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**Call-A-Then Sunday
April 18, 1982**



Four-Day Campaign Held at Agnibilekro

Ivory Coast—"Last month the church had a four-day campaign meeting," writes Norman Richards from Agnibilekro, Ivory Coast.

According to Norman, the campaign created some excitement in the church because the Christians got involved. They had been discussing how they could do some evangelism. I suggested the possibility of using the Christian film, 'Suzanne,' and they liked the idea.

The church people met for prayer each night for a week prior to film showing. Richards counselled three Christian men on how to deal with people who came to make decisions for Christ.

Crowds for the four nights ran from 200 to 1,000 in attendance. Several people saw the film but only five people prayed to receive Christ.

Caton Reports Blessings, Problems in Majadahonda

Spain—"We recently had another young man (age 16) saved," writes Dock Caton from Majadahonda, Spain. Dock also reported a second young boy (already a Christian) has joined the group and recently committed his life to the ministry.

Caton announced the opening of the youth center on February 20 to begin a regular Saturday night youth program from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each week.

A problem developed in late December, according to the Catons, when heavy rains and a clogged water drain



High school and junior college students are pictured in front of the reading room and youth center in Bouna, Ivory Coast, where they attended a youth retreat in February.

caused the center to be flooded with approximately four inches of water. It took them nearly two months of working and about \$600 to clean up and repair damages.

Dock indicated spiritual problems among the congregation added a tremendous burden to their load. They lost some of their faithful attenders and had to discipline another.

Caton also revealed that he has assumed the responsibility of coaching two youth baseball teams on Saturdays. He is in charge of about 30 boys.

Soviet Bible-binding Operation Uncovered

Russia—Mass house searches in the Soviet Union in February uncovered a Bible-binding operation and resulted in the arrest of six Christians. Six hundred Bibles were confiscated from Ivan Kinas's home in Tokmak, February 13, 1982. Kinas, his sister Antonina Kinas, Olga Bosler, Maria Tissen, Pavel Sukhorvov and Daniel Skerchenko were arrested.

Mass searches were also held in Tashkent and Vyryanovsk. The confiscated Bibles were printed in a clandestine operation within the Soviet Union.

Approximately 60 Youth Attend Bouna Retreat

Ivory Coast—Approximately 60 high school and junior college students attended a youth retreat in Bouna, Ivory Coast, February 15-19, 1982.

Missionaries Eddie and Sandra Payne, Mike Cousineau, and Jimmy Aldridge served with national leaders

Anany Victor and Koffi David as teachers and counselors. According to Jimmy Aldridge, "Response to Bible instruction was tremendous."

Three open-air evening services included witnessing, tract distribution, and inviting people to services at Bouna. Two people were saved during the efforts and local pastor Koffi David is doing follow-up work with these converts.

Five students are currently signed up for a short-term Bible Institute to be held at Bondoukou in August and September.

The next scheduled youth meeting will be held during the annual fellowship conference of Ivory Coast Free Will Baptists which is scheduled to be held July 20-23 at Bouna.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—An annual family retreat was held in Jaboticabal February 22-24 during the annual carnival time.

Ivory Coast—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton have notified the office that they will be leaving the Ivory Coast on July 2 to begin their furlough time.

Chapel Hill, N.C.—Donna Clark, daughter of missionary representatives Don and Billie Sexton, is scheduled to graduate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May with a master's degree in social work.

Mexico—Mexico City is now the world's largest city, having passed Shanghai and Tokyo within the past two years.

Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in February in memory of friends:

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The current population of 14 million is growing at the rate of one million per year, primarily by absorbing rural, largely unskilled job seekers.

France—"God has been blessing our student outreach," writes Tom McCullough from Rennes, France. "We've seen two saved thus far and are planning an area-wide showing of a Christian film on March 31 to attract some more interest."

Conway, Ark.—Patrick and Susan Dickens report having received information from Maurice, their language helper in Ivory Coast. The man indicated he had accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. "He is thinking of studying at an institute to become a minister!" Patrick exclaimed. He has returned to Ghana temporarily and has been having Bible studies in his home in an effort to reach some of his people.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dave Franks has requested prayer on behalf of the Christians in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He also asked people to pray for his family's return to Brazil and for the necessary \$20,000 in cash to be on hand by July so they can return on schedule.

France—"In January we averaged 16 (up from about 11 in December)," writes Lynn Miley regarding their church attendance at Lorient, France. "After three weeks in February we are averaging 20."

FEBC Broadcasts Reach Islamic Sundanese

Philippines—One of the largest groups of "unreached people" in the world, the Sundanese of Indonesia, are now being reached through shortwave radio broadcasts from the Far East Broadcasting Company's station in Manila, Philippines.

Broadcasts to these 23 million people began in December, 1981, and mail response from them indicates that the programs are being heard "loud and clear" in the highlands of West Java, the heartland of the Sundanese.

Among Islamic peoples, the little known Sundanese comprise the seventh largest ethnic group in the world, and are considered to be receptive to the gospel. As one observer has commented, "The Sundanese people are strongly Islamic, but the attraction

is more cultural than religious . . . All Sundanese consider themselves Muslim even though they know little or nothing about the religion. In fact, they are strongly influenced by animism."

Programming for the daily half-hour broadcasts is specially prepared by the Sundanese Missionary Fellowship, whose U.S. headquarters is in Lynchburg, Va.

Cameron Townsend Given High Peruvian Award

Huntington Beach, Calif.—Cameron Townsend, founder of Wycliffe Bible Translators, received late last year the highest award that Peru, South America can bestow on a foreigner.

President Fernando Belaunde Terry made the presentation of the order of "El Sol del Peru" (The Sun of Peru) in the rank of "Gran Oficial" at ceremonies in Lima marking the thirty-fifth anniversary of linguistic work in Peru by Wycliffe's sister organization, the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

Lyttles Express Praise, Request Special Prayer

Panama—Steve and Judy Lytle expressed praise at the recent salvation of Daniel, a university student who attends the Betania work. They also praised God for the increase in stewardship at Betania and for a new sense of urgency by Panamanian leaders and missionaries to evangelize and win souls.

The Lyttles requested special prayer on behalf of a new cassette tape ministry which is scheduled to begin soon, for wisdom in planning a Panamanian Free Will Baptist Bible Institute, for God to call forth laborers, and for a calming of the political situation in all of Latin America.

Steve and Judy began their second term of service in Panama in November of 1981.

Payne Reports 30 Saved, Active in Bouna Church

Ivory Coast—In a March report from Eddie Payne in Bouna, Ivory Coast, he revealed that about 30 young people had been "saved in the past three or four months." Most of these were saved through the witness of the young men students. Of those saved, "Practically

all are active in the total program of the Bouna church," according to Payne.

"It is not unusual for at least a dozen young people to stop by our house each day," Eddie stated, "either to be saved, discuss the Scriptures, or ask for literature. We have a situation that is really unusual. The kids are open and searching."

The Payne report also noted that Sandra had fallen, twisted her foot, and evidently broke a small bone on the top of the foot. She has had to be immobilized except for short periods of time on crutches.

The Paynes are scheduled to begin their furlough in May.

Sparks Reports Four Saved at Alcalá

Spain—In late February Lonnie Sparks, missionary working in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, reported four people had been saved recently.

Of those saved, "one is another young father (Juan)," writes Lonnie. "His wife was saved a few months earlier. Another of those saved is Milagros from Anita's ladies Bible class. She was a catechist in the Roman Catholic Church. We rejoice at her clear-cut testimony. She has three daughters; one was saved this past Sunday night. The other one saved was a young girl in the Saturday children's Bible class."

Sparks explained that the youth of



Financial Summary

Through February 28

Substance

Total receipts for February	\$ 154,891.37
Total Disbursements for February	137,273.74
Projected receipts through February	366,192.00
Total 1982 Budget	2,197,148.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 582.06	Miley	\$ 6,221.98
Bailey	786.73	Moser	3,697.26
Barker	922.52	Owen	3,173.01
Bishop	2,042.89	Payne	2,818.43
Caton	7,944.80	Pinkerton	1,767.97
Cowart	2,293.77	Richards	4,584.88
Crawford	429.22	South India	540.26
Deeds	3,680.35	Sparks	4,674.46
Filkins	3,824.25		
Inscoe	3,986.16	Land Fund	2,032.58
McLain	5,729.83	Sturgill	1,667.46
		Webb	11,717.09

Total \$78,341.58

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the church have been visiting prospects on Sunday nights after service. Paul and Noel Sparks have been helping with the youth work. The Sparks participated in a missionary conference at the Naval base chapel at Rota, Spain, February 24-28.

Bondoukou Church Installs First National Pastor

Ivory Coast—Anany Victor was officially installed as pastor of the Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church on February 28, 1982. Approximately 155 regular attenders participated in the installation of Victor, the first national pastor to assume official leadership of the church.

"This is a great milestone for us," says missionary Jimmy Aldridge.

Pastor Victor has already moved into the new parsonage and has been adjusting to the new ministry.

Since the present facilities have reached their saturation point, the church has launched an effort to finish the new church building.

Missionaries urged Christians to pray much for the new pastor and the church during the transition period.

S. Georgia Conference Involves 26 Churches

Surrency, Ga.—The annual South Georgia Missionary Conference was held February 21-28 with 26 churches

participating. This year's event featured 17 missionary speakers. Total cash offering for missions (including state, home, and foreign) came to \$19,452.41. Faith-promise commitments totalled \$21,000 for the year.

Sam Wilkinson, former missionary to Brazil and current pastor of Surrency Free Will Baptist Church, acted as coordinator for the conference.

Foreign missions representatives included Don Sexton, Dan Cronk, Walter Ellison, Jeff Turnbough, Charolette Tallent, Joe Haas, and Sam Wilkinson.

Missionaries to Arrive in April and May

Nashville, Tenn.—Four missionary families are scheduled to arrive in the United States during April or May to begin their regular furlough ministry.

Jim and Olena McLain will be arriving from Japan on April 16.

Carlisle and Marie Hanna will be arriving from India sometime near the end of April or the first of May.

Jim and Susan Moser, first-term missionaries to Brazil, are scheduled to arrive sometime in May.

Eddie and Sandra Payne are scheduled to arrive in Nashville, Tenn., on May 15 to begin their furlough from the Ivory Coast.

Other missionary families will be arriving in June and July, but their schedules were uncertain at press time.

African Christians Go on Preaching Mission

Ivory Coast—In January and February 12 men from the villages of Kpanan and Taoudi were accompanied by pastor Jean-Baptiste on a preaching mission to three pagan villages. The group spent four days in each village.

Eleven people made professions of faith in Christ at the village of Keresse. Two others from the same village were converted two weeks later at the Bondoukou church.

This project of evangelism was planned by the Kpanan-Taoudi regional conference. The Ivory Coast national conference of Free Will Baptists is currently divided into six regional conferences.

Christians have been requested to pray for the new converts and that this special effort might pave the way for opening another church.

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