friend who had never held a Bible in his hands. We loaned him a Bible, and he plans to study it. Pray for his conversion."

The Franks are also helping in the work in Conselheiro Lafaiete until the Deeds' return. Dave indicated the people in Lafaiete are showing an interest in spiritual growth and have expressed a desire to purchase land and begin construction of a church. He also announced the conversion of a beautician there who had studied Spiritism for 12 years.

Substance

Through October 31

On deposit October 1	\$ 315,327.34
Total receipts	1,145,649.87
Total disbursements	1,173,686.84
Projected receipts	1,171,554.20
Total 1977 Budget	\$1,415,865.00

\$Shortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	2,199.32
Bishop	1,534.58
Combs	3,899.29
Deeds	6,478.25
Eagleton	4,378.38
Ellison	2,692.58
Filkins	1,526.10
Hughes	2,036.89
Mayhew	4,077.04
McLain	4,129.98
Owen	786.84
Richards	4,505.71
Smith, A.	882.35
Smith, J.	2,394.91
Sparks	6,971.62
Teague	4,904.97
Webb	4,298.58
Willey	1,143.84
Willey, Jr.	317.69

Total deficit: \$59,158.92

News Briefs from Around the World

Nashville, Tenn.—Jim and Susan Moser are completing their deputational ministry with plans to leave for Brazil in early January to begin language study in Campinas. At press time the Mosers' visas were not cleared, so they requested prayer concerning these documents.

Japan—Dale and Sandra Bishop are the parents of a new son, Jeffery Ryan, born October 24. Jeffery weighed seven and one-half pounds.

Panama — Michael Lytle, two-year-old son of Steve and Judy Lytle, has recently been under doctor's care for an anemic condition. At latest report he was improving.

Alcala Marks Anniversary; Five Saved Recently

Spain—September 25 marked for Lonnie and Anita Sparks the first anniversary of services in Alcala, Spain. They reported a record attendance of 59 for the morning service in spite of a heavy rain-fall.

Sparks' first baptismal service in Alcala was conducted in the

afternoon with six people participating. After a church dinner and time of fellowship, the all-day services were concluded with a film in the evening.

Lonnie rejoiced that five adults were saved during September and October, including the husband of a lady who has attended services regularly. He also requested prayer for three Spanish Christians who are suffering persecution from their families because of their conversions.

Seeking to establish an outreach among the youth, Sparks noted that 13 attended a special meeting for young people recently.

Lytles Reopen Services in Betania Area

Panama—"On October 2 we began services again here in Betania," Steve Lytle notified the missions office recently. "And although only eight people attended the first service, we are glad to have made a beginning." Steve is currently using a Bible-study format for the services and is teaching the Gospel of John.

Acting as advisor to the Agua Buena church, Steve recently taught a series of leadership training classes on evangelism. At the conclusion of the classes the church went out in the community

to witness. Ten new people were in Sunday school the following Sunday and an elderly man gave his heart to the Lord.

"The Lord has also given us an opportunity to help train some of our Panamanian brethren individually," Steve noted. "Martin, a young Christian from the Agua Buena church, comes to our home each week for Bible classes. Three young ladies come every Monday for training in teaching, Christian living, etc."

Readng Room Serves to Open New Doors

Ivory Coast—In recent correspondence from Sarah Mayhew, she urged people to pray for the work in Tanda where they have opened a reading room in an effort to reach collegians, Muslims, Catholics, etc. with the gospel.

"If we can just reach those collegians for the Lord," writes Sarah, "He can use them to evangelize their villages." Many of the students speak English, and they like to practice on the missionaries. This affords other opportunities of witness.

Plans are being made to use filmstrips at night and flannel-graph presentations in the afternoon at Tanda. The door "is really wide open" says Sarah. "Six people could work out from there and have separate ministries."

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