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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."—Matthew 9:37, 38

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NEWS UPDATE

January 1977

News Briefs from Around the World

Japan—Sandra Bishop recently notified the office that “all my tests at the hospital in Tokyo came out negative.” Doctors thought she might be having trouble with her gallbladder.

France—Billie Sexton, wife of missionary Don Sexton, has been under doctors’ care due to a fungus infection in the throat.

Raleigh, N.C.—Ron and Linda Callaway, missionary appointees to Spain, have announced the birth of a daughter on November 26 here. The Callaways’ first child, Rachel Leigh, weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Brazil—Jim and Vicki Sturgill are scheduled to begin furlough at the end of January.

More Conversions, New Outreach Started

Ivory Coast—“Since I last wrote, we’ve witnessed 10 more conversions,” writes Jimmy Aldridge.

“Our seminar on evangelism was good and we started an outreach in the market of Bondoukou. The initial response was encouraging,” Aldridge added.

Jimmy recently started a class at the high school and junior college. The first subject resulted from the philosophy teacher’s assertion that there was no God.

Jimmy dealt with the subject of “the existence of God.” Following the class some of the Christians shared with unbelievers what they had learned in class.

Jimmy noted, “One young man was so worked up that he tried to tear up the Bible belonging to Francis (one outstanding young man in the dormitories). The guy was so angry he left school to go to his village to place an evil curse on Francis because of his witness!”

New TV Series on Missions Scheduled

Los Angeles, Calif.—The production of a new weekly television series to “help bring a renewal of missionary vision and zeal to America” has been announced by World Vision International of Monrovia, Calif.

Scheduled for release in mid-January, the program is called “Come Walk the World.” It will be hosted by World Vision president Dr. Stan Mooneyham, former moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Combs Indicate Growth, Continued Interest

Brazil—Since their first Sunday school began with an attendance of 18, the Combs have indicated a growth over five weeks to 39. Sunday evening services have

jumped from 32 on their first Sunday evening to 38 on a recent Sunday night.

“We converted one of the rooms in our home (19 feet by 10 feet) into a ‘chapel’ which we can leave arranged all week and will hold up to 55 people (sardine-style),” write the Combs. “We have a Saturday night service here at home every two weeks showing a Moody Science Film with an application of its Biblical lesson afterwards.”

They have also shown films on the soccer field with an attendance of approximately 95 on one occasion.

Week-Long Evangelism Schools Continue

Ivory Coast—Week-long evangelism schools in various areas of Ivory Coast are being fruitful as students learn how to witness, explain the plan of salvation, and memorize Bible verses.

Robert Bryan was involved in such a school in November in Nassian. Two other schools were held during the early part of December at Dedi and Goumère, and following the January field council meeting, five more schools are scheduled. These will be conducted at Bouna, Doropo, Koun, Kpana, and Seraodi.

A number of national leaders, particularly Anani Victor, and missionary Jimmy Aldridge have also been helping in these schools.

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Missionary Banquet Honors Franks

Wayne, Mich.—A special "Harvest Hoedown" missionary banquet was held at the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church on November 26, 1976 featuring guest speaker, missionary Dave Franks. A special part of the program featured young people of the church in instrumental music.

Pastor Kenneth Jones presented Dave Franks with a check in the amount of \$1,158.50 to be applied to his missionary account. The money was raised through various activities by the youth and adults of the church.

Mission Board Meets in Semi-annual Session

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions gathered for its semi-annual session November 29-December 1 at the National Offices here.

Many candidates were interviewed, several field matters were acted on and parts of the foreign missions **Handbook** were revised.

Among items passed by the board was the appointment of 10 summer missionaries:

Brazil—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bunch, Oklahoma; and Sandra Tucker, Alabama; **Ivory Coast**—Tom Diamond, Kentucky; Mark King, Illinois; and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Turnbough, Tennessee;

Japan—Glenn Harlinger, Iowa; **Panama**—June Arnold and Lynn Midgett, both of Oklahoma.

In light of broader opportuni-

ties of service which have been offered by an agency outside the denomination than those opportunities presently available to him under the Board of Foreign Missions, Tom Willey, Jr., regretfully asked to be released from service after having served under the board for 21 years.

In stating his reasons for requesting the release, he said, "I want it clear that I am not leaving for any doctrinal or moral reason, and I leave with no animosity toward the board. If in the future I may be of service to Free Will Baptists, know that I will do my utmost to render such service."

Tom's request was made after consultation with the board and his release was granted during the session to be effective December 1, 1976.

Ten Commandments Shock Radio Listeners

Brazil—Missionary Earnie Deeds recently reported that the reading of the Ten Commandments on his radio broadcast was shocking to some Brazilians who heard the program. Earnie read the Ten Commandments in their entirety without comment.

"One lady listener told a Presbyterian lady that for the first time in her life she heard that God prohibits the making of images-idols," writes Earnie. "It was a shock to her to realize that she has lived so long without ever hearing that."

New Work Growing in Kita Hiroshima

Japan—According to recent news from Jerry and Janice Banks, the new work in Kita Hiroshima on the northern island of Hokkaido is growing rapidly.

"We began to pray and search

for a separate meeting place a couple of months ago," writes Janice. "Last week our family moved (again) into a house within a five- to eight-minute walk; from the other place. We all felt that it would be better to leave the church in the same building, now that the people have become accustomed to it."

The Banks have only been out of language school since October. They have requested prayer for this new work as well as their personal ministry.

Mom Willey Says "Lord Is Blessing"

Panama—"Mom" Mabel Willey writes, "The Lord is continuing to bless in the church in a very special way. Sunday there were 125 in Sunday school. I had 60 adults in my Bible class. There was nothing special going on, just a real moving of the Spirit in the Word."

Mrs. Willey urged people to pray for more space for the church to grow.

Substance

Through November 30

On deposit November 1 . . . \$	248,869.01
Total receipts	1,107,987.24
Total disbursements	1,132,209.64
Projected receipts	1,129,340.75
Total 1976 Budget	1,232,007.00










Shortage

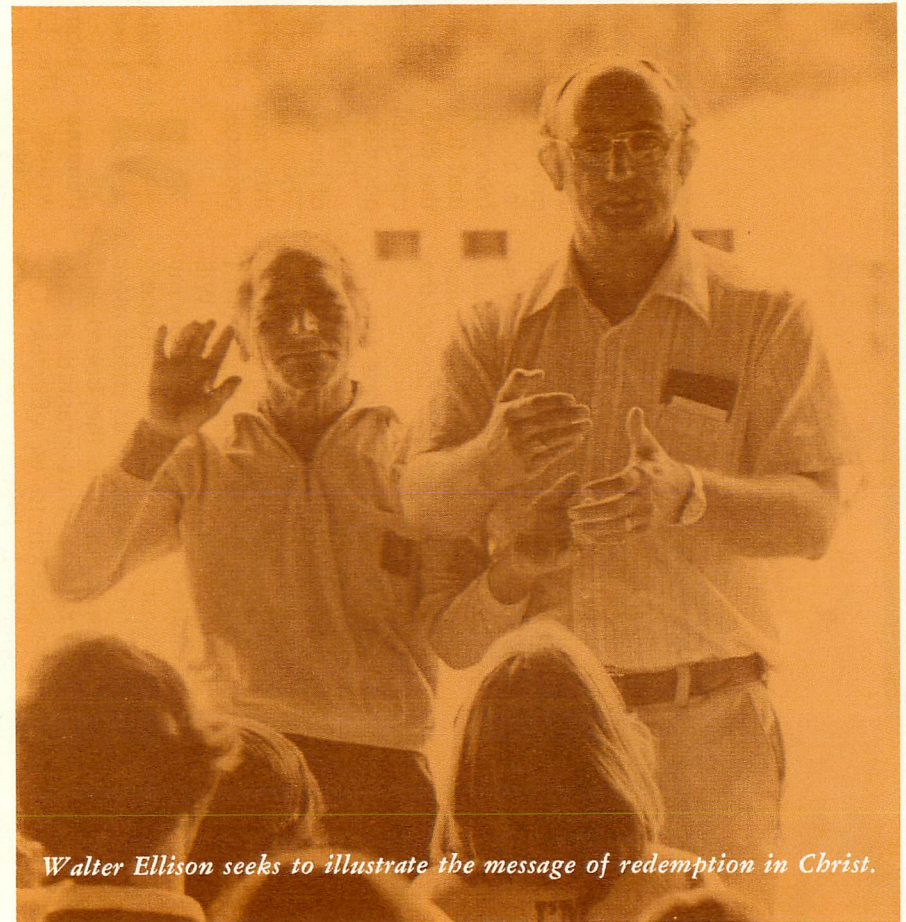
These accounts are in the deficit:

Dickens	1,478.98
Ellison	958.73
Gibbs	922.48
Hanna	3,808.67
Inscoe	3,291.42
Mayhew	2,780.27
McLain	699.96
Morgan	1,807.70
Palmer	9,156.64
Pinkerton	619.47
Poole	3,378.19
Sparks	1,468.66
Sturgill	1,676.15
Webb	7,326.87
Willey, M.	147.56
Willey, T. Jr.	84.84

January 1977

Foreign Missions Prayer Calendar

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 	3 Brazil Field Council Meets	4	5 	6	7	8
9 	10	11	12 	13	14	15
16 	17	18	19 	20	21	22
23 	24	25	26 	27	28	29
30 	31 National Youth Week "Declaring the Faith"					










Walter Ellison seeks to illustrate the message of redemption in Christ.

When you see the following symbols please remember to pray for missionaries in the country symbolized:



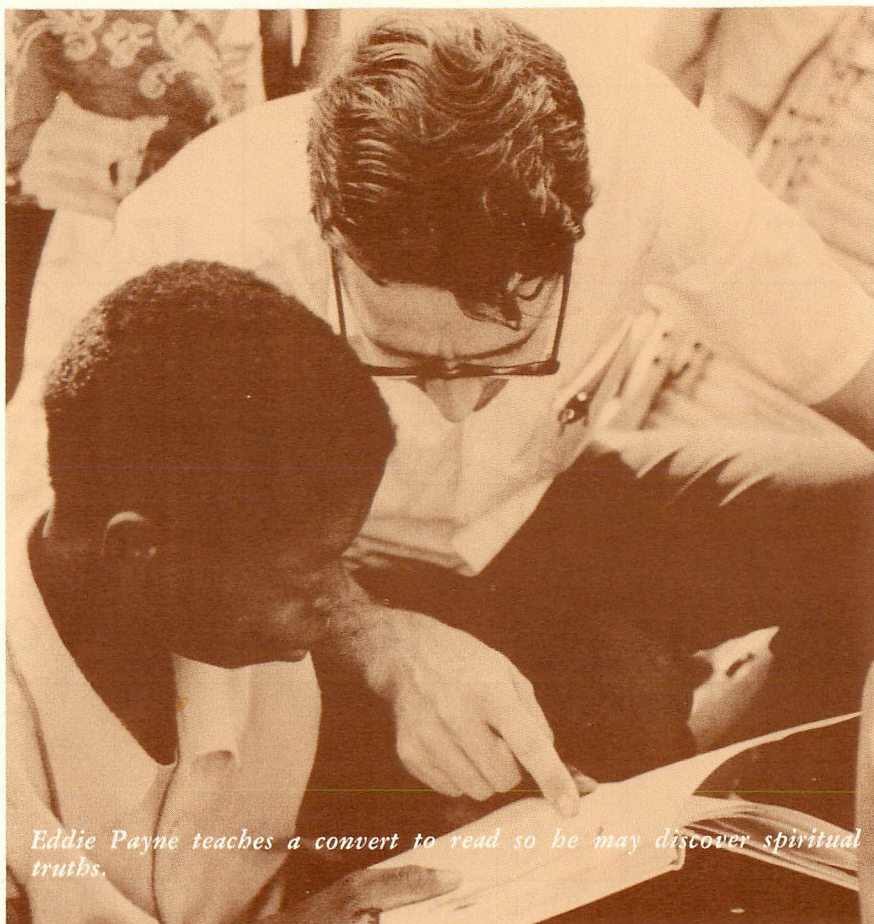
February 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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		National Youth Week "Declaring the Faith"				
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13 	14	15	16 	17	18	19
20 	21 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY	22	23 	24	25	26
27 	28					
<p>"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." —Ephesians 6:18, 19</p>						

March 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1	2 	3	4	5
6 	7	8	9 	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Bible Conference at FWBBC					
20 	21	22	23 	24	25	26
27 	28	29	30 	31		

Foreign Missions Prayer Calendar



Eddie Payne teaches a convert to read so he may discover spiritual truths.





April 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2
FOREIGN MISSIONS MONTH						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 PALM SUNDAY	WNAC Week of Prayer and Offering for Foreign Missions					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 EASTER SUNDAY						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
 Call-a-thon Sunday						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						

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May 1977


SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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Board of Foreign Missions Annual Meeting						
8 	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15 	16	17	18 	19	20	21
22 	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29 	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31				
<p>"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Matthew 28:19, 20</p>						

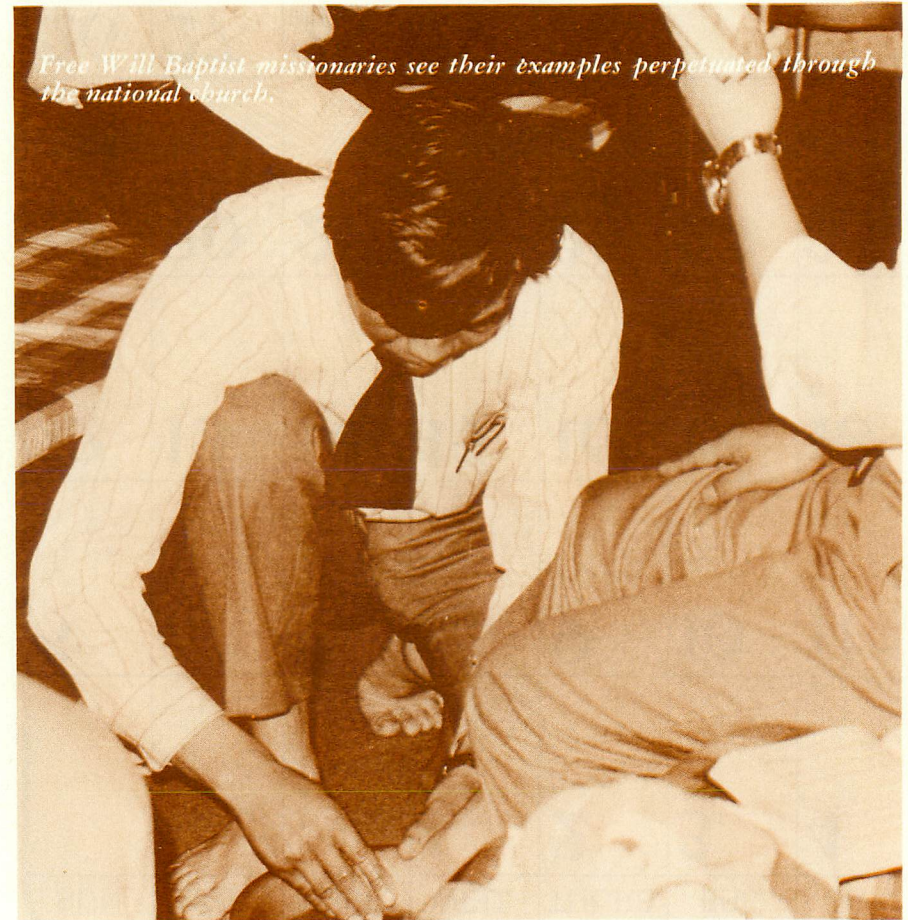
June 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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12 	13	14	15 	16	17	18
19 	20	21	22 	23	24	25
26 	27	28	29 	30		

July 1977

Foreign Missions Prayer Calendar

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
					1	2
3 	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6 	7	8	9
10 	11	12	13 	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
National Association of Free Will Baptists National Youth Conference WNAC Annual Meeting						
24 	25	26	27 	28	29	30
31 						



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August 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2	3 	4	5	6
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14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
Foreign Missions Retreat						
21 	22	23	24 	25	26	27
28 	29	30	31 			
WNAC EMPHASIS MONTH						










September 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1	2	3
4 	5 LABOR DAY	6	7 	8	9	10
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25 	26	27	28 	29	30	

October 1977

The world yearns for compassion that is evident only in the heart of a Spirit-filled witness.

Brazil France India Ivory Coast Japan Panama Spain Uruguay









SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
						1
National Layman's Month						
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23 	24	25	26 	27	28	29
30 	31					

Missionary Conference at FWBBC

November 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		1	2	3	4	5
Missionary Conference at FWBBC						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	WNAC Week of Prayer and Offering for Home Missions					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				THANKSGIVING DAY		
27	28	29	30			
	Board of Foreign Missions Semi-Annual Meeting					
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS MONTH						

December 1977

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1	2	3
Wiley Memorial Christmas Gift to Foreign Missions				Board of Foreign Missions Semi-Annual Meeting		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 CHRISTMAS DAY						

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