

Newsheet Edition

Cuban Association Marks 40 Years: "Mom" Speaks

Cuba—During the days of August 5-8, the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their work in Cuba. They met for their annual convention at the Bible institute property, "Cedars of Lebanon."

"Mom" Mabel Willey, who helped her husband initiate the work 40 years ago, was on hand to speak to the group. According to Mom, "It had been two years since they were able to have a national convention. Last year a fever epidemic was going around the country and the government would not give them permission to meet."

Approximately 165 young people gathered to hear Mrs. Willey speak to their youth meeting on Monday through Wednesday, August 2-4. "On Tuesday the Holy Spirit really spoke to hearts and we had a precious altar service," says Mom. "The altar and aisles were filled with weeping young men and women dedicating their lives to the Lord."

Almost 400 people gathered for the annual convention to praise God for what he had done in the past 40 years. Visitors were on hand from World Team in the Central Province and from the American Baptists from Oriente.

On Saturday night, August 7, the

association honored their founder with an oil painting of her husband, Thomas H. "Pop" Willey.

According to Mrs. Willey, only six pastors remain in Cuba to lead the 16 churches and several missions.

Following the convention the pioneer missionary traveled to Jaruco in Havana Province where she spoke to another group from five churches.

Those at the national convention voted to raise \$10,000 by December to reconstruct buildings at the institute property. "I sat on the platform and wept," concludes Mom, "that out of their poverty, they gave!"

Mrs. Willey left Miami on August 1 and returned on August 15.

Gillilands Launch Dorm Ministry at Bouake

Ivory Coast—The school year started on August 24 at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake and Neil and Sheila Gilliland began their first term as dorm parents for 20 boys.

The Gillilands have been involved in repainting the rooms in the dorm during the summer.

Although their belongings had arrived in Abidjan during the week of June 22, Neil and Sheila still had not been able to get them out of customs at the end of July.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—The executive committee of the Brazil Association of Free Will Baptists met in July and August, Bobby Poole reports. They have laid plans for a retreat during the month of November.

Spain—Jeff and Susan Turnbough reported in early August that their baggage had been in customs for exactly one month. They were expecting to get their things on August 4.

Japan—In a newsletter, Fred Hersey recently expressed praise that a Christian woman who had drifted from the Lord had "made things right." Fred also noted that the Iriso church had recently bought land for its own cemetery.

Brazil—Dave and Pat Franks attended the dedication of the new church building in Conselheiro Lafaiete on July 4. Though the building is not finished, the people are having regular services in it. "The people maintain a preaching point twice monthly at the nearby city of Ouro Preto," Dave revealed. "The services are held in the home of a family that moved there from Lafaiete."

Albania—Refugees from Albania say a small number of believers are meeting secretly despite the complete ban on all

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The six Cuban pastors and two pastors' wives stand with "Mom" Mabel Willey on the platform during the Cuban National Convention which celebrated 40 years of existence in August.



"Mom" Willey stands by the "buggy" which carried her to the Bible institute.



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religion. Anyone in Albania possessing a Bible can, by law, be shot on sight. Three Christian organizations broadcast the gospel into Albania.

Brazil—Jim and Karen Cowart are planning to arrive in the United States during the second or third week of November to begin their furlough from Brazil.

McCulloughs Assume New Ministry in St. Nazaire

France—Tom and Patty McCullough have moved from Rennes to St. Nazaire, France where they have assumed responsibility for the work left by Jerry and Barbara Gibbs. Miss Patsy Vanhook also continues to labor in St. Nazaire.

"This change in ministry has also been quite a move for us," writes Tom. "Over night we had to redirect our time and talents from a part-time student ministry in English to a full-time pastoral ministry in French."

A telephone answering machine is being used to reach callers with the message of new life in Christ. Tom noted that during a recent two-week period they had received 90 calls. Four people had left their addresses to receive a New Testament.

"Another lady drove 45 miles to come to church one Sunday morning," says Tom. "We invited her for dinner and talked all that afternoon. We had the great joy of leading her to an assurance of her salvation as we sat on our patio."

The McCulloughs urged Christians to pray for the salvation of family members of their church people.

Eagleton Cites Month of Special Happenings

Brazil—"We had three saved, our Sunday school reached its highest peak for the year, and for the first time we are having a Sunday morning worship service in our church," writes Ken Eagleton from Araras, Brazil. "We have two new preaching points in different sections of town in hopes of starting new congregations in those areas," Ken added.

In addition to these special events Eagleton noted that he and Marvis had celebrated their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary. Ken has also completed 30 years in the ministry.

Ken and Marvis requested prayer for the new converts, for the new Sunday morning worship services, and for Sergio, a convert who operates a small store from his parents' home. Sergio determined to quit selling beer and his parents opposed him. They have asked him to move out.



Early arrivals register for the mini conference held at the Las Tablas church in Panama.

McLains "Welcomed" by Old Reyno FWB Church

Reyno, Ark.—Jim and Olena McLain were welcomed back by the Old Reyno Free Will Baptist Church in Reyno, Ark. when they gathered for special missionary services August 6-8.

The McLains served in the pastorate at Old Reyno for two years in 1963-64 prior to going to Japan as missionaries.

The church raised \$2,000 for the McLains' account during the weekend services in addition to providing some other specials: Jim was treated to a fishing trip. Olena was given a personal shower featuring a money tree of over \$135 and several personal gifts from the ladies.

On Friday evening, Jim shared slides of their work in Japan. Then Saturday evening the church gathered with the McLains for a fish fry and fellowship. Jim preached during the Sunday morning worship service.

Franks Resumes Work in Belo Horizonte

Brazil—Dave and Pat Franks have resumed their ministry in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. They report having 19 people in their home on Sunday, August 8.

"We are still in our house where we lived last term," writes Dave. "We have looked for a house near Suzanne's school but have not found one that we like."

Franks noted that a couple who had moved from Belo to Uberaba have now returned to their area. The couple worked with Louis and Florine Coscia while in Uberaba. Now they are interested in cooperating in the work in Belo Horizonte.

Dave has also assumed responsibility for supervision of the churches in Conselheiro Lafaiete and Barbacena. He spoke at a Wednesday night service in Lafaiete on August 1. "Brother Manuel, vice president of the church, was very happy," Dave reports. "One man was saved in their service last Sunday night."

The church in Barbacena was reported to be doing well. The people conducted a vacation Bible school in July with an average of 80 people attending.

"The supervision of these churches requires several hours of driving," Franks declared. "This is necessary because of a lack of missionaries and national personnel." In addition to these responsibilities the Franks have opened a congregation in Contagem, a city adjoining Belo, where one of their faithful families has moved.

Mini Convention Held in Las Tablas Church

Panama—A mini convention was held by the Panama Association of Free Will Baptists on August 7 in the Free Will Baptist mission church in Las Tablas.

Churches and missions represented at the meeting included First FWB in Panama City, Betania, Agua Buena, Nuevo San Juan, Canitas, Buenos Aires, Parita, Las Tablas, Neuvo Ocu, and La Miel. Attendance for the day totaled 62 people.

The purpose for the mini convention was to expose more people in the Las Tablas area to the national association. It was also designed to stimulate interest so the local people might be prepared to participate in the annual convention in January.

Special music, devotional time, and a



Jean Deeds (left) and Bessie Richards pull the "stuffing" from rag dolls given by Arkansas women.

preaching service composed the morning activities. Lunch was served by the ladies of the church and the afternoon session included a detailed explanation of the national program by Gabriel Perez of the Panama City church. This was followed by a question and answer period.

The church choir of Las Tablas presented a special number just before the benediction.

Dolls Yield Dollars for Deeds and Richards

Conway, Ark.—The "doll days" of Jean Deeds and Bessie Richards were not over when the Arkansas State Association met at Camp Beaverfork near Conway, Ark. on August 10-12. Deeds and Richards each received a large rag doll dressed according to the mission field represented but the stuffing was quite unique—\$500 in each.

The woman's auxiliaries of the state worked on this project from May until August. The Pleasant Valley Auxiliary from Saline Association provided the materials for the dolls, and Mrs. Jim Mutchler of Warren, Ark. made them.

Jean and Bessie both spoke to the woman's auxiliary during their annual meeting there at the campground.

Nantes Assumes More Duty; Elects Deacon

France—According to Allan Crowson, the church in Nantes "is gradually accepting more and more responsibility." The church elected its first deacon recently.

Allan has been preaching a series of sermons on the church's role in worldwide evangelization.

The Crowsons expressed praise to the Lord for several new contacts they have made in their neighborhood. They requested prayer for Madame Rouchet (pronounced *Roo-shay*), LaRue's private French tutor. LaRue has been sharing Christ with the woman and she requests prayer for the teacher's salvation.

Doropo Church Holds Bible Conference

Ivory Coast—The Doropo Free Will Baptist Church held a Bible conference on July 11 and 12 with missionary Jimmy Aldridge doing the teaching.

The conference was centered around the theme, "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit." Average attendance for the services numbered 54 people.

Sherwood Lee writes: "They are asking for additional Bible conferences. We are thrilled with this interest in studying the Word."

Aldridge was reported to have been recovering from a case of malaria when the conference began.

FWBBC Schedules Fall Missionary Conference

Nashville, Tenn.—Free Will Baptist Bible College will host their semiannual Foreign Missions Conference October 31-November 3 in the college auditorium.

Under the theme, "Telling the Untold Millions" missionary speakers will seek to challenge students, faculty, and guests with the urgency of reaching the lost in distant lands.

Pioneer missionary to Cuba and Panama "Mom" Mabel Willey will join Carlisle Hanna, veteran missionary to India, and Norman Richards of Ivory Coast in addressing the conference participants.

Foreign missions staff members Rolla D. Smith, general director, and R. Eugene Waddell, associate director, will complete the roster of speakers for the gathering.

Waddell launches the program on Sunday evening at 6:30. The second service will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m. with "Mom" Willey speaking. Tuesday morning services begin at 8:30 with Carlisle Hanna, Mrs. Willey, and Rolla Smith scheduled to speak. Norman Richards will round out the day with the 7:30 p.m. service.

Wednesday services also begin at 8:30 a.m. with Waddell, Richards, and Willey sharing in the morning. Hanna ends the conference with the 7:30 p.m. message.

These special services are open to the public.

Bible Institute Resumes in Ribeiro Preto

Brazil—The Bible institute in the church at Ribeiro Preto, Brazil resumed classes on August 9, according to missionary Bobby Poole. Although Bobby was not sure of the number of students to be enrolled, he expected approximately 13—three from Jaboticabal and ten from Ribeiro.

Poole noted that the church was full on Sunday, August 8 and they are praying and working toward putting Antonio on a full-time salary from the church. He acted as pastor while the Pooles were on furlough.

Inscoes Note Decisions, Hope in Property Search

Panama—A man and his wife recently made decisions for Christ in the work at Las Tablas, Panama, according to a report from Larry Inscoe in late July.

Regarding possibilities of purchasing property for the church, the Inscoes write, "Some doors seem to be opening. There are two lots back behind us that belong to our landlord and are for sale. If the church will buy one of them and give him at least half of the price he is asking, he will not sell the present building until we have a building ready to move into."

The church is investigating the possibilities of a loan and requested Christians to pray for God's guidance.

Phillip Smith and Keith Stewart, summer missionaries, served with the Inscoes until mid-August.

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Financial Summary

Through August 31

Substance

Total receipts in August	\$ 143,559.30
Total receipts through August	1,357,661.07
Total disbursements through August	1,505,499.20
Projected receipts through August	1,464,765.34
Total 1982 Budget	\$2,197,148.00

Shortage

These accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 529.37	McLain	\$ 5,538.19
Bailey	770.52	Miley	5,726.58
Banks	571.35	Moser	9,205.78
Barker	449.22	Nichols	263.62
Bishop	4,502.32	Owen	4,568.80
Bunch	79.78	Payne	1,293.92
Caton	8,776.24	Pinkerton	4,698.34
Cowart	5,749.09	Riggs	190.93
Crowson	5,313.76	S. India	3,313.59
Deeds	10,012.83	Sparks	1,791.10
Filkins	8,706.97	Sturgill	3,648.44
Gibbs	3,471.67	McCullough	1,811.70
Hanna	8,869.71	Vanhook	1,356.24
Hersey	5,768.95	Webb	4,885.54
Inscoe	4,531.19	Willey	421.47
Lee	1,893.05		
Total			\$118,710.26

Ellisons in Montevideo, Seek Migrant Converts

Uruguay—"We are just now getting a path cleared in order to walk through this house without breaking our necks over crates, barrels, and boxes," write the Ellisons from Montevideo, Uruguay. "We have our temporary documents and the children are all in school. We found a house near both schools, so they will walk."

The Ellisons report having purchased a used Volkswagen but gasoline costs them a little over \$4 per gallon.

"We have already contacted some of our people who moved here from the frontier and have yet to find others," says Marcia. "Pray with us that we will be successful in locating these people." Montevideo has a population of approximately two million people.

Fergusons Report Full Agenda at Agnibilekrou

Ivory Coast—Shortly before leaving the United States, Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson became burdened for the work in Agnibilekrou where Norman and Bessie Richards had been working. "The growing young church was praying for God to send someone and God spoke to us," writes Ledgel.

Ministering in a town of 20,000 people, Ledgel and Sharon have a full schedule: They lead two separate groups of Christians who use the same rented building. "One group consists of about 15 people who speak French as well as their tribal language," Ferguson noted. "The other group is made up of about

18 people who speak English as their second language because they are from Ghana."

On Sunday morning Ledgel teaches adults in French while the women (including Arilla Wode and Alice Smith) teach about 25 children. At four o'clock in the afternoon Ledgel preaches in English, then that night he preaches again in French.

"The schedule is heavy but we are happy and at peace," says Ledgel. "We praise God for the three men who have professed faith in Christ in the last three weeks."

Janice Banks Has Therapy and Surgery

Nashville, Tenn.—Janice Banks, wife of missionary Jerry Banks, was hospitalized for shoulder manipulation and therapy during the month of June. This procedure sought to correct a problem which stemmed from her surgery in Japan.

Janice entered the hospital again in August and underwent surgery on August 24. Surgeons removed a rib which was blocking circulation and pressing on nerves leading to the right shoulder.

At last report Jan was recovering normally and had returned home.

24 Make Commitments at Brazil Youth Camps

Brazil—Twenty-four varied commitments to Christ were recorded during the two youth camps held in July in Jaboticabal, Brazil. Fifteen of the

commitments were made during the junior week and nine decisions were reported during the teen week.

"Our teen week was so unbelievably good that I wondered if these were our kids," writes Jim Cowart. "When I first came here we were actually having problems with the campers bringing drugs, whiskey, cigarettes, and weapons. We're finally seeing some young men and women who can take on the leadership of their churches in the future."

Summer missionaries Norman McFall and Douglas Hoover did the preaching during the teen camp. Ken Eagleton translated.

Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in August:

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Mrs. Dorothy Gray Beckley, W. Va.	Rev. Herbert Gray
Mrs. Bess I. Stitt Opelika, Ala.	Rev. George I. Stitt

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