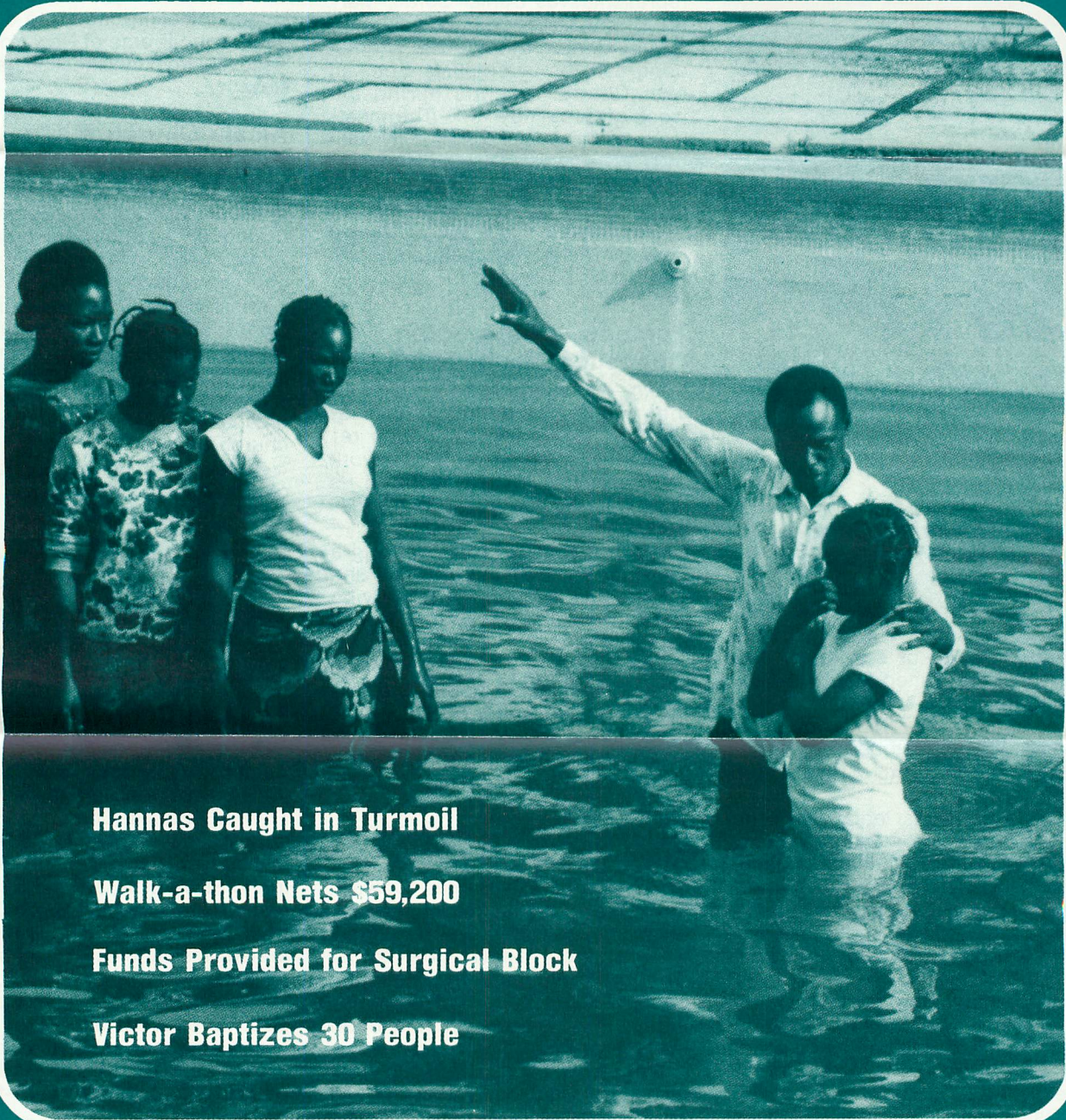


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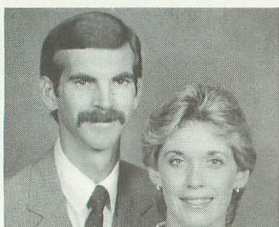
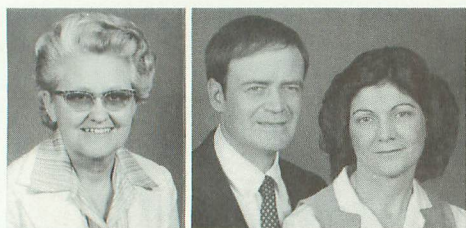


**Hannas Caught in Turmoil**

**Walk-a-thon Nets \$59,200**

**Funds Provided for Surgical Block**

**Victor Baptizes 30 People**



These missionaries are departing or have departed for their fields or language study: (from the top, left to right) Molly Barker, Rick and Linda Bowling, Stan and Brenda Bunch, Neil and Sheila Gilliland, Tom and Patty McCullough and Dennis and Trena Owen.

## 11 Missionaries Depart, Others to Arrive Soon

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Seventeen missionaries are among those who will have address changes due to departure for their fields of service or their arrival in the United States to begin furlough:

Tom and Patty McCullough left for France on October 15 to begin their second term of missionary service.

Molly Barker is tentatively scheduled to leave for Uruguay during the first week of December. Dennis and Trena Owen will be returning to Spain sometime during the month of December and Neil and Sheila Gilliland will depart for the Ivory Coast on December 26.

Missionary appointees Rick and Linda Bowling and Stan and Brenda Bunch plan to enter language school in Edinburg, Tex., sometime in December.

Dave and Pat Franks are scheduled to arrive in the United States from Brazil sometime near the middle of December, and Louis and Florine Coscia, also from Brazil, will arrive early in 1985. Carlisle and

Marie Hanna will also be coming home early next year to begin a short furlough.

Address changes will be announced in *Heartbeat*.

## Lytle and Church Leaders Attend Special Congress

**Panama**—Missionary Steve Lytle and Panama Free Will Baptist church representatives Daniel Dorati, Martin Plicet, Aristides Ramos, and Estela Sanjur attended a special congress for evangelists from all over Central America during the week of September 3-7. The meeting was held in Panama City with over 600 evangelists and pastors gathering for information and challenge to evangelize Latin America.

According to Steve Lytle, "It was a time of revival for me personally, and I praise the Lord for it."

## Turnbough Says Satan Opposing Villalba Work

**Spain**—Although God has blessed the new work in many ways at Villalba, Spain, Jeff Turnbough recently requested prayer for the work as "Satan has tried to work on us more than he ever has, to try to discourage us."

When it came to really making a commitment to the Lord and the work, evidently some of those who were attending the services drifted away.

"We desire your prayers for those of our number whom Satan is seemingly grabbing hold of," writes Jeff. "Pray for us as soldiers of the cross in a place where Satan has had a stronghold for a long time."

## Camila Cowart Recovering After Kidney Surgery

**Knoxville, Tenn.**—Camila Cowart, three-year-old daughter of missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart, underwent surgery on October 26 at Children's Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn. Doctors sought to correct a kidney problem which has been evident for more than a year.

Surgery was considered successful and Camila remained hospitalized for approximately seven days. She will remain under doctors' care for three months.

The Cowarts, who arrived in the States on October 10, plan to return to Brazil around the first of February.

## Susan Dickens Undergoes Surgery, Patrick Treated

**Conway, Ark.**—Missionary Susan Dickens was scheduled to undergo major surgery on November 12 in Little Rock, Ark. Results of her surgery were not known at press time.

Patrick, who had to come to the States due to continual health problems, is currently being treated for kidney infection under the direction of Dr. John Frame of New York City. Recovery from the infection has been slow.

## Alcala Church Marks Eighth Anniversary

**Spain**—The Free Will Baptist church at Alcala de Henares, Spain, celebrated its eighth anniversary on September 30 with a dinner on the church grounds.

Missionaries Vada Lee from Ivory Coast and Allan Crowson from France happened to be in the area, so they attended the special event.

Activities of the day included preaching and showing slides of past church events.

According to Lonnie Sparks, "The church is slowly establishing its testimony in the neighborhood. At first, we were looked upon with suspicion. In the last month we've had two unsaved mothers express how happy they were for their children to attend."

Sparks urged Christians to pray for the unsaved in their area.

## Panama Church Women Sponsor Special Service

**Panama**—On Friday, September 14, the woman's auxiliary of the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama sponsored a "media vigilia" or special prayer watch service. According to Steve Lytle, around 40 people met in the church from 8:00 p.m. until almost 1:30 a.m. for prayer, praise, testimonies, preaching and fellowship.

Each hour of the service emphasized a different aspect of prayer: first hour—praise and adoration, second hour—confession, third hour—petitions, and fourth hour—thanksgiving.

Lytle noted that the church continues to progress with an average of 72 attending preaching services during the months of June, July, and August. A high attendance of 100

was registered on August 26. The church has reached \$3,000 toward a goal of \$5,000 by the end of the year for their building fund.

## Tennessee Walk-a-thon Nets \$59,200 for Missions

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Latest reports on a Walk-a-thon by churches in the state of Tennessee indicated approximately \$59,200 had been raised to help Tennessee home and foreign missionaries. According to Don Sexton, chairman of the Tennessee State board of foreign missions, a goal of \$100,000 had been set for the special event.

The largest portion of the money was raised in the East Tennessee area as churches reported \$41,694 from their efforts. The Cumberland area in Middle Tennessee raised approximately \$12,000 while the Cookeville area added \$5,510 to the total.

Special awards were given to individuals for significant efforts in the Walk-a-thon: Terry Boyd, pastor in Ashland City, received a \$200 gift certificate for being the man who raised the most money with \$1,710.40. Mrs. Ruth Elkins from Surgoinsville First Free Will Baptist Church raised \$1,251 and received a microwave oven for her leading effort among the women. Michael McCurry of Erwin First Free Will Baptist Church raised \$1,322.60 and received a five-speed bicycle as the youth raising the most.

These churches and groups raised over \$1,000 each and received plaques for their efforts: *East Tennessee churches*—Surgoinsville First, Temple, Limestone, Community Chapel, Burbank, Watauga Valley, Union Hill, Oak Ridge, Wood-



*Walkers in the Tennessee Walk-a-thon for missions string out along the road in Cookeville. Approximately \$60,000 was raised across the state for Tennessee foreign and home missionaries.*

dale, Forrest Grove, Jackson's Chapel, Erwin First, and Red Hill; *Cookeville area churches*—Monterey and Cookeville First; *Cumberland district*—Ashland City, Good Springs, New Hope, and Heads; and the Foreign Missions Fellowship at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

This special Walk-a-thon event was sponsored jointly by the state board of home missions and the state board of foreign missions. The funds were to be divided among the state home missionaries and the foreign missionaries from Tennessee. The 1984 effort almost doubled the amount raised during the 1983 Walk-a-thon.

## Victor Baptizes 18 in Bondoukou, 12 in Kiendi

*Ivory Coast*—According to a late report from the Ivory Coast, Pastor Anyan Victor of the Bondoukou church baptized 18 believers from Bondoukou in August. In September he baptized 12 believers from the village of Kiendi where Patrick Dickens and a young man named Theophile had been working.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Ivory Coast*—Sherwood Lee writes from Doropo, Ivory Coast, regarding a service in the village of Kodo which recently opened to the gospel: "When Jerome prayed, people continued to laugh and chat among themselves. I wanted to holler 'be quiet.' Then Jeremie preached a simple message of salvation. The people were quiet and listened, even nodding and voicing their agreement as he talked about the deception of the devil."

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The students at Free Will Baptist Bible College, under the leadership of Foreign Missionary Fellowship and missionary prayer bands, have set a goal to raise \$12,000 during this school year for "Project Ivory Coast." The total is to be divided between a building on the Doropo property to house missionaries (\$7,000) and the account of Dr. Kenneth Eagleton (\$5,000).

*Spain*—Lynn Midgett, new missionary to Spain, was hospitalized over—  
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*Pastor Anyan Victor of the Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church in Ivory Coast, baptizes believers at Bondoukou. He baptized a total of 30 recently.*



## Financial Summary

Through October 31

### \$ubstance

Contributions in October .....	\$ 213,903.54
Total contributions through October .....	2,004,171.78
Total disbursements through October .....	2,031,619.09
Total 1984 Budget .....	\$2,714,688.00

### \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey .....	\$ 1,164.94	Lytle .....	\$ 578.44
Bishop .....	2,767.60	Miley .....	5,720.29
Callaway .....	953.76	Payne .....	2,269.91
Combs .....	4,054.60	Robinson .....	460.16
Hersey .....	6,969.48	Teague .....	2,345.94
Lee .....	8,838.56	Turnbough .....	1,983.59
General Fund .....	10,426.33		

Total .....

\$48,533.60

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night recently due to severe pain in the lower right abdomen. Appendicitis was ruled out finally and the problem was diagnosed as a spastic colon. Lynn's language study was temporarily interrupted due to the illness.

**Ivory Coast**—Jerry Pinkerton, current field chairman for the Ivory Coast missionary field council, has been busy recently finishing up a duplex in Tanda for the residence of Sharon and Ledgel Ferguson.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Mark Hanna, son of missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna, left for India on November 18 and plans to stay two months. People have been requested to pray for his safety.

**Aurora, Ill.**—J. Reford Wilson, former director of foreign missions, is continuing to improve since his near scrape with death following surgery in the summer of this year. A report in early November indicated he was preaching one service each Sunday. His hemoglobin was still down and he was still 20 pounds lighter than he weighed prior to surgery. Christians were urged to continue praying for his complete recovery.

**Ivory Coast**—Mrs. Bessie Pinkerton of Longmont, Colo., visited her son and daughter-in-law at Tanda, Ivory Coast, recently. Mrs. Pinkerton, 72-year-old mother of missionary Jerry Pinkerton, left the U.S. on October 20 and returned November 10.

## Woodhaven Church Provides \$6,000 for Surgical Block

**Woodhaven, Mich.**—Responding to an appeal for help toward the medical needs of the Ivory Coast hospital, the Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church of Woodhaven, Mich., gave Dr. Kenneth Eagleton a check during their missionary services in October. The check, in the amount of \$6,000, was given to build a new surgical block onto the hospital.

Pastor Loyd Locklear and the church decided to give a check immediately from the treasury and seek to reimburse the church through special gifts.

## Hannas Caught in Turmoil of Ghandi Assassination

**India**—In a November 2 telephone message from Brenda Hanna, daughter of Carlisle and Marie Hanna, the foreign missions staff learned that Carlisle and Marie were in New Delhi at the time of the assassination of Indira Ghandi on October 31.

According to Brenda, the Hannas had traveled the 1,000 miles to New Delhi from Sonapur for dental work and other business and were caught in the turmoil.

Looting and burning of buildings raged as law and order were totally abandoned. The hotel was burned where Carlisle and Marie were staying but they were able to get out with their belongings and without harm. They went to the YWCA from there but were considered to be in danger as targets of violence since

some were placing blame for the assassination on the United States.

Transportation from the area was canceled and prospects for returning to Sonapur were somewhat shaky. The Hannas requested special prayer for stability in the Indian government and for their own safety.

## Four Laymen to Tackle I.C. Building Project

**Ivory Coast**—Four laymen have volunteered to go to Ivory Coast in January and February to construct a new surgical block at the hospital in Doropo. They will also build a triplex for missionary residents on that station.

Those planning to tackle the assignment include former missionary Howard Filkins of Moore, Okla., general builder; Don Duke of Newton, Kans., general builder; Don Allen of Bixby, Okla., electrician; and Bill Seabolt of Bixby, Okla., finish carpenter.

The men plan to leave the United States on Sunday, December 30 and return on February 15, 1985.

If time permits, Don Allen will do some electrical repairs at the dormitory in Bouake, and the other men will make repairs on some of the other mission stations.

### Oops!

The financial summary in November *Heartbeat* displayed the wrong date. It should have read, "Through September 30."

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