

HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

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Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world

170 Decisions in Campaign



Chief Becomes "Chief"

Prayer Meetings Spark Rivera, Uruguay Work

Uruguay—According to missionary Paul Robinson, things have changed drastically in the Rivera churches since they began having prayer meetings twice a week in homes of the members. "It came as a need seen and felt among the brethren," writes Paul.

The Wednesday night services have increased in attendance to what they used to have on Sunday night. "And now our Sunday night attendance has jumped from around 70 or 80 to over 100," Robinson continued. "We have had several first-time professions of faith and several fence-straddlers have gotten right. Two new Bible classes have been opened in new neighborhoods by national Christians."

Brazil Youth Camps Change Many Lives

Brazil—Luiz, the Brazilian co-pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in Uberlandia, Brazil, served as evangelist at two youth camps in July.

According to a report from missionary Tom Hughes, a number of conversions were recorded during the camps. At least two were saved from the Uberlandia church group: Silvana, an 11-year-old girl, and Claudio, who moved to Uberlandia in February. Hughes urged Christians to pray for these new converts.

Lori Hughes, Tom and Nancy's daughter, visited Brazil during the summer vacation from college. She also participated in the senior camp at Jaboticabal. The other camp was held near Conselheiro Lafaiete and Barbacena.

FWBBC to Host Fall Missions Conference

Nashville, Tenn.—Free Will Baptist Bible College will host the biennial foreign missions conference November 4-7 in the college auditorium.

Three furloughing missionaries will team with three stateside foreign missions staff members to speak during the conference.

Veteran missionaries Jimmy Aldridge of the Ivory Coast, Fred Hersey of Japan, and Molly Barker of Uruguay will be on hand. Don Sexton, former missionary to France and current missionary representative,



Ron Callaway, center, shares something from the Word prior to baptismal services. Jeff Turnbough, right, assisted in the activities.

will speak on Tuesday morning, November 6, as will foreign missions General Director Rolla Smith. R. Eugene Waddell, associate director of foreign missions, will finalize the program on Wednesday evening, November 7.

Services will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, with Jimmy Aldridge speaking. No services will be held during the day on Monday, November 5, but Fred Hersey will share his missionary burden and message at 7:30 that evening. Services will run from 8:30 a.m. until lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. The evening service on those days will start at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor of Bihoro Church Ordained in July

Japan—Missionary Olena McLain notified the mission office that Bihoro Pastor Sugitani Sensei was recently ordained to the gospel ministry. The ordination took place during the summer meeting of the Hokkaido Free Will Baptist churches in Bihoro on the last weekend of July.

The special speaker for the event was the head of a Bible school where the new Bihoro pastor studied. He also presided over Sugitani's ordination.

Ellison Helps Robinson; Two People Saved

Uruguay—Walter "Dub" Ellison, missionary to Montevideo, Uruguay, traveled to Rivera in July to meet with Paul Robinson regarding church construction there. One of the old

church walls was about to fall. They made plans to repair the wall and add Sunday school classrooms.

While Ellison was in Rivera, he preached in two of the churches and two ladies made professions of faith.

Nine from Mostoles Baptized at Church Camp

Spain—Nine people from the Mostoles church were baptized on June 17 following a Sunday morning service at the church camp in Sacerdon, Spain. According to missionary Ron Callaway, six of these were from one family.

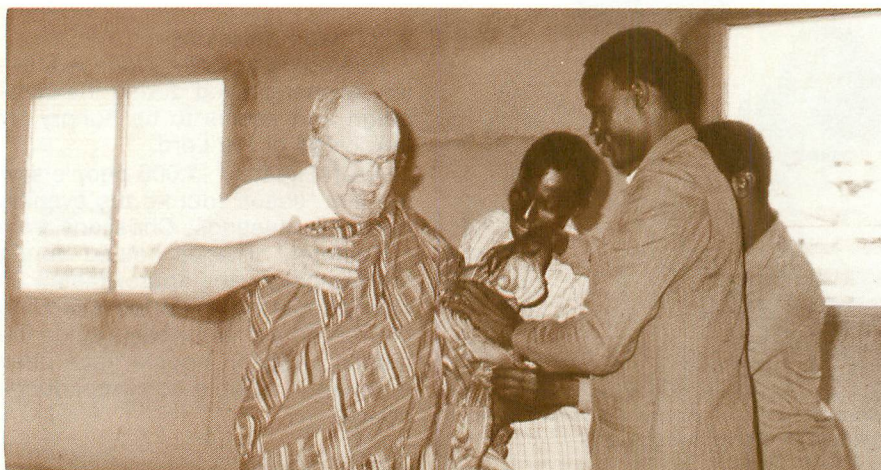
Jeff Turnbough assisted Callaway in the baptismal service. Christians and non-Christians from all three Spanish works attended the camp.

Callaway noted that an 85-year-old grandmother, saved earlier this year, was not baptized due to her health and the distance to the camp.

316 Delegates, Visitors Attend I.C. Convention

Ivory Coast—Some 316 registered delegates and visitors representing 27 villages and churches attended the annual convention of Free Will Baptist churches in the Ivory Coast. The meeting was held at Nassian July 23-26, 1984.

According to a report from missionary Arilla Wode, Pastor Victor of Bondoukou was elected president of the convention. Pastor Koffi David of Bouna was elected vice president. Bini Koume Daniel is secretary and Yoboua Alexander is treasurer.



General Director Rolla Smith receives a "chiefly" garment as a present from the national leaders in Ivory Coast. He was "robed" as "Chief Kouame" of the Koulangos.

"Many of those attending the meetings had to sacrifice to be there," writes Arilla. "One group of Christians from Pana walked over 30 miles through the bush to come to the conference. Some of them had bicycles and a few were able to come in a bush taxi, but most of them walked."

Central theme of the convention was "Building the Church of Jesus Christ."

Rolla Smith Shares in I.C. Field Council

Nashville, Tenn.—Rolla D. Smith, general director of foreign missions, traveled to Ivory Coast on August 18 to minister and share plans, etc. with the missionaries in the Ivory Coast field council. Rolla returned to the States on September 8.

The field council met in Goumère on August 27. Jerry Pinkerton is current field chairman for Ivory Coast.

Mr. Smith preached at Doropo, Bouna, Agnibilekrou, Bondoukou and Tanda and visited with Christians in several villages. He also met with leaders of the national churches for a time of fellowship and mutual sharing of plans for the future.

The national leaders presented him with a chief's robe and designated him as "Chief Kouame" of the Koulangos.

He had hoped to dedicate the new church building at Bondoukou while he was in the Ivory Coast, but this was postponed since the building was not completed at the time.

40 Decisions Claimed in Evangelistic Effort

Panama—A special evangelization outreach was held on July 28, 29 in the neighborhood of the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama. Twelve young people from the States and approximately 20 people from the church were involved in the effort.

"We visited over 80 homes during the two afternoons," writes Steve Lytle. "Over 40 people made decisions for Christ! Praise the Lord!"

Lytle noted that from the end of April until the end of July they had over 13 decisions for Christ in the church.

Steve encouraged Christians to pray for spiritual growth among the new converts. He also requested prayer for an English Bible study which has been started for U.S. military and others in the area who speak English.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Liberal, Mo.—Stan and Brenda Bunch, missionary appointees to Panama, became parents of a new baby girl on August 7 in Liberal, Mo. Amanda Leigh Bunch weighed in at seven pounds, seven ounces.

Ivory Coast—Three people have "prayed" recently in the Ivory Coast village where the Sherwood Lees minister on Sunday mornings. "The devil isn't happy and we are seeing him work," says Sherwood. "Pray for continual victory."

Panama—Larry Inscow recently expressed hope that the church in Las Tablas, Panama, might be able to purchase property shortly.

France—"Last week Pansy and I were privileged to lead a Catholic lady to the Lord," writes John Murray from Nantes, France. "We praise God for His convicting power."

Inscow Preaches to 300 at Graveside Service

Panama—Missionary Larry Inscow reported having the opportunity to preach at a graveside service for the unsaved mother of Uriel Valasquez of the Las Tablas church. Although the traditional Catholic funeral service had been carried out, the whole family agreed to allow Larry to bring a message at the cemetery.

Inscow preached a 25-minute gospel message to over 300 people from the town. Many listened for the first time to the simple message of the gospel. Choruses were sung by the Las Tablas group.

For the last four years they had held weekly services in the home of the deceased. Uriel is a young preacher.

Payne Says Church Building Nearly Complete

Ivory Coast—"Construction of the church building is moving right along," writes missionary Eddie Payne from Bouna, Ivory Coast.

Having just completed the sheet metal roof, Payne noted that Sandra would be able to move her junior

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Financial Summary Through August 31 Substance

Total contributions for August	\$ 198,210.20
Total contributions through August ..	1,619,296.63
Total disbursements through August ..	1,365,311.31
Projected receipts through August ..	1,809,794.00
Total 1984 Budget	\$2,714,688.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$4,450.01	Moser	\$ 219.59
Callaway ...	625.27	Payne	3,064.87
Hersey	4,877.40	Robinson ...	1,181.64
Lee	2,440.72	Turnbough ..	495.84
Miley	6,944.82		
Total			\$24,937.16



Missionary Eddie Payne instructs Sie Pale, a lay-preacher, in the Word on a weekly basis. Pale, in turn, preaches in two villages every week and in others less frequently.

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church inside the unfinished building. "They have about 80 kids outside in whatever weather prevails," Eddie stated. "We hope to have the building in shape for regular services in about two months."

Payne recently taught a two-month Bible institute in the youth center in Bouna. Twenty were enrolled for Evangelism and the Gospel of John, and 14 attended the Bible Introduction and Doctrine classes. Two young men have answered the call to preach.

10,000 Tracts Given by Tallent, Student Helpers

France—Over 10,000 gospel tracts, entitled "If God Exists Why Would He Permit . . .," were distributed in Lorient, France, during the summer

by missionary Charolette Tallent, and student missionaries Susan Keesling, and Rebecca Nicholson. According to Miss Tallent, a book and the New Testament are being offered to those who are interested.

Allan Crowson has assumed responsibility for this work in the absence of Lynn and Ramona Miley who are home on furlough. Charolette is the only missionary residing in the Lorient area at the present.

Agnibilekrou Campaign Has About 170 Decisions

Ivory Coast—A brief update of the special evangelistic campaign held in Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, August 6-17 indicates around 170 decisions already registered. Missionaries are concerned over the follow-up ministry and their ability to disciple those

who made decisions.

According to Arilla Wode, a Muslim fetishier prayed during the campaign and seems to be hungry for the things of the Lord.

Approximately 11,000 people saw the film "Jesus" during the evening open-air meetings. Christians from 10 different villages helped during the campaign, and approximately 30 new people have started attending church on a regular basis since the meeting. Fifteen people have been enrolled in a Bible correspondence course.

Two Hokkaido Churches Have Joint Service

Japan—The Kita Hiroshima and Higashi Tsukisamu Free Will Baptist churches on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, held joint worship services on July 15.

According to Olena McLain, the special speaker for the occasion was Jim Norton, a missionary for 32 years in Japan. His daughter, wife of the principal of the International School in Sapporo, and her family attend the Tsukisamu church.

Attendance for the special service reached 47 and several responded to the invitation: one for salvation, two for public profession, and others for dedication.

A young junior high school girl, Noriko, was the one saved, and she has since volunteered to play the pump organ for worship services.

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