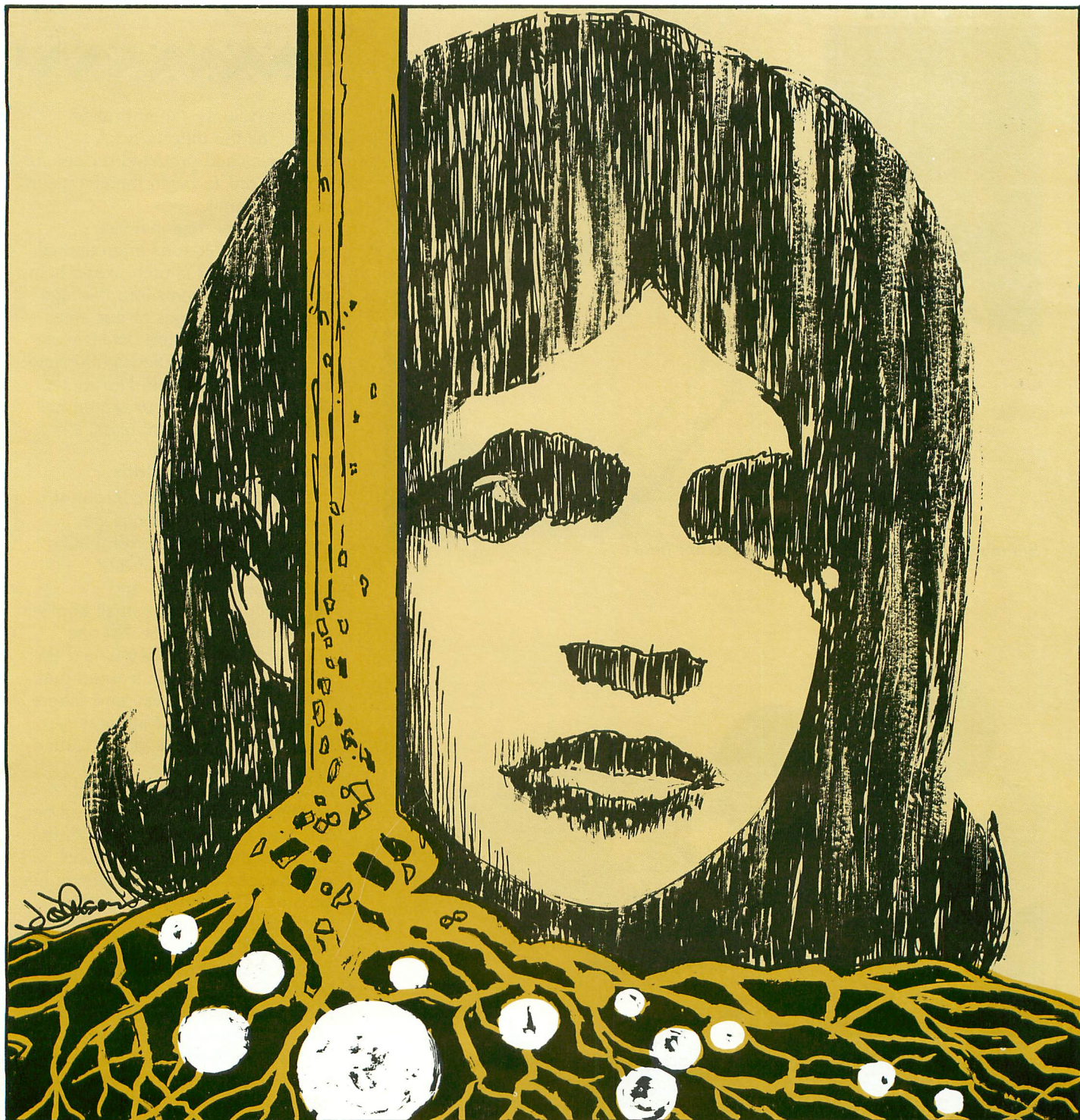


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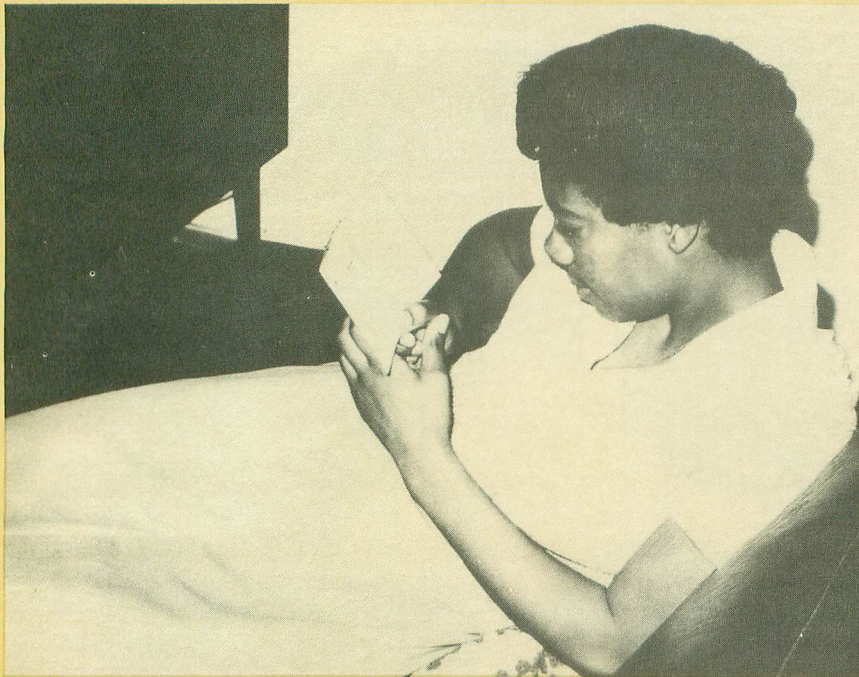
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The Seed Grew... and Multiplied!

The Seed Grew... and Multiplied!

by Bobby Aycock



Solange reads the tract that spoke to her heart.



Sue Aycock instructs Solange and her sister from the Bible.



*One by one they
accepted the Lord.*



One New Testament made all the difference! A rebellious child provided the soil for God's Word to begin the change in an entire family.

In 1973 the regional vice president of Gideons International asked me if our church would help get New Testaments into the high schools and colleges of our area. When we agreed and details were worked out, we hauled 3,000 New Testaments from Belo Horizonte. We stored them in our rented hall until the time of distribution.

Placed in Their Hands

After obtaining the consent of school principles and college presidents, we began distributing the Testaments. We visited individual classrooms and personally placed the small books in the hands of students. No one could predict what they would do with their copies. We learned that some were given away and others were torn apart. But apparently, most of the students gladly carried them home.

Solange, 15-year-old daughter of an Air Force sergeant, received one. She was the rebellious child of the family at that time. Her parents had experienced many problems on her account. To everyone's surprise, she began reading the New Testament.

As a leader in a Catholic youth group, Solange often went for hikes or to a retreat in the hills on the outskirts of town. She began carrying her Testament with her. Frequently she slipped away by herself and read the Word of God with great interest. She soon discovered that the New Testament

spoke to her like nothing she had found in her own religion.

We returned to Brazil in October of 1976 after a 15-month furlough in the United States. Near the end of that year a gospel tract bearing our church stamp fell into Solange's hands. (The church distributes about 1000 tracts a month.) She read the tract with eagerness and put it away for safe keeping. She retrieved it and read it another time or two.

In January of 1977 she read the tract one final time. This time she filled in her name and address at the bottom of the tract and requested a Bible correspondence course. Then, she mailed it to our church.

When her request arrived, I felt impressed to offer to teach her the course in her home. Sue consented to give her one class a week, so we set out to locate her house and make this offer.

When we approached the house, Solange came to the door. We introduced ourselves and she invited us in. We explained our mission and she accepted our offer with the reluctant consent of her mother who was a strong Catholic.

She Found Christ

Sue began the classes the following Tuesday. Each class lasted approximately two hours. After a few weeks of study, Solange asked Sue how she could become a member of our religion. This question opened the door. Sue led her to Christ that very day, there in her own living room.

With her new-found faith, Solange was bubbling over with excitement. She began attending our church. On the Saturday night of our youth meeting she dressed and prepared to attend. But as she started out the door, her father stopped her. "Where are you going?" he asked. "To the youth meeting at the Free Will Baptist church," she responded. "No you are not!" he replied. "We are Catholics," he insisted, "and you can't go to that church." She

turned, ran to her bedroom, fell across the bed, and wept her heart out.

Moacyr, Solange's father, spent the next several days submerged in deep thought. Solange's sincere desire to be at our church impressed him. He had observed the drastic change in her. It weighed heavily upon his mind. "Is what I am seeing possible?" he questioned himself. "Can this be the rebellious, black sheep of the family?" After pondering these things for a short time, he decided to permit her to return to church.

Sent His Wife

Moacyr was astonished with Solange's conversion. Though he was not prepared to attend a service at our church, he did ask his wife, Wanda, to go and see what it was like. Wanda went and was so overwhelmed with the service that she began attending. She reported her findings to her husband and expressed great satisfaction. The singing especially impressed her and she suggested he should go.

In less than two weeks, he responded positively and came to church with Wanda and four of their six children. One by one they accepted the Lord. Wanda was converted first. She was followed by some of her children. After another two weeks, Moacyr came forward with tears coursing down his face and surrendered to Christ.

Two of the girls, 19-year-old Sonia and 17-year-old Sueli, insisted on continuing in the Catholic Church since all their friends attended mass. This resistance was short-lived. Impressed with the conversion of Solange and the rest of the family, the girls decided to join them in a Sunday night service. Some of the young people invited them to return for the youth meeting the following Saturday night.

Sonia and Sueli joined Solange for that meeting. When it ended, most of the young people slipped out of the room and left Sonia and Sueli alone with Sue. As Sue talked

to them, both of them made their commitments to Christ.

Home Changed

That meant the entire family had entered the ranks to serve the Lord! Their home was completely changed as their lives took on new meaning. They soon initiated family prayer and Bible study.

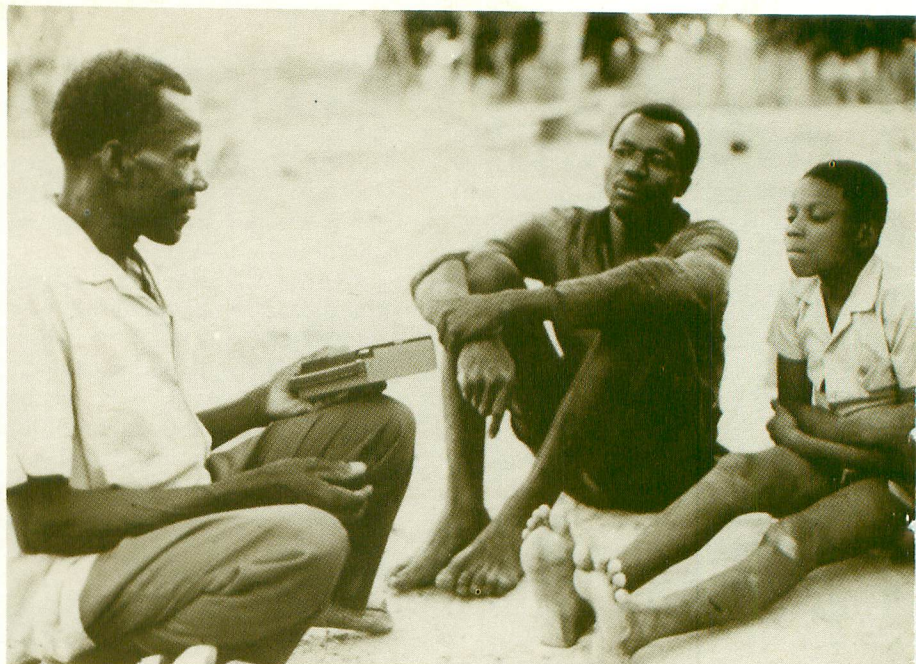
As Moacyr's family became active in our church they also became faithful. After a period of time for growth and maturity in the faith, they took on places of leadership in the church. Moacyr was elected clerk. His wife Wanda and daughters Solange and Sonia all teach Sunday school.

A compassion for the lost became evident long before the family members took positions in the church. They have made many visits in soul-winning efforts through their own initiative. They also contact people by telephone.

Moacyr began witnessing to Ayres, a friend—a retired Air Force captain and a practicing civil engineer. Later I met Ayres and had the opportunity to talk with him about salvation. He became a regular listener to our radio broadcast. In late April or early May of 1980, he came forward at the invitation and was gloriously saved. He has become a great student of the Word.

The witness of Moacyr's family reached out to Hilda, Wanda's mother, who lived in a small house in their back yard. Hilda was a spiritist and a great believer in idols. Although she sought to turn some of her grandchildren away from the Lord, the family was finally able to take her to church with them. The battle was long, but one Thursday after a woman's Bible class she told Sue she wanted to be saved. The victory was won!

The conversion of one rebellious child led to the salvation of the entire family. Now the family is working and witnessing. Only the Lord knows all the results. But "thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."



Kontin Paul played the balafon like this. Now he shares the gospel with his people, sometimes using a cassette player.

BURN THEM ALL!!

by Clint Morgan

No, I'm no longer afraid of the fetish. He can't hurt my big toe as long as I walk on God's road."

These daring words of faith strike with more force and claim more significance when a person knows their author. The name at one time held the distinction of being one of the most important fetishers in the Doropo area.

Kontin Paul had been taught about the fetish from his birth. His father told him that he had been born with sticks of a balafon (a musical instrument) in his hands. Therefore he was to become a great balafon player (a difficult art). His father gave him the balafon sticks when he was older and declared the power of the fetish was in them. He claimed the sticks would help Kontin accomplish his task.

And a great balafon player he

became! He relates this story regarding the sticks' special power:

Power of the Sticks

"I often played at funerals. Other balafon players always came also. If one of these played fairly well, I would take the little sticks from my pocket and put a curse on him. Then, I would play very well. He, in turn, would play like a child that knew nothing.



"From the first time I heard these words, I knew they were true. I knew I had been fooled by the fetish."



"At other times I would take my balafon, borrow another one and put it beside me. I would sit down to play mine, place the little sticks on the other one and it would play by itself."

These powers were very real to Kontin. And as he grew older, he became more and more involved in fetish worship and the struggle for power. His father gave him fetishes and he gained others through a long series of sacrifices and consultations. As a fetisher he acquired a status of respect.

People came to him for an assortment of reasons: to ward off illness, to drive death away from the village, to put curses on other people (often leading to death), to learn why a woman was barren, to gain riches, and a multitude of other purposes.

In Kontin's hands lay the power to consult the fetish to grant these

desires and answer these questions. But his services were not free of charge. So, he became rather wealthy.

What would cause a man with these powers to abandon the fetish? Why would a man leave this cultural position of power? What did that entail? And what normally happens to those who abandon the fetish?

Leading to His Decision

Kontin's decision to abandon the fetish came through a series of events which started with the severe illness of one of his sons. A Lobi would say, "Death was looking for the boy." Kontin Paul consulted his fetishes. He made powerful medicines and used a variety of indigenous remedies. Nothing helped! The boy's condition only worsened.

As a last resort, Kontin Paul decided to bring his son to the "white man's hospital." All his family and friends opposed this move. They considered it an insult to his fetishes. But he could not understand why the fetish wanted to kill another of his children (five of his children had already died). So, in spite of all the resistance, he came. Praise the Lord, he came!

At the hospital, the witness of a real man of God, Dr. LaVerne Miley, reached out to a real man of Satan. Perhaps it might be called a confrontation of opposites. As Dr. Miley presented the Word, the Holy Spirit opened the old man's heart. The message flowed clear: "Eternal life is promised to all who accept Christ as their Savior."

Kontin Paul recalls, "From the first time I heard these words, I knew they were true. I knew I had been fooled by the fetish and that the words I was hearing were true."

In spite of the "death promise" by the people of Kontin's community, his son was healed. And the old man vowed in his heart that if God could heal his son—who, according to the fetish, was as good as dead—then surely He was (and is) the true God.

So, Kontin Paul abandoned the fetish!

He went home, cleaned out his house of fetishes (now a chicken coup), and destroyed them all.

He described that wonderful day in this way: "The day I left, I burned all the fetishes. Every single one of them, small and great. I have no intention nor desire to return. I have found the truth."

Paul not only materially destroyed the fetishes, he also banished all mental and physical attachment to them. He is no longer dependent on them. He has no sentiments or sadness that they are destroyed. Fear of them has no place in his heart and home. He no longer offers or accepts sacrifices. Nor does he ever acknowledge them or anything related to them.

Total Separation

The old man's total separation shows up particularly in one incident. Some people had come to him prior to his conversion seeking wealth through his fetishes. A man had even promised Kontin Paul a large gift if and when he became rich. Consequently, one day after Kontin's conversion, the man came to his house. He handed Paul 50,000 francs (approximately \$250) and said he owed him the money because the fetishes had made him rich.

As Kontin Paul recounted the incident before the church, the people were as surprised by his response as the man was. He told the man, "I don't want it, I can't take it, and I will not take it! It is money I earned while serving Satan and if I take it, God cannot bless me."

Paul barely has enough to meet his daily needs, but he refuses this kind of money in order to preserve the blessings of God.

That day, Kontin Paul shared the gospel with the man, reemphasizing his separation from all areas of his former life. The man went away shaking his head, wondering what power would cause a man to refuse money.

To quote Kontin Paul, "When you burn your fetishes, burn all of them. Not just the big ones that the missionary can see, but all the small ones that only you and God can see. You must have just one stomach (heart), not two."

Plans to Stick Around

What has happened to Paul since he left the fetish? Well, everyone said he would die immediately, but nine years later he is still around, preaching God's Word, and loving the lost. Not only is he still here, but he readily attests to the idea that he plans to stick around. But when death comes, he says with assurance and conviction, "I'll go to God's village and live until . . . waaannnn . . . (forever)."

Some people say they abandon the fetish but they never really do so. They maintain a thread of attachment—just in case. They never become separated spiritually nor mentally. "They have two stomachs."

When trouble comes to these people, most likely they will curse someone in the name of a fetish or consult the fetish for protection. Kontin Paul rebukes such people: "You have insulted God in using the name of the fetish. It will make it difficult for us to preach in your village. You must learn to trust completely in God!"

Kontin Paul does trust God! For him, no fetishes remain. He has burned them all!

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Missions! How do you make it meaningful to *your* family? We tried the usual approaches—attending missions conventions, having missionaries in our home, helping with financial support of specific missionaries, and receiving missionary prayer letters.

It helped. We know a number of missionaries well enough to pray for them by name, mention the country where they serve, and some area of need.

Then Paul and Rosa Miller, who served as associate pastors at our church for two winters, went to La Mision, Mexico, to help at a non-denominational Christian orphanage for a year. Since the Millers had been like members of our own family, we decided to visit them and get a peek at mission work. What a learning experience!

"Fitting In"

For Kim, our twelve-year-old, making friends was easy. The older girls learn English at school, which helped in basic communication. Kim taught her new friends to play Sorry, and they helped her improve her skills in jacks. They jumped rope, played volleyball, went on walks, and shared "girl talk" together. Evenings she helped clean beans for the next day's meals. "Fitting in" came naturally.

But our eight-year-old Heidi is shy. Her first attempts at making

friends flopped. She withdrew and almost gave up trying to surmount the language barrier. I could understand *the problems of adjustment facing missionaries' children*.

It was immediately obvious that *missionaries do a lot more than preach and teach*.

My husband, Dick, worked with Paul making screens for a dormitory, patching a roof, repairing a generator, laying a leach line for a drain field, fixing bicycles, and umpteen other odd jobs.

I assisted Rosa with playground supervision. Using a mixture of Spanish and English, we visited with those sitting with us (or climbing over us), while keeping an eye on those jumping, climbing, and swinging on the playground.

Much time is spent in taking small groups on outings. Our family accompanied the children to the village church for a Bible school program and went with an older group swimming. For us, they were fun outings. But I could sense the *weight of responsibility* the Millers were feeling.

We learned something about *the health risks missionaries face*. In spite of care and cleanliness, the orphanage battles head lice and body crabs. The warm soil and body contact with others make them difficult to eradicate.

Kim witnessed one of her friends

being treated for head lice. Ana's hair was sprayed with Black Flag, tied in a plastic bag for a while, then washed thoroughly. We warned our girls about sharing combs, but the power of suggestion kept our heads itching the rest of our stay.

Sense of Humor

We exercised *the missionary spirit of adventure* in trying new foods. We even left the prickly pear cacti growing at our back door and went in search of more tender "leaves" down the road. Two of the older girls served as guides. But no one thought to tell us that the leaves are to be parboiled. Can you imagine what it was like frying and eating something that oozes oodles of slimey strings? *Missionaries need a sense of humor!*

I suppose the most important lesson I learned is that *God doesn't ask an individual to "give up" everything "good" in order to be a missionary*. He more than compensates for any "sacrifice" on our part. He best revealed this to me through the beauty of the weather and the country.

We expected to sizzle in the heat. But we found the orphanage nestled in a mountain pocket three miles up a river valley from the ocean. During the day, stiff ocean breezes blew, cooling us and keeping off the insects. We donned jackets and sweaters at sundown.

Vacationing With Missions

By Marsha Blake



The weather was "perfecto."

And what scenery! Nowhere else have I seen such a profusion of cacti and flowers. The flaming bougainvillea bushes sprawl across the shack roofs of the poor, as well as over courtyard walls of the more well-to-do. Where water is too scarce to lavish on flowers, cacti of all descriptions grow to gigantic size. The mountain views vie with the ocean's splendor for our attention. Beauty engulfs the beholder. Inconveniences, like hauling drinking water and watching for "vipers" and tarantulas, dwindle in importance. A blanket of peace seems to settle over us as we realize, God is in *this* place, too.

Love's Communication

The last Sunday morning we started down the dirt road to the small one-room church used by the orphanage. Four little girls, four, five, and six years of age came running to catch up with us. Two grabbed Heidi's hands. The other two grabbed Kim's. Except for "hola," few words were exchanged. Their love and acceptance were "felt."

Inside the church the pastor tuned his guitar and the freshly white-washed walls echoed with the children's singing. How they loved to sing! They sang while waiting in line to eat at the "comidor." They sang their blessing. And they sang while they played. We knew we were going to miss the singing.

We were also going to miss the relaxed life style, the ideal weather, the gorgeous shrubs, the challenge of adjusting to another language and culture, and, most of all, the children.

Our ten days at the "orfanatorio" did more than give us "a peek at missions." It wove missions into our lives—criss-crossing, like colors in a plaid. Heidi voiced a longing we all felt when she informed us, "I'm going to save my money to go back to Mexico."

For an experience your family will never forget, we recommend "vacationing with missions"!

1981 Call-a-thon Gifts Total More Than \$33,470

In response to needs reflected in deficit missionary accounts, 1981 Call-a-thon participants reported a total of \$33,473.13 on April 19. Some 86 churches, organizations, and individuals took part this year compared to only 80 last year.

For the second consecutive year the two largest Call-a-thon gifts came from Kingsport, Tenn. and Mountain Grove, Mo. Both churches almost doubled their gifts of the previous year.

Winston Sweeney, pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Kingsport, set the foreign missions office buzzing

when he called to report \$10,000 for the day. This marks the fifth time the Fellowship church has been tops in the effort.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Mountain Grove, pastored by Lynn Wood, reported \$3,200.

Wooddale Free Will Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., gave \$1,493.37 for the day. Walter Ellison was pastor at the time.

Tennessee topped the list for number of responses with 19, while Oklahoma and South Carolina placed second and third, with 11 and 10 calls respectively.

These churches, individuals, and organizations reported gifts:

Alabama
Centerpoint
Souls Harbor—
Vinemont

Arizona
Flagstaff

Arkansas
First—Ft. Smith
Glenwood
Hatfield
Hot Springs
Central Assn.
First—Pocahontas
Victory—Springdale
First—Star City
Vista—Van Buren

California
Antioch
Exeter
Hanford
Oxnard SS
First—Tulare

Delaware
New Castle

Florida
Deerfield Beach
New Hope—Grand
Ridge
Werconuett Academy—
Jacksonville

Indiana
First—Ft. Wayne
Emmanuel—Wabash

Kentucky
First—Louisville

Maryland
Linneus—Houlton

Minnesota
Freedom—Anoka

Missouri
Parkview—Deloge
New Harmony—
Greentop
Low Ground—
Kirksville
Mt. Grove
First W. Aux.—
Springfield

North Carolina
Canton
Parkers Chapel—
Greenville
Fairview—Marion
Rocky Pass—Nebo

Georgia
Blackshear
Double Branch—
Hawkinsville

Ohio
West Side SS—
Columbus
Troy
Wakefield
Antioch—
Wheelersburg

Oklahoma
Halls—Antlers
Barnsdall
Blanchard
Calvary—Claremore
Collinsville
Guymon SS
New Hope—Lone
Grove
Pleasant Hill W. Aux.—
Norman
Vine Hill—Oologah
Panama
First—Tulsa

South Carolina
Happy Home—
Andrews
Blackriver SS
First—Charleston
Heights
S. C. Conference—
Columbia
Tabernacle—Coward
Temple—Darlington
Fellowship—Florence
Faith—Florence
Oak Grove—Gallivants
Ferry
Mt. Elon—Pamplico

Tennessee
First—Chattanooga
Faith—Columbia
Harris Memorial—
Greenville
First—Irwin
Woodhaven—Jackson
Fellowship—Kingsport
Wooddale—Knoxville
Garman—McEwen
First—Morrison City
Cofers—Nashville
Craigfield—Nashville
East Nashville
Faith—Nashville
Fellowship—Nashville
FWBBC W. Aux.—
Nashville
Geneva Trotter—
Nashville
Horton Heights—
Nashville
Vernon Whaley—
Nashville
Woodbine—Nashville

Texas
Cross—Iola

Virginia
Glamorgan Chapel—Wise

West Virginia
Lick Branch—Charleston
Dry Branch

France
Rennes

Morgan Reports Mini Lobi Conference

Ivory Coast—According to a recent report from missionary Clint Morgan, a mini Lobi conference was held in the Doropo area on Easter weekend. The church committee organized the conference and selected the speakers. Clint expressed satisfaction that no white missionaries were asked to speak.

Christians from Bouna and Tehini also participated in this effort.

"Our market day ministry is really going well," adds Clint. "We preach to groups of two to 30 at a time. Many listen and agree with what is said, but they are reluctant to accept it."

East Tennessee Holds Missionary Conference

Elizabethton, Tenn.—Don Sexton, missionary representative for the Department of Foreign Missions, disclosed results of the first Upper East Tennessee missionary conference held May 16 and 17 in Johnson City and Elizabethton, Tenn.

Churches participating included East Side Free Will Baptist pastored by Richard Adams and First Free Will Baptist pastored by Winford Floyd, both in Elizabethton. First Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, pastored by Tom Maines, also participated.

Offerings for the weekend totaled \$1,500 plus approximately \$200 in

monthly faith-promise commitments. Speakers taking part were Don and Billie Sexton, Walter and Marcia Ellison and Don Robirds.

Sexton expressed hopes that this would be the beginning of a yearly foreign missionary conference which would include many other churches.



Jeff and Susan Turnbough have begun their deputational ministry in preparation for service in Spain.

Turnboughs Assigned to Field of Spain

Nashville, Tenn.—New missionary appointees Jeff and Susan Turnbough completed Missionary Internship training in May and have been assigned to serve in the field of Spain.

Jeff, who hails from St. Louis, Mo., and Susan, who is from Nashville, Tenn., began their deputational ministry in June.

The Turnboughs have been pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church in Midland City, Ala., since May of 1979.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—Missionaries in Brazil were pleased to learn that Bible Literature International has contributed \$1,000 to help them publish DVBS materials in Brazil. Perry Temple, executive secretary for BLI, was in Brazil during the month of April and met with some of the missionaries.

Nashville, Tenn.—Approximately 20 summer missionaries are serving in various fields at the present. Most of these will be returning to the States near the end of August.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mr. Chester Wright, father of Marie Hanna in India, was hospitalized on March 31 with conges-

tive heart failure. Doctors have inserted a pacemaker to keep his heart functioning normally.

Longview, Tex.—Mark Hanna, son of Carlisle and Marie Hanna, graduated magna cum laude on May 9 from LeTourneau College with a major in math and a minor in computer science. He had the fourth highest grade point average in a class of 220 graduates.

Nashville, Tenn.—Laura Payne, daughter of Eddie and Sandra Payne in the Ivory Coast, and Rebecca Robinson, daughter of Paul and Amy Robinson in Uruguay, will be spending the summer with their parents.

Brazil—"We had a precious service before Easter," writes Nancy Hughes from Brazil. "We had communion and feet washing. One new Christian said that it was the sweetest service she had attended. Ninety-five people were present."

Nashville, Tenn.—Natalie Marie Crowson was born May 26 in Nashville, the third child of Allan and LaRue Crowson, missionaries to France. The baby girl weighed seven pounds.

Panama—Miss June Arnold has begun visiting an old folks home in addition to her ministry among children in the slum areas. She has requested prayer for Patricia, a university student whom she has befriended.

Nashville, Tenn.—Paul Sparks, son of Lonnie and Anita Sparks in Spain, graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College on May 14.

Brazil—Jim and Susan Moser have a daughter, Heather Jane, born March 3 in Barbacena, Brazil. She weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces. Her birthday is the same as that of her oldest brother, Christopher.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met April 27-30 in Nashville for their regular annual session. Officers elected for the next year included James Murray, chairman; Joe Ange, vice chairman; and Jim Walker, clerk. Dates of 1982 board sessions were set: annual, April 26-30; retreat, August 2-6; and semi-annual, November 29-December 3.

Japan—The Bible has become a best seller in Japan where less than one percent of the country's 115 million people are Christians.

Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in April and May in honor of or in memory of friends:

Donor	In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reynolds Nashville, Tenn.	Mr. Al Holloman
Mrs. Mary Ver Lee Owasso, Okla.	Mr. Rutherford Ver Lee

Special Gift to Foreign Missions

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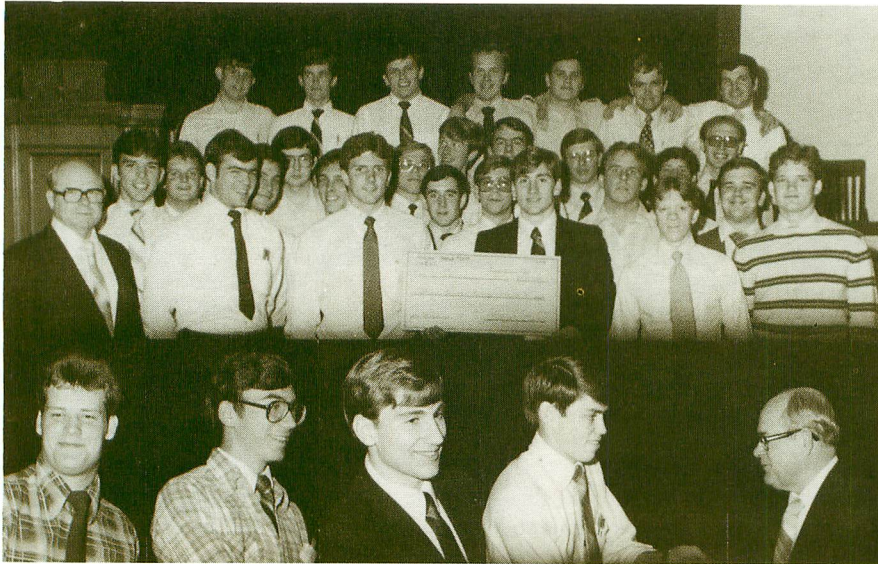
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Please send memorial/honorary card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



The FWBBC prayer group pictured above presented to Rolla Smith a check totalling \$1,825.75 to go to the Dock Caton account. Mr. Smith received checks totalling more than \$2,600 from (bottom, left to right) Chris Hummel, Kevin Cagle, Tim Steele, and Mark Riggs.

Prayer Groups Raise \$2,600 for Missions

Nashville, Tenn.—Four men's missionary prayer groups at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville presented checks to General Director Rolla Smith on May 8 in the college auditorium. The checks, which totaled over \$2,600, represented money received for foreign missions from prayer group members during the spring semester.

One group of approximately 60 fellows, led by Tim Steele and Kevin Lauthern, set specific goals and continued to top them during the semester. Their concern for the ministry of Dock and Norma Caton in Spain continued to urge them to give more. When the tally was in, \$1,825.75 had been received from the group.

Other group leaders presenting checks to Mr. Smith included Chris Hummel, Kevin Cagle, and Mark Riggs. Some groups participated in the special giving but could not be on hand to present their offerings at the time scheduled.

Lafayette Church Group Purchases Property

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist church in Conselheiro Lafayette, Brazil, has purchased a piece of land on which to construct their church building. Missionary Earnie Deeds reported the property was purchased for approximately \$6,900 on April 10.

Deeds requested prayer that God would provide a means for building on the property since current interest rates in Brazil make borrowing money from a bank impossible.

A one-day youth retreat was held recently in the area with 62 people participating. The group from Lafayette won the Bible Tic-Tac-Toe competition.

St. Nazaire Church Mans Booth at 1981 Fair

France—The Free Will Baptist church of St. Nazaire manned a booth at the bi-annual commercial fair of St. Nazaire held March 28-April 6. The booth was set up in an effort to distribute Christian literature and bring people in contact with the gospel message.

"Two years ago during this fair we became acquainted with a young salesman," writes Patsy Vanhook. "Jerry Gibbs has had many opportunities to share about the Lord since then. The man's wife, little boy, and his mother now attend our services intermittently. The man has never come, but a few weeks ago he introduced Jerry to a man who was having family problems. Since that time this man has come to church every Sunday morning. Pray for the salvation of each of these people."

At a recent monthly women's meeting in Patsy's home, ten women were present. Three of these were first timers, according to Patsy.

Agnibilekrou Church Averages Near 50

Ivory Coast—Norman Richards reports an average of nearly 50 on Sunday mornings in the church at Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast.

On April 13 Norman noted, "This past Sunday we took up our first collection in the church. Much to my surprise we received between \$7.00 and \$8.00."

Richards also indicated a good interest among the young people who enter the reading room. Bessie has been largely in charge of this ministry since Norman has been working on their house. At least three students have prayed and expressed a desire to follow the Lord.

Hanna Rebuilding Church; Urges Prayer

India—Carlisle Hanna reports progress in the reconstruction of the church building which was destroyed by an earthquake late last year. They have been meeting outside in the dirt, wind, and heat and were trying desperately to complete the building before the monsoon began (usually at the end of May).

At the time of Carlisle's correspondence, they had not received the full amount of money nor were they able to acquire the necessary building materials.

"Everything seems to take such an effort," writes Carlisle. "Our District Magistrate did give an order for our Sub-Divisional Officer to grant me a permit for cement. Still, after many trips to town, I have only gotten 50 bags." Carlisle had to make another trip to Calcutta for cement but was expecting a delivery soon.

Marie has been suffering from Thrombophlebitis in her right leg but at last report her condition had improved. Carlisle has been hindered by an intestinal parasite which has kept him weakened and feeling miserable.

Moser Cites Converts in Barbacena Work

Brazil—A revival in the church at Barbacena, Brazil yielded four converts and three other decisions, according to an April report from Jim Moser. Dave Franks was the evangelist.

Jim also disclosed a one-day youth retreat held in Conselheiro Lafayette on March 14. Three churches participated

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in the event: Belo Horizonte, Conselheiro Lafaiete, and Barbacena.

On Easter Sunday, nine young people from the Barbacena church gave an Easter reading regarding the resurrection. Jim followed with a short message. Two were saved.

Moser noted a vacation Bible school was planned for the first week in July and a youth camp was scheduled for the last week of the month.

The church has begun supporting a Brazilian missionary to the Indians: Miss Cecilia Virides of the Ribeirao Preto church. Eight people are studying in the Bible institute in the church.

Dickens Concerned Over Ghanaian Group

Ivory Coast—Prior to their departure for furlough, Patrick and Susan Dickens reported progress among a group of Ghanaians in Agnibilekrou who have been meeting every Sunday afternoon for prayer, singing, and worship.

According to Dickens, the group developed when Patrick prayed with a man at a sawmill. The group grew until six men and three women were meeting regularly.

He noted that the group was unusual since they are all English-speaking citizens of Ghana, a border country where English is the national language.

Patrick expressed concern that those who were genuinely converted might return home and take the gospel message to their own country.

Barker Rejoices Over Accordion's Return

Uruguay—"God is blessing," writes Molly Barker. Just last week we had a perfect example of His power and watch care. We had a visitor at prayer meeting on Wednesday evening and the following Friday we discovered a window open in the church and my accordion was gone. We reported it to the police in Rivera and Livramento. (Stuff stolen in Rivera is usually sold in Livramento and vice versa.)

"When I told the neighbors around the church," continued Molly, "they were just sure I'd never see it again. But, the church folks started praying. The following Friday night I was called to the police station and given the accordion. Yes, the same character who was at the evening service left the window unlocked in a Sunday school



Christians meet in the Tokyo church for the annual business session of the Tokyo/Kanto area churches.

room and later returned for the accordion."

Molly noted that a spirit of revival is prevailing in the central church in Rivera. She requested prayer that this revival spirit might continue.

Coscias Locate House, Seek Meeting Hall

Brazil—Near the end of April, Louis and Florine Coscia reported: "We finally found a house. It has three bedrooms, a garage, and a telephone. It is located about five blocks from the center of town."

The Coscias were rejoicing that their rent would only be approximately \$160 per month.

Since the building where the church has been meeting was sold, Louis and Florine have been meeting with the people in homes. They are anxious to find a hall but have not been able to locate one to date.

Hersey Asks Prayer As Antagonist Shows

Japan—Missionary Fred Hersey revealed an air of excitement when he reported recently that a former antagonist showed up for church.

"We all felt that we had seen a miracle when we saw Mr. Asano come into the building with his wife," writes Fred Hersey. "A few years ago Mrs. Asano and her two sons, Koichi and Heroki, attended services and made professions of faith. The younger son later said he didn't believe in God. But Mrs. Asano and Koichi wanted to be baptized. Mr. Asano wouldn't let them

but later gave his son permission. He said he would never allow his wife to be baptized."

According to Fred, the oldest son has been faithful in living for the Lord. He had invited his father to church. Fred requested prayer for the man after this "real break-through."

Hersey also requested prayer for Mrs. Teraoka and her daughter, Masako, who have faithfully served the Lord at Iriso. Mr. Teraoka called recently to inform Fred that his wife and daughter would not be attending church anymore. Hersey requested prayer that God would intervene.

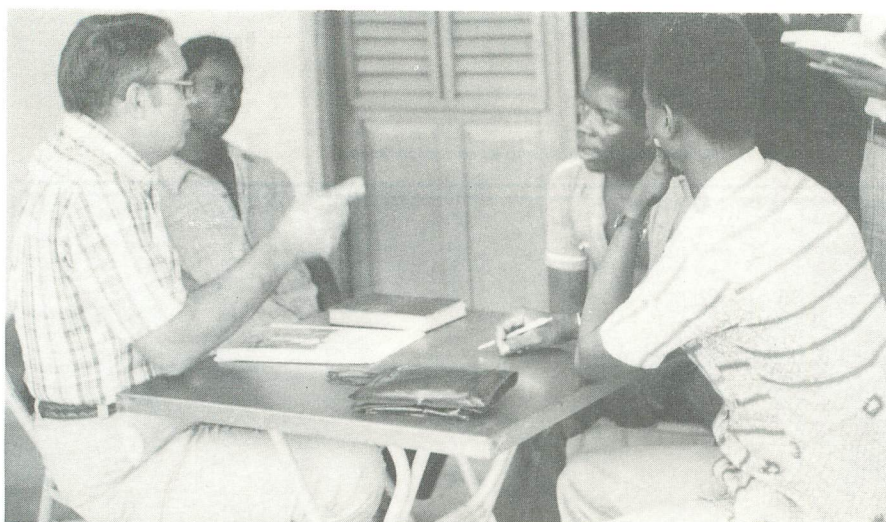
A merger between the Irumagawa church and the Iriso church has taken place. According to Fred, the Irumagawa church had diminished to only a small number (8-10) attending Sunday morning worship.

Heartbeat to Resume Monthly Status

Nashville, Tenn.—Beginning with this issue, *Heartbeat* will be published on a monthly basis except for January-February and July-August issues, according to editor Don Robirds.

The magazine will resume publication on the basis of 12 pages during the months of January-February, March, May, July-August, September, and November. Intermittent issues of April, June, October, and December will be *Newsheet* editions containing only four to six pages.

Resumption of this publication schedule is due to the need for more frequent and up-to-date news reports from the mission fields.



Jimmy Aldridge discusses theological training with three young men. Two of these are now studying in the program.

Poole Baptizes 19, S.S. Attendance Up

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Poole baptized 19 people on Sunday night, May 10, in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. Four of those baptized were from the city Franca, Bobby reported.

Poole also noted Sunday school attendance had topped 100 on three of the six Sundays prior to his writing.

Other news from the church included the sending of the congregation's first missionary, Miss Cecilia Virides to work among the Indians in northern Brazil. She left for the territory of Roraima in April and will be working under New Tribes Mission in that area.

The Pooles, who were scheduled to begin furlough at the first of this month, requested prayer for Antonio da Silva as he assumes responsibility for the church in their absence.

Sixteen students have enrolled in the Bible institute for this semester, according to Bobby.

Poole also reported that a family retreat was held recently in Jaboticabal with some 90 people gathering.

Churches Gather For Fellowship Services

France—The churches and the mission works in France gathered on Monday, April 20, at St. Nazaire for fellowship services.

"It was a blessing to see what the Lord is doing in the different cities," writes Charolette Tallent. "Both Gerard and Daniel brought good messages." Two people made professions of faith during the meeting.

The annual youth retreat from the Rennes church was held during the Easter break with 25 young people attending. Several others joined in the retreat after working hours. Three people accepted Christ during the retreat.

A university student from Iran attended the retreat and expressed a desire to receive Jesus as personal Savior but is finding it hard to put aside his Muslim teaching. Charolette asked people to pray for Abdoula.

Theological Study Program Launched by Aldridge

Ivory Coast—Missionary Jimmy Aldridge reports having started a theological study program with two young preachers, Yao Koko Celestin from Kiendi and Kouadio Jean from Laoudi-Ba. Both are studying "and learning well," according to Jimmy. They have led 12 people to Christ since January.

Aldridge reports having led a 75-year-old man to the Lord recently. Jimmy had witnessed to the man for over eight years prior to his conversion. "He has burned his fetishes, refused to sacrifice to the ancestors, stopped drinking, but . . . has started praying 'everywhere'—on hunts, at home, in the fields, etc.," says Jimmy.

Other activities reported by Aldridge included a pastors' retreat held in April at Bondoukou. They made a nine-hour study of Ephesians, spent time in prayer and drew up plans for regional conferences or associations.

The Aldridges also reported having to receive injections for rabies after discovering in April their dog to be rabid.

Socialist President Elected in France

France—Socialist Francois Mitterrand, age 64, was elected President of France in early May. He will serve a seven year term and could prove to be a determining factor in gospel advance in that country.

According to the May 25 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, the current French parliament has 117 socialists, 86 communists, and 288 members about equally divided between Gaullists and supporters of defeated President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

Bishops Request Prayer for Kitano Ministry

Japan—"We have a grandmother, Mrs. Ueki, who has been attending English and Bible study for about three years at Kitano," writes Dale Bishop. "She has expressed an interest in Christianity but as of yet doesn't realize her sin and need for repentance. Because of her age and ill health she is a special burden on our hearts."

Bishop indicated that many children in their Bible Club were open to the gospel. Also, a young family which has been meeting with the church is scheduled to visit the United States this fall. The family has studied English and Bible with the Bishops and McLains for about three and one-half years.

"Many times Mr. Kishima has been close to making a decision," Dale stated.

Financial Summary

Through May 31

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Total receipts April	\$ 181,040.95
May	183,955.36
Total receipts through May	799,404.46
Total disbursements through May	487,059.24
Projected receipts through May	842,856.25
Total 1981 Budget	\$2,022,855.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 2,071.31	Moser	2,886.38
Barker	797.00	Murray	\$ 1,134.83
Caton	8,158.61	Owen	4,305.98
Cowart	20.16	Payne	3,435.74
Deeds	878.38	Poole	735.45
Dickens	4,350.93	Richards	4,890.82
Filkins	3,966.01	South India	1,721.91
Franks	1,791.01	Sparks	3,977.93
Gibbs	5,842.47	Sturgill	3,220.89
Haas	273.64	Tallent	2,941.19
Hughes	7,542.77	Turnbough	2,143.41
Inscoe	1,754.17	Webb	8,116.29
Miley	1,239.90	Wiley, M.	323.58
Total			\$78,520.76

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