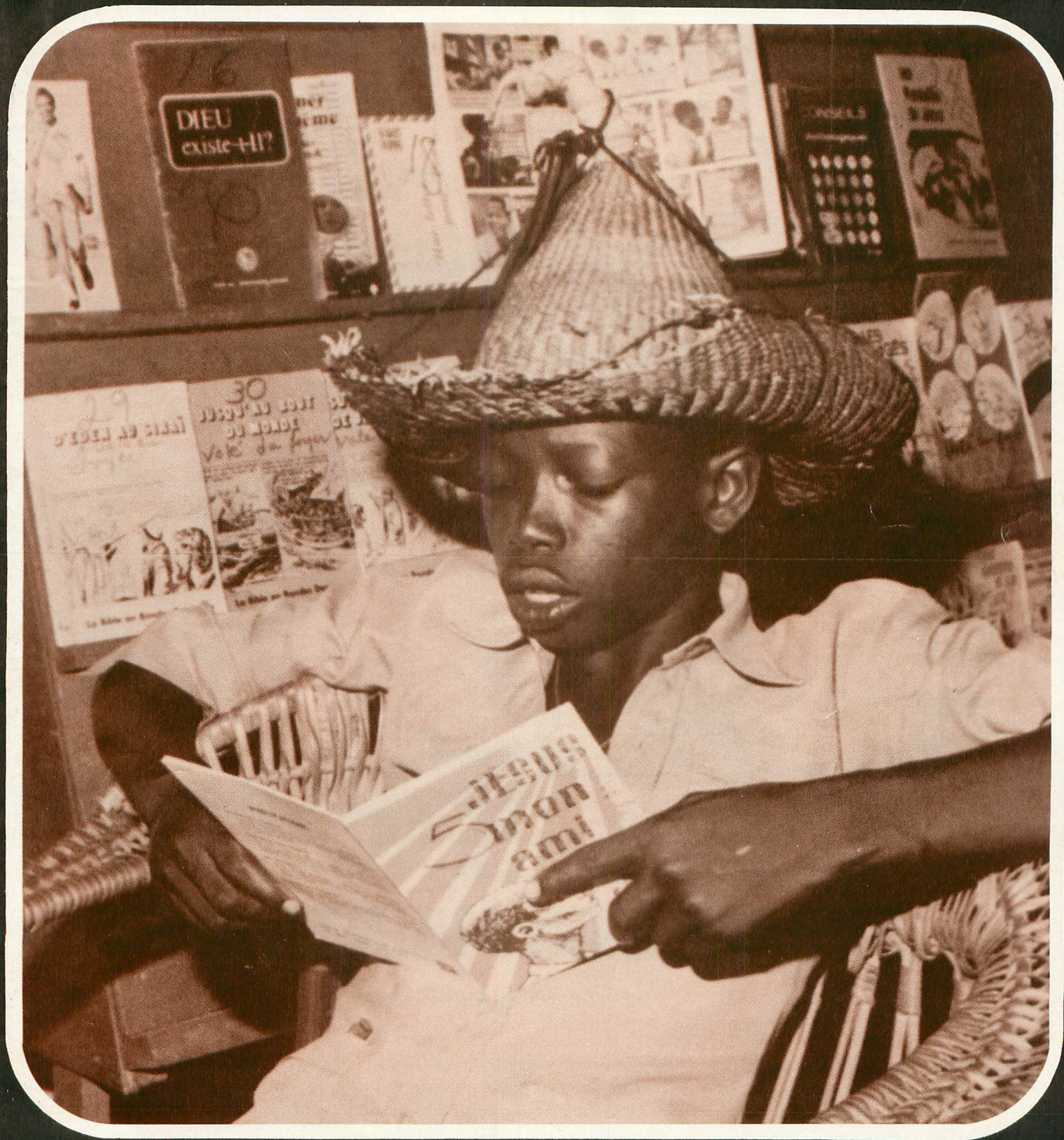


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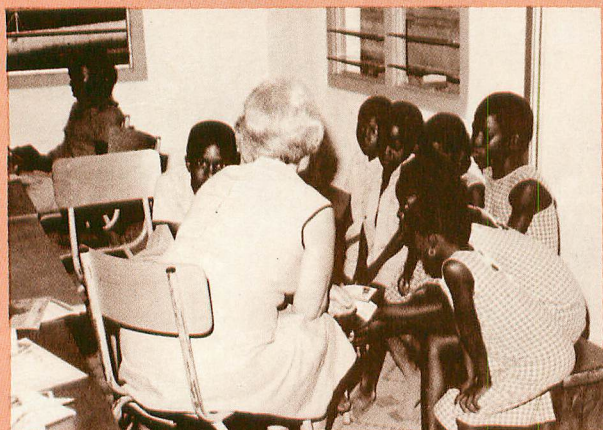
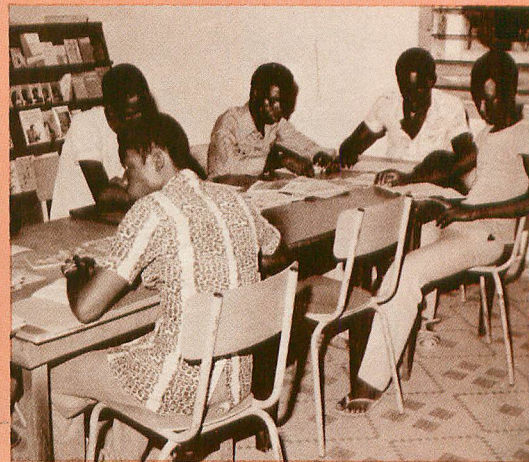
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## MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1978





# MIRACLE ON MAIN STREET

by Don Robirds

**K**ouami picked up the booklet lying on the table in his dormitory room. As he began to read, he discovered that it contained good things—the same things his two brothers had told him about while he was in his village.

Although Kouami was reared according to heathen practices, two of his brothers had become Christians. Providentially, he went away to

school in the small town of Tanda. Two of his roommates happened to be Christians. They regularly prayed and visited the Christian reading room which had been set up by missionaries Archie and Sarah Mayhew. Tanda is about 20-to-25-minute drive from Goumère where the Mayhews are stationed in the Ivory Coast.

"The things I read about in the

booklet brought me to the reading room where I received the Lord Jesus into my life," testified 14-year-old Kouami. "Then I felt all free inside."

Similar testimonies could be given by Koffi, Kouadio, Yeboua, Kouassi, Dongo, Kouakou, and numerous other Ivoirians who have come to the Christian reading room in Tanda and have found Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. In less than a year's time



between 200 and 300 people (mostly students) have made decisions for Christ as a result of the reading room located on the main highway through Tanda.

### **Literacy Increasing**

Until recently, literacy has been a serious problem in the Ivory Coast, and although the literacy rate continues to be relatively low, an increased emphasis on education has spiraled percentages upward at a fantastic rate. New schools are opening all over the Ivory Coast. More and more students are being admitted and are completing their education. With this new emphasis on learning, comes a hunger for something to read. To provide for such changes, God has burdened the hearts of some of His servants.

When the Mayhews began their third term of service in the fall of 1976, it was necessary for Sarah and their two daughters, Sheryl and Merry, to proceed by air as Archie remained behind to accompany their baggage aboard ship. The two girls were scheduled to enter boarding school at Bouake in late August. After they had enrolled and were settled in school, Sarah returned to Abidjan to await Archie's arrival. Taking advantage of the long wait, she did a great deal of soul-searching, studied her Bible, and communed with the Lord. She was really hungry to see the Lord work as she believed He could.

As she studied and prayed, the Lord opened II Chronicles 19 and 20 to her in a new way. She saw Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, as he returned to his house after having been to battle in league with Ahab, the wicked king of Israel. In spite of his alliance with Ahab which evidently brought the wrath of God upon him, he returned to his house in peace, primarily because he had some good qualities which God observed: He had taken away the places of idolatry and had prepared his heart to seek God.

Since Jehoshaphat considered his standing to be good, he set out to organize the spiritual realm of his kingdom. But in spite of his

organization, his enemies were busy plotting against him without his knowledge. He was in peace in his own little sphere with everything organized, and he thought everything was going fine.

When he discovered his enemies were coming up against him, in fear he set himself to seek the Lord because he found that all his organizing and planning just didn't have what it took to meet the enemy. So he gathered Judah together and told them to proclaim a fast and ask help of the Lord. He began to recognize an omnipotent God who can do anything. He also realized that God was present with him. Finally he became aware of God's omniscience—His knowledge about everything—and realized that God had the answer to his problem.

God spoke to him in chapter 20, verse 15 and said, "...the battle is not yours, but God's." And in verse 17 he concluded with the statement, "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you."

### **Reading Room Conceived**

Sarah expressed her heart as being "hungry to see God do something." When Jimmy Aldridge came down to Abidjan, she asked him if they had finished the school in Tanda. He responded affirmatively, noting that 400-500 students were in the school there. So she thought to herself, "Well, that's it. I need a reading room down there so I can reach these young men. If I can reach the young men, we can reach the villages." The Mayhews' station alone is responsible for at least 260 villages which are shown on the map and possibly that many more which are not shown. Sarah knew that it would be impossible for them to reach all of these villages by themselves.

With this in mind she reasoned that if they could reach just one student from each village, they could evangelize a good part of the Ivory Coast. In her diary she wrote, "Lord, give us Ivory Coast to lay at the feet of Your Son for He is worthy."

When Archie arrived, Sarah

shared with him her burden.

Together they began searching for a place to open a reading room. At first nothing seemed to be available. When they finally located a spot that would be suitable, they feared that the price would be prohibitive. But God worked out the details and they were able to acquire, for approximately \$25 a month, one side of an incompleated two-bedroom duplex. They set to work painting and putting things in order.

While they were working on the building, many young men would pop in and observe them working. Many asked questions and consequently several made decisions for Christ during that month of preparation. When they finally got things in order, they placed tables, chairs, benches, and bookshelves in the living room area. They displayed the books, magazines, and tracts in such a way that those who entered could see them readily. They placed cassette tapes and Bibles on a table and kept close observation lest the materials be carried away. Bible messages and Bible readings on tapes were made available in several different languages. Cassette players were there for the listeners' use. Bibles and New Testaments in several languages were also available.

### **The Promise Accepted**

With this all completed, Sarah accepted the Lord's promise that she would not have to fight the battle, so she went daily to Tanda and sat down to see "the salvation of the Lord." God kept His word! The young men and boys came in varying numbers to read, ask questions, and listen to tapes. The Mayhews made themselves available, and God began fighting the battle—and winning!

One young convert explained how he happened to come to the reading room: "When I started searching for the Lord, I went over to the Catholic church and asked them questions. They couldn't respond clearly to my questions, so this hardened my heart and I couldn't accept the Lord. Then, one day, with one of my friends who was a

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Christian, I started looking at the Bible. He explained how one could be saved and how God would protect us. That same day I got hold of a gospel tract, and when I read it, my heart was pounding. The Lord was really working on me, and I just wanted to lie down and ask God to forgive me. I asked my friend where I could go to find the Lord. He led me to the reading room, and it was here that my life was changed."

An awareness of the reading room has spread throughout the town. As converts share their experience with classmates and roommates, these come to the reading room to find out firsthand what has really happened. The readily available reading materials draw them to examine it. They begin reading only to discover that the message is the same as the experience shared by their friends. Though they don't understand, they seek to find out the meaning and Sarah is available as she promised the Lord.

Although Archie helped Sarah to get the reading room set up and saw how God was sending young men to question them even while they were preparing facilities, he still felt a responsibility to take the gospel to the villages. He was content to let this be Sarah's ministry. But as the work grew, Sarah saw that she was going to need Archie's help. She persuaded him to help her on a few occasions and God convinced him that he could reach the villages much faster and simpler by reaching these students in Tanda. Now the two are effectively working as a team.

When a student approaches Sarah, she puts him at ease and seeks to find God's answers to the inquirer's

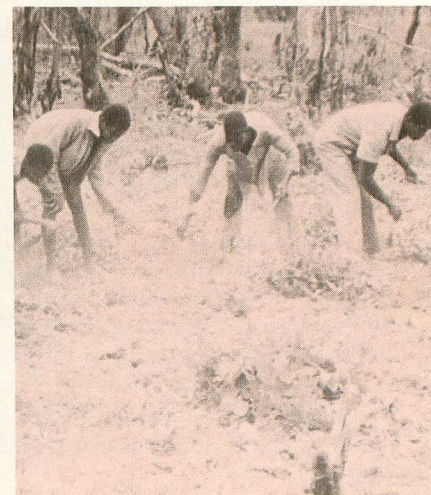
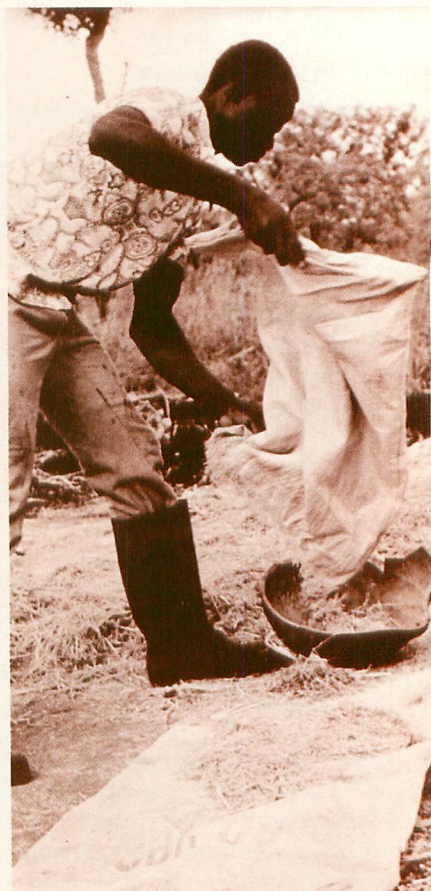
questions. Very naturally she leads each along the lines of repentance and faith. As one expresses further interest, she introduces him to Archie. Normally, if he makes a decision for Christ, it is at this stage. By this time each one has had time to read, hear the message, hear again in conjunction with the reading, and hear once more just prior to making a decision. When no one is at the point of decision, Archie spends time training the new converts, using various pieces of literature along with the Word of God.

The extensive use of the written Word has been a key factor in this growing ministry. The Mayhews have discovered that the potential is greater than they ever dreamed. They learned that the student population numbered closer to 900 than the 400-500 of their original estimate. In addition to these students, many others in the town have become aware of the reading room and its impact on the lives of those who have entered. Students who have been transformed are now returning to their villages with the message of Christ. A number of these have been effective in winning some of their fellow villagers to the Lord. At last count, more than 70 villages were represented by converts of the reading-room ministry at Tanda.

Obviously, without literature, the reading room would not exist. Through the efforts of the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan, Bible Literature International, some of our own Free Will Baptist publications, etc., literature has been available.

Plans are being made to provide other materials for these young Christians to use when they return to their people. Special pictured tracts and flip charts are also in the planning stages. And more materials will be needed.

Yes, God is miraculously fighting the battle and winning, but He is using the basic tools He gave the church—the written Word and Spirit-filled servants who are willing to allow Him to use them in simple, yet strategic ways. The Lord God of Elijah is working miracles on the main street in Tanda.



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# Victory at Dedi

by Don Robirds

**W**hen Anany Victor and his wife, Josephine, arrived in the village of Dedi near Nassian in 1971, they called all the villagers together for a meeting. Victor, who had been ordained earlier that year, told the people about the Lord's call and why they had come to the village. The chief was violently opposed!

Victor and Josephine didn't allow the chief's reaction to deter their plans. They immediately prepared a hut and on the third day in the village Victor started work on his field. Without the couple's knowledge the

chief and older villagers had started spreading the falsehood that anyone who became a Christian could no longer work in the fields. By starting his fields so soon, Victor proved this to be a lie.

During their second week in the village, two people were saved. A third person made a decision five months later, but when he was converted he started working in the fields on the days reserved for rest to honor the fetish. As a result of this, a judgment was brought against him. It took months to settle the dispute, so during this time Victor seized the opportunity to explain that God created everything in six days and gave the seventh day for rest.

## Accused Falsely

In an effort to rid the village of Victor, the chief went to the government officials and told them the young preacher was teaching the children to disobey their parents. He went on another occasion and accused Victor of stealing the women to give to Christian men. After hearing the second accusation, the *sous-prefet* (vice governor of a district) became so angry that he went out to the village to see Victor and said, "The villagers here are very unhappy with the way you are acting. If you don't straighten this out, you are going to have to leave the village." He added that if Victor continued to preach in the village, a truck would be there in a few days to load up his baggage.

Victor responded, "You can give your report to the *prefet* (governor of a district) and if he decides to move me out of the village, I will go if God wants me to. But unless God wants me to leave, you can't put me out of the village." The vice governor went so far as to put two Christians in prison but the Holy Spirit touched them and filled them with joy. They came out saying, "We believe the Word of God more strongly now because God helped us just like He did those in the book of Acts." It was only a short time later that the *sous-prefet* got sent away from the area and forced out of government service. Victor and

Josephine remained! And they are still ministering in Dedi.

## New Liberty

The new *sous-prefet* is a much wiser man. Although the people continued to accuse the Christians, he understood and saw through the problem. Six times during the past year the Christians were called before him to answer charges. Each time they were cleared. Consequently this vice governor has come to realize that accusations labeling Christians as lazy have no merit. He has gone so far as to say that he would like to be able to force people to hear the Word of God and become Christians because their diligence and hard work helped to develop the area under his control. This attitude has also given the Christians liberty to preach anywhere in their area.

At first the Christians' hard work at Dedi did not produce much, so they formed a cooperative to work the fields together. Peanuts, their first crop, didn't produce much. Next they had some good crops but couldn't sell them. The next year they tried producing rice. Finally, after three years they have had a good crop. People in the area are so amazed that they have called Victor and the others "rich people" because of their crops.

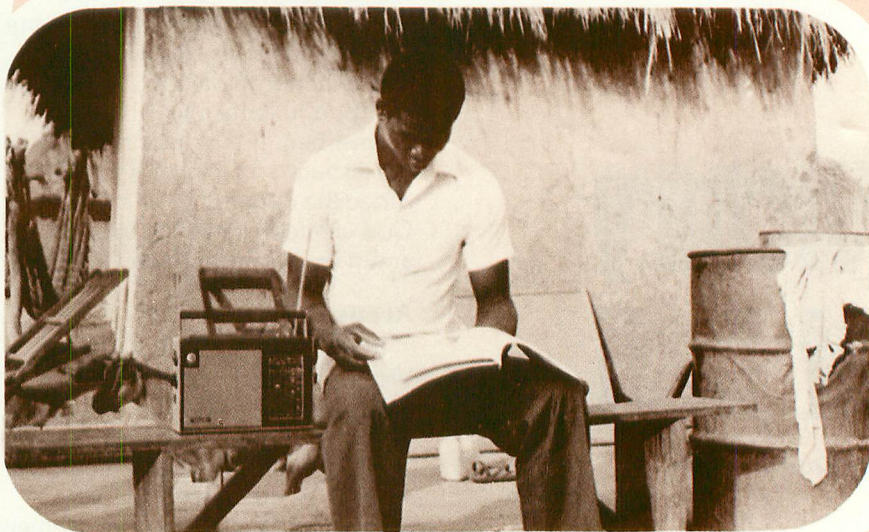
In light of this, Victor expressed praise to the Lord as he noted, "Since people have more respect for rich people than they do for servants of God, they will now listen to us. The doors are open because they think we are rich even though we remain poor. There is no way now to be run out of any village where this *sous-prefet* is in authority because we are known everywhere."

Thirteen adult Christians now comprise the work in Dedi and they have been able to remain in their village rather than leave to search for work, largely due to the Christian cooperative. "You can't build a church if people are away and not being fed the Word of God," concluded Victor. "The cooperative has kept our families together. Together the church can grow spiritually and numerically for God's glory."



# Turn Your Radio On!

*by Allan Crowson*





**T**he old song says, "Turn your radio on." And, in spite of TV, the radio airwaves are full these days with news, weather, sports, music, interviews, "trading posts," and various other programs. The Christian radio programming available on both secular and religious stations is also quite varied: music of all types, from Stamps-Baxter, to songs by Carmichael, Peterson, the Gaithers, or Haendel; sermons, Bible exposition, doctrinal teaching, question and answer programs, counseling, testimonies, programs for men, women, or children, drama, and still the list is not complete! Many Free Will Baptist pastors have local radio programs for the benefit of their congregations and communities.

Have you ever wondered how different things would be if radio (or in your case, television) programs in your language were only aired for a few minutes each day? What if you had no local church or pastor and the only Christian radio programming in your language made up no more than 15 minutes a week? That would be quite a change, wouldn't it? But that is exactly the situation for Christians in the Koulango tribe of the Ivory Coast.

Free Will Baptists have been working among the Koulangos for about 20 years now, and several Koulango churches are in the area. Still, much evangelization needs to be done before all the Koulangos can hear the gospel. The seriousness of the problem stems from the shortage of workers. But the Lord has provided radio as a tool to help accomplish the task.

### **Churches Assume Expenses**

Former missionary Lonnie Palmer originally began the Koulango broadcasts as a part of his ministry. Then, a few years ago, the Free Will Baptist churches of Ivory Coast voted to underwrite all the expenses of this ministry. Now they supply all the personnel, and pay all the costs of transportation, studio fees, and broadcast time.

Presently, three ordained Koulangos speak on the broadcasts:

Anany Victor, Kouadio Jean-Baptiste, and Adou Koffi David. They travel to Abidjan about once a quarter to tape the 15-minute broadcasts to be aired during the coming three months. The taping is done in the French studios of radio station ELWA, a Christian radio station operated by the Sudan Interior Mission. The tapes are then sent to Monrovia, Liberia, where the shortwave transmitters are located. From there they are broadcast into Ivory Coast every Thursday evening at 7:45.

Perhaps you have wondered what a broadcast in Koulango actually accomplishes. Although French is the national language of Ivory Coast, multitudes still speak only their own tribal language, such as Koulango. If they ever really hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, it will have to be in their own language.

Secondly, for many Koulangos, French is only a "trade language." That means they use it for buying or selling in the market place, but not for really serious, important subjects such as the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For discussing such matters, French remains a foreign language to them, and does not effectively communicate.

### **Provides a Pastor**

In light of the limitations in French, these radio programs provide help in various ways. They help to strengthen the believers, and they aid in continuing evangelization among the Koulangos. For many believers in remote, outlying areas, the weekly broadcasts provide their one regular contact with the rest of the Body of Christ. The radio speaker truly becomes their pastor.

Broadcasts reach thousands of villages at one time, penetrating areas where the evangelist cannot be at that particular moment. They form a "gospel barrage," making the initial contact in many villages. Thus, the seed of the gospel is planted, and when a preacher arrives in that village, the people already have some knowledge of his message. If the messenger happens to be one of the three who speak regularly on the broadcasts, the impact is even

greater, because in his own way he has become a "celebrity." Imagine how people might attend if Walter Cronkite or Paul Harvey came to your church to tell the good news of Jesus Christ!

Muslims have traditionally been very resistant to the gospel, but the thirst to hear something in their own language on the radio is so great, that many of them listen regularly to the Christian broadcasts.

Work does not stop after the broadcast ends. Copies of each broadcast are transferred from the master tape onto cassettes for continued distribution in the villages. Thus, programs that were particularly helpful can be heard over and over for as long as necessary and with no static interference.

### **Nationals Sense Burden**

Yes, the Koulango radio broadcasts are extremely helpful, and they give us an occasion to praise the Lord. Through these, Ivorian Christians have sensed the burden of our Lord for lost men and women, and have begun to take their place in the task of world evangelization. The programs have been generally well-received in the area, and have proven fruitful. Still, there is much to do.

The broadcasts are not, nor will they ever be, a substitute for personal contact. God has provided these only as a tool. No radio broadcast will ever take the place of personal soul-winning—one Christian sharing his faith in Jesus Christ with others who don't know the Savior.

Let me urge you to pray for evangelists, teachers, preachers, and mature men and women of God to serve in the Ivory Coast. These are needed not only among the Koulangos, but also among the Lobis, the Agnis, the Lorphons, the Dioulas, and the other Ivory Coast tribes.

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## **PRAY FOR BROADCASTS**

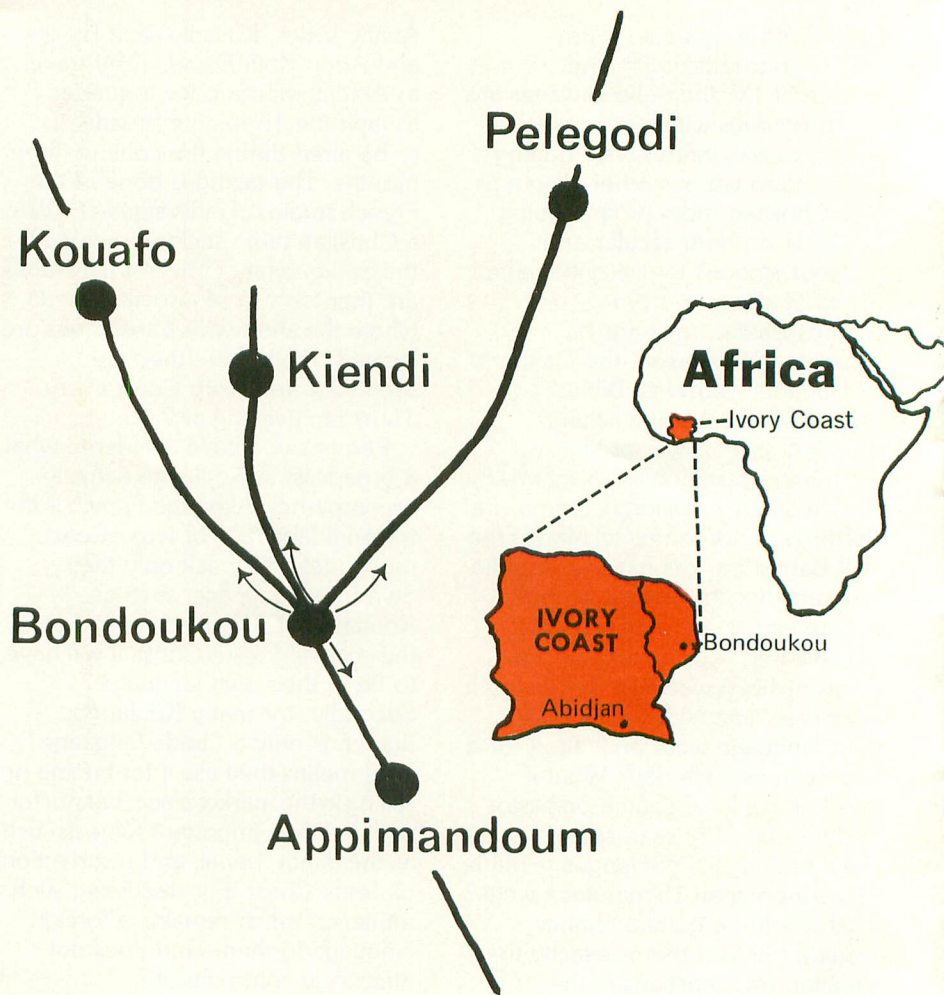
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# SURVIVAL!



by Jimmy Aldridge

**H**eld captive for much of their lives in the vice-like grip of animism and pagan custom, Ivory Coast converts regularly confront tribal and parental taboos and judgments. As large numbers of youth and young adults from all over Ivory Coast have surfaced in Bondoukou to study, many have encountered the gospel of Christ. Through a reading-room ministry started by the Bondoukou church, a number of these have received Jesus Christ into their lives.

## The Problem Faced

Once these had taken this step of faith, we knew they would encounter difficult storms of their past when they returned to their own villages and families. How could we prepare them to live victoriously in their villages

during the summer vacation? They would be going back for the first time since believing. And they were to be the first Christians to live in these villages since the world began. Some would doubtless be all alone—only one believer in an entire village. How would they survive?

When we reopened our youth work in Bondoukou in the fall of 1975, we had only one faithful student to build on. One by one, several others were saved. We began their formation in the Christian life the day of their conversion.

## The Solution Determined

First of all, we had daily Bible studies and prayer together. This was to teach them the importance of regular, disciplined spiritual activity that is absolutely vital to normal



development. We had weekly "rallies" to which they invited their unsaved friends. We showed films and followed these with "free-for-all" discussion periods. Muslims, Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, Rosicrucians, and Animists participated freely. Biblical answers were given to solve life's problems. The new converts were strengthened, and they developed a real sense of group identity.

This identity was further reinforced by their contacts at church. As soon as a new convert was sure of his salvation, we encouraged him to publicly confess Jesus as his Savior during a regular worship service. Immediately, the older Christians began praying for him, encouraging him to stay faithful to the Lord.

Secondly, we aggressively taught the new believers basic doctrines of the Christian life. We especially insisted upon the priesthood of believers, carefully pointing out our unlimited access to the living, all-knowing God who delights in helping us in our difficulties and in performing miracles in our behalf when necessary.

A special forty-hour study during Easter vacation formed our third step in solving their problem of overcoming village temptations and ties. Realizing their need to have a broad background in the Scriptures, we read the entire New Testament in the six morning sessions. Then in the afternoons, I answered their questions. They met for sharing and prayer in the evenings.

Our final study, conducted at the end of school, was an approach for them to follow as they entered their villages. We wanted them to (1) survive and grow as Christians, (2) live in such a way that they would not "turn people off" to the gospel, and (3) show someone else the way to God.

We drilled them on right attitudes toward their parents, families, village elders, etc. For instance, we told them it would be a much more effective witness to return home, get their oldest "field" clothes out, and go to work in the fields before being asked by their father rather than try to avoid

going to the fields by "preaching" instead. These "how-to" sessions proved invaluable, as we found out shortly.

We also started a prayer chain. Each of the 16 participants pledged to pray for the other 15 at least once a day during the vacation.

### The Results We Observed

The students left Bondoukou knowing that we would not come to their village until they invited us. An invitation indicated they had "survived" and had not "turned-off" their parents. It also meant that someone, as a result of their life and witness, wanted to be saved.

Great joy was ours when we received the first invitation three weeks later. When we arrived at the village of Kouafo, Ata Kouakou and Kouman introduced "a new brother." He had been saved three days before. People crowded around and listened as I talked to the new brother about the Lord. Today, there are at least 40 faithful believers in this village.

Shortly afterward, we were invited to Pelegodi. Daniel said many wanted to hear. We had an open-air service. Mr. Ata, possessed of a demon, made a public confession of faith. He has been delivered by the power of the Lord! Three others have believed as well.

Then, Kiendi opened to the gospel. Celestin and 11 others became believers. Next came Appimandoum where Tehua lives. In this village 13 young men and boys have now confessed Christ as Savior. The mother of one boy has also made a decision to follow Christ. As a direct result of the training period in the school year of 1975-76, there have been at least 78 conversions. Four new embryonic churches exist in villages where we are now welcomed by the villagers to teach the gospel.

Perhaps more importantly, all the young men who went through the "survival course" and who remain in the Bondoukou area are faithful to the Lord. I am praying that from their ranks will come the leaders so desperately needed for our Ivory Coast Free Will Baptists to survive.

## Financial Summary

### Substance

#### Through September 30

On deposit September 1	\$ 464,736.46
Receipts: August	122,689.89
September	109,293.24
Total receipts through September	1,246,549.76
Total disbursements	1,193,257.61
Projected receipts	1,264,199.94
Total 1978 Budget	\$1,685,600.00

### Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Aycock	\$2,028.83	Inscoe	\$ 992.17
Banks	1,071.96	Lee	2,067.36
Bishop	2,849.40	Miley, Lynn	1,230.15
Caton	1,484.03	Moser	1,759.47
Combs	3,528.01	Paschall, Mark	10.00
Dickens	3,553.82	Payne	955.77
Franks	7,159.92	Smith, J.	926.47
Hersey	7,495.68	Sparks	976.35
Hughes	5,350.53	Webb	3,102.43

### State Quotas—1978

State	Quota 1978	Quota thru Sept.	Receipts thru Sept.
Alabama	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 48,263.48
Arizona	6,000.00	4,500.00	949.26
Arkansas	81,000.00	60,750.00	63,576.37
California	63,000.00	47,250.00	32,623.05
Colorado	3,000.00	2,250.00	1,955.48
Florida	47,000.00	35,250.00	30,766.36
Georgia	50,000.00	37,500.00	42,552.18
Hawaii	2,500.00	1,875.00	357.16
Idaho	2,000.00	1,500.00	419.81
Illinois	70,000.00	52,500.00	42,244.17
Indiana	22,000.00	16,500.00	12,023.60
Iowa	6,000.00	4,500.00	1,862.90
Kansas	14,000.00	10,500.00	8,593.53
Kentucky	50,000.00	37,500.00	25,837.36
Louisiana	2,500.00	1,875.00	1,059.58
Maryland	8,000.00	6,000.00	3,844.48
Michigan	88,000.00	66,000.00	67,833.22
Minnesota	1,000.00	750.00	211.96
Mississippi	30,000.00	22,500.00	16,726.82
Missouri	140,000.00	105,000.00	92,574.72
Montana	1,500.00	1,125.00	195.00
New Mexico	2,500.00	1,875.00	614.13
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North Carolina	210,000.00	157,500.00	149,205.30
Ohio	63,000.00	47,250.00	24,135.19
Oklahoma	164,000.00	123,000.00	137,856.74
Pennsylvania	250.00	187.50	53.00
South Carolina	90,000.00	67,500.00	66,685.38
Tennessee	205,000.00	153,750.00	162,869.17
Texas	37,500.00	28,125.00	40,705.76
Virginia	63,000.00	47,250.00	48,674.12
Virgin Islands	250.00	187.50	752.38
West Virginia	60,000.00	45,000.00	38,681.20
Other States	500.00	375.00	120.00
Miscellaneous	24,100.00	18,075.00	425.54

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## Crowson House Object Of Recent Break-in

*Ivory Coast*—When Allan and LaRue Crowson returned from Abidjan in mid-August, they discovered two broken windows and evidence that someone had broken into their house.

Allan writes: "They apparently were looking for money. They went through the clothes in the closet, drawers, and suitcase under the bed. Apparently they only looked in the guest room and our room; nothing else was disturbed in the other rooms. They left behind, our Zenith radio, our stereo, a guitar, an autoharp, typewriter, and who knows what else."

## Lytle Reports Answered Prayer, Souls Saved

*Panama*—Missionary Steve Lytle recently reported the answer to their requested prayer: Mrs. Mercedes Burrows was saved in her home and then made a public confession of Christ in the services at Betania. Her son, Carlos, is a faithful Christian in the work. A second son of Mrs. Burrows was also converted after her decision. In addition to those specific answers to prayer, Steve noted that another teenager, Bernardo Rodriguez, made a decision on September 10.

Six people were baptized in late July in the San Juan community swimming hole, Lytle reported. That work is currently under the leadership of 22-year-old Martin Plicet, a lay preacher from the Agua Buena church.

Approximately 50 young people attended a youth camp at the end of July in which a Panamanian National Youth Convention was formed and leaders were elected.

## Poole to Start Phone Evangelism Ministry

*Brazil*—In an effort to reach people who have special needs, Bobby Poole has initiated a telephone answering ministry in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.

"The telephone ministry continues to be a burden on our hearts," says Bobby. "God is providing. One member of the church here is giving \$1,500, the price of one regular telephone." Plans include the use of three telephones. Ken Eagleton took two answering machines for this

ministry when he returned to Brazil recently.

The Bible Institute continues to be held in the church and currently has 11 students enrolled.

## Japanese Convert Adds Spark in Nantes, France

*France*—Ryoko Kurosaura, a Japanese Christian, has added a spark to the work in Nantes since she arrived in France to study the French language. According to Don Sexton, Ryoko had been converted shortly before arriving in France through the influence of an American "pen pal" and began attending church in Nantes immediately after her arrival.

Miss Kurosaura has been instrumental in bringing numerous university students to the meetings and at least one of these recently accepted Christ as Savior. Sexton urged Christians to pray for Ryoko, now enrolled at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma. Don also revealed that

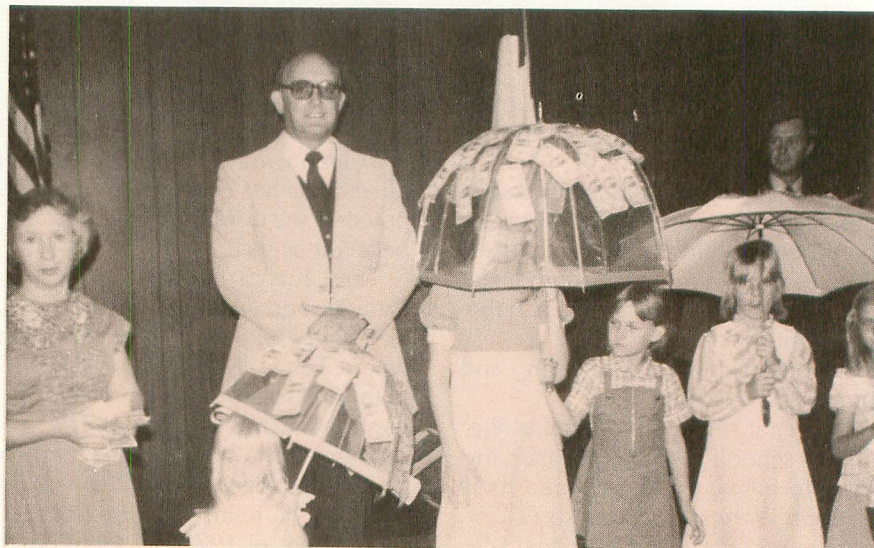
an English girl from the church has made a decision to become a missionary and currently plans to study in London.

The Sextons noted that they have made an offer on the purchase of a building downtown which they feel could be converted into a church. They have requested prayer that the price will be acceptable.

The Sextons' daughter, Donna Clark, spent almost three months in France during the summer helping in the work.

## First Vacation Bible School Averages 55

*Brazil*—In recent correspondence, missionary Tom Hughes disclosed the results of the first Vacation Bible School held in the Uberlandia work: "We averaged 55 each day," writes Tom. "None of the Brazilian helpers or teachers had ever attended a Bible school before, but they all did a good job."



Walter Ellison stands behind children holding umbrellas with dollars for the Ellisons.

## Young Church Sponsors Missionary Revival

*Vinemont, Ala.*—Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church, just completing four years in existence and three years as an organized church, sponsored a missionary revival September 3-8 with missionary Walter Ellison as the evangelist. Fourteen decisions were recorded during the week—some for salvation, some for rededication, and others for full-time Christian service.

The entire church was involved in the meeting. The children had a special time in which they displayed umbrellas sporting dollars for the Ellisons to the tune of "Showers of Blessings." The church gave a total of \$934 to the Ellison account at the conclusion of the revival. This was their first time to have such a missions emphasis. Pastor of the church is Reverend Dennis Reeves.



Tom noted the recent conversion of a sister to the first convert in the Uberlandia work.

Luiz Antonio, the young boy in the work who has been studying to preach, delivered his first Sunday-night message on July 30. He had previously spoken only on Wednesday nights.

## Missionary Conference Held in Tubarao

*Brazil*—The church in Tubarao, Brazil, held a missionary conference July 28-30 with Missionary Aviation Fellowship pilot Lelis Fachini as special guest speaker. Lelis, the only Brazilian pilot for MAF, was saved in the Araras Free Will Baptist Church when he was 12 years old. He is currently 25 years of age and has a wife and two children.

According to Jim Combs, Fachini "did an excellent job of challenging the people to have a world vision."

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Ivory Coast*—Clint and Lynette Morgan are temporarily living at the mission station at Laoudi Ba until they can make a definite decision as to where they will work. They have requested prayer regarding their decision.

*Brazil*—Youth camps at the camp property in Jaboticabal ministered to a combined total of more than 150 young people during school vacation in July. Summer missionary John Metcalf acted as evangelist for the children's camp with Kevin Wilkinson acting as interpreter.

*Ivory Coast*—Timothy Crowson, son of Allan and LaRue Crowson, underwent surgery on September 25 to correct a hydrocele.

*Brazil*—Missionary Bobby Aycock, in Barbacena, Brazil, has been hampered for some time by back problems. In a recent report he said, "My back has improved some. I'm able to drive now, but still use the brace. I can't lift weight nor stand for a long period of time without feeling the effects."

*Ivory Coast*—Classes resumed August 31 at the Ivory Coast Christian Academy in Bouake, Ivory Coast. Jerry and Carol Pinkerton reported 17 students in the dormitory this year.

*Brazil*—Jim and Vicki Sturgill are parents of a new baby girl, Vera Luzia, born October 5 in Campinas, Brazil. The cesarean-birth newcomer weighed in at 10 pounds, nine ounces. Jim and Vicki have two other girls.



Jim and Karen Cowart

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Jim and Karen Cowart are tentatively scheduled to depart for Brazil the latter part of December to begin language training in early February. Christians have been urged to pray that no difficulty will arise regarding their visa.

*Spain*—Lonnie Sparks reported recently that three boys were saved on Sunday, September 3. The following Wednesday the mother of two of the young people in the church made a decision for Christ.



Wode and Tallent in France

*France*—Arilla Wode, Charolette Tallent, and John and Pansy Murray are among the 59 students from 17 different missions presently enrolled in French language study at Albertville, France. The Murrays recently moved to Albertville from Paris.

*Brazil*—The Earnie Deeds family arrived safely in Brazil on September 5. According to reports they were able to enter the country without customs charges.

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Rolla Smith, general director of the Department of Foreign Missions, is scheduled to depart January 8 for Brazil where he will attend the annual session of the Brazil field council and counsel with missionaries regarding the future work in Brazil. His return date was indefinite at press time.

*Dothan, Ala.*—Ivory Coast missionary Ramona Miley, wife of Lynn Miley, was hospitalized recently with severe nausea and threat of dehydration. At last report doctors had not determined the cause of her illness.

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Board of Foreign Missions is scheduled to meet December 4-7 in Nashville for their semi-annual session.

## Hersey Happy with New Prospects at Iriso

*Japan*—Although the money situation with the dollar devaluation might tend to be discouraging, missionary Fred Hersey appeared happy recently when he reported six new people in his morning service and noted that a university student has expressed interest in becoming a Christian. The six new visitors included five high school boys and one young man from the Honda automobile factory.

One man, Mr. Kobayashi, has made a profession of faith and desires baptism.

Fred noted that the biennial meeting of Free Will Baptists in Japan was held in Hokkaido, October 9 and 10.

## Brazilian Pastor Visits U.S. Free Will Baptists

*Moore, Okla.*—Pastor Ivan Lopes and his wife, Rosemary, from Jaboticabal, S.P., Brazil, arrived September 1 in the United States to visit Free Will Baptist churches, schools, etc., in order to get acquainted and learn what he can to help his ministry in Brazil.

Currently Ivan is residing in Moore, Okla., where he is enrolled at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College for the fall semester.

Pastor Lopes hopes to visit and speak in numerous churches while in the U.S. Anyone interested in engaging him should contact the Department of Foreign Missions or Hillsdale college.



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