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Talk To Our Physician!



WILL HE COME BACK?

by Ron Callaway

Jose Manuel and I had passed out our invitations for the first Sunday evening service just a few days before. At 6:30 that Sunday evening, Linda and I waited to see how many would come.

It had been almost one year since we and the Dennis Owen family had first started public meetings on Sunday mornings in Mostoles, Spain. We had recorded a "high" attendance of 23 (when Dennis had gone out one morning while I was preaching and brought in six boys who had been playing at the front door of the building).

The Lord of Harvest had been good to us and had encouraged us so much in that first year by almost always sending someone to attend the services. In the entire year we had only four or five services when there were no Spaniards in the worship services (it always seemed to be when we had visitors from America, and once even when we had a mission board member).

The Owens "filled in" after that at Alcala de Henares while Lonnie and Anita Sparks were on furlough. Then Dennis and Trena returned to America for a year's furlough. So Linda and I were left alone to carry on the work in Mostoles.

In the Official Handbook of Free Will Baptist Foreign

Missions, the role of the missionary is given as follows:

All missionaries, whether ordained or unordained, regular or specialized, are sent forth for the one basic objective of fulfilling the Lord's commission to witness to all men the good news of redemption through Jesus Christ, to persuade them to become His disciples, and to lead them into fruitful involvement in His body, the Church

During our first term of service in Spain our time was taken up with learning Spanish. Then we worked in la Iglesia Bautista Libre of Alcala de Henares. We were not involved in starting a work. But when we came to Mostoles, we came with the responsibility from our denomination and, more importantly, from the Lord of Harvest, to preach and teach the gospel and to establish a church.

All the way back to Mostoles, I prayed and wondered if the man would return.

When two couples work together in a city where they know no one else, it keeps discouragement down and much more can be accomplished in a shorter time. We, the Owens and the Callaways, learned to pray together, to talk and plan, and then we sought to work those plans. All the time we were striving to listen to and obey the Holy Spirit's leading.

In the beginning we had planned to rent a daycare

center to begin our public meetings, but after weeks of seeking to rent one place after another, Dennis and I decided to look for an empty building in which to begin public meetings. Perhaps in another time and another place we'll try again to begin with a daycare center as a meeting place, but in Mostoles it didn't work. We had to learn to allow God to change our ideas and plans.

In a recent *Contact* article ("I Can't Leave . . .") pastor Ron Scott gave a list of many pressures missionaries face and feel while on the field. Add a few more pressures that one feels when working in a strange language among people who are different and the reader might be able to sense just how drastic the pressures can be.

On top of all the other pressures, we missionaries have a desire to please Him who saved us and called us to His work. We yearn to hear Him say: "You did fine; you're a good and faithful servant. Come on home."

Since the Lord of Harvest called us to be missionaries in Spain, I've become even more convinced of God's sovereignty. If in His power and wisdom, He can use someone like me to start a church for His glory, He has to be sovereign!

On the last Sunday morning of February in '83 we had our first morning service. Our two families were there and we waited to see if the invitations we had distributed would bring anyone in. The Lord is so good! The door opened and in walked a couple with their granddaughter. They lived in the neighborhood and were

already Christians. It was such an encouragement to have them in the service, but the lady never came back, and the man came back only one more Sunday.

In the next Sundays, others began to come. We had wanted to hold off on starting an evening service until the Spanish Christians desired such a service. We showed several Christian films on Sunday evenings throughout the year, and we usually had a good turn-out among the neighborhood kids. After seven or eight months, we began to hear the people say they would like to have an evening service.

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At our first Sunday evening service, we had our group of Christians present, but no visitors. We'd made friends with most of the owners of the small businesses in the same plaza as our church building, and I had invited several of them. A couple of them had expressed some interest and I was really hoping that they might show up. They didn't. As we were preparing to start the service, the door opened and in came an older man who greeted everyone, then sat down.

Following that first service, we had coffee and cake and a time of fellowship in the other room of the building. One of the older ladies of the church (a fine Christian) was really talking to the man who had

showed up, so I just let her talk.

Later as the man was leaving with a large handful of tracts, etc., I had a chance to talk with him. No, he wasn't a believer and no, he didn't know if he would come back. He had received one of the invitations in his mailbox and had come to see if we possessed something that would convince him to change what he believed. My heart was really touched by that man, so all week I prayed that he would come back and listen to the gospel again.

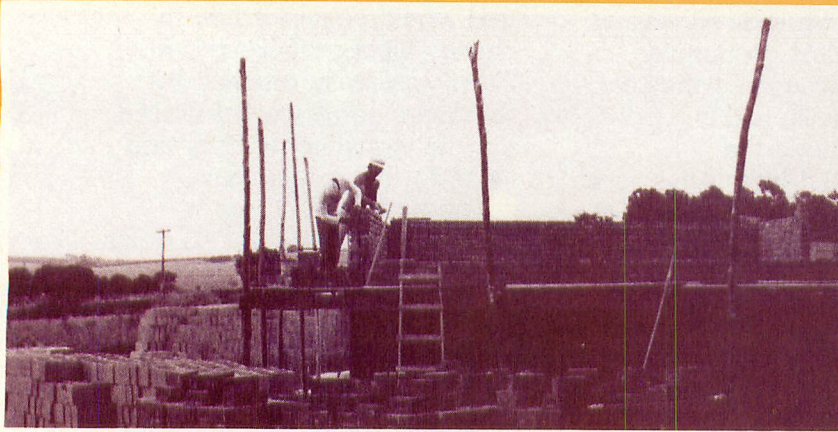
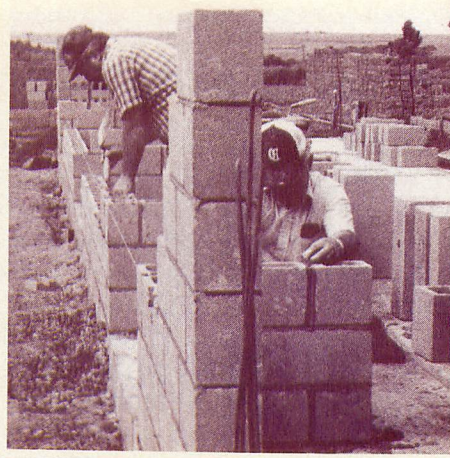
The next week I was in Santurce (250 miles or so north of Madrid), holding Sunday morning services with a Christian family who live there. Jose Manuel, from the church in Alcala, preached for us in Mostoles. All the way back to Mostoles, I prayed and wondered if that man would return. At 6:30 that evening we started our second Sunday evening service. He didn't return! Why not? I don't know. Wasn't God working during the week? Of course He was.

Will he come back, and will others come and hear about the true Christ and be saved? Yes, others will come! That's what building a church is all about.

In 1983 five people were saved from our group. As a church, we're asking God to give us a 500 percent increase in 1984. That's right, we've asked Him for 25 to be saved this year (even more if He wants to surprise us).

Will the older man come back? Maybe this week he'll return. Please God!

Ron Callaway, a second-term missionary to the Madrid area of Spain, is experiencing great response in Mostoles now.



Men... Building a Memorial

by Don Robirds

“When you have something else come up in Brazil or in another country, I hope and pray that you’ll let me and Carroll (Poole) have a shot at it,” stated Don Wilbanks after his return from a building project in Brazil.

Excited and thrilled that they could significantly contribute to missions through their skills, Wilbanks and Carroll Poole shared their testimony of how God gave them the opportunity to go to Brazil earlier this year. Longtime friends and brothers in Christ, Don and Carroll both hail from Clarksville, Tenn., and both are skilled construction men.

But how they wound up going to Brazil as they did seems somewhat strange. Surely God’s hand was in it!

When missionary Jim Cowart challenged Master’s Men during their 1983 annual retreat at Linden, Tenn., who could have expected the turn of events? Excitement ran high and the challenge, coupled with information from missionary Bobby Poole, caught on. They would tackle a project they had never attempted before: build a proposed boys’ dormitory for the youth camp in Jaboticabal, Brazil.

No one could foresee the turn of events which would

transpire—no one but God! No one could guess that the men who originally agreed to go would later be unable to fulfill their commitments due to many varying and unavoidable circumstances. No one could guess that delays would be encountered, hindering preliminary foundational work.

But in spite of the obstacles, God found His men: Don Wilbanks and Carroll Poole.

Initial plans called for their work to be done in January or February—usually slow months in the Clarksville area. Both men had to make great financial and physical sacrifices to make the trip and do the

job in the March 12-April 7 time frame.

Carroll, owner of a ceramic tile business, does contract work for ceramic marble, quarry tile, etc. in the Clarksville area. His wife and son kept the business going while Poole was away.

"I think the first time I heard about the project," says Carroll, "was through a letter from Bobby (his brother). He suggested I might be able to be a part of it. I considered it as soon as I read the letter because I have always wanted to go to a mission field." He was later contacted by Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, and the ball began to roll.

Don Wilbanks and his wife, Gladys, were visiting Carroll's daughter in the hospital when Carroll and his wife, Mary, arrived. As they sat around talking, Poole asked Wilbanks to help him lay some blocks. Don told him he would but Mrs. Poole said, "You had better ask him where before you commit yourself."

When he learned that the project called for travel to Brazil, he thought about it and responded, "Yeah, I'll go!"

Asked about how his trip was financed, Wilbanks said, "All I can say is, 'Thanks to the Master's Men and several churches.' They helped to pay my plane fare to Brazil. And I sold a ton truck that I owned so my wife and kids would have money to live on while we were gone."

Poole paid his own way to Brazil in addition to the labor he contributed. And the Master's Men raised \$8,382.32 to build the dorm which the men's organization has named

Metcalf Memorial Dormitory in memory of John and Kay Metcalf who were killed in a February auto accident. The Metcalfs were making final plans to go to Brazil to work among the youth and launch a music ministry for the entire field.

In the three-week time they were in Brazil, Don and Carroll laid the blocks for the dorm and poured the beam around the top even though the foundation was not finished when they arrived. Missionaries who observed part of the construction commented that the Brazilian helpers stood frozen with amazement at the speed with which the two men laid the cement blocks.

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"I guess the most difficult part of the work was communication," says Carroll. "We had trouble communicating with the people who were actually helping us and working with us. Most of the time we had someone around who could translate but part of the time we didn't. One evening we got Jim's little boy Mark (Coward) to come out. We could ask him questions and he could translate most of the words."

But in spite of the difficulty of communication, both men cited as most impressive the evident love of the Christian people toward one another and toward the Lord. "They acted like the New Testament tells Christians to act," Poole noted.

"There was a boy in Brother Bobby Poole's church. He was a Chinese boy. I'll never forget him," sputtered Don Wilbanks. "He walked out with me one night. We knew it was the last time we were going to lay eyes on one another. It still touches my heart every time I think about him. He patted me on the back that night and said, 'Don't cry. Don't cry.' He had tears running down both cheeks but he was telling me not to cry."

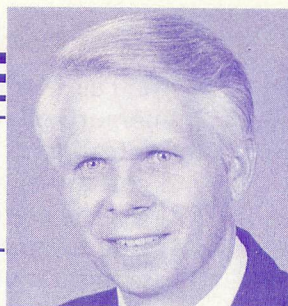
The only real disappointment expressed by the two men concerned the lack of workers in Brazil. "Our missionaries are scattered thin," Carroll noted. "And then a city like Sao Paulo with 12 or 13 million people without one Free Will Baptist church or missionary—there is a great need for workers."

When asked if they would encourage other laymen to accept a challenge such as theirs, they both responded positively: "If they want to know about missions, they need to go to the mission field to see it first hand," says Wilbanks. "I certainly would," chimed Poole. "I think we have a lot of talented laymen in our denomination who would be more than willing to do a thing like this."

Because these men and others, who are committed to the Master, got involved, a boys' dormitory now stands on the youth camp property in Brazil—a memorial not only to the Metcalfs, but also to the men who made it possible.

Carroll Poole and his wife, Mary, have four children and are members of Shady Grove FWB Church out of Clarksville, Tenn. Reverend Melvin Knott is pastor. Don Wilbanks and his wife, Gladys, have four daughters and are members of Immanuel FWB Church in Clarksville. Their pastor is Reverend Eddie Griffen.

HEARTLINE



R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

Must It Be "Prime Time" or No Time?

I wonder if they would invite me to a Sunday school picnic," Lynn Miley said as he tried to make room in his schedule for a certain church. Most of his Sundays and Wednesdays ("prime time") this fall were already booked.

Fresh from France, Lynn faced the same question all furloughees face—"How can I do everything I need to do and see everyone I need to see in just 12 months?" The answer in part lies in how effectively a missionary can use "off nights" (when churches don't usually have services).

Free Will Baptists will attend special services! In some areas they are accustomed to special musical concerts on week nights as well as on weekends. Many churches have fellowship suppers on off nights. Some churches have ball teams or bowling teams competing during the week. People attend these!

Motivation Is the Key

The key to good attendance at these irregular times is motivaton. If the pastor and missions

committee plan and publicize an interesting service, people will attend. The pastor should talk with the missionary about the features he wants in the service. Such activities as preaching, singing, testifying, reporting on overseas work, showing slides, answering questions and displaying curios certainly should not be ruled out, but many other options might be considered.

Whatever the program might be, the pastor should publicize the event with genuine enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is contagious. The publicity committee, if there is one, should help get the word out. A well-planned missionary service can be an exciting event in the church's life.

A Shift Might Prove Effective

In planning an off-night service some have shifted their mid-week meeting to a Tuesday, Thursday or a Friday. When doing this, the pastor should be sure to announce the change two or three weeks in advance if possible.

Lynn's idea about the Sunday school picnic might be one solution, but there are other possibilities. For example, a missions banquet or an international dinner could be planned. Many woman's auxiliaries sponsor these with a great deal of success. Or the missionary might be invited to speak at a Christian workers' banquet honoring your teachers, officers, leaders and workers. A few churches have planned a covered dish dinner in honor of the missionary. The Master's Men in many areas have breakfast meetings. A missionary could serve as guest speaker.

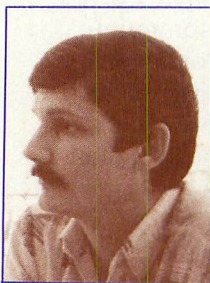
Mid-Afternoon with the Women

A few of our women missionaries have been guests at a mid-afternoon tea in their honor. Such occasions offer the church women an opportunity to see the mission field through the eyes of a lady.

These are only a few suggestions. Creative minds can come up with many more ideas.

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):

☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$_____

_____ Enclosed is my check for \$_____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

I will send this (Check one) ☐ through the church ☐ direct.

Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202



Jim and Shirley Combs, former missionaries to Brazil for 15 years, have been reappointed to missionary service.

Combs Reappointed to Serve in Brazil

Dibble, Okla.—Jim and Shirley Combs, former missionaries to Brazil, have been reappointed to missionary service after spending four years in Oklahoma ministries.

Jim left the field in 1980 to assume a post as missions instructor at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma. He then became a chaplain at a prison in Oklahoma and added to that the pastorate of Dibble FWB Church, Dibble, Okla.

Shirley is currently serving as missions instructor at Hillsdale, and Kemper, the Combs' son, is enrolled to begin the fall semester as a student.

Due to the need for more missionaries in Brazil, the Combs' application was expedited and appointment was made subject to field council approval at the annual foreign missions retreat in Nashville, July 30-August 2.

Jim and Shirley, along with daughters Cindy and Tania, hope to leave for Brazil early in 1985.

Prayer Asked for Family of Snakebite Victim

India—According to a report by missionary Carlisle Hanna, Nikhil, secretary of the church at Sonapurhat, died of a cobra bite on June 27 in Islampur.

Carlisle expressed a deep sense of loss since the "man came to us in first grade and finished high school here. He has a wife and four little ones. The baby, Samir, was six months old about the hour his father died."

Hanna rushed the man to Islampur, 20 miles from Sonapurhat, for

treatment but the doctor told him that 15 minutes was a long time for a man to live after such a cobra bite. Carlisle urged Christians to pray for Nikhil's family and for Marie and himself.

Nantes Baptistry Sees Multiple Action

France—The baptistry at the Free Will Baptist church in Nantes has been utilized frequently during recent months according to a belated report from the Allan Crowsons and the John Murrays.

Two people from the Nantes church were baptized, then the Free Will Baptist church from St. Nazaire, about 40 miles away, used the baptistry as missionary Jerry Gibbs baptized his own son, Marc, and a recent convert, Philippe.

In addition to these baptisms, the baptistry was used by the independent church in Nantes which was begun as a Free Will Baptist church by missionary Dan Merkh.

New Work Opportunity Opens for Turnboughs

Spain—Jeff and Susan Turnbough sought a means of reaching out to unbelievers in areas where Free Will Baptist families reside with no church to attend. The Lord recently opened a door for them to start a new work in the area of Villalba, Spain. It is on the other side of Madrid from where they have been living.

"We decided to buy some Christian books, literature, cassette tapes, etc., to sell or distribute in the weekly open-air markets," writes Jeff. "On May 25, we got up early to go and set up our very first stand in Villalba, with the idea of having a Bible study the next day. We laid our books out and began to play Christian music. An older lady selling her things behind us came over and said she heard praises being sung to the Lord and asked us if we were evangelical Christians! She was a Christian from a Baptist church in Madrid. She praised the Lord that we were there.

"At least four or five people actually asked us what we believed and stayed to listen to the plan of salvation," Jeff continued. "A young family came by and seemed very excited. They were a Christian family who had just bought an apartment

in Villalba with a big living room, thinking specifically of the possibility of having services in their home. They were praying the Lord would send them help.

"The next day we had eight in our Bible study instead of three as we expected. The next week we met in the living room of the Christian fam-

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Financial Summary

Through July

Substance

Total contributions for June	\$ 181,811.11
Total contributions for July	184,044.45
Total contributions through July	1,421,131.78
Total disbursements through July	1,365,311.31
Projected receipts through July	1,583,568.00
Total 1984 Budget	\$2,714,688.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$6,517.92	Payne	\$ 4,219.91
Callaway	200.14	Robinson	2,123.61
Dickens	1,248.15	Turnbough	312.23
Hersey	2,484.83	Vanhook	80.13
Miley	7,143.67	Webb	28.46
Total			\$24,359.05

State Quotas—1984

State	Quota 1984	Quota Thru July	Receipts Thru July
Alabama	\$ 150,000	\$ 87,500	\$ 90,692.26
Arizona	3,500	2,044	1,005.92
Arkansas	145,000	84,581	66,893.15
California	50,000	29,169	22,407.51
Canada	2,000	1,169	1,605.20
Colorado	4,000	2,331	837.74
Florida	76,000	44,331	48,204.52
Georgia	90,000	52,500	60,310.49
Hawaii	1,000	588	.00
Idaho	1,000	588	108.82
Illinois	90,000	52,500	39,856.65
Indiana	24,000	14,000	13,419.91
Iowa	500	294	402.25
Kansas	12,000	7,000	5,426.31
Kentucky	75,000	43,750	39,789.31
Louisiana	500	294	20.00
Maryland	12,000	7,000	6,413.11
Michigan	121,000	70,581	56,617.67
Minnesota	300	175	.00
Miss.	40,000	23,331	29,020.90
Missouri	175,000	102,081	80,164.41
Montana	1,000	588	474.68
N. Mexico	500	294	448.47
*NW Assn.	7,000	4,088	2,535.77
**NE Assn.	7,000	4,088	1,085.43
N. Carolina	350,000	204,169	189,971.06
Ohio	100,000	58,331	55,279.60
Oklahoma	350,000	204,169	181,063.48
Penn.	2,000	1,169	975.00
S. Carolina	110,831	110,831	106,523.33
Tennessee	350,000	212,331	202,645.67
Texas	70,000	40,831	49,421.45
Virginia	90,000	52,500	50,279.59
Virgin Is.	1,500	875	880.42
W. Virginia	85,000	49,581	23,862.00
Misc.	23,888	13,916	1,386.56
Totals	\$2,714,688	\$1,583,568	\$1,430,028.74

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

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon and Washington

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ily with 13 in attendance. Each time there were unsaved people probably hearing the gospel for the first time in their lives."

In their third service, the Turnboughs had 20 people present and Jeff has indicated three complete families seem to be settled on attending the work. They have prospects for three or four other families.

The Turnboughs were thrilled when a new family joined their group and reported they had prayed for seven years that the Lord would bring a church to Villalba. "When they saw our flyer announcing we were here," Jeff reported, "the lady actually cried and praised the Lord!"

Jeff and Susan have been provided an apartment in the area to use "rent free." The family with the meeting place have provided their old apartment completely furnished. The Turnboughs had been paying to stay in a hotel while in the area.

The Villalba group has grown so rapidly, "They are already talking about getting us another place to meet," Jeff noted. "We will just wait and see what the Lord has in store for us. He has done all this to begin with, so we are just looking to Him for what He will do next."

Robinsons Express Praise for Drama, VBS Results

Uruguay—Uruguay missionaries Paul and Amy Robinson recently expressed praise for the results received from dramas and from vacation Bible school activities. In one VBS held in Santa Teresa, the village where they began work in Uruguay, they had children from eight families whose mothers and fathers were taught during the Robinsons' first years in Uruguay. Attendance averaged 55 for the week.

Another VBS was held in Barrio Recreo with an average attendance of 113.

Dramas have effectively drawn big crowds and even a few public first-time decisions. Paul and Amy expressed a desire and plans to use this avenue of ministry as much as possible in the future. Molly Barker has been effective in planning and directing these efforts.

The Robinsons were elated recently when the young pastor, Mario Conceicao, won a practicing witch doctor to the Lord. The man, who



Joe Haas interprets for French Christian Monsieur Yves Urcun at the National Association in Little Rock, Ark.



Dr. Kenneth Eagleton Jr., greets the voting body of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. He and his family will be going to Ivory Coast as medical missionaries under the associate missionary program.

had been entrenched in the occult for 30 years, gave his testimony in the main church in Rivera and "truly blessed and challenged the hearts of many," according to Paul.

Crawford Attends CEF Training in Switzerland

France—At the conclusion of her term of language study in Albertville, France, Miss Cathy Crawford left for Langerbruck, Switzerland, to participate in a Child Evangelism Fellowship training program during the summer. Cathy hopes to put her acquisition of the French language in practice by learning songs, Bible stories, and Bible verses in French.

34 Foreign Missionaries Attend 1984 Convention

Little Rock, Ark.—Thirty-four foreign missionaries and approximately 70 home missionaries, including wives, were on hand for the forty-ninth annual Free Will Baptist National Convention in Little Rock, Ark., July 15-19.

Veteran missionary Fred Hersey, just home from Japan, challenged the women to prayer for missions as

he spoke to the 11:00 a.m. service on Tuesday of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Jimmy Aldridge, home from the Ivory Coast, labored to cause the already-exhausted Wednesday night audience to pay the cost and accept the call to genuine discipleship. Though several responded to the invitation, many people had yielded to weary bones and had already drifted from the convention center when Jimmy began his message.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton brought applause from the delegates and the voting body as he gave his personal testimony of God's call to the medical ministry in Ivory Coast during the foreign missions report of General Director Rolla Smith on Wednesday morning. And Monsieur Yves Urcun of France, shared his appreciation for missionary efforts in France as his friend and former missionary pastor, Joe Haas, interpreted for him.

Several other members of the foreign missions team took part in various activities during the convention: Patty McCullough sang, Steve Riggs brought a devotional, Geneva Poole, Molly Barker, Patsy Vanhook, Judy



Mrs. Murooka gives her testimony following her baptism in June. Fred Hersey baptized her just prior to his furlough.

Bryan, and Janie Aldridge all gave testimonies of answered prayer, and veteran missionary Ken Eagleton shared his appreciation for missions supporters.

A 1985 foreign missions budget of \$2,895,498 was adopted and the Wednesday night missionary offering closed in on the record as \$18,100.50 was received. Undesignated gifts were divided equally between the home and foreign missions departments. Of the total offering, foreign missions received \$8,676.17.

Wode Tells "Snake Story," Notes Convert

Ivory Coast—Ivory Coast missionary Arilla Wode told her "snake story" recently as she reported the killing of a cobra in their front yard at Agnibilekrou.

"Apollo, our fearless guard dog and protector of the yard, was barking himself crazy," writes Arilla. "Fred, our guardian, went to see what was the matter. He came running and said it was a snake.

"I saw the snake climb up the palm tree," Wode continued. "Apollo tried to get him but just didn't know what to do. Fred came back with a board and started hitting into the palm fronds. Alice Smith came out and we decided she should go get Norman Richards and see if he had a gun. After about 20 minutes, the old snake finally came out on a limb. Norman took aim and shot its head off. It was about four and one-half feet long."

Miss Wode also reported the conversion of a young girl in her

Sunday school class: Chantal. Arilla had requested prayer for this girl and now she is making progress, but she is facing opposition from her family. "Do continue to pray for her," Arilla concluded.

Hersey Baptizes One; Returns for Furlough

Japan—Missionary Fred Hersey baptized Mrs. Murooka on June 16 in a borrowed baptistry at Sayama, Japan. The woman had been saved a few months earlier and wanted to be sure she was baptized before the Herseys left for furlough at the end of June.

According to Fred, the woman's unsaved husband attended the service and expressed appreciation to the people for coming to his wife's baptism. He has shown interest in becoming a Christian but does not yet understand.

DVBS Held in Barbacena and Antonio Carlos

Brazil—Two DVBS programs were held in July by the Dave Franks family with student missionary Marsha Howell and Brazilian Christians taking part.

One week of Bible school was held the first of July in the area of Antonio Carlos, a small town lying a short distance from Barbacena. Over 50 children attended that week.

The second week was held July 9-13 in Barbacena with an average of 75 children in attendance.

On July 15, the church in Barbacena had 103 people in Sunday school. According to Dave Franks, out of the Bible clubs, DVBS, and

regular church services in July, over 50 people have shown interest in being saved.

Franks reported he expected over 40 campers to be on hand during the last week in July for the Minas Gerais area youth camp. Luiz, the young preacher from Uberlandia, was scheduled to be the evangelist at the camp.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Vivian Waller, former summer missionary, has been invited to teach at the International School in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. She was scheduled to leave in July with her contract to begin some time in August. Miss Waller has been teaching at the Ahoskie Free Will Baptist Church in Ahoskie, N.C.

Brazil—Missionary Pat Franks and her daughter Suzanne were scheduled to leave Brazil on August 10 en route to the United States. Suzanne was to enter Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville near the end of August.

Japan—Missionary Ken Bailey underwent minor surgery in early June to correct a hernia. Latest reports indicated complete recovery. He is now teaching the men's Bible study group at the Iriso church since the Fred Herseys left for furlough.

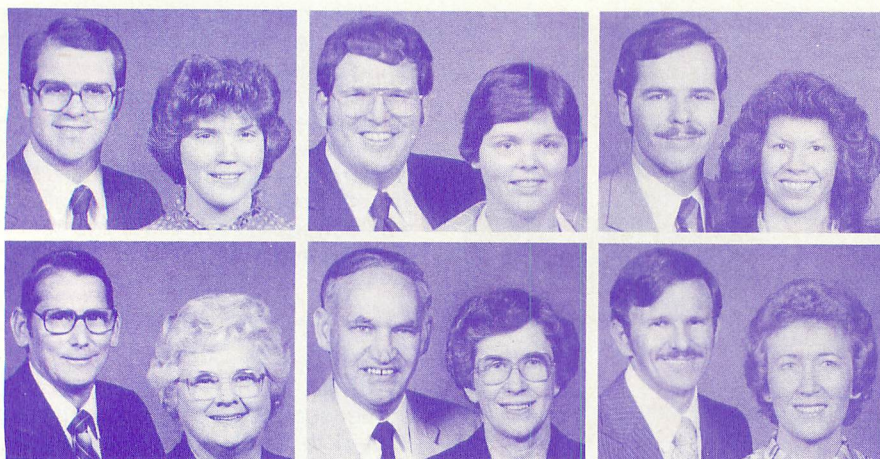
Panama—Sources in Panama indicate continued political tension as the government-backed candidate won the election for president by only 1,700 votes.

Japan—According to missionary Jim McLain, two young ladies have been baptized at the Higashi Tsukisamu work since Easter. Others are expected to follow the Lord in baptism soon. "One of our best workers has left and will be attending Columbia Bible College in South Carolina this fall," Jim concluded.

Ivory Coast—Jerry Pinkerton reported many people in the village where he has been preaching have confessed numerous sins recently. Jerry is hopeful that revival fires might now burn.

India—A one-week retreat for women was held in June in the Sonapurhat area of India. "We had

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These missionaries either left recently or are scheduled to depart soon for their fields of service: (left to right, top row) Steve and Becky Riggs, Darrel and Lila Nichols, and Mark and Donna Daniel; (bottom row) Ken and Marvis Eagleton, Bobby and Geneva Poole, and Robert and Judy Bryan.

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88 women here for the week and the speakers poured out God's message," writes Carlisle Hanna. "Our people were blessed. The two ladies that spoke are from the Bengal-Orissa American Baptist work which was Free Will Baptist."

Brazil—Missionary Florine Coscia underwent corrective surgery on July 3 in Uberaba, Brazil. The four-hour surgery apparently left no complications and at last report Florine was recovering normally. She is to return for occasional check-ups but the Coscias expressed satisfaction with the healing process.

Japan—Three people from the Kita Hiroshima work in Japan were saved during a joint service with the Higashi Tsukisamu church recently.

Ivory Coast—Norman Richards, missionary to Ivory Coast, reported earlier undergoing a biopsy of the tongue due to a continued soreness. The results of the biopsy were negative.

Oops! Our Mistake!

In last month's *Heartbeat* the staff reported the conversion of an 85-year-old lady and a 12-year-old girl. They were said to be part of the family of Enrique, a young preacher. That was the wrong Enrique! The Enrique of Mostoles is older, is married, and has children—a family of six that has accepted Christ as Savior.

Man from Lorient Church Found Dead in His Home

France—Gerard Fouchet, 36-year-old professing Christian from the church in Lorient, France, was found dead recently in his home.

According to Lynn Miley, Gerard had made a profession of faith some years earlier, but it was not until he came into contact with the Lorient church that he began to grow spiritually. During the six months he was in the church, he evidenced remarkable growth and was loved and appreciated by the other Christians.

Christians have been urged to pray for Charolette Tallent and the Allan Crowsons as they deal with his family and friends.

Seven New Missionaries Commissioned, Sent Out

Nashville, Tenn.—Seven new Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries have been commissioned and were scheduled to depart in August for their assigned areas for language study.



Dawn Sweeney

Steve and Becky Riggs left the United States on August 20. They were followed by Mark and Donna Daniel and Dawn Sweeney on Au-

gust 24 and by Darrel and Lila Nichols on August 28. All were flying to Brussels, Belgium, and then on to their destinations in France.

Miss Sweeney will study French at Albertville while the others will study in a language school located near LePuy, France.

Veteran missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole returned to Brazil on July 26, and Ken and Marvis Eagleton are scheduled to return to Brazil later this month.

Robert and Judy Bryan are to leave for the Ivory Coast near the end of September.

These missionaries have been commissioned since June: Darrel and Lila Nichols on June 3 at West Side FWB Church in Pryor, Okla.; Miss Lynn Midgett on June 10 at Southern Oaks FWB Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Steve and Becky Riggs on July 8 at Central FWB Church, Royal Oak, Mich.; and Miss Dawn Sweeney on July 22 at Fellowship FWB Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

Evil Spirit Attack Seen in Agnibilekrou Church

Ivory Coast—Missionary Norman Richards reports from Ivory Coast that an evil spirit attacked a girl recently during an evening service while Norman was away.

"A young girl stood up while the Christians were singing," writes Norman. "Her body began to make strange contortions. The group was taken by surprise and didn't know at first what was happening. A couple of Christian men helped her out of the church. Once they let her go, she fell to the ground unable to get up."

On Alice Smith's suggestion, they helped her to some classrooms around back. They discerned the manifestation of an evil spirit and prayed for her.

When Norman returned, the girl said that the evil spirit only came on her when she went to church. She requested the missionaries to help her be rid of the spirit, so Norman set a time and selected a few of the faithful Christians to accompany the missionaries.

When they met with the girl in an effort to cast out the spirit, they decided that he had left when the group had prayed for the girl the first time.

"One of the men explained to her the plan of salvation," Norman concluded. "She was given the opportunity to receive Christ as Savior, and she acknowledged Him as king of her life. We are praying that she will continue faithful to the Lord."

Missionaries Have Autos, House Provided

Nashville, Tenn.—The foreign missions office recently announced that two automobiles and a house had been provided for missionaries by churches in Ohio and Tennessee.

The Porter Free Will Baptist Church in Sciotoville, Ohio, has provided a 1978 Chevrolet Monza for Neil and Sheila Gilliland to use during furlough. Porter is Neil's home church.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, associate medical missionary appointee to Ivory Coast, has also been furnished an automobile by an adult Sunday school class of Donelson FWB Church in Nashville.

In addition to these automobiles, a FWB Christian layman in the Nashville area has graciously provided the young doctor and his family a three-bedroom house rent free. People and churches of the area have also donated or loaned furnishings for the house.

General Director Rolla D. Smith stated, "Gifts such as these are very significant and deserve the sincere appreciation of the missionaries and the foreign missions staff."

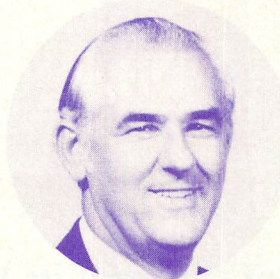
Two New Members Join Foreign Missions Board

Little Rock, Ark.—A former missionary and a Kansas pastor were elected to the Board of Foreign Missions during the National Association annual convention at Little Rock in July: Archie Mayhew, former missionary to Ivory Coast, and Galen Dunbar, pastor from Salina, Kan., will serve six-year terms.

The two new members replace two men who have logged more than 54 years of participation on the board or administrative level for foreign missions. J. Reford Wilson, former general director and long-time board member, and Dr. Joseph Ange, former chairman of the board, were not reelected though technically eligible. Wilson had been hospitalized and was listed in critical condition while the convention was



Archie Mayhew



Galen Dunbar

in progress. Ange, a full-time evangelist, was not on hand for the convention.

Archie Mayhew brings to the board 15 years of missionary experience in addition to many years of pastoral knowledge. He is currently pastoring in Santa Paula, Calif. Dunbar has pastored in West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Michigan, Virginia, and Kansas.

Terry Eagletons Return to U.S. from Brazil

Nashville, Tenn.—Associate missionaries Terry and Jamie Eagleton have resigned and returned to the United States after serving 10 months as associate pastor of the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil. Their ministry in the church was fruitful and a record Sunday school attendance was reported on July 29, just prior to Terry's departure.

Terry, a Brazilian-born MK, carried on the work of the church after his parents, Ken and Marvis Eagleton, left for furlough in April.

The couple decided to return home when they realized they were under undue pressure in the Brazilian culture. Their relatively new marriage, the heavy workload of the ministry, and the caring for their infant daughter made the adjustment rather traumatic.

Christians are urged to pray for this young couple as they seek

God's will concerning their future ministry. The foreign missions staff expressed hope they could return to the mission field at some time in the future.

Gabriel Perez of Panama Visits Miami and Cuba

Panama—Gabriel Perez, former pastor of the Panama City Free Will Baptist Church in Panama, attended a seminar in Miami, Fla., in June and announced plans to visit Cuba around the first of August.

Perez, who works for the Panama Bible Society, reported that they had sent 12,000 Bibles to Cuba and he requested Christians to pray that the government will allow them to be distributed. He also noted that he had been able to get a Bible dictionary for each of our Cuban FWB pastors.

Gabriel is hoping to extend his stay in Cuba to be on hand for the annual convention of Free Will Baptists. Associate director Eugene Waddell and board member Bill Fulcher were scheduled to go to Cuba for this convention but due to the present political climate, they felt it unwise to go at this time.



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