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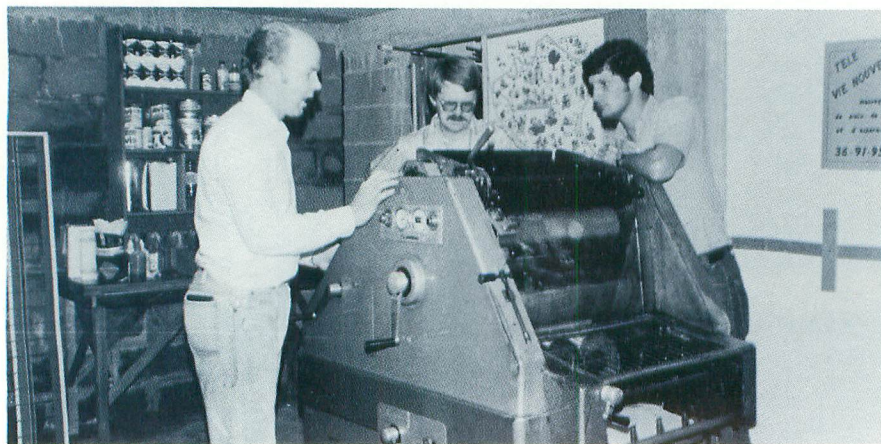
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TELLING THE UNTOLD MILLIONS



Missionary John Murray runs the printing press as Jerry Gibbs (center) and summer missionary Andrew Eagleton (right) observe the literature production in France.

Literature Distribution Fruitful in St. Nazaire

France—Literature distribution in St. Nazaire, France, has begun to yield fruit according to an August report from missionary Jerry Gibbs.

"A lady has been coming for two months now as a result of the literature," writes Jerry. "We have already sent out Bible correspondence courses that we are offering. Four positive responses out of 18,000 is not tremendous, but we praise God for that much."

Summer missionaries Melissa Long, Denise Eunice, Andrew Eagleton, and Tim Thompson helped with the distribution.

Jerry noted that attendance had been near 30 during most of the month.

Gibbs requested special prayer for a cancer specialist to whom he has been teaching English conversation.

"He seems to enjoy talking about the Bible," says Jerry. "I always ask him to read a specific passage from the Bible before coming. Please pray that God will speak to him through His Word."

Aldridge Says Training Programs Aid Nationals

Ivory Coast—Four seminars for Christian parents were held during the past two months in different villages of Ivory Coast by missionary Jimmy Aldridge. A total of 89 adults came to the appointed villages to participate in the week-long sessions. "Several family altars were established," says Jimmy, "and at least two persons were saved."

Jimmy also noted, "A training session for three of our evangelists sharp-

ened their skills through study and prayer." Two other young men have been following a decentralized or extension theological course in their village. These have recently won 10 people to the Lord.

Aldridge declared that eight people have also been won to the Lord at Bondoukou, Malaga, and Kouafo.

In an effort to reduce production costs for Koulango radio broadcasts, missionaries are equipping a small recording room at the Goumère station. These 15-minute weekly broadcasts have been effective in preparing many hearts for receiving Christ as Savior. African evangelists do the preaching.

McLain Baptizes Five at Abashiri Church

Japan—Missionary Jim McLain baptized five young people at Abashiri Free Will Baptist Church on August 23 following the Sunday morning service.

"What made it thrilling to us," writes Olena McLain, "was the fact that four of those baptized were children of Abashiri church members—the beginning of the second generation."

Following the baptismal service, the group went back to the church where a communion service was observed.

One Couple, Single Missionary Begin M.I.

Nashville, Tenn.—One couple and a single girl were approved for missionary service when the Board of Foreign Missions met at the August retreat. They began Missionary Internship train-

ing at Farmington, Mich., in September.

Ken and Judy Bailey of Missouri and Miss Cathy Crawford from Ohio completed final missionary application requirements in August. They were approved for missionary service pending satisfactory completion of their course at Farmington.

The Baileys are working with Central Free Will Baptist Church at Royal Oak, Mich., pastored by Milton Worthington. Miss Crawford is working with the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church where Wayne Jacobs is pastor.

First Uruguayan FWB Church Marks Founding

Uruguay—The church at Santa Teresa, a suburb of Rivera, Uruguay, celebrated its founding on Sunday, August 12, with approximately 75 people present. Santa Teresa was the first work begun by Free Will Baptists in this area.

According to missionary Molly Barker, one and a half sheep were barbecued on an open fire. The ladies also prepared salads and cakes for the special event. Slides of the beginning of the work were shown, Paul Robinson preached, and the choir from the Central church sang. Five adults went forward to confess sins and get right with God.

In the evening service at the Central church in Rivera, two men were saved. According to Molly, the day was "a day of victory from start to finish."

Brazil Missionaries Arrive; Others Depart

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Tom and Nancy Hughes and daughter Lori arrived from Brazil on August 5 to begin their regular furlough. They have completed two terms of missionary service in Brazil. They plan to reside in Raleigh, N. C., while on furlough.

Two other couples are scheduled to depart for their fields of service on October 8: Ken and Marvis Eagleton and Bobby and Sue Aycock plan to leave together from Miami, Fla.

The Eagletons will begin their sixth term and plan to resume their ministry in Araras while the Aycocks will start their fifth term as they resume their ministry in Barbacena.

Both couples will be returning this time without any of their children.



Neil and Sheila Gilliland, missionary appointees to Ivory Coast, left for Albertville, France, on September 3.



Walter (Dub) and Marcia Ellison received a check from Debbie Mitchell (right), Bible school missionary leader, in the amount of \$1,743.75. This was given through the Bible school at Limestone FWB Church, Limestone, Tenn.

Gillilands Commissioned; Depart for France

Greeneville, Tenn.—Missionary appointees Neil and Sheila Gilliland were officially commissioned to missionary service on August 9. The service was held at Harris Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Greeneville, Tenn. The couple departed for French language study in Albertville, France, on September 3.

Bob Breeden, home missions appointee and former pastor, brought the commissioning message and Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, delivered the charge. Dan Cronk, former missionary to India and current foreign missions board member, led in the commissioning prayer.

The Gillilands will minister at the school for missionary children in Bouake, Ivory Coast, following their language study in France. Neil is from Sciotoville, Ohio, and Sheila hails from Greeneville, Tenn.

Brazil Youth Camps Host 124 Campers

Brazil—Three youth camps were held during the period of July 13-31 in Jaboticabal and near Belo Horizonte in Brazil by Free Will Baptists. A total enrollment for the three camps came to 124.

According to missionary Jim Cowart, a junior camp was held July 13-17 in Jaboticabal, followed by a teen camp July 20-24. Forty-two campers attended the junior camp which featured Kenneth Eagleton, Jr., M.D., as evangelist. Kenneth is the son of missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton. Sixteen decisions were made during the week.

David Speigel, a visiting evangelist, spoke during the teen camp. Fifty campers were registered and 10 campers made decisions for Christ during the week.

Earnie and Jean Deeds taught classes during the teen camp at Jaboti-

cabal and then repeated the classes during the following week near Belo Horizonte.

A total of 32 campers attended the Belo Horizonte camp which was primarily designed for Christian young people from Free Will Baptist churches in the area. According to Earnie Deeds, three unsaved campers attended and two made decisions during the week.

Bible School Raises \$1,743.75 for Ellisons

Limestone, Tenn.—A check for \$1,743.75 was given to Walter and Marcia Ellison on Sunday, July 12 at the Limestone Free Will Baptist Church, Limestone, Tenn. The money was raised through offerings in Bible school which was held June 8-19.

According to missionary leader for the Bible school, Debbie Mitchell, the goal for their offering was \$1,500. In addition to the blessing of surpassing their goal, 10 souls were won to Christ during the two-week school.

Pastor of the Limestone church is Alfred Cutshell.

120 Attend Campinas Bible Nucleus Classes

Brazil—Bible Nucleus classes were held during a week in July in Campinas, Brazil. Daily attendance averaged 120 in the classes, held at various locations around the Campinas Free Will Baptist Church.

Classes included puppet shows, Bible stories, missionary stories, and music which was accompanied by accordion. These classes were conducted instead of vacation Bible school classes.

Reports indicate that a number of the children from the classes are now attending Sunday school regularly for the first time.

Mini Reports from Around the World

Brazil—Florine Coscia, wife of missionary Louis Coscia, was hospitalized on July 20 and underwent surgery. Reports indicate that surgery was successful and Florine was recuperating normally.

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Christy Haas, daughter of Joe and Barbara Haas, was married to Mr. Andre Corgne of France on August 7 at the Woodbine Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. The couple is currently living in Nashville while attending Free Will Baptist Bible College. They plan to return to France sometime in the future.

Brazil—Earnie Deeds reports plans are being drawn for a new sanctuary and Sunday school classroom in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. According to

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Financial Summary

Through August 31

Substance

Total receipts in August	\$ 161,665.21
Total receipts through August	1,263,310.19
Total disbursements through August	1,341,114.12
Projected receipts through August	1,348,570.00
Total 1981 Budget	\$ 2,022,855.00

Shortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 786.40	Morgan	\$ 2,654.87
Bailey	838.17	Moser	1,280.14
Barker	349.75	Murray	304.77
Caton	1,262.51	Payne	2,415.76
Cowart	511.21	Pinkerton	1,728.08
Deeds	496.24	Poole	3,901.84
Dickens	3,629.17	Richards	4,243.46
Filkins	2,113.14	South India	274.69
Franks	1,201.62	Sparks	6,600.99
Gibbs	4,018.07	Sturgill	1,987.36
Hughes	429.80	Tallent	1,234.39
Inscow	1,789.62	Turnbough	1,103.62
McLain	2,168.67	Webb	8,866.83
Miley	3,338.46	M. Willey	186.59

Total\$59,716.22



Sandra Payne (left) lines up vacation Bible school children for assembly in Bouna, Ivory Coast, and Deleen Cousineau (right) teaches a Bible school class.

—Continued from inside one report, the building is to be constructed in the shape of a cross. The church was officially organized on May 31 of this year.

Nashville, Tenn.—Jeff and Susan Turnbough, missionary appointees to Spain, became parents of a baby girl, Melissa Carol, born September 3 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. The baby weighed five pounds, seven ounces. The Turnboughs also have a son, Matthew, age 3.

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist church in Pirassununga, Brazil, held a vacation Bible school July 30-August 1 with an average of 70 children attending daily. The school was conducted entirely by national workers.

Batesville, Ark.—Missionaries Bobby and Sue Aycock became grandparents for the first time on September 3. David and Debra Aycock Roach gave birth to their first child, William Jeremy, in Batesville, Ark. The baby boy weighed seven pounds, five ounces.

Africa—According to a report in *The Church Around the World*, the Mozambique government has eased restrictions on Christians. Pastors in some areas have regained the right to conduct weddings and funerals as well as pray for the sick in the hospitals. Many churches still remain closed, but the Mozambique Christians continue to speak and live their Christianity regardless of the cost.

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal, Brazil, recently installed new ceilings in the classrooms. Reports indicate this improved the appearance and helped curtail noise between Sunday school rooms.

Bouna Holds First Vacation Bible School

Ivory Coast—A report from Deleen Cousineau indicated the Bouna work in Ivory Coast held its first vacation Bible school July 13-17. They had an average of 35 children.

"We had three classes," writes Deleen. "They were taught by Sandra Payne, Debbie Payne, and me." Dawn Sweeney (Paynes' summer missionary) played the guitar for opening assembly. Laura Payne helped in classes and with recreation.

Inscoe Reports Growth; Church Seeks Property

Panama—"During the past three months we have had at least 10 people to make first-time decisions for Christ," write the Larry Inscoes from Las Tablas, Panama. "Most of these are preparing for baptism in the near future. Among this group are five adults, four teens and one 12-year-old boy."

Sunday school attendance at Las Tablas averages between 35 and 45 people while the church only seats 35 comfortably. Inscoe requested prayer for the church as they seek to purchase property.

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