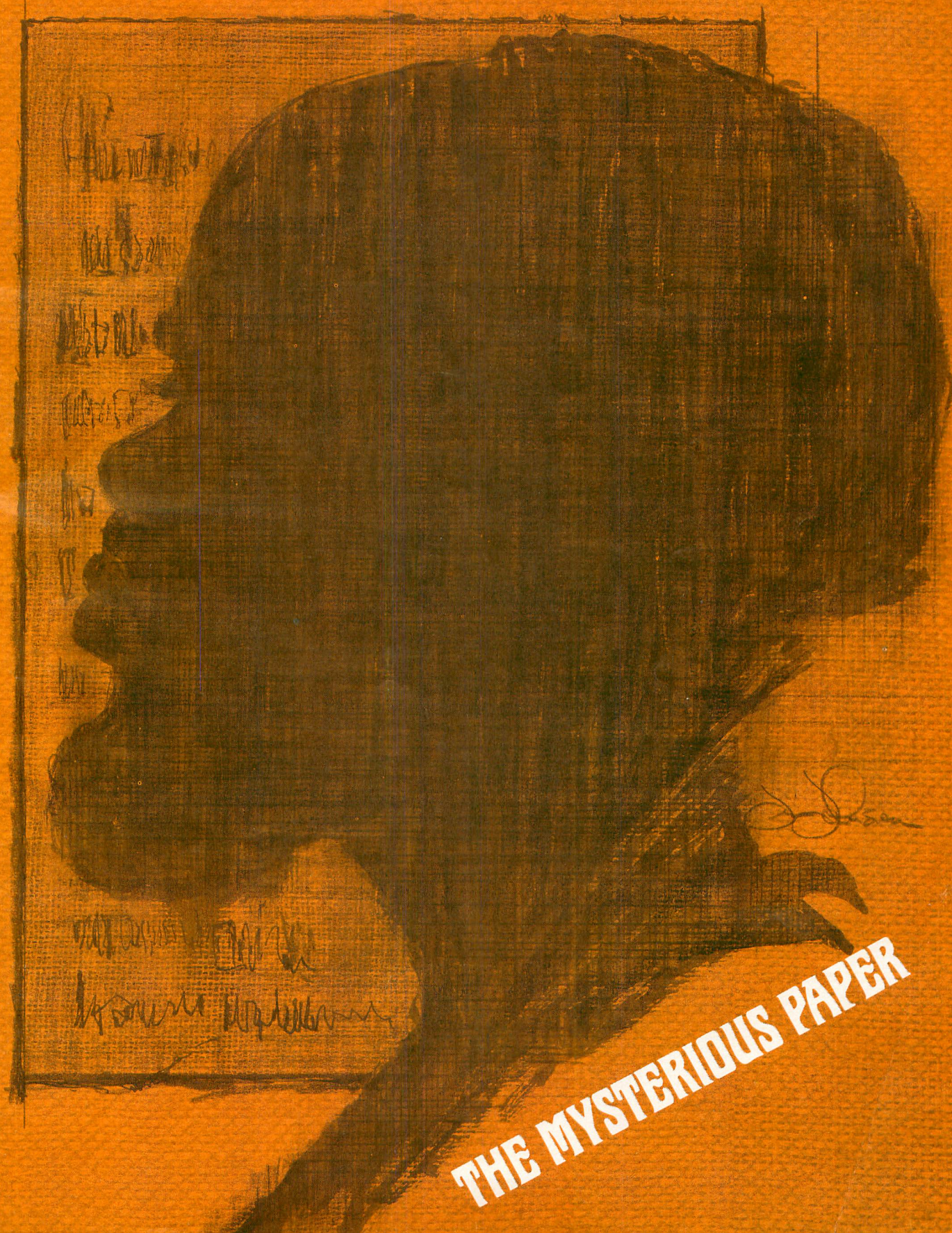


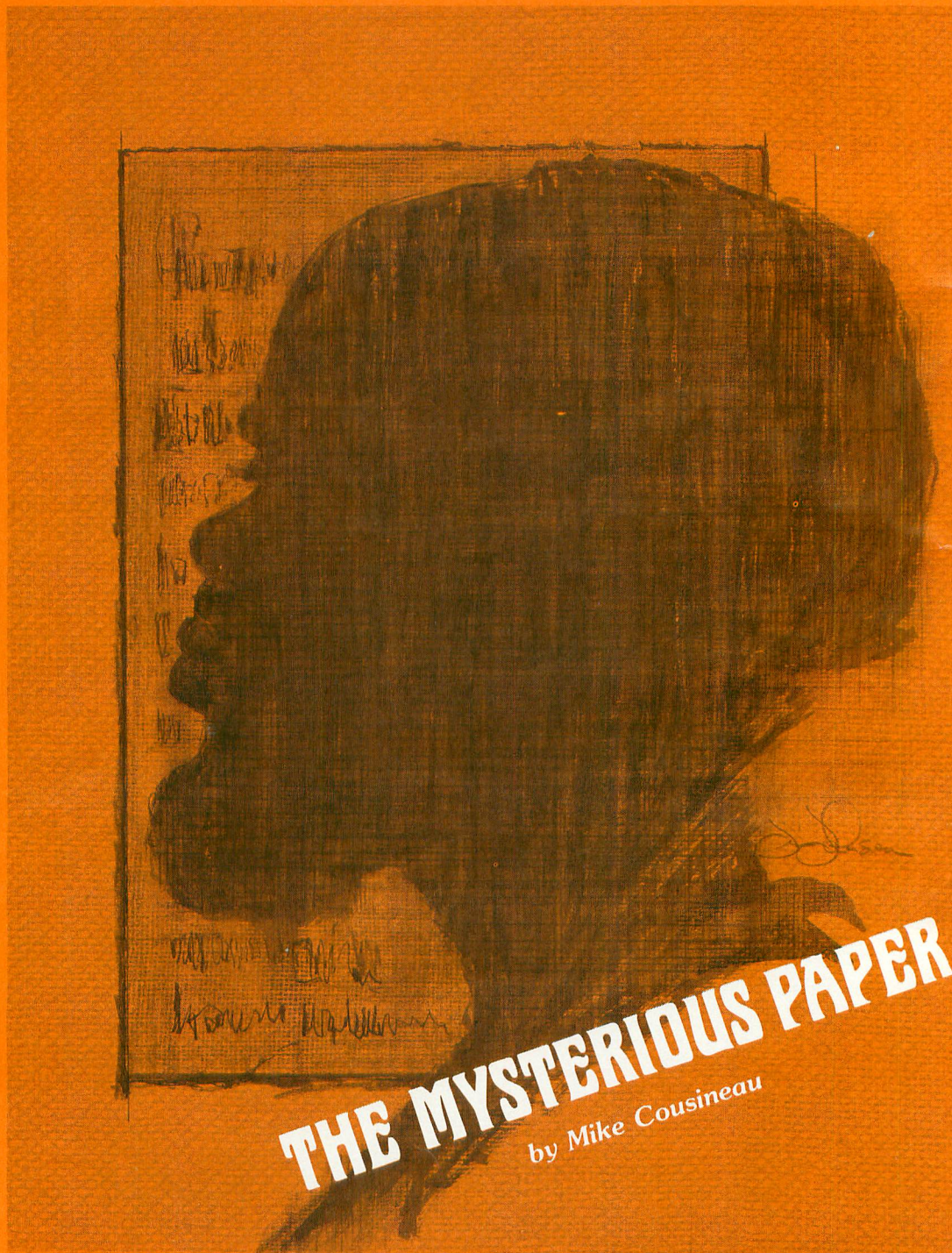
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by Mike Cousineau

When Dah Kikoute returned to Ivory Coast from Upper Volta, he had in his possession a piece of paper that would ultimately transform the lives of many people. What mystery the paper contained only God knows.

Dah, the uncle of Francois of Panzarani, had visited the Free Will Baptist clinic at Doropo on several occasions prior to his trip to Upper Volta. During those visits, he had heard the gospel continuously. In its simplicity and power, the message began to work on his heart.

Prior to his contact with the gospel, Dah's children had died in infancy. In vain he had sought help from the fetishist who always placed the fault on the family. As strange as it may seem, the old man's heart began to sense that he should get rid of his fetishes. Some say he was impressed by God to do so. At any rate, he somehow recognized their deceit and destroyed them. And his children began to live.

At that point in time, Dah made his memorable trip to Upper Volta to be treated for leprosy. When he returned, he clutched a strange piece of paper. But he could not read. We can only assume that during Dah's stay in Upper Volta the leaflet's message was thoroughly explained to him. Whether the paper was a tract or a portion of scripture, or whatever, Dah cherished it as if it possessed power of its own.

Back in Panzarani he built a special room adjacent to his house. It contained only one entrance—from the top. He placed the paper within and it became his place of worship.

Nearby, a big tree called "Tangba" (God) sheltered the people who gathered with their sick so Dah could pray for them to be healed. If they were not healed, Francois (an old man today) would take them to Doropo to the clinic. Thus, he also heard the gospel.

Old Dah would spend days in meditation, prayer, and adoration without coming out of his special room. Up until March 13, 1983, he was the only person ever to enter that room. On that day, a lay pastor and I went inside.

Francois was also a fetishist but old Dah convinced him to destroy his fetishes, too. He did so with great fear because everyone told him the fetishes would surely kill him.

Before his death, Dah told Francois to wait three years and then go to Doropo to ask them to teach him and his children the way of God.

From time to time Dah would even exhort and admonish the people to do right and not to drink the local beer, etc. And Francois sought "Tangba" (God) though he had no knowledge of Him. He only knew a supreme being did exist.

Just a little over five years ago, Dah died. But before his death, he told Francois to wait three years and then go to Doropo to ask them to teach him and his children the way of God. Then he admonished him to follow that way.

When I heard this, I wondered, "Why was he to wait three years?" The wait was to prove that God was more powerful than the fetishists. If no one in Francois' family died in that period of time, God was the victor. And the Lord won!

Exactly three years later, Francois presented himself to the missionaries at Doropo asking them to teach him about God. That was just over two years ago. He was unaware that missionaries lived in Bouna, only 20 kilometers from Panzarani. So, having gone the 50-55 kilometers to Doropo, he was told about our ministry in Bouna.

Eddie Payne started the instruction in Panzarani in January of 1982. I took over in April of that year and now Eddie has resumed the ministry.

Each week Francois and his family were eager to learn more about God's Word and His instructions for them. Many in the village turned to Christ during that year. At one time in 1983 I was teaching as many as 25 in a new converts class.

Some 18 years earlier God was in the process of preparing this village for the gospel message. And though parts of the story are still mysterious, we praise Him for answering our prayers and those of others who asked Him to prepare the way.

Who else could use a piece of paper to cause an illiterate man to "change his ways" and open the door for God's message? Only God! □

Mike Cousineau is currently in the United States on furlough after one term of missionary service in the Ivory Coast.

Stewardship Report

from Rolla D. Smith, General Director



Behind every missionary family are stories of sacrifice and faithful service on the part of numerous individuals. It takes the cooperation of many to keep the Lord's soldiers on the "front line."

"To every man (person) his work" is the Master's plan (Mark 13:34). The board and home office exist to assist missionaries, increase their faith, and heighten their effectiveness. Prayer warriors, givers, promoters, preachers, teachers, writers, encouragers, secretaries, bookkeepers,

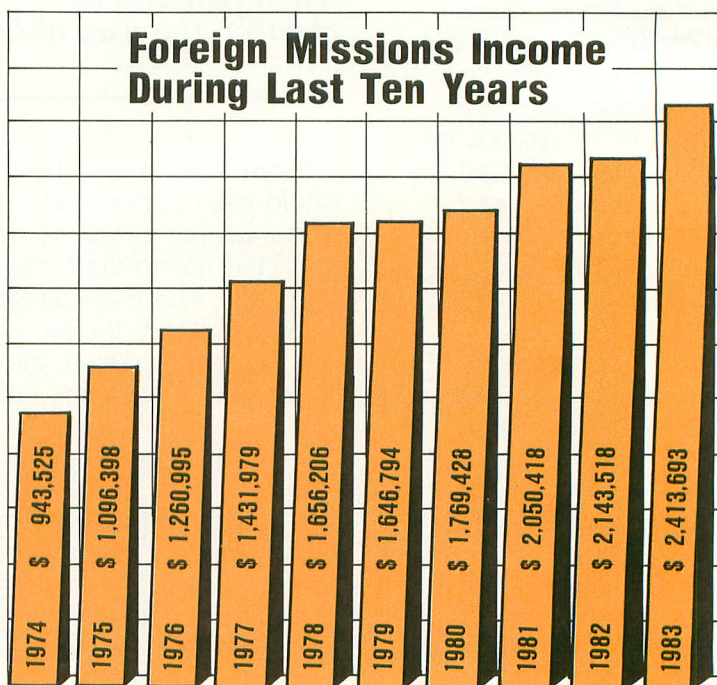
administrators—all these and more have their place in the body of Christ and in the work of missions. We thank God for each one who is a part of the thrust of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.

Living used to be inexpensive for missionary families on foreign fields but times have changed. World-wide inflation, coupled with growth in ministries and the number of personnel, require a much larger missions budget than was needed only a few years ago. Among other things, many countries have put drastic restrictions and/or extremely high tariffs on imports in an effort to raise money or to protect locally produced goods. Thus costs abroad have skyrocketed.

Inevitable and essential

expenses are also incurred in maintaining the many services of the Nashville office on behalf of missionaries, churches, and individuals. With a growing missionary family and increasing needs, additional administrative personnel must be enlisted for the first time in many years.

We are keenly aware that dollars given to missions are tools for winning the lost and making disciples. And they are definitely symbols of good stewardship. Because many Free Will Baptists believe this, giving to foreign missions continues to increase. Hence, we are able to maintain an effective missionary program in these difficult times. The graph below shows how our income has grown over the past ten years.



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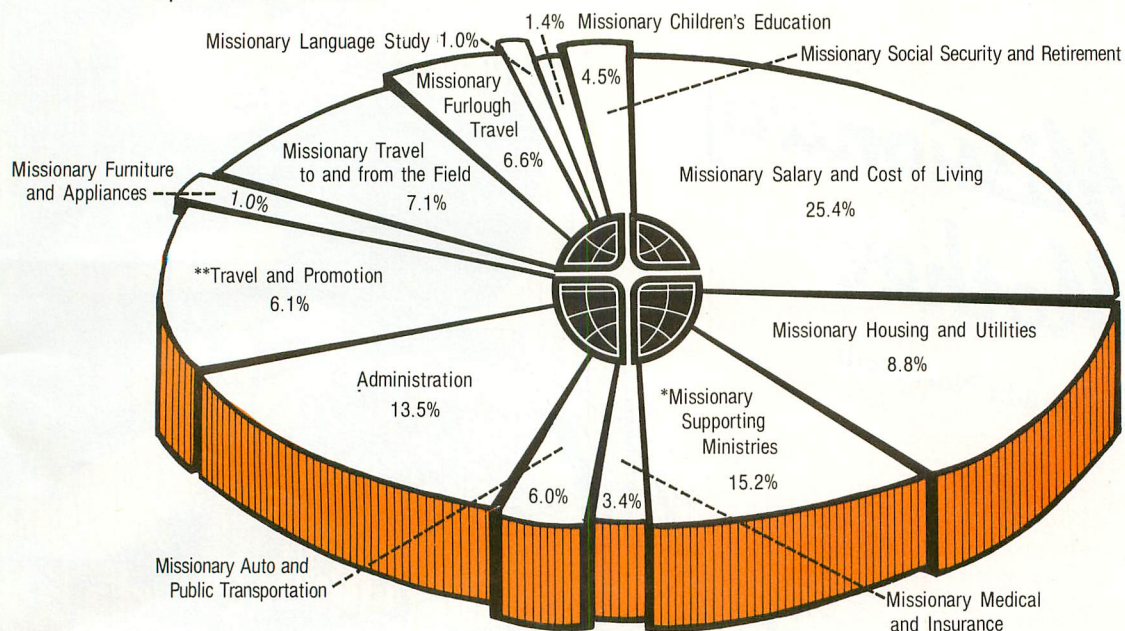
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Foreign Missions Expenditures for 1983

This graph shows the category percentages of the total designated and undesignated expenditures in 1983.

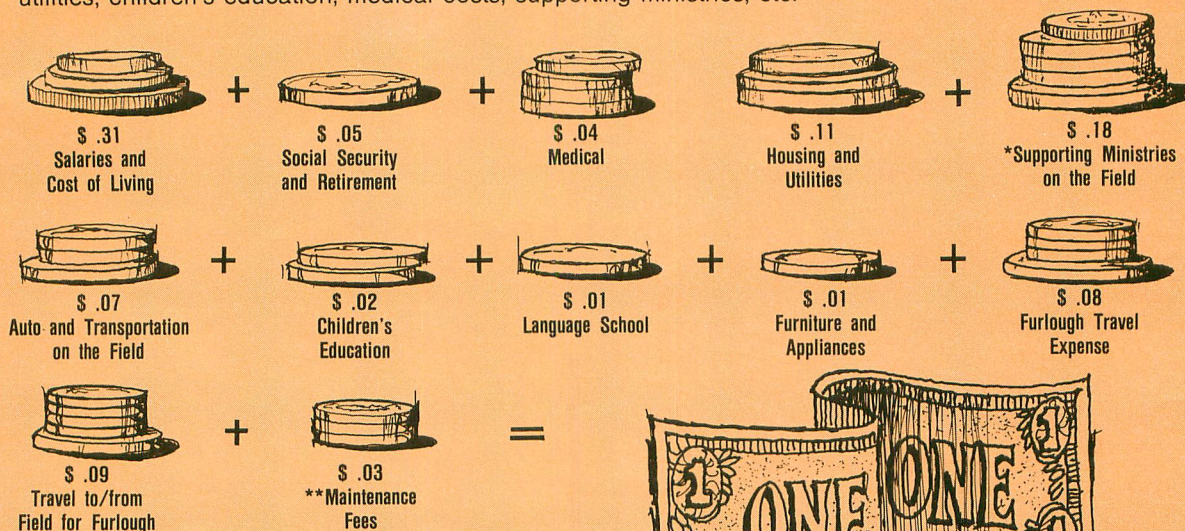


*Supporting Ministries on the field: Literature, radio, cassette ministry, films, etc.

**Travel and Promotion: Department and board personnel travel, promotional literature, Heartbeat magazine, audio-visual materials, informational services, etc.

The Missionary Dollar

This breakdown indicates the way each dollar designated to a missionary is spent. It shows the average of all missionaries although these costs would sometimes vary greatly in such items as housing and utilities, children's education, medical costs, supporting ministries, etc.



*Supporting ministries include literature, radio, films, evangelistic campaigns, etc.

**This is a monthly amount transferred from each missionary account to provide missionaries with individual reports of donors and to help in publishing promotional and informational materials such as Heartbeat magazine.

Missionary Mother

by Matilda Nordtvedt



She had always dreaded sending her children away to school. When her first baby was born, even before she had gone to the mission field, she worried about it. She knew it would be the hardest thing about being a missionary.

The years flew by. Tim took his first grade in the States when they were home on furlough. He was ready for the second grade when they returned to Japan. The school in Tokyo seemed so far away and Tim so small, she decided to teach him second grade herself.

A parent in the teacher's role isn't the most successful. Sometimes there were scoldings, sometimes tears. There was no competition to provide an incentive for studying. Except for his two brothers, Tim had few playmates. His lessons were

finished by noon, but the Japanese children stayed in school all day and even had school on Saturdays. Tim didn't see much of them. But, in spite of everything, he got through his second grade and Mom still had him at home.

The next year she would have two to teach: Joey was ready for first grade. Then, she heard that a teacher was coming to teach the missionary children. In a way it was relief; in another way anxiety. The boys would thrive in a schoolroom situation. They would have interesting extracurricular activities, playmates, competition. But how would they fare away from home? How would she fare without them for nearly a week at a time?

The boys were excited at the prospect of going away to school, even little six-year-old

Joey. They thought it would be fun to live with Uncle Morris and Auntie Marion and have six brothers and sisters. For them it was a great adventure.

The next year Mark enrolled in first grade, too. Now she and her husband were alone.

She couldn't help but worry about them. Could a substitute mother, with so many in her charge, care for them properly? Could she give them necessary discipline and train them in the things of God?

How she missed their lively chatter, the comical things they said—yes, even their mischief. But it seemed there was no other way.

The first time she rode on the train with them to Akita City, but after that they had to go alone. They went early Tuesday morning and came back on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. After three hours on

a slow, crowded train, Tim was exhausted and declared that he never intended to ride a train again!

Joey quietly informed his mother that he had discovered a way to get a seat. If he started to cry softly someone would move over and make room for him every time. Little Mark always came home with his pockets bulging with tangerine peelings and other garbage (she had tried to teach him not to litter) and a very dirty face.

Sundays were the busiest days of all at the mission station with Sunday school, morning worship, Sunday school teacher's meeting, and evening worship. Little time was left for family. How she looked forward to Mondays! When the weather permitted they would go bike-riding as a family, sometimes have a picnic. In the wintertime the boys would ski on the hills around the city, coming home with sparkling eyes, red cheeks, ravenous appetites and a great quantity of wet snowy clothes to dry.

Monday evenings they usually played Scrabble or Sorry together, then they packed the little bags for school the next day. Why did Mondays always go so quickly?

The alarm went off early on Tuesday morning because the express for Akita left at 6:30 a.m. Mom lit the heater in the living room and started breakfast before waking the boys. When she called them they got up willingly, eager to go back to their friends and their adventures. She, alone, was not willing!

The boys dressed by the stove, then silently ate

breakfast. Nobody felt very talkative at that hour of the morning.

If the boys' father was home, he took them to the railroad station in the jeep. One morning he was away on a trip, so she called a taxi.

Still in her robe, their mother kissed each boy warmly (with a little extra hug for the smallest one) checked to see if they had their caps, mittens and boots on, handed them their bags and herded them out the door to the waiting taxi. She reminded eight-year-old Tim to be careful with the train tickets.

"To the station in time for the express," she explained, giving the taxi fare to the driver.

She smiled bravely until they were out of sight, then went back into the house and cried her heart out.

The taxi driver hesitated, looking at her questioningly. She didn't look ready for a trip, but she certainly wasn't sending those little fellows off on a train ride to Akita all by themselves! Finally he realized that was precisely what she was doing. He shook his head in bewilderment, bowed briefly and jumped into the driver's seat. She could imagine him growling to himself, "These Americans!"

The boys were already in the taxi. They waved gaily at her as the taxi squealed out of the driveway.

She smiled bravely until they were out of sight, then turned and went back into the silent,

empty house. Dropping down beside the davenport she cried her heart out.

Konno San, the lady from across the street, came over later in the day. "We Japanese couldn't do it," she said, shaking her head.

"Do what?" questioned the missionary mother.

"Send our children off to school alone on the train for nearly a week at a time. When we hear the taxi come early in the morning to take those little boys off, we think, 'How can they do it?' We couldn't. Of course Americans are different when it comes to their children."

Konno San's words hurt her. She knew Americans aren't different. Konno San and the other neighbors thought she was hard-hearted, that she didn't love her children as much as they loved theirs. They didn't know how her heart ached for them, how lonely she felt. Her Japanese neighbors didn't understand it was for the sake of the Japanese people she was doing it, so that they could hear about Christ and His eternal salvation.

It would have been easier had they understood, but she knew it would do no good to explain. God understood and that was all that really mattered. It was for the Japanese, true, but even more it was for God. Nothing apart from His command could have induced her to part with her children for a week at a time. But for Him who had done so much for her, she would do anything. But not without tears—lots of them.

After several years the

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missionary had to return to America for health reasons. She felt a great satisfaction in being able to send her boys to a local school. She never quite got over the thrill of seeing three little towheaded boys coming down the street towards home after school was over each day, knowing they would be with her all through the evening and she could tuck them into bed that night. She enjoyed seeing their play, hearing about their dreams, reading to them, watching them grow and develop.

Today the three little towheaded boys are college men. They look back at their missionary days with great delight. Hearing about some of their escapades makes Mom shudder!

It's good she didn't know about them at the time! The boys didn't suffer from their experience "away at school" in Japan. True, they seem a little more independent than some, and have "itchy feet," always eager to go some new place and try some new thing. Otherwise they are quite normal. God saw to that.

The mother does not regret making that sacrifice for the cause of Christ. But she does have one regret. She will never again have an opportunity to send her children away to school for Jesus' sake. Other sacrifices, maybe, but not that one. Sometimes she wishes she could do it all over again—this time more gladly and without tears.

I know, because I happen to be that missionary mother. □

Matilda Nordtvedt, a former missionary, is a freelance writer living in Everett, Washington.



by Ruthann Hall

The small country church in Southern Illinois was hot and stuffy. The benches were hard and uncomfortable. But the eight-year-old girl didn't notice the heat or discomfort. She sat listening intently to her vacation Bible school teacher tell about missionaries Tom and Mabel Willey in Cuba and Miss Laura Belle Barnard in India—the entire foreign missions team in the late 1940's.

This was the girl's first experience in attending VBS and her first knowledge of real, honest-to-goodness missionaries. Eagerly she drank in the words of the teacher. When an appeal was made to pray for the missionaries and to give to support their work, she gladly responded. Her contribution was small, but it gave her a thrill to know she could have a part in spreading the gospel to the regions beyond.

Even though times have changed, and sometimes it is difficult to gain the attention of students in our electronic world, the cause of missions is still with us. And it is vitally important to our children.

If you are to be a teacher in VBS, ask yourself these questions, "What is my attitude toward foreign missions? Is the

time I spend on the subject just a 'filler' or is it vitally important to me?"

The answers you give to these questions may cause you to make a new commitment to the cause of winning the lost to Christ. Your honest response will surely stir you to make missions a vital part of your vacation Bible school.

The study of missions can be the highlight of your school if you formulate a plan. At the end of VBS your students should know the answers to these three questions: (1) Why do we have missionaries? (2) What do I know about our Free Will Baptist missionaries? (3) What can I do to help in God's work of foreign missions?

To answer question one, you should select portions of scripture that deal with the great commission. That is, use the various commands from the Lord to preach the gospel throughout the world. During this year the theme of our foreign missions department is, "His Last Command—Our First Concern." The verse accompanying it is Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Other verses also

VBS and Missions...

teach this command of our Lord. Matthew 28:19, 20 and Luke 24:47 are among these.

Once you have selected your theme verse for missions in VBS, make a large poster with the verse on it. You may also want to make individual cards with the verse on each for every student. Challenge the children to memorize and recite the verse during each class session. Be sure to emphasize the fact that being a missionary is not just an adventure trip. They should see it as a command of God Who loves *all* the world, not just those in the United States of America.

To bring your missions teaching down to a more personal level (and answer question two), display a foreign missions map. Point out all of our missionaries on the map and the country where each one serves. Then narrow your study down to one particular missionary and help the children get acquainted with him/her and the work he/she does on the mission field. If your church has "adopted" a missionary family, be able to tell your class something about each family member. If possible, arrange to have the missionary visit your VBS. Or, arrange to show a filmstrip or slides about the country where your missionary serves.

The foreign missions office will be happy to supply you with prayer cards, profile sheets, maps, directories, and brochures on all the countries where Free Will Baptist

missionaries work. Filmstrips and slides are also available.

Each year flashcards with stories about missions work are sent free to churches who want to use them in VBS. The flashcards are free of charge but those who use them are urged to emphasize missions and encourage the children to give an offering to some missionary project. This year the stories offered feature the work in South America. If you wish to use any of the materials available, please request them well in advance of your VBS date.

Missions taught in VBS need not be a once-a-year effort.

The third part of your plan to teach missions should make the children realize they can have a part now in spreading the gospel. They can pray and give to missions now! Help them understand that missionaries are not strange creatures with superhuman abilities.

Encourage them to pray for the daily needs of missionaries just as they would pray for someone who lives next door to them. As a class activity, list all the things they should remember to pray for when they talk to the Lord about their missionary. It is easier to remember to pray for someone when you say, "Lord, bless John and help him learn to speak the language in Ivory

Coast so he can tell boys and girls about Jesus," than it is to say, "Bless the missionaries. Amen."

Missions taught in VBS need not be a once-a-year effort. It can be the launching pad to get your children interested in missions. Letters written during VBS may not receive an answer until sometime later. Studies begun on a particular country can be continued in Sunday school, C.T.S., or children's church.

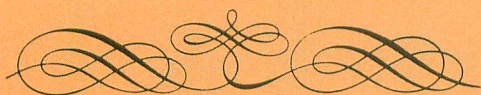
You will find as you learn more about missions in order to teach the children, your own burden for missions will grow. As the teacher, you will feel more a part of the team engaged in evangelizing the world.

Remember the eight-year-old who went to VBS and learned about missions and missionaries for the first time? She grew up to one day meet the three missionaries she learned about so long ago. Today she works in the foreign missions office. You see, I am that girl!

And my teacher? She was Lorene Norris then. She later became Mrs. LaVerne Miley. She and her doctor husband served as missionaries in Ivory Coast from 1960 to 1979. Two of their children are now serving in foreign lands. She believed what she taught!

Make Christ's last command your first concern in VBS this year. You'll be glad you did! □

Ruthann Hall is editorial assistant for *Heartbeat*. Her husband, Fred, pastors Horton Heights FWB Church, Nashville, Tenn.



For Christ's Glory

by Geneva Poole

From his very first survey visit to Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, my husband Bobby had a burden to reach the masses of that city with the gospel of Christ.

Religious desire had generated the city, located in the north central part of Sao Paulo State. In 1856 the first chapel, Sao Sebastiao, was built so the inhabitants of a vast region could have religious assistance. The chapel was situated between the creeks Retiro and Ribeirao Preto on land donated by a farmer in the area. Soon a village grew up around it.

By 1874 the first election for city officers was held, and the town was called "Entre Rios" (Between Rivers). The railroad had reached the town by 1883. Then, in 1889 the city's name was changed to Ribeirao Preto (Black River).

The population grew over the next 60 years to approximately 120,000 with only six or eight small churches scattered about the city. It certainly was not being reached for Christ!

Feeling God's leading, Bobby and I moved to Ribeirao in February of 1962 with plans to begin a Free Will Baptist work.

The first great question was, "How does one go about such a task?"

We started by renting a hall and furnishing it with a few benches and a rostrum. Then we began Sunday school, followed by a week of services. Of course, the visible results came after weeks of preparation—building benches, making door-to-door visits in the area and getting out information including tracts and scripture portions.

For that first Sunday school on March 9, 1962, 16 people were present. In broken Portuguese (missionaries just out of language school) God's message was presented. God used His Word, because the next Sunday many

of these same people returned along with some new ones.

On May 7, 1964, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ribeirao Preto was officially organized with 16 charter members. This small group had a desire to push forward with evangelistic efforts to build a church for Christ's glory.

As always, when the gospel begins to penetrate, the devil tries his best to stop the progress. During the first four years, the meeting place had to be changed three different times and none of those places (with the drab store-front appearance) presented a positive picture for the gospel. The number reached 105 in Sunday school, but it was impossible to teach and keep that number with the little space we had.

At the end of the fifth year, the church purchased land by paying one-half of the price down with the rest due in three months. That was a step of faith! But the people did not fail God, nor did God fail His people. In three months the land was paid for.

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The purchasing of the land showed the small group of believers (about 35) what can be done, so enthusiasm to build was high. Plans were drawn up and approved by the city. As moneys came in, materials were bought. The foundation was laid. Then with just enough money to put up the walls and cover the building, work proceeded. There was no stopping. People gave and gave! Results—a completed first floor in 1969 with space for six Sunday school classes and a hall that would comfortably seat 130 people.

Within a year, all indebtedness was paid off. This made it possible to think of the next phase—the second floor. Just as God used the people in the beginning, He again supplied through them. In 1974 the second floor was completed, giving room for a library, three more Sunday school rooms, two offices and a fellowship hall.

From the very beginning, this church tried to look beyond its own door to the regions beyond. And even in Ribeirao Preto they launched a mission church in 1974 using a rented house. Land was donated for this work,

so the mother church decided they needed a building. In only six weeks they completed a building to seat about 80. It also has two Sunday school rooms.

Training has also been an emphasis since the very beginning. At first, Sunday school teachers were trained on a one-on-one basis. Then a new door opened in 1972 when the Bible institute was started with four students.

The Seminary-Bible Institute of Ribeirao Preto, as it is now called, has made great changes in the church. Sunday school teachers, laymen, and deacons have sacrificed their time to study the Word. No other single thing has done so much for the church.

Cecilia Virdes, the first graduate of the institute, left in 1980 for her missionary assignment in the territory of Roraima of northern Brazil. She is working under Unevangelized Fields Mission but receives her support from Free Will Baptists in Brazil. Her mission calling has helped to widen the mission vision of the whole church.

From its humble beginning, the Ribeirao Preto church has been able to reach out to doctors, lawyers, teachers, university professors, economists, store owners, as well as the simplest gardner.

In 1960 a new church ministry emerged—one using the telephone. Telephone answering machines with recorded messages respond to those looking for hope. Often through the call-back number we have been able to help a lost person find Jesus. And we have helped the troubled find peace, a desperate one grasp hope and the spiritually blind see the light. As a result, counseling has now become a vital part of the church ministries.

As another means of outreach, the home study ministry began by using the course "Source of Light." As many as 200 have been enrolled at one time, thus helping people to study the Word of God.

Steps are now being taken to have a full-time Brazilian worker with the church. We are sure this is only a step or so away, but God's timing is always the best.

With all of the ministries of the church progressing and with a larger group of prayer warriors, etc., a feeling prevails: Greater things are going to be accomplished in Ribeirao Preto—for Christ's glory.□

Geneva Poole is the wife of missionary Bobby Poole. They are in their fifth term of service in Brazil.

Financial Summary

Through March 31

Substance

Contributions in March	\$ 211,252.80
Total contributions through March	577,704.24
Total disbursements through March	539,052.01
Projected receipts	678,677.00
Total 1984 Budget	\$2,714,688.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$4,180.48	Payne	\$ 1,422.74
Filkins	501.79	Robinson	3,893.72
Hersey	954.45	Teague	286.32
Lee	544.36	Turnbough	2,796.57
Miley	3,729.97	Webb	11,525.86
Moser	1,242.09	Willey	298.89
Total			\$31,377.24

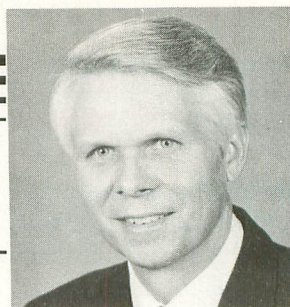
State Quotas—1984

State	Quota 1984	Quota Through March	Contributions Through March
Alabama	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 40,988.09
Arizona	3,500	876	402.50
Arkansas	145,000	36,250	22,035.76
California	50,000	12,501	10,509.06
Canada	2,000	500	560.85
Colorado	4,000	1,000	376.22
Florida	76,000	19,000	25,353.39
Georgia	90,000	22,500	28,788.98
Hawaii	1,000	250	.00
Idaho	1,000	250	.00
Illinois	90,000	22,500	15,489.35
Indiana	24,000	6,000	4,862.62
Iowa	500	126	145.00
Kansas	12,000	3,000	2,229.09
Kentucky	75,000	18,750	14,508.99
Louisiana	500	126	20.00
Maryland	12,000	3,000	2,101.16
Michigan	121,000	30,250	25,708.93
Minnesota	300	75	.00
Mississippi	40,000	10,000	8,910.71
Missouri	175,000	43,750	27,184.45
Montana	1,000	250	60.00
New Mexico	500	125	302.31
*Northeast Association	7,000	1,750	1,001.53
**Northwest Association	7,000	1,750	678.43
North Carolina	350,000	87,500	87,788.74
Ohio	100,000	25,000	22,155.82
Oklahoma	350,000	87,500	77,799.58
Pennsylvania	2,000	500	315.00
South Carolina	190,000	47,500	49,321.63
Tennessee	364,000	91,000	65,061.07
Texas	70,000	17,500	13,154.67
Virginia	90,000	22,500	19,300.13
Virgin Islands	1,500	375	365.65
West Virginia	85,000	21,250	10,891.51
Miscellaneous	23,888	5,973	615.83
Totals	\$2,714,688	\$678,677	\$578,987.05

*Northeast Association
New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon and Washington

HEARTLINE



R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

A missionary returned from his field defeated. He felt his ministry was a failure. He slipped into prayer meeting at his home church just after it had begun. Sitting inconspicuously on the back pew, he listened as the songs were sung, the announcements given and prayers offered.

As the service concluded, the disheartened missionary declared he knew why his mission had failed. No one offered a prayer for his ministry during the meeting.

No doubt many ministry failures can be traced to the failure of people to pray!

The Missionary of the Week (M.O.W.) program provides one means of meeting the prayer needs of our missionaries.

Many churches use the M.O.W. program. During a Sunday or Wednesday service the congregation sets aside a few minutes for news and prayer for particular missionaries. Since our missionary family has grown to more than 100

keep these cards as future prayer reminders. Some people keep them in a box on their breakfast table and pray for a different missionary at each meal.

Specific prayer requests may be secured through four major methods: (1) Note missionary news and requests in *Heartbeat*, (2) call Missions Hotline (615/361-5005) each week, (3) correspond with the missionary directly, and (4) share some of what God is doing for missions and evangelism in your church.

Anyone writing overseas should allow six weeks for the missionary to receive the letter and respond. Many problems exist these days regarding overseas mail. If you do not receive a reply, it probably means the missionary didn't get your letter.

You may also feel free to call our office for information and requests concerning a specific missionary. Our staff will be glad to share any information we have.

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people, it is difficult to keep up with all of them.

Most pastors assign a member of the congregation to be responsible for missionary news and requests for a particular M.O.W. service. This gives our laymen, women and even the young people an opportunity to become more informed and involved in missions.

To initiate this program in your church you need to plan your schedule three to six months in advance. This will allow time for the person presenting the missionary news and requests to correspond with our office and possibly with the missionary overseas.

It always helps to have the missionary's picture before you as you pray. We have two items to help: (1) The missionary profile sheets, which make good bulletin inserts, and (2) wallet-size prayer cards. The profiles include personal data on the missionary family and the prayer cards have a personal picture plus a general prayer request and scripture verse. It is good to

Many churches have used our filmstrips with good success. For example, you could begin a series by showing the filmstrip on Brazil. Each week thereafter you could highlight the ministry of one of our missionaries there. We have filmstrips dealing with India, Ivory Coast, Brazil, Panama, Japan, and France. Two others should be available soon.

Finally, consider receiving an offering for the ministry of a particular missionary on "his" day or night. This will bless your people and encourage your missionaries as you correspond with them.

Jimmy Aldridge, missionary to Ivory Coast, wrote: "Money, men, material and methods are useless unless they have the unction of the Spirit of God upon them. Please help us have the spiritual support we need. We can go on diets and do with less money if we have to, but not with less prayer support. That's our real missions crisis."



Terry Eagleton Ordained to Ministry in Brazil

Brazil—Associate missionary Terry Eagleton was officially ordained to the gospel ministry in Brazil on March 11 in the Araras Free Will Baptist Church.

According to his father, missionary Ken Eagleton, the Brazil FWB Association presbytery examined Terry on February 11 giving him approval and recommending him for ordination.

Those involved in the special ordination service included missionaries Jim Sturgill, scripture reading; Jim Cowart, questions and vows; Ken Eagleton, the charge; and Bobby Poole, prayer of consecration and laying on of hands. Deacon Antonio Flausino de Almedia Silva of Ribeirao Preto also participated in the laying on of hands.

Approximately 90 people attended the service and a reception was held in the church social hall following the ordination.

Terry is serving the Araras church as co-pastor and has now assumed full responsibility since Ken and Marvis began a short furlough in April.

Hersey Witnesses, Asks Prayer for Iriso Unsaved

Japan—Opportunities to witness for Christ have been ample lately in the Iriso work in the Tokyo suburb, according to Fred Hersey. Many hours have been spent "talking to men about the plan of salvation and the Christian's attitude toward death," says Fred.

Many have asked questions during women's Bible study and during English classes. This has given great opportunity for the Herseys to explain God's Word.

"Pray for the salvation of these," Hersey concluded.

Lytle Baptizes 14, Cites New Outreach Effort

Panama—Fourteen people from the Betania congregation in Panama were baptized by missionary Steve Lytle on February 26. At least seven more want to be baptized, according to Lytle.

The church continues to experience growth and has initiated new outreach efforts including utilization of the services of Senora



Walter Ellison, right, talks with an unsaved man about Christ following a service in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Gladys, a college professor in the church. "She has been dedicating her vacation time to remedial classes in math and Spanish for the church children as well as others in the neighborhood," writes Steve. "It has brought several new children to the church."

Vacation Bible school, held February 13-17 by the church, averaged 67 in attendance. Thirteen children made first-time decisions for Christ during the week.

To house the new growth, the church has launched a program to raise \$5,000 in 1984 toward their building fund. They have already received \$500.

One Saved in Lorient; Drama Group Performs

France—According to missionary Lynn Miley, one man was saved recently in Lorient, France, when he called to get help after having received one of the church Christmas letters.

"He felt a need for God in his life," writes Lynn. "So I went to see him. I went through the plan of salvation with him and asked him if he wanted to accept Christ as his Savior. He said yes. He is now in the Navigators' discipleship program."

The Mileys also reported hosting a group called Covenant Players, itinerate Christian actors, in a drama presentation in their home. Forty-six people including friends and neighbors attended. The acting group was composed of three Americans and an English person.

Ellisons Working Amid Much Political Unrest

Uruguay—Walter and Marcia Ellison, missionaries to Montevideo, Uruguay, expressed concern and requested prayer due to "lots" of political unrest in their part of the country. Pan beating was heard all over town recently in protest of the military government and the economic crisis.

Great pressure has been brought on the Republic to force the release of leftist leader Liber Seregni who has been in prison for eight years of a 14-year sentence. Reports indicated his release and the release of a large group of others was considered imminent.

The Ellisons are seeking to reach people for Christ and establish a new work in the capital city.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—Ken Eagleton baptized one couple and a young man recently in Araras. Eagleton noted the church was having "in the high seventies and low eighties in Sunday school lately."

Ivory Coast—An evangelistic campaign in the Agnibilekrou area is scheduled for the last week in July. Christians have been urged to pray for the special effort.

Decatur, Ga.—Robert Poole, son of Brazil missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole, and Miss Sheri

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Bruner of Decatur, Ga. are to be married in Atlanta on May 12. Bobby and Geneva will be on hand for the wedding.

Nashville, Tenn.—Rolla D. Smith, general director, underwent surgery on his right hand on March 12 at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. He had Dupuytren's contracture in the palm of the hand.

Tulsa, Okla.—Stephen Eagleton, son of missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton of Brazil, and Miss Carolyn Crittendon were married in Tulsa, Okla. on April 7. Stephen's only unwed brother, Andrew, is scheduled to marry Miss Lisa McHeffey in Longview, Tex. on June 16. Ken and Marvis are home for both weddings.

France—Miss Charolette Tallent recently completed her six weeks of special pre-Easter Bible clubs in

Lorient, France. She averaged 12 children per week and at the final club, 19 children attended.

Nashville, Tenn.—Several MK's have planned to go "home" during the summer to the field where their parents serve: Lori Hughes will leave May 21 for Brazil; Patricia Murray will go to France; Lyndon Deeds will travel to Brazil; and Deborah Payne will visit her parents in Ivory Coast.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mr. Rex Noel, stepfather of missionary Carol Pinkerton of the Ivory Coast, died from a heart attack on March 21 in Kansas City, Mo. Noel was 70 years of age. Funeral services were held March 24 at Mushleback Funeral Home in Kansas City.

Ivory Coast—The Youth Conference of Free Will Baptists in the Ivory Coast met at Bouna during the week of February 19 with 102 teenagers registered and many more attending.



Paul Hersey plays the piano while his father, missionary Fred Hersey, speaks to the Iriso church in Japan.

Paul Hersey to Present Piano Recital at CAJ

Japan—Paul Hersey, 17-year-old high school senior and son of missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey, presented a Senior Recital on the piano April 6 at the Christian Academy of Japan.

Young Hersey is already known as an accomplished pianist, having soloed with the Tokyo Symphony Orchestra. He has also served as accompanist for CAJ choirs and as pianist at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church.

Mostoles Work Sees Growth, One Saved

Spain—A 14-year-old girl was converted in the new Free Will Baptist work in Mostoles, Spain, during the latter part of February. According to missionary Ron Callaway, the girl's mother had been saved in December, so "that only leaves the father and his 12-year-old son who are not saved in the family."

"We have had several new young couples attending recently," Ron continued. "We had 17 yesterday (March 4) and 14 last night for Bible study."

Brazil Family Camp Held During Carnival

Brazil—Family camp was held at Jaboticabal, Brazil during carnival weekend, March 3-7, with some 80 people in attendance.

According to missionary Bobby Poole, Bible studies and other activi-

Missionaries Available for Services

These missionaries are in the States on furlough and will be available for retreats, youth camps, VBS, etc. during the period indicated except for time reserved for reentry and packing for departure. Contact R. Eugene Waddell, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 or call 615/361-1010 to arrange services.

Home from Ivory Coast

	Arrive Home	Depart for Field
Robert and Judy Bryan	October 1983	September 1984
Jimmy and Janie Aldridge	November 1983	
Elaine Allen	August 1983	
Mike and Deleen Cousineau	June 1983	June 1984
Neil and Sheila Gilliland	July 1984	December 1984

Home from Brazil

Ken and Marvis Eagleton	April 1984 for four months	
Dave and Pat Franks	August 1984	February 1985
Bobby and Geneva Poole	March 1984	July 1984

Home from France

Lynn and Ramona Miley	Spring 1984	Spring 1985
Tom and Patty McCullough	September 1983	September 1984
Patsy Vanhook	Spring 1984	Spring 1985

Home from Spain

Dennis and Trena Owen	Spring 1984	Summer 1985
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Home from Japan

Fred and Evelyn Hersey	June 1984	June 1985
Dale and Sandra Bishop	Spring 1984	Spring 1985

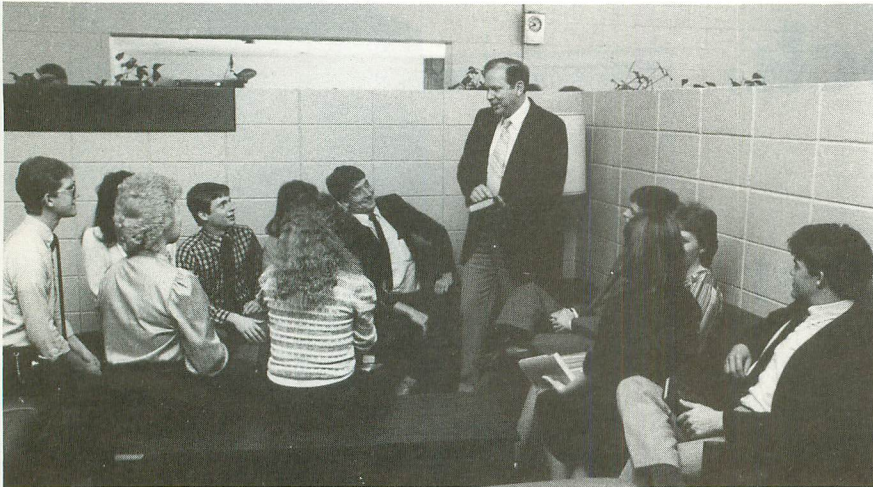
These Appointees are also available:

Scheduled Departure

June 1984	Lynn Midgett, Spain
August 1984	Dawn Sweeney, Ivory Coast
	Stan and Brenda Bunch, Panama
	Mark and Donna Daniel, Ivory Coast
	Darrell and Lila Nichols, Ivory Coast
	Steve and Becky Riggs, France

Scheduled Departure

January 1985	Robert and Pam West, Ivory Coast
	Associate Appointees
	Rick and Linda Bowling, Uruguay
August 1985	Dennis and Carol Teague, France
	Dave and Sharon Filkins, Ivory Coast



Missions professor Bobby Aycock (above, right) gives some orientation to student missionaries from Free Will Baptist Bible College. Tom Bush and Cindy Reynolds (below) will represent Hillsdale FWB College as student missionaries.

ties were prepared for those who attended the camp.

Theme for the event was "How?" These "how" questions were given attention during the studies and sermon: How can a man be made just? How can a just God forgive sinful man? How can a person know the will of God? and How can a person take advantage of the opportunities?

16 Student Missionaries to Leave for Fields

Nashville, Tenn.—The 16 student missionaries (formerly called "summer missionaries") appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions in November of last year are scheduled to leave this month for their fields of service.

Two of the group come from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla.: Cindy Reynolds who is to serve with the Eddie Paynes at Bouna, Ivory Coast, and Tom Bush who is to work with Ron and Linda Callaway in Mostoles, Spain.

The remainder of those preparing to serve are from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville: *France*—Walter Clinton and Randy Hill will serve with the John Murrays in Nantes; Scott McPeak and Craig Mills will be with Jerry and Barbara Gibbs in St. Nazaire; and Susan Keesling and Rebecca Nicholson plan to work with Miss Charolette Tallent in Lorient.

Brazil—Jeff Hart and Jonathan Powell are to spend the summer with the Jim Sturgills in Campinas;



Marsha Howell goes to Belo Horizonte with Dave and Pat Franks; Glenda Humbles will work with the Jim Cowarts in Jaboticabal; and Donna Langston will serve with Earnie and Jean Deeds in Conselheiro Lafaiete.

Ivory Coast—Cynthia Bell will be with Eddie and Sandra Payne in Bouna; and Darlene Corey and Terri Greene will serve with Alice Smith and Arilla Wode at Agnibilekrou.

Annual Conference Held by North India FWB

India—According to a report from missionary Carlisle Hanna of Sonapurhat, North India, the annual Free Will Baptist church conference was held February 15-20. More than 300 people were registered and attendance reached 500. Many rededications were also recorded during the meeting.

Hanna expressed praise that "more people in this area than ever before have received a witness during the past year."

Carlisle urged Christians to pray for a bountiful harvest, for professing

Christians to take a firm stand for Christ, for continued openness and greater outreach, for protection against the attacks of Satan and for a pastor for the Kotagiri church in South India.

Alabama Church Responds to Ivory Coast Need

Ivory Coast—The Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, Ala., has responded to a need in the Ivory Coast made evident by missionary Jimmy Aldridge. The church voted in January to send \$500 to help the African Christians who are faced with the decision of whether to eat their yams or plant them.

Dry weather conditions have forced many Ivorians to the point of starvation as crops have failed, etc.

Pastor Jerry White of the Cordova FWB Church, expressed praise as he noted the marvelous way the Lord worked: Just three days after the church voted to give the money, "a lady came by the bank where our church treasurer works and gave him a check for the church. The check was for \$500."

Prayers Answered, Rains Come, Two Converted

Ivory Coast—Missionary Alice Smith reported answered prayer as it rained twice in February. In addition, two people were saved in Agnibilekrou during a Sunday afternoon of witnessing by Alice and Arilla Wode.

Regarding the rain, Smith said, "It was enough to put out most of the forest fires and to settle the dust. However, much more is needed to fill the rivers, wells, etc. So, keep praying."

Missionaries have become alarmed at the number of cases of malaria among children in the Agnibilekrou area. "Marcelian, a fat little baby boy one week, was skin and bones the next," says Alice. "Dorcas, the little baby girl who acted as our baby Jesus at Christmas, is no longer with us. In just a few days' time, malaria and measles snuffed her life away. Pray for her parents."

Alice and Arilla were scheduled to move into another house about the first of May in an effort to help solve some of their health problems. Dust and air pollution in the area where they were living caused coughing, sore throats, etc.

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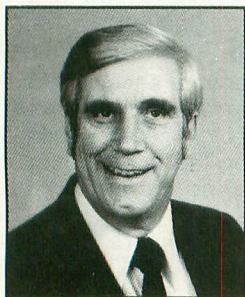
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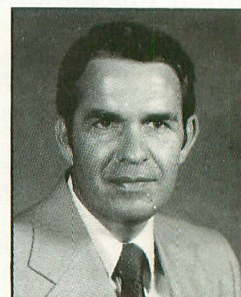
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