

HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

COMMISSIONED

These new missionaries were officially commissioned for overseas service recently:

Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson, Ivory Coast, July 31, 1977

Patrick and Susan Dickens, Ivory Coast, August 7, 1977

Clint and Lynette Morgan, Ivory Coast, August 21, 1977

Ron and Linda Callaway, Spain, August 28, 1977

John and Pansy Murray, France, September 19, 1977

Pictured at the top signing their commitment forms are Patrick and Susan Dickens. At the bottom, consecration prayer and laying on of hands conclude the Callaways' commissioning.



NEWS UPDATE

October 1977

Nine Saved in Alcala; Attendance Up

Spain—"Rejoice with us for answered prayer. Five adults and four children have been saved!" announced Lonnie and Anita Sparks from Alcala, Spain. Three of these adults are from one family and through enthusiastic witness, they have won two neighbor ladies to the Lord.

Sparks requested prayer for the salvation of the husbands whose wives recently came to the Lord. The four children were saved in Anita's Saturday Bible class.

Lonnie was encouraged by increased attendance at Sunday services in spite of the summer months. The average attendance for August was 33.

News Briefs from Around the World

France—Recent correspondence confirmed the safe arrival in France by missionaries Joe and Barbara Haas, Clint and Lynette Morgan, and Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson. They all arrived aboard the same airline on September 1.

Nashville, Tenn.—Mr. William Van Kluyve, 81-year-old father of Henry Van Kluyve, died August 22 in Nashville after several months of illness. Reverend Rolla Smith and Reverend Ed Cook, pastor of the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church, conducted the funeral services.

Ivory Coast—Archie Mayhew reported 16 decisions for the Lord recently at the village of Tanda. Archie indicated that over 40 others had been dealt with in this village.

Nashville, Tenn.—Paul Sparks, son of Lonnie and Anita Sparks in

Spain, entered Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville in August, and Dave Filkins, son of Howard and Joan Filkins in the Ivory Coast, has enrolled in Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla. Both boys are in their freshman term.

France—Missionary Jerry Webb has been undergoing a series of sensitivity shots for allergies. He has had severe allergic reactions which have particularly affected his eyes.

Nashville, Tenn.—General Director Rolla Smith became "grandpa" for the second time on June 25 as Jeremy Joel Whaley made his arrival in Albany, Ga. The six-pound, seven-ounce boy is the son of Vernon and Beth Smith Whaley.

Beckley, W.V.—Valerie Sturgill, youngest daughter of Jim and Vickie Sturgill, is continuing to make physical progress with the cast on her hip. She was placed in a cast in March for the correction of a birth defect in the hip socket.

Uruguay—Paul Robinson expressed praise to the Lord recently for several decisions in the work at Rivera.

Lee Reports Break in Long, Dry Spell

Ivory Coast—Sherwood Lee reported rain recently after a long, dry spell—climatically and spiritually. "After a long, spiritual dry spell, two people prayed recently at Konzie," writes Sherwood. "We rejoice that 'His word will not return unto Him void.' We are having services at Konzie each Sunday morning."

Sherwood noted that "Jacques—faithful all of these

years—continues to play tapes and invite people to come and learn about Christ. He has no fingers or toes and has a hard time walking and eating. But he has been 'made whole spiritually' by the Great Physician."

Lee reported progress in the reading classes at the prison. These are conducted by Pastor Koffi David.

In reference to the dry weather Sherwood noted that people 50 miles north of Doropo are hungry and without water. He urged Christians to pray for these people.

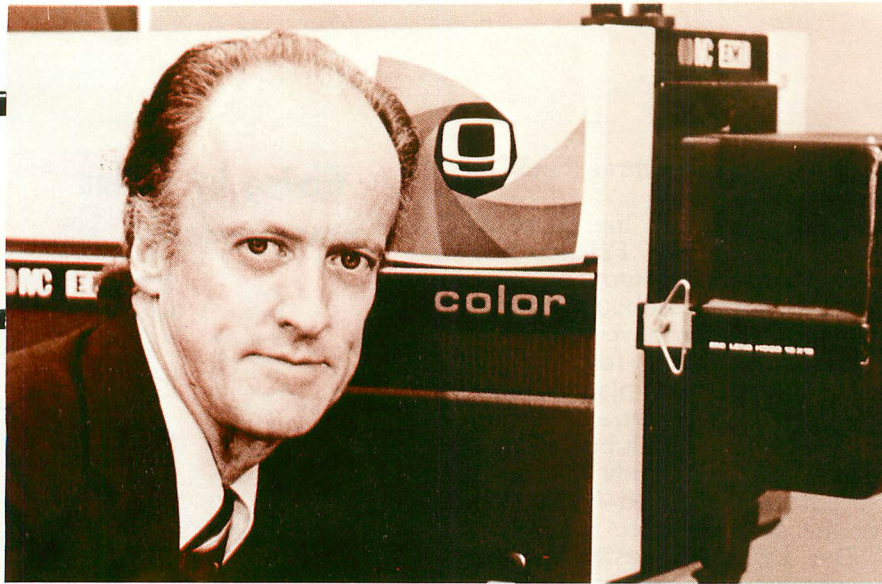
Missionaries, Pilots Die in Plane Crashes

Fullerton, Calif.—The Mission Aviation Fellowship has reportedly experienced two fatal airplane accidents within two weeks. On July 20 MAF pilot George Wall died, along with two European missionaries of the Basel Mission and one African national. The cause of the crash is presumed to be related to weather.

On August 2 another MAF plane crashed while attempting to land in stormy weather at the rugged airstrip in Tangma, Indonesia. Missionaries killed in the burning crash were Reverend and Mrs. Pieter Akse and their two youngest children. They served under the Holland Mission Board of Christian and Missionary Alliance. The MAF pilot, Chris Davidson, was also killed in the crash.

Vanhook Wraps Up Term; Begins Furlough

France—As furlough time approached for Patsy Vanhook, she noted her last few weeks in France: At Pontchaillou, the re-



This year's FWBBC Missionary Conference speaker Dr. Paul Smith, pastor of The People's Church in Toronto, Canada, speaks weekly to a television audience of more than 200,000 people. (See articles below and on back page.)

gional hospital, she visited cancer patients and distributed Christian newspapers. Four weekly Bible clubs also kept her busy.

"We were able to touch over 100 children during the past year through the Bible clubs and VBS," writes Patsy. Alice Smith and Carol Teague were on hand to help teach in VBS as was Madame Kolli, a French woman from the Rennes church. Patsy expressed hope that Madame Kolli might become involved in the weekly Bible clubs this fall.

Miss Vanhook arrived in the United States on September 9 to begin an early furlough.

Two Baptized; Activities Planned

Japan—Fred Hersey reported two people were baptized recently in the Iriso church—Mr. Kazama and Miss Kozumi. Mr. Kazama's wife has not yet made a decision although she has faithfully attended services with him. Miss Kozumi, 15 years old, has been attending services for about three years.

"We have about six to nine young adults attending our English class every Sunday afternoon," writes Fred. "Our summer missionary, Glenn Harlinger, had a good witness with the English class, and we are praying that these will open their hearts to the message of the Bible."

Free Will Baptist missionaries in Japan will have a retreat November 15-18 at the Tama Religious Retreat Center, a facility run by the U. S. military.

According to Fred, the three Tokyo area churches plan a one-day Bible conference November 23 at the Tokyo church.

Dr. Paul Smith to Speak at Conference

Nashville, Tenn.—Featured speaker at this year's Missionary Conference October 30-November 2 at Free Will Baptist Bible College will be Dr. Paul Smith, pastor of The People's Church, Toronto, Canada. Dr. Paul is the son of the well-known founder of the church, Oswald J. Smith.

Services will begin on Sunday night, October 30 and will conclude with the Wednesday night message. No services will be held during the day on Monday, October 31. The second service will be held at 7:30 on Monday night and services will continue through the day Tuesday and Wednesday.

Other speakers for the conference include foreign missionaries Bill Fulcher, Earnie Deeds, and Norman Richards and home missionaries Bill Adkisson and J. D. Norris. Roy Thomas, associate director of home missions, will also speak during the conference.

Franks Settled in Belo Horizonte

Brazil—Dave Franks recently reported that his family has settled in a house in the city of Belo Horizonte in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

Since the Franks' arrival in Brazil, Dave has traveled to the city of Conselheiro Lafaiete on weekends to continue the work begun by Earnie Deeds and himself. He hopes to begin a new work soon in the city of Belo Horizonte.

Prayer Requested Because of New Government

India—"With a new Marxist government in power in our state, we cannot know how favorable a harvest to expect in four months," writes Carlisle Hanna. "We feel the need more than ever for prayer for us and for the church here."

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Substance Through August 31

On deposit August 1	\$ 335,431.20
Total receipts	919,679.36
Total disbursements	901,676.09
Projected receipts	937,243.36
Total 1977 Budget	\$1,415,865.00

Shortage

These accounts are in the deficit:	
Banks	1,222.05
Combs	1,155.32
Deeds	6,857.13
Eagleton	4,418.60
Ellison	3,770.80
Filkins	884.91
Gage	1,699.69
Gibbs	1,179.44
Mayhew	4,678.02
McLain	3,599.29
Richards	5,274.34
Smith, J.	983.89
Sparks	4,446.94
Sturgill	4,001.26
Teague	1,768.17
Webb	2,838.36
Willey	535.15
Willey, Jr.	933.02
Total deficit:	\$50,246.38

Prayer Requested

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Carlisle reported the arrival of the monsoon rains in their area to alleviate the dryness. He indicated that rice was being transplanted with the hope of a good harvest after four months.

The Hannas' son, Don, spent the summer with his parents and returned to the United States on August 9 to attend Covenant College.

Lyttles Arrive in Panama to Assume Work

Panama—"By the grace of God, we have arrived!" write Steve and Judy Lytle from the field of Panama after completion of language study in Costa Rica. "The first few weeks we have been busy getting settled, looking for furniture, and doing paperwork for our permanent residence visas."

Anxious to be involved in the work, Steve will be acting as advisor to the Agua Buena church where he recently began a series of leadership training classes on evangelism. He also plans to conduct individual and small group studies relating to the Christian life, personal Bible study, etc. One young lady has already started coming to the Lyttles'

home for classes three hours a week.

"We moved into the house in Betania which Bill Fulcher had rented for church services," the Lyttles revealed. Although formal worship services have been discontinued at Betania for the present, Steve and Judy plan to begin informal Bible studies and singing in order to work back into regular formal services. Judy plans to start a neighborhood Bible club for the children soon.

The Lyttles requested prayer concerning the city of Betania: "Everyone says it is a difficult field—strongly Catholic, and indifferent to the gospel. We are seeking the Lord's guidance as to what we should do and how fast to move."

People's Church Exceeds Faith-Promise Goal

Toronto, Canada—The People's Church, Canada's largest evangelical congregation, again exceeded its goal in its annual "faith promise" missionary fund-raising effort. Total pledges for the coming year: \$1.13 million. The amount includes \$143,000 to help alleviate poverty in Haiti. The church shares in the support of 470 overseas missionaries, 35 of whom are from its own congregation of 2,000.

Giving by States

STATE QUOTAS—1977

State	1977 Quota	Quota Thru Aug. 31	Receipts Thru Aug. 31
Alabama	56,000.00	37,333.28	40,130.49
Arizona	8,000.00	5,333.28	2,799.00
Arkansas	63,000.00	42,000.00	52,278.14
California	65,000.00	43,333.28	25,205.11
Canada	2,000.00	1,333.28	.00
Colorado	2,500.00	1,666.64	1,405.00
Florida	42,000.00	28,000.00	22,695.54
Georgia	48,000.00	32,000.00	30,371.74
Hawaii	2,500.00	1,666.64	235.00
Idaho	2,000.00	1,333.28	329.51
Illinois	50,000.00	37,333.28	63,202.36
Indiana	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,310.77
Iowa	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,682.20
Kansas	8,000.00	5,333.28	10,177.47
Kentucky	32,000.00	21,333.28	28,423.04
Louisiana	2,500.00	1,666.64	152.16
Maryland	7,000.00	4,666.64	3,154.23
Michigan	82,000.00	54,666.64	46,477.62
Minnesota	1,000.00	666.64	229.98
Mississippi	27,000.00	18,000.00	12,590.73
Missouri	110,000.00	73,333.28	76,886.33
Montana	250.00	166.64	20.00
New Mexico	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,372.25
*N.E. Assn.	4,750.00	3,166.64	1,275.07
**N.W. Assn.	3,150.00	2,100.00	2,417.59
North Carolina	180,000.00	120,000.00	114,406.52
Ohio	50,000.00	37,333.28	16,733.60
Oklahoma	134,000.00	89,333.28	92,370.51
Pennsylvania	250.00	166.64	120.00
Puerto Rico	100.00	66.64	.00
South Carolina	82,000.00	54,666.64	57,041.20
Tennessee	182,000.00	121,333.28	127,531.57
Texas	27,000.00	18,000.00	17,902.64
Virginia	60,000.00	40,000.00	32,978.90
Virgin Islands	250.00	166.64	1,399.35
West Virginia	50,000.00	33,333.28	27,421.91
Other States	2,500.00	1,666.64	80.00
Miscellaneous	9,615.00	6,410.00	1,186.79
	\$1,415,865.00	\$963,908.96	\$923,934.72

*Northeastern Association
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