Missionary Accounts

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news update



Steve Lytle baptizes Senor Rogelio Medina, an 83-year-old convert of the Nuevo Ocu work in Panama.

Turnboughs Move to Majadahonda, Still Study

Spain—Jeff and Susan Turnbough have moved to the apartment in Majadahonda which was vacated by the Catons when they left for furlough. The reason for the move was to keep a lower rent contract than would be possible otherwise.

The Turnboughs are attending services at Alcala de Henares where Lonnie and Anita Sparks are ministering. They have to drive to the other side of Madrid to these services.

While the Catons are on furlough, the Turnboughs will be keeping contact with a young Spaniard named Enrique who was called to preach under the Caton's ministry. They will also be continuing their language study in Madrid.

Lytle Baptizes Three from Nuevo Ocu Work

Panama—Missionary Steve Lytle baptized three new converts from Nuevo Ocu (near Las Tablas) on January 18. Aristides Ramos, a lay preacher acting under the supervision of missionary Larry Inscoe, leads a small but growing congregation in Nuevo Ocu.

"Praise God that one of the three who were baptized was an 83-year-old man!" writes Steve Lytle. "The other two were Francisco and Elsa, a couple with three daughters."

Lytle continues to work with the Betania church in a section of Panama City. He noted that the church had increased from an average attendance of under 20 in 1981 to an average of over 27 for Sunday school, 38 for Sunday night and 12 for prayer meeting in 1982. From June through September they averaged 50 for preaching, with a high of 67 on two different occasions. Six people were baptized in 1982 from this work.

Steve requested special prayer for the two largest Free Will Baptist churches in Panama—Panama City and Agua Buena—which are without pastors. These are the only two organized churches in Panama.

He also requested prayer for the salvation of several men in his area: Senor Barrera, Senor Ledesma, Senor Peraza, and for a young man named Erick.

African FWB Pastor Baptizes More Than 20

Ivory Coast—National pastor Koffi David of Bouna, Ivory Coast, baptized more than 20 people recently according to a report from Mike and Deleen Cousineau. They indicated these new converts to be the results of testimonies of the Christians in Bouna.

"Two weeks ago a 17-year-old Lobi Christian boy, Irquite, got sick," write the Cousineaus. "He was diagnosed as having tetanus. It is normally fatal, but God saw fit to save his life. We're trusting God to use him as a real testimony. He comes from a pagan home."

The Cousineaus also revealed the conversion of a 16-year-old boy who is the son of a fetisher. The boy had been badly burned as a child and had been taken to Doropo for treatment. Now he has chosen to serve God. His father recently summoned him to participate in a pagan initiation rite. Mike and an African lay-pastor went to his village to tell the father that his son had chosen to follow Christ. The father has declared the boy will not live a year.

"It's thrilling to see young people saved nearly every week," the Cousineaus continued. "There have also been several adults saved recently."

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Ivory Coast—Robert Bryan has requested prayer for a Bible study which he holds four days a week with some young men who were recently saved. He also requested prayer for the biweekly services held in a courtyard in Tanda. Robert is now involved in construction of the church building in Tanda.

Tunisia—Some 13,000 people visited Operation Mobilization's ship Logos in Tunisia, North Africa, following the official opening of its on-board book exhi-

Koffi David, pastor of the Bouna FWB church in Ivory Coast, baptizes one of the 20 he baptized recently.



Special Gifts

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

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Mr. and Mrs. William S.
Highsmith
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Federal Way, Wash.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tomlinson
Enterprise, Ala.
Laurelton F.W.B. Church
Marshall, N.C.
In Memory of
Mrs. Carol Whitfield
Mrs. Vera Criswell
Reverend A. J. Lambert
Mrs. Olive Hensley

bition by the Minister of Education. The ceremony was televised as a news item nationwide. Christian book titles went quickly and Arabic and French Scriptures were purchased even though two officials assigned on board tried to discourage buyers.

Ivory Coast—According to a recent report from Sharon Ferguson in the Ivory Coast, her father, Mr. Allen Roberts, was saved on December 21 in a revival meeting being preached by his son (Sharon's brother).

Panama—Phillip Lytle, four-year-old son of Steve and Judy Lytle in Panama, was hospitalized recently with a serious and dangerous throat infection. The Lytles requested prayer for his complete recovery.

Spain—Ron and Linda Callaway and Jeff and Susan Turnbough are praising the Lord for answered prayer. They have received their permits to reside in Spain. These are good for two years.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Paul and Amy Robinson became grand-parents for the first time on March 14. Paul Kristianssen, first child of Tim and Becky Robinson Holland was born at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces at birth.

Spain—Dennis and Trena Owen currently visit a family of believers in Santurce, Spain, once a month. They are hoping this will develop into a church some day.

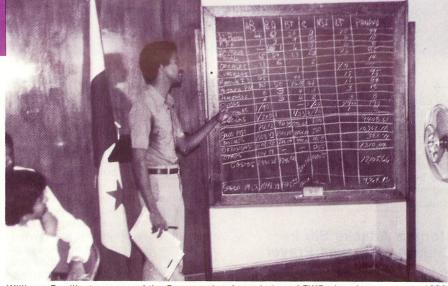
Lorient Team Distributes 30,000 Gospel Tracts

France—The missionary team in Lorient, France, distributed some 30,000 tracts in late December and early January. The Lynn Mileys, Jerry Webbs, and Miss Charolette Tallent worked through cold, rainy weather to place the tracts, entitled "Peace on Earth," in mailboxes in their area.

"We have already had a lady and her two children attend our services as a result of the tract," writes Lynn Miley. "About 10 other people have written us for a New Testament. Several others have called by phone."

The tract, a four-page, two-color brochure, was printed on the mission press.

The group is scheduling another campaign for Easter in which they hope to distribute 40,000 Easter tracts. They also plan spot radio broadcasts on several local stations.



Williams Bonilla, treasurer of the Panamanian Association of FWB churches, presents 1982 statistics of progress in Panama churches and congregations.

I.C. Youth Conference Held in Bondoukou Church

Ivory Coast—The annual Ivory Coast youth conference was held in the new building of the Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church February 15-18 with 156 students and young people attending

According to Robert Bryan, "A lot of Bible teaching was done during this conference." He also noted 41 girls attended the session. This is an unprecedented number of girls to attend such meetings.

Approximately 50 people attended from the Bouna area and a music group from the Bouna church sang during the meetings.

The youth conference is open to all teens and junior college-age youth, and the activities are conducted under the leadership of youth chosen from the churches.

Special speakers during this year's conference included missionaries Jimmy Aldridge and Mike Cousineau, national pastors Anany Victor and Koffi David, and some students.

Uruguay Churches Have Camp; One Camper Saved

Uruguay—Uruguayan Free Will Baptists held their annual camp during "Carnival," February 12-17, with 56 full-time campers and another 10 attending part of the time. The group met at the camp property outside of Rivera.

Walter (Dub) and Marcia Ellison, now serving in Montevideo, helped in the activities but most of the classes were taught by the Uruguayan Christians. Oscar Bagglieto from Montevideo did the preaching during the week.

Although the camp was mainly geared for Christians, one person was saved during the session.

A rainstorm during the week caused some concern when Paul and Amy Robinson were unable to return from town with the bread and supplies they had gone to buy. When they got back on the following day, the people had just concluded a prayer meeting asking for their safe and soon return.

Panama Association Meets in Panama City Church

Panama—The annual session of the National Association of Panamanian Free Will Baptist churches met in the Panama City church on January 10, 1983. Carlos Urbina, president of the association, led the meeting. Approximately 70 people attended.

A panel, made up of Damaris Estrada, Alvaro Larrahonda, and Steve Lytle,

Financial Summary

Through February 28 **\$ubstance**

\$ 187,998.04
329,695.59
360.137.63
421,302.00
2,527,807.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop\$	5,342.84	Metcalf \$ 365.45
Bunch	1,855.31	Midgett 827.68
Caton	6.941.93	Miley 5,534.71
Cowart	4,169.89	Moser 960.76
Crowson	5,328.45	Nichols 2,176.23
Daniel	1,515.29	Owen 3,461.89
Eagleton, T	9.72	Sparks 331.00
Filkins	12,834.22	Sturgill 1,783.09
Hanna	122.44	Sweeney 42.72
Hersey	5,889.69	Vanhook 1,250.72
Inscoe	3,002.51	Webb 2,385.01
Lee	4,897.08	Willey 4,971.00
McCullough	4,360.83	
Total		\$81.013.10

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discussed spiritual growth.

Williams Bonilla, treasurer of the association and member of the Agua Buena church, gave a statistical report of the progress of the Panama works during the past year. More than 30 new believers were baptized in 1982, and giving increased in most of the churches.

Morgan Attacks Sin in Church, Requests Prayer

Ivory Coast—Clint Morgan has revealed a special effort on his part to "fight sin in the church," at Doropo,

Ivory Coast.

"God really moved me to bring before our people the need to fight sin in
the church," writes Clint. "I wasn't
aware how much was in it. I gave the
challenge Elijah did, 'How long will
you halt between two opinions, if God
is the true God get in line with Him, if
the fetish is god go with him. But we
believe we serve the living God and
are going to wage war with Satan."

"Several young men responded that day and others have taken up the battle fray, but believe me the battle is not against men but against the

powers of the air."

Clint noted that he had counseled or confronted people for adultery, fornication, arguments, attempted suicide, divided homes, child beating, wife stealing, pride, depression, tongues, church divisions, etc.

"We have already seen some of these problems cleaned up," says Clint, "and fruits of repentance have been evidenced as people broke social and cultural rules in order to follow God's Word.

"We have seen God spare the life of a man who had just accepted Christ. He was in a very bad accident and given up for dead, but by the mercy of God he was spared. His testimony will surely touch many lives," Clint added.

Morgan concluded by saying, "We need prayer as never before. I really mean this. Never in my life have I sensed the need nor felt the power of prayer as I do now. We ask that you put our need before every caring, sharing, praying Free Will Baptist that will join us in this battle."

85-Year-Old Father of Missionary Visits, Preaches

Uruguay—Reverend A.L. Lucaciu, father of missionary Amy Robinson in Uruguay, spent from January 21 through March 2 in Brazil and Uruguay visiting and preaching. Lucaciu is the former president of the Romanian Baptist Association of North America.

Reports indicate a good reception of his ministry by both Brazilians and Uruguayans. He preached in the Ribeirao Preto church in Brazil and attended the Brazil field council meeting with Paul and Amy. Then he accompanied them back to the border of Uruguay where he was involved extensively in services among the Uruguayan churches.

Mr. Lucaciu, who lives in Farmington Hills, Mich., returned to the U.S. on

March 2 accompanied by his daughter, Amy, who planned to be on hand for the birth of her first grandchild. The Robinson's daughter, Becky Holland, resides in Nashville, Tenn.

Gainer Granted Tenure at Hokusei University

Japan—Miss Mirial Gainer, associate missionary to Japan, has been granted tenure as an associate professor at Hokusei University on the Island of Hokkaido.

According to Mirial this was a surprise because "a Japanese professor nominated me and I replaced a Japanese professor. It's unusual for a foreigner to take the place of a Japanese teacher."

These reasons were given for granting tenure: her concern about the welfare of students and the school, her Christian testimony, and "she loves the students and tries to help them outside of school as well as in."

Mirial has been elected as a member of the religious affairs committee. This gives her some influence regarding speakers in chapel, etc. She requested special prayer as her new duties begin in April.

Mirial has been teaching an English Bible study at Airin Chapel on Tuesday nights.

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