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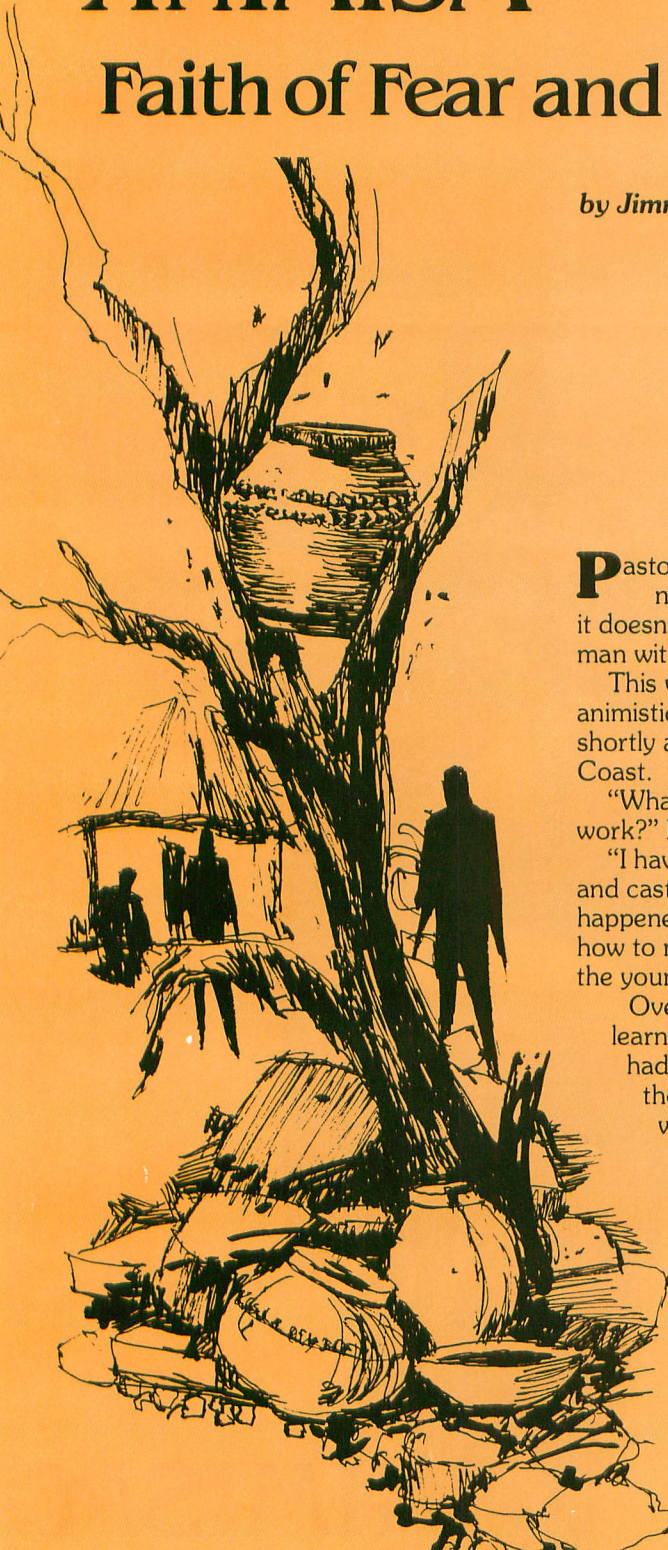


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Faith of Fear and Fetish

by Jimmy Aldridge



Pastor, this Bible you sold me is no good. I tried it twice and it doesn't work," said the young man with finality.

This was my initiation into animistic culture 18 years ago shortly after my arrival in the Ivory Coast.

"What do you mean it doesn't work?" I responded.

"I have twice tied it with cords and cast the spell, but nothing has happened. Will you please show me how to make it work?" answered the young man.

Over the next half hour I learned from him what textbooks hadn't prepared me for—the distress of an animist when his "thing" doesn't work.

Controlled by Spirits

For an animist in the Boudoukou area of Ivory Coast, his world and all that happens in it—whether to him or to others—is controlled by either the spirits of the ancestors or

the spirits of the fetishes. The witch doctor is his point of contact with this spirit world. Ordinarily, a person makes contact with the spirits by offering a blood sacrifice. Now the fetish may be anything—a tree, a stone, a statue, a river, etc.—that is thought to be inhabited by a spirit capable of doing something.

This was precisely the young man's problem with the Bible. He had heard that it was a powerful book. Thinking that it was the white man's fetish, he bought one and had eagerly tried it out, hoping to catch the thief who had stolen \$16 from him!

I carefully explained to him that the power of the Bible was in the printed message from God in the book. After sharing the message of salvation with him, I thought he understood.

Some days later, another young man came from the same village to buy a Bible. This time I carefully explained what the Bible is. He seemed to understand and left rather contented, I thought.

Imagine my surprise when he came back two or three days later and wanted me to show him some especially *powerful* verses upon which he could place his fingers to cast a spell upon a young lady he was trying to seduce! He still thought the power was in the thing (book) and not in the message! In fact, he was so determined to make "it" work that he had even burned a "love candle" on some of the pages of the Gospel of John!

Starts at Birth

Animism starts at birth. The parents immediately place charms upon the body of the newborn to protect it from evil spells that might be cast by jealous family members or evil witches. The baby may be given the name of the fetish thought to be responsible for his birth. Every child is given taboos. These taboos consist of certain foods the child must not eat all his life lest he get sick and die.

Each tribe has a common fetish

that protects a given area. It has the power to make it rain, to heal diseases and even to prevent epidemics from breaking out among the children. This fetish is the object of group sacrifices for the protection or blessing of all the villagers. It is both protector and benefactor.

The family fetishes are inherited from the ancestors and involve much more of the life of the people. These family fetishes give good crops and bring good luck (like winning the national lottery). They cause sterile women to have babies and students to pass their important school exams.

No animist would ever think of leaving his village without first consulting the fetish to see "if the road is good." (One woman wanted to come to Janie for medical treatment. Told by the witch doctor that the "road was bad," she had to wait three days for a "good road." The wait nearly cost her life!)

To Reveal the Future

The family fetish also acts as a fortune-teller or prophet. Animists regularly consult the fetish in order to know the future. The fetish reveals what job a person should seek and the favorable time to try for it. It reveals one's enemies and protects him from his enemies' evil spells.

The fetish also acts as financial advisor, counseling when to purchase a car, build a house, or make some other financial investment. No animist would do so without his fetish's consent.

If, in the course of events, the animist is summoned into judgment, his fetish will protect him. He is sure the witch doctor can cause the fetish to cast a spell so strong that his enemies can't even open their mouths to testify against him. He has no worries, then, about court cases!

Needless to say, the fetish is in all disputes, and even in modern politics. Ambitious politicians constantly seek promotion by means of witchcraft. (The big tribal

fetish designates the successor when the king dies!)

The fetish also has a vengeful side. If a person needs to get rid of an enemy, he can always kill the adversary by putting a curse on him. This is sometimes done by sticking pins in an effigy of the foe or by poisoning him.

Those who kill others by witchcraft are called sorcerers and are deprived of all funeral honors. When a person dies, his fingernails and toenails are removed. A tuft of his hair is cut off and attached with the fingernails and toenails. This "packet" represents the dead person and is carried on a stretcher between two young men. The dead man's spirit is questioned to see why he died, and especially to find out if he was a sorcerer. If he was a good man, they want to know why he died and who killed him.

Animists believe no one dies of natural causes!

Sorcerers are automatically excluded from going "to be with the ancestors," the animistic concept of heaven. Since they are excluded from heaven, sorcerers are left to God for judgment. They are the "sinners" in animistic culture and God will make them burn since they have been rejected by the ancestors.

The animist believes a creator god created everything—including the fetish! Consequently, my real problem as a missionary involves communicating the gospel.

I remember my first experience of trying to explain to the villagers the uniqueness of Jesus, then I carefully demonstrated to them their need of Him. They responded: "I've got the fetish. I worship God and my ancestors when I follow the fetish. I'll go to heaven afterwards, (i.e. to be with the ancestors) so why do I need Jesus?"

Sinner = Sorcerer

I followed up by explaining that we are all sinners. They heatedly refuted the biblical argument by explaining that they had no sinners among them! (A sinner in animistic

circles is a sorcerer who has killed someone by means of witchcraft.)

Lying, stealing, committing adultery, having idols, etc. are not considered sin! All good animists do these things and still are thought qualified to go to be with the good ancestors. One man told me (after I had tried for three hours to convince him of the biblical truth about sin) that he had never met a sinner in his life, but had heard tell of one about 100 miles away!

In spite of this, they all agreed that lying was bad, that stealing was evil, and that committing adultery was wrong!

Gradually, I have learned to appeal to this innate knowledge of the law of God in their conscience. It's wonderful to watch as the Holy Spirit takes the truth and begins to reveal Himself to an animist.

Faith in the Fetish

You see, the real obstacle to animists is their belief in the fetish. They have absolute confidence in it, and no amount of talk is going to change their minds. It takes the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit to convince an animist and draw him to Jesus. And we must rely on the prayers of Christians to increase the Spirit's working through our ministry.

It took seven years for Kobena DAPA, a 75-year-old man, to consider the claims of the Bible and come to Jesus for salvation. When he did, he had to forsake his family fetishes, give up their protection and counsel and open himself to all the evil curses his enemies could put on him. No wonder 1 John 4:4 is one of his favorite verses!

Kobena will no longer go to be with the ancestors, and, for his animistic friends, he's a sorcerer! But now he'll go to be with God as His redeemed child! He's discovered what all real believers know: To make the Bible work, we must believe it and obey its words!

Jimmy Aldridge, current field chairman of the Ivory Coast field council, is a veteran missionary laboring in the urban center of Boudoukou, Ivory Coast.



Victory for Missions

by George C. Lee

It took me years. But I finally learned! I finally caught sight of what one local church can do for missions outreach.

About 15 years ago something happened that changed my direction and gave revolutionary results—we held a missionary conference and initiated the faith-promise plan in our church.

I had pastored Free Will Baptist churches for many years. Most support during that time was received when a missionary or a missions department representative came by to see us for one service and an offering was taken.

That first missionary conference—the turning point—featured various missionaries and a strong emphasis was given to the faith-promise approach to missionary support. It worked! In just a few years our particular church ranked second in giving to foreign missions for one year. And the faith-promise program will still work!

In March of 1973 I assumed the pastorate of Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, N.C. Our church had never had a missionary conference. In fact, we were in a financial “bind.” The

previous year, the total giving to foreign and home missions combined was a little less than \$700.

Before long we arranged to have a special missions emphasis. It lasted for several days. We didn’t know what to expect but we prayed and asked the Lord to show our people the needs of the world. God blessed and we promised about \$2,500 through the faith-promise plan.

From \$700 to \$14,555.98

We have had several conferences since then and our results have always been positive. Our missions support grew from \$700 in 1972-73 to \$14,555.98 in 1980-81. Already we have given over \$10,000 just for foreign missions this year. Along with this our church has supported Free Will Baptist Bible College, Free Will Baptist Children’s Home, State Home Missions, and other agencies of the denomination for a total of almost \$7,000 in 1980-81.

Since we began a missions emphasis in our church we have discovered God’s faithfulness in providing. We have had the funds to do whatever we needed to do locally for our church. In these years we have put carpet in the church and parsonage, padded the pews, paved the parking lot, erected a canopy over the entrance walkway, installed central heat and air at the parsonage, etc. Generally, we have done what we wanted to do. Our funds have been sufficient to pay cash for whatever we did. This, we feel, has been possible because we have tried to have a worldwide outreach and give to missions first.

ABC Program

Several years ago we saw the need to initiate what we call our “ABC” program. That means “Adopted By the Church.” We adopted four missionary families as our “ABC Missionaries.” They are the Ken Eagletons in Brazil, the Clint Morgans in Ivory Coast, the

Jerry Banks family in Japan, and the Jerry Gibbs in France. Each month all foreign missions funds not designated otherwise are divided equally among these four families. We also support other foreign missionaries and several home missionaries through the faith-promise plan.

When we hear from our missionaries, their letters are often read to the congregation and are always put on the bulletin board for everyone to see. At every prayer meeting we call the names of the missionaries we support. When they are home on furlough we always try to have them come by and "shore up" their support while allowing our people to renew acquaintance.

Every missionary supported by our ABC program has been outfitted with new clothes by our people at least once. When missionaries come to see us we take them to the finest clothing stores in town and get a complete outfit for the man and also for his wife. Often we have done the same for the children. At Christmas time we have sent gifts of money and one year our junior Sunday school class had a special bakery in Texas ship a fruitcake to each of our ABC missionaries.

When a new member comes into the fellowship of our church, he or she must pass through the Pastor's Class. I tell new members all about our church and our missionaries. Then I ask them to help with missionary support.

Giving is Convenient

We make giving convenient at Victory. We use large, paper-currency-sized envelopes. On the envelope is a place for the individual to put his name and the total amount of the gift enclosed. At the bottom of the envelope are spaces for the amount designated to general fund, foreign missions, home missions, Bible college, and other. When the offerings are received, I say, "It is time to receive our tithes and offerings and our

faith promises."

We keep missions needs constantly before the people. And when it's convenient we try to work a get-acquainted and fellowship social around the missionaries when they come.

Recently, the Clint Morgans informed us of their dire need for funds to return to the field. They asked if we would raise \$2,000. I met with our deacons and they heartily recommended that we do at least that much in addition to our regular faith-promise giving. The church voted to accept it as a church project.

Bulletin Board

Next, the Sunday school classes were enlisted to make faith promises toward this amount. A special bulletin board has been prepared and displays a thermometer to show the amount given as it comes in. The theme of the bulletin board is "Let's Blast the Morgans Back to the Ivory Coast." Of course, a spaceship soars toward the clouds.

Over the years, the people at Victory have been tremendous in cooperating with our missions emphasis. It has become one of the mainstays of our fellowship. Our offerings have quadrupled and so have our blessings. No matter how much has been given for missions, the Lord has met the need locally, too. We have truly discovered and proven that people cannot outgive the Lord. Our Sunday morning attendance at Goldsboro averages about 200, and our weekly offerings currently average \$1,678.00.

The key to a successful missions program in a local church is the pastor. He must have the burden first. Then, when harmony and good fellowship exist in a church, the people will follow his leadership.

Wise laymen in our church at Goldsboro have been careful not to overburden the people with building programs or other projects beyond their financial capacity. Yet, we have a fine, well-built church with ample space for our people and

activities. And we have not had to neglect worldwide ministries to pay for it!

Since we launched our missions emphasis, one bond program has been paid off, another is almost paid, and the loans for the educational building and parsonage are well under control. Freedom from outside financial stress has allowed God to put the pressure on us to get the gospel to those who have not heard.

Worldwide Outlook

Jesus taught us to have a worldwide outlook. It is very simply stated in Matthew 28:19, 20 and Acts 1:8, so, we just want to get on with the program!

Locally, our missions outreach includes a daily radio program, a daily television program (both devotional in nature), and most recently we started a tape ministry. Our Sunday school lesson and morning worship is taken to shut-ins in over 20 homes each week. Tapes of all services are available and have been passed on to the unsaved by many people in our church. As a result of these ministries many military couples have been reached and after being transferred are now active in churches across our nation.

To us at Victory, missions means witnessing at home and abroad at the same time. And we are seeking to obey our Lord's command.

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DISCOVERY

Why, it is just as normal as breathing," Nelson said of his missionary giving. "It started in vacation Bible school when I was a youngster.

"We heard a missionary story, and we learned that every Christian is responsible for helping get the gospel to the whole world. Miss Loretta, the director, said that our offering would go to our missionaries in Japan. She made us feel that any amount we contributed would have a special part in helping win souls there.

"My allowance was only a dollar a week, but I wanted to do my part. I figured I could give 25 cents of what was left after my tithe. The next week I gave 50 cents. When our offering was counted, it came to \$361.95. Combined with the offerings of other kids, my 75 cents helped to erase the red in a missionary's account. Ever since, I've tried to do my part for missions."

Nelda shook her brown curls as she spoke, "I didn't think about missionaries being real people, I guess. Oh, I knew the Aldridges and Paynes and Herseys and Franks and lots of others—all our missionaries—were someplace, a long ways away preaching and witnessing. But somehow, I just never thought of them as people like you and me. I figured they didn't have the same problems and hard times you and I have. They were bigger than life to me. What could they need from me?"

Then, at Bible school, Nelda had met the missionary family who were with them for two weeks. As the different family members told stories about their lives and work in Africa, Nelda and others discovered missionaries are real people. They have problems and needs. Sometimes they get tired and discouraged and depressed. Now the kids can identify with them, pray for them and write more meaningful letters to them.

Lynne's big blue eyes opened wide in wonder. "The children were just like me!" she exclaimed. She had just seen a film of missionary work in Japan. Oh, of course the children looked a little different, but somehow for the first time she saw that missionaries are ministering to real human beings. The children, like her, had fun playing together. Sometimes they quarreled, felt afraid, and even needed love and attention. Now, her missions giving would be directed at reaching real people—individuals rather than obscure masses. She would recall a face, a person, someone like herself who needed to hear about Jesus.

Travis's understanding and admiration of the missionary grew as he watched the slides, looked at the exhibits in the church foyer and later talked with the visiting speaker. He had thought, of course, that the missionary had to learn another language. But this one had to learn two at least.

Travis had visualized the houses to be somewhat different; maybe

the styles would seem strange. But now he recognized his total lack of understanding of what was really involved in taking the gospel to another country. He knew Free Will Baptists had missionaries in other countries, but somehow he had always thought things there would be done just like a church in the United States.

VBS Opens Eyes

Vacation Bible school opened Travis's eyes to a lot of things. Africa was so different! The people seemed to be living in a different space from him. How did the missionary do it? Even though the task was a hard one, he and the others whom God had placed in Africa were faithfully preaching the gospel. Boy! Did they need prayer. How happy he felt to get acquainted with such men and women.

"Do you really pray for the missionaries?" the teacher asked. What a question, Carrie thought. Of course she prayed for the missionaries; she prayed every night before she went to sleep, "God bless the missionaries."

"Today," the teacher said, "we are going to have some prayer requests from our missionaries in India."

As the teacher mentioned specific family needs of the Hannas, financial needs, food and supplies for hungry Indian Christians, and other specific requests, Carrie's eyes filled with tears. No, she had

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by Mary R. Wisheart

never really prayed for the missionaries. She had never bothered to find out exactly who they were or what their needs might be.

Later on during the missions period, a missionary from Brazil spoke to the class and introduced his family. He made a special plea for prayer warriors who would remember them in prayer every day. He showed the group a prayer card and offered one to anyone who promised to pray regularly. Carrie took a card. Their faces would remind her that these were individuals, needing special attention in prayer. "It's much easier to pray for missionaries when you know something about them," she admitted.

Cliff had never thought much about the claims of Christ on his life. He had grown up in church and in a Christian home. Even in his early teens, his life was all planned. He wanted to be a professional football player. He could do it, too. He had the strength and the discipline and determination. But that summer in vacation Bible school, Cliff's plans changed.

When he heard the missionary stories about men who had given their lives so people in all parts of the world could hear the Word of God, he wanted his life to count for something in the Lord's service too. He wanted to make sure he lived for the really important things. He determined to spend his life like Hudson Taylor, pioneer missionary

to China, or Jim Elliott, missionary martyr among the Auca Indians of Ecuador.

Vacation Bible school challenged Cliff and made him face for the first time his own personal answer to God's question, "Whom shall I send and who will go for me?"

You see, among the valuable things vacation Bible school does, it offers a rare opportunity to introduce students to world outreach. And while the children and young people mentioned here are fictitious, they could have been real or may actually be.

Vacation Bible school offers a chance to teach children to share in a worldwide ministry by praying, giving and witnessing. It might even help them respond personally and positively to the great commission.

Missions Story Time

Most vacation Bible schools provide a time period for missions. A good story teller can make missions and missionaries come alive for the students. And most children still enjoy a good story.

As you plan your vacation Bible school, remember, filmstrips or slides may be used to acquaint the students with the missionaries, the work and the people. Even with limited resources, a worker might put together good displays of objects, pictures, and other items that will give students a flavor of countries where our missionaries minister.

Don't forget the prayer cards

and other literature available from the missions department. These will help students get to know the missionaries and remind them to pray faithfully.

A missionary or missionary family is an exciting addition to the vacation Bible school. Getting to know these workers personally makes a big difference in praying for them, giving to their accounts, and participating in their ministry.

Requests for missionary speakers should be made through the office of R. Eugene Waddell, associate director of foreign missions. And remember, if no missionary is living in your area, expenses and a contribution to the missionary's account should be a part of your vacation Bible school budget.

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). A Carrie or Cliff, or a Hudson Taylor or Jim Elliott just might be sitting in your vacation Bible school this summer!

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Land Purchased and Hall Rented in Tanda

Ivory Coast—Approximately four and one-half acres of land have been purchased in Tanda, Ivory Coast as the future site for a church building. According to Robert Bryan, the cost of the property came to about \$13.51 per acre. "In reality, the land cost us nothing," writes Robert, "but we had to pay \$60 for the registration papers."

In addition to buying the property, the group has rented a hall right next to the former youth center on the main road through town. They hope this will serve until they can construct their own building.

Robert and Judy will be in charge of this ministry in cooperation with national pastor Jean-Baptist. The Bryans requested Christians to pray as they seek to make as many contacts as possible over the next few weeks.

Uberlandia Church Has Special Services

Brazil—The church in Uberlandia, Brazil had special services for three nights in early February with missionary Earnie Deeds conducting a series of studies. Moody Science films were also shown. Two people were saved during the special services.

According to missionary Jim Moser, "The church here in Uberlandia is doing well. We are having 50 or so in Sunday school."

Moser currently has nine young men enrolled in a class designed to help them organize sermons and devotions. He noted that Luiz Tannus, a young preacher, is continuing to show great leadership ability.

Jim also conducts a Bible institute study on Saturday afternoons.

Aycock Resigns to Assume FWBBC Post

Nashville, Tenn.—Bobby Aycock, veteran missionary to Brazil, has submitted his resignation to the Brazil field council and has accepted a teaching post at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Charles Thigpen, president of FWBBC, stated: "We are honored to have Brother Aycock join the college staff as a teacher in the missions department. We feel he can make a significant contribution toward preparing young people for missions service.



Bobby Aycock will join the staff at Free Will Baptist Bible College in the fall.

The college has always had a great interest in world evangelism and we feel Bobby's experience will enhance that vision and interest."

Bobby and his family served four full terms in Brazil and were in their fifth at the time of resignation. They entered Brazil in December of 1960 and have been instrumental in starting at least three churches. Bobby also taught in the Brazil Bible Institute for two years and has maintained a fruitful radio ministry over the years.

During his last two terms, Aycock has worked in the city of Barbacena where a church has been established, and current Sunday morning attendance averages approximately 100 people. A church building has also been erected near the center of town.

Aycock will be the principal missions instructor at the college and will

assume his faculty position beginning with the fall semester of this year. He plans to do graduate work this summer at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill.

Medical Furlough Ordered for Banks

Japan—Upon the advice of a missionary doctor who examined Janice Banks recently in Japan, Jerry and Janice have been requested by the field council to take an early furlough for recuperation and treatment.

Janice had surgery on her right shoulder in February to correct a problem of tendonitis. Recovery from the surgery has not been as rapid as expected and her left shoulder is also needing attention.

The Banks plan to leave Japan sometime in June for their one-year furlough. The examining doctor indicated the year of rest and treatment in the United States would most likely be adequate for Janice to return to missionary service in Japan.

Bible Plaza Opened; Eagletons Participate

Brazil—Missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton took part in the inauguration of the "Praca da Biblia" (Bible Plaza) on March 27 in Araras, Brazil. This event played a special part in the week of anniversary celebration to commemorate the city's 111 years of existence.

A short Bible message by a representative of the evangelical churches

Ken and Marvis Eagleton (right) stand with Major Valdemir Zuntini of Araras, Brazil, and his wife Silvia. The plaque between them reads, "Praca da Biblia (Bible Plaza), Love God above all things and your neighbor as yourself."



of Araras gave emphasis to the contrast of this occasion with events of the past. Burning of the Bible on the public square in the past revealed the antagonism of those days.

Mayor Valdemir Zuntini, several city councilmen, a member of the State House of Deputies, various pastors and a large gathering of area residents were at the dedication.

The plaza is located just across the street from the daughter church (Maraba) of the Araras Free Will Baptist Church.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Morehead City, N.C.—Molly Barker, missionary to Uruguay, arrived in North Carolina April 5 to begin her regular furlough. Information was not available in time to report her furlough schedule prior to her arrival.

Spain—Dennis and Trena Owen have requested special prayer for the Lord's direction in their placement following language study in Madrid. They will be determining the location of their ministry within the next few months.

Uruguay—In February, missionary Paul Robinson suffered a ruptured disc in the lumbar region of the back. He was confined to bed for a period of time but at latest report was greatly improved and had resumed his ministry.

Nashville, Tenn.—Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, went to Panama March 12, accompanied by North Carolina businessman Guy

Mayo. They met with missionaries and national leaders to discuss future plans and needs. Mayo returned to the United States on March 17 while Smith remained until March 23.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions held its annual session April 26-29 in Nashville.

France—According to a report from Jerry Webb in Lorient, France the church there has given up the rented building rather than pay \$100 more per month. Currently they are meeting in the house of Lynn and Ramona Miley. Webb indicated average attendance had increased by nine people in the last three months.

Spain—Dock Caton writes from Majadahonda, Spain: "We have about 20 young men with us regularly for Saturday evening recreation. Although only two of these are saved, they all are hearing the Word, and God has begun working already in some of their lives."

A. Smith Back to I.C.; Richards to Depart

Ivory Coast—Missionary Norman Richards recently acknowledged the arrival of Miss Alice Smith in Agnibilekro, Ivory Coast where she will be working during her second term of missionary service.

"Already she is proving to be an asset," writes Norman. She is helping Bessie with three weekly Bible classes for ladies, with the children's Bible classes, and with the reading room. She is also assuming partial teaching

responsibility for Randall Richards' fifth grade courses.

Richards expressed concern over the work at Agnibilekro. Though a number of people have been saved and are growing in the Lord, Norman will soon leave for furlough. "Three men are showing some leadership ability and will need encouragement and training," he explained. But no one is available at the present time to assume responsibility for the group.

Call-a-thon Falls Short of Projected Goal

Nashville, Tenn.—The 1982 Call-a-thon effort of April 18, designed to help meet MK educational needs, fell far short of the projected goal of \$45,000. Totals called in or sent in at press time came to only \$7,687.24.

In contrast to the 1981 Call-a-thon which had several large gifts, this year's largest figure was \$1,416.55 reported by the Wooddale Free Will Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn. The pastor is Phil Kimbrew.

Only 52 churches responded this year, while last year 86 participated. The state of Tennessee had the most calls with 14.

Some speculated telephone line problems may have hampered calls from getting through. A number of callers expressed having difficulty in making connections.

Missionaries to Arrive; Others to Depart

Nashville, Tenn.—Several missionary families are scheduled to arrive in the United States for furlough this summer while others are scheduled to depart for their fields of service.

These missionaries are scheduled to arrive in June or July:

Jerry and Barbara Gibbs are to arrive from France on June 1.

John and Pansy Murray are tentatively scheduled to arrive sometime in June following their first term in France.

Earnie and Jean Deeds are scheduled to begin furlough from Brazil near the end of June.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton and Norman and Bessie Richards plan to begin furlough from the Ivory Coast in early July.

These missionaries are scheduled to depart for their fields of service:

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Rolla Smith (left), general director of foreign missions, and Guy Mayo (right), businessman from North Carolina, greet the people at the Buenos Aires church in Panama as Steve Lytle interprets for them.





Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson are scheduled to return to Ivory Coast, West Africa, this month.

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Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson are scheduled to leave the United States on May 27 to return to their ministry in the Ivory Coast.

Walter and Marcia Ellison are scheduled to depart for Montevideo, Uruguay on June 18.

Dave and Pat Franks are tentatively scheduled to return to Brazil in June.

Ron and Linda Callaway are scheduled to depart on July 1 to begin their second term of missionary service in Spain. Jeff and Susan Turnbough are also scheduled to depart for Spain on July 1, provided their financial needs have been met. This will be their first term of service.

Bobby and Geneva Poole are tentatively scheduled to return on July 8 to their ministry in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil.

Clint and Lynette Morgan plan to return to the Ivory Coast soon after the National Association in July.

Teacher Training Course Held in Araras Church

Brazil—A teacher training course was conducted March 19-21 in the Araras Free Will Baptist Church, Araras, Brazil. A Child Evangelism Fellowship team from Sao Paulo taught the course.

The effort was designed to train new teachers for Sunday school and vacation Bible school ministries. It also served to update the present teaching staff of the church.

Using visual aids, the team drilled the 28 registrants on methods and effective uses of available materials. On Sunday morning, March 21, potential workers, and others who were interested, demonstrated what they had learned during the sessions.

Ken Eagleton reported an entire

reorganization of the Araras Sunday school department two weeks after the course presentation. They currently have seven classes with two workers for each class.

Two other evangelical churches in the city also participated in the training course.

Lee Reports Improvement at Doropo Church

Ivory Coast—Sherwood Lee reported in March that the Free Will Baptist church in Doropo in Ivory Coast has improved both numerically and spiritually.

"Things are better here at the church," says Sherwood. "One fellow has repented (Daniel). We had 108 last Sunday and were up to 130 yesterday (March 14)."

Lee noted that the church is having services in the house of a crippled man on Sunday afternoons. Thirty-four attended the service on March 14.

Lee indicated the clinic could use a wheelchair and suggested anyone wishing to supply this might contact the missions office in time for the Clint Morgan family to take this with them in mid-July.

FWBBC, Hillsdale FMF Groups Hold Retreats

Nashville, Tenn.—The Foreign Missions Fellowship groups of Free Will Baptist Bible College and Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College held their annual retreats in March and April.

Approximately 30 participants attended the Hillsdale retreat March 25-27 at a Pentecostal campground in Oklahoma City. The theme for the event was "Proclaim Liberty to the Captives," taken from Isaiah 61:1.

Missionaries taking part in the Oklahoma retreat included Russell Wright, home missionary to Lincoln, Neb.; Clint and Lynette Morgan, missionaries to Ivory Coast; and Joe and Barbara Haas, missionaries to France. Former missionary to Brazil, Shirley Combs was the faculty representative for the retreat.

Approximately 175 people attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College FMF retreat April 2-4 at Camp Na-Co-Me near Centerville, Tenn.

This year's retreat centered around the theme, "His Love Compelling," and featured missionaries Joe and

Barbara Haas, France; Clint and Lynette Morgan, Ivory Coast; Ron and Linda Callaway, Spain; and John Hollis, home missionary to Effingham, Ill.

Dr. LaVerne Miley is the faculty advisor for the group. His wife Lorene and former missionaries to India, Dan and Trula Cronk were also on hand for the event. Eugene Waddell, associate director of foreign missions, spoke to the group on Friday night, April 2.

Paul Hersey Performs with Tokyo Symphony

Japan—Paul Hersey, 15-year-old son of missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey, appeared with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra April 3. He played Mozart's Piano Concerto in C Major Number 21 K467.

The April concert was organized by Music for Youth, an independent community project dedicated to bringing fine music to young people.

Young Hersey also played in another concert in April at the residence of the Australian ambassador.

One Million Dollars Pledged for Missions

Los Gatos, Calif.—With the theme "A Risen Savior for a Dying World," the Los Gatos Christian Church capped off their annual missions conference with a promise to world missions of \$1,049,257 for 1982. This represents a 54 percent increase over their 1981 giving.

Carl Palmer, pastor of missions, remarked that the amount far exceeded what he thought would actually be promised through the faith-promise method of mission support that the church uses yearly.

The highest priority for missionary outreach through the church is evangelism, church planting, and equipping national leadership. Special focus is given to people with no gospel witness. The church policy is to allocate at least 80 percent of missions giving to overseas mission work.

The non-denominational church has a Sunday morning attendance of 4,300. Marvin Richard is the senior pastor. Last year the church gave \$680,000 to world missions.

The church's three-year-old daughter church, Crossroads Bible Church, pledged \$320,000 for world missions at their annual missions conference.



Summer missionaries planning to depart for their fields of service this month include (left to right, back row) Keith Stewart, Norman McFall, Myron Stafford, Phillip Smith, (front row) Kathy Coats, Tim Coats, and Ginny Reeves. Doug Hoover, Mark Williford, Joanna Sasser, Cheri Bruner, Sarah Malone, and Daniel Felts were unavailable for pictures.

New Organ Purchased at Kita Hiroshima

Japan—According to a February report from Jerry and Janice Banks, the Kita Hiroshima Chapel in Japan has purchased a new organ for use in the church services. Up until the purchase of this new Yamaha pump organ, various small electric organs were used.

The report also revealed that Sandra Fender, short-term missionary from North Carolina has been busy teaching English at the mission church. She has also been teaching Sunday school lessons to Joy and Justin Banks and Jeffrey Bishop.

Members of the Kita Hiroshima Chapel have been involved lately in outreach to the community through door-to-door tract distribution and personal invitations.

13 Summer Missionaries Scheduled to Depart

Nashville, Tenn.—Thirteen students have been appointed to serve as summer missionaries on various fields.

These young people will be leaving in May, providing their financial support is adequate to meet their needs: *Brazil*—Doug Hoover of Missouri, Norman McFall of Alabama, and Mark Williford of Tennessee; *France*—Joanna Sasser and Ginny Reeves, both of Missouri; *Ivory Coast*—Cheri Bruner of Georgia, Sarah Malone of Illinois, Daniel Felts of Missouri, and Myron Stafford of Mississippi; *Panama*—Mr. and Mrs. Tim Coats of South Dakota and Virginia, Phillip Smith of Washing-

ton, and Keith Stewart of Virginia.

With the exception of Doug Hoover who is a student at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma, these appointees are students at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Turnboughs Near Time of Departure for Spain

Nashville, Tenn.—With scheduled departure time nearing for Jeff and Susan Turnbough, appointees to Spain, several churches have responded to help them get off on schedule.

A "Miracle Missions" weekend was held April 2-4 at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Wabash, Ind. This was the first effort of this nature by the church which recorded \$425 in cash plus \$41 in monthly faith-promise commitments to the Turnbough account.

According to a report from Turnbough, one person was saved and four others made some type of decision. Brian Atwood pastors the church.

Pocahontas FWB Church at Carbon Hill, Ala., featured Jeff in a weekend missionary revival April 10-11. Ten decisions were reported.

The church officially adopted Jeff and Susan as their missionaries and gave them \$265 cash plus making faith-promise commitments totaling \$185 monthly.

Roger Houston, pastor of the Pocahontas church, indicated plans were being laid for a walk-a-thon sometime in June on behalf of the Turnboughs.

NOTICE

All mail sent overseas to any missionary should be sent AIR MAIL. Boat mail is very slow and sometimes the mail piece never arrives.

Financial Summary

Through March 1982

\$ubstance

Receipts in March	\$ 168,262.64
Total receipts through March	451,688.98
Total disbursements through March	500,372.88
Projected receipts through March	549,286.98
Total 1982 Budget	\$2,197,148.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 932.56	McLain	\$ 8,028.27
Bailey	483.76	Miley	7,946.65
Barker	1,188.29	Moser	4,735.79
Bishop	1,971.55	Murray	6,538.16
Caton	6,722.98	Owen	1,579.33
Cowart	4,416.57	Payne	3,981.30
Crawford	238.22	Pinkerton	1,015.15
Crowson	2,720.48	Rial	776.18
Deeds	3,592.85	Richards	4,873.12
Filkins	4,421.77	South India	4,043.59
Gibbs	2,540.58	Sparks	2,290.62
Hanna	4,134.60	Sturgill	2,144.09
Hersey	4,806.64	Webb	13,035.77
Inscow	4,070.02	Willey	106.26
Total			\$103,080.15

State Quotas—1982

State	Quota 1982	Quota Thru March	Receipts Thru March
Alabama	\$ 133,000	\$ 33,249.99	\$ 37,152.99
Arizona	2,500	624.99	598.96
Arkansas	103,000	25,749.99	21,088.26
California	65,000	16,250.01	8,221.71
Colorado	4,500	1,125.00	614.29
Florida	61,000	15,249.99	15,943.14
Georgia	70,000	17,499.99	22,304.01
Hawaii	1,000	249.99	00.00
Idaho	1,000	249.99	121.40
Illinois	73,000	18,249.99	9,660.01
Indiana	18,000	4,500.00	3,201.59
Iowa	1,000	249.99	85.00
Kansas	12,000	3,000.00	2,645.78
Kentucky	57,000	14,250.00	13,956.91
Louisiana	1,000	249.99	00.00
Maryland	10,000	2,499.99	805.90
Michigan	100,000	24,999.99	20,816.50
Minnesota	500	125.01	61.02
Mississippi	31,000	7,749.99	8,328.65
Missouri	130,000	32,499.99	27,385.90
Montana	1,000	249.99	203.58
New Mexico	500	125.01	80.00
*N.E. Assn.	5,000	1,250.01	1,150.00
**N.W. Assn.	8,000	2,000.01	1,529.01
North Carolina	312,000	78,000.00	65,214.02
Ohio	68,000	17,000.01	12,052.73
Oklahoma	282,000	70,500.00	56,586.78
Pennsylvania	1,000	249.99	382.60
South Carolina	140,000	35,000.01	23,522.55
Tennessee	282,000	70,500.00	59,188.71
Texas	55,000	13,749.99	10,109.99
Virginia	85,000	21,249.99	17,462.13
Virgin Islands	3,000	750.00	227.44
West Virginia	77,000	19,250.01	13,515.84
Other States	3,148	787.08	167.40
	\$2,197,148	\$549,286.98	\$454,564.80

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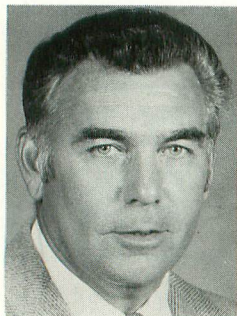
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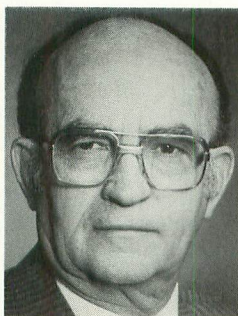
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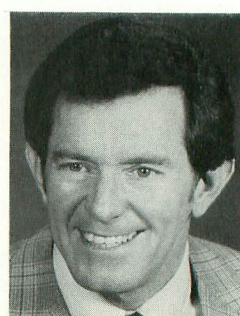
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