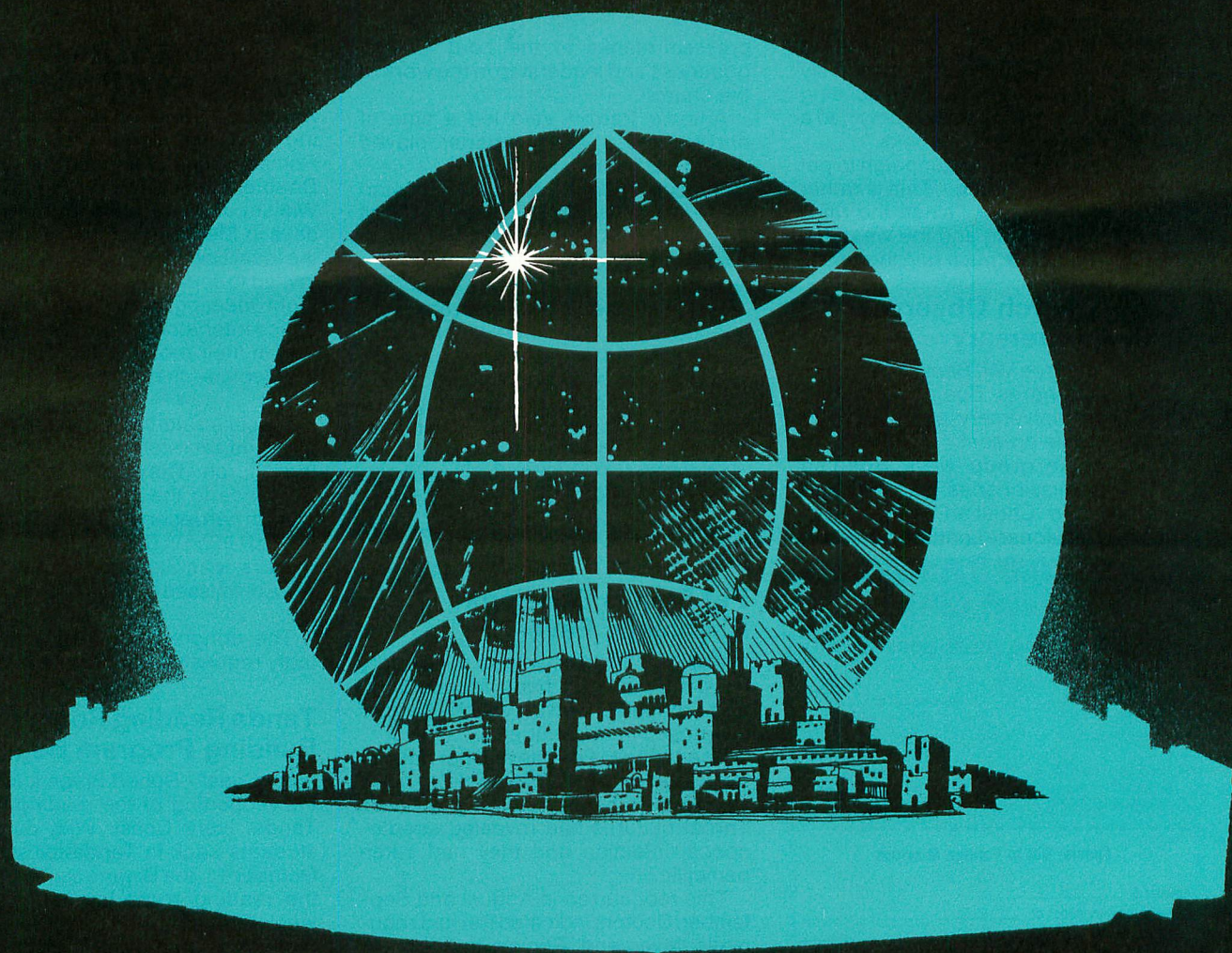


HEARTBEAT

DECEMBER 1982

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions



Ferguson Baptizes Five; Muslim Convert Vanishes

Ivory Coast—Ledgel Ferguson baptized five people at the end of September in Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, according to missionary Alice Smith.

An 18-year-old young Muslim man received Christ recently. "He had started to read his Bible and seemed so happy in the Lord," says Alice. "But, now we have not seen him for three weeks. It is probable that his parents simply sent him away to get him away from Christian influence. Help us to pray for him wherever he is."

Lafayette Church Seeks to Complete Roofing

Brazil—The church in Conselheiro Lafayette, Brazil, is making plans to finish the roof on the new church building as soon as possible.

According to missionary Dave Franks who held services in the church recently during a hard rain, "The church building leaked terribly because they only had a ceiling made of cement blocks."

The church began a campaign to put the roof on the building. "This is rather urgent," writes Dave, "since the rainy season is beginning and the weatherman has predicted much rain this year."

Alcala Church Observes Sixth Anniversary

Spain—The Free Will Baptist church of Alcala de Henares, Spain, celebrated their sixth anniversary on October 3, with 79 people present.

Among the group were Spanish Christians, missionaries, Spanish visitors, and two Christian visitors from America. Missionary Lonnie Sparks ex-



Robert Owen, pastor of First FWB Church, Winterhaven, Fla. speaks at the Alcala de Henares church in Spain during their sixth anniversary celebration while Lonnie Sparks (left) translates.

pressed thanks to the Lord for His goodness and leadership in the work of the church.

Antonio Parron Velo led a time of prayer, and a guitar quartet played during the offering.

Special speaker for the occasion was Robert Owen, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Winterhaven, Fla. He is the father of missionary Dennis Owen.

Following the service, everyone went to a local park near the river Henares, where a Paella (a mixture of rice, meats, and vegetables) was cooked by church members. Other food was brought by the ladies of the church. A time of fellowship followed.

Missionary Ron Callaway brought a message in the late afternoon and a film, "The World That Perished," was shown.

Pat Franks Develops Rheumatic Fever

Brazil—Pat Franks, wife of missionary Dave Franks, has been recuperating from rheumatic fever which doctors diagnosed in September.

According to Pat, she and her daughter, Regina, had suffered from sore throats even before returning to Brazil. Throat cultures had revealed streptococcal infection and they had taken penicillin.

This reoccurred in August and September. Doctors indicated Pat had rheumatic fever and Regina had an ear infection. They are both to take penicillin over a prolonged period of time.

At last report Pat was able to get out of bed and do some housework. She and her husband work in the city of Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

British Church Group Expelled from Romania

Romania—Four British citizens, including a minister, were expelled from Romania on September 29. Rev. Don Double, Robert Newey, Gary Cox, and William James Rodriguez spent three days in Medias conducting services at the local Baptist church. They had been invited to speak and sing at the Tuesday night meeting as well, but Romanian police intervened. The four were told to stay in their rooms at the Central Hotel in Medias—they were under house arrest.

Officials said the four were not Baptists and therefore could not speak at the church. They also made a vague reference to the problems the Medias church has recently had with the official Baptist Union in Bucharest. Both Medias pastors, Ioan Stef and Benjamin Cocar, were dismissed by the Union in September.

The congregation has overwhelmingly requested the pastors to stay on.

Tanda Reading Room Opens; Building Program Begins

Ivory Coast—Robert Bryan announced the reopening of the reading room in Tanda, Ivory Coast. With over 1,200 students back in Tanda for school on October 11, the Bryans started opening the reading room four afternoons a week. Robert has also started a weekly Bible study with a group of students.

Preparation has begun for the construction of a church building in Tanda. At last report they had moved all the cement blocks to the building site and were awaiting the work of road graders to begin construction.

Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in October:

Donor	In Memory of
Jewel Sexton Chapmansboro, Tenn.	Mary Catherine Webb
Mr. and Mrs. Jarman Goodman Chapmansboro, Tenn.	Mary Catherine Webb

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The Bryans requested prayer for a Catholic lady whom Judy has been visiting. They also urged people to pray for God's will to be done concerning Bible clubs in three elementary schools in the area.

Vanhook Takes Ladies to Seminar in Paris

France—In October, Patsy Vanhook took two ladies from the work in St. Nazaire, France to a Christian Life Seminar in Paris.

"It was a tiring week for me," writes Patsy. Her activities of driving the car, guiding the ladies through the subway system, answering questions brought on by the seminar, etc., all took their toll. "But their enthusiastic appreciation of the seminar made the effort worthwhile," concludes Patsy.

A man from the church attended the same seminar in another city the following week.

Vanhook is helping Tom and Patty McCullough in the St. Nazaire work. Among other responsibilities, she teaches the Bible study at the monthly women's meeting.

Floods Leave Hundreds Dead, Millions Homeless

India—In the wake of what has been reported as the most severe flooding India has experienced in a decade, a Christian relief and development agency has responded to a plea for help by the Indian government with a \$100,000 emergency flood relief project.

World Vision International is rushing relief supplies to nearly 5,000 affected families in the devastated Jaspura Block, a remote region in the state of Uttar Pradesh.

Two solid weeks of torrential monsoon rains in late August caused the Ganges River and several of its major tributaries to break their banks. Hundreds of thousands of acres of harvestable crops were destroyed. Officials have put the death toll in Uttar Pradesh alone at 548. They estimate that 25 million people have been directly affected by the flooding.

Wode and Smith Doing Well after Accident

Ivory Coast—Alice Smith writes from the Ivory Coast: "Arilla and I are well and still praising the Lord for sparing us. Since we are having to walk a lot (sometimes five miles a day) we are losing weight, and we are making many contacts that we never would have made riding in a car."

Alice and Arilla were involved in an automobile accident in August. The car turned over, caving in the roof. Repair costs were estimated at over \$2,500.

Arilla is now studying the Agni language while Alice and Sharon Ferguson are busy five days a week with the reading room in Agnibilekrou.

Miss Smith also informed the mission office that she and Arilla have finally located a house to rent in Agnibilekrou.

Slides for Evangelistic Filmstrip Lost in Fire

Nashville, Tenn.—The foreign missions office received word in early November that the original slides for the evangelistic filmstrip being prepared for use in the Ivory Coast were destroyed by fire.

According to sources at the film laboratory in Minneapolis, Minn., the special reproduction equipment and a large amount of film were destroyed when fire broke out through a faulty electrical hookup.

Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions, noted that a duplicate set of slides had been reserved in the foreign missions office and a test filmstrip had also been received before the fire. He anticipates no problem with the production of the strip other than a delay for repairs.

Youth Center Reopens; Cousineau in Villages

Ivory Coast—Mike and Deleen Cousineau reopened the youth center in Bouna, Ivory Coast, on October 1 when the school year began. Besides housing 12-16 male students, the center provides a reading room and a cassette tape ministry in French. Several teaching and discipling courses are available on tape.

Since Eddie and Sandra Payne left for furlough, Mike has also taken over the village outreach.

"Two months ago, in one village, they had their first Christian funeral ever," writes Mike. "This provided an excellent opportunity to show the difference between a heathen funeral and the funeral of a Christian. It was also an opportunity to show the difference between the hope of a Christian and the hopelessness of a non-Christian."

Two Saved, Prayer Answered in Araras

Brazil—In an October report from Ken Eagleton in Araras, Brazil, he indicated two people had been saved during a recent church service. He also stated that prayer (requested in the October *Heartbeat*) had been answered:

Sergio, the young man who had the store in his parents' home, was given permission to continue using their home in spite of his refusal to sell beer as they requested.

Eagleton noted that the Thursday night preaching point is showing progress. The man, in whose house they meet, was saved recently.

The church is looking for a piece of property in the country to use as a camp and retreat area. Ken stated, "We are dealing with a man about a six-acre place that already has adequate facilities on it. We could use it immediately without costly construction." He requested prayer for God's direction in the matter.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Spain—Ron Callaway has revealed a change in the law or a new enforcement of an old law in Spain: They are now required to have a visa in order to work in Spain. He has requested Christians to pray for the securing of these visas and for wisdom in opening the new work in Mostoles.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions was scheduled to meet in Nashville November 29-December 2.

Panama—Miss June Arnold has announced plans to be married on January 1, 1983, to Bienvenido Perez, a Panamanian preacher. Perez is currently assisting Steve Lytle in the Betania work in Panama City.

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Financial Summary Through October 31

Substance

Receipts in October	\$ 165,675.72
Total receipts through Oct.	1,695,944.32
Total disbursements through Oct.	1,849,911.07
Projected receipts through Oct.	1,830,956.70
Total 1982 Budget	\$2,197,148.00

Shortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 554.76	Metcalf	\$ 2,117.13
Bailey	229.27	Midgett	944.96
Banks	2,790.98	Miley	5,736.76
Bishop	5,044.76	Moser	2,966.26
Bunch	2,192.14	Nichols	1,848.52
Caton	11,892.73	Owen	2,874.75
Cowart	3,011.75	Pinkerton	1,653.97
Crowson	5,046.04	Riggs	1,803.69
Daniel	2,166.57	So. India	3,305.16
Deeds	3,459.01	Sparks	1,027.49
Filkins	8,945.20	Sturgill	1,913.08
Gibbs	4,060.27	McCullough	2,543.63
Hersey	5,836.13	Vanhook	1,391.54
Inscoc	5,288.62	Webb	2,331.35
McLain	2,256.44	Willey	1,185.35
Total			\$96,418.31

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Ivory Coast—Clint and Lynette Morgan arrived in Ivory Coast on November 15 to begin their second term of missionary service. The Morgans have been in France since August 5 taking a language refresher course prior to returning to Africa.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mr. Chester Wright, father of missionary Marie Hanna, suffered a stroke in early November and was hospitalized in critical condition. Latest reports indicate no permanent paralysis from the stroke, but he had developed pleurisy.

Detroit, Mich.—Missionary Internees Steve and Becky Riggs are parents of their first child, born October 26 in Detroit. The nine-pound, seven-ounce boy has been named Stephen Daniel. The Riggs are serving with the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Royal Oak, Mich., while attending MI.

Ivory Coast—Jimmy Aldridge urged Christians to pray for Anany Victor, pastor of the Bondoukou church. He is trying to raise 20 tons of rice to be able to pay off a debt from a truck wreck. A young man working for Victor was driving the truck when the accident occurred.

Nashville, Tenn.—Carol Robirds, wife of *Heartbeat* editor Don Robirds, underwent major surgery on October 27 in Nashville. Doctors reported surgery to be successful and Carol returned home on November 2. At the time of publication, she was recovering normally.

New Bible Project Readied for Africa

Uganda—International Christian Aid (ICA), working in conjunction with the World Home Bible League, has announced plans to send Bibles and Christian literature into Uganda, Kenya, and Zaire. An initial shipment of 1,190 boxes of Bibles and Christian literature was expected to arrive in Mombasa, Kenya, about November 15.

ICA, which already works with refugees and relief and development projects in two East African nations, will transport the books to Namalu.

The World Home Bible League will also provide 10,000 French-language New Testaments to be distributed in Zaire.

Training Program Being Conducted by Aldridge

Ivory Coast—Jimmy Aldridge has been involved in more training programs for Christian leaders in the Ivory Coast according to recent correspondence.

In October and November Jimmy taught seminars at Doropo, Nassian, and Bouake. He also continues a training program in the Bondoukou area where Thomas, a young evangelist, is studying. Several other young men in the area are taking home study courses.

Jimmy reported two women and two young boys made decisions for salvation recently in the village of Kouafo.

Aldridge also urged people to pray for Kobenan Dapa, the 75-year-old man who was converted last year. Jimmy says, "He told me he feels God would

have him arrange his married life now. He has four wives according to tribal custom. He is seeking God as to how to handle the situation. Please pray for him."

People of North India Receptive; Workers Few

India—Contrary to popular notion that the people of North India do not respond to the gospel, Ebenezer Sundar Raj of the Friends Missionary Prayer Band says that sample surveys in a dozen areas and people groups indicate there is receptivity.

Because of the vast areas and masses of people, about 40,000 workers are needed to cover North India. The primary need is for cross-cultural evangelists who will adapt to the new culture. Said Sundar Raj: "In our culturally knit societies, there are very few evangelists who venture to fit into the cultural setting of the host culture and manage to communicate in modes that reach the people's heart and personality."

The Indian mission leader also cited acute problems standing in the way of evangelizing North India: Many cross-cultural workers give up evangelism after a while for the sake of social work, liberation theology is having a powerful influence among evangelicals involved in cross-cultural missions, and less than one-fourth of all Protestant cross-cultural workers are involved in evangelism and church planting.

The mission leader cited another problem: Less than one-tenth of the graduates of evangelical Bible schools in India go into evangelistic work.

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