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# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



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World*



## Morgans Arrive for Medical Furlough

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Clint and Lynette Morgan arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on Thursday afternoon, October 24, to begin a year of furlough due to medical needs. Lynette was suffering from physical exhaustion and an extremely low cholesterol level.

Mrs. Morgan had come to the United States accompanied by two of her children on August 12 due to the critical illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Florence Norris. Following the death of her grandmother, she returned to Ivory Coast on September 12 in spite of doctors' warnings in Nashville. Since she had determined to return, the physicians told her she must spend one month in Abidjan in complete rest prior to returning to Doropo.

According to Clint, Lynette tried very hard to get better while in Abidjan. After three weeks and some improvement, the family started toward Doropo. Lynette could make it no further than Agnibilekrou where she spent three days in bed.

The Ivory Coast field chairman and the other missionaries advised Clint to bring Lynette to the United States for recuperation. They have requested prayer for Lynette's rapid recovery and for God to supply replacement personnel during this crisis period.

## Betania Revival Features Panamanian Preachers

*Panama*—The Betania Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Panama City held a revival meeting October 14-20 with national FWB preachers doing the speaking. Attendance averaged 65 for the week with a high of approximately 100. Two people were saved and many Christians made commitments to the Lord.

Speakers for the special meeting included Jorge Lopez, Eusebio Asprilla, Raul Sanes, and Martin Plicet. A gospel film, "Yoneko," was shown on Friday night of the meeting.

## Church Persecuted As Relief Efforts Continue

*Ethiopia*—According to African sources reported in the *Missionary News Service*, drought and famine have taken a lot of the energy of the church in Ethiopia. Nevertheless, churches continue to grow even



A little girl near death from hunger is brought to an SIM, International feeding center in Ethiopia. She refused to eat and had to be fed through a tube in her nose (SIM Photo).

though they are being suppressed by government leaders.

Today, nearly 1,800 of the Word of Life's 2,500 churches are closed, the report indicated. This group is the largest protestant denomination in Ethiopia with over one million members. It was founded by SIM, International (formerly Sudan Interior Mission). At various times during the last couple of years as many as 20 of the church's leaders were imprisoned at the same time. They were arrested without charge and held for periods ranging from weeks to years.

In spite of these reports of persecution, the church continues to grow. Many church leaders are encouraged about the future of the Body of Christ in Ethiopia but are pessimistic about the future of the established church.

## Seven Baptized in Ribeirao During October

*Brazil*—Seven people were baptized on October 6 in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, according to *Folha Evangelica*, the official paper of the Association of Free Will Baptist Churches in Brazil.

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirao also held missionary conferences on Saturdays and Sundays during the month of October.

## Hannas Request Prayer For Outreach, Health

*India*—"Please join us in prayer for our outreach work during the coming months and for revival in our work both in North and South India," writes Carlisle Hanna from India. "Our





Missionary Lonnie Sparks teaches a Bible institute class at Alcala de Henares, Spain. The class meets on Tuesday nights in the church.

church attendance here continues very good. We have about 140 each Sunday. We had 80 for our regular weekly prayer meeting last week. Please pray for village area leadership conferences and continue to pray for both spiritual and physical strength for both of us."

According to Carlisle, his knee seems to be regaining its use very slowly. He has been somewhat frustrated since he is unable to get out into the surrounding area. In spite of this, he is keeping busy preaching, leading services, and encouraging the Indian pastors in his local area.

### Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Searcy, Ark.**—Mrs. Clara Huntsman, mother of missionary Bessie Richards, died on November 5, 1985, in her home at Searcy, Ark. Mrs. Huntsman had been in ill health for sometime. She died in her sleep. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 7, in Searcy.

**Japan**—The Higashi Tsukisamu church on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, held a special retreat on the second weekend of September. According to Jim and Olena McLain, the retreat featured a Japanese pastor as speaker. Class sessions were held to instruct Christians on the purpose of the church.

**Newport News, Va.**—Mr. John Murray, Sr., father of missionary John Murray, suffered what was thought to be a coronary arrest on October 15. Latest reports indicate it was not

a heart attack but involved the sac around the heart. He has improved and has left the hospital.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Overseas secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife Janie left for Ivory Coast on November 20 with a stopover in Madrid, Spain. They will be counseling missionaries and coordinating the work in these areas. The Aldridges are scheduled to return to the States on December 31.

### Bible Institute in Spain Resumes Classes

**Spain**—According to a late October report from missionary Ron Callaway, the first term of the 1985-86 year at the Spanish Bible institute has started with approximately 10 students. The institute is held at the Alcala de Henares Free Will Baptist Church near Madrid on Tuesday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Lonnie Sparks, Dennis Owen, and Ron are doing the teaching. The courses include Doctrine (Perseverance of the Saints), Old Testament Survey, and Pauline Writings.

The courses are designed to cover 15 weeks.

### Builder, Wife Saved Since Working on Church

**Brazil**—Joaquim, the bricklayer who worked on the Free Will Baptist church building in Uberlandia, Brazil, (see picture in October *Heartbeat*), was saved on October 19. On October 27 his wife, Maria, also came to know the Lord.

According to Nancy Hughes, Maria

has been suffering from tuberculosis and had been sent home from the hospital with what doctors indicated was a hopeless illness. After consultation with another doctor, she was given a little more hope and she has seemingly improved. Nancy urged Christians to pray for Joaquim and Maria who have four boys. The boys have faithfully attended church with their father.

Mrs. Hughes indicated construction on the new auditorium is progressing well. At the time of the report, the auditorium was covered and they were in the process of adding two rooms to the back of the building. "We were already needing to divide some classes and this is cheaper and easier than doing the second floor on the educational building," writes Nancy. "We are all anxious to have the baptistry finished so we can have our first baptism in the new church. We have quite a number waiting for baptism."

### Bishops Tackle Two New Hokkaido Works

**Japan**—Dale and Sandra Bishop, who have been back in Japan since early August, are presently working in two new areas of Sapporo, Japan. While continuing in one of the areas where they worked prior to furlough, they have also started traveling 45 minutes to the other side of town to Ai No Sato.

Bishop holds services at 11 a.m. in Kitano on Sunday and has another service at 3 p.m. in Ai No Sato.

An evangelistic meeting was held on September 21 and 22 in Ai No Sato but no salvation decisions were recorded. Bishop also traveled to Abashiri on September 29 for an

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### Financial Summary

#### Through October 31

#### \$substance

Total income in October .....	\$ 250,641.75
Total income through October .....	2,173,615.98
Total disbursements through October .....	2,143,818.45
Projected receipts through October .....	2,412,917.00
Total 1984 Budget .....	\$2,895,498.00

#### \$shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey .....	\$6,032.46	McCullough .....	\$ 5,259.04
Banks .....	425.51	Owen .....	1,132.18
Callaway .....	2,649.65	Payne .....	993.91
Crowson .....	2,212.66	*Robinson .....	11,737.74
Ellison .....	570.46	Smith, J. ....	3,179.86
*Hersey .....	4,416.94	Sturgill .....	7,232.91
Inscoe .....	889.73	Turnbough .....	3,807.16
Lytle .....	4,414.50	General Fund .....	4,196.85
Total .....			\$59,151.56

\* Medical insurance will pay Hersey account \$3,454 and Robinson account approximately \$2,200.



→Continued from inside evangelistic service. He urged Christians to pray for those who heard the Word, that Satan would not be able to steal it from their hearts.

### New Work Launched from Campinas Church

**Brazil**—According to a recent report from Campinas, Brazil, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas has started a new work in the area of town known as Castelo Branco. Missionary Jim Sturgill is working with some young people from the First church to get the new mission started.

Sturgill has notified the church that he will be terminating his services as pastor on December 31. Christians have been urged to pray that God would supply a new pastor.

### Three People Saved at Kita Hiroshima

**Japan**—A telephone report from missionaries Jerry and Janice Banks to Judy Smith, who is on furlough, revealed that three people had been saved during the past month at Kita Hiroshima, Japan.

According to Judy, one convert was a Muslim lady, Mrs. Chikako Sasaki, for whom Judy had been praying and requesting prayer for nine years. Mrs. Sasaki telephoned Judy personally from Japan to affirm that "you are my sister now."

Regarding the other two people saved, Judy explained that one was her neighbor and the other was a neighbor to the Banks.

### Missionaries Report Address Changes

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The foreign missions office has announced several address changes since the 1985-86 Foreign Missions Directory was published:

Robert and Pam West  
Centre Missionnaire  
50 Chemin des Gallibouds  
73200 Albertville, France

Patsy Vanhook  
35 rue Alphonse Daudet  
44600 St. Nazaire, France

Lynn and Ramona Miley  
Kerrovarch  
56520 Guidel, France

Jim and Shirley Combs  
Caixa Postal 538  
14100 Ribeirao Preto  
Sao Paulo, Brazil  
S.A.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton  
Mission Protestante Evangelique  
B.P. 20  
Bouna, Ivory Coast  
West Africa

### Miley Says One Saved; Many See Fair Booth

**France**—"I had the joy of leading a man to the Lord last week," writes Lynn Miley from Lorient, France. "About six weeks ago he walked by the church and read the evangelistic display we had in the church window. The next Sunday he came to church and that week I began Bible studies in his home."

Miley noted that the church had set up a booth during the Commercial

Exposition in Lorient recently which was visited by 77,000 people. Those in charge of the booth distributed several thousand tracts during the event.

### Combs to Labor in Ribeirao Institute

**Brazil**—Jim and Shirley Combs have moved to Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, where they will be working with pastor Antonio da Silva in the First Free Will Baptist Church and with missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole in the Seminary-Bible Institute of Ribeirao Preto.

The Combs hope to develop new courses for some ministerial students, initiate new extension courses to be taken to the churches, and do follow-up on 200 Bible correspondence students.

### Filmstrip Return Sought by Missions Office

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Informational Services Department in the foreign missions office has undergone a number of transitions over the last two years. During these times, many filmstrips have turned up missing. Pastors and church leaders have been requested to look through their church offices and pastors' studies to see if they can locate filmstrips belonging to the Department of Foreign Missions.

Those having filmstrips which have not been returned within two weeks after their showing have been urged to return them immediately. Don Robirds explained, "These are needed to fulfill requests."

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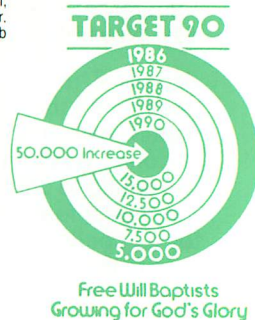
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