

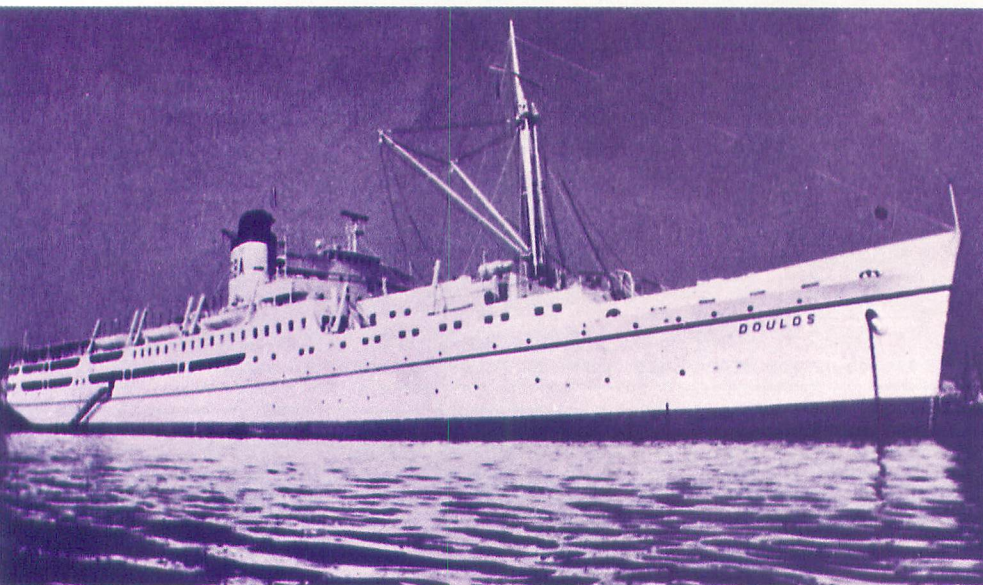
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Her Chance to Serve**



Cover photo—Damaris Estrada (left, front) is shown kneeling on the dock before the *Doulos* in the port of Barbados. The captain joined her and other crew members as they displayed the typical dress of the countries they represent.

Left, the ship *Doulos* sits at anchor in one of the many ports served by its crew.



DOULOS: Her Chance to Serve

by Judy Lytle

Dreams! Impossible dreams! Not for the daughter of a rich banker or an oil tycoon. But for a 20-year-old girl from rural Panama, an ocean voyage was one of those impossible dreams.

Still, God delights in doing the impossible! And He did it for Damaris Estrada.

Damaris was born and grew up in the small, humble community of Agua Buena, Panama. Free Will Baptist missionary, Tom Willey Jr., first took the gospel to her community; and at the age of 10, Damaris humbled her small life before the Lord and accepted Christ as her Savior. Most of her family also became Christians about that time. And what a change the Lord made in their home!

Under the leadership of a new pastor, missionary Bill Fulcher, Damaris grew in the Lord. Biblical truths were embedded in her young mind which would later be put to good use in all areas of her life.

After graduating from high school in January of 1980, Damaris hoped to find a good job. She had trained as a bilingual secretary and had excellent grades. But after seven discouraging months of job hunting, she questioned what her future would hold. "God, what do you have for me?" Blind faith is difficult, but true faith trusts God even when the path looks dim.

Patiently waiting on the Lord, Damaris' dream came true in August of 1980. That's when the *Doulos* docked in Panama.

Most Panamanians wondered what the *Doulos* was. But they soon found out! The 7,000-ton passenger ship of Operation Mobilization named *Doulos*, the Greek word for servant, serves by providing teaching for Christians on board. Then, the crew reaches out with the gospel to the unsaved wherever the ship docks around the globe.

At each new port, the ship recruits volunteers to work on board during the stay in that particular country. Damaris, still unemployed, said, "Why not? Sounds interesting!"

While in Panama—as in every country the ship visits—conferences were held on board daily. The crew featured a day for

women, a day for young people, training sessions for Christians, and evangelistic meetings for the general public. A bookstore on board attracted the interest of saved and unsaved alike. It provided some 5,000 titles of both Christian and good secular books. Evangelistic teams distributed tracts and proclaimed the gospel using various other methods.

After a month, the *Doulos* had to sail for its next port. But it left behind new friends and many who came to know Christ through its ministry.

At the time of departure the ship was in need of two young people for full-time service. The job request went something like this:

Wanted: Christian young person willing to dedicate a year or more of his life to the Lord's service on board the *Doulos*. Must work well with others and be willing to live and work in a confined area. Salary—\$12.00 a month plus room and board. Benefits—Travel and the privilege of being a witness for Christ around the world.

Over 20 people applied. But the impossible dream became reality: Damaris was chosen!

Some 300 people from 35 different countries lived and worked together on the same ship.

More patience and faith were needed. She had to raise \$800 for expenses while on board and for air fare to join the *Doulos* which, by then, had already docked in Ecuador.

The Lord supplied, and in September of 1980 Damaris said goodbye to her family, friends, and the only world she had known. And her new world brought changes she never imagined.

Serving the Lord was wonderful, but what homesickness! She missed that steep climb up the hill to her house and the cool breeze that helped to make the constant heat bearable. But most of all, she missed her parents, her brothers and sisters, and her friends in the church. At night, when she retired, she could no longer restrain the tears.

And on top of homesickness, came the period of adjustment. Everything seemed so different! The new lifestyle overwhelmed her.

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Sometimes language barriers had to be crossed and everyone seemed to have a different way of doing things. The cooks did not prepare rice twice a day as she had been accustomed at home. She had to learn to eat a variety of foods from all over the world.

One thing kept Damaris going—the Christian love she experienced as she got to know her fellow crew members. She quickly grew to appreciate them all. Sure, they had their differences, but they were all learning a very important lesson—the lesson of accepting and loving a person for what he is and where he is in his Christian walk.

On board ship everyone had a job. The day was well-planned and everybody worked. But devotional time was scheduled and training classes were conducted in addition to the daily tasks. The work and routine helped Damaris adjust quickly.

As the months rapidly passed, the *Doulos* ministered in Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Mexico, etc.—twelve countries in all! At times, all went smoothly. Then, on occasion, a

door to a particular country closed in their faces. Sometimes the Lord opened the door again and at other times it remained closed. Each time this occurred, new faith surged and the crew grew stronger spiritually through the trials.

The group became closer as a family. They shared their problems and their blessings. "Please pray for my father," Ann requested. "He is not a Christian." So the salvation of Ann's father became a special item on everyone's prayer list. During one meeting, Raul announced that a great financial need had been met. The crew rejoiced together.

The 20 months proved to be a valuable experience for Damaris. It was time invested wisely and she is still reaping the dividends. The pay was little and the task was great, but the Lord used this experience to help mold one of His children to be more like Him.

Damaris returned to Panama at the end of April, 1982, a changed person. Though the pretty young woman still has the same beautiful smile, now she looks at life from a more serious perspective. Now she has a purpose. She doesn't know where, but she feels the Lord is leading her into full-time Christian service—possibly here in Panama.

When asked to share the most important lesson she learned during those months on board the *Doulos*, she replied, "I learned what it really means to be a disciple of Christ. 'A good disciple is made, not born.'"

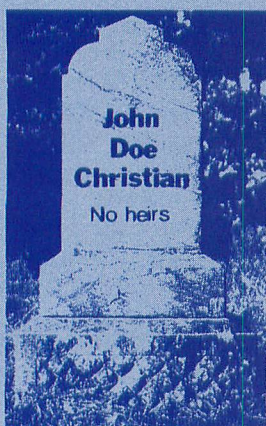
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Legacy of a Saint

by Bobby Poole

What the child of God leaves behind is the evidence of that which he has "laid up."

Here lies John Doe Christian. Christianity died with him. He left no spiritual heirs."

If you ever read that epitaph on a tombstone you could be sure of one thing: "John Doe Christian" was not an obedient or fruitful child of God. The believer's spiritual children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren—spiritual reproductions of themselves—will bear fruit and carry on the work of God until the Lord returns.

The great commission involves two principles: evangelism and discipleship. The first embraces the proclamation of the gospel and the persuasion of sinners to repent. Then comes discipleship which includes commitment, training, growing, and sharing the gospel message.

Evangelism is just the first step. It is not complete in itself. It is only the beginning of our responsibilities. This article emphasizes evangelism while presenting various aspects and results of disciple-making.

In Brazil we have tried many methods of reaching people with the gospel of Christ. Paul said, "I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." I feel like one of our strongest tools for winning people is the preaching of the Word. That's what I feel good doing. I love to preach, and the Bible says that through the foolishness of preaching men are saved.

Personal witnessing also claims an important part of effective evangelism in Brazil. We don't do as much door to door visitation as we did 10 or 12 years ago for several reasons, but personal witnessing is extremely important. Consequently, we have been encouraging and equipping our people in Ribeirao Preto to be personal soulwinners.

Geneva and I visited Marcal (Mar-saul) in his home and presented the gospel message to him and his wife. He knelt there in his living room and gave his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, he faithfully witnesses for Jesus. He has taken some classes in our Bible institute and is now a deacon in the church. Men like Marcal, who are out on the job day by day faithfully witnessing, prove to be a real blessing to the work.

A number of American exchange students have made decisions for the Lord.

Our young people have also been a blessing. On most any given Saturday night we will have 40 to 50 young people in our youth meeting. Five years ago, when we returned from furlough, we had four or five young people. Geneva became their teacher and through the

teaching of the Word in Sunday school, youth camp, youth meeting, preaching services, etc., the Lord began to fan the sparks. Now many of the youth have won other young people to the Lord.

Camp ministries in Brazil provide another avenue of soul winning. Both youth camps and family camps have proven effective.

Haroldo Junior, son of a medical doctor, was invited to camp by the son of another doctor from our church. He accepted the Lord as his personal Savior, and when he returned home, he started talking to his father and step-mother. Soon the whole family started coming to church. Now, all have been saved and baptized and have joined the church.

The ministry "Call Hope" offers another means of reaching the lost in our area. This is our telephone ministry. People can dial one of our telephone numbers and hear a two- or three-minute message dealing with salvation or giving biblical solutions to particular problems. Although we have not been able to follow up adequately on these calls due to lack of personnel, the possibilities are tremendous.

Bible conferences have been the most effective means of evangelism with long-term results. In our early days in Brazil we had city-wide evangelistic campaigns. Sometimes 50 people or more would make decisions but a month later not one



of them could be found. To my surprise, the annual Bible conference has served well for evangelism as well as for edification of our Christians. And those saved during the conference tend to follow through in serving the Lord.

But whatever the means of evangelism, prayer plays a vital role. When churches consistently have prayer requests for lost relatives, friends or loved ones, the hearts of people in those congregations will be stirred and burdened to win the lost. And God starts a chain reaction of conversions which could and should be perpetual.

Antonio and Ieda moved to Ribeirao when they were just newlyweds. Antonio was a clothes designer and had set out to make a name for himself. But things didn't work out as he planned. So, they were going through some hard times when we met them. Geneva and I visited them in their home and shared the gospel with them. They both accepted Christ and began to grow.

As they studied God's Word they became involved in Sunday school. Next they enrolled in the Bible institute and soon became Sunday school teachers. Then, prior to our last furlough, Antonio was licensed to preach and was scheduled to be ordained at the end of 1982. He served as pastor of the church while we were home on furlough,

and he is now finishing his last semester in our four-year Bible institute program.

Antonio has been able to win many members of his family in the city of Franca, about one hour and twenty minutes from Ribeirao by car. Another couple from Franca has also been saved through his witness.

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Dona Elza became a Christian through her sister who studied English with Geneva. The sister made a decision, then brought Elza to church with her. Strangely, the sister dropped out but Elza has continued faithful in spite of many family problems. Her children are grown and none of them know Christ as Savior. But Dona Elza requests prayer for her family in every prayer meeting. She is also a faithful witness.

Our ministry has reached even beyond the Brazilian community. Since Ribeirao Preto claims some 400,000 inhabitants, a good

exchange-student program draws a large number of American young people to the city. We've had a number of these make decisions for the Lord.

Recently, a young exchange student named Jeff came to Ribeirao and was living in the home of a boy from our church. Though he claimed to be a Lutheran, he had never heard anything about the new birth. He (reluctantly) started coming to church with his Brazilian "brother," and the Lord began dealing with his heart.

During Sunday school Geneva would translate her lesson into English so he would have an outline of what she was teaching. Then, one night after a baptismal service, Jeff and his "brother" stayed awake until about three o'clock in the morning talking about the things of the Lord. That morning they contacted Geneva and asked if they could come by.

Jeff spoke to Geneva as she met him at the door: "I thought I was saved but I'm not. Can you tell me how to be saved?" Geneva took him to the dining room table and led him to the Lord. God blessed Jeff and he expressed a desire to prepare himself for Christian service.

Evangelism involves reaching individuals, building them up in the faith, encouraging them, loving them, feeding them, and disciplining them when necessary. All these lead to Christian maturity.

Teaching and preaching the Word is producing results in the lives of our people. If there is any testimony that I would be proud of as a missionary-pastor, it would be that people in our city think, "There is a church that preaches the Word of God." We look forward to missionaries, pastors, professional people, etc., going out from our church as witnesses for the Lord in various areas of the world.

The greatest thing Geneva and I can ever do in Brazil is to reproduce ourselves in others. It's the only way to reach Brazil for Christ. And that's our desire! □

Augustine left his grass-roofed hut, tied a rope on his two pigs and headed for market. Maybe that hog buyer will be there today, he thought. I sure could use some money.

After a two-hour hike down a winding mountain trail from his Popoluca village in southwest Veracruz he reached the market town and soon spotted the hog buyer.

The year was 1930 and times were hard. Augustine's two pigs represented a lot of cash. As he approached the hog buyer he wondered just how much to ask.

"Hey, Luis! What'll you give for two tubs of lard?" Augustine watched the hog buyer turn and give the pigs a quick, appraising glance. He strolled over.

The greetings over, the two men talked business, haggled, finally agreed on a price. Then Luis confessed, "I don't have the money."

Augustine groaned. But he knew how tight money was. He'd either hike back up that twisting trail with two obstinate pigs or take credit. The two men kept on talking.

"Look Augustine, I want these pigs. I've got a valuable book at home. Will you hold it as surety till I find the money?"

"Let me see it," Augustine replied.

A quick trip to Luis' house, and he held the treasured book in his hands—a copy of the Spanish

Scriptures, the whole Bible.

In those days few people owned a Bible. Luis rubbed the gold and black cover, blew a speck of dust off of it and began thumbing through its crisp pages. It hurt him to part with it. Yet business was business. Augustine headed back to the hills with the Book tucked under his arm.

Two years passed. The Book held Augustine's interest and he read it often. But he needed his money. He kept hounding Luis until the man admitted he couldn't pay him.

"Well," Augustine said, "I'll just take the Bible, erase your debt and we'll be even."

He watched Luis struggle with the offer, listened to him say, "This book is worth more than two pigs."

Finally Luis agreed to the trade.

Augustine kept that Book for 20 years. He puzzled over the pages, but their meaning eluded him. A self-taught man and not fluent in Spanish, he couldn't understand all the words. The pages failed to enlighten his heart.

One day some believers told him how God removes sins because of Christ's atonement. As the Popoluca man listened, faith welled up in his heart and he put his trust in Christ.

Strongly impressed by this message, he went about telling his fellow townsfolk about the new Word. He met with a few believers in a grass-roofed hut with upright hand-hewn board walls. The

townspeople responded with anger and not long afterwards set the meeting house on fire.

Discouragement didn't stop Augustine. He and other faithful ones left town and hacked a new settlement out of jungle brush two miles away and built a church and some thatched huts. Soon 30 homes sprang up in the colony. The faithful believers never thought of turning back on the Lord.

Augustine didn't know that Bible translators lived in the Popoluca village of Ocotil Chico, 30 air miles away. Only tradesmen traveled the rough mule trails between the two villages. When John and Royce Lind presented the translated New Testament to the Popolucas in 1976 they looked toward other villages that also needed the Book. John and Royce reached Augustine's village and called on him.

The Popoluca man, now 80 years old motioned for the Linds to sit down and called to his family to fix a meal. After a hearty supper he told what God had done for him.

Then John asked, "When folk began to persecute you, what kept you from turning back?"

Augustine looked him straight in the eye. "Where else could I have gone? Who else was there to follow?"

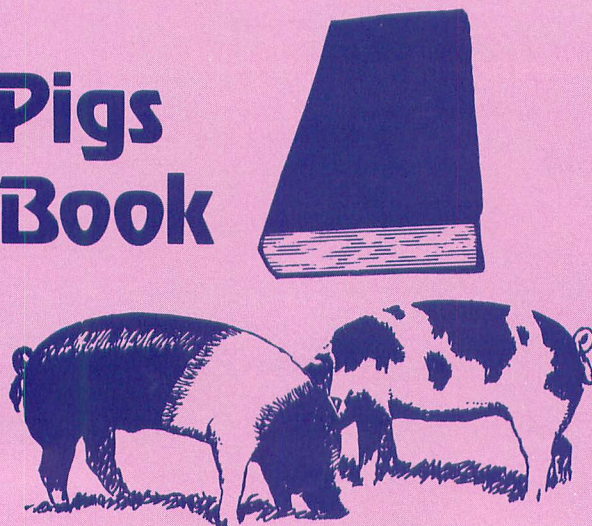
Then the old man watched as John opened the Popoluca New Testament. After listening to God's Word in his own tongue, he reached out and took the Book into his hands. As he turned the pages he recognized the Popoluca words and began reading for himself. He praised God. Though advanced in years God had preserved him till finally he held a Book he could fully understand. His mind and body still alert and eyes still sharp, he could now share God's Word with other Popolucas.

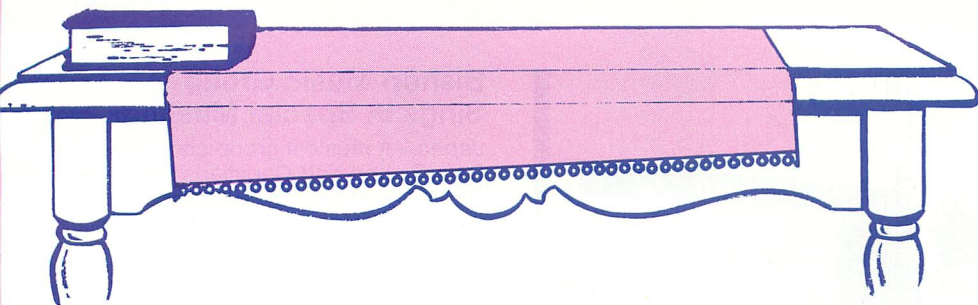
He accepted the Book, sat down to read it and drank in the truth. God had been faithful. A hunger and thirst begun 50 years earlier was now fully satisfied. □

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Two Pigs for a Book

by Larry E. Clark





Bothered but Blessed

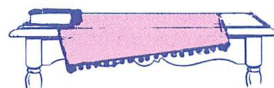
by Janie Aldridge

"It felt like sand in my shoes. For hours, there it was in front of my eyes, all crooked and 'not right.'"

The sun came up bright and early yesterday, so it was easy to be ready for Sunday services at 8 a.m. Walking toward the church building, yet a good distance away, the sound of singing caught my ear. I breathed a prayer of praise. By the tone and tempo, I gathered it would be a good day.

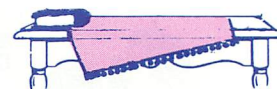
Ata was leading the opening assembly in praise and adoration. After taking note of those present and greeting several, I noticed the cloth on the table (which serves as pulpit) hanging at an angle. "Not

crowded and a bit warm. He exhorted us to have a "church" in every home as parents teach those of their own household to know the Word and to walk in the ways of the Lord. I appreciated the message. But curiously, the tablecloth continued to shift and by the end of the service it was



hanging at a greater angle! "Am I the only one who noticed?" I wondered uncomfortably.

Dongo led the evening service. Everyone seems to enjoy this time of fellowship and sharing, with discussion on practical application of the morning message. But this evening I was bothered by the cloth which was pulled up even worse. (It



felt like sand in my shoes.) I tried to look elsewhere. No way! For hours, there it was in front of my eyes, all crooked and "not right."

Just before the benediction, my husband Jim was asked to explain a passage of scripture. As he approached the pulpit, I knew what was coming. He could stand it no longer! Instinctively, he straightened the cloth while talking about the passage of scripture. He glanced at me with a knowing smile. I felt relieved.

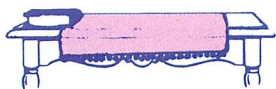
For 12 years we have straightened that cloth, hoping someone would take notice and follow our example. Now we realize it makes absolutely no difference to anyone . . . but us! Besides, maybe tablecloths in Africa are supposed to hang at an angle—it seems they all do.

Cultural differences? Yes, nothing more. As we missionaries step aside, the national church will become more African in form and expression—and this is right! We want it to be so. Sure, some things will bother us because we were taught to do otherwise. But as long as they believe, teach and practice the Word of God, the outward form matters little. We are the ones who will have to adjust to new angles.

We are thankful for the national church and leaders, both lay and ordained. We encourage people to pray that they will have wisdom and understanding to lead the church into its own as an organization and body. And we need Christians everywhere to pray for us that, through the eyes of love and understanding, we will see this building of "living stones," put together by the Holy Spirit, African style. □

too bad," I thought.

Pastor Victor brought the morning message. Attention was good, even though the building was





Jeff Turnbough hammers a nail as he helps Enrique, a young Spanish preacher, build a book stall for the Fall Fair in Majadahonda, Spain.

Christian Book Stall Nets Sales, Contacts

Spain—According to a report from Dock Caton, the Free Will Baptist group from Majadahonda, Spain, mounted a book stall at the 1982 Fall Fair in Majadahonda.

Enrique, their only preacher boy, built and helped to man the booth. Deborah Caton, Dock and Norma's daughter, also helped.

Approximately \$75 worth of Christian literature, postcards, key chains with Bible verses, etc. were sold during the fair. They passed out many brochures and announcements for Bible studies and made many good contacts for evangelism.

Filkins, Inscoes Return to U.S. from Fields

Nashville, Tenn.—Howard and Joan Filkins arrived in the United States on December 5 after their term of special assignment in Ivory Coast as maintenance missionaries.

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe were scheduled to arrive in the States from Panama in mid-December to begin their fur-
lough and deputational ministry.

The Filkins will also spend time sharing their ministry on deputation but will remain in the U.S. because of their son's educational needs.

French Evangelism Faces Uphill Struggle

France—In spite of indifference, hostility and isolated acts of violence, a ten-day evangelistic crusade was conducted in Avignon, France in late October.

Yves Perrier, general secretary of the French Evangelical Alliance, was the evangelist for the meetings which gradually increased in attendance each night and filled the hall to capacity on the closing night.

The fact that only 10 people responded publicly to the invitation to profess faith in Christ would discourage Christians in many parts of the world, but local Christians rejoiced in unprecedented cooperation among the churches and saw hope for the future. In addition, the evangelical message gained new exposure in the media.

Bolivian Youth Hunger for Gospel Message

Bolivia—In a call for more missionaries for youth work and Christian education in Bolivia, the Sudan Interior Mission notes the hunger for the gospel among Bolivia's young people.

During a recent evangelistic campaign in Cochabamba, 170 young people made a commitment to Christ and were enrolled in special Bible studies. Seventy students in the city of Oruru responded after hearing Youth for Christ evangelist Moises Zegarra present the gospel.

Bishop Music Group Sings in Special Meetings

Japan—A musical group composed of Dale Bishop and Christians from Airin Chapel and Higashi Tsukisamu church participated in special meetings during the month of October.

The group, known as "The Gospel Sounds," presented special music at Sapporo University, Hokkaido University, Airin Chapel, and at special activities of Campus Crusade for Christ. The group has compiled a new songbook and a cassette tape which are to be released in the near future.

Bishop is in charge of the Higashi Tsukisamu church and leads a monthly Bible study for junior high school students of Hokkaido International School.

Dale requested prayer for women in the church's Tuesday morning women's class who said they have finally understood the plan of salvation. But they claim to need more proof that the God of the Bible is the one and only True and Living God. "Pray that their 'head knowledge' will become 'heart knowledge,'" Bishop urged.

A baptismal service was scheduled for December 19 for Miss Akiba, a high school senior.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—According to a report from Jean Deeds, missionary to Brazil, the church in Conselheiro Lafaiete is enthusiastically maintaining services in Lafaiete as well as in a home in Ouro Branco. No missionary is residing in the area but Dave Franks helps out periodically by commuting from Belo Horizonte.

Ivory Coast—Robert Bryan has asked Christians to pray that God would send a capable interpreter (or interpreters) to Tanda, Ivory Coast, to translate sermons and Bible studies into Koulango.

Japan—The Higashi Tsukisamu church recently bought a new Yamaha piano and a lighted church sign. Dale Bishop is in charge of the work.

Brazil—Christians in the new mission church in Belo Horizonte recently contributed approximately \$700 toward the new roof on the church at Conselheiro Lafaiete.

Panama—June Arnold, missionary to Panama, has officially submitted her resignation from missionary service effective January 1, 1983. She was scheduled to marry Bienvenido Perez, a Panamanian preacher, on January 1.

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Latest information indicated the couple probably would continue to work with the Lytles in the Betania church for the present.

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Poole preached in Jaboticabal on November 21 and reported five people rededicated their lives to Christ during the service. Poole is overseeing the work in the absence of a missionary or pastor.

Russia—In the first six months of 1982 the number of Baptists imprisoned in Russia increased from 133 to 160 and they face increasing harassment and life-threatening physical abuse according to usually reliable sources.

Panama—The family of Judy Lytle was bereaved in October and November as both her maternal and paternal grandmothers died within a three-week period. Mrs. Esther Hovis (paternal) died on October 22 and Mrs. Edith Underwood (maternal) died on November 11.

Brazil—Louis Coscia reports two people were saved in Uberaba recently. He requested prayer for his wife, Florine, who will have surgery soon. At the same time he indicated the possibility he may be hospitalized soon. Details of the surgery or the hospitalization were not available at press time.

KGB Agents Pose as Bible Smugglers

Russia—Undercover agents of the Soviet secret service (KGB) are gaining access to the homes of Christians by posing as Bible smugglers. The KGB agents claim to be transporting literature for an underground publishing house and ask members of registered churches for names and addresses of those who distribute smuggled Bibles. Searches are then conducted and arrests made.

Caton Publishes Study Book in Spanish

Spain—Missionary Dock Caton has just received from the printer the first edition of a study booklet which he prepared for use in witnessing and developing Christian growth.

The book, "Equilibrio: Un Estudio Sobre La Personalidad," deals with the balanced personality. The booklet contains 60 pages and is divided into nine lessons. Each lesson has study questions and workbook space for responding.

Caton suggests the book be used in any one of five ways:

- (1) A personal study will help a person

to understand himself and others better.

- (2) As a correspondence course it can be offered by a church or organization.
- (3) It can be used as a study guide for small groups.
- (4) It can serve as a basic guide for those who have interest in knowing more about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- (5) It can help teachers better understand and respond to the necessities of their students.

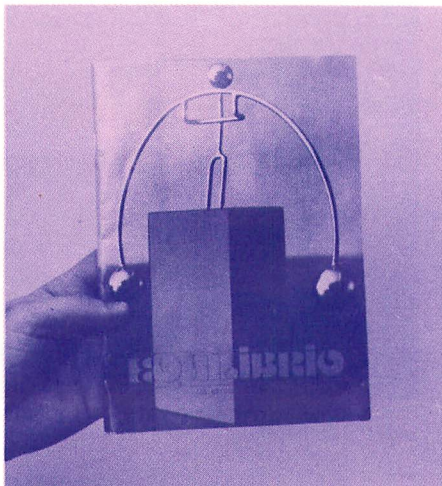
Caton noted that missionaries or workers among Spanish-speaking people can purchase the booklets for \$1.50 per copy. Those interested should contact the foreign missions office in Nashville.

Ribeirao Bible Institute Launches School Paper

Brazil—The Bible institute which is held in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, has launched a bi-monthly school paper, according to missionary Bobby Poole.

The first edition of the new paper was published in November-December under the title *O Obreiro* (The Laborer). The periodical is aimed at informing Christians of the activities of the institute as well as providing help for Sunday school teachers, preachers, and evangelists in general.

The Bible institute (*Seminario e Instituto Biblico de Ribeirao Preto*) was founded in March of 1973 by missionary Bobby Poole. It is basically designed to train ministerial students and lay workers for the work of the church. The last report on enrollment indicated 13 students had registered.



Publications—Dock Caton has prepared and published a study booklet (left) on gaining a balanced personality. The Bible institute in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, has launched a school paper (right).

French Christians Lead Service, Express Unity

France—French Christians in Nantes, France, conducted the entire Sunday morning worship service on November 14 in the Free Will Baptist church. The message of the morning was aimed at the family.

According to Allan Crowson, the church assembled in the afternoon to discuss various church matters. They made decisions, shared burdens, volunteered for jobs, and demonstrated unity and involvement.

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Special Gifts

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

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Although Allan expressed personal encouragement and enthusiasm about the prospects, he pointed out a particular problem. Several members of the church have been enticed by some false doctrines. These threaten to pull members away from the church.

In conclusion, Allan requested prayer for the production of Bible study materials, for wisdom and zeal in evangelistic outreach, and for faithfulness of members who take on new responsibilities.

Tanda Building Plans Proceed as Scheduled

Ivory Coast—With plans approved and the building permit granted, Robert Bryan expected to start work on the new building in Tanda, Ivory Coast, near the end of 1982.

"We praise the Lord that the church treasury already has nearly enough money to complete the 11-meter by 18-meter (36 feet by 59 feet) building if prices remain steady," writes Robert.

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Harold Critcher has resigned after 15 years with the Department of Foreign Missions.

"We already have almost 2,000 blocks made and waiting."

Though the congregation is new, the work in Tanda actually began more than 12 years ago. No on-going group was established until Archie and Sarah Mayhew opened a youth center in Tanda in 1977. Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson continued the ministry in 1980.

Over the years, several hundred people, mostly students, made professions of faith. But most had graduated from school or had been transferred when the Bryans began regular services again in late 1981.

Robert has requested prayer that the construction will go smoothly and that many will be saved as he contacts those who expressed interest during the August evangelistic campaign.

Board Meets, Appoints 17 Summer Missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met in Nashville, Tenn., November 29-December 1 for the semi-annual session. Most significant action taken included the appointment of 17 summer missionaries and two couples as associate missionaries.

These were appointed to summer missionary service: **Brazil**—Jeff Caldwell of Taylor, Mich. with the Bobby Pooles; **France**—Paul Creech of Nashville, Tenn. with the Tom McCulloughs; Jonathan Merkh of Richmond, Va. and Larry Lovell of Powhatan, Va. with the John Murrays; Michele Pedigo of Ft. Worth, Tex. and Merri Lynn Wallace of San Bernadino, Calif. with Charolette Tallent; and Chris and Suzanne Real of Muldrow and Locust Grove, Okla. with the Lynn Mileys;

Ivory Coast—Angela Barrow of New Bern, N.C. and Tracy Lynn Cariker of Tulsa, Okla. with Alice Smith and Arilla

Wode; Jeff and Gwen Gaskins of Vanceboro, N.C. and Georgetown, S.C. with the Robert Bryans; and Ernest Holland of Comanche, Tex. with the Sherwood Lees;

Japan—Cynthia Cunningham of Hot Springs, Ark. and Vivian Waller of Kinston, N.C. with Judy Smith; and **Panama**—Frank and Rebecca (Talbert) Gregory of Hector, Ark. and Tulsa, Okla. with the Steve Lytles.

Terry and Jamie Eagleton of Nashville, Tenn. were appointed to associate missionary status. Terry will work as associate pastor of the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Araras, Brazil, in accord with the church's request.

Robert and Pam West of Smithfield, N.C. were approved under the associate missionary program to serve on special assignment as maintenance missionaries in Doropo, Ivory Coast. In addition to Robert's maintenance ability, Pam's experience as bookkeeper will be utilized by the clinic and field council. Their approval is subject to satisfactory completion of certain tests and medical examinations. They will replace the Howard Filkins.

The board also accepted the resignations of Miss June Arnold in Panama, Joe and Barbara Haas in France and Harold Critcher, director of finance.



June Arnold

Miss Arnold resigned to get married. Joe and Barbara submitted their resignation, feeling directed of the Lord to accept positions teaching missions and representing Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. Arnold's resignation was effective January 1 and the Haases' is effective May 1.

The board sent letters of special appreciation to Mr. Critcher for his 15 years of service in business administration and missions service and to the Haases for their faithful service and fruitful ministry in France.

Critcher joined the foreign missions staff in September of 1967 when the budget was \$469,315 for the year. Income that year totaled \$518,960 and all accounting was done by hand. The finance department is now automated with an annual budget of \$2,197,148. The resignation is effective January 31.



Joe and Barbara Haas, in France, have resigned to work with the new Southeastern Free Will Baptist College in Virginia Beach, Va.

Hughes Pleased with Progress in His Absence

Brazil—Missionary Tom Hughes reports he is personally pleased with the progress of the church in Uberlandia, Brazil, during his absence.

"The church is going so smoothly that I sorta feel like a visitor," says Tom. "Luiz has provided excellent leadership."

Tom returned to Brazil in November to help Luiz, who is a college student, during a difficult time in the school year. He found several new people in the church with whom he was not acquainted, and several Christian couples have talked of marriage.

Hughes has requested prayer for God's wisdom and direction as he looks for land to purchase for a future building site.

Nancy Hughes and daughter, Lori, remained in the United States. Tom plans to return to North Carolina after the first of the year.

Scriptures Distributed at Ninth Asian Games

India—According to the World Home Bible League, 10,000 Bibles, 50,000 New Testaments, and tens of thousands of scripture portions in various languages were handed out during the Ninth Asian Olympic Games in Delhi, India. The Games extended from mid-November through the first week in December.

Athletes from 34 Asian countries, dignitaries from throughout the Orient, and an estimated three million tourists crammed together to witness the Games. While most were there to cheer their country's representatives on to victory, the Bible League considered this an outstanding opportunity to present the gospel and to place scripture portions in the hands of those who had no Bibles of their own.

Several hundred Christian volunteers

handed out the materials in the athletic stadiums, in the railway stations and bus terminals, at the airport, and at most hotels throughout the city. Even high Indian officials and honored guests were presented with special edition Bibles and other related materials at special ceremonies.

Bihoro Church to Have New Pastor in March

Japan—Missionary Dale Bishop has revealed the prospect of the Bihoro Free Will Baptist Church getting a new pastor in March of this year.

According to Dale, the young pastor is a recent graduate of Bible school. He has been getting some training and experience as an assistant pastor in a nearby city. The church at Bihoro has been without a pastor for over two years.

Bishop also reported answered prayer in the recent conversion of Mrs. Sato, the wife of one of the faithful members of the Bihoro church. She has requested baptism.

Callaway, Owen Seek Building in Mostoles

Spain—Ron Callaway and Dennis Owen have been searching for a building in which to begin a new work in the area of Mostoles, Spain, near Madrid.

"On the other side of the city, there are two evangelical churches," writes Ron, "but on our side there are only Mormons and many, many Spaniards who need to know our Lord."

Callaway requested prayer for God's wisdom and direction in finding the right place. He also asked people to pray for the people they have already contacted.

Ron disclosed that they are making progress toward obtaining their official visas to stay and work in Spain.

Work Outgrows Capacity of Miley Living Room

France—Miss Charolette Tallent has revealed that the work in Lorient has continued to grow and is currently averaging 30 people in attendance for both Sunday school and worship services. "Of course," writes Charolette, "with this number, the Miley's living room is getting too small."

New government regulations have made it difficult for the group to find a suitable building for services. They have requested prayer for their future growth and for a building which will be adequate to hold them.

Charolette has been teaching the

junior age Sunday school class. She noted that the parents of one little girl now want her to attend Catholic catechism three Sundays per month and attend the Free Will Baptist services one Sunday. "Pray that the priest will not influence her to stop completely," Miss Tallent concluded.

Charolette began a refresher course in French recently with a private tutor.

Financial Summary

Through November 30

Substance

Receipts in November	\$ 177,535.17
Total receipts through November	1,873,479.49
Total disbursements	1,989,054.89
Projected receipts	2,014,056.00
Total 1982 Budget	2,197,148.00

Shortage

All the following accounts are in the deficit:

Allen	\$ 541.46	Midgett	\$ 834.96
Bishop	3,500.76	Miley	5,712.57
Banks	1,837.55	Moser	1,173.06
Bunch	2,353.64	Nichols	2,219.51
Caton	9,596.73	Owen	2,995.75
Cowart	3,293.85	Pinkerton	2,136.71
Crowson	5,181.78	Riggs	236.19
Daniel	2,166.57	So. India	3,135.16
Deeds	3,119.35	Sparks	342.37
Filkins	9,662.47	Sturgill	3,199.36
Gibbs	1,426.26	McCullough	2,475.39
Hersey	6,011.23	Vanhook	1,449.86
Inscow	5,855.07	Webb	1,001.99
Lee	146.47	Willey	1,656.45
Metcalfe	1,344.55		
Total			\$84,607.08

State Quotas

State	Monthly Quota	1983 Quota
Alabama	\$13,250	\$159,000
Arizona	250	3,000
Arkansas	10,250	123,000
California	5,000	60,000
Colorado	333	4,000
Florida	5,833	70,000
Georgia	6,667	80,000
Hawaii	83	1,000
Idaho	125	1,500
Illinois	6,917	83,000
Indiana	1,750	21,000
Iowa	83	1,000
Kansas	1,167	14,000
Kentucky	5,500	66,000
Louisiana	83	1,000
Maryland	917	11,000
Michigan	9,167	110,000
Minnesota	42	500
Mississippi	3,000	36,000
Missouri	12,083	145,000
Montana	83	1,000
New Mexico	42	500
*Northeast Association	750	9,000
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North Carolina	29,583	355,000
Ohio	6,667	80,000
Oklahoma	26,250	315,000
Pennsylvania	83	1,000
South Carolina	13,667	164,000
Tennessee	27,083	325,000
Texas	5,333	64,000
Virginia	8,167	98,000
Virgin Islands	83	1,000
West Virginia	7,417	89,000
Miscellaneous	1,984	23,807
Canada	167	2,000
Totals	\$210,651	\$2,527,807

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New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine,
Connecticut, Washington, D.C.,
Massachusetts, and Canada

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Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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New 35mm Filmstrips in Process:

(Temporary or working titles only)	Projected Release Date
" <i>Mightier Than These</i> " — Brazil.....	March 1983
" <i>Liberty or Death</i> " — Panama.....	April 1983
" <i>The African Parable</i> " — Ivory Coast.....	May 1983
" <i>Guide to Triumph</i> " — How to have effective missionary services.....	September 1983
" <i>Restless Souls</i> " — Composite of FWB missionary work.....	October 1983

New 16mm Film in Process:

	Projected Release Date
" <i>Victor, God's Chosen Vessel</i> " (Working title) — Ivory Coast.....	November 1983

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announcement of these
new releases.**

