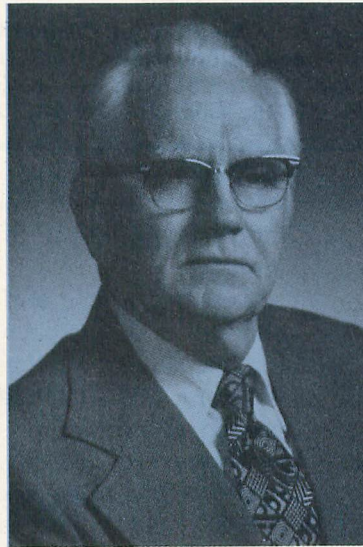


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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



HE PAVED THE WAY!



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by Jeanna L. Merritt

Part Three of a Series

Missionary Who's Who

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January 22, 1942. The steamship Cuba silently glided through the water of the Atlantic Ocean. Less than two months earlier an attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese had stunned the world. Only the stars twinkled overhead, denying the danger in the dark water below.

Inside the ship, five ministers of the gospel of Christ were bound for Cuba to help Thomas Willey decide on a location for a Free Will Baptist mission on the island. Ken Turner, Winford Davis, and George Lasham of Monett, Mo.; Bert Rogers of Wewoka, Okla.; and Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla., had all left family, friends, and the security of the States to further the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In 1942, Free Will Baptists had only one missionary. Miss Laura Belle Barnard had a work in India. There was also an opening for a mission work in Cuba and Thomas Willey was launching that. It was essential for someone to go forward and inform Free Will Baptist churches of the needs in the

mission work. Ken Turner felt God leading him in this direction.

Ken had a wife and two small children and was circuit pastor for four small churches in Missouri. Did surrender to preach also entail mission work, he wondered? Would one man's efforts make a difference?

Ken was saved at the age of 14 in a revival meeting held south of Granby, Mo. He had been raised in a Christian home where seeking the Lord's will was an everyday occurrence. God was put first in the lives of his parents. One of six children born to Margaret Ethel and Joseph E. Turner on a farm near Granby, Mo., Ken had a happy, secure childhood.

His camera was never still as he sought the right subjects to convey the tremendous need in Cuba.

Ken's family was very supportive of his decision to preach and work for the Free Will Baptist mission board. Their love and encouragement made his leaving the States for that first trip to Cuba a little easier.

For a while, it had looked as if Ken and two other ministers would not get to leave on the

ship as planned. All five men had arrived by car in Miami, Fla., on January 21, 1942. Here they discovered that Ken and two of the other men were of draft age for the army and had failed to get a permit to leave the United States. A telegram was quickly sent to Cassville, Mo., requesting permission to leave. The draft board happened to be in session when the telegram arrived. Permission was granted.

Fortunately, the trip to Cuba was uneventful. Once on the island, they were astounded by the bustle of the busy city streets. Everything was moving!

The enormous need of leading these people to Christ settled on the five ministers. What a miracle it would take to get a mission started here in Cuba. Would the pictures Ken intended to take be adequate to inspire Free Will Baptist churches back in the United States to support a mission work here?

Determined, Ken picked up his cameras and luggage and followed the other four ministers to the car that would take them out of Havana. Pinar del Rio became the site of the first Free Will Baptist mission in Cuba.

The island of Cuba was beautiful. The people were simple and for the most part happy. But they still were a people lost without Christ. On film, Ken captured this in the faces of many of the people. His camera was never still as he sought the right subjects to convey the tremendous need in Cuba.

As time drew near to sail back to the United States, three of the ministers became fearful and decided to fly back to Florida. Ken and Winford Davis



volunteered to sail back on the steamship. Because of the danger of attack in the Atlantic, this was to be the last run of the ship. Again, at night under total blackout, the ship set sail for the United States carrying only two ministers as passengers and a wealth of film and pictures. It was hoped they would be instrumental in raising funds for the brand new mission in Cuba.

Coming back through customs, Ken was surprised as his film and pictures were all confiscated by security authorities. With the pictures and film went Ken's hopes of promoting the mission in Cuba. Not only that, he also felt the loss of money and film. On the trip back to Missouri, Ken worried about how his wife would feel about the loss.

At home, Ken's fears were dissolved as his wife Jewel helped him carry the burden of the lost film and pictures. Several weeks passed before a large carton was delivered to their home. Inside were all the pictures and motion picture film Ken had taken in Cuba. Plans were again made for promoting the mission in Cuba.

Ken was asked by the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions to travel from state to state, showing the needs of the mission through his motion picture films. Hopefully, this would raise money for the mission plus recruit more Free Will Baptist missionaries to send to Cuba and other countries. He would receive seven dollars for each service as a wage for his labor, plus train fare to the state in which he was to work. Each church was to provide lodging and see that he reached the next service at the next church. This would mean being



separated from his family most of the time as he traveled.

It was a big decision to make, but Ken agreed to tackle the challenge. Jewel supported his decision and made his work possible by working at O. T. Alred's Grocery Store and J. C. Penney's in Monett. For the next 15 years, Ken traveled from state to state raising money and gathering support for Free Will Baptist missions.

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Ken was not always welcome in a church. At that time, motion picture films were viewed by some as an evil amusement. Even after explaining that his films involved spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, Ken was still refused the privilege of showing the films in some churches. So, he would show snapshots of Cuba and the mission work. Even then some people were suspicious.

In one of the southern states, a good service was enjoyed with several young lives being dedicated to the Lord's work,

some as missionaries. An exceptional offering was received and the service was dismissed. Ken spent the night in the home of a good brother who assured him he knew the location of the church where services were scheduled the next morning. It was 15 miles just over the county line at the Loyal Chapel Church, and he said he would be glad to drive Ken there.

Early the next morning, the two men drove to Loyal Chapel. They unloaded the cases, projector, and the materials for the missionary service. The man drove off after bidding Ken goodbye. Since the church doors were unlocked, Ken got all his equipment set up and was ready to meet the

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people when they came to services. Patiently, he waited.

At 9:00 a.m. not a soul had come that way. Hoping to see people arriving, Ken kept waiting and looking out the door. At 9:30 a.m. Ken spied two ladies walking up the path to the church. Greeting them, he asked if this were the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and what time services started. He was shocked at their abrupt reply. He had the wrong church! This was the Lovejoy Primitive Baptist Church and they did not believe in missions!

Ken hurried back inside, took down his equipment, packed it in the cases, and carried it to the highway. He walked a half mile up the road to a house where a young man was repairing a front wheel on a Model T Ford. The young man was very cordial. He assured Ken he knew how to find Loyal Chapel and would be happy to take him there if he could get his wheel repaired.

Ken walked back to his cases and waited. Soon the Model T drove up and Ken loaded his equipment. They drove 15 miles further and arrived at Loyal Chapel at 11:00 a.m., just as Sunday school was over. Ken was introduced and hurriedly set up his equipment. No one ever knew the difficulty encountered in getting there. The Lord understood and received the glory for permitting the mission program to be presented once again. Numerous dedications and an abundant offering were the rewards for all the labor involved.

Jeanna L. Merritt, a native of Monett, is a freelance writer living in Wentworth, Mo.

Let the Celebration Begin

by Jimmy Aldridge, Advance Coordinator



Months of hard work and preparation are drawing to a close. It's time to start!

What are we doing? We are celebrating our Free Will Baptist involvement in foreign missions.

We owe a debt of gratitude to God for His faithfulness to those

few people who pioneered our missions outreach back in 1935!

We want to thank God for those preachers, Sunday school teachers, and others who taught Christ's command to go into all the world with the gospel!

We want to thank Him also

for our Free Will Baptist colleges that have faithfully taught their students the need to evangelize the world.

Additionally, thank God for the 180 people who have served in some capacity as foreign missionaries over the past 50 years! More than 60 percent of them are still on active duty overseas today.

We certainly praise the Lord for all the faithful prayer warriors and supporters whom He has raised up in our churches.

Notice the top 19 states in per capita giving in 1984. Our national average was \$11.44. Praise the Lord for the progress!

**Top 19 States
Free Will Baptist
Foreign Missions
Per Capita Giving in 1984**

State	Per Capita
South Carolina	\$26.69
Michigan	25.57
North Carolina	19.82
Tennessee	18.05
Texas	17.75
Illinois	16.80
Virginia	14.40
Florida	14.27
Oklahoma	13.03
Indiana	11.79
Missouri	11.55
Georgia	9.47
Ohio	9.36
Mississippi	9.05
California	6.77
Alabama	6.52
Arkansas	4.83
Kentucky	4.74
West Virginia	3.94

You may ask if the investment of our resources, the lives of our sons and daughters, our prayers and our concern are worth it. Is anything happening?

One of the great blessings I have received as Advance

Coordinator for our celebration came as I researched statistics with the help of all our missionaries. I have put together the report of what God is doing through our overseas ministries.

Last year, we witnessed over 1000 conversions, 255 baptisms, and averaged 4,859 in Sunday attendance. This took place in our 136 organized churches, congregations and preaching points located in the nine countries where we have started fundamental Free Will Baptist churches. Praise the Lord for the great harvest! Reports indicate the reaping is continuing.

This growth gives us some critical opportunities. We want to increase the harvest and establish strong evangelistic churches in the cultures of the people where we work.

First, we need to provide evangelistic tools to be used in this harvest. These tools include projectors and films, printing equipment, literature, money for evangelistic campaigns, radio broadcasts, etc. (goal, \$200,000).

Second, we must effectively train the national workers the Lord is calling to serve in the churches established by our missionary staff. We will do so by developing training programs and establishing Bible institutes where that will best meet this need (goal, \$225,000).

Third, we will help these young Free Will Baptist congregations build their church buildings. We will do this through loan funds and church grants. Grants will be made only in the poorer third world countries (goal \$300,000).

Fourth, in order to continue the harvest, we are asking God

to raise up another 30 new missionaries who will go as evangelists and church planters. We propose to shorten the time for them to get to the field by being able to contribute to their account up to one-half of their cash needs (goal, \$275,000).

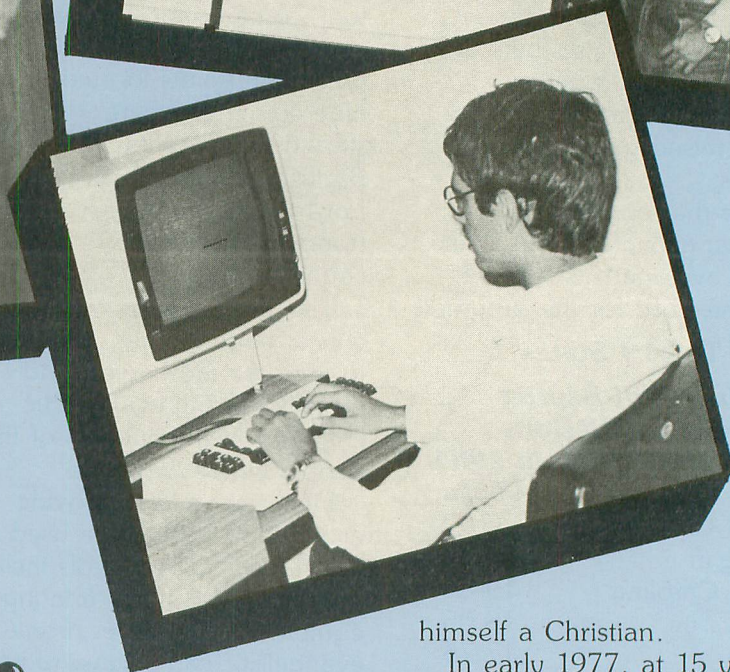
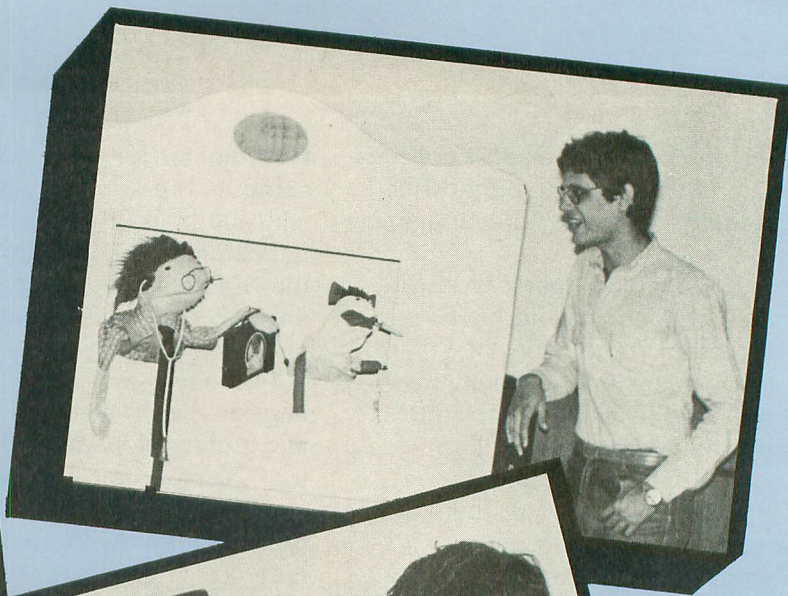
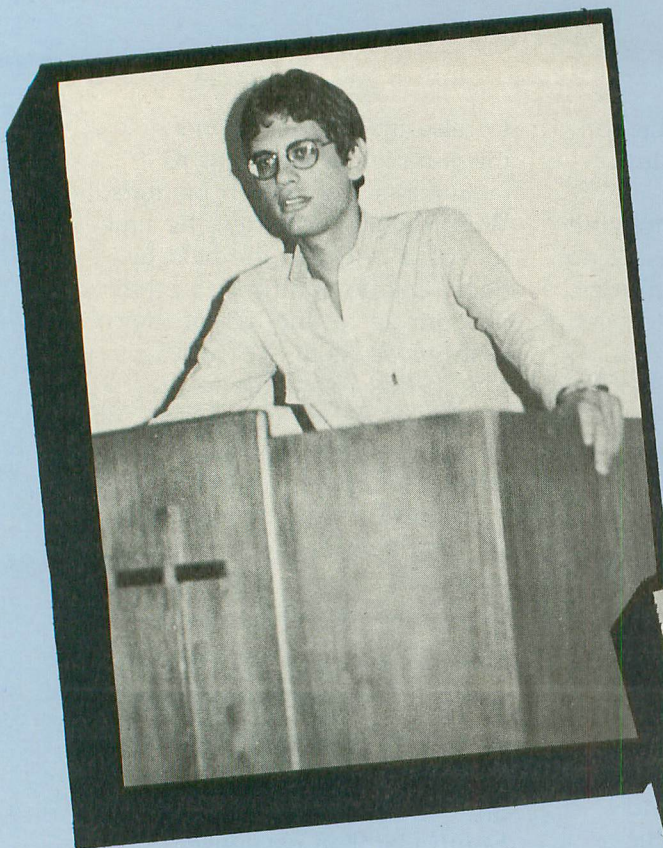
And that brings me to the challenge! As we praise God for His innumerable blessings over the past 50 years, we will make a sacrificial commitment to the development of these emerging churches.

***Last year, we witnessed
over 1,000 conversions.***

As celebration coordinator, I am contacting state leaders. The South Carolina executive committee has already named its Advance chairman and set its own state goal of \$75,000! Missouri adopted a challenging goal of \$100,000. Michigan is naming its chairman and setting its goal, as are North Carolina, Illinois, West Virginia, Virginia and Ohio. Contacts are being made in the other states as well. Readers will be hearing the full story in the local church!

Free Will Baptist prayers and financial support have helped produce the present harvest. The sacrificial Advance Celebration commitment of every Free Will Baptist is necessary to the development of these young churches overseas. And God is going to bless the effort!





by Tom Hughes

Life's Strange Twist

"Lord, I give him into Your hands. Luiz Antonio is Yours. Take him if that is what You want."

The grieving young widow was desperate. For a day and a half she had pleaded for the Lord to spare her son. Only one year earlier her husband had died of Chagas' disease which is common in Brazil. Now, her two-year-old son lay in an oxygen tent gasping for breath. He suffered from a serious respiratory infection, and the doctor had just advised his mother that within a few hours

the boy would be dead. Admitted to the hospital the previous day, the lad had not responded to the medical treatment.

That simple prayer from the sorrowing mother seemed to be the turning point in the crisis! Immediately, little Luiz began to improve. Almost miraculously, the following day he was released from the hospital. As Luiz grew up, he tried to do what he thought to be right. And the culture in his area taught that a person would go to heaven based on his merits. Consequently, he considered

himself a Christian.

In early 1977, at 15 years of age, Luiz read a gospel tract at his grandmother's house. It challenged the reader with a little quiz. The object involved marking on a list the items which the reader considered to be the means of salvation. Luiz marked such things as being a good neighbor, doing good works, etc.

When he finally turned to the back side of the tract, Luiz was shocked! The tract revealed that anyone trusting in anything in the list was lost. The verses from Ephesians 2:8, 9 and Romans 6:23 clearly disclosed this truth. In anger Luiz shredded the tract and discarded it in the trash can.

Several months had passed

when I met Luiz. Having rented a meeting hall in his neighborhood in Uberlandia, Brazil, I had set out to invite people to attend our first service. I invited Luiz and his family to come. To my surprise, he and eight other Brazilians attended our first Sunday school.

I began with a study on the plan of salvation. Luiz sensed the presence of God and a peace he had never felt before, so he decided to return the following Sunday. I continued with a slow, deliberate, presentation of the biblical plan of salvation. It was planned to break down the arguments of those who were trusting in anything but the unique, perfect sacrifice of Christ.

Sunday after Sunday Luiz returned. Gradually, he realized that his ideas about salvation contradicted those presented in the Bible. Still, he wasn't sure he needed to be saved.

The Holy Spirit was dealing with his heart: Did he need to be converted, as the pastor taught in Sunday school and preached in his messages? How could he know? It seemed that the Bible taught that truth but Luiz just wasn't sure.

"Lord, if I need to be converted, as the pastor is teaching, show me in a definite way," Luiz prayed.

God did not delay in answering Luiz's prayer. That Sunday morning after Sunday school, Gelma, a young lady who also had been attending since the first Sunday, could hardly wait to share her good news with Luiz. She excitedly explained how she had been saved in the pastor's home on Friday. Her sins had been forgiven and she had peace in

her heart. This deeply impressed Luiz, but he still felt this to be an insufficient answer to his prayer.

"Lord, please show me definitely," he prayed.

That night, November 27, 1977, the answer came. Although the message dealt with salvation, the answer didn't come until Ezekiel 33:11 was read: "... Be converted, be converted from your evil way, for why will you die . . ." (translated from Portuguese version).

"Lord, if I need to be converted as the pastor is teaching, show me in a definite way," Luiz prayed.

Luiz could doubt no longer. He needed to be saved! He responded at the invitation.

The young Brazilian had already invited his family and many of his friends to come to the small church. None of his family had come, but several of his friends were already attending regularly. Within two weeks of his conversion, Regis and Wanderley, members of his neighborhood soccer team, received Christ. Soon, others whom Luiz had invited were converted.

Finally, Luiz convinced his sister, Vanessa, to attend a service when a Moody Science film was shown. She liked the friendliness demonstrated at the church, so she continued to attend. On February 12, 1978, she committed her life to the Lord.

A few months later as I was talking with Luiz, I asked him what profession he planned to enter. Much to my surprise and

delight, he responded that he felt that God wanted him to be a preacher. I began teaching him Bible institute courses one night a week. Later, these were increased as he had time. He has continued his studies in this program and now has the equivalence of two and a half years of Bible college.

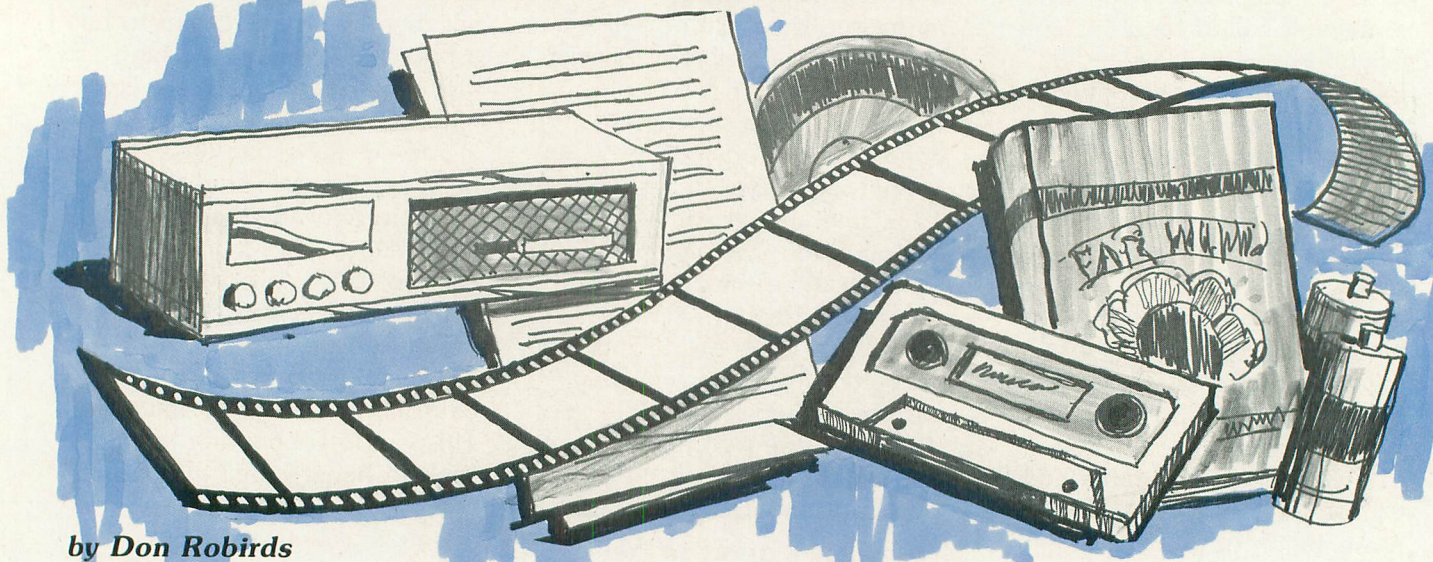
Prompted by the economic situation here in Brazil, I advised Luiz to get a college education in the local university. This would enable him to support himself until the church could provide him with an adequate salary. He has followed my advice and will graduate with a major in economics in December of this year.

While we were in the States on furlough in 1982-83, Luiz pastored the church in Uberlandia. During this period his stepfather abandoned the family, so the financial burden of providing for his mother and sister fell on Luiz. The Lord provided him a full-time job (he was already working part time to pay for his college expenses) with a wholesale grocery firm, working with computers. Since his college classes were at night, he was able to continue his studies. But his work, studies, and the cares of the church imposed a heavy burden on the dedicated young man.

During this period of trials, Luiz received a special blessing. He led his own mother to the Lord! Life took a strange twist for Mrs. Elsie Ferreira: The young son whom she surrendered to the Lord, introduced her personally to the God who had answered her prayers so many years before.

Tom Hughes is a veteran missionary serving in Uberlandia, Brazil.

PROVIDING THE TOOLS...



by Don Robirds

Tools! Everyone needs some type of tool. Housewives need brooms or vacuum cleaners. Farmers need tractors. Preachers need books. Doctors need stethoscopes. And those missionaries involved in evangelism and church planting are no exception. They need tools for evangelism!

Kouassi Marc uses cassette tapes in many languages to witness to students and friends.

No missionary in this modern, "high-tech" age should have to labor under the handicap of having no evangelistic tools at his disposal! Still, many of such items are so costly that neither foreign missionaries nor national Christians can acquire them under the present conditions.

Tools such as cassette tapes

and recorders, video players, films and filmstrips, literature, and radio programs all play a vital role in planting churches and equipping saints for service. Doors often open through one of these mediums.

"One tool of evangelism that will quickly draw a large crowd in Brazil is a Moody Science film," says missionary Tom Hughes. "We have shown these films in the street many times with crowds of well over 200."

Overhead projectors often help people come to a clear understanding of the gospel message. Radio broadcasts break down the barriers of resistance when missionaries and nationals seek to open a new work.

Newspaper advertisements can acquaint people with the gospel, and literature can enter homes where missionaries and national workers would be unwelcomed.

Solange, 15-year-old daughter of a Brazilian Air Force sergeant, received a gospel tract from a Free Will Baptist Christian in the Barbacena Free Will Baptist

Church. This eventually led to her salvation.

Kouassi Marc, a young high school student in the Ivory Coast, uses cassette tapes in many languages to witness to students and friends in the Bouna area.

Radio broadcasts break down barriers of resistance.

Missionary accounts cannot bear the expenses of all of these evangelistic tools, yet these are often the only means of cracking the door of a culture. To adequately equip missionaries and nationals laboring in these different cultures, special funds need to be available.

The ADVANCE celebration can be the means of providing funds for these tools. As Christians praise God for the past 50 years of blessings, He will develop in their hearts a sense of trust and commitment. This commitment by every Free Will Baptist Christian is needed. With it, greater victory is assured!



Strange! Yes, things were somewhat strange to the young American exchange student. The smells, the cars, the homes, the language. All were different.

Even in the strangeness of this setting Jeff felt himself lucky, but he did not realize how lucky. He had been placed in the home of a former exchange student who knew English well.

How strange his Brazilian brother was, especially in the part of religion. He slept, ate, and was controlled by his church activities. That was too much! Church on Thursday night, Saturday night, twice on Sunday, youth prayer group, youth choir practice, etc.! Sergio was a fanatic! Anyway, back

Sergio had not been able to get Jeff to church. On Saturday I called Jeff and gave him a personal invitation. This time he used the excuse that it was difficult to understand Portuguese. I did not allow that to be a reason. I offered to give him my outline of the lesson in English so he could follow along.

The next day Jeff came, accompanied by Sergio. This got the ball rolling. From then on at least once a week Jeff was at church. But he did not want to overdo a good thing.

The baptismal service he attended seemed strange—not only strange but also impressive. Long into the night following that service Jeff and Sergio lay

Jeff. It was rather strange to see tears flowing down Jeff's cheeks as he blurted out, "I thought I was saved, but I'm not. Would you please tell me how to be saved?"

I took him into the dining room, sat at the dining table, and led him to accept Christ as personal Savior. The puzzled look fled, and peace and joy spread over his countenance.

The "strange things" Sergio had been doing became the desire of Jeff's heart. Within one week he had studied the Gospel of John. I had given him a New Testament in English, since he did not have a Bible with him.

On his last Saturday night in Brazil before returning to the

STRANGE, BUT IMPRESSIVE

by Geneva Poole

home he had never heard of a Free Will Baptist.

Jeff's busy schedule kept him occupied during the day, but on the nights Sergio was involved in church activities he would think, "I can't see any need of all this. I'm a Christian. In the U. S. I went to church almost every Sunday morning. This business of talking and living Jesus all the time is not for me."

Many invitations to attend church were extended to Jeff, but he always politely excused himself. I was Sergio's Sunday school teacher, and after a few weeks I became concerned that

awake talking about a real Christian life. Language was somewhat a barrier for genuine comprehension.

Sergio did not allow the opportunity to pass without doing all he could. He asked Jeff if he would like to talk to the American missionaries. He was willing.

The next morning Sergio called to see if I could talk to Jeff. Before hanging up the phone Sergio said, "We will be right over."

About ten minutes later the doorbell rang. I went to the door. There stood Sergio and

States, Jeff brought a Bible study in Portuguese at the young people's meeting. That night he made these comments: "The Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirao Preto was the first school of spiritual growth for me. I'm returning to the U. S., but I'll be back. I'll be back as a missionary."

Jeff kept his promise. Today he is serving Christ under Youth with a Mission in the northern part of Brazil.

All of this is strange to the world but no longer to Jeff. Now he understands!

Geneva Poole serves with her husband, Bobby, in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.

Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in April and May in memory of friends or loved ones:

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Beatrice Thomas Four Oaks, N. C.	George I. Parrish
Mr. and Mrs. John Townsend Tulsa, Okla.	Mrs. Eva Riggs
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JIM AND SHIRLEY COMBS MUST GET BACK TO BRAZIL NOW!

Returning to Brazil to launch a much-needed training program, the Combs need to leave right away. They have received word that their visas have been approved, so they must leave within 90 days or lose them. Won't you help to get them out now? They need \$800 in monthly support or enough additional cash to offset this lack in commitments.



_____ Yes, Jim and Shirley, I want to help get you back on the field of Brazil. Count on me to give, as God provides, the following amount monthly:

() \$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

HEARTLINE

You Can Have A Successful Conference Part Three

Last February the First FWB Church of Morehead City, N.C., had its best conference. It did not happen by chance. Pastor Danny Howell and the missions committee made extensive plans. They publicized the meetings for weeks in advance, and the teens emphasized missions in skits during church service. They even produced a 30-minute play during Sunday school.

One Sunday, the people were challenged to dress like those who live in one of our eight mission fields. The children made posters to

Don't be afraid to try something different. Men often respond well to a breakfast meeting.

announce the conference in the community. The church promoted an essay contest, then the missionaries selected the winners during the conference.

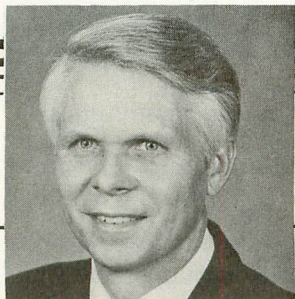
The missions committee secured posters and pictures from the countries where our missionaries serve (travel agencies were very cooperative). With these they decorated the church.

The members held two cottage prayer meetings each day for a week before the conference. The last night of their "missions revival" they held an international dinner.

The extensive planning and publicity resulted in a spirit of revival in the congregational and faith commitments in excess of \$6,000!

Plan your services.

The pastor should usually take responsibility for planning the services. He should ask himself, "What type of service will do us the most good?" In general, the services should not be too long. The music should center on missions. Don't plan too many musical numbers. Include time for



R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

questions by the congregation.

People tend to lose interest if they perceive that your services are "more of the same." Don't be afraid to try something different. Include a banquet or potluck supper in the schedule. Men often respond well to a breakfast meeting. In Nashville, we had a successful brunch to which

Keep missions alive in the congregation throughout the year. Read letters from your missionaries and post them on the bulletin board.

we invited young people from all the area churches. Ladies sometimes have a luncheon or tea featuring one of the women missionaries. Communicate your wishes to the missionary.

Make maximum use of the missionary.

Christian schools generally welcome missionaries. In some localities, the public schools are open to missionaries, since they can give a first-hand lesson in social studies. Some civic clubs welcome such outside speakers. Some of our missionaries have been interviewed on radio and television programs and talk shows.

Follow up the conference.

For two or three weeks after the conference, continue to stress faith-promise commitments. Keep missions alive in the congregation throughout the year. Read letters from your missionaries. Post them on the bulletin board. Emphasize missions at least one Sunday each month.

Conclusion

A successful missionary conference requires planning, publicity, preparation and prayer. No conference will achieve its goal without these ingredients. With them, lives will be changed and giving will glorify God.

Financial Summary

Through May 31

Substance

Total contributions for May	\$ 304,833.89
Total contributions through May	1,109,547.02
Total disbursements through May	1,044,872.00
Total 1984 Budget	\$2,895,498.00

Shortage

All the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 878.80	Owen	\$ 1,430.74
Callaway	1,195.12	Payne	2,311.04
Gainer	203.33	Reeves	463.92
Hanna	3,744.38	Robinson	1,164.38
Inscoe	175.98	Smith, Judy	1,104.49
Lytle	1,457.07	Teague	2,140.70
McCullough	2,735.42	General Fund	19,819.76
Total			\$38,825.13

State Quotas—1985

State	Quota 1985	Quota Through May	Contributions Through May
Alabama	\$160,000	\$ 66,665	\$ 76,248.19
Arizona	3,000	1,250	1,860.07
Arkansas	155,000	64,585	50,767.27
California	55,000	22,915	13,278.22
Canada	3,000	1,250	404.98
Colorado	3,000	1,250	480.00
Florida	83,000	34,585	39,175.13
Georgia	97,000	40,415	44,375.71
Hawaii	1,000	415	150.00
Idaho	1,000	415	257.52
Illinois	92,000	38,335	31,306.58
Indiana	26,000	10,835	13,323.89
Iowa	750	315	495.00
Kansas	12,000	5,000	3,792.96
Kentucky	82,000	34,165	27,267.99
Louisiana	500	210	480.80
Maryland	14,500	6,040	5,186.36
Michigan	125,000	52,085	45,820.25
Mississippi	47,000	19,585	27,360.86
Montana	1,000	415	420.00
Missouri	187,000	77,915	74,295.00
Nevada	1,000	415	160.00
New Mexico	500	210	208.83
*Northeast Association	5,000	2,080	3,044.37
**Northwest Association	5,000	2,080	16.00
North Carolina	362,000	150,835	144,532.37
Ohio	110,000	45,835	45,096.74
Oklahoma	362,000	150,835	126,644.57
Pennsylvania	2,000	835	851.00
South Carolina	200,000	83,335	66,970.95
Tennessee	395,000	164,585	154,655.45
Texas	75,000	31,250	20,900.45
Virginia	95,000	39,585	36,180.61
Virgin Islands	2,000	835	1,969.68
West Virginia	80,000	33,335	21,878.24
Miscellaneous	53,248	22,185	28,058.58
Totals	\$2,895,498	\$1,206,465	\$1,109,547.02

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These missionaries were scheduled to leave this summer for their fields of service.

Wode Bitten by Rabid Dog, Takes Treatment

Ivory Coast—Missionary Arilla Wode was bitten on the calf of her left leg by a rabid dog on May 18. She was chasing the animal from the yard of missionaries Norman and Bessie Richards when the dog turned and bit her, making a serious gash on her leg. Examination showed the dog to have rabies.

At last report Arilla was doing well but was undergoing the 21-day treatment against rabies.

Miss Wode had just written to the foreign missions office requesting prayer for the missionaries' safety. They were being plagued with snakes. "In an eight-day period we killed six—two vipers, two spitting cobras, and two mambas," writes Arilla. "The last one (a mamba) was almost six feet long."

Araras Church Sponsors Outreach Ministry

Brazil—Missionary Ken Eagleton reported having started services recently in the home of Armando Rossi, a man whom Ken had baptized five weeks earlier. Benedito Vicente, a 22-year-old lay preacher is in charge of the work. An average

attendance of 40 was maintained for the first month.

Ken writes, "In the short time Benedito has been saved, he has been used of God to win others. His mother and younger sister are now saved and members of the church. He is superintendent of our Sunday school and secretary-treasurer of our Association of Brazil Free Will Baptist Churches.

"Since God has called him into the ministry," Eagleton continues, "the church has begun supporting him. This has permitted him to return to school in order to graduate from high school." According to Ken, Benedito maintains the churchyard, sees to all repairs, does counseling, gives follow-up classes to new converts, etc.

Missionaries to Depart for Respective Fields

Nashville, Tenn.—Several missionaries are scheduled to depart between now and the end of August for their fields of service:

Dale and Sandra Bishop will leave in August on their way back to Japan.

Lynn and Ramona Miley were scheduled to return to France on June 26 while Miss Patsy Vanhook

is to leave for France on August 8. Dave and Sharon Filkins plan to leave in mid-August for France to begin language study prior to their ministry in Ivory Coast.

Dave and Pat Franks plan to return to Brazil in August following a short furlough. Jim and Shirley Combs are also scheduled to leave for Brazil in July to begin a ministry of training national workers.

Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton will depart on July 27 for Ivory Coast to begin work in the medical ministry while the Sherwood Lees are on furlough.

Fred and Evelyn Hersey tentatively plan to return to Japan in August to begin their seventh term. They are laboring in the Tokyo area.

Norman and Laura McFall are to leave on August 6 for Brazil for a short-term assignment with the Jim Sturgills in Campinas.

Barnard Book on Sale Through Month of July

Nashville, Tenn.—"Touching the Untouchables," by Laura Belle Barnard, will continue to be on sale for \$5.95 through the end of July, according to Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions. The book regularly retailing for \$6.95, will be offered at the foreign missions' booth at the National Association, and Miss Barnard will be on hand to autograph copies.

Those interested in ordering the book may still do so by sending \$5.95 plus \$1.35 for postage and handling to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Residents of Tennessee will need to add another 46 cents in sales tax.

Miss Vivian Waller is newly approved associate missionary in Japan.



Higashi Kindergarten Started as Outreach

Japan—A kindergarten was opened on April 10 in Sapporo, Japan, as an outreach of the Higashi Tsukisamu church. Some 54 boys and girls between the ages of three and five, as well as many mothers and fathers, were on hand for that first day of kindergarten.

Ben Abe started English classes in his upstairs about nine years ago to earn his living. Missionaries Jim and Olena McLain and Dale and Sandra Bishop helped in these classes as a means of witness.

A new two-story building was later constructed by Mr. Abe to serve as a language school and church.

The kindergarten staff includes four full-time teachers, a bus driver-maintenance man, and six part-time helpers.

This ministry is considered so important because Ben Abe attributes his having received Christ to the fact that he attended a Christian kindergarten as a child. That seed germinated years later.

Hannas Arrive Painfully After Mishap En Route

Charleston, S. C.—Missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna arrived on May 24 from India to begin a short furlough. They arrived in a great deal of pain due to an automobile accident while en route to the airport in Calcutta, India.

According to Marie, "The taxi driver was drunk and ran into a concrete median at high speed." The taxi turned over and the Hannas were pulled from the wreckage through the windows. The police took them to the airport where the airport physician examined them and wrapped Carlisle's leg in gauze. Carlisle had to be carried on and off the plane for three flight changes.

While Marie was badly shaken and sore, she suffered only bruises. Carlisle sustained a broken kneecap and was in severe pain. After about a 36-hour flight to the United States, Carlisle was taken to Roper Hospital in Charleston, S.C. He underwent surgery on May 27 for removal of the lower portion of the kneecap.

Surgery went well and Carlisle



Children of the new kindergarten are shown with teachers and staff members of the Christian school at Higashi Tsukisamu FWB Church in Sapporo, Japan.

was released from the hospital on June 1. At last report he was recovering fine at home but was immobilized.

The foreign missions staff urged Christians to pray for the rapid recovery of the Hannas since they need to return to India before their 90-day exit permit expires.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—Jim Cowart underwent surgery on May 28 in Jaboticabal, Brazil, for the removal of a kidney stone. Latest reports indicate he is recovering normally and the operation was considered successful.

Henderson, Tex.—Missionary Judy Smith arrived from Japan near the end of May to begin her regular furlough.

Nashville, Tenn.—Agnes Smith, wife of foreign missions general director Rolla Smith, underwent surgery on May 31 at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., for the removal of a malignancy from the colon. Latest reports indicated surgery to be successful and she was recovering normally.

France—Robert and Pam West, associate missionaries to Ivory Coast, reported in early June that they had been able to buy a very good used car. An American missionary, whom they met at the

language school in Chambon, helped them locate the car. The Wests have completed a little more than a month and a half of language study.

Nashville, Tenn.—Several MKs graduated from high school and college recently: Noel Sparks and Dave Franks, Jr., graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College. Laura Payne Stafford received a

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Get Banquet Tickets Early!

Due to the limited seating capacity and the exclusiveness of the special program on Tuesday evening, July 23, during the National Association, people are urged to get WNAC/Foreign Missions Banquet tickets early.

The special "From Victory Unto Victory" presentation will be shown only once in the form to be utilized at the banquet. The program will be an emphasis of praise. Guests expected to be on hand include pioneer missionaries Laura Belle Barnard, Mabel Willey, Dan and Trula Cronk, and Volena Wilson.

Cost of the tickets, \$11.50, is exactly what the catering service is charging. Tickets may be purchased from WNAC or the executive office of the National Association.

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degree from Middle Tennessee State University. Malinda Ellison, Lynn Sturgill, and Gene Richards all graduated from high school on their respective fields.

Columbia, S. C.—Vada and Katherine Lee are scheduled to arrive in Columbia, S.C., on July 16. Sherwood is to return to the States for furlough in August.

Farmington, Mo.—Jeffrey Deeds, son of Earnie and Willie Jean Deeds of Brazil, was married on June 18 to Kimberly Allen at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Farmington, Mo.

Nashville, Tenn.—Associate missionary appointees Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton are scheduled to be officially commissioned on July 7 to missionary service in Ivory Coast. The special service is to be held at Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—A special commissioning service is scheduled on August 3 for David and Sharon Filkins, missionary appointees to Ivory Coast. The couple will receive the charge at Calvary FWB Church in Oklahoma City.

Two Agnibilekrou Church Groups Choose Merger

Ivory Coast—According to missionary Norman Richards, the two language groups which had been meeting separately for church services in Agnibilekrou merged on May 5.

Richards pointed out that the two Free Will Baptist groups had met together the first Sunday of each month for the past year. "These have been enjoyed so much that they voted unanimously to merge the two groups," writes Norman.

The merger necessitated the renting of larger meeting facilities, which they did. They remodeled a house located on the same lot as the other church building. It serves as the sanctuary and provides some classrooms.

"For the past two Sundays since the merger," Richards declared, "all the Sunday school classes



FMF President Scott McPeak, left, presents a check to Rolla D. Smith, general director of foreign missions. The money was given by prayer groups, students, and faculty of FWBBC for the medical ministry in Ivory Coast.

have been full, as well as the sanctuary. Praise the Lord!"

Norman and Bessie are scheduled to return to the United States on July 25 to begin a ten-month furlough.

Bailey Reports Two Saved Recently at Iriso

Japan—According to missionary Ken Bailey, two young nursing students were saved during the morning worship services at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church around the middle of May. Rev. Mike Kaneshiro, a Free Will Baptist serving as a missionary with Child Evangelism, brought the message that morning.

Ken and Judy are still involved in language study but have been active in witnessing to neighbors. Ken has also been teaching the Sunday evening English class and Bible study at the Iriso church. The Baileys urged people to pray for Kanako-san, a young girl who expressed a desire to become a Christian. She is hesitating because of her father's disapproval.

FMF Sponsors Effort for I.C. Medical Ministry

Nashville, Tenn.—The Foreign Missionary Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Bible College sponsored a special fund-raising effort during the school year on behalf of the

Ivory Coast medical ministry.

On May 15, Scott McPeak, FMF president for the past year, presented the special offering of \$11,130 to Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions. The goal for the project had been set at \$12,000 to be divided as follows: \$5,000 to the account of Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and \$7,000 toward the residences being built in Doropo for the medical personnel.

Dr. Charles Thigpen, college president, challenged those present for the final chapel service of the school year. He urged them to make up approximately \$2,500 which was lacking toward the goal. An offering of over \$1,400 brought it to over \$11,000. The final count may still top the goal as people were encouraged to ask friends and those not present to contribute.

New Book to Benefit Foreign Missions

Nashville, Tenn.—The book, "Linda's Song," is to be released at the National Association in July by Randall House Publications. Royalties from sales of the title are scheduled to go to the Department of Foreign Missions.

Written by Genny Waddell in collaboration with Agnes Smith, the volume portrays a life of faith in the midst of extreme pain and in the face of impending death. It is the true story of the struggle of Linda



Mrs. Geraldine Lewis presents missionary Evelyn Hersey with numerous gifts (on the table) from the woman's auxiliaries in the state of Illinois. The presentation was made at the state WNAC meeting on May 2 at First FWB Church, Benton, Ill.

Underwood, daughter of Foreign Missions General Director Rolla Smith and his wife, Agnes. Much of the material is taken from Linda's own thoughts expressed on cassette tape.

The price of the paperback will be \$5.95.

Indian Leader Notes Disappointment, Plans

India—Daniel Lincoln, son of the late Pastor Dorairaj of South India, reported recently that the Tamil Bible Institute would not open as he and three of his friends had planned due to lack of finances.

Lincoln did report on some of his plans: "The Lord has enabled me to purchase a stereo tape recorder. During this summer, God willing, I am planning to do some more recording for children, like stories, leading a child to Christ, answering some questions, and simple teachings. Pray for me."

Morgan, Doropo Church Members Attend Conference

Ivory Coast—Some 1,254 adults, plus an undetermined number of children participated in the annual Lobi conference in Burkina Faso, Upper Volta, recently. Clint Morgan and several members of the Doropo Free Will Baptist Church attended the conference.

Clint reported being touched with the plea of two men at the con-

ference who asked Free Will Baptists to send a pastor to their group which is located south of Bouna. They claim over 40 Christians are meeting together with no pastor, and this is the second group to be formed in that area without a pastor.

Morgan also expressed praise that the fourth marriage during his present term was held recently in the Doropo church. "A young man named Jean Daniel, from Doropo, married a young girl named Virginia, from Burkina Faso.

Illinois State Women Honor Evelyn Hersey

Benton, Ill.—Missionary Evelyn Hersey was honored during the Illinois State Woman's Auxiliary meeting held on May 2 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Benton, Ill.

According to Fred Hersey, the women presented Evelyn with many personal gifts for her birthday. Mrs. Geraldine Lewis made the presentation on behalf of the state WNAC president.

The ladies also voted to include the Herseys in their annual project.

Walls Up on Church Building in Uberlandia

Brazil—"The walls are up!" writes Nancy Hughes from Uberlandia, Brazil.

"We are building the Sunday school department first," Nancy

continued, "and hope to have that finished by the end of August when our meeting hall contract is up. Then we will start on the church auditorium. The first Sunday in September will mark the eighth anniversary of the church. It would be special to be in the new building on that Sunday."

In addition to overseeing the construction of the building, Tommy Hughes is teaching six Bible institute courses each week besides his Sunday school class. He also preaches three times a month in Uberlandia and once each month in Uberaba. Add to these responsibilities his time spent in marriage counseling, new converts' classes, and the other pastoral duties, and Nancy says, "Tommy is running almost past his limits."

Several people have made decisions for Christ recently in Uberlandia, but Mrs. Hughes urged people to pray for several unsaved young people who have been attending.

Owen Assumes Work in Villalba, Spain

Spain—Dennis and Trena Owen have assumed responsibility for the new work at Villalba, Spain, as Jeff and Susan Turnbough have returned to the United States for furlough.

Dennis and Trena plan to work at Villalba until the Turnboughs return. Then they will fill in at Mostoles while the Callaways go on furlough. The following year they have tentatively scheduled to fill in for Lonnie and Anita Sparks at the Alcala de Henares church.

The Owens have requested prayer for the summer VBS session, for the literature which is being distributed in the area, and for those who have made decisions for Christ recently. New converts include Lourdes, a young lady 19 years of age, and Victoria, a lady with an exceptional need for God's help.

Dennis also urged prayer for those yet to make decisions, especially Carlos, a 25-year-old man.

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