



Dave Franks, pioneer missionary to Brazil, blows out the candle on the cake commemorating 25 years of FWB ministry in Brazil.

## 25 Years Recognized in Brazil Ministry

*Brazil*—Special services were held on Good Friday, April 1, at the Araras Free Will Baptist Church as the Association of Free Will Baptists in Brazil honored 25 years of FWB ministry in that country.

"Remembering, reminiscing, and learning about the bygone years proved to be a blessing as we could mentally picture the whole puzzle being filled in piece by piece," writes Geneva Poole. "The struggles and blessings, strengths and weaknesses, the defeats and victories, the failures and accomplishments, all give a picture somewhat marred by human failure, yet beautiful because it pictured what God has done to build His church."

Dave Franks, first missionary to Brazil, spoke during the worship hour challenging Free Will Baptists to grow, to become involved, and to be united in order to produce more for the Lord's glory.

Immediately following lunch, a drama was presented, picturing what Christ did at Calvary and how that message gives hope. Slides were shown, presenting the first missionaries and the beginning of the Free

Will Baptist works. Representatives from 12 of the works gave reports of history and progress over the years. Seven young men, all in training for the ministry, gave their testimonies.

## Catons Resign After Two Terms in Spain

*Nashville, Tenn.*—After two terms of service in Majadahonda, Spain, Dock and Norma Caton will be following a new avenue of ministry. The Catons submitted their resignation to the Board of Foreign Missions during the May session in Nashville.

Dock and Norma are considering a cross-cultural ministry in the U.S. with a vision toward opening a new field abroad sometime in the future. Basic reasons for their resignation stemmed from philosophical differences with the Spanish field council regarding their ministry on the field.

The Catons have been encouraged by the board to explore different areas in the States where numerous Spanish-speaking immigrants have taken up residence, and they have been urged to maintain their use of the Spanish language.

During the 90 days following submission of their resignation, Dock will be doing limited deputational work in



Dock and Norma Caton have resigned from service in Spain after two terms.

addition to exploring these new areas of opportunity. Dock and Norma have requested people to help them close out their account in the black.

The Catons first went to Spain in July of 1974. They returned to the States this year in February and are currently residing in Tulsa, Okla.

## Aldridge Says Over 100 Saved in March

*Ivory Coast*—"We are experiencing the blessings of God and the devil's attacks," writes Jimmy Aldridge from Bondoukou, Ivory Coast. Though unsure of the exact number, Jimmy added, "There may have been over 100 professions of faith in the last month at Bouna, Agnibilekrou, Bouake, and other villages!"

## Robinson Announces Plans for Ordination Service

*Uruguay*—Missionary Paul Robinson reported in April that plans were being laid for an ordination service in the Rivera, Uruguay area.

Paul expressed praise that finally, "after 21 years of labor, tears, heart-break and what have you," they will soon be ordaining one man for the

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gospel ministry. "Mario Conceicao is now 30 years old, black, an untiring worker, a soul winner, and the best Christian in our work here," says Paul.

Mario is a convert from the Santa Teresa work (the first work begun in Uruguay), and he recently graduated from a Bible institute in Montevideo.

The exact date for the ordination had not been set at the time of Robinson's writing. Dub Ellison is scheduled to help in the ordination services.

## Franks Baptizes 17 in Barbacena and Lafaiete

**Brazil**—In January, missionary Dave Franks baptized 13 people from the Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church, and he baptized four people from Conselheiro Lafaiete on March 27. Franks is overseeing these two works while starting a new work in the city of Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

According to recent correspondence from the Franks, Dave conducted a Bible conference March 16-20 at the Barbacena church. He presented a study from the book of Galatians. One person was saved and 10 others rededicated their lives to Christ.

A neighbor of the Franks family in Belo Horizonte, a young lady, made a



Children participate in commencement exercises of Vacation Bible School held by the Betania FWB Church in the Panama City area of Panama.

decision for Christ recently after several months of witness by Dave and Pat. They requested special prayer for her "understanding of spiritual things and her health."

## Betania Church Holds VBS; 10 Children Saved

**Panama**—The Betania Free Will Baptist Church, in a suburb of Panama City, Panama conducted Vacation Bible School March 14-18 with an average attendance of 35 for the week. According to Steve Lytle, 10 children accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

"We held commencement on March 20," writes Steve. "Sixty-three people were there, including several adults for the first time."

Steve reports having baptized six people on March 6.

A special anniversary service was scheduled for May 14 to commemorate the beginning of the Betania work seven years ago under the ministry of Bill Fulcher.

## 150 Attend Christian Film at St. Nazaire

**France**—According to a report from Tom McCullough, 150 people, including 90 boys from an area Catholic high school, attended a Christian film showing in February at St. Nazaire.

Tom reported having distributed 4,000 invitations and having placed ads in the local newspapers to announce the film showing. Then, they gave out gospel booklets to those who attended the film.

McCullough also advised the mission office that a booth for Christian

literature was set up at a city commercial fair during the month of March. "We talked to at least three people at length about Jesus Christ and the plan of salvation and passed out 500 tracts," Tom stated.

A city-wide literature distribution campaign has been scheduled for the summer while Paul Creech, summer missionary, is there to help.

## Construction Under Way at Last in Tanda, I.C.

**Ivory Coast**—A ground-breaking service was held at Tanda on the Sunday before Easter, and workers began digging the foundations during that week. According to Robert Bryan, the block building is expected to be usable in September.

"When finished, the building will measure 36 feet by 59 feet and should accommodate 125-150 people," Bryan stated. It will include two classrooms which can also be used as overflow rooms for the main auditorium.

"Though construction costs have gone up considerably recently," says Robert, "it appears that the church has enough money on hand to complete the first phase of this construction: getting the walls up and the roof on."

## Uberaba Church Bombed, Damaged; No Injuries

**Brazil**—Louis and Florine Coscia acknowledged God's protecting hand recently as they reported a bombing incident in the Uberaba church in Brazil.

"On a recent Sunday night toward the end of the preaching service,"

## Special Gifts

These people gave special gifts in April in memory of friends and loved ones:

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Missionary Fred Hersey "humbly" poses with young people from the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in Japan while at a mountain retreat in March.

write the Coscias, "a man threw a homemade bomb into the entrance of the church. Thankfully, the explosion caused no injuries and only minor damages."

The Coscias explained that the man who threw the bomb returned to the church about five minutes later and publically confessed his sin and asked for forgiveness.

In other news, the Coscias acknowledged confirmation by the doctor in a Campinas clinic that Louis does have glaucoma, cataracts, and disease of the cornea in both eyes. He is using medication which they hope will keep all three conditions under control.

The Coscias have requested special prayer for Louis and for the work in Uberaba. They expressed praise for answered prayer as their Wednesday night prayer service has been well attended and a number of believers who had never prayed in public are now leading in prayer.

## Elaine Allen Reports on Lobi Conference

**Ivory Coast**—Missionary Elaine Allen reports having attended the annual Lobi Conference in Upper Volta during the latter part of March. Elaine accompanied 24 other people from the Doropo church in Ivory Coast.

More than 1,000 people, including 800 adults and approximately 250 children, attended the annual event. The theme of the conference centered around the return of Christ and, according to Miss Allen, several people went forward for prayer following each service.

"Many of the people sacrificed to come," writes Elaine. "One village did

not have the money for transportation, so they walked. It took them three days to get there. By this you can see that they are eager to hear the Word of God."

Elaine noted that one young man from Doropo was really touched by the message and indicated a willingness to serve the Lord with all his heart. She requested prayer for Jerome.

Miss Allen is scheduled to begin furlough from the Ivory Coast in late summer.

## 14 Iriso Young People Attend Special Retreat

**Japan**—According to a report from Fred Hersey, 14 young people from the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in the Tokyo area of Japan attended a special retreat on March 20-21. Fred was the special speaker for the occasion.

Hersey noted a young high school student, Tokunaga, recently made a profession of faith. He urged prayer for her spiritual growth.

A Christian woman from the church recently led her children to accept Christ. "Now we pray the husband will be saved," Fred concluded.

## \$8,000 Needed Soon for Brazil Dormitory

**Brazil**—The urgent need for a boys' dormitory at the camp property in Jaboticabal, Brazil has challenged three masonry men (Master's Men) from Arkansas. The Reverend Ronnie Whitten, Johnny Fowlks, and his brother Ronnie Fowlks have volunteered to go to Brazil at their own

expense during January and construct this building. Any others skilled in masonry who would be interested in doing the same have been urged to contact the Department of Foreign Missions.

Costs of building materials have been estimated at \$8,000. These funds must be raised before the workers can go to the field.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Uruguay**—According to information received during a recent telephone conversation with the Walter Ellisons in Uruguay, services are being held in their home. The highest attendance has been 24-25 people. They requested prayer for a realtor who is hoping to help them secure a place to hold services.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Board of Foreign Missions met May 2-5 in Nashville for their annual session. Actions taken will be published in the July-August Heartbeat.

**Brazil**—The Seminary and Bible Institute of Ribeirao Preto scheduled a Bible Conference for May 22-29. Summer missionary Jeff Caldwell and Brazilian student Maurilio Amorim were to join Robert Poole to do the speaking for the conference. All three are students at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

**Wheaton, Ill.**—J. Reford Wilson, former general director and current member

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## Financial Summary

### Through April 30

### Substance

Total contributions for April .....	\$ 185,548.72
Total contributions through April .....	728,003.07
Total disbursements through April .....	745,204.85
Projected receipts through April .....	842,600.00
Total 1983 Budget .....	2,527,807.00

### Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop .....	\$ 5,332.13	Merkh .....	\$ 638.30
Bunch .....	906.07	Metcalf .....	295.45
Caton .....	1,805.19	Midgett .....	807.68
Cousineau .....	654.19	Miley .....	9,850.89
Cowart .....	3,457.36	Nichols .....	2,095.23
Crowson .....	6,391.45	Owen .....	5,884.21
Cunningham .....	299.34	Sparks .....	2,672.77
Daniel .....	1,270.10	Sturgill .....	1,550.86
Filkins .....	11,245.76	Sweeney .....	42.72
Hersey .....	3,427.61	Turnbough .....	3,936.37
Inscoe .....	582.61	Vanhook .....	1,693.63
Lee .....	3,956.32	Webb .....	5,580.73
McCullough .....	5,253.90	Willey .....	8,414.70
Total .....			<b>\$88,045.57</b>



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of the Board of Foreign Missions, was scheduled to enter Central DuPage Hospital in Wheaton, Ill. on May 17 for open heart by-pass surgery on May 19. He is pastor of Butterfield FWB Church in Aurora, Ill.

**Ivory Coast**—Pastor Kuadio Jean-Baptiste, one of the few ordained Free Will Baptist preachers in the Ivory Coast, has developed chronic kidney failure and doctors have estimated he has 18 to 24 months to live. Jimmy Aldridge writes: "God can redo those kidneys if He desires. Please ask urgent prayer everywhere."

**Florence, S.C.**—Norwood Gibson, promotional secretary for South Carolina Free Will Baptists and member of the Board of Foreign Missions, was hospitalized on May 2 and had heart catheterization on May 5. Doctors have determined to treat his condition with medication and exercise.

### Lytle Reports on Visit to Las Tablas Area

**Panama**—A group of 10 young people from Panama City Free Will Baptist Church, one man from Agua Buena, and Steve Lytle spent March 30-April 2 in the Las Tablas area of Panama.

"We evangelized, passed out tracts and scripture portions door to door, and held services in Las Tablas, Nuevo Ocu, Parita, and La Miel," writes Steve.

Lytle acknowledged four professions of faith and one rededication during the visit. "Perhaps one of the greatest



Young people from the Panama City FWB Church sing during a special evangelistic effort at La Miel in Los Santos Province of Panama.

benefits was the encouragement our young people gave to the believers in these mission churches through their fellowship, counsel, and example," Steve concluded.

### Easter Drama Given by Ribeirao Preto Church

**Brazil**—A cast of 20 people from the Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil presented an Easter drama first on Good Friday at the annual Association of Free Will Baptists in Brazil, held in Araras, and they presented it a second time in their home church on Easter Sunday night.

The drama depicted the miracle of believing in Christ and His death for forgiveness of sin.

### Bryan Works Through High School English

**Ivory Coast**—Robert Bryan began visiting English classes at the regional high school in Tanda, Ivory Coast recently at the invitation of two teachers.

Robert has been able to speak clearly about why he and Judy are in the Ivory Coast and about the plan of salvation.

Already, some of the students have come to the youth center to look over the Christian books and to ask questions. Others have visited the Bryans in their home.

### Lorient Church Shows Growth, Reaches Out

**France**—The work in the city of Lorient, France has shown signs of growth lately. According to Charolette Tallent, a friend of Jon and Michelle Miley accepted Christ as her Savior recently.

Although the girl moved some three miles from the Miley neighborhood in December, she has evidently missed only about four Sundays attending services. Sometimes she rode her bike even through the winter months.

According to Tallent, 10 people responded to an offer for a free New Testament as a result of the Christmas tract distribution.

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