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Kouadio, My Baoule Son

Dear Mme. Mayhew,

This beautiful day permits me to let you know my most distinguished news.

If I write you this note it is to prove to you the affection that Christ has given me for you. Since I was born, this is my first time to see a woman who loves me as my own mama. This woman is you because you have the love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

When I was little, I believed that it is impossible for a woman to love the child of another woman. But now I think that it is possible if and only if we have the love of Christ. I will never forget the tenderness that you have for me.

I am leaving Tanda the 7th or 8th to join my mama. I will not fail to tell her that after her, I have found another woman who loves me in the same manner as she loves me, but this woman possesses something more precious that our grandparents have missed. It is the Lord Jesus Christ, the one who gives all intelligence and wisdom. I am going to tell her of Mr. Mayhew who doesn't get angry because of the love of Christ that he has in his heart. I ask you to pray much for my mother, assamsi Amenon.

I'll be happy to see you again,

By your brother in Christ,

The Baoulé, Kouadio, Kouamé Thomas

by Sarah Mayhew



I first met Kouadio one evening at the Foyer Evangelique (Reading Room) in Tanda. He came in and pulled up a chair to listen as I talked with a group of young people. Though he seemed intensely interested,

Kouadio didn't join in the conversation. He was a shy lad from the Baoule tribe near Bouake in south-central Ivory Coast.

The impoverished youth listened for sometime then excused himself saying that he would be back later

in the evening. He took with him the usual Gospel of John and one of each of our tracts. I asked him to read these, adding that I would be very happy to talk with him again.

As I was locking up for the night, Kouadio stepped onto the porch of the reading room. When I looked at his face, my heart was touched by his sad expression. But it was late and a 30-minute drive over dirt roads in the dark stood between me and our mission station. I asked if he could come back the next day to see me and he said yes.

The car lights caught his face as I backed out of the yard. My heart turned over as I thought, "What if he wanted to accept Christ and what if something should happen to him tonight?" With an unhappy and disturbed conscience I began to pray for him. Later, he told me he had gone home and read one of the tracts, then cried all night.

The next day, Jean-Baptiste (John Baptist) went with me to the foyer. Kouadio did come and we gave him the plan of salvation. He wanted to accept Christ, so Jean took him into another room and dealt further with him. Kouadio asked Jesus to come into his heart.

His Life Changed

What a change took place in our sad-faced Baoule when he met his Lord! Every day he came to learn more about the Lord Hour after hour he sat as Archie taught him the Word or he listened to cassettes in the Baoule language.

One day, young Kouadio came out of the room where he had been listening to messages in Baoule. "Madame," he said, "I don't understand what he is saying. He is talking about Melchisedec." I asked him if the message was on tithing. He said, "Yes! Explain it to me."

We went to Malachi 3:10, 11 where he read, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall

not be room enough to receive it. And I will *rebuken the devourer* for your sakes, and *he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground: neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field*, saith the Lord of hosts."

We discussed the reasons for tithing: (1) That there would be the necessary support of God's house so others could hear the gospel. (2) That by proving God, our faith in Him would grow stronger. (3) That there were certain results of tithing. God's blessings were promised to tithers. He would pour out a blessing too great for our capacity to receive it. He would also rebuke the devourer (the devil) and protect our things from him.

Kouadio thought for a moment and gravely asked, "Could I give 100 francs (50¢) for my tithe?" He only received \$60 every three months from the government to pay for clothing, room, board and part of his school supplies.

I explained that \$6 would be his tithe, but he could give 100 francs for an offering, then I added, "Kouadio, God is rich. He doesn't need your money. He wants to give to you and to protect your things from the devil. Others, like you, need your tithes that they may hear the gospel. God wants to bless you but if you feel that you can't tithe, that doesn't mean that you can't go to heaven."

He looked at me with a big smile and said, "Oh, I'm going to tithe." And tithe he did! God blessed him for it, too.

God's Proving

A few days later, Kouadio and I had a good opportunity to see the "and prove me" part of God's Word put into action.

I knew something was wrong the moment he walked into the foyer. "Madame," he said, "someone stole my school book. Why did God not protect my things?" He would have to pay for the book and he did not have the money.

My heart drooped with his as I began a fancy side step to this

direct questioning of my teaching. I gave him several reasons as to why and how it could have happened—none of which were acceptable to him or to me. I did have enough sense left to say, "Let's pray about it. Let's see what God will do."

Needless to say, I felt that my own faith was on the line with Kouadio's because God just had to come through for this boy. This was a time for serious damage to his faith or an opportunity for a great growth in faith. My heart cried out to God with his.

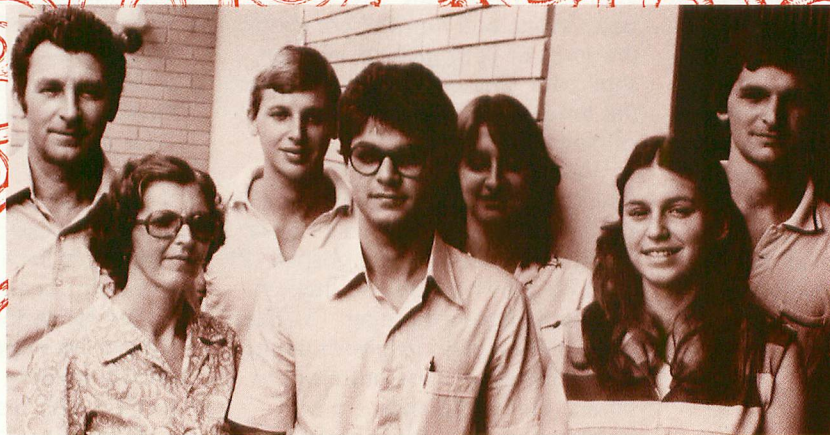
A few days later a bright-eyed Baoule with a shining face walked through the door. "Madame, my book has returned," were his first words. My soul breathed a sigh of relief—I almost heard it and most certainly felt it! Then he explained that the boy who took it had come trembling with the book in his hand. Kouadio didn't have the heart to accuse him of stealing. The book had been taken from the teacher's desk, so he knew it had been stolen.

No Small Miracle

To some this may seem like a very small miracle. But we who have worked with Africans, know that it would take an act of the Supreme Court of Heaven to get one to bring back a stolen article. For that matter, even if he had found an article of value it would bring in money. This book could have been sold to another student.

Kouadio grew spiritually that day. And as he continued to trust and follow his Lord, God called him to preach. Many more of his prayers were answered: He led his mother, uncles, brothers, cousins and many others to the Lord.

This faithful young tenth grader shared this testimony with me just before he returned to his village: "I know what God wants me to do. I am going back to my village to help my people. Thirty-nine villages around mine have not received the gospel. I am going to preach in every one of them." □



This is the Waldemar Travitzki family.

Family to Family

by Ken Eagleton

It was May 25, 1980—
an important day to me
and to Waldemar Travitzki, Sr.

For me, it was another answer to
a long-standing prayer. I had been
asking God to give us men and
entire families in the Araras Free
Will Baptist Church in Brazil. Also,
this marked the first time for me to
take part in a baptismal service at
night in Brazil.

The day was important to
Waldemar because he was
declaring a second time publicly,
through baptism, his faith in Jesus
Christ. About three weeks prior to
this, he had accepted Christ as
Savior.

As the father of seven children,
Waldemar was the
only member of

the family yet to be saved. But the
Lord had been working!

Back in 1971, I began to witness
to the Jayr Russolo family in Araras.
They were having some very
serious problems. The man and his
wife, as well as their two sons,
needed to be saved. Over a period
of four years all four of them were
saved and baptized.

In June of 1977, Jayrzinho, the
older Russolo son, then 17 and in
his last year of high school, was
challenged by a Sunday school
lesson. At home he discussed with
his family how they could be used
of the Lord, giving Him the best of
their lives.

Though timid by nature,
Jayrzinho decided he
would invite his

two best friends and classmates to go to camp with him in July. His friends were Travitzki brothers—Junior, 18 years old, and Jader, age 16.

Camp troubled Junior. He was unaccustomed to hearing much about the Bible and spiritual things. Girls, drinking, skipping school, and such like—with these he was more familiar. By Wednesday of that week Jader had received Christ as his Savior. Junior was not quite ready to make that decision. But by Friday he also had committed his life to Christ.

Changed Behavior

Junior and Jader's transformed lives were apparent to their fellow students and teachers. And most of all, the difference was evident to the rest of their family. Waldemar and his wife Dirce noticed that their sons returned from camp with a changed behavior. They liked what they saw!

God was doing such a pleasant thing in their lives that their younger brother, Walter, and their two sisters, Silvia and Sandra, accompanied them to camp the next time. And they were all saved!

Following furlough in the United States, my family and I returned to Araras. At a baptismal service on Christmas Eve of that year—1978—15 persons were baptized. The five Travitzki teenagers were among them.

Regina, Jayrzinho's mother, had many opportunities to be used of the Lord, too. Immediately following Junior and Jader's conversion, the Russolos encouraged them to come to their home for Christian fellowship and further contact. The two families became good friends and a Christian witness was established.

Regina talked often to Dirce about spiritual things. Eventually Dirce received Christ as her Savior. She was baptized on Easter of 1980, along with three other converts.

Soon Junior began to feel that God had something special for his life—something other than that

which he or his father had in mind. So, throughout 1979 he studied in the Bible institute classes held in the Araras church.

God wanted Junior to be a missionary jungle pilot. Junior knew this would not be an easy decision for his parents to accept, especially his dad. Waldemar, general plant supervisor of a sugar mill, would be embarrassed to have one of his sons "go off the deep end" in religion. After all, how would he earn a living? How would he ever be able to support a family? Where would he get the thousands of dollars necessary to train as a pilot?

Not knowing the answers to these questions himself, Junior quietly waited before God for the approval he needed from his dad to enter missionary training. He firmly believed it was God's will for his life; therefore, God would supply his needs! However, Junior's transformed life, more than anything else, finally convinced his dad to give his blessings on Junior's plans.

Final acceptance into flight school came after preliminary correspondence, school records, recommendations, etc., had been completed and sent in. Junior left by bus on February 18, 1980. His dad traveled with him to get acquainted with the school and the people with whom Junior would be associated.

Waldemar's return trip was a bone-tiring 16 hours long, but he was in prayer meeting that night requesting prayer for Junior and himself. God was indeed at work!

A succession of events over the next two months were used by the Holy Spirit to convince Waldemar of his personal need of a Savior.

Expenses at school were held to a minimum for Junior because unexpected housing became available without cost during the first several months. Junior earned his board by working in the hangar while training. But he still needed about \$300 per month to pay for flight training. His father certainly couldn't send him that much!

Faith Promises

The Araras church was challenged to give through faith promises. The church was already giving 10 percent of its income to the state association and bearing the expense of a mission church across town. Now one of its own members, whom God had called for missionary service, needed support. The response was gratifying!

During the first two months, the church gave about \$900 toward Junior's expenses. This generous response made a genuine impression on Waldemar. It caused him to stop and think: What motivates the Christians to give so generously to my son's support?

Love and concern for the church drew Waldemar into the church fellowship and under the sound of gospel preaching. At the close of a challenging message, Waldemar slipped out of the pew at the back of the church, walked the aisle, took the missionary by the hand and declared he had decided to accept Christ as his own personal Savior. Today, he is faithfully serving God and giving a good testimony where he works.

Yes, Jayrzinho wanted to give his best to God, so he invited his friends to camp. Today, an entire family of seven are saved and baptized members of the Araras FWB Church. And one of those is preparing to be a missionary.

"... and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30b).□

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I can't stand this place!"

I heard a young, rather mild-mannered missionary say one day. Even though he was with another mission organization, I did a double take, not believing what my ears had heard.

"I'm thinking of throwing in the towel and going back to civilization," he continued. "Back where the weather is cooler and where people understand me."

Noticing my puzzled appearance and my obvious unacceptance of such a statement, he added: "Oh, don't worry about it. Our mission has plenty of money! They know many of us are just giving missions a try. How else would we know if we could make it or not?"

"Wow!" I thought. "No wonder they have such a high drop-out (or casualty) rate among their missionaries. They have no long-term commitment!"

Sure enough, that missionary returned home before completing language study. Others, whom I personally know, have spent a term only to wind up frustrated and defeated in their Christian life.

What was at the root of these short-lived ministries in the regions beyond? Who bore the fault? Was it in God's plan?

Well, the answer to these questions might be relatively obvious to some but, then, even those seemingly obvious answers

could be wrong. I am not going to sit in judgment on those who did not stay, nor will I condemn the boards which sent them. Circumstances and people vary. And God's will for one missionary may be totally different from that for another.

But I would like to raise another question which needs to be answered by every potential missionary, mission board member, or mission executive: What about the long-term commitment once thought to be the "calling" of every missionary? Is it no longer valid? Have world needs, physical stamina, and perseverance changed so rapidly and drastically that few missionaries can make such a life-time commitment to foreign service today? What has happened to the Adoniram Judsons, the Hudson Taylors, the William Careys, etc.?

Are there any more Pop Willeys, Carlisle Hannas, Laura Belle Barnards, Dan Cronks, Dave Franks, Ken Eagletons, Fred Herseys, etc.? Should we expect future missionaries to be one or two termers and leave it at that?

No, we cannot take such a light view of the call to foreign missions! A continuing ministry abroad will require more candidates who approach the calling with a determination to spend their lives on the mission field unless God

actually moves them.

Although few of us actually lived during the early missions era, the accounts of those committed lives do present an ideal. No amount of turmoil, hardship, heartache, physical suffering, poverty or direct satanic attack could deter those early missionaries. They were convinced that they were on the mission field by the will of God. Most of them never considered a shortened stay. They were committed! Or perhaps some stayed out of sheer stubbornness.

Nowdays, when I hear candidates or prospective candidates speak of "maybe" spending a term or two on the mission field, I almost cringe. Even though I only spent a term and a half on the field, I did not return to the United States due to my own dissatisfaction or because I thought I had given my share. My calling and service continue to be directed toward world missions.

Exception or Ideal?

Without a doubt, God's will for some has been that of "less-than-a-lifetime" of foreign missionary service. I am certainly not critical of their obedience to God's will! On the other hand, aspiring missionary candidates must be careful not to make these the ideal rather than the exception.

I know that long-term commitment does not necessarily mean one will spend his entire life on a mission field. But it does mean that foreign missionary service should not be viewed as some "temporary work program," or some "trial run" just to see if a person likes it or if he can hack it.

The call to missions is a perpetual one! Jesus said, "Go." He has not rescinded that commission. Consequently, even those who have left the field by the will of God continue to be committed to world outreach. God has simply moved their place of ministry.

Sometimes circumstances such as ill health, high financial costs, closed doors, family needs, etc., have been the means of God's redirection. At

by Don Robirds

**Long Term
Commitment vs.**

Redirection

other times less obvious things such as ministry limitations, constant physical exhaustion, emotional pressures, etc., can be the dictating factors—none-the-less the will of God for redirection.

God Doesn't Explain

God does not always explain why He moves people around. I'm sure Philip could have questioned the Lord's wisdom in calling him out of Samaria (a mission field where the harvest was being reaped) to go to Gaza, a desert area. But God had a new direction for Philip and his obedience was rewarded with more fruit for the Kingdom.

A number of our Free Will Baptist missionaries have left the foreign field during the last few years. This has caused concern on the part of some. Yet, we must keep in focus the will of God. And we must recognize that the changing of missionary personnel is not new to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. It has always been true even in our early days of missionary expansion. The long list of those who did not stay on a field in those pioneer days testifies to the fact that the picture is not really so drastically different today.

The difference now among many aspiring missionary candidates seems to be the pre-eminent attitude of "short-term" service rather than "long-term" commitment. In other words, from the beginning, some missionaries are entering service much like the world at large is entering marriage these days: "If it doesn't work, I can always leave."

No, I am not condemning those who have felt God's hand on their shoulder giving them the signal to change fields of ministry. But neither am I condoning the lack of stick-to-itiveness evident in the present generation. God is more consistent than that!

I am praying the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest. And I'm asking Him to make them faithful reapers until the harvest time is past. □

Sunday School Excitement

"I want . . . to help our missionaries."



Johnny's ears perked up when the teacher announced, "Next Sunday is Call-a-thon Sunday for foreign missions. How many here have ever seen a missionary?"

Up went Johnny's hand. "I have," he said. "We had a missionary to Japan in our home last year!"

But the other children looked rather puzzled. Some didn't even know what a missionary was. One thought he had heard something about missionaries working among Indians in South America.

Before the class was over, the teacher had set the children straight. As she shared a missionary story they realized a foreign missionary was a Christian who had answered God's call to share the gospel with those in other lands.

"Call-a-thon Sunday offers the Sunday school children a chance to obey God's command," the teacher explained. "By giving money to help these missionaries get to the field and stay there, you children will be taking part in the great commission."

A few class members recalled they had contributed to missions during regular church service. But many had never had the opportunity since they didn't often stay for church.

When Sunday school ended that day Johnny couldn't wait to challenge his mom and dad: "I want some dollars, not just coins,

for Sunday school next week! We're going to give our whole offering to help our missionaries."

Mom and Dad smiled at each other as they headed the car toward home. "Yes, Son, you can have a few dollars next Sunday," Dad affirmed. "Call-a-thon is the only time we get a chance to give to missions as a Sunday school."

Johnny was excited! He couldn't wait for his chance to help missionaries like Fred Hersey take the message of Jesus to other boys like himself.

Call-a-thon Sunday was going to be special! He was sure all his friends would fill their quarter folders for Call-a-thon. His Sunday school class had never, ever done that before! □



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Christmas Provides Door for Witness

Japan—Dale and Sandra Bishop "had many opportunities to share what Christmas really is" as they hosted parties during the Christmas season for Japanese students in their English and Bible classes.

"For our Bible club and English children," writes Sandra, "we rented a hall and used choruses and carols along with a slide program explaining the difference between the commercial Christmas and the true Christmas. We had about 70 children for this."

The Bishops also helped Airin Chapel with their woman's auxiliary banquet which featured American style food—"turkey and all the trimmings." Sandra noted that "about 85 women and 30 children came. The great majority were not Christians."

Bible Correspondence Course Offered

Brazil—A Bible correspondence course "Fonte da Luz" (Source of Light) is now being offered by the Ribeirao Preto Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil, according to missionary pastor Bobby Poole.

The course is a fundamental Bible course offered free of charge and a certificate is granted upon completion.

Poole also reported that on December 8 Antonio da Silva was licensed to preach, and three deacons were ordained in the church on December 11. Earnie Deeds assisted Bobby with the ordination service.



Missionaries and pastors involved in the Alabama area-wide missionary conference in January fellowship during a luncheon in Guin, Ala.

Alabama Conference Involves 45 Churches

Guin, Ala.—The annual area-wide missionary conference in northwestern Alabama, held January 14-February 1, expanded to a total of 45 churches, and includes six in northeastern Mississippi. Twenty-eight missionary speakers participated in this year's conference according to conference coordinator Richard Cordell of Guin, Ala.

An air of excitement appeared evident as pastors met in their own areas prior to the conference and at a special luncheon on January 21 in Guin. Reports of revival and decisions highlighted testimonies by participating pastors.

Sixteen more churches were involved this year than took part in 1980. Latest reports of gifts and faith commitments to foreign and home missions totaled approximately \$12,000 in cash and \$70,000 in annual faith promises.

Several churches had not reported their totals by press time.

Speakers for the conference included foreign missionaries Bobby Aycock, Brazil; Allan Crowson, France; Ken Eagleton, Brazil; Sherwood Lee, Ivory Coast; Steve Lytle, Panama; Archie Mayhew, Ivory Coast; and Walter Ellison, Uruguay.

Others representing foreign missions included Rolla Smith, general director; Don Robirds, director of communications; board members Joe Ange, Dan Cronk, and Jim Walker; Don Sexton, missionary representative; LaVerne and Lorene Miley, former missionaries to Ivory Coast; Robert Woodard, instructor at Free Will Baptist Bible College; and Eugene Waddell, former member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Representing home missions were

missionaries Jerry Barron and four Mexican Christians, Mexico; Bill Adkisson, New Mexico; Pete Minor, Rhode Island; Bob Shockey, Kentucky; Bob Thomas, Colorado; and James Walden, Alabama.

Others speaking on behalf of home missions included Roy Thomas, general director; Trymon Messer, assistant director; John Gibbs, director of development; and Kerry Steedley, chaplain, United States Army.

Melvin Worthington, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, represented both departments.

Most churches had either five or six services during the week.

Rennes Church Aids Spain and India

France—The Free Will Baptist church in Rennes, France, recently contributed \$1,139.85 to the land fund in Spain. This money was received during a missions offering at Christmas.

An additional \$450 was given to help repair the church in India damaged in a recent earthquake.

Missouri Estate Aids Missions

Cabool, Mo.—The departments of foreign and home missions were named benefactors in the will of the late Vergil J. Bandy of Cabool, Mo. A total of \$28,243.78 was divided equally between the two missions departments, giving each \$14,121.89. An equal amount went to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greeneville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Bandy were members of the Big Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Houston, Mo., where he served for many years as a deacon.

Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in December and January in honor of or in memory of friends:

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James E. Blake

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The pastor of the church is Delbert Gayer.

Since the Bandys had no children, they wanted their estate to continue in the Lord's service.

Earthquake Ruins Church Building in India

India—A severe earthquake on November 20 seriously damaged the Carlisle Hanna home and ruined the church building in Sonapurhat, North India.

Carlisle writes, "Our church is cracked all over, and we know it is not safe for use. It will have to be replaced. It will cost about \$5,000."

Hanna explained, "This church is used for conferences, retreats and meetings throughout the year and our annual conference is set for February 11."

Evidently, few people were killed in the earthquake but many homes were destroyed, according to reports from the area.

18 Years Celebrated by Brazil Work

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist congregation in Pirassununga, Brazil celebrated 18 years of existence on November 22, 1980. Missionary Bobby Poole of Ribeirao Preto preached during the special service. Bobby Aycock started the work.

Although the congregation has been meeting for these 18 years, an official organization of the church has not occurred. Plans for formal organization do appear eminent. A national lay preacher is in charge.

Baptism Set for Doropo Area

Ivory Coast—A baptismal service was held on December 21 in the Doropo area, according to a report from Clint Morgan. Fourteen people were immersed—seven from Doropo and seven from Tehini. A church committee determined the candidates who qualified for baptism.

"The church in Doropo has taken the Tehini group as a sister group and seemingly feel responsible for their spiritual development," says Clint. He indicated the group runs about 20 people and includes the wife of the area governor and other government workers.

Morgan expressed disappointment over the complete reversal of the work with the Muslims in Doropo. "It started slow but climbed to over 50,

then all of a sudden it stopped, completely," says Clint.

On the brighter side, Morgan noted, "We are looking forward to our Bible institute. The church leaders are anxious. This is our most important venture for this term."

Clint and Lynette are scheduled to begin furlough in late May or early June.

Arnold Commissioned, Begins Language Study

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss June Arnold, appointee to Panama, was commissioned to missionary service on December 7 in the Free Will Baptist Church of Newcastle, Okla. She left the United States on December 25 for Costa Rica where she has begun Spanish language study.

Foreign missions board member, J. Reford Wilson of Aurora, Ill., brought the message and General Director Rolla Smith delivered the commissioning charge.

Frank Giles, pastor of the church, led in the commissioning prayer. The Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College choir presented special music for the service.

Caton Notes Decisions, Events and Accidents

Spain—"We had reported three or four new converts," writes Doc Caton from Majadahonda, Spain. "We now can add one more to the list." The sister of Isidro Duran, an earlier convert, was saved recently according to Doc.

Caton has been holding services at a locale owned by the Duran family. "We have been meeting every Sunday now since the beginning of September," says Doc. "We have anywhere from 10 to 25."

A Christmas program featured a missionary from Segovia with his puppets. Although plans to use an activity center for the event did not materialize, 53 people attended the service in Mr. Duran's garage.

Doc suffered a broken ligament in his left ankle on New Year's Day as he fell while playing with some children from the Alcala church. His leg was in a cast and he was on crutches for 15 days.

Norma was involved in a minor auto accident two days after Doc's mishap, but no one was hurt.

"Investment Worth It," says Jimmy Aldridge

Ivory Coast—In a December letter, missionary Jimmy Aldridge shared a recent observation in Bondoukou, Ivory Coast.

"While standing on the second story balcony overlooking the front entry to the store of one of our Christians," writes Jimmy, "I saw a car pull up. Out stepped Bini Kouame Daniel, our first Christian public school teacher. What a joy to see him come into Bondoukou with his family! I remembered back to the youth camp in 1964 when he surrendered to the Lord.

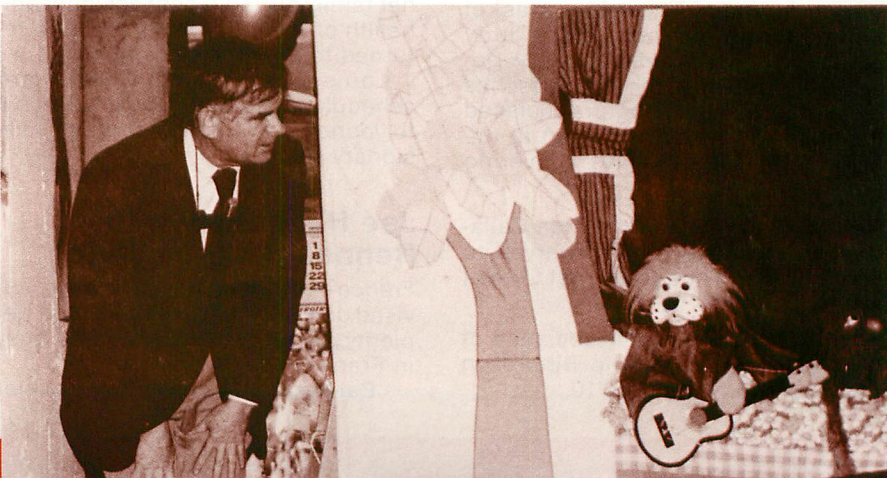
"A few minutes later," continued Jimmy, "Jacob came walking up. He had come in from Kpanan to buy school supplies for his children. I remembered our joy at performing his wedding in 1967.

"Then, seven high schoolers from Appimadoum came ambling by. Saved during our last term, through our youth outreach, they assured me of their love for the Lord and their commitment to Him.

"While I waited, Alphonse, a coffee farmer from Seraoude came by. He

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Tom Skipper (below), a missionary working in Segovia, Spain, presents a Christmas puppet show in Majadahonda.



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told me that the Christians were faithful to God in his village.

"By this time the Lord had my attention!" exclaimed Jimmy. "Over the next hour I saw Christians from many different walks of life: two junior college students, a carpenter, an electrician, two businessmen, three clerks, a bookkeeper, a taxi driver, and one of our African pastors.

"God confirmed to me that His message, rightly presented under the power of His Spirit still is the means of permanent change in the life and character of men."

Jimmy concluded, "I hurried home to share with Janie what I had seen. She rejoiced with me and urged me to share it with you. What God is doing is worth the investment of our lives and His money!"

Mini Reports from Around the World

Ivory Coast—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton began a new trimester at Ivory Coast Academy in January following their winter break. Although Jerry is not teaching this trimester, he is preparing to teach electricity and a Sunday evening class during the next trimester on "Why Christians Disagree."

France—John Murray was scheduled to have a baptismal service around the first of February in Nantes, France. Following a study on the church constitution, five people were expected to become members of the church.

Japan—Janice Banks advised the foreign missions office in December that four-year-old Daichi in the Kita Hiroshima church has been seriously ill. Doctors have discovered that he has only one kidney and it is not functioning properly. The mother, Mrs. Hara, is a faithful Christian but the father is unsaved.

Nacogdoches, Tex.—Mr. Haskel Smith, father of missionary Judy Smith, had open heart surgery December 11, 1980, in the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital. Doctors replaced the main valve from the heart to the brain. At last report he was recovering normally.

Raleigh, N.C.—Ron and Linda Callaway arrived here on February 3 to begin furlough after their first term of service in Spain.

Japan—The Hokkaido Association of Free Will Baptists met in Bihoro on the weekend of January 10.

Missionaries Depart for Fields of Service

Nashville, Tenn.—Several missionaries left the United States for their fields of service during January and February.



Departing missionaries include (top to bottom) Lonnie and Anita Sparks, Paul and Amy Robinson, and Louis and Florine Coscia.

Five missionaries departed on January 14:

Lonnie and Anita Sparks returned to Spain for their second term in that country.

Paul and Amy Robinson left for Uruguay to begin their sixth term on the border of Brazil.

Nancy Hughes returned to Brazil following her visit with son Tom and her family during recent accident and health problems. Tommy and Lori returned to Brazil in December.

Louis and Florine Coscia are scheduled to leave for Brazil March 9 to launch their fourth term of missionary service.

Joe Haas Busy with Rennes Bible Institute

France—Although doctors have advised Joe Haas to slow down and get plenty of rest, he is excited and busy in France.

"Barb and I have never been busier

in our lives than we have been since our Bible Institute started," writes Joe. "We have 12 full-time students and we have two others that are taking some classes. Our Thursday night group numbers in the low twenties."

The Haases are due for furlough this summer and have asked Christians to pray for Joe's strength as he prepares to leave the church with national leaders.

Richards Reports Christmas Witness

Ivory Coast—Norman Richards reported the use of a filmstrip on the birth of Christ to reach people in Agnibilekro and Dame during the Christmas season.

"On Christmas eve," writes Norman, "the Christians met where we have church services to sing and pray. About 9:00 p.m. they walked to a big open field, singing all the way. We showed the film. No real advertisement had been done but we still had better than 200.

"Then on Christmas night we showed the same film at Dame where Patrick and Susan Dickens live. Because they had done some advertising," Richards noted, "the crowd was more than double what we had at Agnibilekro. Personal testimonies also were given by African Christians . . . Most of the people do not understand why we have Christmas."

Norman revealed a change in strategy for some of the groups in other villages. He will be teaching leaders of the groups for one week every three months. The leaders will then teach and carry on the services on their own.

The reading room in Agnibilekro is also open now. Although both young and old people have come by, most interest has been manifest among high school students, according to Richards.

Deeds Discusses Formal Organization

Brazil—According to a recent report from missionary Earnie Deeds, the men of the church in Conselheiro Lafaiete have been discussing possibilities of formal organization of a Free Will Baptist church. Earnie requested prayer regarding this decision.

During 1980, 19 people in Lafaiete made professions of faith. The group hopes to secure a lot on which to build during this year.

Earnie will be continuing a radio

ministry including a ten-minute daily broadcast. The cost for this is approximately \$160 monthly, Deeds reported.

Inflation in Brazil for 1980 came to a total of approximately 112 percent.

Mission Attacked by Anthropologists

Venezuela—New Tribes Mission, which has 50 workers in Venezuela, South America, is being attacked by anthropologists who accuse the missionaries of destroying native culture. According to a recent news release, the charges have been carried in the country's major newspapers. The mission has worked since 1946 in remote areas of the country, introducing medicine, modern tools, and the Bible.

Hughes Recovering; Loses Scholarship

Raleigh, N.C.—Tom Hughes, son of Tommy and Nancy Hughes of Brazil, has recuperated sufficiently from a November motorcycle accident to resume studies at North Carolina State University.

Reports indicate Tom lost his scholarship due to the accident but doctors are seeking to have him reinstated in the program.

The top part of Tom's leg appears to be healing well but doctors are concerned with the lower portion of the leg. Bone grafts may be required unless this area heals adequately.

Cousineaus to Work in Bouna Area

Ivory Coast—Mike and Deleen Cousineau, new missionaries in the Ivory Coast, have been assigned to the Bouna area where they plan to help the Eddie Paynes in the youth-center, reading-room ministry for at least a year.

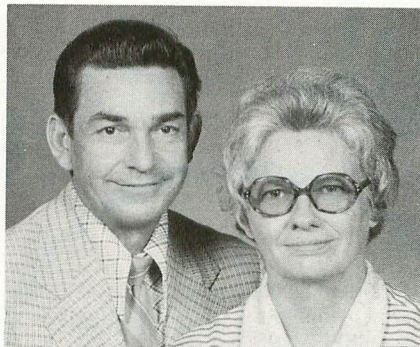
In seeking living quarters at Bouna, the Cousineaus were shocked when they could not find a house to rent for less than \$409 per month.

The Cousineaus' first experiences in the country served as a dynamic initiation to life on the mission field: According to Mike, a few days after arrival in the country, they went to Ferkessedougou for Deleen to await the arrival of their first child. Mike returned to Abidjan to meet the Bryans who were arriving by ship. While Mike was there, he received word that Deleen was in the hospital.

"I was seven or eight hours away

and my wife was about to have our baby," writes Cousineau. "Howard (Filkins) and I loaded his car with medicine for Doropo and headed out. Let me tell you, it was a long trip."

Mike arrived in time but two days after the baby was born, Howard and he left again for four days to take care of necessary business.



Ivory Coast missionaries Archie and Sarah Mayhew have returned to a pastoral ministry in Illinois.

Mayhew Assumes Illinois Pastorate

Nashville, Tenn.—Archie Mayhew, returned missionary to the Ivory Coast, has accepted the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Ill., beginning February 1 of this year. He informed the missions office that he plans to fulfill previous commitments for missionary services within a limited time frame.

Archie and Sarah expressed appreciation to the Board of Foreign Missions for the good relationship maintained with them during their years of missionary service. They have served with the board from July of 1963 until the present. They arrived home from Ivory Coast, West Africa, early last summer.

25-Year Memorial Held for Martyrs

Redlands, Calif.—A twenty-fifth anniversary memorial service commemorating the death of five young missionaries in the jungles of Ecuador was held January 8 at the site where the men were killed.

Sponsored by Missionary Aviation Fellowship, the service was held in honor of Jim Elliott, Peter Fleming, Ed McCully, Roger Youderian, and Nate Saint who were killed by members of the Indian tribe they were trying to contact. Saint was an MAF pilot.

Martyrdom of these missionaries received worldwide media attention, and several books and films were

produced centering on the event and those involved. A large number of persons are known to have dedicated their lives to Christian service as a result.

Short-term Couple Aids Rennes Work

France—Steve and Becky Riggs, short-term missionaries serving with the Joe Haas family in Rennes, France since October, report progress in language learning. They also noted that they have helped in printing and distributing 5,000 letters of invitation and have regularly taught an English Bible study for students from around the world. One student has been saved since they began.

Romanian Christians Arrested, Beaten

Germany—According to a report from East/West News Service more than 40 Christians were arrested during the month of October, 1980, in the area of Suceava, Romania.

Sources revealed that baptists Paul Gross and Mathian Fakner were among those arrested when their cars were found to be filled with Russian and Romanian Bibles. Baptist Georg Hoffman was arrested the same evening. All three men were interrogated, beaten, and tortured for several days in an effort to locate the warehouse where the Russian Bibles were being stored.

Two other baptist men were arrested on October 27 when the secret police searched their homes and found and confiscated 3,000 Bibles.

Financial Summary

Through January 31

Substance

Total receipts for January	\$ 137,784.34
Total disbursements for January	190,028.76
Projected receipts through January	168,573.75
Total 1981 Budget	2,022,855.00
(Receipts for December	\$ 160,539.98)
Total receipts for 1980	1,725,509.47)
(Total 1980 Budget	1,908,316.00)

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Callaway	\$ 2,755.84	Moser	\$ 2,734.36
Caton	3,696.86	Murray	6,544.90
Cowart	539.81	Owen	3,304.06
Deeds	1,322.30	Payne	1,791.53
Dickens	1,438.18	Pinkerton	930.68
Filkins	4,717.76	Poole	2,114.41
Gibbs	4,713.68	Richards	3,352.76
Haas	4,855.62	Sturgill	1,872.97
Hughes	12,901.76	Tallent	1,780.05
Miley	1,184.97	Turnbough	2,469.82
Morgan	257.46	Webb	8,977.58
Total			\$78,870.74

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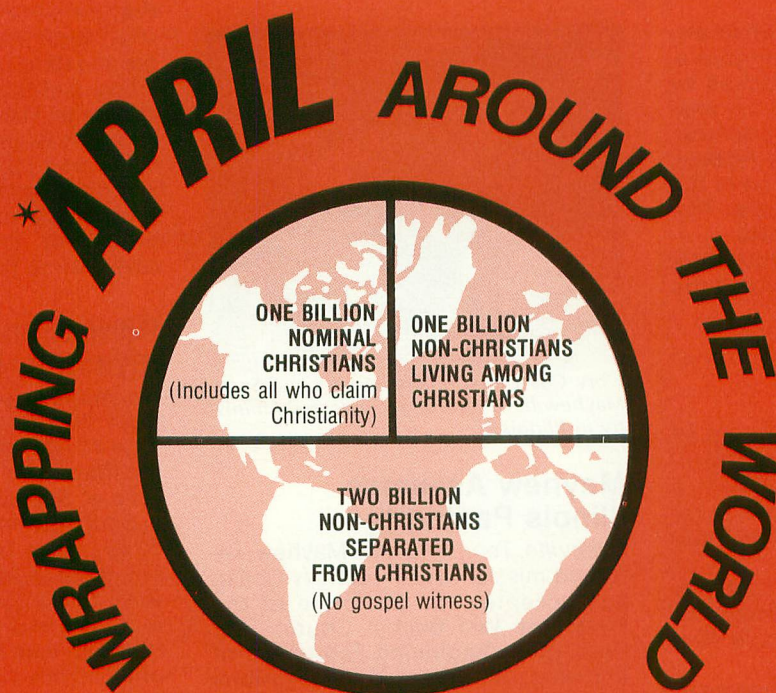
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