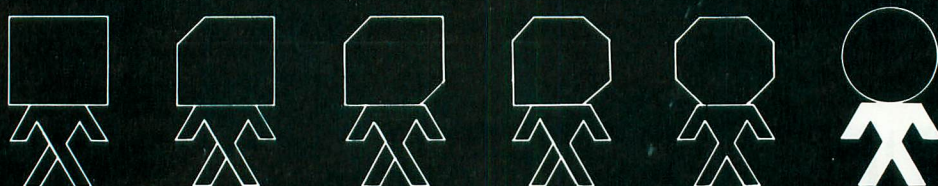


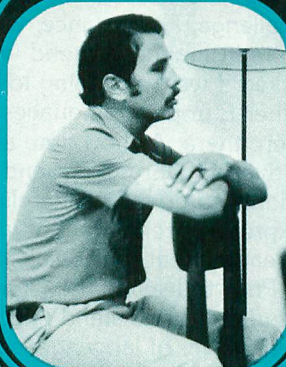
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## LANGUAGE LEARNING





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# LANGUAGE LEARNING- DIFFICULT BUT REWARDING

by Patrick and Susan Dickens

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**W**hen adventuring into a different culture, a new missionary first grapples with the new language—an adventure of difficulties and rewards.

While it may not seem exciting, spiritual, glamorous, or glorious, our learning of the French and Dioula (Jula) languages has claimed the majority of our first three years as missionaries. And this venture promises to provide the vehicle for

but found that I couldn't even ask for a match!"

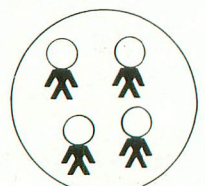
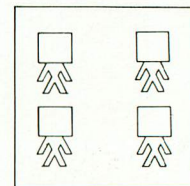
Someone who has always lived in a monolingual society finds it difficult to comprehend what learning a new tongue involves. People take language for granted; consequently, they don't even realize the richness and the complex function of their own vernacular.

Language serves a most vital role in society. With it, people name the objects of their environment, define reality, express emotions, and make known their longings in song and poetry. Each dialect has distinct expressions and figures of speech.

Culture and language are inextricably interrelated. To learn a new idiom is to enter a new culture, to be born into a new world of ideas and ways of expressing them. Language learning involves book work (grammar, vocabulary, etc.), but the actual learning experience takes place in daily living while relating to people in their natural context.

## The Difficulties

The primary difficulty of language learning involves reorientation to new thought forms and customs. We grow up looking much like the cultural background in which we were reared. Say, for example, that a square represents the cultural background of English-speaking Americans, and a circle represents the cultural background of West Africans.



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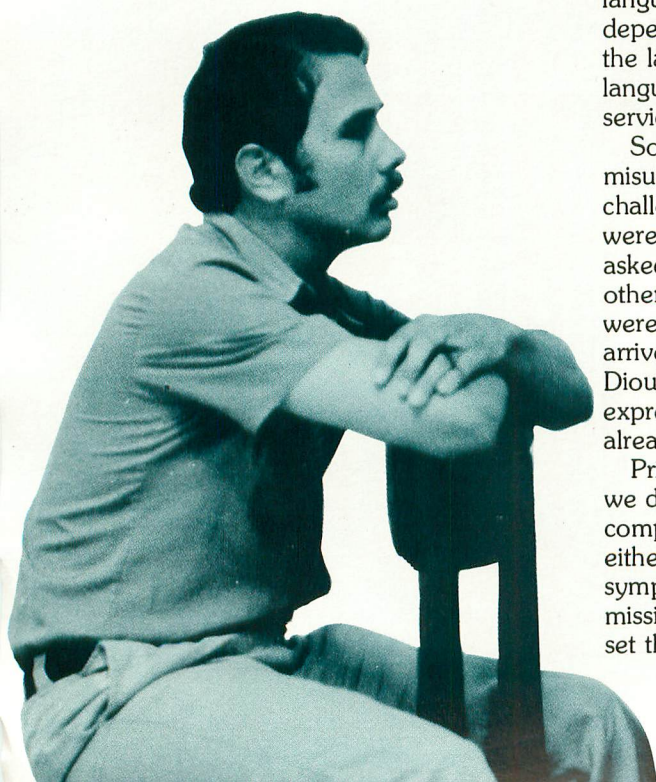
## The Challenge

Normally, foreign missionaries are expected to learn the local language(s). How long this takes depends largely on the difficulty of the language and the number of languages needed for the area of service.

Some people seem to misunderstand the enormity of the challenge. For instance, while we were in France, a friend wrote and asked if we were going to learn any other European languages while we were there. A short time after we arrived in Ivory Coast and began Dioula study, someone else wrote expressing certainty that we were already fluent in Dioula!

Prior to leaving the United States, we didn't understand the complexity of language learning either. But now we can certainly sympathize with the young missionary who said, "I wanted to set this country on fire for the Lord,

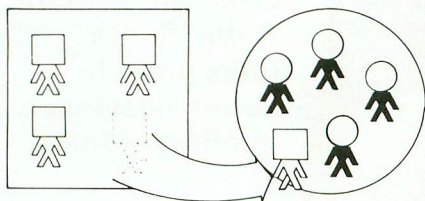
When an American missionary leaves the safety of his own culture and enters another, he does not leave behind his cultural heritage. It accompanies him. Entering the new culture and language, he immediately sees himself as an alien, an outsider. In order to



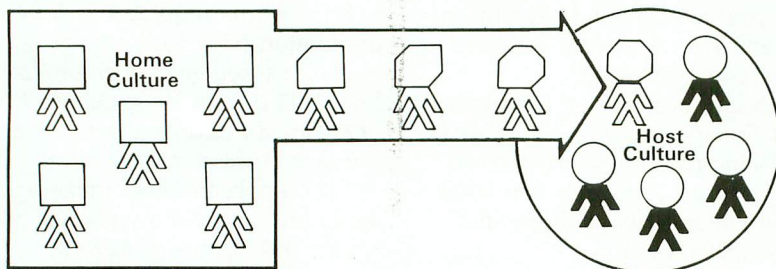


become comfortable in the new situation, he must be reoriented, and that is not easily accomplished.

Emotional security, in one's own culture, is derived from the individual knowing who he is and what he is expected to say and do. The difficulty in learning to live in a new culture comes when he does not know what is expected of him. It increases when he doesn't know enough of the language to express himself. He may often feel like the proverbial square peg in a round hole.



It takes time and effort, but the new missionary can adjust; he can adapt to the new culture. Gradually, as he learns the language and customs, he identifies more and more with the people, and he learns to fit in.



Another difficulty directly related to language learning is a sense of inadequacy, which Satan uses to create a fear of failure. When the language learner seems to be making very little progress, such questions come to mind as, "Can I ever learn this language?" and, "What if I don't learn it?"

It is strange how fear of failing affects the language learner. Sometimes he fears most the inability to accomplish his greatest hopes. And this fear of failure indicates a lack of faith.

We sometimes have a tendency to look at ourselves and our weaknesses rather than at God and

His strength (2 Cor. 12:9). Then, when we are most discouraged, our ability to learn is at its lowest ebb.

The language learner also faces the problem of maintaining a prolonged high level of motivation. Upon arrival in France, we entered French study with enthusiasm. But it did not take long to discover that one doesn't learn a new idiom overnight; much patience and perseverance is required.

Sometimes our motivation is based on the American spirit of competition. The language learners compete among themselves and each compares himself with the other. Unfortunately, this leads to discouragement, fault-finding, and pride. Motivation must be deeper than a desire to outdo someone else or make good grades. It must be deeper even than a desire to evangelize. We must be motivated by a genuine love for God, love for our fellowman, and an abiding desire to communicate effectively.

Resistance to vulnerability sometimes causes difficulty. But the language learner has to become

vulnerable. He must be willing to talk even when he knows he's bound to make mistakes, and he must be willing to be corrected. He must be willing to be laughed at, to laugh at himself, and not take himself too seriously.

Once a young missionary went with two of her Dioula-speaking friends to gather fruit and nuts from their section of the forest. On the way home, one of the African girls (with a pan full of avocados and fruit on her head) slipped down on a small incline. The first reaction of the missionary was, "I ka kene?" (Are you alright?). Both Dioula girls burst out laughing. The missionary

was puzzled, but joined in, too, as they laughed and laughed. Finally the scattered avocados and mangoes were gathered again, and the girls contained themselves enough to explain that in this setting, "I ka kene" meant "Are you okay in the head?" They said the appropriate question would have been, "Are you hungry?" because if a person stumbles, he or she may be weak from hunger.

A language will only be learned well as the missionary gets out of the house and mingles with people. At times fear of rejection, fear of not understanding, or fear of being misunderstood inhibits a missionary from associating freely. Perhaps self-consciousness of his being "different" stimulates this reluctance. Maybe a sheer lack of self-discipline or a preoccupation with household activities (repairs, cleaning, letter writing, etc.) keeps him from mingling. Whatever the reason, though, the desire to stay in familiar, non-threatening surroundings, must be overcome.

Sometimes sickness, family or financial problems, bad news from home, etc. hinder language learning. The missionary must, with the help of the Lord, cope with these and simultaneously persist in the task before him.

### The Resources

Certain personal resources help the average missionary through the task of learning a new language and culture. A simple enjoyment in meeting and getting acquainted with people, even those who are different, goes a long way.

The Lord provided us with concerned teachers (some of whom became close friends) and neighbors. In France, our landlord and his wife were most willing to talk to us and to listen to our French. In our Dioula study, the Lord sent a capable helper who has become a friend and confidant, sharing with us numerous things about the culture.

Another resource which we have  
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for our struggle in Dioula study is the fruit of others' labors: grammar books, etc., written on the language. Not all missionaries have these helps for their particular language; we are among the fortunate.

Other resources include our families and friends back home who are regularly holding us up in prayer and corresponding with us. Also, we have natural God-given abilities which enable us to learn. Everyone has the ability to learn a language. (We all learned English, didn't we?) Some just have more ability in certain areas than others (for example, one person may grasp grammatical structures quickly, while another easily imitates the accent).

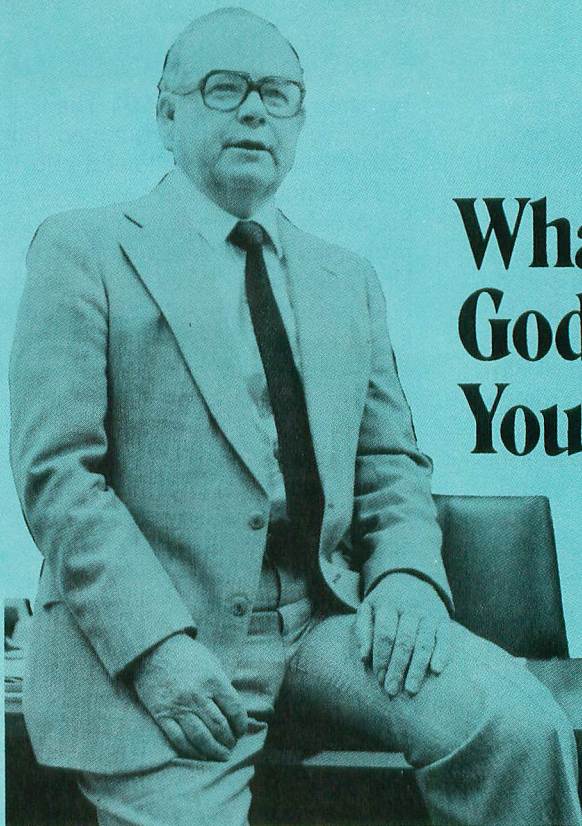
But the most important resource we have available is the spiritual strength which comes through God's Word and His Spirit (Phil. 4:13). Many times we've been reminded of the saying, "God will never lead you where His grace cannot keep you." His grace is all-sufficient, even amid the frustration of language study.

### **The Rewards**

The ultimate rewards convince us it is all worthwhile. Yes, it is quite a reward to be able to tell someone the good news of Jesus Christ in his own language! In Ivory Coast, it is rewarding to see someone's eyes light up when he is addressed in his African language rather than an imported, European language!

The sense of accomplishment, and the recognition of God-wrought changes in our lives through the difficulties experienced are also tremendous rewards. It is a rewarding experience to build friendships as we begin to communicate on a deeper level and become part of the previously foreign community.

These rewards are all great, but the greatest of all will be our reward of seeing in heaven some who were reached for the King because we spoke their language (Rev. 5:9).□



# What IF God Called You?

**General Director  
Rolla Smith  
talks frankly  
about missionary  
qualifications.**

**A**re you a potential missionary? Has God spoken to your heart about missionary service? If not, what would your attitude and reaction be if He did? Would you meet the necessary qualifications?

The board and staff of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions are praying and looking for missionary recruits. But in order to effectively win souls in other cultures, teach them and then establish them in the fellowship of Free Will Baptist churches, certain qualifications are essential.

A person must first give evidence of spiritual regeneration and mature Christian living. He or she must also maintain the assurance of a divine call to missionary service.

Married applicants must have similar convictions and dedication regarding missionary service. The personal life of every applicant, whether single or married, must be above reproach. Divorcees will not be considered.

In addition to the spiritual prerequisites, a candidate must be physically fit and psychologically stable. Physical exams and tests for

psychological stability and aptitude are standard requirements.

### **Educational Requirements**

Educational requisites include (1) graduation from high school; (2) a bachelor's degree, preferably from a Free Will Baptist Bible college (two years for a missionary wife); and (3) a minor in missions.

Each applicant must make a study and prepare a written report on the area of his proposed ministry. Written reports are also required on a specified list of books. Doctrinal and Bible tests will be administered, and a good working knowledge of the OFFICIAL HANDBOOK of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is required.

Candidates must fulfill two years of practical experience, including one year of internship. In a few cases, even more experience is necessary.

Some individuals may not meet all of these standards and yet be qualified for foreign service. Such cases will be considered by the board on their own merits.

The age and attainments of the individual at the time of the divine



call, will determine the next step to be taken. If received before the completion of high school, plans for college training should be made. For many, the call comes during college days, while others are called after years of experience in a pastorate or in other Christian service. Soon after the call is certain, the individual should contact the foreign missions office for advice and direction.

As general director, I stand ready to give information and counsel at any time. A Bible college student who definitely has a conviction that he should move toward foreign service or one who is leaning strongly in that direction should talk with me. He should at least fill out a basic information form during his last year in Bible college.

Those receiving the missionary call later should also notify my office and complete the basic form as soon as possible. This brings the individual into a tentative relationship with the department for prayer, counsel, and planning by the board.

### **Preliminary Application**

After the prospective candidate has completed the educational requirements and has fulfilled one year of practical experience, he should confer with me regarding the feasibility of making a preliminary application. This preliminary is reviewed by a board-appointed candidate committee. The committee's recommendation regarding the applicant is then given to the full board.

At this point, one of three recommendations may be made: (1) the preliminary application may be approved and the candidate advised to process a final application, (2) more practical experience or academic achievements may be required before a final application is processed, or (3) the board may advise the applicant to discontinue pursuing appointment.

At the board's discretion, a personal interview may be required

when evaluating the preliminary application, but usually such an interview is arranged only after the final application receives favorable reaction. The candidate committee then makes a recommendation to the board on the basis of its review of the final application, medical reports, and the personal interviews.

### **Personal Interview**

When the candidate committee's recommendation is favorable, a personal interview with the entire board is scheduled. One of three courses may be taken:

(1) If, in the judgment of the board, the candidate is unqualified for appointment with the department, rejection is the only alternative.

(2) At times the candidate is basically qualified for missionary service, but some aspect of his qualifications, or present staff needs, etc. make immediate appointment unfeasible. In such cases the candidate's application may be continued on an active status with recommendations regarding remedial actions. In the event of such continuance, the board establishes the time for reconsideration.

(3) If the board feels the candidate is qualified for missionary service and can meet specific needs, the final application is approved with the understanding that final appointment is made only after satisfactorily completing a term of Missionary Internship training.

### **Missionary Placement**

The place of missionary service is determined by the candidate's preference and the needs for additional personnel on the various fields as viewed by the field councils. No missionary will be sent to any field where we have missionaries without a request from the field council for additional personnel. Naturally, the candidate's qualifications and abilities should reasonably correspond with the field need.

When Missionary Internship is

satisfactorily completed and final appointment is made, the appointee begins a full-time deputational ministry. Usually a year is needed to build a foundation for prayer and financial support. This also affords an opportunity for some orientation sessions by the home-office staff and senior missionaries.

Once the missionary reaches his field of service, a special committee from the field council gives direction regarding language acquisition. A minimum of one year in full-time language study is required. Sometimes this study is done in a country other than his field of service.

After the new missionary completes language school, the language acquisition committee gives the new missionary direction regarding acquiring greater proficiency in the language. In the Ivory Coast each missionary is now being required to study a tribal language in addition to French, the official language.

An orientation committee on the field also helps the new missionary adjust to living and ministering in his new cross-cultural setting. The first term, in most cases, might be considered a period of internship, orientation, and adjustment.

For many, effectiveness is not attained until late in the first term or in the second term. But even then, the board has noted that those who have met all of the basic qualifications tend to be the most fruitful and steadfast missionaries. □

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**A**pril—the entire month of April—has been designated as Foreign Missions Month for Free Will Baptists! Missions-minded people will surely respond!

Are you missions minded? Or, are you missionary minded? There is a difference, you know!

Often people get excited about having a particular missionary in their church or over supporting a particular missionary family. They can relate to his charm, personality, warmth, ability to preach, etc., so they are sure a little support to his account will fulfill their obligation. But they still lack what it takes to be missions minded.

What is the difference?

Plenty!

*Missionaries* are temporary, while *missions* is a permanent task—preaching the gospel to every creature. Giving every individual in the world the chance to be saved is far more important than the individuals who do it.

This does not mean we stop supporting and praying for particular missionaries. It does mean, however, that every *Christian should receive* his burden for a lost world on this basis: Without Christ, every person in all the world will ultimately be condemned through sin. And Jesus gave us a commission which is not optional: “Go . . . preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

God’s people—Free Will Baptists in particular—must face the fact that they have not been fully obedient to Christ’s last commandment before He returned to heaven. In spite of all the modern means of transportation and communication, the larger portion of the world is not being given a chance to hear the gospel.

In his book, *That Everyone May Hear*, Edward Dayton revealed over three billion non-Christians (see the globe in the title).

According to this figure, out of the approximate three billion non-Christians in the world, only one billion reside within a culture

where Christians live and can share Christ’s love. This means if every local church in the world had a booming outreach to its community and to its neighbors, still only one-third of the non-Christian world would be reached.

And Dr. Ralph Winter, general director of the Center for World Mission, suggests that probably 97 percent of all the *evangelizing energies* of evangelicals around the world is spent on *renewing* of *nominal Christians* (from the book *Evangelical Missions Tomorrow*, page 11).

In light of these facts, Christians must do more to make Christ known among all nations. God still loves the WORLD. To be satisfied with reaching less would be to grieve our Lord who redeemed us.

A special emphasis on foreign missions during the entire month of April would still only be giving one-twelfth of a year to this priority need.

Your church can do something special during April. Perhaps these suggestions will stimulate your thinking:

(1) **Plan a daily prayer time** throughout the month. Select weekly prayer chairmen who would be responsible to gather facts and needs for prayer on the foreign fields. Each week a different chairman would be in charge. A field-by-field approach might be practical. Or, a ministry approach in which particular types of ministries are selected and individuals involved in that ministry can be the object of prayer.

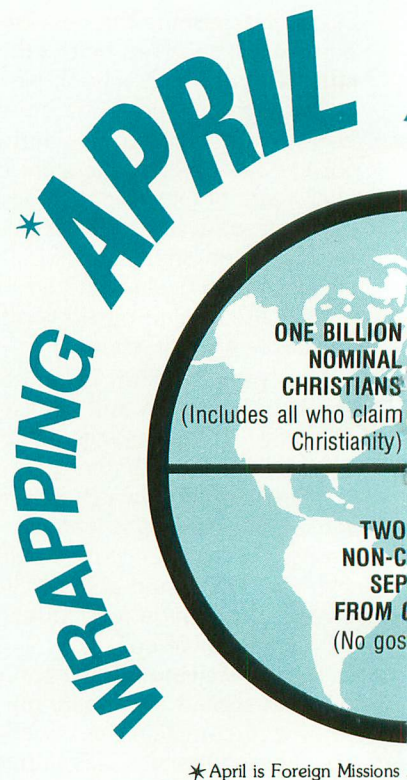
(2) **A goal might be set** for giving to missions during the month. Sunday school teachers can be encouraged to enlist their classes to raise a specific amount of money. Woman’s auxiliary groups might take on specific project needs. The church could propose to add a specific amount from the church treasury. Master’s men, CTS groups, choirs, etc., might be challenged to join in giving specific amounts during the month to help reach the overall goal.

(3) Pastors can enhance the missions emphasis by **preaching at least one sermon each week emphasizing world-wide outreach**. Missionary hymns and songs can be used during the entire month. A challenge to answer the call to “go to the regions beyond” can be extended asking God to “send forth laborers.”

(4) **Foreign missions filmstrips might be shown** on one or more Wednesday or Sunday nights during the month. These can be ordered from the foreign missions office in Nashville. Other missions films are available through Inspiration Films and other outlets.

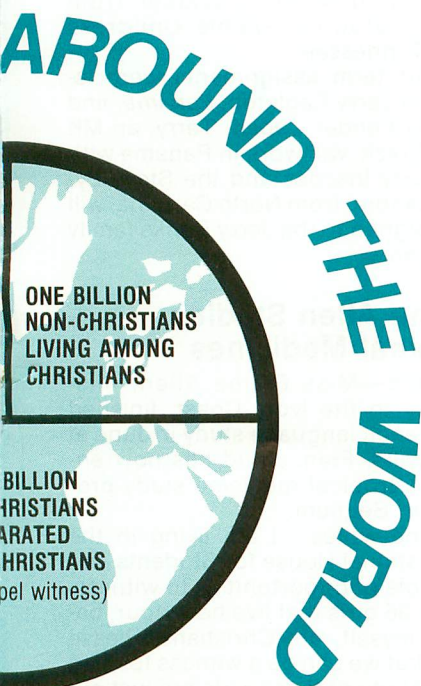
(5) **The entire Sunday school can be encouraged to give** foreign missions its total offering for the month or at least one Sunday of the month.

(6) **A self-denial Sunday could be declared**. People could give up one or more meals for the day and give the normal cost of the meal or



★ April is Foreign Missions





Month for Free Will Baptists.

regenerated life in Christ, and it would be given to extend the message of new life to those around the world.

(9) **Why not feature a World Witness and Fellowship banquet** to raise money to reach the world? People of the church could contribute the food and take up donations of a minimum amount per head to go to missions.

(10) **A "Total Surrender" or "Total Commitment" Sunday can be planned and prayed over.** Set a goal of praying for God to "call forth laborers" from within the congregation. Seek to get parents to dedicate and offer their children to foreign missions service. Urge adults to consider their own willingness to serve in the regions beyond.

(11) **Posters, maps, banners, scripture verses, etc., can be posted** around the entire church and Sunday school building as a constant reminder of foreign missions month.

(12) **Feature a "treasure sale" by church members:** Each member is asked to select one personal possession which he or she treasures. To demonstrate willingness to put Christ and His Kingdom first, these items will be sold and the proceeds will go to foreign missions (I Cor. 7:29-31).

(13) **Junior church can be enlisted for foreign missions also.** Perhaps coin folders would be useful as the children seek to raise a specific amount. The junior church pastor or worker in charge should plan this at least a week in advance, then present the offering to the pastor and church during worship.

(14) Perhaps the church would like to **hear a cassette-tape report from a missionary.** By writing to a particular missionary or missionary family, a cassette tape of ten to twelve minutes in length could be requested. This tape could be played to the entire church during one service. The church may want to do this with more than one missionary during the month.

(15) Churches which do not have an annual missionary conference could **press for faith-promise response.** This could be presented either as a budgeted faith commitment by the church or as a combined amount from individuals. The church might consider advancing the yearly total in one lump sum on the special foreign missions day or during foreign missions month.

(16) **A missionary or missionary wife** home on furlough and living in your area **might be enlisted to teach** the Sunday school the Bible basis of missions, the current picture of foreign missions around the world, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in action, etc.

(17) **Use the money saved through a "go-without" program during Easter buying season** to help meet a missionary's cash need. Give this on Easter Sunday, showing recognition of those who "went without" new clothing, etc. in order to send the gospel to those who have not heard.

(18) **Choose four missionary families and feature one family for a full week** during all phases of prayer meeting, Sunday school, CTS, and the worship services. A different aspect of the missionary's life and or ministry could be featured in each phase. Then the offerings during the week could go to that missionary account.

(19) Farm areas might do something different (old fashioned). **Those who raise livestock could give an animal to be sold for missions.** A harvester might give the gleanings of a crop and ask members of the congregation to help with the gleanings efforts.

Any number of other possibilities could be listed here, but perhaps these few will serve as seeds to stimulate the thinking of pastors and church leaders.

Remember, **April is Foreign Missions Month!** Please help us encircle the globe with the message of Christ this April. □

meals to help give the Bread of Life to a hungry world. It might even be done every Sunday during the month.

(7) **Coin folders can be obtained from the foreign missions office.** These quarter savers can be distributed among the entire congregation and filled up before the final Sunday in April. Each folder holds five dollars in quarters. One-hundred people could easily give \$500 in this way.

(8) Easter Sunday falls in April this year, and Call-a-thon Sunday is on the same day. **A**

**30-pieces-of-silver offering might be promoted for that day.** This would give emphasis to the fact that Christians do not want to betray the Lord as Judas did, but they want to give in order to share Him with the world.

**A "new life" offering could be given in memory of Christ's resurrection.** This offering would express appreciation for the giver's



## Banks Makes Plans; Issues Requests

**Japan**—Jerry Banks recently announced plans to begin a home worship service on the first Thursday of each month in order to reach family members of Christians in the Kita Hiroshima Chapel. He also disclosed plans for a special effort to reach teenagers in the community.

Banks requested prayer for Mrs. Morishita, a seeker who is attending services each Sunday, and for the mother of one of the Christians. The mother, who recently underwent major surgery, has indicated a genuine desire to know more about Christianity.

Jerry also asked Christians to pray that they will be able to reach men with the gospel. He expressed praise for the new Christians who are taking an active part in the work.

## Belo Church Marks Second Anniversary

**Brazil**—The second anniversary of the Free Will Baptist church of Belo Horizonte was commemorated by a three-day conference held September 19-21, 1980.

People from the churches in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Belo Horizonte, and Ribeirao Preto met to hear missionary Bobby Poole speak. With the help of his wife Geneva, and missionary Earnie Deeds, Bobby Poole developed the evangelism theme which was culminated with practical work.

Approximately 45 people were present on the last night. Two people

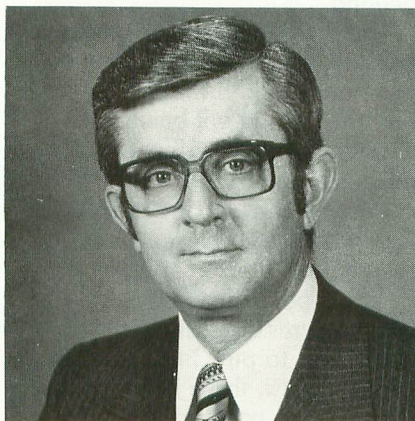
were saved and four people made commitments of their lives to God's service.

Special music was furnished by young people from Lafaiete, Belo Horizonte, and by a girls' trio.

## Board Appoints 21 Summer Missionaries

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Board of Foreign Missions appointed 21 summer missionaries during the semi-annual session held December 1-3 at the Free Will Baptist National Offices in Nashville, Tenn.

Among other items of business, the board interviewed returned missionary from Ivory Coast, Allan Crowson. (Crowson has changed his field of service to France.) Candidate applications were also reviewed by the candidate committee.



Henry Van Kluyve resigns after 14 years with the Department of Foreign Missions.

Mr. Henry Van Kluyve, director of deputation for the past 14 years, submitted his resignation effective after 60 days. His plans are indefinite.

These students were appointed to serve during the summer of 1981:

**Brazil**—Keith and Sarah Fletcher from Illinois; **France**—Melissa Long from Alabama, Denise Eunice from Georgia, Andrew Eagleton from Texas (and Brazil), and Tim Thompson from North Carolina.

**Ivory Coast**—Steve Hughes from Georgia, Toby Jenkins from Arkansas, Dawn Sweeney from Tennessee, Alan and Darlynn Stringer from Missouri.

**Japan**—Peggy Anderson from Texas, Cheryl Day from Ohio, Debbie Griffin from Georgia, Terry Hess from Oklahoma, and Phil and Lydia Bozeman from Alabama and North Carolina.

**Panama**—Mark McPeak from Virginia; **Spain**—Mark Riggs from Ala-

bama, and Michael Walker from Texas; **Uruguay**—Zenis Childress from Tennessee.

Short term assignments were issued to Terry Eagleton, **Panama**, and Sandra Fender, **Japan**. Terry, an MK from Brazil, will work in Panama with the Larry Incoes and the Steve Lytles. Sandra, from North Carolina, will be assigned to the Jerry Banks family in Japan.

## Elaine Allen Studies Tropical Medicines

**Belgium**—Miss Elaine Allen, missionary to the Ivory Coast, finished her French language study in June at Albertville, France and has now entered a tropical medicine study program in Belgium.

Elaine writes, "I am living in the International House for Students and have lots of opportunities to witness. Of the 36 girls that live here, four, besides myself, are Christians. Please pray that we can be a witness for God here. Many of these girls are just out of college and are looking for peace."

Miss Allen plans to leave for the Ivory Coast near the end of February when she completes this special course of study.

## Bishops Begin Work in Kitano, Hokkaido

**Japan**—After returning to Japan in late summer of last year, Dale and Sandra Bishop have been involved in setting up housekeeping and getting back into the work. They have started an evangelistic effort at Kitano, on the island of Hokkaido. Both Dale and Sandra are conducting several English and Bible classes along with a childrens' Bible club.

In addition to this work Dale is taking turns going to Abashiri and Bihoro once a month with either Jim McLain or Jerry Banks.

The Bishops requested prayer for the Lord's wisdom and guidance to meet the problems of trying to organize a church in "modern but heathen" Japan.

## Bouna Reading Room Opens; Youth Respond

**Ivory Coast**—According to a recent report from Eddie Payne, the reading room in Bouna has been opened with approximately 200 titles of Christian books and booklets available.

"It isn't unusual to have 25 to 40 young people come in each afternoon," writes Eddie. "There are also

### Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in October and November in honor of or in memory of friends:

Donor	In Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Claude L. Dunn, Jr. Smithfield, N.C.	Pearlie Sullivan Harrell
Mrs. Owen Thomas Four Oaks, N.C.	Miss Ellen Thomas

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Dr. Billy A. Melvin (seated, left), former executive secretary of the National Association, recently spoke at the Iriso FWB Church in Japan where missionary Fred Hersey ministers. Melvin is currently executive director of NAE. Hersey's mother (center, front) was also visiting at the time.



Young people of the Tokyo and Iriso Free Will Baptist churches in Japan appear to be enjoying fellowship in the Fred Hersey home.

12 students living in the center. Three of them are Christians from the Nasian area. Most of the others come from distant villages. They are required to attend our church services, and several have expressed interest in spiritual matters. We hope to reach many for Christ through this part of our ministry."

## Church Buys Organ, Has Conference

**Brazil**—According to a recent report from missionary Bobby Poole in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, the Free Will Baptist church there recently purchased a new organ at a cost of nearly \$4,000. Approximately 100 to 120 people were on hand for services after the instrument was delivered.

The church held its annual missionary conference November 8-13. Faith promises came to approximately \$110 per month and Poole said he expected the total to reach at least \$200. The theme of the conference was "Each Christian a Missionary."

An evangelistic conference was scheduled by the young people of the church for December 6 and 7 according to Bobby. A day of prayer was held on November 29 on behalf of the conference.

## St. Nazaire Work Has First Baptism

**France**—On October 5 a group from St. Nazaire, France, traveled to the Nantes church where they witnessed the baptism of Marie Claude Rouxel, the first convert of the St. Nazaire work.

Miss Patsy Vanhook has issued a special request for Marie's husband, Alain, who is unsaved. He went with the group to the baptismal service.

## Melvin Speaks at Iriso Church, Japan

**Japan**—Dr. Billy A. Melvin, former executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, visited Japan recently and spoke at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church. The Fred Hersey family is in charge of this church. Dr. Melvin is currently executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Fred noted that "this is the term for visitors." His mother returned to the States in late November after a short visit, and North Carolina pastor Gordon Sebastian is scheduled to visit the work in February.

Seven young people of the Tokyo church joined the young people at the

Iriso church on November 23 for singing, testimonies, and fellowship. According to Hersey, Evelyn "fed 13 young people" in their home after the gathering at the church. This was the first combined meeting of that type.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Brazil**—Missionary Nancy Hughes underwent a tonsillectomy in Uberlandia, Brazil, on October 14. According to reports the operation had no complications.

**Spain**—According to recent information from missionary Dock Caton, the price of schooling for Debbie, the Catons' daughter, has jumped to over \$4,000 per year.

**Ivory Coast**—Mike and Deleen Cousineau arrived in Abidjan, Ivory Coast on October 31. The couple traveled by ship from France to Dakar, Senegal, then by air to Abidjan. They went to Ferkessedougou on November 4 so Deleen could have hospital care for delivery of her first child. Brooke Michelle, a six-pound, six-ounce daughter, was born November 13.

**Spain**—Dennis and Trena Owen reported they have acquired an apartment in Alameda de Osuna, a suburb of Madrid. Their daughter, Miranda, is enrolled in the Evangelical Christian Academy there. According to Dennis, rent is now two and one-half times what it cost the Catons in the same area.

**Japan**—Mirial Gainer, associate missionary to Japan, writes: "I really thank the Lord for all the doors He has opened and is still opening for me, especially here at Hokusei University. The increase in contacts and interest in Bible studies has been very encouraging to me. Please continue to pray with me for the student work."

**Ivory Coast**—"Glory Week" here at the school was great!" writes Jerry Pinkerton from Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake, Ivory Coast. Clint Morgan preached and ministered to the young people and adults. Several decisions were made even though no pressure was applied to "make decisions."

**France**—Patsy Vanhook's mother, Mrs. Zella Vanhook, accompanied Patsy to France when she returned

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from furlough in September. She spent approximately five weeks with Patsy prior to returning to the U.S.

**Spain**—Due to a delayed return to Spain by the Lonnie Sparks family, the missions office has asked Ron and Linda Callaway to plan on an early furlough. When the Sparks return to Spain (possibly in December or January), the Callaways will return to the States. They had planned to move to Majadahonda to help the Catons. The Sparks family was delayed due to financial needs.

**Brazil**—Jim and Karen Cowart have requested prayer regarding their proposed move to Uberlandia, Brazil to assume the work started by Tommy and Nancy Hughes. The Cowarts have been in charge of the work at Jaboticabal and currently no one is available to assume that work.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Bible Literature International recently responded to requests from Brazil missionaries for help in producing daily vacation Bible school materials. A check for \$1,000 was received from Mr. Perry Temple, executive secretary of BLI.

**France**—A November report from Tom and Patty McCullough revealed Patty at the top of her class and Tom continuing to do well in the advanced section of French language study in Albertville, France. The report also indicated stable health for both of them.

## MK Tom Hughes Hurt in Motorcycle Mishap

**Raleigh, N.C.**—MK Tom Hughes, son of missionaries Tommy and Nancy Hughes of Brazil, was seriously injured in a motorcycle-automobile accident on October 24 in Raleigh, N.C.

According to sources at the scene, the collision was caused when an automobile failed to stop or yield the right of way.

Hughes' right leg was broken in seven places and required surgery shortly after the accident. A second surgery was performed on November 10 to set the large bone between the hip and knee. At that time doctors inserted a steel pin to hold the bone in place.

According to reports from the family, physicians have indicated possible need for future surgery over the next three years.

Anxiety arose on the day of the accident when doctors feared they might have to amputate the leg due to a lack of circulation. Those fears have now been dispelled.

Tommy, Nancy and Lori Hughes flew to North Carolina to be with Tom for about three weeks during his recuperation.

Young Tom is a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

## Campinas Church Holds Ground Breaking

**Brazil**—A ground-breaking service was held October 5, 1980, by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas, Brazil to officially mark the beginning of a construction program for their new sanctuary. The current church building and educational facilities were built in 1959 and 1960.

Missionary Bobby Poole was the principle speaker for the special ground-breaking service. Approximately 40 people of the church and community were on hand for the event.

The new building will use a modification of the laminated arch-type construction and will provide over 2,250 square feet of badly needed floor space to seat over 300 people. The Campinas church, according to missionary Jim Sturgill, hopes to conclude this program entirely on funds contributed by the congregation in order to avoid the high costs of financing.

Sturgill noted that Sunday school attendance is averaging approximately 60 with occasional peaks up to 80. A bus ministry (Volkswagen bus) has been effective in the community.

Jim took six young people from the church to Jaboticabal on October 17 for a "Worship and Work Weekend" at the camp.

*Deacons turn the first shovel of dirt for the proposed construction of a new sanctuary for the First FWB Church, in Campinas, Brazil.*



## Victory Claimed by Barker in Uruguay

**Uruguay**—After months of numerous struggles and spiritual battles on the border of Brazil and Uruguay, Molly Barker reported three people were saved in early November.

"A young married woman gave her heart to Christ November 2 after Casildo preached," writes Molly. She noted that this especially encouraged Casildo, the lay preacher in charge of the work.

An 81-year-old woman was saved in her home as Molly and the woman's niece led her to Christ.

The mother of another young convert was also saved recently according to Barker. "She had surgery yesterday (November 13) and her calmness and lack of fear was a testimony of her new faith in Christ," Molly declared. "She had needed surgery for a long time but was too afraid. After she made things right with God, He took the fear away."

Miss Barker expressed praise to the Lord that Mario, a young preacher, had returned to Montevideo to continue studies in the Bible institute. He had missed almost a month of classes when he suspected a reoccurrence of tuberculosis. After examinations showed no evidence of TB, he decided to return to school.

## Bryans Assume Work at Publishing Center

**Ivory Coast**—Robert and Judy Bryan arrived in Abidjan in late October after a lengthy delay in France. Robert has assumed editorial responsibilities at the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan.

Regarding their visit in France, Robert writes, "We had a chance to visit all of our Free Will Baptist mis-



sionaries and churches in France, and we were encouraged to see the progress of the work. Our missionaries are doing a fine job. I was especially glad to see the number of French Christians who are now answering the Lord's call to service."

The Bryans will be spending a year in Abidjan to fill in for the furloughing Marge Shelley, a Conservative Baptist missionary, who has been in charge of the editorial work for a number of years. Almost all of the literature used by Free Will Baptist missionaries in Ivory Coast has been produced by the publishing center.

## Worship-Work Weekend Held at Jaboticabal

*Brazil*—A "Worship and Work Weekend" was held October 17-19 at the camp property in Jaboticabal, Brazil, according to missionary Jim Cowart.

"The idea originated with the young people here in Jaboticabal," writes Jim. "The purpose of the event was to unite the active youth from our different Free Will Baptist churches to work and worship together. The camp property was in need of some fixing up and the young people wanted a time of study and fellowship in the Word."

Twenty-five young people, including one young married couple, attended the weekend gathering. Karen Cowart's father, Harley Brown of West Palm Beach, Fla., preached to the group and Jim Sturgill translated. Sturgill also presented a study on Christian conduct.

## Morgans Acknowledge Joy and Heartbreak

*Ivory Coast*—The Clint Morgans recently acknowledged feelings of joy over the initiative of Doropo church leaders in planning a local revival. They were also pleased over the response to a woman's visitation program and response to a Saturday night class with Mossi young men.

But heartbreak struck the Morgans when they learned that their language informant had been stealing from them. He had made a profession of faith in Christ two years earlier. Latest reports indicated the man was sentenced to five years in prison.

Lynette started a women's sewing-Bible class and challenged the women to visit. Then she and a few women began visiting and playing cassette tapes with Bible stories. At least one woman had already vis-

ited the church as a result.

Clint has been using a hospital classroom to show filmstrips and teach the young Mossi men (Muslims) the Word of God. Approximately 50 people attended one session. One Mossi Christian asserted belief that many of these are believers in their hearts. The Morgans requested prayer that these will have the courage to take a stand even though their parents would object to their attending church.

## Radio Costs Pose Dilemma for Deeds

*Brazil*—Due to rising costs for radio time in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, Earnie Deeds is faced with the dilemma of whether to continue or discontinue his radio broadcasts. According to Earnie, "the station has increased its outreach from 1,250 watts to 5,000 watts and is asking for a 500 percent raise in price, from \$35 to \$175."

Deeds has maintained a radio ministry in Lafaiete for more than five years. He expressed belief that radio is one effective way of reaching behind many closed doors with the Word of God.

## God's Protection Noted by Hannas

*India*—Carlisle and Marie Hanna recently wrote from Sonapurhat, India, expressing praise for God's protection over the past few months:

"Carlisle opened our kitchen door and almost touched a krait snake (one of the most poisonous) without seeing it," says Marie. "His sister had been especially impressed to pray for our safety. Since then there have been more kraits, electric shock, near traffic accidents, ant and bee stings, and the plane on which Mark was flying to India was preparing for a crash landing when a mechanical problem righted itself."

## Caton Cites More Answered Prayers

*Spain*—Dock Caton recently shared the answers to several prayer requests mentioned in their letters and in *Heartbeat*:

Carmen Aguilar, a widow with two teenage children, told the Catons that she had finally committed her life to the Lord and she was ready to start a new life. This came after her mother died of a heart attack and after some

juvenile delinquents had entered her home, destroyed some property, and beat her son. The Catons had witnessed to her for six years.

On September 21 Isidro Duran accepted Christ in his home. His wife was already a Christian. They both committed themselves to meeting with the Catons for Sunday services.

Vincente and Rafaela, a young Christian couple, were recently committed to the Catons' care by a Spanish national pastor.

Word was received on September 26 that the lawsuit on the rented building would soon be coming to a close.

This pending lawsuit against the builders has delayed the Catons in readying the building for use as a meeting center.

## Nantes Attendance Up; Year-end Goal Set

*France*—According to a recent report from missionary John Murray, the attendance of the Nantes church in France is now averaging 30-35 and several newcomers have now become regular.

"We are praying for 50 faithful attenders by the end of the year," writes John. "Pray with us for those with whom we are in contact."

The church is carpeting the upstairs in order to have Sunday school. "Without the carpet we can hear every step and move of the children," John explained.

Three people from the church are attending Bible school in Switzerland.

## Financial Summary

### Through November 30

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Receipts: October .....	\$ 149,506.64
November .....	160,707.08
Total receipts through November .....	1,564,969.49
Total disbursements through November .....	1,645,097.10
Projected receipts through November .....	1,749,289.60
Total 1980 Budget .....	1,908,316.00

### \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Caton .....	\$3,808.95	Murray .....	\$6,774.79
Combs .....	651.23	Owen .....	1,603.44
Cowart .....	628.28	Payne .....	6,391.48
Dickens .....	1,270.18	Pinkerton .....	1,316.23
Filkins .....	4,416.14	Richards .....	2,172.25
Gibbs .....	5,657.20	Smith, J. ....	2,033.96
Hughes .....	2,238.23	Tallent .....	449.71
Morgan .....	1,306.49	Turnbough .....	1,969.74
Moser .....	2,771.04	Webb .....	8,699.06
Total .....	\$54,158.40		



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### Current needs:

1. **John Murray** (France), tires, stove,  
and children's schooling .....\$2,100
2. **Generator**, Doropo (Ivory Coast),  
medical station ..... 5,000
3. **Lonnie Sparks** (Spain), vehicle ..... 8,000
4. **Jeff Turnbough**, Missionary Internship  
training ..... 1,200
5. **Youth Camp ministry** (Brazil) ..... 500
6. **Dave Franks** (Brazil), furlough  
transportation to U.S. .... 2,950
7. **Howard Filkins** (Ivory Coast), auto tires,  
and AC transformers ..... 650

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