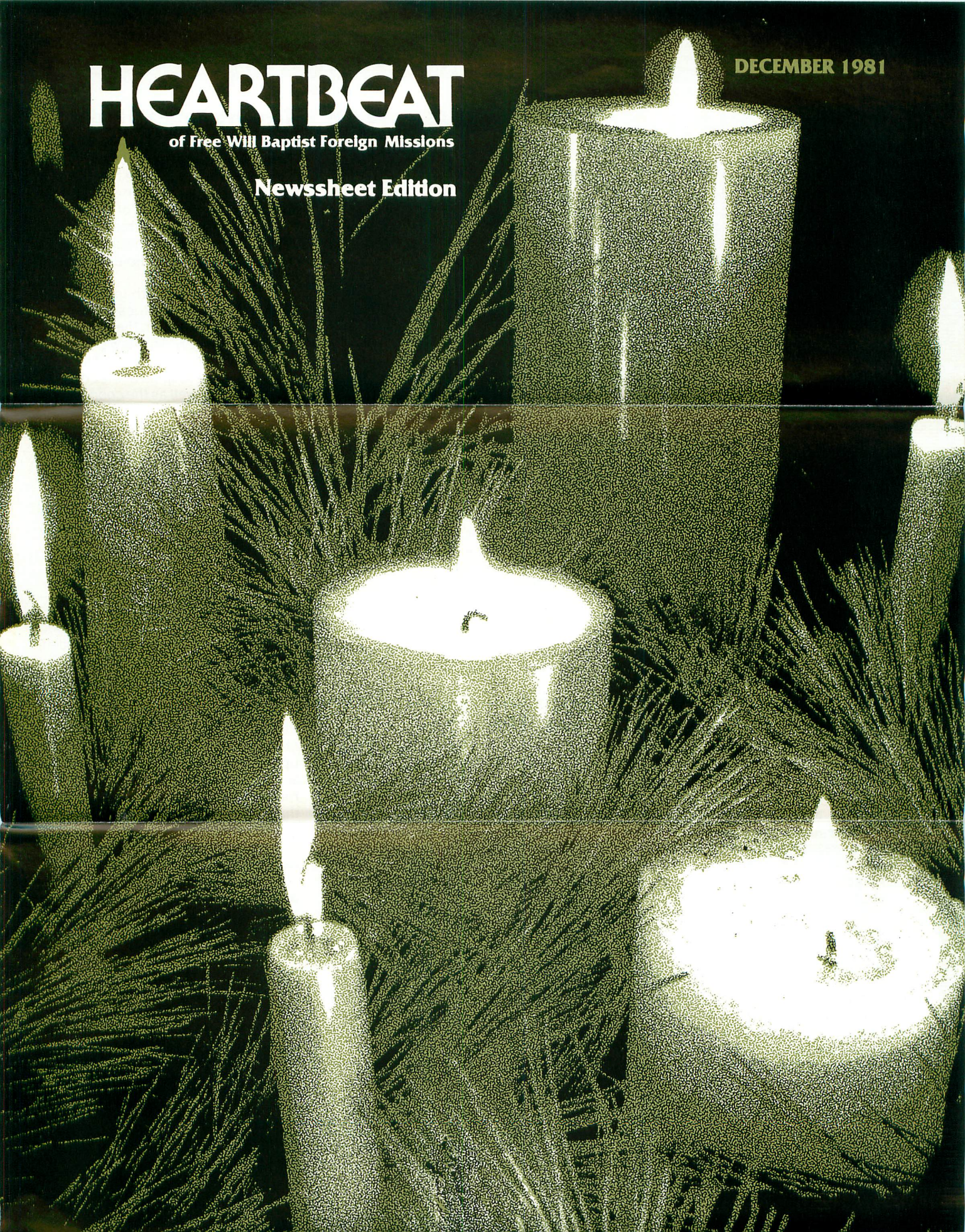


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Curious folks from Pine Chapel in Jenkins, Ky., gather around Ledgel Ferguson and his Ivory Coast display. This was their first missionary conference.

Kentucky Churches Host First Conference

Jenkins, Ky.—Ten Free Will Baptist churches in eastern Kentucky participated in a missionary conference November 1-8, according to Don Sexton, missionary representative for that area. This was the first such conference in this area of Kentucky.

Churches near Jenkins involved in the effort included Haymond, Hylton, Marshall's Branch, Pine Chapel, and Burdine. Five other churches in Pikeville were involved during the second half of the week: Boldman, Pikeville, Gulnare, Caney Creek and Buckfield.

Sexton noted interest ran high in most participating churches. Offerings for the week totaled \$2,120.47 in the Jenkins area and \$3,149.50 in the Pikeville area. The goal of the conference was to raise funds and faith-promise commitments for the Ledgel Ferguson account. Ledgel and Sharon are from Blaine, Ky.

Missionary speakers during the conference included missionaries Bobby Poole from Brazil and Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson from Ivory Coast. Don Sexton, missionary representative; Dan Cronk, former missionary to India and current board member; Christian businessman Guy Mayo, home missions board member; Eugene Waddell, foreign missions associate director; and Don Robirds, director of communications also participated.

The week was initiated by a special banquet prepared by the women of the Burdine church. John DePriest, assistant pastor of the church, arranged special sessions for mission-

ary speakers at the local high school in Jenkins.

In the Pikeville area, missionaries spoke to assemblies at Pikeville, John's Creek, and Virgie high schools. On Saturday, November 7, the Pikeville FWB Church prepared the evening meal so all the participants and Pikeville church members could enjoy fellowship. The school assemblies were arranged by James Branham of the Buckfield church.

Bryan Seeking to Finalize Filmstrip

Ivory Coast—According to a report from Robert Bryan in late October, he is seeking to finalize the evangelistic filmstrip as soon as possible.

"Jimmy has finished the English version of the 'manual' that will go with the filmstrip," says Robert. "It explains how to use the filmstrip and points out the main teaching points to emphasize."

"I am in the process of reworking the text from beginning to end, to make it more fluid," he continues.

"I'm having to do some deep surgery in some places, but we think that by cutting out all the secondary teaching and majoring on the teaching about God, Satan, sin and the atonement, the story will flow better."

Robert is also checking on the possibility of printing the flipcharts and tracts with the film message. He was working on a tentative date for recording the script in French at radio station ELWA in Abidjan. The Koulango version is tentatively scheduled to be done in January.

Women's Retreat Held; Hanna Visits S. India

India—According to an October report from Marie Hanna, more than 75 women attended a retreat held at Sonapurhat during the week of October 5. The speaker for the retreat was Mrs. Vidya Lal, the first non-missionary principal of the Kalvari Bible School in Allahabad.

Carlisle visited South India in September. He reports witnessing a work of grace and healing in the Immanuel church in Kotagiri. The new pastor, G. Henry David, "is doing a good job and already has the respect of the community outside as well as the cooperation of our church folk," writes Carlisle. "His relationship with Pastor Dorairaj is precious." Hanna declared all four churches in the south to be growing.

The Hannas began their thirtieth year of service in India in October as they launched their most intensive evangelistic outreach. It is planned to continue through February.

N.C. Church Gives \$5,000 for Missions

Greenville, N.C.—A check for \$5,000 was presented to Eugene Waddell, associate director of foreign missions, on October 18 at Parker's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, N.C.

According to Pastor Jim Nason, Parker's Chapel is one of the few churches that has been able to keep up with inflation and increase missionary giving. Using the faith-promise method of giving, the church has more than doubled its giving in less than two years. In addition to this they have been able to give substantial gifts in lump sums to various outside causes.

The money was designated to the accounts of Larry Inscoe, Clint Morgan, and Jim Sturgill. According to Nason, it represents a renewed commitment to the Great Commission.

Jim Nason (left), pastor of Parker's Chapel in Greenville, N.C., and Eugene Waddell, associate director for foreign missions.



Filkins' Maintenance Ministry Extended

Ivory Coast—"After much prayer and seeking the Lord's will concerning the timing for our return to the U.S. for Dale's education," write Howard and Joan Filkins, "we have decided to stay out here another year. The work here is endless in the area of maintenance."

Over 100 patients pass through the clinic each day, making it impossible for Sherwood Lee to take time out for maintenance and repair. Howard has recently remodeled the Morgans' house in addition to painting and adding a carport. He has also started repairs on the clinic and even helped to build a basketball court for the youth center at Bouna.

The Filkins have scheduled a six-week vacation at Christmas and will be coming to the United States during that time. "We are coming home to take care of business, to see Dale's counselor, to be with our families, and also to see our first grandbaby, Andrew Michael, born to Dave and Sharon on July 2, 1981."

The Filkins were praising the Lord for answered prayer. Their houseboy, Sedeki, a Muslim from an unevangelized tribe called Kimonos, went forward to pray in August. "He told his family he was going to follow Jesus and seems sincere in his commitment," writes Joan. "He has worked for us a year, asked many questions, attended church, and pondered the Word of God. Thank you for praying for him."

Missions Giving Yields Two-fold Blessing

Miami, Fla.—Foreign missions gifts for the early work in Cuba have borne fruit both spiritually and materially: In early November \$20,000 was received from Miami's Del Rio Development Corporation whose major stockholders

Swannanoah, N.C., gives a giant \$5,000 check to Eugene



Del Rio Building and Supply (Del Rio Development Corporation) of Miami, Fla., recently contributed \$20,000 to foreign missions in appreciation of Free Will Baptist efforts in Cuba.

are Cuban Free Will Baptists.

When the group decided to launch the business venture a few years ago, they determined to give 10 percent of their profits to the work in Cuba if the political situation were to change. Several members of the group were affiliated with the Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute operated by the Thomas Willeys.

Since Cuba hasn't changed, the stockholders decided they should send the money to foreign missions. They also expressed their gratitude for the department's investment in Cuba over the years.

Miley Reports New Opportunities in Lorient

France—Lynn Miley reports from Lorient, France that they had two new families in their services on October 25. The Mileys were hoping to get better acquainted with them by inviting them to their house for dessert or a meal.

Lynn also noted that he had been invited to the house of an officer of the Socialist Party in Lorient to talk about religion. He was hoping this would be a fruitful visit.

Following up on two groups that had contacted them, Lynn, Jerry Webb, and another Christian from Lorient were scheduled to travel to Pontivy and Ploermel to visit two groups of Christians who are without pastors. Pontivy is about 50 kilometers from Lorient and Ploermel is approximately 75 kilometers away.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

France—Sheila Gilliland, wife of Ivory Coast missionary Neil Gilliland, had emergency eye surgery on November 4 at Chambéry Hospital. The hospital is approximately one hour away from

Albertville, France where they are studying French. According to Neil, the retina on Sheila's right eye had become detached. The surgery was pronounced successful and a laser beam procedure was used on the left eye to keep it from becoming detached.

Aurora, Ill.—J. Reford Wilson, former foreign missions general director and current board member, is scheduled to have surgery on December 15. Surgeons hope to correct "spastic dysphonia" which has hindered his voice for some 16 years. Christians were asked to pray for his complete recovery.

Swannanoah, N.C.—Mr. R. B. Lytle, father of Panama missionary Steve Lytle, died on October 31 in Swannanoah, N.C., following a long battle with cancer. Funeral services were held in Swannanoah on November 2. Steve and Judy Lytle were scheduled to

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Financial Summary

Through October 31

Substance

Total receipts October	\$210,871.79
Total receipts through October	\$1,624,795.92
Total disbursements through October	\$1,693,562.20
Projected receipts through October	\$1,685,730.00
Total 1981 Budget	\$2,022,855.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$2,866.69	Miley	\$ 536.86
Caton	681.53	Moser	2,147.10
Cowart	3,256.55	Payne	884.40
Crawford	763.19	Pinkerton	1,230.06
Deeds	2,084.24	Poole	1,525.55
Dickens	1,854.16	Richards	5,622.52
Filkins	3,525.10	South India	338.71
Gibbs	2,880.63	Sparks	4,678.21
Hughes	695.04	Sparks Land Fund	2,340.42
Inscoe	2,670.65	Sturgill	2,209.78
McLain	4,722.53	Webb	6,427.49
		Willey, M.	210.48

Total \$54,151.89



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leave the States on November 24 to return to their field of service in Panama.

Brazil—Jim and Karen Cowart have a new daughter, Camilla Joy, born November 7 in Jaboticabal, Brazil. The baby weighed eight pounds, eight ounces. The Cowarts have two other children: Mark, age seven and Melissa, age four.

Elizabethton, Tenn.—Billie Sexton, former missionary to France and wife of missionary representative, Don Sexton, was hospitalized in Elizabethton on November 16. She was to have a cortisone injection in the spine in addition to having surgery on a foot.

Ivory Coast—Carol Pinkerton was hospitalized in early November with a severe kidney infection. Latest reports indicated that she had returned home but her condition was not known at press time.

Spontaneous Effort in Georgia Tops \$12,000

Glennville, Ga.—More than 20 Georgia churches participated in a spontaneous effort to lift deficit missionary accounts in September and October. Over \$12,000 was reported in the special drive.

Concerned over the rising number of deficit missionary accounts, the South Georgia mission board decided to seek help for these accounts. Particular deficit accounts were selected

and assigned to various churches with a challenge to raise funds to relieve the deficit.

According to Kenneth Faison, secretary-treasurer of the South Georgia board, nine different missionary accounts were aided in the effort: Dock Caton, Jerry Webb, John Murray, Jerry Gibbs, Joe Haas, Tom Hughes, Dennis Owen, Allan Crowson, and Lonnie Sparks.

Three churches reported gifts of \$1,000 or more: Statesboro, \$2,241 for Joe Haas; Glennville, \$1,933 for Dennis Owen; and Surrency, \$1,000 for Jerry Gibbs. At least seven other churches reported gifts of \$500 or more.

Property Purchased for New Campinas Effort

Brazil—In an outreach effort, property for a church has been purchased in Bandeirante Garden, a new city near Campinas, Brazil. According to Jim Sturgill, the youth of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas are taking the leading role in the new outreach program.

The new work is located in an area north of Campinas with a population of approximately 20,000. Sturgill reported all the homes are new and the streets are still unpaved with no street lights or public water system.

Jim urged Christians to pray for the success of the effort, for wisdom on behalf of missionaries and youth leaders, and for God to provide a small, usable chapel.

Vanhook Requests Prayer for St. Nazaire Work

France—In an effort to discover more effective means of reaching the French people with the gospel, missionaries met with two Frenchmen who are pastoring the church at Rennes. Miss Patsy Vanhook noted that methods were discussed, but emphasis was given to the fact that right results come from real time-consuming prayer.

Patsy writes, "Here in St. Nazaire, I've just counted on my fingers 22 people for whose salvation or commitment to the Lord we've been praying and working for months. I beg you to make these people a real part of your prayers. Pray with us for a revival in France."

Allen Reports Obstacles in Language Learning

Ivory Coast—"As I work in the language, I need your prayers," writes Elaine Allen from the Ivory Coast. "Satan is hard at work trying to prevent me from learning Lobi. I have already been confronted with several obstacles."

Apparently Elaine's first language helper got too busy, the work load at the clinic almost doubled, and her second language informant's baby became ill.

In spite of these obstacles, Miss Allen reports making progress and hopes to be able to share Christ with her Lobi neighbors by next summer.

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