

HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

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Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



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Pictured are six of the 13 student missionaries serving on foreign fields during the summer. From left to right, back row are Donald Foreman, Mark McPherson, and Jamie Lancaster. Front, left to right, are Barbara Wall, Sue Horton and Glenn McReynolds.

Lytle Baptizes Nine Converts on March 24

Panama—On March 24, missionary Steve Lytle baptized nine converts from the Betania work in Panama City.

Lytle requested prayer for these who were baptized: Luis del Valle, an engineer, and his wife Marta; Elias Perez, who has been saved only a few months but who feels God may be leading him into Christian work; Sonia Alveo, an 18-year-old girl; and Isabel Olivares, a widow. Four children were also baptized.

Lytle reported plans for the official organization of the church on May 18. The group was scheduled to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the work in Betania at that time.

Locust Grove Church Takes Filkins' Support

Locust Grove, Okla.—The Locust Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Locust Grove, Okla., held a missionary conference in March and voted to underwrite \$1,795 monthly toward the support of Dave and Sharon Filkins.

According to Dave, \$800 of this will come out of the church treasury and \$995 per month will come from 60 different families in the church. Kent Hubbard, pastor, indicated the church had set a goal to be able to assume full support of the Filkins after their first term.

Dave did some interim pastoring at the church while the pulpit committee was seeking direction for a new pastor.

The Filkins hope to leave for language school in France around the middle of August.

St. Nazaire Sets Record Attendance on Easter

France—According to an April report from missionary Tom McCullough, the work in St. Nazaire, France, had a record attendance for Sunday morning, April 7, with 54 people on hand.

"Our building seats roughly 30 (people)," writes Tom. "On Palm Sunday we had 35! We need a larger facility."

According to McCullough, six people are enrolled in a new converts class held on Friday nights. Another man comes early on Sunday morning for follow-up. In addition to this, three others have been given the follow-up guide so missionaries can work with them at other times during the week.

Attendance at the Saturday night youth meetings has held steady with 12 people. "Emmanuel, young daughter of one of our Christians, is really under conviction, according to her mother," Tom concluded.

13 Student Missionaries, Leave for Service

Nashville, Tenn.—Thirteen student missionaries were scheduled to depart during May and June for summer service abroad. Ten of the 13 students are from Free Will Baptist Bible College and three hail from Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Okla.

George Rutledge of Tulsa, Okla., left May 16 for Ivory Coast where he is helping the Clint Morgans.

Suzanne Purser of Red Bay, Ala., and Sue Horton of Raleigh, N.C., planned to leave on May 21 for France where they are to work with the Jerry Gibbs family.

Donald Foreman of Hubert, N.C., Mark McPherson of Nashville, Tenn., and Curtis and Mary Holland of Liberal, Mo., were to depart on May 23 for Brazil and will work with the Jim Sturgills this summer.

Verlin Anderson of Warren, Mich., and Jamie Lancaster from Ethelsville, Ala., were scheduled to leave on May 24 for Japan. Anderson will work with the Jim McLains and Lancaster will help the Jerry Banks family.

Rebecca Coxwell of Dothan, Ala., and Barbara Wall of Aulandee, N.C., were set to depart on May 28 for Panama where they are to work with the Larry Inscoes. Glenn and Janet McReynolds of Mansfield, Oh., and Tupelo, Miss., are scheduled to leave for Panama on June 22. They will be with the Steve Lytles in the Panama City area.

Payne Lauds Nationals in Outreach Ministries

Ivory Coast—According to a recent report from Eddie Payne just prior to his departure from the Ivory Coast, several students are involved in regular preaching and teaching ministries in and around Bouna.

"Jean Pierre is excited because he is helping to get the gospel out, not only to his village of Panzarani, but also in Notadouo, about five miles south of his home," writes Eddie. "He has now been invited to come to Varale which is about 18 miles to the north.

"Samuel, Etienne, and Jean Francois are enthused about the 21 young people who have been saved in the youth center recently," Eddie continued. "These three young men are now having classes with the new converts."

Eddie and Sandra returned to the United States on April 25 due to medical needs. Sandra had been suffering with chest pains for some time, but doctors were unsure of the cause. She is currently being tested and treated by doctors in Nashville, Tenn.



Steve and Linda Reeves were appointed to serve in Spain.



Debbie Griffin was appointed to missionary service in Japan.

Board Appoints Three New Missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met April 22-24 in Nashville for their annual session.

Three candidates were officially appointed to missionary service: Debbie Griffin of Colquitt, Ga., was appointed to the field of Japan. Steve and Linda Reeves of Neosho, Mo., were appointed to serve in Spain.

Norman and Laura McFall of Dalton, Ga., were approved for a nine-month assignment in Brazil with the Jim Sturgills.

Miss Vivian Waller, who is teaching in Hokkaido International School in Sapporo, Japan, was approved as an associate missionary.

Sarah Malone of South Roxana, Ill., was approved to replace Rebecca Nicholson for a ten-month assignment in Lorient, France. Rebecca requested release from her commitment.

A staff proposal that the 1985 foreign missions retreat be cancelled was approved. This had been scheduled for the week of July 29 through August 2.

A regular proposed 1986 budget of \$2,976,884 and a 1986 Advance budget of \$201,526 were approved for submission to the National Association for adoption.

Bill Jones and Jim Walker were reelected chairman and secretary respectively and Norwood Gibson was elected vice chairman of the board.

Call-a-thon Tops \$25,000 as 115 Churches Respond

Nashville, Tenn.—Although the number of participants this year was low, the 1985 Call-a-thon Sunday offering topped \$25,000 to help many needy accounts. Even though the main goal for Call-a-thon was to help deficit accounts, approximately one-half was designated. Much of that went to nondeficit accounts.

Last year's record offering of over \$41,000 was unscathed by the efforts of 115 churches from 21 states. Three women's auxiliaries, one Master's Men and one association also helped. The largest gift by one church this year was \$1,926.09 reported by Calvary of Georgetown, S.C. The pastor is Reverend Ron Moore.

Arkansas topped the giving by states as the Central Association contributed \$7,513.80 of the state's total of \$8,265.85.

Tennessee had the largest number of churches participating with 15 while Alabama followed with 13.

Those in the foreign missions department expressed gratitude for the people who helped and contributed to this year's special offering.

Barker Returns to U.S.; Father Is Hospitalized

Morehead City, N.C.—Miss Molly Barker returned from Uruguay on April 11 to be with her father who had emergency surgery on April 5 at Carteret Hospital in Morehead City, N.C.

According to doctors, Mr. Barker had a complete blockage in the intestines and also had contracted pneumonia. Surgeons removed the larger portion of Barker's stomach.

Lee Rests, Recalls Meningitis "Nightmare"

Ivory Coast—Referring to the two-month meningitis epidemic in and around Doropo, Ivory Coast, Sherwood Lee stated, "It has been like a nightmare."

Sherwood continued, "We saw people arrive tied on someone's back, others tied to a bicycle, and some carried on homemade stretchers. One man came running into the clinic with perspiration pouring down his face and begged me to please see his daughter. I've never before walked among patients sitting out-

side the clinic and had them reach out their hands, begging to be seen."

Sherwood reported having treated 308 cases of meningitis in the hospital besides those the staff saw as outpatients. The hospital evangelist was on hand early each morning, giving out the message of redemption. Many, many people were exposed to the gospel during this time.

When the last meningitis patient was sent home on April 5, the clinic was closed for a month to give and staff their annual vacation. The government provided a health worker to see patients during the staff's vacation.

Upon returning to the clinic, measles became the next invader. On May 3, Sherwood called saying he had treated 10 cases of measles the day before and another 15 cases on the day of the call. One more case of meningitis was being treated, and the hot, dry weather posed another threat of meningitis outbreak.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—The women of the Kita Hiroshima Chapel Church had their first official auxiliary meeting in April, according to missionary Janice Banks. "Our first big project is the sponsorship of a Mother-Daughter Dinner on May 12, Mother's Day," says Jan. They were hoping that the mothers of many of the Sunday school children would come with their daughters.

France—Allan Crowson reported recently regarding the work at Lorient, France: "We received word that Anya's (a Christian woman in the church) 24-year-old stepdaughter

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Financial Summary Through April 30

Substance

Total contributions for April	\$ 209,611.71
Total Contributions through April	804,713.13
Total disbursements through April	824,311.57
Total 1985 Budget	\$2,895,498.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey ... \$ 2,174.39	McCullough \$ 4,481.69
Callaway ... 2,334.07	Owen 1,977.28
Combs ... 1,603.76	Payne 224.83
Gainer ... 536.59	Robinson ... 2,716.23
Hanna ... 9,876.20	Smith, Judy ... 846.93
Hersey ... 1,088.08	Teague ... 5,762.03
Inscoe ... 1,008.17	Wiley, Mabel ... 102.38
Lee ... 834.98	General Fund ... 36,353.83
Lytle ... 3,107.25	
Total	\$75,028.69

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had received Christ." He urged people to pray for the girl, especially since she lives in Paris.

Brazil—Six conversions were reported during the month of April in Parque Bandeirantes, the extension work of Campinas. Missionary Jim Sturgill is laboring in Campinas and Silvestre Pinto Neto is in charge of the work at Bandeirantes.

Ivory Coast—Miss Alice Smith requested prayer for God's perfect will to be done in her life. She had just received a positive reading from medical tests she had undergone. Further tests were to be made to determine if treatment or surgery would be necessary.

Brazil—Ken Eagleton reports having three men students in his small local Bible institute in the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil. He is teaching classes on personal evangelism, Biblical introduction and Bible geography.

Bunches Get Language Help from Panamanian

Edinburg, Tex.—According to missionary Stan Bunch, "Reuben Ortega, a Panamanian Christian, has taken it upon himself to be a tutor for Brenda and me in the Spanish language." Oriega is a student at Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Tex., where Stan and Brenda are enrolled in the formal language program of the school.

According to Stan, Reuben was saved nearly three years ago through

the efforts of missionaries in Panama. The young man evidently has no strong church affiliation in Panama, so Stan and Brenda have requested people to pray that God would direct him into a specific work there.

Callaway Says Eight Students Complete Course

Spain—The first term of the Bible institute in Spain ended in March. According to Ron Callaway, eight young people from three churches attended the classes and completed the first three courses offered.

Callaway also indicated others had attended during the term but couldn't finish the course due to work, military service, etc.

Heartbeat Publication Sequence to Change

Nashville, Tenn.—Beginning the second half of this year (July through December) the sequence of *Heartbeat* will be changed to economize on time and expenses.

These two issues will have 16 pages: July-August (one issue) and October. Three issues will be news-sheet editions: September, November, and December.

170 Attend Brazil Fellowship Meeting

Brazil—The annual Brazil fellowship meeting was held on Good Friday, April 5, in Ribeirao Preto. Approximately 170 people were on hand with representatives present from

nine of the eleven works in Brazil. Four men from Montevideo, Uruguay, also met with the group.

Theme for the special day was "Christian Maturity." During the morning session the ladies heard Geneva Poole give a study on the stature of the spiritual woman. Missionary Tom Hughes spoke to the men during the same time on the stature of the spiritual man.

The young people held their Tic Tac Toe competitions during the time of the special studies. The youth from Ribeirao Preto won the competition.

During the afternoon, several churches presented special music, dramatic readings, etc. Antonio da Silva, pastor of the church in Ribeirao Preto, concluded the day with a message on the spiritual stature of the church.

Oops! Price Error!

In the last *Heartbeat* the shipping and handling price was set at 55 cents on the book, "Touching the Untouchables," by Laura Belle Barnard. Calculation of costs were wrong! Mailing and packaging costs have gone up more than originally thought.

Please add 35 cents for the first dollar and 20 cents for each additional dollar or fraction thereof for shipping and handling. (Since it was our error, we will honor the 55 cents shipping and handling price through June.)

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