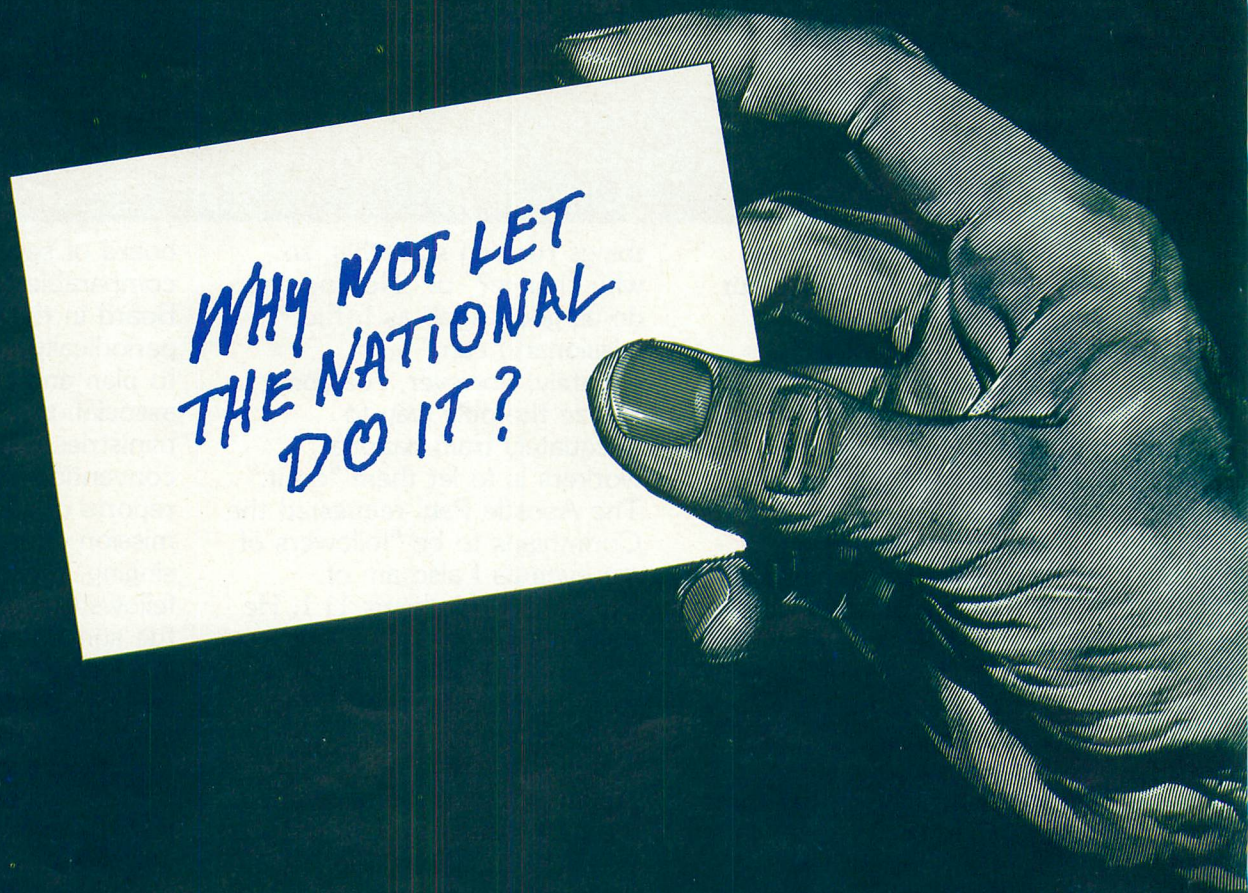


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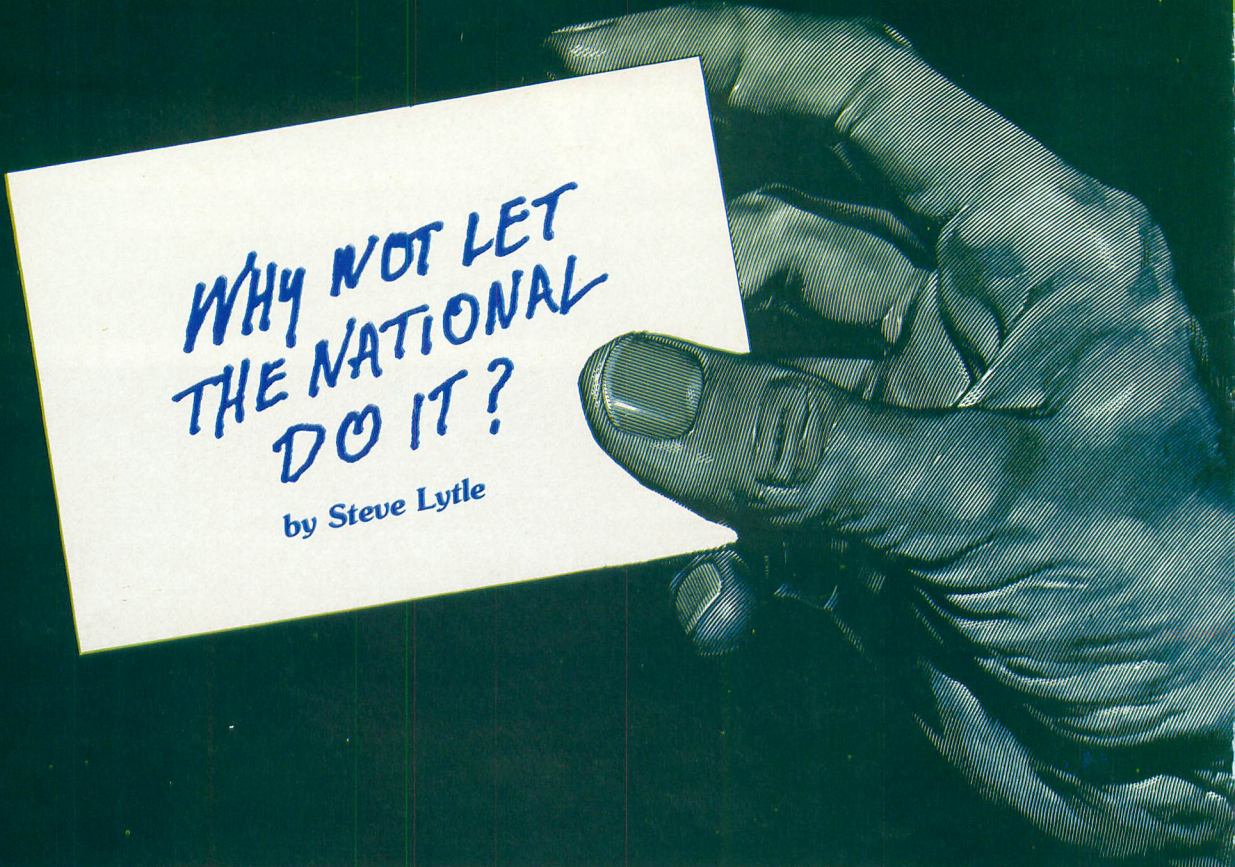
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TRAINING NATIONALS TO DO THE JOB

A detailed illustration of a hand holding a small, rectangular piece of paper. The paper is white and features the title 'WHY NOT LET THE NATIONAL DO IT?' written in a bold, blue, hand-drawn font. Below the title, the author's name 'by Steve Lytle' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The hand is rendered in a dark, textured style, possibly a woodcut or a detailed pencil drawing, and is positioned as if presenting the paper. The background is a solid dark color.

WHY NOT LET THE NATIONAL DO IT?

by Steve Lytle

Rolando Santamaria stood behind the pulpit in our Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama. He spoke on the Second Coming of Christ and the need to be ready and working in the light of that great event.

A lawyer by profession, Rolando delivered a message which was logical, clear, and persuasive. I rejoiced as I sensed the Holy Spirit using him to communicate the Word to more than 70 people who had gathered in our small building that night. In the same service, another Panamanian Christian, Carlos, led the singing, while still another national Christian directed the service.

I confess, at times I've been reluctant to relinquish responsibilities to national Christians. It's easy to rationalize: "He isn't quite ready yet," or "I've finally got

things running smoothly, so why change?" or "No one can do as good a job as I (the missionary) can."

Lately, however, I've come to realize the only way to adequately train national workers is to let them "do it." The Apostle Paul requested the Corinthians to be "followers of me even as I also am of Christ" 1 Corinthians 11:1. He trained Timothy, Titus, and others who could carry on the work (2 Timothy 2:2, Philippians 4:9).

Both biblically and pragmatically, it seems to me the best means to that end would be for the missionary to delegate responsibility. This would allow those with whom he works to develop their God-given gifts and abilities. Why not let the national do it?

In Panama, our National Association of Panamanian Free Will Baptist Churches meets annually on January 9. A

board of seven men, somewhat comparable to the Executive Board in the States, meets periodically throughout the year to plan and carry out the association's business and ministries. This year's convention was successful: reports of souls saved, a new mission church begun, good singing, preaching, food, and fellowship. Interestingly enough, the sum total of missionary involvement was my participation in a round table discussion, and Judy's playing the piano about half the time.

Our Panamanian association board supervises the lay workers who preach in mission churches, and makes periodic visits to determine how the work is progressing. It handles all monies through the treasurer and gives annual reports as to how these are used. Common sense tells us that as the work grows and capable nationals mature both

in willingness and ability, we must shift more of the load onto their shoulders.

Here in Panama we have two organized churches. Neither has a missionary working directly with it. Of the eight mission churches only two have missionaries as pastors. The others are led by young lay preachers who, under the guidance of the national church, are extending the gospel into homes and hearts all over the country.

Of course, they will make some mistakes, but who doesn't? The oft-heard complaint will be voiced: "But he doesn't do it like the missionary did." One young lay preacher discovered he didn't sweep out the church like the people were accustomed.

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Not long ago, I arranged for a couple of our young men to mow the lawn at church. I used to do it! We gave them a key to the front door, but they broke it! Later, one of them damaged the lawn mower trying to start it. Yes, those moments will come, and the missionary will feel tempted to take over and do everything himself. The key, though, is to utilize controlled supervision and teaching. We must allow the national to do it, but provide guidelines and constructive criticism to help him be effective.

The missionary and the

national must have mutual respect and trust for each other. We have to face the fact that superiority in the language and knowledge of the culture often make them more capable than the North American missionary!

In January of this year Martin Plicet and Antonio Rodriguez went to Las Tablas to minister to the mission churches in that area. Martin is a lay preacher and a member of our board of officials. Antonio is a dedicated layman who gives a thrilling testimony of his conversion from alcoholism. Now, he sings and plays his guitar for the Lord.

These men were sent by the Panamanian association, not by the missionary. Yet they both talked with me about their goals for the trip and asked for my prayers. Later, Martin came by to share what the Lord had done. How wonderful to have that kind of working relationship between missionary and national!

By way of summary I offer the following guidelines which I use in my own approach to training and involving nationals:

1. I don't consider myself indispensable as a missionary.
2. I seek to be biblical in my approach—train Timothys.
3. I try to recognize the national's God-given gifts and abilities, and let him use them!
4. I accept mistakes on the part of the national, as well as a fresh, different approach because I know their cultural insights are usually superior to ours.
5. I strive to supervise and criticize constructively.

6. I work at developing mutual respect and trust.

Just before Christmas, God brought some of these lessons home to my heart. One incident in particular illustrates the truth of national

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involvement. We had talked about painting the outside of the church. I assumed I would either end up doing it, or I would have to pay someone from mission or church funds to do the job.

But one day, a lady in our church stood up. Single and in her forties, the lady said, "Pastor, I want to take responsibility for seeing that the outside of the church is painted before Christmas." At her own expense, she hired a painter and in less than two weeks' time the church glowed with a fresh coat of paint.

Why *not* let the national do what God wants him to do? "For we are laborers *together* with God" 1 Corinthians 3:9a.

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TRAINING NATIONALS TO DO THE JOB

by Muriel Larson



Some years ago Art Glasser and his wife served as missionaries in China. Art became ill and was bedridden for some time. "Why Lord?" he wondered. "There is so much to do—still so many people to reach for You!"

The Glassers had already won people to Christ and had established churches. A number of earnest Chinese men were eager to learn more of God's Word and way, so Art began teaching them each evening as they gathered around his bedside. He trained them to do things he couldn't do at that time.

Then the Communists took over China. All missionaries had to leave, including the Glassers. Suddenly Art realized how beautifully God had worked. He could no longer stay to evangelize and teach the Chinese, but all those men he had trained could continue the work. The outreach of one man had been multiplied by 12.

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3,000 Masai received
Christ as their Savior."***

After Glasser returned to the States, he took a position teaching at Columbia Bible College, a school well-known for training missionaries. When he shared his story with his students, they became excited by the concept.

Perhaps Glasser's experience was one factor which served to change the emphasis in missions. In recent years more

and more missions and missionaries have realized the importance of training nationals to preach, teach, and reach their own.

I have had the privilege of interviewing a number of missionaries, and it has been exciting to hear the stories of some who established their own Bible institutes to train nationals they won to Christ.

Roland Garlick established one in El Salvador. One night an ex-convict, a murderer named Carlos, came to the school. He told how the Lord had saved him through his hearing the gospel over the radio. He had bought a Bible and claimed the Lord had taught him to read it. Now he desired training so that he could tell his people what the Lord had done for him.

As he learned how to lead souls to Christ, Carlos became an ardent soulwinner. After a year and a half he asked Roland if he was mature enough to go out and do something on his own. Roland took Carlos to El Sunsa where a group of Christians desired help in starting a church. He told the Christians Carlos would help.

"Only Carlos?" their leader asked with an air of disappointment.

"No," replied Carlos, "four of us are coming to help you."

"What do you mean, Carlos?" asked the missionary.

"Well, there are the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and myself!"

"Carlos," exclaimed Roland, "you are ready!"

Shortly before Roland returned to the States on furlough, he went to speak at Carlos' church. The building

was packed with people.

Roland wept with joy as he saw the exuberant way in which Carlos led his congregation in singing praises to God.

Jim Brock started a Bible institute in Dahomey, Africa, near the border of Benin. Later he went to Benin, where he had already established a number of churches. They are now pastored by his former students. Jim has given his students practical training in evangelism by taking them with him to various villages.

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had been multiplied by 12.***

"The men in that area have been eager to learn," Brock says. "A number of them attend the Bible institute during the months they don't farm. And others who haven't attended the school have at least learned to become soulwinners. One day a deacon in our Couberi church—a leper named Murey—walked nine miles to another town to lead a friend to Christ."

Two of the Brocks' sons, Dan and James, with their wives, plan to join their parents on the mission field when they complete their training in the States. Since they both speak the national language fluently, they will help in the outreach and will teach in the Bible institute.

Don Preston—a Greenville, S.C., businessman—is an associate staff member of one Christian organization which has established hundreds of

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training centers for nationals around the world. He says, "At these centers national Christians learn how to share their faith, win souls to Christ, grow in the Lord, build churches, and even train and send others to do likewise." The organization's goal is to establish 2,500 of these centers.

When Don visited one such center in Nairobi, Kenya, he met Wellington, a sharp young African native who had been a Christian for two years.

"After he had received Christ," Don relates, "he went through six months of intensive training, living the Christian life and winning others to Christ. Although his tribe traditionally regarded the Masai tribe as enemies, Wellington went with a group of other Christians to share Christ with them. During a 10-day period 3,000 Masai received Christ as their Savior."

Ann Flory, an OMF missionary to the Mangyan tribes on the Philippine island of Mindoro, told me how she was involved in training nationals on her field.

"Groups of believers had been established in the three villages in which we missionaries worked," she said. "I began to hold Sunday school classes for their children. Eventually I trained some of the women to conduct these classes. Meeting with them once a week, I taught them how to read stories and then tell them to the children. By

that time we had Sunday schools in five villages. At quarterly teachers' conferences problems were discussed and further training given. It thrilled me to hear the wisdom these women shared with each other. They became excellent teachers!"

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Thus Ann worked herself out of one job and passed on the work to national women. Then she tackled a new job: setting up schools in villages that had no school in order to teach children to read and write. Thus they could learn to read God's Word and later they could go to the OMF Bible school to prepare for God's service.

During her furlough, Ann visited with her sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Russell Reed, also OMF missionaries in Mindoro. "I feel somewhat discouraged," she confessed to them. "Traveling around to various villages, teaching in one for several weeks and then going to another, I haven't been able to lay a real groundwork with the children. They forget what they learned."

The Reeds told her about the Gospel Missionary Union plan of training young men of

the tribes so they can teach children. "The more I thought about the idea," Ann told me, "the more excited I became! When I shared it with my mission, they thought it so good that they decided to use it with all the other tribes on Mindoro."

Upon her return to the field, Ann wrote the curriculum and prepared to set up the training school. Four young men were sent by churches on Mindoro to attend the two-month school. "They were selected because of their ability to read, write, and understand the intertribal Tagalog language," Miss Flory says, "as well as for their spirituality."

Since she first started that school, Ann has trained about 30 young men to teach in the mission schools. "They also have assumed leadership positions in their churches," Ann says, "preaching and teaching God's Word." Now, she has prepared some to become teachers of teachers and has turned another work for the Lord over to well-qualified national workers.

Is this really a new plan? No, almost two thousand years ago our Lord Jesus and the Apostles did the same thing. The Apostle Paul, the great missionary of the Gentiles, counseled his spiritual son, Timothy: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

Muriel Larson is a free lance writer, an author, composer and child evangelist from Greenville, S.C.



THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

by Vicki Sturgill

Daddy, didn't it come today?" asked Lynne. Then she turned and walked away, disappointed that the special envelope wasn't on the table.

Each day beginning early in December our girls all beg for someone to go to the post office in search of that special envelope.

Just a day or two before Christmas that year it finally arrived—the light blue, overly stuffed air mail envelope from the Board of Foreign Missions.

No, it didn't contain a check or a special Christmas gift, but Christmas was much happier with its contents in hand.

That envelope carried the papers and pictures of those appointed to be our summer missionaries the following May. The girls looked pleased with the selection—one could play the guitar, another liked to cook, (Mom hadn't made doughnuts in a long time), and another had a genuine love for children.

Mom and Dad gave a sigh of relief. Work had been piling up since the previous August

when the last two summer missionaries left. Official forms and information indicated those coming had training and skills to handle what we needed done. We had requested help in these specific areas.

Over the years, many friends have helped make this "gift" possible by supporting the summer missionaries or "student missionaries" as they are now called.

For 10 weeks the young people gave their all to help make life easier for us missionaries and to help reach others for Christ.

But wait! The real gift only **ARRIVED** in May. For the next 10 weeks the young people gave their all to help make life easier for us missionaries and to help reach others for Christ. The doughnuts were delicious, the construction of the church went well, hundreds of tracts were given out, the secretarial

work was all caught up and much more.

Then, the sad day came! The special helpers had to leave. The little girls cried until they fell asleep. We wondered if it was good for them to become so emotionally involved with such a short friendship. It seemed so unfair to them.

But, as usual, it all soon passed and the girls remembered the happier moments: One said not to lick the peanut butter knife, another liked mustard on his sardines, and marbles didn't really come out of Daddy's head when one of them dropped a board on him.

Now, letters still come from former summer missionaries. Others are leading their churches to support missions and some have even joined us on the field.

One way or another—whether through memories, letters, prayers, support, or even a new missionary on the field—it's a gift that keeps on giving.

Vicki Sturgill and her husband Jim serve as missionaries to Campinas, Brazil.

What a joy it was this past March to attend Sunday church services in Uberlandia, Brazil!

Missionary Tom Hughes and his family moved to Uberlandia in 1977 and simply began witnessing to the people around them. Today, a growing group of between 80 and 100 believers thrives as a Free Will Baptist church.

The group is currently meeting in a very small and inadequate rented building. Many must stand around the walls and outside the entrance door during services. They desperately need adequate church facilities for present use

and growth. The people have already purchased land nearby for a church facility which they hope to build as funds become available.

Seven of the young men have answered the call of God for full-time Christian service.

Pastor Hughes has long-range plans for the church in Uberlandia and for all of Brazil! He has started a Bible institute with night classes. Seventeen people were attending this institute when we

were there and seven of the young men have answered the call of God for full-time Christian service.

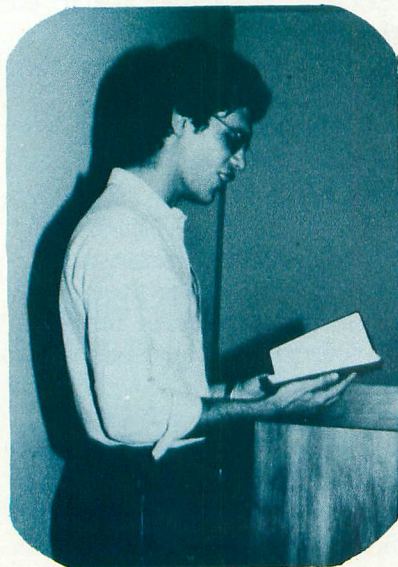
One of these young men hopes to minister to the Indians in northern Brazil; another hopes to eventually take over the church in Uberlandia. Still another wants to work with Pastor Hughes in starting a new work in another section of Uberlandia with plans to eventually become the pastor.

Surely, God is moving in Tom's heart and in the hearts of these young men as the Psalmist has written: ". . . and he (God) shall give thee the

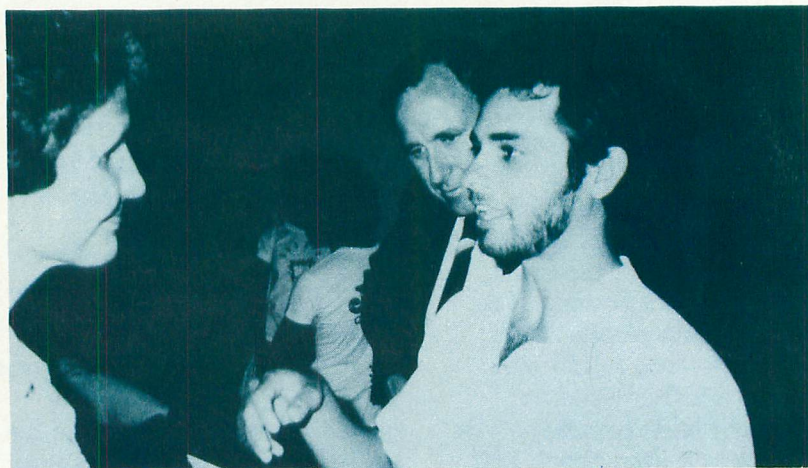
UBERLANDIA!

Missionaries at Work...

by Robert and Marge Miller



Luiz, the main leader in the church, preaches the Word.



Nancy Hughes shares her thoughts with a young man as Tom looks on, anxious to contribute.

desires (meaning hopes and plans) of thine heart" Psalm 37:4.

We came home from Brazil with some unexpected impressions of the work. We knew that God was working through Tom Hughes but we were amazed to see how God is working through his wife, Nancy, as well. She has a great love for and a wonderful

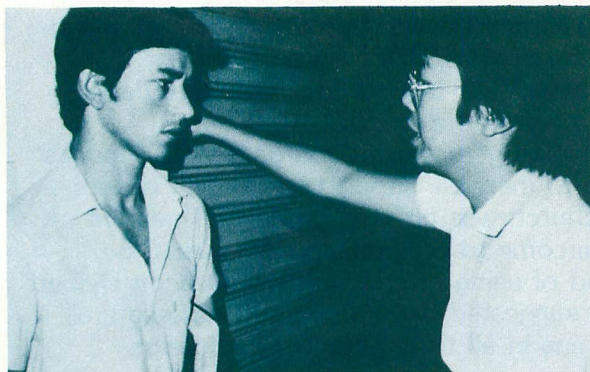
rapport with the Brazilian people! And she has a genuine understanding of her own calling.

To experience the great and uninhibited love of God operating in the hearts of these people for one another and for us, the visitors, was truly a blessing we shall not forget.

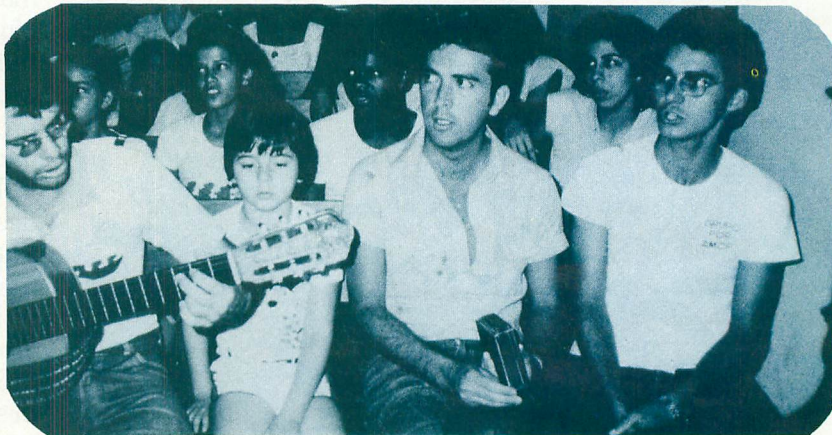
We were overwhelmed when asked by one young man why

we, here in this country, would give our money to send a missionary to Brazil. When we answered that we were doing only what the Scriptures told us to do, he thanked us over and over again and said if Tom and Nancy Hughes had not been sent, he would still be lost. He would not know Jesus!

Robert and Marge Miller are lay-members of Donelson FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn.



Two of the young men engage in discussion of biblical truth.



The young congregation sings with the help of the guitarist.



Congregational singing is a vital part of the church ministry.



Luiz (left) and the young preacher with him are very active witnesses for Christ.

HEARTLINE

Your Change Can Change the World!

The people of Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Georgetown, S.C., may not make the Guinness book of records but they are big on collecting coins. Since March of 1983 they have given over \$3,500 for special foreign missions projects. It's all a part of their program—"Our change for Jesus that Jesus might change the world."

The plan grew out of Pastor Ronald Moore's desire to increase support for foreign missions. The church was already sending 10 percent of their income to denominational causes. So, instead of using quarter folders, Deacon Delbert Floyd suggested that the church designate all the coins in all their offerings for foreign missions.

When the plan was started, the amount of coins in the weekly offerings averaged \$12.

Sonny Sessions, member of Calvary church, said: "I think we all have a certain amount of money that we waste or that we can do without, which the Lord can use more wisely, no matter how small or how large the amount. I've received a special blessing from giving my change to missionaries, knowing that the Lord can use the pennies as well as the tithe."

When the plan was started, the amount of coins in the weekly offerings averaged \$12. As excitement over the program has increased, the amount of change has grown. In the first quarter of 1984 "change" averaged \$46 a week.

Overall Giving Increased

During this time the overall giving of the congregation has increased. The treasurer, Mrs. Linda Floyd, said, "The 'change for Jesus project' has not caused our regular offerings to drop." During 1982, the people gave \$794 a





R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

week; in 1983 they averaged \$856 a week. The total income for the first quarter of 1984 was \$15,600—\$1,200 a week. Of this amount \$3,252 or 21 percent was sent to outside causes.

God is bringing new families into the congregation. They recently employed an associate pastor, and this fall they plan to begin an extension school. The Calvary experience illustrates the fact that outreach abroad stimulates progress at home.

"The 'change for Jesus project' has not caused our regular offerings to drop."

The offerings have been used for projects such as sending a summer missionary, helping a deficit account, contributing to the South Carolina "Pop" Willey offering" and Call-a-thon. Pastor Moore feels that changing the foreign missions project regularly generates excitement.

Advantages of the Program

Here are some of the advantages of the "change for Jesus" program:

1. Every person, regardless of age or income, can participate. Delano Howard said it was a real blessing to hear about a young girl "saving her pennies, nickles and dimes in a jar, to give to Christ so that He might change the world."
2. It is easy to promote.
3. It puts the children's church on a par with the adults.
4. It demonstrates the power of the small but consistent gift.

The Calvary church is not large, but the 75 people who attend generously support God's work. Mrs. Jackie Avant summarizes the feelings of most of the congregation: "Joy fills my heart when I think that the change I give to missions may help win lost souls who would otherwise never have heard the gospel."

Financial Summary Through May

Substance

Total contributions for May	\$ 280,533.88
Total contributions through May	1,055,276.22
Total disbursements through May	967,557.71
Projected receipts through May	1,131,120.00
Total 1984 Budget	\$2,714,688.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$5,356.03	Payne	\$3,427.21
Callaway	50.83	Robinson	2,465.26
Dickens	154.64	Turnbough	2,633.78
Miley	2,436.24	Webb	2,394.05
Total			\$18,918.04

Missionaries Serving and Where They Serve

BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA

Louis and Florine Coscia	Dave and Pat Franks
Jim and Karen Cowart	Tommy and Nancy Hughes
Earnie and Jean Deeds	Bobby and Geneva Poole***
Ken and Marvis Eagleton***	Jim and Vicki Sturgill
Terry and Jamie Eagleton**	

FRANCE, EUROPE

Cathy Crawford	Steve and Becky Riggs*
Allan and LaRue Crowson	Dawn Sweeney*
Jerry and Barbara Gibbs	Charolette Tallent
Tom and Patty McCullough***	Dennis and Carol Teague*
Lynn and Ramona Miley***	Patsy Vanhook***
John and Pansy Murray	

NORTH INDIA

Carlisle and Marie Hanna

IVORY COAST, WEST AFRICA

Jimmy and Janie Aldridge***	Neil and Sheila Gilliland***
Elaine Allen***	Sherwood and Vada Lee
Robert and Judy Bryan***	Clint and Lynette Morgan
Mike and Deleen Cousineau	Darrel and Lila Nichols*
Mark and Donna Daniel*	Eddie and Sandra Payne
Patrick and Susan Dickens	Jerry and Carol Pinkerton
Kenneth Jr. and Rejane	Norman and Bessie Richards
Eagleton* **	Alice Faye Smith
Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson	Robert and Pam West* **
David and Sharon Filkins*	Arilla Wode

JAPAN

Ken and Judy Bailey	Fred and Evelyn Hersey***
Jerry and Janice Banks	Jim and Olena McLain
Dale and Sandra Bishop***	Judy Smith
Mirial Gainer**	

PANAMA, CENTRAL AMERICA

Stan and Brenda Bunch*	Steve and Judy Lytle
Larry and Priscilla Incoe	

SPAIN, EUROPE

Ron and Linda Callaway	Lonnie and Anita Sparks
Lynn Midgett*	Jeff and Susan Turnbough
Dennis and Trena Owen***	

URUGUAY, SOUTH AMERICA

Molly Barker***	Walter and Marcia Ellison
Rick and Linda Bowling*	Paul and Amy Robinson

* New appointees ** Associate missionary *** On furlough

Payne Ministers in Four Directions from Bouna

Ivory Coast—Since the Eddie Paynes returned to Bouna, several encouraging developments have taken place. "We now have groups out in all four directions," writes Eddie.

These ministries include Saye, 28 miles west with Konzie a little beyond; Panzarani, 15 miles north; Niandege, eight miles east; and Flakiedouo, 60 miles south.

"The main work is in Konzie where, for several years, the people have been less than zealous for the Lord," Eddie continued. "There seems to be a genuine spirit of revival now, as several have been saved in the past few weeks. Many of the older 'Christians' now seem to be getting their lives right with God."

Between 40 and 50 people are usually present for Sunday morning service in Panzarani. Though they have gone through many trials and problems during the past months, the Lord has given victory.

About 30 adults attend services at Niandege each Sunday morning as Daouda, a young man from the Bouna church goes there for services.

Flakiedouo is the newest area open. "For several months we received messages to come and preach," Payne reports. "I was almost sure the group was a bunch of disgruntled pentecostals so I was not eager to pay them a visit. Later, we learned that the young man requesting us to come had lived in a village near Doropo. We had taught in that village for several years, then the people had all moved away. For almost 10 years there was no contact with the young man, Kambou Kouloute. There seems to be about 40 who have made some sort of commitment over the years. At best they are all just babes in Christ. Most may not be saved."

Ribeirao Preto SS Uses Scavenger Hunt to Witness

Brazil—In a unique attempt to enlarge the Sunday school, the Ribeirao Preto Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil used a scavenger hunt as a means of witnessing and bringing people to Sunday school. The special effort was carried on during a period of four Sundays ending the next-to-last Sunday in April.

The group was divided into four



Mark and Donna Daniel pay close attention to the missionary charge given during their recent commissioning service in Kingsport, Tenn.

teams made up of children, young people, and adults. These were challenged and required to bring such things as a Jewish Christian to give his testimony, a converted prisoner, and the oldest edition of the Bible. Each team also had to compete in a Bible questionnaire.

Other goals included bringing the largest number of used Bibles to be put to use in the mission church at Ipiranga and seeking to bring the most "love baskets" with food for the poor. A total of 38 baskets were brought.

Sparks Reports Three Saved at Alcalá Church

Spain—Lonnie Sparks reports from Alcalá de Henares, Spain, that three people have been saved there recently.

Rafael Fernandez was converted in answer to a year of prayer by the church and many others. His wife and three of his children had already been saved but the Sparks requested prayer for two other unsaved sons: Rafael, Jr. and Alberto.

The other two converts in May were Elena, a 16-year-old girl, and Juan Manuel Acosta, father of a young lady in the Alcalá church.

A Mother's Day banquet was held by the group with 20 mothers and 19 daughters present. This was the church's first banquet on this order and four of those present came from the Mostoles work.

Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley stopped by Spain on their way to the Ivory Coast recently and spoke to the church. Lonnie noted that Glen Hood, pastor of Trinity Temple Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., visited them from May 1 through 15 and spoke four times while there.

Mark and Donna Daniel Commissioned for Service

Kingsport, Tenn.—Mark and Donna Daniel, missionary appointees to the Ivory Coast, were commissioned for missionary service on May 27, 1984, in the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tenn.

Former missionary to India and current foreign missions board member Dan Cronk preached the commissioning message. Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, gave the charge. Laying on of hands and prayer was led by Winston Sweeney, pastor of Fellowship church.

The church has provided special housing for the Daniels while they were on deputation. Missionary appointee to France Dawn Sweeney is from this church.

Six Saved at Betania on First Sunday in May

Panama—Missionary Steve Lytle reported from Panama City that six people made decisions for Christ on May 6 at Betania. A mother and her three children as well as two other

children prayed to receive Christ.

Lytle noted that the church had organized a woman's auxiliary with 13-15 members and a Master's Men group called "Followers of the Master" with 8-10 participating. Steve also reported the church had over \$1,000 in their building fund at the end of April.

Gibbs, Phone, Bibliobus All Active in St. Nazaire

France—A 27-year-old man was converted recently in St. Nazaire, France, after he sought help from missionary Jerry Gibbs by telephone.

"We met at the church and he gave his heart to the Lord," Jerry stated. The man has attended church faithfully and is making spiritual progress through the discipleship study at the church. He is now awaiting baptism.

Gibbs reported putting the new "Bibliobus" (bookmobile) into action at the markets in the area and expressed satisfaction with its ease of operation.

In addition to these activities, the automatic telephone answering machine at St. Nazaire has been receiving an increasing number of calls to hear the three-minute message of hope in Christ. In March, 328 calls were recorded and over 440 were received in April. Several people have called for the free New Testament offered at the end of the taped message.

More Than 235 Converted in Bondoukou Campaign

Ivory Coast—Over 235 professions of faith were recorded in Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, during a special evangelistic campaign held April 7-22 of this year.

According to missionary Patrick Dickens, an estimated 17,000 persons saw the film "Jesus" which was shown a total of 15 times in open air meetings during the campaign. During the day, Christians witnessed to people and gave out over 5,000 tracts.

Meetings were also held in the villages of Goumere and Kiendi during the same campaign. Another 12 people were converted in Goumere and three made professions of faith in Kiendi.

Approximately 2,700 religious questionnaires have been distributed in the area. And over 1,000 people

requested a Gospel of Luke which was offered at the end of the questionnaire. Over 750 persons signed up for a Bible correspondence course.

Dickens noted that around 70 new people have attended church services since the campaign and efforts are being made to locate and visit all of those who made professions of faith. Bible study groups have been established in various parts of Bondoukou to aid in the follow-up ministry.

A general openness to the gospel seems to be evident in Bondoukou, according to Patrick. He urged people to pray that this openness might continue and that new converts will be grounded in the Word. He especially urged people to pray for Kiendi where the chief says he is considering Christianity. Latest reports indicate the three who made professions of faith there have renounced their decisions due to family pressure.

New Full-color Prayer Cards Introduced

Nashville, Tenn.—The foreign missions office has announced the launching of missionary prayer cards with full-color pictures.

According to Don Robirds, director of communications, the new cards are the same size as the old cards and will be phased in as need and possibility permit.

Robirds urged people to be patient

about receiving the newer cards. "No personal discrimination is involved," says Don. "We print four cards at a time to keep costs down and must gather pictures and information from all over the world. This delays the changeover. Also, some missionaries have a good number of cards already in stock, so we give priority to those needed most."

Evangelistic Campaign Set for Agnibilekrou's 20,000

Ivory Coast—A special evangelistic campaign is scheduled for the last week in July and the first week of August to reach Agnibilekrou's 20,000 inhabitants.

According to Alice Smith there are less than 200 born-again believers in the town. Christians are scheduled to come from other villages to help in the special campaign.

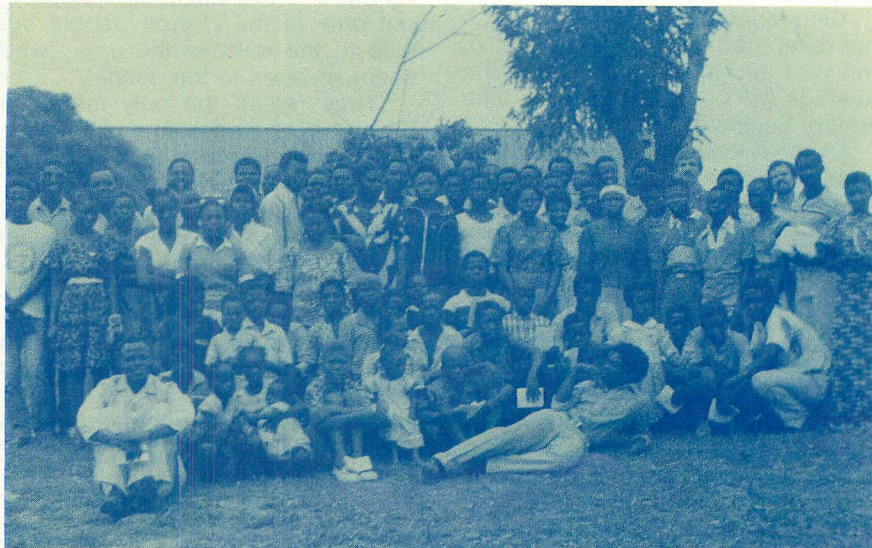
Alice urged Christians to pray that they might be enabled to secure the needed facilities for showing the film, "Jesus" and for lodging of the Christian workers. She also asked people to pray that the equipment might function properly.

Hanna Rejoices in Spite of Pain, Snake Scare

India—In spite of severe pain in his right shoulder, missionary Carlisle Hanna expressed joy over the fact that more people heard the gospel this year in their area than ever

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A large group of new converts and some Christian workers are shown with Pastor Victor (seated at left front) by the church in Bondoukou. Most of these were saved during the recent evangelistic campaign there.



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before. The open doors for this greater witness were created through audio-visual and literature tools.

Hanna's shoulder problem was diagnosed as shingles but at last report the prescribed medication had done little to relieve the pain.

The Hannas reported a scare recently as two men were leaving their house. A krait snake (very poisonous) dropped from the roof when they opened the door. It fell on the head of one man, then to the kitchen floor. "Hostel boys came and a search for the snake seemed unsuccessful," writes Marie Hanna. When the search was about to be abandoned, "the snake's tail was seen sticking out from under a pail." No one was bitten.

Evangelistic Center Is Planned for Nantes

France—According to a recent report from missionary Allan Crowson, an evangelistic center is planned for the Nantes area at least by January of 1985. The center will be designed to provide facilities for Bible studies, showing of films, various types of meetings, office space, a Christian library, etc.

Crowson urged people to pray that they might have wisdom in selecting the location for the center.

Allan also reports, "Lydia Gautier says she has decided to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, but she still needs much help. Pray that we can help provide what she needs to grow in the Lord."

Attendance at the Nantes church has averaged 45 since the first of the year and missionaries hope the average will be up to 50 by the time school begins in the fall.

An afternoon for couples and those considering marriage was held in the Nantes church on May 20. This was designed to help couples understand and practice God's design for marriage.

Deeds Completes Decade of Radio Broadcasts

Brazil—In April, Earnie Deeds completed a decade of continuous airing of the Word of God on the radio station in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. The program has been aired for 10 minutes daily during prime time except for Sunday. More than 100,000



Bonde, former pastor of the Irumagawa work, leads a committee meeting at the Iriso FWB Church in Japan. He will be leading the church while the Fred Herseys are on furlough.

inhabitants of the Lafaiete region have had the opportunity to hear a portion of God's Word in their own home.

According to the Deeds, the program has received favorable comments from businessmen, lawyers, bankers, doctors, educators, housewives, common laborers, and even the mayor. Earnie and Jean have requested prayer for the listeners that many might be saved as a result of this ministry.

Panama Church Retreat Turns Community Witness

Panama—According to missionary Larry Inscoe, a group from the Las Tablas church went to Canajagua, the highest mountain in that part of Panama, on Good Friday for a church retreat. It turned out to be a blessing not only to the church people but also to the folks of the area "who seem so open to the gospel."

"They rented the only motel up there (all 13 beds), and enjoyed a time of fellowship with a few who live up there and know the Lord," writes Priscilla Inscoe. "On Friday evening we had service with special music from Las Tablas, a message by Larry, and two Christian films. There were more than 70 that attended, some walking more than two hours up the mountain from the village below.

"On Saturday morning there were classes that had been planned for our folks from Las Tablas, but several of the local folk came back and stayed for all the classes. The owner of the motel, Senior Smith, was

extremely attentive to the message, classes and music. Please pray for him and the others whose hearts are tender and open."

Agnibilekrou Church Sets New Attendance Record

Ivory Coast—"Easter Sunday proved to be a blessing to the whole church," writes Norman Richards from Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast. "There was a combined service of the French and English groups. We had a full house. According to Alice Smith's count there were 98 present. That is the most people we have ever had in a church service."

Norman noted that Alice translated the service from French to English because the usual interpreter was gone that day. In the afternoon they had a communion and feet washing service.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Uruguay—The Walter Ellisons in Montevideo, Uruguay, have requested special prayer for Laura and John, two young people who were saved in January when general director Rolla Smith was there. They also urged prayer for a neighbor who has been touched by their witness.

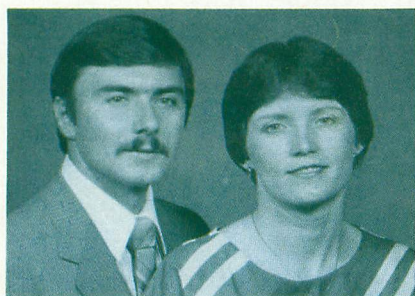
Japan—Fred and Evelyn Hersey, veteran missionaries in Japan, were scheduled to leave Tokyo on June 30 to begin their regular furlough.

Spain—According to missionary Ron Callaway, a 12-year-old girl and an

85-year-old lady were saved at the church in Mostoles, Spain, on Mother's Day, May 13. These are both members of the family of Enrique, the young man from Majadahonda who has answered the call to preach.

Nashville, Tenn.—A record month of giving to foreign missions was registered by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in May. The women contributed a total of \$29,127.68. This is in addition to all of the contributions they have made for foreign and home missionaries through the provision closet. "The women of our denomination are certainly to be commended for their efforts," stated Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions.

France—Tim and Deanna Thompson returned from France on June 17 after a nine-month hitch of service in Lorient working with Lynn and Ramona Miley and Miss Charollette Tallent. They expressed hopes to return to France in a few years as regular missionaries.



Mike and Deleen Cousineau

Moore, Okla.—Mike and Deleen Cousineau left on June 3 for Ivory Coast to begin their second term of missionary service.

Ivory Coast—Missionary Ledgel Ferguson reports several long, steady rains as well as some hard rains in the Goumère area of Ivory Coast in March. "Our cistern is full of water and the well is coming up. The fruit trees, coffee and cocoa trees are in full bloom. It is a beautiful sight and an encouragement to all. But many (Africans) do not have seeds for planting or money to buy them."

Bentonville, Ark.—Miss Patsy Vanhook arrived from St. Nazaire, France, on May 30 to begin her regular furlough.

Japan—The Tokyo Free Will Baptist Church in Japan finally has a pastor

after being without for about a year and a half. Pastor Matsumoto and his wife will now be ministering to the church.

Ivory Coast—Missionary Norman Richards recently underwent minor surgery for a biopsy on his tongue. He had a soreness which would not go away.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley, former missionaries to Ivory Coast, paid a visit to France, Spain and Ivory Coast in May and June. Dr. Miley is now a professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College and Mrs. Miley is editor of *Co-Laborer* magazine for Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. They left the States on May 13 and returned June 23. It was their first trip abroad since leaving the field in 1979.

Nashville, Tenn.—Since three Eagletons now have missionary accounts, churches and individuals are urged to designate clearly, "Dr. Ken Eagleton," "Ken Eagleton, Sr.," or "Terry Eagleton" when sending funds. The staff cannot be responsible for channeling funds not clearly designated.

Bouna Church Building Proceeds; Institute Begins

Ivory Coast—The new church building being constructed in Bouna, Ivory Coast, is progressing well. "We are at lintel level on the first unit, 30 feet by 60 feet," writes Eddie Payne. "We trust funds will be available to finish and even build the two wings, 20 feet by 33 feet each. We sure need the room. We need to move the Sunday school and junior church into the foyer from outside."

Several young men in the Bouna church have seen the need for training, consequently Eddie will be teaching a Bible institute four nights per week. At last report he was expecting at least six to be enrolled. Many of these young men are already involved in teaching and preaching.

Staff Expresses Praise for New Record Receipts

Nashville, Tenn.—The foreign missions staff expressed praise to the Lord for the \$280,583.38 in gifts receipted in May. This surpasses any previous foreign missions one-month total by approximately \$40,000.

General Director Rolla D. Smith said, "This is an outstanding exam-

ple of people getting involved in meeting needs. Red missionary accounts are looking better than at any time in the last 10 years, new missionaries are being provided for more rapidly, and sagging accounts are being helped sooner than in the past. Praise God for the cooperation of our Free Will Baptist people!"

Dr. Ken Eagleton Jr. Approved for Ivory Coast

Nashville, Tenn.—General Director Rolla D. Smith announced in June the approval of Dr. Kenneth P. Eagleton Jr. to work in the medical ministry at Doropo, Ivory Coast, under the associate missionary program.

According to the general director, he had been in contact with Eagleton for a year or so concerning his interest in going to Ivory Coast. He had a lengthy interview with the doctor in January, then in May, Dr. Eagleton and his wife went to the West Africa station for a month. The Ivory Coast field council gave unanimous approval of the couple and the Board of Foreign Missions acted on the matter by telephone to expedite the appointment.

Kenneth, his wife Rejane, and their three boys will come to the United States around the middle of July to begin a deputational ministry to gain support for their ministry.

Since his parents, Ken and Marvis Eagleton, went to Brazil when he was two years old, Dr. Eagleton grew up there. He married a Brazilian and got his medical training in Santos, Brazil.

Mr. Smith has suggested churches having late vacation Bible schools consider designating their offerings to help meet the urgent need of getting the doctor and his family to the Ivory Coast. He also urged churches from all areas to rally behind this special need since the Eagletons will have no home state.

Missionary Orientation and Debriefing

Sessions for orientation of new missionaries and debriefing of furloughing missionaries have been scheduled at the National Offices building in Nashville during these dates:

July 9-13
September 10-14

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