

HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Bearing the Marks

This baby bears the marks of the blade designed to appease the fetish and ward off evil spirits.

The Marks of Sin...

The apostle Paul said, "... I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Galatians 6:17

...Demand the Marks of Sacrificial Giving

NEWS UPDATE

June 1977

M easles, Diseases Add to Hospital Work

Ivory Coast—"Measles have really attacked the kids here this season," reports Sherwood Lee from the hospital in Doropo, Ivory Coast. "Yet as the season for one disease ends, another starts."

Sherwood and Dr. Miley have been very busy at the hospital since the doctor's recent return to Doropo. "We have in-patients now and see about 90 each day for consultations," Lee writes. Three days a week he teaches nursing classes for a few African Christians who help at the clinic. In coming months plans include giving the people some practical training in public health.

A recent opportunity opened at the prison in Bouna to begin Bible classes and a reading class. "There are approximately 30 for each Bible class and I have never seen a group of people more eager to learn," Lee writes. Koffi David, an African Free Will Baptist pastor, has also been allowed to hold services at the prison on Sundays.

B ank Expresses Need for Special Prayer

Japan—"The Kita Hiroshima church has been extra busy the past few weeks," Jerry Banks reports. Among the activities was a two-day children's meeting featuring Sesame Street "Muppets," film evangelism in a rented building, and a two-day meeting at the church with a young Japanese evangelist.

"Never before have we needed your prayers as much as now," continues Banks. "Jan recently had surgery and is still weak and unable to function normally."

Further treatment may be necessary since the surgery was apparently unsuccessful in relieving her leg pains.

Jerry and Janice also request prayer as they assume full responsibility for the work when the McLains begin furlough in June. Also, they will be without Japanese helper, Ben Abe, who is returning to college. The Banks have considered Ben to be a definite asset as they have continued to struggle with the language.

B oard Appoints Five, Approves Four Internees

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met May 2-5 at the National Offices building here for their annual session with all nine board members present. Business activities included the following:

John and Pansy Murray and Charolette Tallent were officially appointed to France; Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson were appointed to Ivory Coast contingent upon a satisfactory medical report on a hearing problem which Ledgel is experiencing; and Jim and Karen Cowart were appointed to serve in Brazil.

These candidates were approved for Missionary Internship training this fall: Mike and Deleen Cousineau, recent graduates of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma, candidates for Ivory Coast; and Dennis and Trena Owen of Florida, aspiring to go to Brazil.

Also approved to enter Missionary Internship training was Elaine Allen but she will not begin her MI course until the fall of 1978 following a year of nursing experience.

The board adopted Handbook regulations which officially set into operation the Associate Mis-

sionary program.

A budget of \$1,685,600 was adopted to be finally approved at the National Association in Detroit.

The board interviewed returned missionaries Joe and Barbara Haas, Jim Sturgill, and Bobby Poole in addition to missionary candidates.

Due to inflationary problems around the world, a new missionary salary system was adopted to alleviate personal needs which many missionaries are facing. This new system will be effective July 1, 1977. The board expressed hope that churches and individuals who support these missionaries will consider increasing their giving to help meet these needs.

A rising vote of appreciation was given to churches in the Detroit, Mich., area which sponsored and assisted those in Missionary Internship.

A rising vote of thanks and commendation was given to General Director Rolla Smith.

A special project, labeled "Cuban Project," was approved.

Board officers remained the same: Raymond Riggs, chairman; James Murray, vice-chairman; and Eugene Waddell, secretary.

N ews Briefs from Around the World

Ivory Coast—Sheryl Mayhew, daughter of Archie and Sarah Mayhew, will graduate from Ivory Coast Academy at Bouake on June 23. She plans to attend Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College next year.

Japan—Fred Hersey recently baptized a 19-year-old man who has apparently shown exceptional growth in the Lord. "It's a joy to see people attend services and



Tom Willey, Jr. stands with the Juan Castillo family in front of the house once occupied by "Mom and Pop" Willey in Cuba. Juan, current treasurer of the Association of Free Will Baptist Churches in Cuba, resides here with his family. (See story on back page.)

have such an interest in the things of the Lord!" Fred exclaimed. He anticipates several others who have been attending regularly will also be baptized soon.

Germany—An Overseas Missionary Fellowship affiliate and his friend were recently murdered while visiting a group from the Akha tribe in Thailand. Actual motive for the killings is unknown but it apparently was connected with some recent tribal disputes.

Brazil—Tom Hughes recently informed the missions office that after six trips to Sao Paulo, extra finances, and help from the American Consulate their baggage was finally released.

New Church Location Proving Satisfactory

Panama—The Bill Fulchers in Panama indicate they are pleased with the new location for their church and are having several new people attend services. One man was saved recently in a Sunday night service.

Youth meetings have also proven to be fruitful in providing contacts with several young Catholics who appear to be sincerely interested in studying the Bible.

The Panama Association of Free Will Baptists met Saturday, April 9, at the Agua Buena church and Bill used the opportunity to

speak to them concerning the importance of the local works taking more of the financial responsibility as well as the responsibility for self-governing.

The Fulchers were to begin furlough near the end of May.

Call-a-thon Results Lower than 1976 Total

Nashville, Tenn. — Twenty-five states, two individuals, and one foreign country participated in Call-a-thon Sunday, April 17, by phoning the foreign missions department to acknowledge their offerings.

For the second year in a row, the largest Call-a-thon gift was reported by Reverend Winston Sweeney, pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tenn. Their special gift totaled \$4,181.

Tennessee was highest in the number of churches participating in Call-a-thon with 20 responding to the special appeal.

Missionary Don Sexton called from France to inform the missions office that the Rennes and Nantes churches had given \$650 for the Call-a-thon project. This is the first time that a foreign country has participated.

Although the final figure for 1977 Call-a-thon is expected to be much higher, the latest total showed \$16,017.22 reported by 117 churches. This was much lower than the 1976 total of

\$25,574.19 given by 206 churches in 23 states.

These churches reported by telephone in the 1977 Call-a-thon effort:

Alabama

Cedar Creek
Center Point
Fairview
Forestdale
Holmes
Russellville First
St. James

Arizona

Trinity

Arkansas

Arbor Grove
Hickory Flat
Macedonia
Newport First
Old Reyno
Ozark
Pocahontas
Pleasant Hill
Searcy First
Slaty Crossing
Union Grove
Victory
Walnut Ridge First
Willoughby

California

Anaheim
Arvin
Calwa
Earlmar
Good Shepard
Huntington First
Modesto First
Norwalk First
San Jose

Colorado

Mile High

Delaware

New Castle

Florida

Ensley
Harmony
Mt. Zion
New Hope
Ocala First
Pensacola First
Salem
Suwannee Springs
Tallahassee Mission

Georgia

Brunswick First

Illinois

Ina
Salem
Waltonville

Iowa

Des Moines First

Kansas

Ulysses First
Wichita First

Louisiana

Baton Rouge First

Massachusetts

North Johnson

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Substance

Through April 31

On deposit April 1	\$ 295,570.98
Total receipts	125,102.66
Total disbursements	106,964.28
Projected receipts	708,621.68
Total 1977 Budget	\$1,415,865.00

Shortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	83.23
Deeds	452.74
Ellison	4,757.20
Gibbs	2,306.41
Inscoe	1,759.48
Mayhew	7,104.90
McLain	3,678.59
Palmer	2,260.01
Richards	3,573.42
Smith, J.	103.25
Sparks	1,658.86
Sturgill	4,544.27
Webb	7,515.27
Willey	714.08
Willey, Jr.	3,768.21
Wode	118.36
Total deficit	\$44,398.28

→**Call-a-thon** continued

Michigan

Benton Harbor First
Fellowship
Flint First
Kirby
Mt. Olive
Stoney Creek

Minnesota

St. Paul First

Missouri

Beacon
Cape Girardeau First
Hannon
Houston First
Houston First (Aux.)
Lowground
Macedonia
Mountain Grove First
New Harmony

New Mexico

Shiloh

North Carolina

Faith
Mt. Bethel
Parker's Chapel
Swannanoa

Ohio

Bethlehem (Aux.)
Dayton First
Pine Creek
Troy
West Side
Williams Road
Woodland

Oklahoma

Allen
Highland Park
Midway
New Hope
North Side

Pragg
Richmond Ave.
Silver City
Wilburton

South Carolina

Chester First

Tennessee

Bethany
Calvary
Cross Timbers
Crossville
Donelson
Erwin
Fairview
Faith
Fellowship
Good Springs
Haas, Joe, Nashville
Harper Road (Aux.)
Harris Memorial
Heads
Hixson First
Horton Heights
Manchester
Oaklawn
Oak Ridge
Sparta
Watauga Valley

Texas

Christ's
Pampa

Virginia

Beck, James,
Virginia Beach

West Virginia

Cobbs Creek
Mt. Calvary
Sophia

France

Nantes
Rennes

Mirial Gainer, associate missionary to Japan.

"I teach full-time at Hokkaido International School, have a pre-school English program for Japanese children after school, teach English classes two nights a week at Airin Chapel, and spend Friday nights in the coffee shop ministry which is led by several Airin Chapel members," writes Mirial.

Miss Gainer is presently studying Japanese, one lesson weekly, but plans to study full-time this summer in an intensive language course. "After that, I should be able to take more responsibility in the work," she added.

Tom Willey, Jr. Visits Cuban Churches

Cuba—Tom Willey, Jr. spent 14 days in April on the island of Cuba visiting Free Will Baptist churches, his first visit to that field since his family was unable to return in 1961 after Castro's army took over the government.

Tom indicated the national church is continuing to grow, and is larger today than it was prior to the new regime in spite of the fact that two-thirds of the membership was lost—one-third to the exodus immediately after the change and one-third due to lack of perseverance.

Several items are needed by

the Cuban churches, and Tom indicated prospects for their receiving these items are excellent if they are sent through proper channels. As a result of this need, the Board of Foreign Missions has approved a special project to supply mimeograph equipment, paper, and other needed items. Those desiring to contribute are urged to designate their gift for the **Cuban Project**.

Barnard, Haas, Payne Featured at Retreat

Nashville, Tenn. — The Foreign Missions Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Bible College featured Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Joe Haas, and Eddie Payne as their special speakers at the annual retreat held April 8-10 at Na-Co-Me Campground near Centerville, Tenn.

Approximately 150 people, including students, faculty, and guests, gathered for this year's event which was centered around the theme, "How Count I Life."

Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions; Dan Cronk, missions professor at FWBBC; Bob Shockey, general director of National Home Missions; and Sandra Payne and Barbara Haas were also on hand to participate in special missions seminars and devotional periods.

Gainer Active Despite Limited Language

Japan—"I am convinced more than ever that this is God's place for me at this time," reports

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