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MILITARY CONFLICT



Threat to Latin American Missions



Missionary candidates approved to enter Missionary Internship training this fall include (front row, left to right) Lynn Midgett, Becky Riggs, Lila Nichols, Brenda Bunch, (back row) Steve Riggs, Darrell Nichols, and Stan Bunch.

Board Meets, Appoints One, Approves Seven

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met for their annual session April 26-28 in Nashville, Tenn.

Among action taken at this meeting, the board officially appointed Miss Cathy Crawford to missionary service but reserved field assignment to a later time. Cathy is from the Harrison Free Will Baptist Church in Minford, Ohio.

Seven candidates had their final applications reviewed and were approved to begin Missionary Internship training this fall: Stan and Brenda



Miss Cathy Crawford has completed Missionary Internship training and was officially appointed to missionary service.

Bunch of Missouri; Steve and Becky Riggs of Tennessee; Darrell and Lila Nichols of Oklahoma; and Miss Lynn Midgett of Oklahoma.

Five preliminary applications were approved.

The board officially accepted the resignation of Bobby and Sue Aycok so Bobby can join the faculty of Free Will Baptist Bible College in the fall.

These officers were elected for the board: Bill Jones, chairman; Bob Trimble, vice-chairman; and Jim Walker, secretary.

Spiritual Interest, Growth Evident in Uberaba

Brazil—"We are seeing a greater interest in spiritual things," write Louis and Florine Coscia from Uberaba, Brazil. "Some of the most important conversations are no longer about soccer games. We often have opportunities to talk with confused and unhappy people about the end time and what the Bible says will happen to this world."

Growth in grace is also evident

among the Christians, according to the Coscias: One lady recently won the victory over a bad habit which was poisoning her body. A timid, middle-aged man has learned to pray publicly in the church as well as at home. And three ladies recently sought answers to personal questions about baptism, etc.

Attendance has increased and several visitors have attended Sunday night services recently. Some of these have accepted Christ as Savior. One of these, an 11-year-old boy is doing a study course on the Gospel of John.

About 300 People See Film in St. Nazaire

France—"Three weeks ago we showed the film 'Joni' to a total of 250-300 people in several different showings," writes Patsy Vanhook. "I don't know if this could be classified as sowing seed, but it was certainly cultivating the ground and opening up hearts to be more receptive to the Word. Do pray that the Lord will use the message of this film in the hearts of those who saw it. One high school class has ordered copies of the book 'Joni' and plan to read and discuss it as a class project."

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

France—Neil and Sheila Gilliland have completed language study and are scheduled to depart for the Ivory Coast in mid-June. They will be assuming responsibility as dorm parents at Bouake this fall.

Nashville, Tenn.—Walter and Marcia Ellison plan to leave for Montevideo, Uruguay on June 18. They requested prayer for their ministry, especially in light of the present conflict in the area surrounding the Falkland Islands. Montevideo is less than 200 miles from Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Brenda Kay Hanna Ledford, daughter of Carlisle and Marie Hanna, graduated on May 8 from Covenant College located on Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dave and Pat Franks are scheduled to depart for Brazil on June 21 to begin their sixth term of missionary service.

Spain—Dennis and Trena Owen conclude their Spanish language course

Special Gifts

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

Donor	In Memory of
Ballews Chapel FWB Woman's Auxiliary Newport, Ark.	Mrs. Stella Blanks
Mr. and Mrs. Butler Hall II Four Oaks, N.C.	Mr. Fred Mims
Mrs. Owen Thomas Four Oaks, N.C.	Mr. Fred Mims

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These missionaries were scheduled to leave for their fields of service in June: (top) Walter and Marcia Ellison, Uruguay; (center) Dave and Pat Franks, Brazil; (bottom) Jeff and Susan Turnbough, Spain.

this month in Madrid. They requested prayer that the Lord might give them direction and help them take best advantage of their remaining months. Their daughter, Miranda, was saved recently, according to Dennis.

France—Ryan Andrew Gabriel Gibbs was born April 2 in St. Nazaire, France. He is the third son of Jerry and Barbara Gibbs. Ryan weighed in at seven pounds, nine ounces.

Midland City, Ala.—Jeff and Susan Turnbough are scheduled to be commissioned to missionary service on June 20 in the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church in Midland City, Ala. They plan to depart on June 24 for Spain where they will begin language study.

Goldsboro, N.C.—Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, N.C. recently raised more than \$3,190 for the Clint Morgan account. Their goal had been \$2,000. George Lee is pastor (see May *Heartbeat*).

Nashville, Tenn.—Andre' and Christy (Haas) Corgne plan to leave the United States on July 23 for France where they will establish residence. Christy is the daughter of Joe and Barbara Haas. Andre', a Frenchman, studied

at Free Will Baptist Bible College for one year.

Moore, Okla.—LaDonna Deeds, daughter of Brazil missionaries Earnie and Willie Jean Deeds, is scheduled to marry Danny Scott of Moore, Okla., sometime in August.

81 Churches Participate in Call-a-thon Offering

Nashville, Tenn.—Through the month of April, gifts and calls to foreign missions Call-a-thon for 1982 had reached \$10,141.40. Eighty-one churches, six individuals, and three organizations reported.

Tennessee Free Will Baptists led the giving in four ways: the largest single gift of \$1,416.55 by the Wooddale church in Knoxville, the highest total given by one state (\$3,590.11), most churches reporting with 18, and most overall responses with 20.

Seven churches reported from each of these states: Oklahoma, Florida, and West Virginia. Arkansas had the second largest number of participants with six churches and two individuals reporting.

Travel, Repairs Claim Filkins' Energy and Time

Ivory Coast—Howard Filkins has been busy with clinic repairs and unplanned travel to Abidjan (450 miles). "After he left," writes Joan, "the generator for the station quit." She noted this may necessitate another trip to the capital city for repairs.

In addition to the maintenance ministry, Howard has been conducting a Bible study with an English-speaking Ghanaian fellow who works at the clinic. Joan has been teaching English to a crippled Mossie boy. The boy had polio and has to crawl to get around. Each day he crawls one half mile to school. The Filkins requested prayer on behalf of the boy and for Lassina, a Moslem mechanic who has become a dear friend.

Eagleton Boy Has Surgery; Wedding Plans Unaltered

Nashville, Tenn.—Terry Eagleton, son of Brazil missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton, underwent surgery April 28 in Nashville to correct an injury to his left knee. Terry's leg was seriously damaged in an accident at his place of

employment. Surgery was extensive since the same knee had been injured previously. Doctors are confident the surgery was successful but actual results will be unknown for some time.

In spite of the temporary impairment, Terry and Miss Jamie Crowe of Savannah, Ga., were married on May 29 in the Savannah Free Will Baptist Church. Terry's father performed the ceremony with Pastor Bill Robinson assisting. The new Eagleton couple will reside in Nashville where Jamie will continue as a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Terry will be temporarily disabled and may pursue further studies. He graduated from FWBBC in May.

MKs, Missionary Wife, on Graduate Lists

Nashville, Tenn.—Several children of missionaries (MKs) and a missionary wife were on graduation lists for May, June, or July.

These three MKs graduated recently or are scheduled to graduate from high school: Bobby Lee, son of Sherwood and Vada Lee, and Tim Pinkerton, son of Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, both graduate from Ivory Coast Academy in July. Tim will be returning to the U.S. with his parents after graduation. Bobby will be attending The Citadel, a college in Charleston, S.C., this fall.

David Murray, son of John and Pansy Murray in France, graduates →

Financial Summary

Through April 30

Substance

Total receipts for April	\$ 197,148.02
Total receipts through April	648,837.00
Total disbursements through April	658,037.65
Projected receipts through April	732,382.64
Total 1982 Budget	2,197,148.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 1,379.39	McLain	\$ 7,562.02
Bailey	189.25	Miley	9,010.77
Barker	3,107.22	Moser	3,642.66
Bishop	2,198.52	Murray	3,380.62
Caton	8,360.44	Owen	1,707.23
Cowart	2,881.79	Payne	2,090.02
Crawford	410.71	Pinkerton	3,337.78
Crowson	1,862.92	Richards	4,789.42
Deeds	3,941.30	South India	3,933.59
Filkins	5,161.52	Sparks	2,401.18
Gibbs	435.84	Sturgill	2,972.40
Hanna	3,325.73	Webb	11,299.31
Hersey	4,787.66	Willey	358.36
Incoe	6,130.97		

Total \$100,658.62



in June from a high school in the state of Virginia.

Graduating from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville on May 13 were Terry Eagleton, son of Ken and Marvis Eagleton (Brazil) and Pat Franks, missionary wife of Dave Franks (Brazil). Terry, a missions student, received his B.A. degree and Pat, a registered nurse, received her B.S.

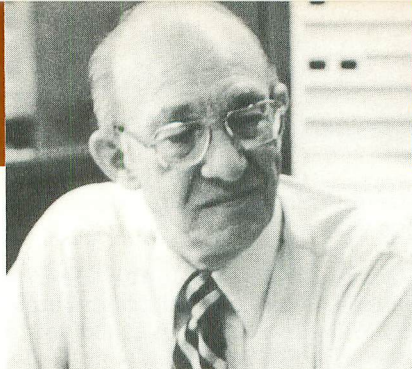
Donald Hanna Receives Medical Degree from MUSC

Charleston, S.C.—Donald Hanna, son of India missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna, graduated May 14 from the Medical University of South Carolina. He is scheduled to intern and serve his residency at the MUSC hospital in Charleston.

Young Hanna also plans to be married to Miss Milicent Sackman on May 29 in Denton, Tex. Milicent is also an MK. She and Donald met in high school in India.

Perry Temple Retires from BLI Ministry

Columbus, Ohio—Perry A. Temple, long-time executive secretary for Bible Literature International, retired on March 31, 1982. He was elected to serve on the BLI Board of Trustees and thus facilitate the transition of his ministry to Marvin C. Luckett who has



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been named director of administration.

Temple is well known among Free Will Baptists and has visited many FWB missionaries on their fields. He has regularly attended the National Association conventions and has spoken in a large number of Free Will Baptist churches.

BLI President John M. Falkenberg is also scheduled to retire on June 30 of this year. He will be succeeded by his son, James R. Falkenberg.

Hersey Declares Iriso Easter Services Good

Japan—"We had good Easter services," declares Fred Hersey regarding the Iriso church. "Even though some of our faithful people had to be absent, we had some pleasant surprises."

Hersey noted that a woman and her daughter, a university graduate, were present for the first time in over a year. The husband-father had refused to allow them to attend.

Fred also revealed that a Christian

man and his wife had moved into the area and attended services on Easter.

The Hersseys seemed anxious to see their son and daughter, Stephen and Vivian, who are going to Japan for the summer. Vivian was scheduled to depart on May 21 and Stephen planned to leave on June 1. They are both students at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Brazil Fellowship Meets, Youth Competition Held

Brazil—The annual fellowship meeting of Free Will Baptist churches in Brazil was held on Good Friday, April 9, in Jaboticabal, Brazil. Approximately 120 people were present for the gathering.

Various youth activities included Sword Drill, Bible Bowl, Bible Tic-Tac-Toe, etc. Solange Aparecido Cruz of the Ipiranga church in Ribeirao Preto won the Sword Drill. The team from the Campinas church won the Bible Tic-Tac-Toe, and the Bible Bowl was taken by the youth of Uberlandia in a playoff with Campinas.

The morning message was preached by missionary Jim Moser.

Officers of the Free Will Baptist Association, elected at their February 20 meeting, were installed during this session. (See May *Heartbeat*.)

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