

# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

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## NATIONAL WORKERS Keys to Continuation



This last term has been the most fruitful since our going to France. Because God saved many Frenchmen, we had the privilege of choosing and training some faithful Christians for the work. Since they were teachable and trainable, the Free Will Baptist church at Rennes could be left completely in their hands when we left for furlough.

When we were commissioned as Free Will Baptist missionaries on July 14, 1968, we knew what we were to do. Our task was to establish a Free Will Baptist church in the country of France. With the commissioning message ringing in our ears, we were ready to tackle the job set before us by the Lord and also by our denomination. From the very beginning, we believed it was our responsibility to establish a self-supporting church which would be capable of starting other Free Will Baptist churches in France.

In 2 Timothy 2:2 Paul admonished Timothy, *"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."* This certainly applies to our mission objective in establishing indigenous churches.

### **Discretion Needed**

In God's infinite wisdom, He has directed us in ways that we were completely unaware of at the time. We have learned by experience that it is very important to use great discretion in choosing nationals to be trained as leaders. These must be taught to reach their own people with the gospel. Then they must learn to teach their converts the Word of God.

According to Paul, we are to select and give responsibilities to those who are "faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." While we cannot be selective in giving the gospel, we must choose carefully those to whom we are to give responsibility.

As I reflect on the beginning of

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by Joe Haas .....

our ministry in France, many names and faces race through my mind. Many of them seemed to have a keen interest in the work and some even made decisions. But soon, it became evident that they were not faithful men.

My experience has shown that men who cannot stick with a job are not men on which a church can be built. Though they may be able to sway crowds with their words, their lives do not back up their testimony. Consequently, their influence is destroyed.

Every part of the work—teaching, preaching, children's work, janitorial work, etc., needs ultimately to be done by nationals. National Christians will not support for very long that which they do not have a part in directing.

Our ministry in France has been geared to the concept that everything we do must be turned over to the nationals. In other words, the missionary's job is to work himself out of a job. Until he has done so, the church is not "indigenous."

### **"Show" Instead of "Do"**

It is absolutely necessary to train nationals. If we are not careful, we will do the job ourselves rather than show them how to do it. But as we train them, we can sit prayerfully by as they pass through the stages of learning until they are able to do a better job than we.

I remember overhearing one of our men encouraging another brother to give a Bible study. He said, "I remember the first time I gave a Bible study and sweat was running all over. I was nervous and

uptight, but the Lord blessed me as I know He will bless you."

We must take time to encourage the learners and furnish them with ideas to build upon. Encouragement and praise must be given when the job is well done and help must be extended when it is needed. We must make them feel that it is their church and that the success of their church rests upon their shoulders.

The national must feel his responsibility in every area of the church and its various ministries. In the beginning, Barbs, the children, and I did everything—played the organ, led the singing, gave every Bible study, preached every message, directed every meeting, taught every child evangelism club, etc. As people were saved, we started looking for those faithful ones into whom we could pour ourselves. We sought those who would be capable of replacing us one day in every job in the church.

Training nationals demands that we share our time, our insights, our experiences, and sometimes our homes so that they can profit to the fullest. Whatever the cost, faithful men must be trained so that they may train others.

### **Burdened for Children**

Daniel and Martine Loiret were burdened for children. We involved them in teaching Bible clubs and working with little ones. They felt the call of God to prepare for this ministry, and the church helped to pay their expenses in a special training course. Then, the church hired them to work full time.

Daniel became assistant pastor in charge of all children's and youth



activities. He and Martine trained many of our folks to work with children. Now our French Christians have four Bible clubs each week.

Gerard Tynevez came to us as a student. After hearing the gospel, he was saved. Soon God opened the door for him to work in the Ivory Coast with Jimmy and Janie Aldridge. After three years, the Lord led him back to France to reach his own people with the gospel. He went to Bible school in Switzerland for two years and then came to live with us in our home. Now he has become the first ordained Free Will Baptist preacher in France. He is now pastoring the church in Rennes.

Charles Leballeur, a businessman, accepted Christ and began the process of becoming a profitable servant for the Lord. Many times he would call on the phone and ask if he could come by to talk with me. Of course, this thrilled me as I observed the growth taking place in his life.

Charles started by directing a service in the church on Sunday. He would ask me for the scripture which would be read so that he could get songs to go with the

message. He would also seek to find other scripture which he could share in the devotional part of the service. Soon he was involved in giving Bible studies at prayer meeting. He would always come by to check to make sure that what he planned to say was all right.

Last year Leballeur coordinated a street fair in the back of our church. He met with the men and planned every booth and the witness that each would have. Then, he had to contact the city officials to secure written permission. In all of this he did a tremendous job for the Lord and the church.

### ***French-owned Church***

The Free Will Baptist church in Rennes, France is currently owned and operated by our French brothers and sisters. These have been saved and trained through Free Will Baptist gifts and prayers.

The church is totally self-supporting and their pastor is paid in full by their tithes and offerings.

Once again, I want to emphasize, nationals must be trained! So, with this conviction burning in our hearts, we gave ourselves to accomplish this task. This past year we were privileged to have a Bible institute in our home. Each morning, 12 students gathered in our living room to study the Word of God and prepare themselves for the work of evangelism. They were "faithful people" who came to learn the Word, learn to witness, learn to disciple others, and learn to grow in His grace.

Yes, the role of the national is to reach his own people, teach his own people, and worship the Lord under the leadership of one of his own. And the missionary must give these faithful nationals the liberty to carry on their ministry without undue "western" pressure.



***Clockwise, Daniel Loiret leads the choir, Joe Haas teaches the Bible institute students, and a street fair is in progress behind the Rennes church.***





# The Unseen Hand

by Laura Belle Barnard

(Part III in a Four-part Series)



## Back to India Via Contraband

As the end of the war came in view, my passport was returned and I was granted an Indian visa. Granted passage on a commandeered cargo boat carrying contraband, the exit and voyage were not to be as simple as the mere statement of the fact.

Yet, it was all a part of the path of life which my Father had promised to show me, in which He had promised to direct me. There was a reason, perhaps multiple reasons, for the thrice-repeated promise of Genesis 28:15, that He would bring me again to that land. I had no idea how much I was to

need that unmistakable guidance.

It was March of 1945. I was to travel "under sealed orders," knowing only one step at a time. Thomas Cook's travel service had been engaged to arrange travel details. By long distance telephone I had been instructed to go to their New York office to receive further instructions.

Arriving at Cook's, I was sent to the hotel for the night with the assurance that everything was in order. My papers would be locked in their safe for the night, and I could pick them up the next morning, along with my baggage,

on my way to the railway station. I understood that my first stop would be Boston. I obeyed orders, and next morning en route was handed a large brown envelope containing all (???) essential documents. That was Saturday morning.

### No Passport

Somewhere between New York and Boston I decided to open the envelope and pass the time by reviewing my travel papers and meager instructions. Alas! Everything was there except my passport! After Boston I would go to Portland, Maine. From there I would travel to the Canadian border and on to New Brunswick. That meant crossing an international boundary line, and this called for a passport!

In previous years of peace, one went and came across that border without problem. But a world war had changed things, and borders must be carefully guarded against enemy cunning.

It was Saturday afternoon when I made my fateful discovery, and all offices in New York City would be closed till Monday morning. Communication in the meantime, was impossible. I did send a telegram from the train, but I knew it could not be delivered until Monday morning office hours. By that time I would be in a Canadian jail, at best held up there in the border detention camp—or, the Lord would have worked a miracle.

I confess I could not at that bleak moment visualize the miracle. Responsible officers at the border were under bond to see that persons such as I did not cross without credentials. Although I did have the promise that eventually I would get to India, *I was worried!* I have no desire to lie about it. I was deeply worried!

### A Word from Heaven

I sat there reading my Bible. I had asked the porter to send my telegram, so he knew my plight. Now that black porter—prince of a man—how I love his memory. He



kept dusting all round about me, so much so that I was uncomfortable. Then presently I felt a gentle tap on my shoulder, and while he continued aimlessly to dust, he whispered, "Don't you worry, Miss. I seed what Book you been readin'. It's gonna be all right." Oh, but that was a word direct from heaven!

In due time—much too soon for me—we arrived at the border. What looked like crude army barracks stood there, with immigration offices, and all the wartime security officers. Dutifully, these awesome men began to file into the train to check and interrogate passengers.

Where was my passport? The dreaded question came. My story sounded pretty weak, to say the least. "Don't you know you can't cross this boundary without a passport?" Yes, I knew it, but I didn't have it. "Then you'll have to leave the train," was the firm alternative.

I looked out on miles of deep snowfields with no sign of life except the stern immigration camp before me. I thought of the Pilgrims, and the poet's description of the bleak New England shore. "Bleak" was too mild a term for the glacier-like desolation I saw and felt as I looked out that train window.

"You can't put me off in a frozen wilderness like this!" I pleadingly challenged the officer before me. (I must say, the Desert of Sinai had not looked as desolate and forbidding to me.) He looked away from me, perhaps feeling the pathos of the situation, and presently said, "Wait here. I'll return soon."

### **Clearance Given**

He didn't return soon. But after what seemed a brief eternity he did return—and he gave me clearance for crossing the border and continuing my journey!

Your guess is as good as mine as to what might have transpired behind the scenes. Obviously, the man broke every rule in his book, but I am convinced that, on the human scene, he felt sure I was too

naive to do any harm. From the higher viewpoint, "Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own."

Finally, I arrived at St. John's, New Brunswick, Canada, and on Monday morning I telephoned back to New York. Cook's agent in New York cautioned me, "Remember, we're talking across national borders, and there's a war on. Every word we say is being censored, and travel details are strategic data for enemy use. I can't tell you anything. But you sit right where you are until you hear from me again. I guarantee everything will fall into line. You shall receive the needful. Don't you move from that place for any reason." Sealed orders indeed!

Sure enough, within less than two days a porter came to my hotel door and handed me the precious passport. He had brought it in person, tucked away in an inside pocket. I need not tell you I clenched it, thanked the Lord, and tearfully thanked the angel-like messenger who had brought it.

That was only the first hurdle.

### **Notice to Board Ship**

After a week of waiting to learn the next step of sealed orders, I had welcome notice that I was to board my ship. Taking a taxi I made the long drive to the harbor and was shown to my un-named, camouflaged ship. I boarded, and my luggage came aboard.

I had managed to pass all the tests thus far. But when Canadian police officials came on board to inspect out-going passengers, they asked me for my Canadian exit permit! No one at any juncture had as much as hinted I needed such a permit. Even in the Canadian offices, where my presence in the country had been known for the entire week, no one had mentioned an exit permit. I could so easily have taken care of it if I had known.

War conditions had thrown everything out of kilter and even experienced officials and office personnel seemed frustrated. They

often slipped up on red tape. Once more it was my lot to pay the price.

"You'll have to go back into the city," they told me, "for you cannot leave on this ship without that permit." Now this was late Sunday afternoon already, and the ship was hoping to leave at sunset.

It was a long trip back, and no offices were open on Sunday. I really do not remember how the Lord worked to get the proper official to leave his well-deserved Sabbath leisure and open his office to prepare the document for me. I do remember no one was too willing to advise me. I had a definite feeling of being suspected. In wartime, of course, it pays to be suspicious.

I figured even the Skipper and his Mate didn't really expect me back. But the cab driver was courteous and helpful, and he kindly found the police official's residence for me. I meekly petitioned the officer to help me, and he was very gracious about it. My spirits were lifted. But distances were involved. In addition, the whole ordeal was time-consuming and too harrowing to tell.

Finally, the permit was in my hand and I was on my way back to the harbor. "What next?" I wondered. Would the ship still be there? Or would it have stolen out of harbor ere I reached it?

***(To be continued in the March issue.)***

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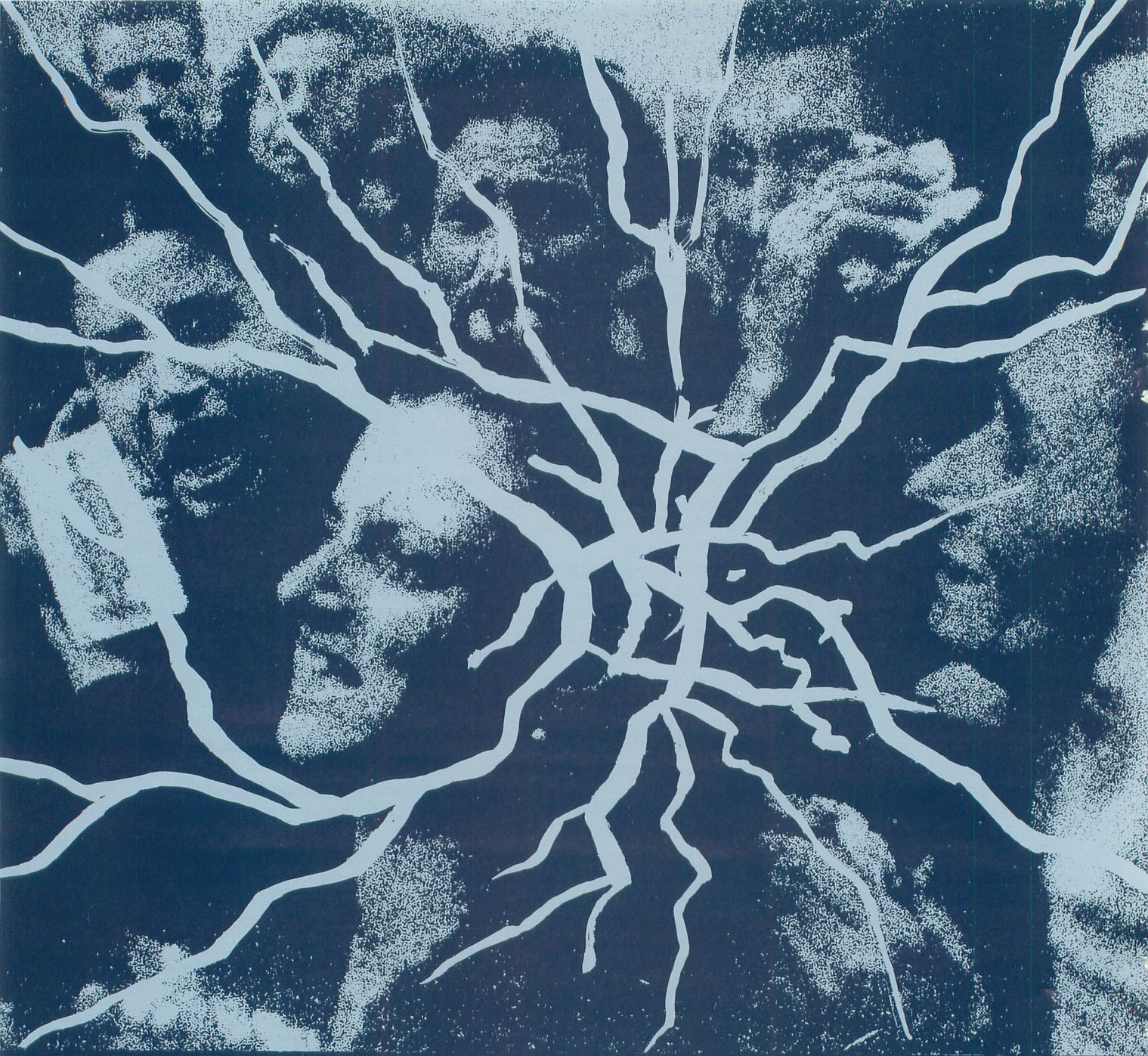
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# **Throbbing Earth**

## **AN ADVENTURE IN FAITH**

*by Marie Hanna*



**W**e were exhausted! It had been one of those days which didn't end until midnight. So, soon after going to bed we were "dead to the world."

Suddenly we were being violently shaken!

Still groggy, I jumped up and screamed, "It's an earthquake!"

That meant we needed to get outside quickly. However, we seemed completely disoriented. I always keep a robe handy but it took a long time to find it that night. We also seemed to have difficulty getting to the door. Once there, Carlisle even had trouble getting it open.

The quake was over soon after we got outside, so after checking to see if the hostel boys were all right, we went back to bed. We must have been in minor shock for we continued to tremble. Some after tremors did not help us to relax. We had previously been in slight earthquakes, but had never experienced anything of this intensity.

Only a few days earlier, I had read how Doctor Henry Holland, missionary to Quetta, Pakistan, had been miraculously saved from death and head injuries during the earthquake of May 31, 1935. At that time, the present country of Pakistan was also a part of India. A door near the head of his bed had been dislodged at an angle causing the falling debris to be diverted from his head. That story came to mind as we lay there trying to go back to sleep. Sleep finally came and in a few hours a bright sunrise also appeared.

### **Assessing the Damage**

With daylight came the assessing of damage. Every room of our house was cracked. Cracks were evident both in the walls and in the floors. And the church building was so badly damaged that it would have to be replaced.

The question that loomed so great at that moment was simply, "How? Where would they get the funds?"

According to the newspapers, this was the worst earthquake in this area in more than 50 years. The epicenter was in Tibet, approximately 150 miles from Sonapurhat. The northern part of West Bengal suffered large-scale property damage. Four-story buildings were cracked from top to bottom. We heard of no deaths in this state, but in our neighboring state of Sikkim, both injuries and deaths were reported.

### **A Time of Growth**

Looking back to the disaster of that night in November of 1980, we realize how difficult it has been for our Sonapurhat church. Trying to worship outside is far from an ideal situation. The hot, dry wind blew dust everywhere!

In spite of that, it has been a time of spiritual growth for our people. The church treasury had 3,042 rupees (approximately \$430) on hand. They voted to put 3,000 into the building fund. This left only about \$5.50 in the treasury.

Carlisle and I have been humbled at seeing the sacrifice of our people as they sought to give something to the building fund since then. This has been especially touching since family incomes average less than \$50 per month.

The people have also worked hard on the building. We are filled with gratitude, first to our Lord and then to those who have given and helped to rebuild the church.

One of the first gifts to come to India was from the Rennes church in France. Our people rejoiced with us that a young church on another field had shared so quickly and generously.

At first, the church had no funds. Then, as the funds came and we began purchasing materials, we realized prices were about three times our estimate. On top of that came the scarcity or complete lack of materials, particularly cement. Months can easily pass before permits are obtained. More

months can flutter by before delivery.

Carlisle had to make many trips to our sub-divisional town 18 miles away. He also traveled to our district headquarters (six hours or more in each direction), took two trips to Calcutta (350 miles from here), and went to the factory (another 350 miles away) in order to get the permit and delivery date for the cement. Then two of our young men went and hauled the cement.

We know people who have been waiting two years to get a permit and they still don't have one. The fact that it took only a couple of months is an answer to prayer.

### **Building in Use**

As I write this, some work still needs to be done on the church and some bills are outstanding. These need to be paid. But, the new church building is now in use.

On August 9, 1981 representatives of all our other Free Will Baptist churches here in North India joined our Sonapurhat congregation in the dedication of this building. We had a very blessed service.

Approximately 250 of us had fellowship around a rice and curry lunch followed by this dedication service. About 50 leading citizens of our village also attended this service. Pastor David Das of Islampur preached, and Carlisle led the dedication part of the service.

This building will double as a place of worship for the local Sonapurhat congregation and as a conference center.

The first of this type meeting to be held in the building was a women's retreat held in October of 1981.

That throbbing experience of 1980 shook us. But the resulting adventure of faith has been a growing and strengthening experience for the church and for us.



## Attendance Doubles After Eagleton Return

**Brazil**—Following their arrival back in Brazil, Ken and Marvis Eagleton reported they "were well received at the church," and attendance was good for the first Sunday evening service. They indicated the church building was filled and the group had a reception for them following the service.

"The young people have done a good job keeping the church functioning and services held," writes Ken. "They had worked out a system whereby they shared and related responsibilities. I am proud of them. The Lord is calling out preacher boys, too! This is what thrills me, and to this end we will continue to plead and pray."

Eagleton noted that he was to start classes with two 16-year-old boys on November 21. One of the boys has answered the call to preach and the other has expressed definite interest.

Ken reported setting a goal of 70 in Sunday school attendance by January 3, 1982. That would be double what was on hand for the first Sunday after their return.

Eagleton seemed excited as he continued: "The prospects here at the church are great and the people seem more than ever ready to work together to expand and to evangelize. There is a good spirit in our midst and I'm looking forward to a fruitful ministry this term."

## Afghan Children Flee Soviet Aggression

**Afghanistan**—Thousands of children are among the estimated 2.3 million Afghan refugees fleeing Soviet aggression in their homeland, according to a report in *The Church Around the World*.

International Christian Aid reports that they arrive in Pakistan border camps in poor physical and mental condition. Some of them are totally disoriented due to severe hardships.

## Film Planned for St. Nazaire Area

**France**—In a November letter from Jerry Gibbs, he reported plans to show the film entitled "Joni" in a public cinema sometime in early January.

Jerry noted that the director of the cinema had agreed to invite journalists to a showing if the film proved to be pleasing to him. He said he would also

invite the general public. "We hope this will be an open door of witness," Jerry added.

The Gibbs and Miss Patsy Vanhook have urged people to pray that they will be able to reach men, and especially families and couples.

According to Jerry, several people have responded to the Bible correspondence courses they have offered.

The Gibbs family is due for furlough this summer.

## Center Open, Witness Increases in Majadahonda

**Spain**—Although active witness has been hampered by the delays of finishing the evangelical center of Majadahonda, Spain, work is now complete and witness is increasing. Dock Caton reports the building only lacks water installation at the present, but he requested prayer that this, too, can be completed soon.

Caton noted that three girls—two teenagers and a nine-year-old—were saved recently in Bilbao, a northern coastal city where missionaries are cooperatively working with a Christian family from the Alcala de Henares work.

In Majadahonda, Dock says he has been having Bible studies with Santiago, a university student. "He has studied with me in the Scriptures very diligently on various occasions and claims he wants time to think through and assimilate the material he has studied," Caton stated.

Several young people between the

ages of 17 and 22 were recently on hand to view a film in the center. These have shown interest in the gospel. Dock also indicated a doctor has evidenced interest after a year of personal witness.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Ivory Coast**—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton related another snake story recently: "A five foot, ten inch Green Mamba was killed in the yard next to the Free Will Baptist dorm at Bouake. They are said to be one of the most dangerous snakes in West Africa!"

**India**—The churches in North India held their monthly prayer meeting November 29-30, 1981. At that time they made plans for their annual conference set for the first week in February, 1982. Five national preachers are scheduled to be ordained at that meeting. Carlisle Hanna requested prayer that God will supply the means of support for these men.

**Japan**—Sandra Fender, short term missionary to Japan, is busy teaching English classes, teaching Sunday school to the Banks' children, and working with Judy Smith in young, single adult activities. She is also studying Japanese.

**Uruguay**—Molly Barker writes, "The Lord continues to bless. Our attendances were good Sunday afternoon in Barrio Recreo and Santa Teresa. We have several going from door to door

*Missionaries have been working with the Perreno family (here) of Alcala in an effort to establish a new work in Bilbao, Spain. Three girls were converted there recently.*







Allan and LaRue Crowson are scheduled to depart for France on January 4 to begin their second term of missionary service.

giving out Gospels of John. There have been five professions of faith."

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Allan and LaRue Crowson are scheduled to leave the States on January 4 to begin their work in the country of France. They have previously served one term in Ivory Coast.

**Brazil**—Earnie Deeds reported in December that flooding and mud slides in the state of Rio de Janeiro have killed several people recently.

**Panama**—June Arnold arrived in Panama on November 23 to begin her first term of missionary service. She left the United States on December 25, 1980 and has been in Costa Rica in language study since that time.

**Brazil**—The Brazil field council is scheduled to convene January 11-14 at Jaboticabal, Brazil. Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions, was scheduled to speak at this meeting. He will be in Brazil to make a new filmstrip.

**Savannah, Ga.**—Becky Robinson, daughter of Uruguayan missionaries Paul and Amy Robinson, was married to Tim Holland of Savannah, Ga. on December 18. The wedding was held in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Savannah, pastored by Bill Robinson, Paul's brother. Paul and Amy were both home for the wedding.

**Brazil**—Missionary Louis Coscia, of Uberaba, Brazil has been battling pleurisy in both lungs. He has had high fever and difficulty in breathing. Christians are requested to pray for his recovery.

**Ivory Coast**—Jerry Pinkerton Jr. spent three weeks with his parents in Bouake, Ivory Coast, during the Christmas holidays. He is a student at Wheaton College.

**France**—An evangelistic campaign was held in Nantes, France on October 28-November 1. Yves Perrier was the evangelist and Barbara Gibbs, Patsy Vanhook, Tom and Patti McCullough, Patricia Murray, and two young people from the Nantes church supplied the special music each evening. According to a report from Jerry Gibbs, several people made decisions.

**Brazil**—Bobby Aycock reports from Barbacena, Brazil after his return: "The church was in fairly good shape. A number of the people are anxious to move forward in evangelism. We had 76 this past Sunday in Sunday school." Approximately 80 people attended the Sunday night services recently according to Aycock.

**Zimbabwe**—Headmasters of rural schools in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) have asked the United Bible Societies to supply them with Gospels for use in religious education classes. So far 100,000 Gospels in various vernacular have been distributed to schools in Zimbabwe.

**Jasper, Ala.**—The woman's auxiliary of the First FWB Church in Jasper sponsored a "penny-a-pound" drive for Jeff and Susan Turnbough and presented them a check on Sunday, November 8. The unique effort netted \$88.80.

### **Doropo Station Gets Water, Phone System**

**Ivory Coast**—A new pure water supply and a new phone system were installed recently at the Doropo station in the Ivory Coast according to a report from Howard and Joan Filkins.

A European drilling company put down 350 wells in the Bouna area during the past few months. One of these was drilled just outside the property of the Doropo station. "It is producing 90 barrels an hour of pure water from a depth of 200 feet," writes Joan.

Howard, Mike Cousineau, and Sherwood Lee installed a new pump with pipe down 125 feet to the main vein, then they ran pipe 600 feet to the water tower.

On November 11, Eddie Payne and

Howard finished connecting a new telephone-public address system on the station. The system had been purchased for the station by Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at Chocowinity, N.C. The system includes 12 phones connecting all the homes and main parts of the clinic. This saves hundreds of steps daily.

Since the dry season has set in, the new water supply is proving to be a special blessing to missionaries and

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the thousands of Africans in that area.

Joan reported that Howard has also begun building new kitchen cabinets in a home which Mike and Deleen Cousineau are fixing up to rent in Bouna.

## Board Meets, Appoints 14 Summer Missionaries

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Board of Foreign Missions met in Nashville, Tenn., November 30-December 2 for its semi-annual session. In addition to hearing reports from the staff and the various fields, the board acted on missionary applications.

Fourteen summer missionaries were appointed for service in 1982: **Brazil**—Daniel Felts and Doug Hoover from Missouri, Mark Williford of Tennessee, Norman McFall of Alabama, and Myron Stafford of Mississippi; **France**—Joanna Sasser and Ginny Reeves both from Missouri.

**Ivory Coast**—Cheri Bruner of Georgia and Sarah Malone of Illinois; **Japan**—Michael Rial of Oklahoma; **Panama**—Phillip Smith of West Virginia, Keith Stewart of Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Coats of South Dakota and Virginia respectively.

Preliminary applications of three couples and one single applicant were approved so they can process their final applications.

## Coscias Begin Services in New Location

**Brazil**—Louis and Florine Coscia have acknowledged the beginning of services in a new location in the city of Uberaba, Brazil.

"We are seeing an increase in attendance, especially with adults," write the Coscias. "Of course the move caused us to lose some who feel that it is too far to walk the distance very often. But the new location is in a fast-growing area of the city and we are trusting God to give us much fruit."

The Coscias were especially grateful for evidence of fruit in their past ministry as a young convert visited them recently from the city of Sao Paulo.

"Sandra's family was one of the first to attend the new work here," writes Louis. "She accepted Christ when she was still a young girl. Four other members of her family also made decisions." The family moved to Sao Paulo but the girl came to visit the Coscias



Vernon Barker (left), pastor of New Hope FWB Church of Joelton, Tenn., converses with Walter Ellison, Eugene Waddell and Rolla Smith regarding a check for the Ellison account.

and tell them she had found a good evangelical church.

Louis noted that Sandra and her sister had traveled 150 miles by bus on different occasions, to attend a Free Will Baptist church in the state of Sao Paulo. Free Will Baptists have no church in the city of Sao Paulo.

## Evelyn Hersey Returns to U.S. for Surgery

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Evelyn Hersey, missionary to Japan, returned to Nashville, Tenn. on November 13. She underwent surgery on November 17 to remove a lesion behind her right ear caused by X-ray treatment received back in 1949.

Evelyn stayed in the hospital overnight and was discharged. She stated that test reports were good and showed no sign of malignancy.

Mrs. Hersey expressed thanks to all who prayed for her and praised God for His mercy during her time of illness. She returned to Japan on December 21.

## Ellison Day Yields \$5,800 in Commitments

**Joelton, Tenn.**—The Walter (Dub) Ellison family was featured at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church of Joelton, Tenn., on Sunday, December 12. More than \$5,800 in annual faith-promise commitments were made to the Ellison account by the church.

In addition to the annual commitments, the church gave the Ellisons a cash offering of \$632.33 for the day.

Another \$300 in annual commitments were designated to the Ledge Ferguson's (\$120), foreign missions (\$60), and home missionary Vernon Long (\$120). Annual commitments actually totaled \$6,108.

Dub preached both Sunday messages at the church which had approximately 300 present for the morning service. Ellison pastored this church from 1961 to 1963, prior to going to Brazil.

Vernon Barker is currently pastor of the church and the Ellison family is attending there while getting ready for their return to the field of Uruguay in June.

## Underground Evangelism Takes New Russian Bible

**Los Angeles, Calif.**—Underground Evangelism (UE) has scheduled a delivery of 15,000 special edition Bibles to the Soviet Union this winter (1981-1982).

The "Russian Preacher's Bible," otherwise known as "Goetze's Bible," has recently been reprinted by the Institute for Bible Translation in Stockholm, Sweden. The Bibles will be taken into the Soviet Union by UE, Light in the East, the Norway Mission and other mission organizations.

The Goetze's Bible, acclaimed "the best Russian Bible," offers many features that are not found in other available Bibles. This is the first time this particular version has been made available since its first printing in 1939. At that time many copies were destroyed during the Nazi invasion of Poland.



## Deeds Expresses Praise, Cites Building Plans

Brazil—"One of the highlights of this year was acquiring debt-free property for a church," writes Earnie Deeds from Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. "Then a Christian man drew the blueprint free of charge. An engineer friend of his signed it," says Earnie.

The church blueprint has now been approved by the city government, and the church group hopes to begin construction in January.

Deeds noted that the savings on the blueprints amounted to approximately \$1,000.

## Romanian Baptist Church Fights to Keep Building

Romania—In 1962 the Romanian Department of Cults (Religion) notified the Sfinta Treime Baptist Church (Mihai Bravu) in Bucharest to make preparations to vacate the church building. It was to be demolished to make way for a superhighway.

Yet, one pastor and 19 years later the church still stands—at least for the moment. Romanian authorities have issued new verbal warnings of impending demolition.

In 1980 the Consilul De Stat threatened to destroy the church, then assured Sfinta Treime existence through 1982. However, Pastor Vasile Talos says surveyors working near the church have this month told him of new plans for a January 1982 demolition.

The church has no objections to the state tearing down the structure for the highway. Their complaint is a contention that the Romanian government will not permit the construction of a new church in the same general area. Without a new building, they say, the 650 church members will be without a church home.

## Scripture Distribution Continues in Beirut

New York, N.Y.—Dodging bullets and bombs, a team of Bible distributors transported 1,700 Bibles and 6,500 New Testaments across the Beirut firing line in Lebanon recently.

The books were taken to West Beirut from the United Bible Society's warehouse in the eastern part of the city. Their ultimate destination was Syria.

Despite the bombardment and

bloodshed, the UBS distribution secretary for Syria was able to reach Beirut from Damascus and return with a truck-load of Scriptures.

While the war has prevented the UBS staff in Damascus from going to the main office each morning, they are able to work in different parts of the city to spread God's Word.

## Sparks Reports Good Response and Outreach

Spain—"Last Sunday morning (November 29), four responded to the invitation," writes Lonnie Sparks from Alcalá de Henares, Spain. "One was an 11-year-old boy who wanted to be saved. A young father came forward to make public his confession of faith."

Sparks noted that the church has acquired a piece of property and has been able to meet their financial obligations.

In addition to those recently converted, the Sparks reported having at least 20 new prospects for salvation in their area. Lonnie has also been able to get into the local prison to minister.

Another opportunity has opened in the industrial city of Bilbao. The son and daughter-in-law of the Perreno family (Mrs. Perreno and her daughter were the first converts in Alcalá) reside in Bilbao and were converted at Alcalá while visiting the parents one summer. The couple wants a church in the Bilbao area. Missionaries have been cooperating in an effort to get a work started there (see picture on page 8).

## Operation "Foxfire" Ignites Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe—Operation "Foxfire" is setting Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia) on fire for Christ. Twenty fearless evangelists, working in pairs, are expected to touch 50 to 60 tribal areas in the next nine months, according to a report in *The Church Around the World*. These young preachers were inspired by the story of Samson when he devastated the Philistine harvest by using 300 foxes to carry flaming torches. The men are igniting widespread response.

**FOREIGN MISSIONS  
BUDGET FOR 1982  
\$2,197,148**

## Refugee Total Put at Over 12 Million

New York, N.Y.—Latest World Refugee Statistics released by the U.S. Committee for Refugees show a total of 12,645,240 refugees. The list places them as follows: Africa, 6,324,340; Asia, 2,164,500; Europe, 354,600; Latin America, 239,600; and Middle East, 3,562,200.

## Financial Summary

Through November 30

### Substance

On deposit November 1	\$ 556,667.97
Receipts in November	175,917.04
Total receipts through November	1,800,712.96
Total disbursements	1,845,024.82
Projected receipts	1,854,219.62
Total 1981 Budget	2,022,885.00

### Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$2,809.29	Moser	\$4,919.85
Barker	41.26	Miley	3,184.85
Caton	1,092.38	Payne	1,332.30
Cowart	6,470.25	Pinkerton	3,340.45
Crawford	670.79	Poole	8.64
Deeds	2,617.59	Richards	4,152.65
Dickens	551.99	Sparks	4,318.36
Filkins	4,690.45	Sparks Land	
Hersey	1,273.59	Fund	2,042.58
Inscow	1,918.80	Sturgill	1,346.49
McLain	5,435.93	Webb	7,563.63
Total			\$62,030.80

## State Quotas—1982

State	Monthly Quota	1982 Quota
Alabama	\$11,083.33	\$133,000.00
Arizona	208.33	2,500.00
Arkansas	8,583.33	103,000.00
California	5,416.67	65,000.00
Colorado	375.00	4,500.00
Florida	5,083.33	61,000.00
Georgia	5,833.33	70,000.00
Hawaii	83.33	1,000.00
Idaho	83.33	1,000.00
Illinois	6,083.33	73,000.00
Indiana	1,500.00	18,000.00
Iowa	83.33	1,000.00
Kansas	1,000.00	12,000.00
Kentucky	4,750.00	57,000.00
Louisiana	83.33	1,000.00
Maryland	833.33	10,000.00
Michigan	8,333.33	100,000.00
Minnesota	41.67	500.00
Mississippi	2,583.33	31,000.00
Missouri	10,833.33	130,000.00
Montana	83.33	1,000.00
New Mexico	41.67	500.00
*Northeast Association	416.67	5,000.00
**Northwest Association	666.67	8,000.00
North Carolina	26,000.00	312,000.00
Ohio	5,666.67	68,000.00
Oklahoma	23,500.00	282,000.00
Pennsylvania	83.33	1,000.00
South Carolina	11,666.67	140,000.00
Tennessee	23,500.00	282,000.00
Texas	4,583.33	55,000.00
Virginia	7,083.33	85,000.00
Virgin Islands	250.00	3,000.00
West Virginia	6,416.67	77,000.00
Other States	262.36	3,148.00
Totals	\$183,095.66	\$2,197,148.00

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New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine

\*\*Northwest Association  
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



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