

HEARTBEAT

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of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions
Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



QUALIFIED BUT HELPLESS!

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by Kenneth Eagleton Jr., M.D.



An old man had just come into the hospital compound when Sherwood Lee, R.N., called me to take a look. Darkness had already settled over the Doropo station and the old man's family had placed him on the sidewalk just outside the clinic steps. He had been experiencing severe abdominal pain on the left side for almost 24 hours. His face expressed the extreme pain he suffered. Signs of severe dehydration were evident.

My initial diagnosis indicated an intestinal blockage of unknown origin. It would require abdominal X rays to confirm the diagnosis and locate the problem. Immediate emergency surgery would also be required.

I observed, helpless, as Sherwood sought to explain to the family that the clinic did not have the needed X-ray equipment nor the facilities for surgery, even though they had a visiting surgeon. The man's only hope lay in a distant hospital where surgery could be performed. In desperation the family explained this was their last hope as they did not have resources for the long journey deemed necessary.

We set up an intravenous drip to correct his dehydration. But it did little good. He died the following day, simply because the Free Will Baptist Hospital in Ivory Coast was not adequately equipped to help him.

A few days later, a woman with a very swollen and protruding abdomen came to the hospital in similar circumstances. She died the same day.

My wife, Rejane, and I were in the Ivory Coast at that time,

May of this year, to determine God's direction for our lives regarding the medical ministry there. Our hospital has been without a physician-surgeon for the past five years.

The nurses who have been in charge at the clinic/hospital have done a tremendous job with vaccination programs, prenatal care, helping with difficult births, dehydrated children, and treating tropical diseases. Still, much more could be done if a physician-surgeon and adequate equipment were available.

In African culture, especially in one of the tribes, the girls are given in marriage as early as 12 or 13 years of age. These have already been subjected to female circumcision and it is

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not at all rare for 13- or 14-year-old girls to give birth with terribly difficult deliveries. Part of this is due to their age and part stems from the circumcision. In such cases, cesarean sections in the hospital would greatly reduce the mother-child mortality rate.

The hospital at Doropo is the only medical or paramedical facility within a 50-mile radius. If a patient needs to be evacuated for surgery, the nearest hospital equipped for surgery is located in Gaoua, Upper Volta (a Marxist-oriented country with border barriers and checks).

It takes two and a half hours

over rough African roads to get to Gaoua. During the rainy season the roads are impassable. Even when travel is possible, the only means of transportation is the "bush taxi" (covered pick-up trucks) which charge the equivalent of U.S. \$125 to take a patient to Gaoua. This is next to impossible for most Ivorians since the minimum salary is roughly U.S. \$60 per month.

During my three weeks in the Ivory Coast, we had to send two patients to Gaoua: one person with internal injuries from a bullet wound and a boy who had fallen from a mango tree and punctured his lung on a stick.

On the positive side, we saw many benefits provided by the Doropo clinic/hospital. The vaccination program has saved many children from death to smallpox. Antibiotics have saved many pneumonia, meningitis, and other critically-ill patients. Sutures have kept many people from bleeding to death. Professional obstetrical assistance has kept many child-bearing women from dying. In addition, tuberculosis and malaria medicines have provided healing.

But the best thing we saw at the hospital went beyond the physical treatment and healing. Spiritual help was given to those in darkness. Perhaps one of the best examples of this ministry can be seen in the life of Kontin Paul, a former fetishist (witch doctor), who was saved through the hospital ministry 12 years ago. His small son had been ill and had been brought to the hospital for treatment. Kontin Paul heard the gospel and eventually turned his life over to the Lord.

Now, he is a faithful soulwinner in the Doropo church.

Another man brought his son to the hospital while we were there. Our African nurses led him to the Lord. We were privileged to travel with him and missionary Clint Morgan to his village to burn his fetish as a public witness of his

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conversion to Christ. In reality, this is what matters: treating people as a whole—body, soul, and spirit. The ultimate purpose of the hospital is to see people come to know the Lord as their personal Savior. This takes place through contact with caring, loving Christians.

Now, the Lord has called me and my family to assume this needed position of physician-surgeon at the Doropo hospital. We and many others have been praying for this need. God has chosen to answer that prayer through us. We are assured in our hearts that He will continue to answer prayer by providing our support to get to the field. We also feel sure He will provide the needed funds to build a surgical block and buy an X-ray machine so we can continue this ministry. We hope you will be a part of this special effort also.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton is a medical doctor under appointment as an associate missionary to Ivory Coast. He was reared in Brazil and his wife and children are Brazilians. He is currently attending FWBCC and fulfilling a deputational ministry on weekends.



We've Come A Long Way

by Don Robirds

She was just a woman! But not the average run-of-the-mill type. She had lots of spunk, tremendous faith, a great deal of tenacity, and total commitment to Jesus Christ!

That was Laura Belle Barnard, pioneer Free Will Baptist missionary to India.

She confronted gigantic obstacles and tremendous barriers within the ranks of Free Will Baptists. Though she faced extreme odds, she stood firmly on God's Word and obeyed His command to "go." She did not allow the lack of enthusiasm to quell her zeal.

With a beginning salary of \$20 per month, she knew what it was to sacrifice. So did the other early missionaries! No "back-up" funds were available, so if help was needed, these servants of God had to

"depend on the Lord."

Though God never changes, He is not stagnant! His work continues in spite of the obstacles found in a changing world. In the beginning, few were convinced of the need for

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world missions. Later, materialism began to take its toll.

We've traveled far from those early days when the foreign missions director or

"promotional secretary" worked out of his home. And we have ventured a great distance down the road since people thought \$50 per month would pay all the bills and meet all the missionary's needs.

Surely, we miss the "flamboyancy and warmth" of Pop Willey and the "spiritual depth" perceived in Laura Belle Barnard. But they are still with us! Pop appears in the pages of the book, "Never Say Can't," and Laura Belle still resides in her Glennville, Ga., home. Soon we will have her book, "Touching the Untouchables," to constantly remind us of some of those beginnings.

While we currently have only 105 adult missionaries serving, the numbers which have been sent to the regions beyond far surpass that figure. Some 70

other missionaries have served for some period of time, somewhere. Many of these are still actively involved in foreign missions in some way even though they are not on a foreign field. For those, we are thankful!

Yes, we have come a long way by the grace and goodness of God and we want to praise Him. We want to build on those 50 years of God's blessings and plan for many more years of "Advance" for the cause of Christ around the globe.

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We want to praise God for approximately 40 self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating Free Will Baptist churches scattered around the world. These are in existence as a direct result of the foreign missions effort. And we want to thank God for the thousands of souls that have been saved over these 50 years through these special ministries. Then, we want to plead with God for souls in the days ahead.

Needs abound! People everywhere cry in desperation for a solution to their dilemma. Missionaries long to calm and comfort those in pain. They ache with those to whom they minister but often cannot reach them.

Tools for ministry remain scarce. Audiovisual aids cost



Laura Belle Barnard and Pop Willey are seen with some of those present at the 1950 missionary conference in Nashville.

too much and would overtax the missionary's already-burdened account. Radio or television time could help to break some of the barriers of suspicion before personal contact, but these can rarely be considered, due to budget limits.

National churches wait for some solution to their growing pains while local construction loans forbid even casual consideration due to colossal interest rates. Young people await training for service but facilities and faculty lay beyond the reach of the current system of financing. New missionaries anxiously look to the needy fields only to pause, stunned by the prospects of tackling the goliath task of accumulating 35 to 40 thousand dollars and a monthly commitment quota of \$3,500 or more. And this promises only an existence abroad apart from many of the valuable tools previously mentioned.

"Advance" does not mean standing still, maintaining the status quo. It does not mean replacing missionaries who are reaching retirement age. And it

does not mean standing helpless when people cry for an answer or shrugging our shoulders when we know barriers hinder our bridging the gap between need and supply.

"Advance" means changing the status quo. It entails crashing through the barriers with whatever tools are necessary. It calls for commitment and action above and beyond the call of duty. Commitment to reach a world with the gospel of Christ whatever the cost. That's our task! And in honor of our King, we must move forward, ever advancing—from victory unto victory!

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Called to missionary service? Me? Certainly not! God didn't call me to be a missionary, foreign or otherwise. Look at me—I'm not a preacher or an evangelist or even the wife of one. So that proves God didn't call me!"

Have you heard words to that effect or maybe said something like that yourself? I have. Frequently. And every time I've heard such remarks I've wondered. Why are missionaries limited to preacher/evangelist roles or to "super spiritual" people? Why do most Christians feel exempt from Christian service (with a sigh of relief) because they are not preachers/evangelists or the wives of the same.

If we claim the name of Jesus, we have a responsibility. Jesus gave us that responsibility and nothing less than complete obedience should be our goal. Exempt from missions? No! The command to share the Good News was given to us all. It is true that not all are

preacher/evangelist types. But missions is more than that! Other workers are needed. You see, support ministries are important.

Paul told the Corinthians that the body of Christ was made up of many members and each was different. He compared Christ's body with the human body. Just as the human body doesn't consist of all feet or all eyes, so the body of Christ doesn't consist of all preachers or evangelists. The spreading of the Good News

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will be accomplished as all of the "body" parts work together. And that means re-thinking what or who missions is all about.

For the past eight years, I've been working in Japan. Many

of you call me "missionary" but by common definition I'm not one. I'm neither pastor nor pastor's wife. I'm not a super-Christian woman. I'm not supported by churches nor a mission board. Yet, I am fulfilling the command of Christ in my life. Most of you are lay-workers and so am I. Missions is for lay-workers—for "regular" people.

My work as a teacher in Japan is not so different from the work I did as a teacher in the States. I still teach English. More important, I still share Christ with my students and neighbors. That hasn't changed. What has changed, though, is the place where I do it.

I firmly believe that God has a place and a work for each of us. As we know Him better and surrender our lives to Him, the more He can reveal His plan for our lives. Right now, my place and work are in Japan, teaching. And I can rest in His assurance that I'm in His will. To me, that means



Macedonia in the '80's

by Mirial Gainer

Christian obedience. Wherever my place and whatever my work, my first priority is sharing the Good News.

What implications can that have for you? Perhaps God hasn't designed you to be a missionary in the usual sense of the word. But He certainly has planned for you to serve Him. In Japan or Africa? Maybe, maybe not. That is not the main issue. Serving Him is.

I serve as an associate missionary, working in the Japanese school system just as a Japanese teacher does. I get paid by the school just as they do. And because I am not a "missionary" in the usual sense, they are more attentive to my sharing about Christ. I am able to make contacts that regular missionaries often cannot make. I can also perform some services for the regular missionaries. That's all a part of the "tent-making" idea of missions. But what I am doing in Japan others could do, and not only in Japan. It could be

done in other countries as well.

Are you a teacher? Do you have a B.A. or M.A. degree in anything? Would you like to invest a few years as a support person on the field? Are you

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working in a business which has overseas branches? Why not use that as an opportunity to go help others who are sharing Christ with the multitudes? The opportunities for service are endless when you look at missions in the light of lay-worker responsibility.

God did not call us all to be church-planters. But God did call us all to be bearers of the Good News of Christ. And God is not limited in ways and avenues of service for those

interested. We set the limits.

Full-time Christian service is a lifestyle for all Christians, though we be as diverse in actual practice as we are in individual characteristics. We only need to seek His will and He will show us. And He opens doors of service for us.

I mentioned teaching and business, but opportunities are actually endless: construction worker, secretary, medical worker (doctor, nurse, technician, etc.), "grandmother" (to help out when a new baby arrives on the field or when Mom is sick and needs a hand), agriculture advisor, engineer, map maker/surveyor, carpenter, etc. The list is endless! Whatever your talents and training, there's a place for you in God's service.

Certainly, such service calls for sacrifice. But the fringe benefits more than compensate and retirement is—well, out of this world!

Mirial Gainer is an associate missionary serving in Sapporo, on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan. She teaches at Hokusei University and helps in the Higashi Tsukisamu church.



MEN IN MISSIONS

by Jim Vallance

The Great Commission was written nearly 2,000 years ago. We all know that. It's a simple command. "Go ye into all the world" Anyone can do that. So, why isn't the job of evangelizing the world being accomplished effectively? Why are so few accepting the challenge to go? Has the Great Commission of Jesus lost its power to move men?

Men must be taught that after salvation, the primary need is to tell others.

While women respond to emotional appeals, men are generally moved by the immediate. Today's needs are of primary importance. We tend to solve the problems of the moment.

These day-to-day cares of existence and survival can carry over into the work of the church. Do the immediate!

Perhaps the greatest problem is the loss of that sense of immediacy when looking at the Great Commission. Go ye, continue to go, and don't

stop going.

Men must be taught that after salvation, the primary need is to tell others. Of course, everyone can't go to a foreign field. There are responsibilities here and now.

Okay, men, so you can't "go to a mission field." What can you do?

First and foremost, you can pray. Every missionary repeatedly asks for prayer before leaving. Every letter to the folks back home asks for prayer. Every preacher should encourage men to pray for missionaries. Why the great emphasis on prayer? Prayer doesn't touch the heart of the missionary, it touches the heart of God. His mighty power is unleashed in behalf of the missionaries through prayer. Feats are performed through God's power that cannot be explained in human terms.

Next, you must give. Give until it hurts? No, some hurt when they give a dollar. Give until it feels good? Some never feel good about giving. What's left? Give as unto the Lord. Give according to the scriptural formula—tithes and offerings through the local church. The local church should be encouraged to give to national

and international ministries.

Now, what about actual leg work involving men in missions? You don't particularly have to be a Bible college graduate with a major in missions. You don't have to be a preacher. All you have to do is be willing to use your talents in the Lord's work to meet the needs that arise.

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We readily think of builders and physicians on the mission field. But what about your skill or talent? Are you qualified to teach? Then why not on the mission field under the associate missionary program? Do you like children? Why not consider being a dorm parent? Can you counsel at a youth camp? Can you play a guitar? Who knows what doors might open in these areas? And music is a welcome addition on many fields. Administration and bookkeeping skills are often needed on the mission field. Perhaps you could work with a cassette tape ministry, or in audiovisuals or literature production.

The list can be as varied as the workers. Your skill may be needed right now.

Men have traveled to mission fields to work for varying lengths of time and in a variety of ministries.

Howard Filkins was a dorm parent in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Later he served as a

maintenance missionary. Neil Gilliland is now serving as a dorm parent. Bob Partee went to Sapporo, Japan, to help build Airin Chapel. Howard Gage was a builder in Africa. Carroll Poole and Don Wilbanks went to Brazil to work on the Metcalf Memorial Dormitory. And Robert West is soon to go to Ivory Coast to

maintain the mission station and missionary equipment at Doropo.

Of course, getting to the mission field is not always easy. But you don't necessarily have to be a full-time missionary or spend the rest of your life on the mission field. Any service, for any length of time, might be greatly appreciated.

Perhaps you don't think the Lord has called you to a mission field. Well, maybe not specifically, but He has called us all generally. J. Reford Wilson, former general director of foreign missions, said we should plan to go and stop only when every door is closed.

Christ's commission was to "go." My children sing, "I'm a missionary's helper . . . pray and give and go." You can be a helper, too!

Jim Vallance is general director of the Master's Men Department in Nashville, Tenn.



Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in August and September in memory of friends or loved ones:

Donor	In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Culp Headland, Ala.	C. B. Spivey
Bible FWB Woman's Auxiliary Odessa, Tex.	Winifred Faubron
White Hill Teen Class Euphoria, Miss.	Mrs. Minnie Henley
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THEY NEED A DOCTOR!

KENNETH EAGLETON JR., M.D., has responded to God's call to minister to physical bodies in Ivory Coast, West Africa. At the same time, he will minister to their spiritual needs by presenting Jesus Christ. He and his family need partners to underwrite the expenses of their ministry. Kenneth's response as a medical doctor and surgeon is an answer to many prayers. Will you also be a part of that answered prayer?



_____ **YES**, Dr. Eagleton, I want to help relieve the physical and spiritual suffering in Ivory Coast. As God provides, I will give monthly (Check one):

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_____ Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

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Missions and the Local Church

The local church is the launching pad for missionary outreach. God very clearly intends the gospel to orbit every nation on earth. He further plans for local churches to be established in all classes of society, language groups and tribes (Revelation 5:9).

The local church is the seedbed for missionary volunteers. A warm spiritual environment is critical for enlisting missionaries. Soil which has been watered with tears of compassion is more conducive to the production of missionary candidates.

Antioch Provides the Example

The church at Antioch was such a church. To this growing fellowship of Christians the Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

Free Will Baptists share the hope that they will participate in God's final thrust into all the nations. This hope ultimately rests upon the local church. It is an exciting experience to visit in a missions-minded church. The Holy Spirit is

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welcomed in a church which has placed world missions as a top priority. They rejoice when He interrupts their plans by calling some of their faithful workers.

The local church also helps in the training of missionary candidates. No doubt the experience which Paul received while ministering at Antioch helped to equip him for his missionary service in Asia Minor and Europe. Every missionary commissioned by our department must first give concrete evidence that he or she is a soulwinner and an effective servant in a local church.



R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

Commissioned in the Home Church

The missionary is usually commissioned in his home church. Our general director, Rolla D. Smith, usually coordinates the commissioning service with the candidate and his pastor. Just as the church at Antioch, our own local Free Will Baptist churches have the joy of laying their hands on missionary candidates and sending them forth for the Lord.

When Barnabas and Saul had finished their first missionary journey, they returned to Antioch and reported how gloriously God had worked among the Gentiles (Acts 14:26-28).

This is one of the purposes of the missionary's furlough. He returns to share the joys of his victories and the agonies of his defeats with those who have sent him forth.

"I hope some day that my church will be able to fully underwrite any missionary whom God may call from us." This was the ambition voiced by one young pastor last year. I pray that hundreds of Free Will Baptist pastors may soon share this vision.

Sent by One Local Church

Your church can send out a missionary! The total annual cost for supporting the ministry of the average Free Will Baptist foreign missionary family is \$30,000. This includes rent on church buildings, literature, travel, children's education, etc. A church of 250 members can fully underwrite its own missionary if each member will give the equivalent of the cost of a coke per day.

Charles Crenshaw, Hillsdale FWB College ministerial student from Thayer, Mo., hopes to pastor a church one day. He said, "When I become a pastor, I'd rather lead the church to underwrite a missionary overseas than hire an associate."

In conclusion, every local church is obligated to share the gospel with the unreached overseas. One church—your church—can make a difference, an eternal difference.

Financial Summary

Through March 31

\$ubstance

Contributions in September	\$ 159,685.28
Total contributions through September	1,776,590.36
Total disbursements through September	248,874.55
Projected receipts through September	2,036,016.00
Total 1984 Budget	\$2,714,688.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 788.98	Miley	\$6,815.61
Bishop	3,997.35	Moser.....	216.59
Callaway.....	1,930.39	Payne.....	2,668.98
Combs	5,072.25	Robinson	496.06
Hersey	5,334.23	Teague.....	1,212.18
Lee.....	8,088.29	General Fund.....	9,226.93
Total			\$42,178.23

State Quotas—1984

State	Quota 1984	Quota Through September	Contributions Through September
Alabama	\$ 150,000	\$112,500	\$112,144.70
Arizona	3,500	2,625	1,208.42
Arkansas	145,000	108,750	91,364.90
California	50,000	37,500	25,750.47
Colorado	4,000	3,000	1,476.34
Florida	76,000	57,000	57,257.59
Georgia	90,000	67,500	69,507.70
Hawaii	1,000	750	35.00
Idaho	1,000	750	108.82
Illinois	90,000	67,500	52,341.53
Indiana	24,000	18,000	17,581.01
Iowa	500	375	516.56
Kansas	12,000	9,000	6,252.39
Kentucky	75,000	56,250	52,233.44
Louisiana	500	375	20.00
Maryland	12,000	9,000	7,524.46
Michigan	121,000	90,750	76,956.20
Minnesota	300	225	0.00
Mississippi	40,000	30,000	35,831.15
Missouri	175,000	131,250	103,078.32
Montana	1,000	750	549.68
New Mexico	500	375	449.10
*Northeast Association	7,000	5,250	3,326.29
**Northwest Association....	7,000	5,250	1,119.43
North Carolina	350,000	262,500	247,514.58
Ohio	100,000	75,000	67,549.47
Oklahoma	350,000	262,500	233,576.12
Pennsylvania.....	2,000	1,500	1,265.00
South Carolina	190,000	142,500	126,406.33
Tennessee.....	364,000	273,000	244,295.07
Texas	70,000	52,500	55,496.61
Virginia	90,000	67,500	61,815.68
Virgin Islands	1,500	1,125	1,059.21
West Virginia	85,000	63,750	30,898.36
Miscellaneous	23,888	17,916	1,800.09
Canada	2,000	1,500	1,758.22
Totals	\$2,714,688	\$2,036,016	\$1,790,268.24

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

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon and Washington



Sebastiao Nazareth (left) of Barbacena is introduced by Silvestre da Silveira Pinto, president of the Brazil Association of Churches. Sebastiao preached during the session at Jaboticabal.

Association Takes New Church, Plans Missions

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist Association of Churches in Brazil met on August 4 at Evangelandia camp in Jaboticabal. Representatives of all the churches were present and the church at Uberlandia was accepted in light of its organizational plans (see article in this issue).

In addition to accepting the new church, the group took the first steps toward a program of missions for the Brazilian people. Other action included dealing with details of revision of the Brazilian *Treatise of Faith and Practice*, and the placement of the next meeting, scheduled for November 2. They accepted the invitation of the Uberlandia church to have the meeting there.

Presiding over the meeting was Silvestre da Silveira Pinto, president of the association.

Payne Requests Prayer for Bible Students

Ivory Coast—Among those who are attending Bible classes taught by Eddie Payne in Bouna, Ivory Coast, were six young men for whom Eddie has requested special prayer: Diato Etienne, Kaibio Samuel, Daouda Ouatra, Jean Francois, Kouame Kouadio, and Kobenan Jean. Eight to 10 others also attend the classes.

"We are thankful for the zeal to witness for Christ that we see in a number of young men here in Bouna

and in the surrounding villages," writes Sandra Payne. "Pray for these, and also pray the Holy Spirit will draw many in this region to Christ."

Sandra noted the group at the village of Panzarani continues to grow with frequent professions of faith.



Jimmy and Janie Aldridge have exchanged a ministry in Ivory Coast for a broader ministry as overseas secretary for foreign missions.

Aldridge Assumes Post of Overseas Secretary

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary Jimmy Aldridge has been appointed to the post of overseas secretary for foreign missions and will officially assume the position later this year.

Jimmy will be coordinating, counseling, advising, and trouble shooting for the various mission fields. Most likely he will focus more on Europe and the Ivory Coast in the early stages of this ministry because of his knowledge and experience in these areas. Jimmy's wife, Janie, will work with him in this new ministry.

Aldridge has been plagued by serious health problems and some speculation indicated he might not

be able to stand the tropical heat of Ivory Coast on a continuing basis. To allow more time for his condition to improve, the staff and board have asked him to assume a temporary assignment directing the "Advance" effort in commemoration of the department's 50 years of missionary service.

Eventually, the overseas secretary ministry is expected to take him and his wife abroad for several months out of the year. Jimmy will be designing and developing his overseas ministry while fulfilling the "Advance" assignment.

Jimmy and Janie will be residing in Nashville.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

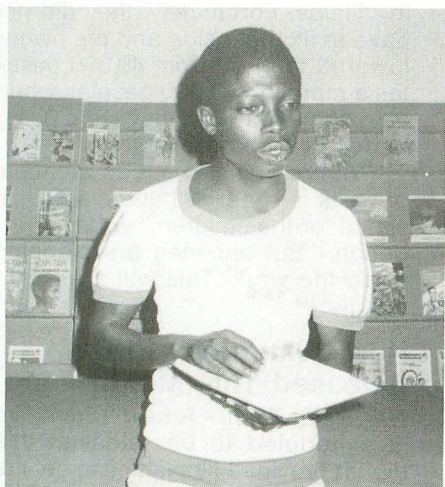
Ivory Coast—At the request of the Ivory Coast field council, Patrick and Susan Dickens left the Ivory Coast on September 21 to return to the United States for medical treatment. Patrick underwent special tests in New York but results were unknown at press time. Preliminary diagnosis indicated kidney infection as part of the problem.

Brazil—Jim and Karen Cowart left Brazil on October 9 en route to the States to get special medical treatment for their youngest daughter, Camila. Doctors in Jaboticabal, Brazil, have indicated the girl might have a chronic kidney ailment which may require surgery and treatment by a specialist.

Ivory Coast—Missionary Mike Cousineau writes from Ivory Coast: "Thangba is doing well. He thanked me personally for supporting him in prayer, and I pass that thanks on to you. I feel the devil is still fighting for his life. Please stand with us as we all fight back."

Brazil—Louis and Florine Coscia have requested special prayer that the Lord might provide a national worker to assume responsibility for the church at Uberaba, Brazil. The Coscias are due to leave for furlough in the spring.

Uruguay—Walter and Marcia Ellison urge people to pray for the mother of Laura, a teenager who was saved earlier this year. The lady is unsaved and has been diagnosed as having terminal cancer.



Appia Kouassi Yeboua (left) has been working with the Agnibilekrou FWB Church during the school vacation and during the recent evangelistic campaign. He was converted under the ministry of



Archie Mayhew at Tanda. The church group (right) meets in a regular midweek session following the evangelistic campaign.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions is scheduled to meet November 26-29 in Nashville for its semi-annual session.

Brazil—The Bible institute in Uberlandia has 13 students enrolled for the second semester, according to missionary Tom Hughes.

Moore, Okla.—Jeffrey Deeds, 19-year-old son of Earnie and Jean Deeds, has been told he will need surgery on his right knee. An arthroscopy was performed on the knee in 1982. The family has requested prayer on Jeff's behalf.

Uberlandia Church Has Official Organization

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist church in Uberlandia, Brazil, held an official organization service on Saturday night, September 1.

The group from Uberlandia (Tom Hughes at center) observes from a table during the meeting of the Association of Churches in Jaboticabal, Brazil. The Uberlandia church requested membership in the association pending their organization.



Sunday, September 2, marked the seventh anniversary of the newly organized church. The Sunday service was given to testimonies of those who had been saved during the past year or to those who had never given a testimony before. According to missionary Tom Hughes, the service lasted from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

"One lady who was saved at the anniversary service last year gave her testimony," writes Tom. "She told how God had used the lives of her two sons, who were among our first converts, to speak to her heart. She gave testimony of the peace and happiness she now has. She closed by requesting prayer for her husband, a drunkard."

Hughes indicated the meeting hall was packed and running over. At the invitation, one young man was saved and another rededicated his life to the Lord.

Richards Gives Rundown of Agnibilekrou Campaign

Ivory Coast—With the August evangelistic campaign in Agnibilekrou now history, Norman Richards recently shared a general rundown of the Ivory Coast effort.

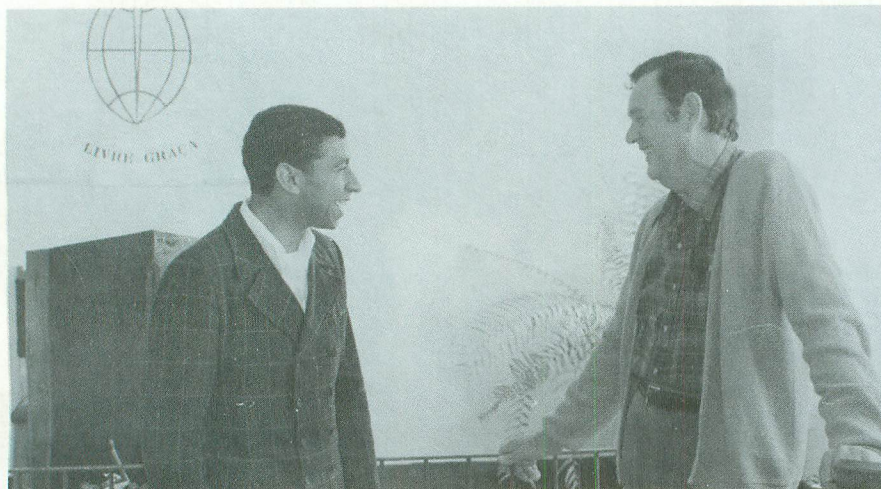
Some 23 Africans and six missionaries came from different areas to help in the meeting. The women from the church were organized into teams to prepare three meals daily and do the laundry, etc.

On August 6 at 7:30 p.m. the team was at the meeting area ready to begin the services. The full crowd of approximately 3,000 gradually arrived. Numerous people stood in the open air during the two-and-one-half hour services. Many different tribes, countries, and religious beliefs were represented.

When the film, "Jesus" began, "everyone watched and listened attentively as the birth and childhood of Jesus were presented," writes Norman. "It was as if we were stepping back in time and actually walking each step with Jesus." When the first reel ended, an African Christian gave his personal testimony regarding what Christ had done for him.

The second reel showed the baptism, temptation, and early ministry of Christ. During the third reel on the first evening, just as Jesus was being nailed to the cross, some strange noise caused the 3,000 people to panic and stampede. According to Norman, "Those sitting on the ground were trampled. Oth-

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Mario Cesar da Conceicao (left) and missionary Paul Robinson of Uruguay talk in the FWB church in Campinas, Brazil. Mario was speaker for evangelistic services in the church.

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ers were knocked down and hurt. We praise the Lord that no one was injured seriously." Bessie Richards lost her glasses during the ordeal. They were never found.

Pastor Victor went to the microphone and encouraged the crowd to return. Most did return and many stayed until almost midnight talking to counselors and pastors. Several prayed that evening.

Each of the ensuing days was spent with the team dividing into groups, witnessing, and visiting the residences of those who had prayed the evening before. Merchants and government officials were given personal witness.

Many pieces of literature were distributed and approximately 11,000 people attended the services.

Campinas Church Holds Evangelistic Services

Brazil—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas, Brazil, held evangelistic services over the weekend of September 7-9, according to missionary Jim Sturgill. Special speaker for the event was Mario Cesar da Conceicao of the Rivera church in Uruguay.

People were brought from several areas of the city, so the church was filled every night except Saturday when it rained. Sturgill noted that several visited for the first time. Two young people were saved and two others rededicated their lives during the meeting. Shortly afterward, a young couple was saved in the area

of the Bandeirantes work.

Missionary Paul Robinson accompanied Mario to Campinas to acquaint the young preacher with the works in the Sao Paulo area.

Five Camps Held During Summer Months

Japan—Five different camps were held during the summer in the area of Sapporo, Japan, for English school and church young people.

"This was one of the busiest summers we have had in a long time," writes Olena McLain, "but one of the best."

"The camp for the church young people was our last camp and the best one," Mrs. McLain continued. "The pastor from our church in Bihoro was our special speaker. Two young people made decisions, and one is following the Lord in baptism next month."

Reminiscing over the past, the McLains noted they had seen a 200 percent increase in the number of those baptized in their work since they returned from furlough.

Turnbough Reports New Convert and Building

Spain—According to missionary Jeff Turnbough, a 60-year-old lady accepted Christ recently at the conclusion of a Bible lesson on salvation. Jeff had been studying with her and she had attended all the services in Villalba, Spain.

In a second bit of news, Jeff noted that the group had rented a building

in Villalba. Fortunately, they did not have to fix the inside and the owner lowered the rent from 40,000 pesetas a month to 25,000 pesetas when he discovered what they were going to do with the building.

"We are going to put up a couple of walls in order to have classroom space for the children," writes Turnbough. "But our men are planning to do the work. This will save us a bundle!"

New 16mm Film to Be Released This Month

Nashville, Tenn.—A new 16mm film is scheduled to be released this month provided film labs can get the finished product ready in time. The new film, entitled "Defying the Gods," was made in the Ivory Coast and is a testimony of experiences in the life of Victor, the leading national pastor in the Ivory Coast.

The new film will be available on a freewill offering basis with a minimum of \$25 to cover cost of handling, upkeep, etc. The film is tentatively scheduled to be 22 to 25 minutes in length. Since the final workprint had not yet been seen at press time, verification of length was not possible.

Those interested in booking the film should write to Foreign Missions, Informational Services, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202 or call (615) 361-1010.

According to Don Robirds, director of communications, one week to ten days should be allowed for delivery of the film.

Ribeirao Preto Church Plans New Building

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist church in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, has announced plans to build a new sanctuary to seat between 400 and 450. A special drive has been put into motion to raise \$25,000 from among the people by Christmas of this year. The proposed building would provide 23 new classrooms. Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole requested special prayer on behalf of this project.

Poole reported an enrollment of 20 students at the Seminary and Bible Institute of Ribeirao Preto. He also noted that the church has been averaging around 100 in Sunday school lately. Four people were saved on September 2.



John Murray explains driving in France as new missionaries listen during an orientation session in Nantes, France. Seven new missionaries were on hand just prior to entering language study.

Dr. Eagleton Enrolls, Limits Deputation Time

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, associate missionary appointee to Ivory Coast, has enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College as a special student. He is taking a few Bible and missions courses to help him in his ministry. He will still be visiting churches on the weekends in order to gain financial and prayer support.

The doctor and his wife, Rejane, announced the birth of their fourth son, Ruben Joel, on September 8 in Nashville. The boy weighed in at seven pounds, 15 and one-half ounces.

New Missionaries Given Orientation in France

France—Seven new missionaries were given orientation classes on September 3 in the home of Allan and LaRue Crowson in Nantes, France. The new missionaries were getting ready to enter language school at Albertville and Champbon-sur-Lignon, France.

During the session, Miss Charolette Tallent covered life in France, John Murray dealt with driving in France,

Jerry Gibbs discussed the language school situation, and Allan Crowson gave tips on language and finances.

New missionaries on hand for the session included Dawn Sweeney, Darrel and Lila Nichols, Mark and Donna Daniel, and Steve and Becky Riggs.

Banks Baptizes Two from Kita Hiroshima

Japan—Missionary Jerry Banks baptized two people from the Kita Hiroshima work on October 7. One was a girl, a high school junior named Noriko Ookame and the other was a man in his thirties, Hajime Nakamura.

Banks reported plans to formally organize the church some time during the next year. The church group hopes to buy property and hopes that God will lead the right Japanese man to the church as pastor. "It is our goal to be able to leave this work in the hands of God and a Japanese pastor," writes Jerry.

Although Janice Banks has been suffering pain, God has helped her to accept it and carry on a good bit of ministry in addition to her home responsibilities. Jerry requested people to continue to pray for her.

Pressure Causes Some to Renounce Faith

Ivory Coast—A recent report from missionary Arilla Wode in Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, indicated family pressures have caused several to renounce their decisions made during the recent evangelistic campaign in that area. The Muslims have been exceptionally hard on family members who have made a decision to leave Islam.

Although approximately 170 people prayed during the 10-day campaign, follow-up on these contacts has been difficult. A small group of believers is meeting at Dame as a result of the campaign efforts. And people are still dropping by, asking for correspondence courses and more information on following Jesus.

Arilla recently began teaching the Sunday school class for French school-aged children. She also is teaching the Ghanaian women's Bible class.

Wode expressed praise that her landlord has begun attending church in answer to prayer. The man professes to have been a follower of Christ, but he allowed money and women to become his downfall.

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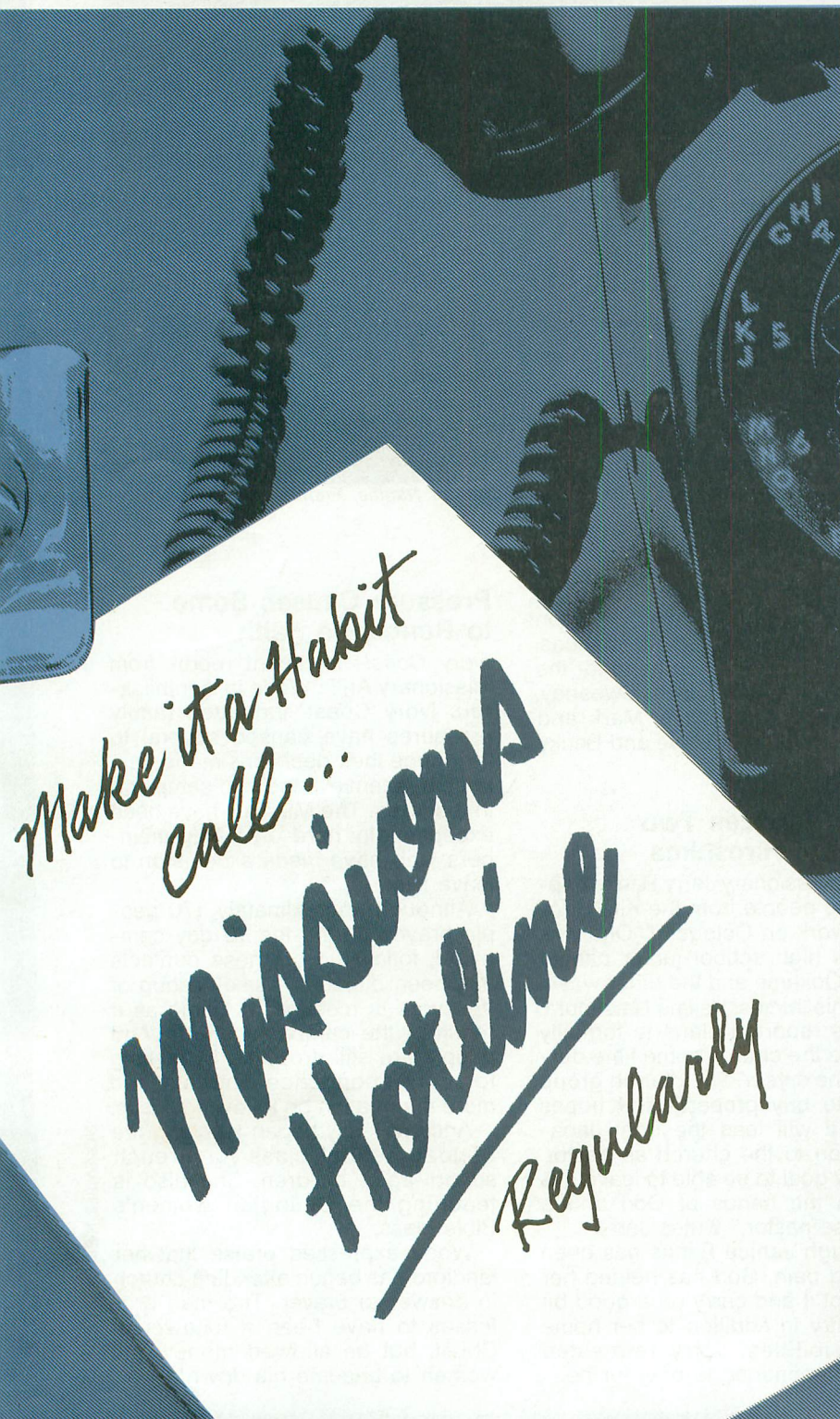
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