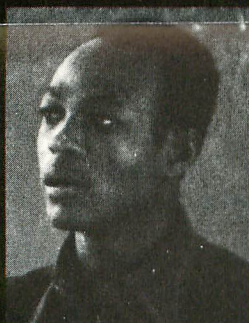


## Two Key Servants Finish Their Course

Pastor Kouadio Jean-Baptiste  
Ivory Coast



Pastor D. Dorairaj  
South India







Pastor Jean-Baptiste (right) translates for Pastor Anany Victor during one of the FWB annual conferences in the Ivory Coast. Baptiste died in August as a result of kidney failure.

## Jean-Baptiste Succumbs; Notes of Victory Sounded

*Ivory Coast*—Approximately 500 people from villages throughout the Bondoukou Circle of Ivory Coast attended funeral and burial services on Sunday, August 21 for national pastor Jean-Baptiste (John the Baptist) in the village of Taoudi. Baptiste died at 1:20 a.m. Saturday, August 20, in Bondoukou after having suffered for several months due to kidney failure.

According to reports from missionaries on the field, the Christians and missionaries spent the night prior to burial singing, testifying, and preaching. "I sensed an atmosphere of victorious joy more than grief and sadness," writes missionary Alice Smith. For the benefit of the pagans present, Bondoukou pastor Anany Victor explained the significance of the body in the casket and the fact that Jean (John) was not in the casket but with the Lord.

"Not one prayer was prayed during the funeral," says Alice. "John's future had been taken care of." African culture would call for seeking to appease the fetish, etc. so the dead could join the ancestors.

Following Victor's message, Jimmy Aldridge preached. He reminded listeners that over the years Jean had bicycled miles into the bush to preach until his voice sometimes gave out. Then he related that God had chosen to permanently heal the young preacher of all illnesses rather than grant the partial, temporary healing for which Christians had prayed.

Teresa, John's widow, stood faithfully by her husband during his final

months. She testified at his burial, giving evidence of her faith and trust in Christ. This was in great contrast to Ivory Coast pagan custom.

The Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church assumed responsibility for funeral expenses and committed themselves to provide for the widow and her six-year-old son, Gideon, as the Bible directed.

Jean-Baptiste was one of only three ordained FWB preachers from the Ivory Coast.

## Hanna Reports on South India Work, Urges Prayer

*India*—Following a visit to the South India work, Carlisle Hanna reports, "Three of our churches there are doing well. Our Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Kotagiri is without a pastor. Please pray with us and with them for the pastor they need."

Carlisle noted he was able to attend and speak at the opening of both of the Free Will Baptist schools there on June 20.

## Bryans Victims of Thieves But Culprits Caught

*Ivory Coast*—Thieves in the Ivory Coast took advantage of missionaries Robert and Judy Bryan during the month of June:

While the Bryans were in Abidjan, thieves broke into their car and stole their cassette player and speakers. During the same period, someone burglarized their home in Tanda and stole some glasses, cutlery and food from their freezer. Thieves returned a second and third time about a week apart and stole a total of about \$330 in cash and personal items

worth over \$300.

In August, Robert revealed the thieves had been caught and were in jail at Bondoukou awaiting trial.

"We recovered almost all the articles stolen and about 80 percent of the money," writes Robert. "The two thieves are two young men who have been quite active in the youth group at church."

## Eagletons Commemorate 25 Years Serving in Brazil

*Brazil*—Approximately 90 people were present at the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil on July 3 to commemorate 25 years of missionary service by Ken and Marvis Eagleton.

The special service included a baby dedication, a message, and slides demonstrating the family's involvement in the ministry of Free Will Baptists in Brazil. Three of the Eagletons' four sons were born in Brazil.

According to Ken, three people from Araras made decisions for Christ during July: two of these following Sunday night services and one during camp. Two college men were among those making decisions.

The second semester of Bible institute classes in Araras began August 4, following winter vacation through the month of July.

## 60th Wedding Anniversary Benefits Mission Accounts

*Madison Heights, Mich.*—Celebrating 60 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Miller of the Ten Mile Free Will Baptist Church in Madison Heights, Mich. requested friends to give to missions rather than to them.

A total of \$400 was divided between the Ken Eagleton and Steve Lytle mission accounts in honor of the couple. The Millers are charter members of Ten Mile church.

## Ellisons Rent Hall, Get Permanent Documents

*Uruguay*—Missionaries Walter and Marcia Ellison reported in late July having signed a contract for a meeting hall in Montevideo, Uruguay.

"We are still meeting in our living-room, but have already signed a contract for a nice second-floor place with a nice terrace where we can



have Bible classes in the warmer months," write the Ellisons. "One reason we had such a trying time finding a place was that folks in our neighborhood are 'thumbs down' on the Mormons, and as we were American and religious, they put us in the same category."

The Ellisons noted that their neighborhood was without a single evangelical church. On the other hand, the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Mormons, the Catholics, and an ecumenical church can be found. "Also if you look about 12 blocks down the street, on the beach, you will find remains of spiritist activity—broken bottles, dead chickens, fruit, flowers, etc.," the Ellisons concluded.

Walter and Marcia reported having finally received their permanent documents for residence in Uruguay. These came after many days of waiting in line, filling out forms, etc., but the Ellisons were praising the Lord for their papers.

## Tokyo Area FWB Churches Join for Mountain Retreat

*Japan*—The Iriso and Tokyo Free Will Baptist churches met together August 13-15 in the mountains above the city for a special retreat. Twenty-two people attended the event.

According to missionary Fred Hersey, he and pastor Bonde did the preaching.

"I felt impressed to give a challenge, especially to the young people to fully surrender everything to the Lord," writes Fred. "A few decisions were made. At a testimony meeting later one of the young men said that it was the first time he had been challenged personally."

## 280 Professions of Faith Recorded in Tanda

*Ivory Coast*—According to missionary Robert Bryan, the evangelistic campaign held July 26-31 in Tanda, Ivory Coast netted more than 280 professions of faith in Christ as Savior.

"Now we're trying to follow up on these people and we're finding that follow-up is much more difficult than evangelism!" writes Bryan. "We had 48 in church yesterday morning and more than 60 there for a film last night," he concluded.



Mr. Earl Larson has assumed the position of treasurer-administrative assistant with the Department of Foreign Missions.

## Earl Larson Assumes Foreign Missions Position

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Mr. Earl Larson of Columbia, Mo. has assumed the office of treasurer-administrative assistant with the Department of Foreign Missions in Nashville, Tenn. Larson officially began his duties in the finance division on September 6.

Mr. Larson holds a B.S. degree from Free Will Baptist Bible College. He served three years as bookkeeper, credit manager, and finally as assistant comptroller with WEHCO Media, Inc. of Little Rock, Ark. After that, he served three years as controller/treasurer for Mid-South Companies and one and one-half years as controller for Arkansas Parts Warehouse, both companies also in Little Rock.

Prior to assuming his current position, Earl served as finance director for OATS, Inc. of Columbia, Mo. for two and one-half years.

Larson is a layman and has been actively involved in teaching Sunday school, directing music, acting as Christian education director, etc. in the local church. He has recently been involved in teaching a college-age Sunday school class in Columbia Free Will Baptist Church.

Earl is married to the former Sue Postlewaite. They have two children: Melissa, age six and Daniel, age three.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*India*—Pastor D. Dorairaj, who has been the main leader in the South India Free Will Baptist work, died on August 13, 1983 in Bangalore, South India. He had been ill for some time.

Information regarding his age was not available.

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Jerry and Janice Banks, missionaries to Japan home on an extended medical furlough, have announced plans to return to the field near the end of the year. Janice, who has suffered from a form of tendonitis, has shown marked improvement since beginning a special therapy at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville.

*France*—According to Miss Patsy Vanhook, missionary to St. Nazaire, France, some 25,000 tracts were inserted in mailboxes in St. Nazaire during the summer. Coupons for a free book on the plan of salvation were also included. Last report indicated at least 29 books had been requested.

*Brazil*—The Conselheiro Lafaiete Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil conducted a daily vacation Bible school July 4-8 under the direction of MK Dave Franks, Jr. Suzanne Franks was in charge of music for the week. Attendance averaged 28 children and 10 workers. One boy was saved during the week. Over 30 of the 65 children attending were first-time contacts.

*Henderson, Tex.*—Haskel H. Smith, father of missionary to Japan, Miss Judy Smith, died on August 16 in Henderson Memorial Center after suffering a cerebral stroke. He was 74 years of age.

*Brazil*—Louis Coscia writes from Uberaba, Brazil: "The church here continues to grow. We now have two new families in church. Attendance in all services continues to grow." Louis noted that two men

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## Financial Summary

Through August 31

### Substance

Total contributions for August .....	\$ 211,964.47
Total contributions through August .....	1,571,678.60
Total disbursements through August .....	1,457,577.61
Projected receipts through August .....	1,685,204.64
Total 1983 Budget .....	2,527,807.00

### Shortage

All the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bishop .....	\$3,135.31	Miley .....	\$ 270.43
Caton .....	3,554.27	Owen .....	5,955.63
Cousineau .....	3,839.09	Sparks .....	1,793.90
Crowson .....	2,045.16	Vanhook .....	2,419.20
McCullough .....	2,087.91	Webb .....	10,161.82
Midgett .....	1,135.25		
Total .....			\$36,397.97



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and a boy had recently made professions of faith.

**Elizabethton, Tenn.**—Billie Sexton, wife of missionary representative Don Sexton, had major surgery on August 19 at the Johnson City Medical Center in Johnson City, Tenn. Latest reports indicate she is recovering normally.

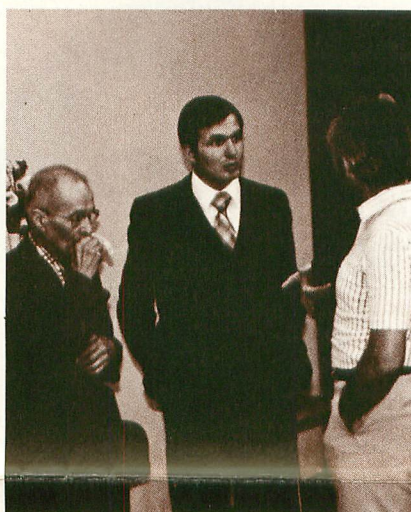
### West Virginia Walks for Missions; Sends Sturgills

**Charleston, W. Va.**—West Virginia Free Will Baptists walked in May, June, July and August for the statewide Walk-a-thon for missions. They reported on August 6 at Laidley Field (football stadium) in Charleston. A total of \$7,164.17 had been reported by the end of the day.

According to West Virginia leaders, the main thrust of this effort was aimed at getting Jim and Vicki Sturgill back to Brazil.

Though results and participation in this year's Walk-a-thon was much less than that of 1982, approximately 100 people were on hand to enjoy fellowship, sports activities, free hot dogs and free cokes.

The youngest walker reporting was four-year-old Lori Justice of Lick Branch FWB Church near Charleston. She walked seven miles. Oldest participant reported was 73-year-old Bessie Kirk of Prince of Peace FWB Church in Huntington.



Mr. Boris Danilov, 85-year-old French convert (left), stands with missionary Tom McCullough (center) following his baptism at the Nantes FWB Church.

Most mileage walked by one person totaled 73 miles and was claimed by Don Deuley of Cedar Grove. Highest average collected per mile walked came to \$12 and was claimed by Shirley Giles.

### Three St. Nazaire Converts Baptized in Nantes Church

**France**—Three converts from St. Nazaire were baptized on August 7 in the baptistry at the Nantes church by missionary Tom McCullough.

McCullough reported 13 people from the St. Nazaire church traveled

to Nantes to share in their monthly fellowship dinner. The baptismal service followed the meal.

Two teenage girls and one 85-year-old man were baptized. As a result of the summer literature distribution program, Mr. Boris Danilov was saved just two weeks prior to the baptismal service. The girls had been saved for some time but had not been baptized.

### Hersey Requests Prayer for English Classes, Prospects

**Japan**—Missionary Fred Hersey expressed concern that a number of unsaved people are "close to making decisions for salvation." He requested prayer especially for the Muroka family. "A few weeks ago they visited our home and expressed a desire to become Christians," Fred acknowledged.

The Herseys' daughter, Vivian, will be staying in Japan rather than returning to Free Will Baptist Bible College this year. Fred disclosed that she will be teaching English for a church in an area where no foreigners live. He explained, the main objective of that church is to evangelize, using English as a tool. "This should be a good experience for Vivian," Fred stated. "She will be living with a Japanese family."

The Iriso church also has a ministry among those interested in studying English. Fred requested prayer for these students as well.

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