


HEARTBEAT

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Showing God at Work through Free Will Baptists around the world



*Momma
Took Time
To Pray!*

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by Barbara Dunbar



Mrs. Nancy Hancock (left) mothered seven children of her own. A faithful Sunday school teacher, Nancy is shown with her teenage girls' class (right) in the late 1940's.

When Jimmy and Janie Aldridge sent out a plea for prayer warriors during their first term in Ivory Coast, it really burdened my mother's heart that they were so in need of prayer. She said, "We must hold our missionaries before the Lord."

Momma had begun a prayer ministry in the early 1950's while I was in Bible college at Nashville. But it didn't really expand into a broad ministry until she received the Aldridges' plea. Gradually, she added more and more names to her list until her prayer session became a daily two-hour encounter with the Lord. Her intercession virtually stretched around the globe.

Mom was born in Southern Missouri on March 7, 1896, to a General Baptist preacher (Old Jim Jackson is how he was remembered). Her name was Nancy Melvina Jackson Hancock.

When she was still a toddler, her parents moved to the Indian territory. They settled southeast of Tulsa, Okla., in a little community called Oak Grove where my grandfather preached

at a little country church. Mom was saved there at the age of 13 and baptized in a little creek.

Momma and Daddy were married in 1915 in a little town near Muskogee, Okla. They later moved to the Tulsa area where I was born, one of seven children. They lived there until I grew up and went away to Bible college.

When Mother went to the hospital, her notebook with all her prayer lists went with her.

My father had very little education, but he loved the Lord. My mother, after finishing the eighth grade, went to a normal teaching school and got her certification to teach. She taught in a little one-room school until she was married. Once she started a family, she never worked again outside the home, but she faithfully taught her seven children about the Lord.

When I was in the sixth or seventh grade, my mother

organized a Go-Tell Auxiliary in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa. Miss Barnard had been to our church after having gone to India. And Brother and Sister Thomas H. Willey had gone to Cuba not too many years before. So, my mother felt the need to teach the children about our missionaries.

Momma taught us to write letters to our missionary children. Since Barbara and Tommy Willey and I were near the same age, they were my first pen pals. I remember gathering gift boxes—the children in our age group—and sending packages of love to Barbara and Tommy in Cuba.

That just really whetted my mother's appetite for missions. All these years she has faithfully remembered Miss Barnard and Mrs. Willey because she met them in person. When a new missionary would go to the field, as far as she was concerned, that was another person to pray for.

Many missionaries became very special friends to her. Once she rode from Tulsa to Morehead City, N.C., with

My father passed away when I was 18. He died of a heart attack about two blocks from home as he was walking to work. That was in December of 1950. The older brothers and sisters had all moved away from

Mom's prayer ministry didn't just happen. The groundwork was laid by her many years of Christian service. As her notebook revealed, "I promised Him I would apply myself." She

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Mrs. Hancock performed during the national WNAC program in Tulsa, Okla., at 80 years of age. She even made her own outfit.

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Then she would turn to her list in that little notebook.

She had written little quotes from people of things that she felt she needed to be reminded of, such as, "One in step with the world is out of step with Christ." She read those and reminded herself of her own responsibilities. The words to "Sweet Hour of Prayer" were written. She would sit and sing that or something to get her own heart in the proper mood for prayer.

As the last verse of that song says — "I'll cast on Him my every care," she had written I Peter 5:7. And she had I Samuel 12:23, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you."

She began her prayer time with our Bible college in Nashville because it was dear to her heart. She prayed for every staff member there by name. She even knew some of the children's names. When she did, she prayed for them by name.

She organized her list to go

around the globe and moved from the Bible college across Nashville to our headquarters. She prayed for the men on the boards. Their names are all listed currently to the time of her death. She included the foreign missions staff, home missions staff, and all of those in the various national offices. As their needs were made known to her, she included them in her prayers.

She moved from Nashville on east. Wherever any home missionary or foreign missionary was serving, as her mind went around the world, that is how she organized her list of people. She was very sensitive to the needs of missionary children and faithfully prayed for them and the problems they had to face in dealing with different cultures. Every day it took her around two hours to complete her prayer list.

Her prayer session became a daily two-hour encounter with the Lord.

Although money for missions was always scarce, she took seriously her commitment to pray and was upset if something happened to hinder her prayer time. She felt personally responsible to pray for God's servants around the world.

Mom's prayers didn't begin with her family. They came back home last. Her children came into her prayer list according to wherever each lived.

At the end of her prayer booklet she had again written one of the verses to "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and the

promise that Jesus gave, "*I am with you always, even unto the end of the world*" (Matt. 28:20b).

When Mother went to the hospital in early February of this year, her little notebook with all her prayer lists went with her. It stayed in her nightstand. They moved her out of intensive care into the cardiac unit and she told the nurse, "I can't go to that other wing of the hospital because you don't have all of my things."

The nurse asked her what was missing.

She said, "My list. My prayer list."

The nurse replied, "This is everything that's in your drawer."

Mom responded, "My prayer list is not there."

The lady agreed not to move her until she had called home and asked if anyone in the family knew where that book was. My sister had taken it home because she was afraid it would be lost, but she assured the nurse she would bring it back.

The nurse told Mom, "Your daughter has it in her purse and it will be back at the hospital."

Mother answered, "Okay, you can move me."

The hospital staff and nurses all knew what that book was. Even in intensive care, as each one of the family members went in to visit her, she reminded them of their appointment with the Lord. She knew she would not be waiting long for her appointment.

My mother passed away on February 26, 1985. On March 7 she would have been 89 years of age.

Barbara Dunbar is the wife of Galen Dunbar, member of the Board of Foreign Missions and pastor of Faith FWB Church, Salina, Kans.

No doubt, the Commander at Getafe Air Base in Madrid, Spain, wondered what could make the meek, young airman recruit so determined. He had decided not to participate in the Mass with the others of his group.

The Mass is given prior to their swearing allegiance to the Spanish flag at their induction into military service. His request to be absent from the lineup at the Mass had been refused until he got to the Commander.

It all had started for Jose Antonio one day in August, 1978, when his brother, along with a group of friends, invited him to accompany them to the Free Will Baptist church in his city of Alcala de Henares. The church had no images, crucifixes or things of that nature. That really impressed the young airman.

Jose also sensed something different about the people. In his own words, he says: "The people at the church were kind, pleasant and aware of my needs—a thing absent from our society, where each one is concerned about himself. I made friends and I really was very much at ease there, although I didn't understand much that they were saying."

As he continued to attend, the young Spaniard began to understand that Jesus died for humanity's sins and even more, for each man and each woman. Jose further says: "I remember one day I decided to commit my life to the Savior. My life made a complete turn and I felt like another person. Then my life had meaning—something that had been lacking. I feel eternally grateful to those people who spoke to me of Christ. They dedicated their

He Stood Firm...

by Lonnie Sparks

interest and time that I might come to know the message of the Bible and salvation."

The only explanation for the driving force in Jose Antonio's life today is the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Lord gives him the courage to visit, hand out tracts, and witness. He sells Christian literature and Bibles from a display table in the heart of our city.

At church Antonio makes

sure visitors take home some good tracts. He has been responsible for acquiring permission for us to show Christian films in the city Youth Center. He also has made up placards with scriptural truths and pasted them on billboards around the city, etc. These posters have been responsible for some people attending our church.

If you were to visit our church on any given Sunday, you might not notice Jose Antonio. But his presence among us over the past few years has had an impact which only eternity will reveal.

It was this young man who was very conspicuous on that Sunday morning at the Air Force Base. He left ranks just before the Mass, only to return in time to pledge allegiance to his country's flag.

His father was proud to have a son who was willing to go to prison, if necessary, for what he believed. He even bragged to those nearby during the ceremony: "That is my son!"

I am sure his Father in Heaven also rejoiced for His son's faithfulness.

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GOD LEADS HIS CHILDREN ALONG!

by Gerard Tynevez

(as told to Allan Crowson in an interview)

Searching! I was searching for something. So I went to Mass to see what they might say about God. I was born in a Catholic family in Lannion, France. Therefore, I had received the teaching that all Catholic youth receive.

When I moved to Rennes – about 106 miles away – to study civil engineering, I began to realize that going to Mass really didn't help me to know Jesus Christ. I had bought a New Testament while still living in Lannion. But I actually knew nothing of the Bible. When I liked what Jesus said, then I agreed; when I didn't agree, I ignored what He said.

Things went on this way for several months. Then I saw some invitations to a Bible study. I hesitated a long time, because I believed it to be a sect or cult, especially since the Catholic Church was the only one that counted.

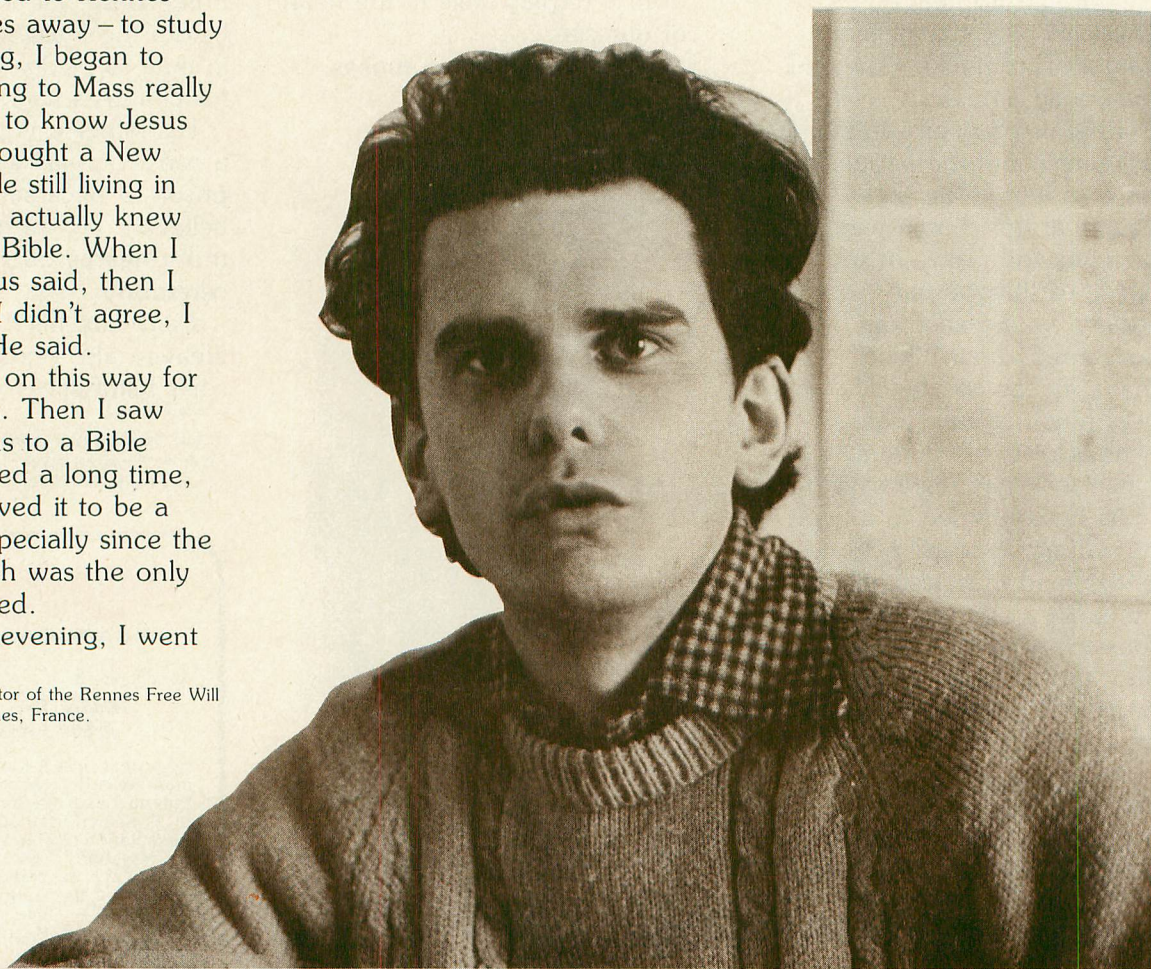
Finally, one evening, I went

to the Bible study. It was there that I met Mr. Haas. That first time, it struck me that the people seemed to have something I didn't have. That made me want to return. Little by little I began to realize that I

could not continue to accept some things that Jesus said and reject other things He said. Either what He said was true and I had to accept all of it or it was not true and there was no use accepting any of it.

As my university studies came to an end, I came to realize I was incapable of directing my life by myself. At that time, Proverbs 3:5,6 came to me: *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."*

I realized that He must lead me. I had been doing the very opposite. I had trusted in my own wisdom. I had directed my



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life by myself. In fact, I had never really bothered with God to see what He wanted for me. I realized I was a sinner. All of my life had been lived contrary to God and His way.

One evening in my room, after a Bible study, I really

When I liked what Jesus said, I agreed; when I didn't agree, I ignored what He said.

prayed. I told the Lord that up until then I had always decided by myself what I should do, that I had lived opposite to His Word. I admitted that I was a lost sinner. Then I told the Lord, "From this moment on, I trust in You with all my heart. I no longer trust in my own wisdom. But I want You to be my Shepherd. Conduct my life as You wish. I am ready to do Your will."

When I prayed, I realized for the first time what the peace of God was. He had heard my prayer. My life was in His hands. Jesus really had come to seek and to save that which was lost. Then I understood that He had been searching for me instead of my searching for Him. I didn't know how He was going to answer or conduct my life, but I knew He would do it.

A few days after this, I received a letter from Jimmy Aldridge who had visited the church in Rennes on his way back to Ivory Coast. He told me about the possibility of going to teach in Ivory Coast. Deep down inside, I had already wanted to see the Third World, and I saw there a real answer to prayer.

So, I went to Bondoukou to teach mathematics. When I arrived, Mr. Aldridge asked me to conduct a study with some students. At first, it was not very easy because I knew so little about the Word of God. But, little by little, the Lord was able to teach me.

I found students with the same hunger that I had experienced. The Lord had already prepared them. And I was also enabled to understand a bit better what catholicism really is. I saw that animism and catholicism are practically the same. The animist offers sacrifices and the Mass is also a sacrifice. The animists wear amulettes and Catholics wear medals. They pray to their ancestors and Catholics pray to the saints.

During the three years I remained in the Ivory Coast, I felt the need to deepen my knowledge of the Word of God. First, I wanted to be able to really live the Christian life more fully, but I also wanted to be able to proclaim God's Word to others. I came to realize that mission work was not just for Africa or other countries. I saw that France, and particularly Brittany, had few Christians.

When I returned to France, I enrolled in the three-year program at Emmaus Bible Institute in Switzerland. I was content, in a sense, because what they taught was enriching. But I was learning more *about* God than I was learning to *know* God himself.

I stayed for two years, then I had the opportunity to return to Rennes and work with Mr. Haas for a year and see a bit of the practical work. I had to decide whether completing the third year or getting the practical help

was the best. In James, God's Word says that he who lacks ~ wisdom should ask God: I came to realize that the answer was not the intellectual understanding of God's Word but rather knowing that Jesus Christ wanted to be my wisdom. I needed to have faith in Him. So, I returned to Rennes with that promise.

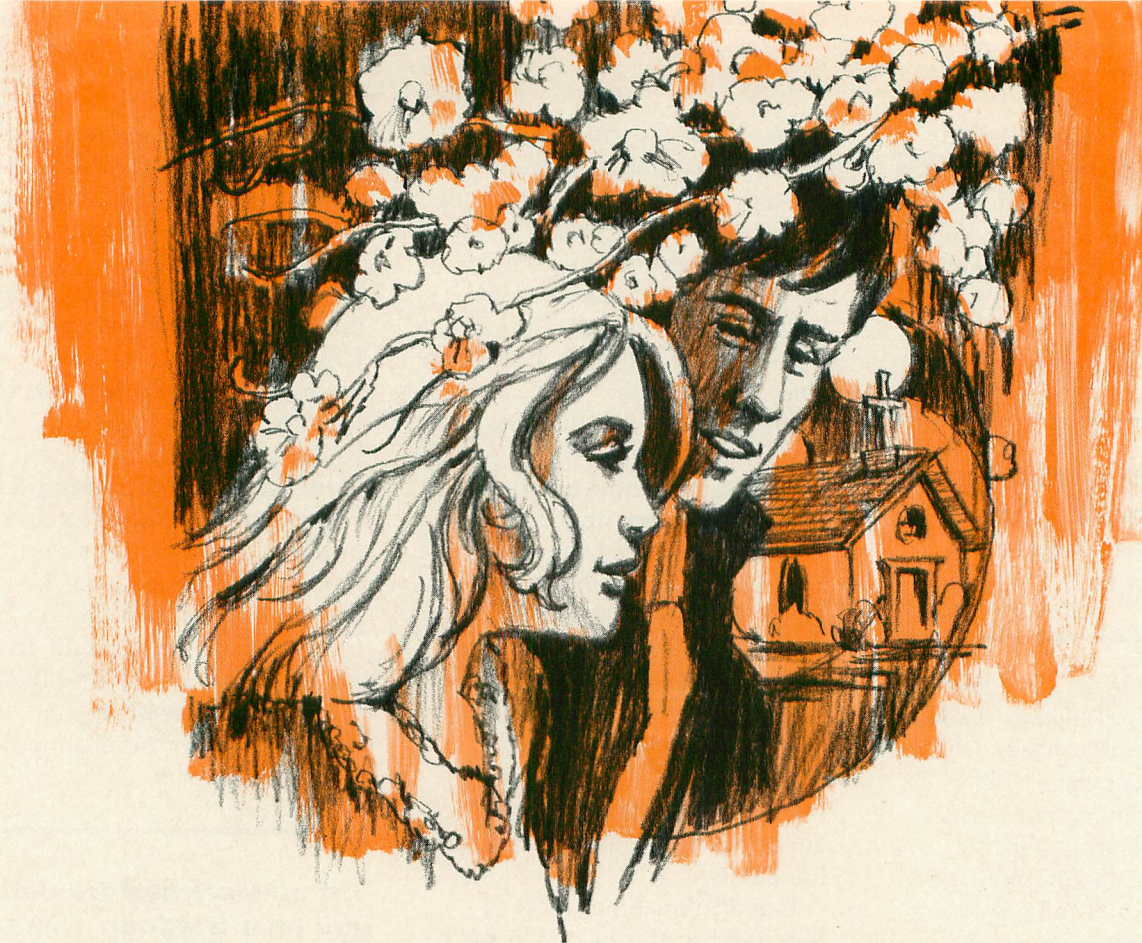
In May of 1981, I married Francoise from the church and in June, Brother Haas and his family went back to the United States. We were in charge of the church. This brought us many changes. We saw that it was much different being members in a church than being responsible for it.

I realized I had trusted my own wisdom. I had directed my life by myself.

At first we were not very satisfied with the church, because they didn't do what we wanted. But gradually the Lord showed us that He wanted to speak to us. We realized it is dangerous to always be preoccupied with what we want to say to others and to teach others. We were missing the more important part—that of letting the Lord speak to our hearts. Now we are happy to live in the knowledge of God and His grace and to rely on Him rather than ourselves.

In Brittany much room remains for missionaries, but those who come must learn to rely on the Lord.

People today are without hope. They need to see Christ in us!



Coincidence or Planned?

by Vivian Storey

Without Christ! That's how I lived until January of 1985. I am now 22 years of age, and though my mother was educated in the Catholic religion and my father in the Anglican church, they gave me liberty to choose any religion. They were not active participants in either of their churches, so I had very little knowledge of the Word of God.

I sensed a spiritual need, so I wandered from one church to another. I read about different religions and I lived intensely in this world. Finally, I came to the conclusion that there was no God.

I committed ever so much sin until I was tired of living. I lost all respect for my own self, for

my parents, my brother and sisters, and my friends. I had no reason to live. I was rebellious. Nothing satisfied me and I was in anguish. I felt I was sinking into a hole with no bottom.

There was something in those wonderful people that I couldn't explain.

I finally decided to travel, and I planned to go on foot. I split up with my fiancé because I no longer felt like starting a family. I wanted to escape and leave everything behind.

It was settled! I quit my job, and planned to leave in March

of this year. My father had agreed to pay for my travel expenses at that time.

But something happened in January. The world might call it a coincidence, but I don't think so. I went to a wedding where I met Stephen Ellison, the son of Pastor Walter Ellison. He had come home to Uruguay for two weeks of vacation from military duty. When I was 14 years old, he had been my first "sweetheart."

When he left Uruguay, I thought I would never see him again. During the past eight years, I hadn't heard anything about him and vice versa.

Stephen and I saw one another during his two weeks of vacation, and I began to attend

services with him and his family at the Free Will Baptist church in Montevideo. At first, when I listened to the preaching, I felt as if each word was directed at me. I wanted to leave, running, because I didn't want to listen to all that. But the love that I felt around me attracted me too much for me to leave it. There was something in these wonderful people that I couldn't explain. Each one seemed to be beaming.

I stayed with the Ellison family during those two weeks, and I saw that in spite of being a rather sizable family, their doors were always open. The fountain of love never ended. Their arms were extended to give help without thought of receiving anything in return. There was no fussing or fighting going on. "What do they have that others don't have?" I thought. This caused my head to spin day and night.

Stephen returned to the U.S.A., and we began to correspond with one another. I kept on attending the services because I just couldn't stay away from these people that helped me so.

In February I went with the church group to a camp meeting in Rivera. This camp is held at the same time every year. It lasted one week. I could not believe it! In spite of the large number of people, so different in so many ways, they shared every minute of the day in peace and harmony. I had never experienced anything like it. That is where I came to know the Lord Jesus. Later, when we returned to the capital, I accepted Him as my personal Savior.

I cannot explain yet how God chose me. He had all this

planned for my life. I don't merit any of this, after having sinned so much. But He has shown so much mercy that I don't believe there are sufficient words to thank Him for what He has done for me. My life now is one of blessings, day after day and hour after hour.

My family doesn't understand. They think I'm a fanatic and sometimes they make fun of me. This just draws me nearer to the Lord. It is the only way I can help them and glorify God. He keeps me calm and strengthens me when I am with

them.

The Lord has done so much for me that I want to share what I feel. To adequately share, I must have wisdom. I want to be able to respond to the questions that arise, especially those of my family and friends so they can come to know the Lord. I want to be a faithful believer. I thank God for all the people who have helped me and are now helping me to know Him even better.

Vivian Storey still attends and helps in the Montevideo FWB Church in Montevideo, Uruguay.



...Update

by Jimmy Aldridge
Advance Coordinator

"Is there anything more enjoyable than seeing God's people study and plan together to advance the work of the Lord?" asked one pastor. Another joyfully added, "This kind of fellowship has to be a foretaste of Heaven!"

These comments came from some of the leaders from Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and South Carolina who had assembled in Florence, S.C., on August 27 and 28. These gentlemen had gathered for a special training seminar for state ADVANCE Celebration chairmen.

Enthusiasm ran high as the plans for the ADVANCE Celebration were unveiled. Each leader will now be responsible to build his own state organization. He will lead the Free Will Baptists in his state to participate in a special celebration of praise to the Lord for His blessings over the last

50 years of missions endeavor.

The same enthusiasm resounded in Tulsa, Okla., on September 3. Leaders from California, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri studied together and mapped out plans for the celebration in their states.

As God's people review what God has done, they generally respond with praise. Leaders are elated when they realize that states have already set goals of over \$500,000 toward the overall celebration goal of \$1,000,000.

Many sense the celebration to be a means of revival as people unite to praise the Lord. As churches and individuals sacrifice to ADVANCE His Kingdom, God will surely bless the efforts and provide the tools, training opportunities, needed buildings, and more new missionaries to get the job done before Jesus returns.

Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in June, July and August in memory of friends or loved ones:

Donor	In Memory of
Jewel Sexton Chapmansboro, Tenn.	Rev. Luther Reed
Ben and Janet Vandivort Mountain Grove, Mo.	Van A. Keman
Blue Ridge Association Old Fort, N.C.	Rev. George Reynolds
Jewel Sexton Chapmansboro, Tenn.	Hugh Midgett
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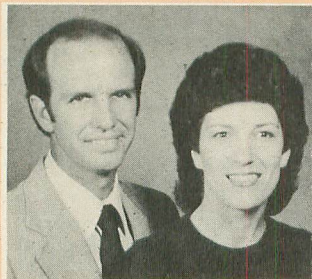
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TEAGUES NEED HELP TO LEAVE BY JANUARY 1, 1986

Dennis and Carol Teague want to reach Frenchmen for Christ. They feel compelled to return to the field which they left in 1978 to get better prepared. Their burden is great for the French people, but the weight of financial need is also heavy now. They still lack \$25,000 in cash and \$600 in monthly support. Won't you help them now?



Yes, I want to help Dennis and Carol Teague get to the field in January of 1986. You can count on me to give, as God provides, the following amount monthly:

() \$20 () \$50 () \$100 () \$10 () \$ _____

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HEARTLINE

The Million Dollar Dream

In 1983 Richard Harper heard Larry Inscoe speak: "He was talking about the things they needed down there (in Panama). They needed a church, and they needed some land on which to build a church."

He felt the Lord tugging.

Richard and his wife Virginia are members of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, N.C., Larry's home church. Harper had heard the veteran missionary from Panama before. But this time, according to Richard, "I just felt the Lord tugging at me. He wanted me to do something to help Larry."

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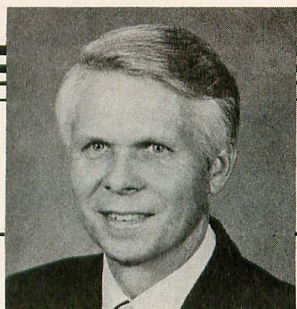
As a result, the U.S. Postal Service employee and father of three children made a generous contribution to the Las Tablas ministry.

Later, Larry and Richard met and discussed missionary work. Richard started reading about the needs on various fields. Consequently, he made a decision: "I made a commitment of my life to help someone on the mission field lead people to the Lord. After all, leading a soul to Jesus is the most important thing in the world."

He could help raise a million dollars.

Describing God's dealing in his life in 1983, Richard said, "I thought about what I could do for Jesus. Something really got hold of me. I felt like I could help raise a million dollars."

As he assessed the situation, he noted, "I was burdened that candidates have to wait so long before they can go to the mission field - waiting to raise their funds. Many of our younger missionaries have deficits. I felt like a million



R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

dollars would help these young missionaries to preach the gospel."

Richard reasoned that many people in our denomination could afford to give generously. "There should be at least a thousand people who would be willing to give a thousand dollars," he determined. "Within a short period of time we could raise a million dollars!"

This dedicated layman shared his vision with Larry Inscoc and me. Later, he met Jimmy Aldridge, coordinator of our Advance Celebration.

He is an example of "lay power."

Many times we fail to recognize the contributions of our laymen and laywomen. They are, in reality, the backbone of our mission work. Without their vision, prayer support and financial backing we would have no missions program. Richard Harper is an example of lay power. He planted the seed which has blossomed into our Advance Celebration goal of \$1,000,000.

"There should be at least a thousand people who would be willing to give a thousand dollars."

Within the next five years we plan to provide more tools for evangelism, establish five Bible institutes, assist many of our mission congregations to erect buildings, and send out 30 new missionaries. The million dollars will help us seize these opportunities while we can.

Richard complimented his pastor, Rev. Jack Cox, for his leadership in continuing the strong missionary outreach which has characterized the Liberty church for more than two decades. I asked Richard why he gives to the Lord's work. He replied, "I have the satisfaction of knowing that I am doing something that will result in souls being saved."

Financial Summary **Through August 1985** **Substance**

Total income for August.....	\$ 210,623.91
Total income through August.....	1,756,270.22
Total disbursements through August.....	1,702,124.43
Projected receipts through August.....	1,930,344.00
Total 1985 Budget.....	\$2,895,498.00

Shortage

All the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 5,520.87	McCullough.....	\$ 2,965.72
Callaway.....	1,986.99	Payne.....	188.01
Crowson.....	1,264.35	Reeves.....	45.37
Gainer.....	16.65	Robinson.....	6,995.69
*Hanna.....	22,937.54	Smith, Judy.....	6,307.78
Hersey.....	2,072.54	Sturgill.....	3,011.52
Inscoc.....	484.41	Turnbough.....	1,585.36
Lytle.....	3,784.10	General Fund.....	21,601.22
Total.....			\$80,768.12

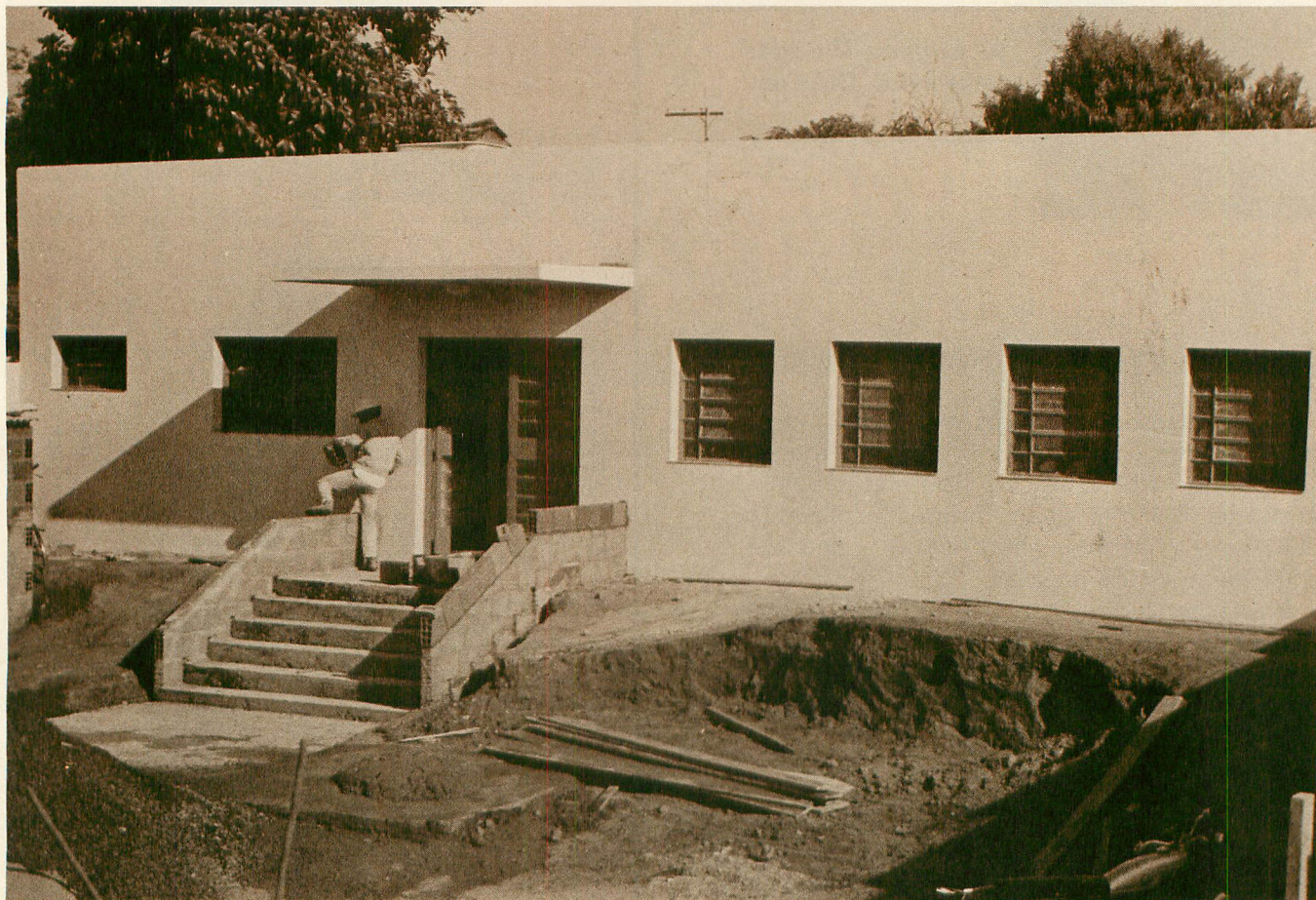
*A governmental change for reporting of foreign money entering India has necessitated the Hannas' requisitioning funds to cover the remainder of the year. This also includes medical expenses reimbursable by insurance.

State Quotas—1985

State	Quota 1985	Quota Through August	Contributions Through August
Alabama.....	\$160,000	\$106,664	\$121,679.44
Arizona.....	3,000	2,000	2,826.40
Arkansas.....	155,000	103,336	92,429.48
California.....	55,000	36,664	20,194.28
Canada.....	3,000	2,000	1,026.26
Colorado.....	3,000	2,000	1,064.00
Florida.....	83,000	55,336	53,391.07
Georgia.....	97,000	64,664	63,851.54
Hawaii.....	1,000	664	1,100.00
Idaho.....	1,000	664	374.94
Illinois.....	92,000	61,336	52,466.30
Indiana.....	26,000	17,336	21,075.91
Iowa.....	750	504	993.00
Kansas.....	12,000	8,000	7,136.63
Kentucky.....	82,000	54,664	44,621.88
Louisiana.....	500	336	480.80
Maryland.....	14,500	9,664	9,088.54
Michigan.....	125,000	83,336	69,215.86
Mississippi.....	47,000	31,336	40,218.15
Missouri.....	187,000	124,664	119,995.47
Montana.....	1,000	664	610.00
Nevada.....	1,000	664	636.35
New Mexico.....	500	336	222.22
*Northeast Association.....	5,000	3,328	4,074.87
**Northwest Association.....	4,000	2,664	2,330.00
North Carolina.....	362,000	241,336	226,011.00
Ohio.....	110,000	73,336	64,923.61
Oklahoma.....	362,000	241,336	199,768.19
Pennsylvania.....	2,000	1,336	1,228.00
South Carolina.....	200,000	133,336	96,073.13
Tennessee.....	395,000	263,336	252,689.26
Texas.....	75,000	50,000	35,940.58
Virginia.....	95,000	63,336	58,422.41
Virgin Islands.....	2,000	1,336	2,009.02
West Virginia.....	80,000	53,336	34,801.24
Miscellaneous.....	53,248	35,496	53,300.39
Totals.....	\$2,895,498	\$1,930,344	\$1,756,270.22

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

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



The Free Will Baptist church in Uberlandia, Brazil, recently moved into their new building which will later serve as the educational wing.

Uberlandia FWB Church Moves to New Building

Brazil—First Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia moved to their new building on August 4, 1985. "After almost eight years in a small, rented hall, the church has a building," writes Nancy Hughes.

Describing the first service, Nancy continued: "Luiz choked with emotion as he gave the welcome. Music filled the building and broke the silence. With much excitement the children went to their new rooms. The juniors, for the first time since we began the work, didn't have to meet in the open air. They had a classroom."

During the closing assembly, one young man thanked God for the lovely building and pleaded that the church would be used to win souls. "Then the most beautiful thing happened," says Nancy. "We joyfully witnessed the first conversion in the new building. Teresa accepted Christ as her Savior. Her husband had been saved four weeks earlier. Someone commented

that we had closed our last service in the rented hall with the conversion of Paulinho."

That Sunday evening, Luiz challenged the group as he preached the first message in the new building.

"To climax a busy, happy day," Hughes exclaimed, "Tommy picked up the Uberaba team at 11:40 p.m. and learned that they had three conversions in Uberaba that day!"

The new building is only the educational wing, but the foundation has been started for the new church auditorium. The move to the new building came at an opportune time, since the contract for their rented hall expired at the end of August.

Inscoe Takes Music Group to Capital

Panama—On the weekend of August 12, missionary Larry Inscoe took a music group from the Las Tablas Free Will Baptist Church to Panama City, the capital. The group visited all three Free Will Baptist churches in the

Panama City area. They presented a music program including duets, trios, and instrumental arrangements.

A lay preacher from the church brought the message during each of the services. Both of the Inscoe sons are involved in the music group.

Larry expressed hope that they will be able to repeat this type of program in a few months and visit other FWB churches in Panama.

Brazilian Missionary Pilot Visits His Church

Brazil—Waldemar Travitzki Jr., the 26-year-old missionary pilot from the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil; visited his home church during August. Travitzki has been working in Bolivia for the past two years.

Waldemar and three other missionaries recently flew into a jungle area in Bolivia and held the first evangelistic services in that area. They had 23 conversions and started a once-a-month schedule for services.

21 Churches Destroyed, Prohibited to Rebuild

Nigeria—Twenty-one churches in Northern Nigeria were burned down last winter by fanatical Muslims, according to a report in *The Church Around the World*.

This area of Nigeria is predominately Muslim, and the arson was believed to be a part of a coordinated "Islamization" program. Authorities have refused to grant permission for the churches to be reconstructed.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

France—Missionary Lynn Miley has requested prayer for Chris and Karine, a young couple who had made decisions for Christ sometime before the Mileys' furlough last summer. "They seemed to be doing so well and growing in the Lord," Lynn noted. "But during this past year, they have gotten away from the church and the Lord."

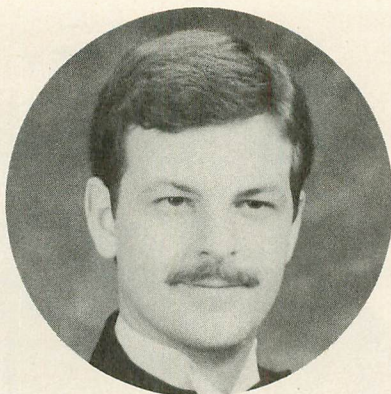
France—Brian Thomas Riggs was born on August 19 in Rennes, France. The eight pound, eight ounce boy is the second son of Steve and Becky Riggs.

Brazil—Missionary Ken Eagleton Sr. was the evangelist for a youth camp in the Minas Gerais area of Brazil during the last week of July.

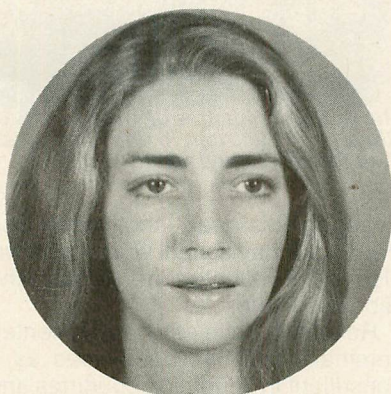
Beckville, Tex.—Ernest and Elaine Holland, missionaries to Ivory Coast, announced the birth of their first son, Joshua James, on August 18, 1985, in Beckville, Tex.

Brazil—Eula Mae Martin Fornel and her husband, Helio, have officially joined the Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal, Brazil. Eula Mae served as a missionary for two terms prior to her marriage to Helio, a Baptist layman. The Fornels live on the youth camp property, where they oversee the grounds and help in camp activities.

Japan—Jim and Olena McLain, missionaries to Hokkaido, Japan, reported recently that 150 campers had attended the church camps in their area. The camps ended on August 7. On Sunday morning, August 3, two young men in their early twenties made public professions of faith.



Randy Hill



Sarah Malone

Short-term Missionaries Depart for France

Nashville, Tenn.—Randy Hill of Virginia Beach, Va., and Sarah Malone of East Alton, Ill., were scheduled to depart for France on September 19. The two short-term missionaries will be serving a ten-month hitch in France working with students, etc.

Randy, from the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, will be working with John and Pansy Murray in Nantes. Sarah, a member of Bethel FWB Church in South Roxana, Ill., will work with Miss Charolette Tallent in Lorient.

Oklahoma Pastor Preaches in Araras FWB Church

Brazil—According to missionary Ken Eagleton in Brazil, Reverend Millard McGuire of Westside Free Will Baptist Church in Sapulpa, Okla., preached during the evening services at Araras one Sunday in August.

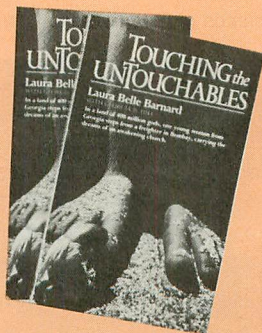
"Really the day was a 'doubleheader' as we had the Combs family also. Brazilian pastor Ivan Lopes, who has been in the United States studying, was present with his

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family and translated for Pastor McGuire.

Two people were saved and approximately 10 people rededicated their lives to the Lord during the services.

Door-to-door Campaign Planned for Lorient

France—A special door-to-door outreach program was scheduled to be launched in late September or early October in the Lorient area of France.

Missionary Lynn Miley writes: "We are selecting 1,000 homes in 10 different areas of town. Each area will include 100 homes. Then, each week for four weeks, a group of 100 homes will receive four different gospel tracts. On the fifth week, I will personally visit each of the 100 homes. According to our time schedule, it should take 14 weeks to cover this first 1,000 homes."

Loveless to Minister in Brazil During October

Columbus, Ohio—Alton Loveless, executive secretary of the Ohio Association of Free Will Baptists, is scheduled to depart on October 11 for Brazil where he will conduct a series of seminars for the missionaries.

The leadership and interpersonal-relationship workshops for the missionaries will be conducted at



The Board of Directors of The Sower Bible Institute recently established in Montevideo, Uruguay, include (left to right) Mario da Conceicao, Gerardo Acevedo, Oscar Baglietto, Paul Robinson, and Walter Ellison.

Evangelandia near Jaboticabal, Sao Paulo. Sunday school workshops will also be conducted at Araras and Ribeirao Preto.

Reverend Loveless has presented seminars and has been used as a consultant in 26 foreign countries and 43 states. Alton has been a Free Will Baptist minister for 31 years. He served as a National Regional Marketing Director for Scripture Press Publications before assuming his present role 11 years ago. He currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

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New Institute Opens with 14 Students

Uruguay—A new Bible institute opened on August 5 in Montevideo, Uruguay, with 14 students enrolled, according to missionary Walter Ellison. The Sower Bible Institute, as it is called, is being held at the Free Will Baptist church in Montevideo.

A three-year ministerial diploma will be offered for the completion of 30 different subjects. Weekly classes are held at night Monday through Thursday.

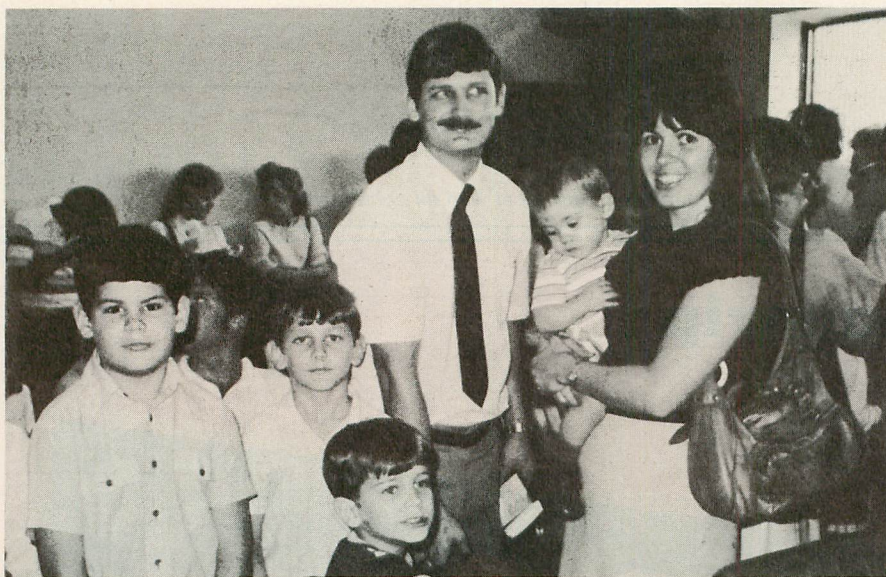
Teaching in the newly formed institution are Walter Ellison, president; Oscar Baglietto, director; Gerardo Acevedo, Ricardo Acevedo, and Jorge Felpete.

Five courses are being offered this semester: Bible Survey, Biblical Fundamentalism, Royal Discipleship, The Life of the Apostle Paul, and Shorthand.

Serving on the board of trustees for the institute are Walter Ellison, Oscar Baglietto, Paul Robinson, Mario da Conceicao, and Gerardo Acevedo.

MK John Poole Speaks at Brazil Youth Camp

Brazil—Two youth camps were held during the month of July at Evangelandia campground, according to missionary Jim Cowart. The first week, July 15-19, saw 59 junior campers gather on the



Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and his family prepare to depart from the Nashville airport en route to Ivory Coast, West Africa.

property. During the second week, July 22-27, 55 teenagers and young people were present.

MK John Poole, son of Bobby and Geneva Poole, was the evangelist for the teen camp. John was in Brazil for the summer and has returned to Free Will Baptist College for the fall semester.

Approximately 10 junior campers made decisions of one type or another and 15 young people made decisions during the second week.

Cowart expressed praise for the blessings of this year's camps. "We have the largest number of developing leaders that we have ever had," says Jim. "They are showing great promise of becoming pastors, deacons, missionaries, and all-around congregational leaders."

Dr. Eagleton Family Arrives in Doropo

Ivory Coast—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton Jr. and his family arrived in Doropo, Ivory Coast, on August 3 and moved into their new house on the station on August 5.

According to a report from the doctor, his family entered the country without having to pay any customs charges on their luggage.

"I started seeing patients last Friday (August 9) and then again today (August 12)," writes Dr. Kenneth. "We had 78 come to the clinic on Friday and 119 patients

today. The needs are overwhelming. We could keep five doctors busy. It is frustrating to only be able to spend about five minutes with each patient."

Kenneth concluded, "Being here alone to run the clinic is going to be very difficult. Please remember us in your prayers."

Sherwood Lee returned to the United States for furlough on September 5.

Ribeirao Bible Institute Reopens with 37 Students

Brazil—The Seminary-Bible Institute of Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, reopened on August 2, with 37 students.

According to missionary Bobby Poole, five professors are teaching the 14 different subjects being offered. Three classes are held each night, Monday through Friday, and on Saturday morning.

Goumre Hosts 400 People for I.C. Conference

Ivory Coast—The Goumre Free Will Baptist Church hosted the annual Ivory Coast conference of Free Will Baptists which met July 22-24.

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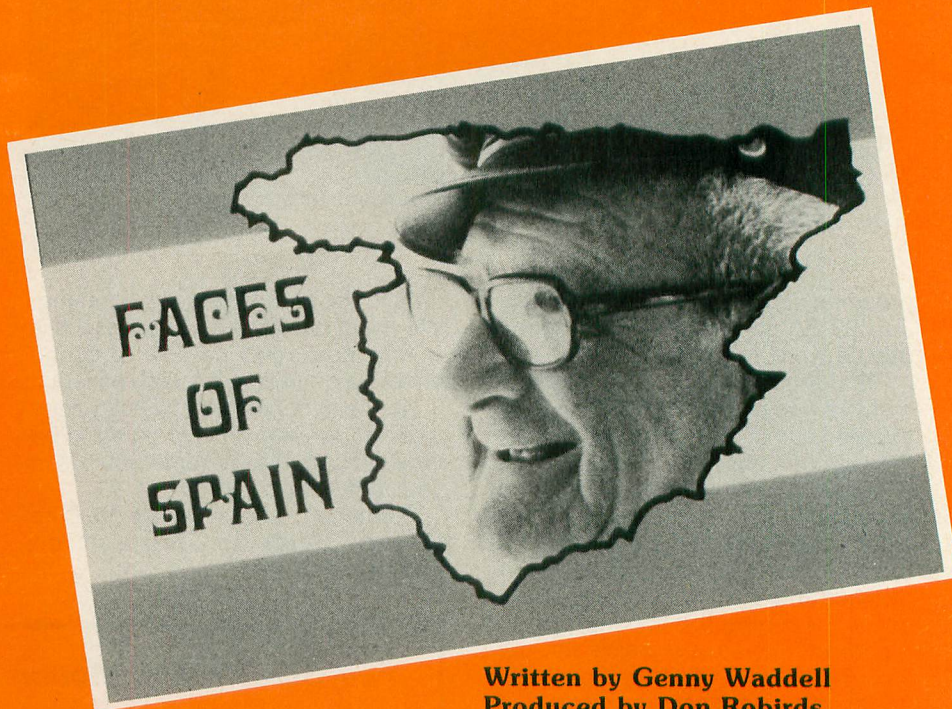
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