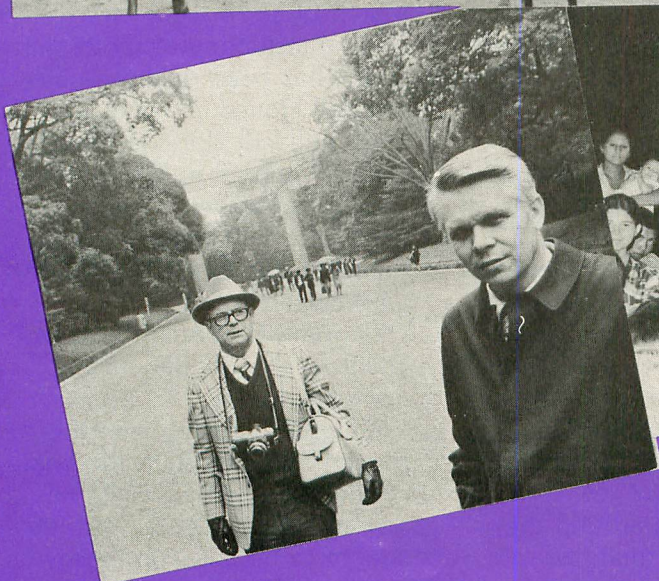
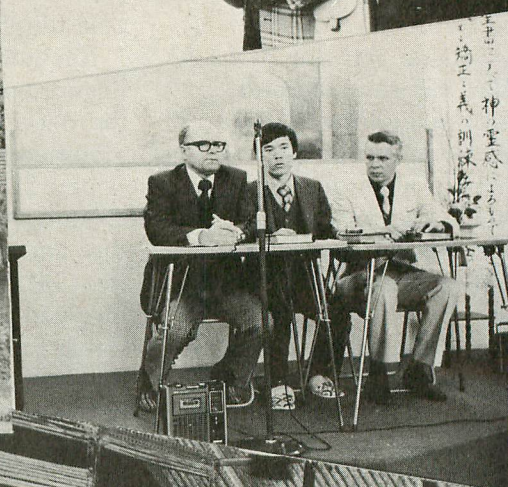
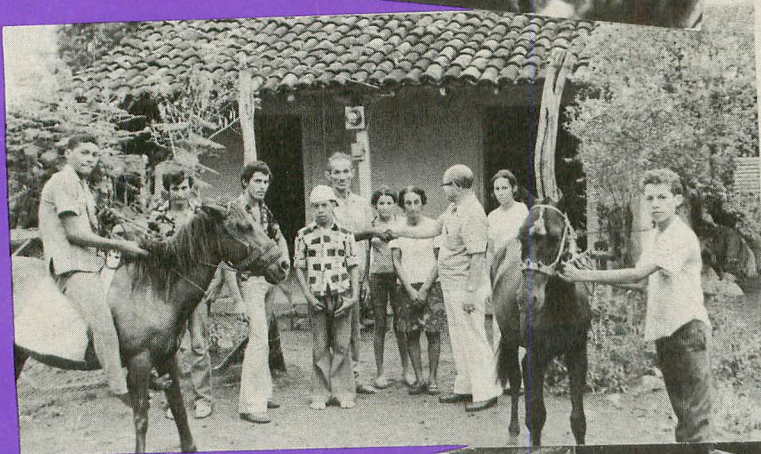
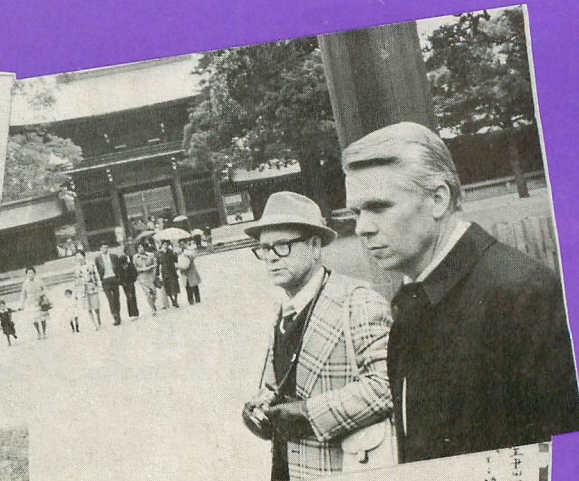
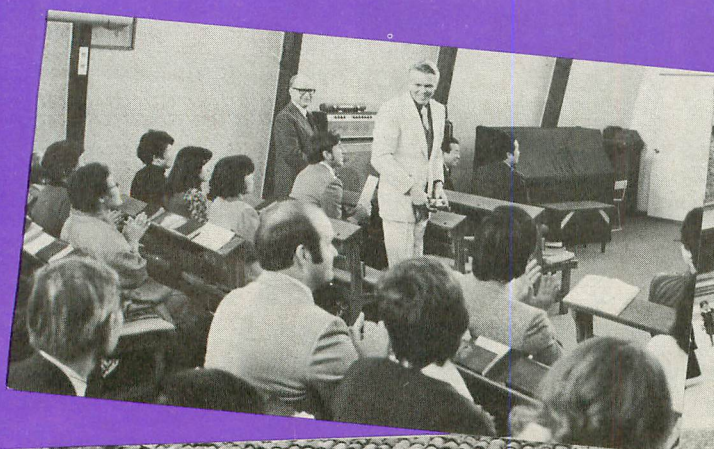


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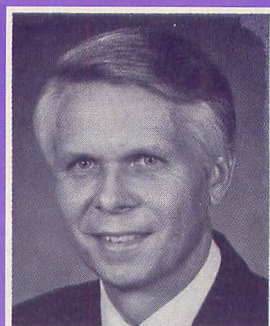


**MISSIONS IN TRANSITION:
STILL ADVANCING!**

Rolla D. Smith
Retiring General Director



R. Eugene Waddell
New General Director



MISSIONS IN TRANSITION: STILL ADVANCING!

by Don Robirds

Since September of 1975 General Director ROLLA D. SMITH has carefully and prayerfully guided the foreign missions program through sometimes troubled waters to fruitful ministries around the globe. On April 1, 1986, he passed the mantle to R. Eugene Waddell.

Though jovial and often quite humorous, Rolla never took his responsibility lightly nor held the reigns carelessly. He has faithfully sought to minister to his missionary family while totally conscious of the cares and concerns of the Free Will Baptist constituency at large.

God and His will have always maintained first place on the general director's priority list. He has demonstrated his desire to please the Lord through Christian service and holy living. And those who have worked with him over the years have always held him in high esteem.

Rolla and Agnes, his wife, have been involved in Free Will Baptist ministries in Missouri, Georgia, and Tennessee. Rolla served on the Missouri state executive board for several years and assisted in the organization

of a number of churches.

Records indicate 89 missionaries were serving under the department when Rolla assumed his post in 1975. Today 112 are serving even though 46 left the field during that time for various reasons. At least 30 of those 46 are still involved in ministries related to foreign missions. A total of 69 new missionaries were appointed to service during that same period. The foreign missions budget in 1975 called for \$1,230,000 while the 1986 budget has been set at \$2,976,884.

Mr. Smith's tenure in foreign missions far surpasses these past 11 years at the helm. First elected to the Board of Foreign Missions in July of 1952, Rolla served a combined total of 21 years on the board in addition to his accumulated 13 years as general director. He served a previous stint in this position from 1960 to 1962.

Known to MKs around the world as "Uncle Smith" or "Uncle Rolla," the balding grandfather "lapped up" the attention given by these multi-culture, "quasi-American"

children. They reciprocated! And he sought desperately to be sensitive to their needs lest they be devoured by the wolves of criticism and peer pressure in a society which often has not understood them.

The Smiths had two children: Linda and Beth. The older, Linda Underwood, suffered from kidney failure and spent several years on dialysis machines prior to her death in March of 1978. She left a shining testimony of God's grace which has been published by Randall House in a moving book entitled, "Linda's Song." Beth is married to Dr. Vernon Whaley, a musician and conductor well known among Free Will Baptists. The Whaleys, who currently live in the Oklahoma City area, have two children, the Smiths' only grandchildren.

Whether working with the foreign missions staff, the board, or the missionaries, Rolla has always kept his "cool" and has sought to be fair with those involved. Pressures of missionary illnesses, red missionary accounts, an understaffed office, rapidly

changing economic conditions, governmental red tape, loss of missionary personnel, etc., have been difficult to handle at times. But Smith notes, "I prefer to give prominence to the persons, places, programs, and events that have been a source of joy and fulfillment."

Rolla recalls his early experiences with "Pop" Willey, both in the States and in Cuba. "One day I visited Pinar prison with Brother Willey," he says. "I stood on a cot balancing myself on his broad shoulders, as I spoke to 400 of Batista's men." Some of those prisoners were to be executed by a firing squad the next day. Smith concluded, "I have never preached to a more attentive audience."

A total of 69 new missionaries were appointed during the past 11 years.

In the days and months that lie ahead, Rolla will continue to work some with the foreign missions department. Beyond that, he hopes to continue in some type of less demanding Christian ministry such as pulpit supply, revivals or missionary services, associate role in some church or even a pastoral ministry. Since reading and fishing are his favorite forms of recreation, he hopes to be able to give some time to these activities. He and Agnes also hope to do some traveling together. Unless the Lord directs otherwise they plan to continue living in Nashville.

R. EUGENE WADDELL is no newcomer! But his title as "General Director" is new to him. On April 1, Waddell

became only the fourth person to hold the title since the position was established by the Board of Foreign Missions.

After serving five years as associate director of foreign missions and right-hand man to the general director, Eugene was officially named heir to the position when the board met in April of 1985. Rolla Smith's retirement date actually came in December of 1985, but the board and staff requested his continuation through March of 1986 to make the transition somewhat smoother.

Mr. Waddell holds good credentials for the new responsibilities, having served 19 years on the Board of Foreign Missions and holding a Master's degree in missions from Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions. Add to that his burden and compassion for the lost peoples of the world and R. Eugene Waddell measures up well to the qualifications needed for the task.

Waddell served in pastorates in the states of South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee before joining the foreign missions staff in 1981. He pastored Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville for sixteen and a half years. His keen sense of responsibility to the Lord, to a lost world, and to the denomination he serves, has often labeled him as a workaholic.

Working with missionaries and pastors during the past five years has increased Eugene's sensitivity to the needs of both groups. He has sought desperately to shorten the deputational periods of missionaries and to shore up deficit missionary accounts. And

he has traveled extensively to do just that. His pastoral heart has also shown through as he has sought to satisfy the needs and desires of pastors across the nation.

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No one better knows the sacrifice of time and body that Eugene has made over the past several years than his wife, Genevieve, and their two children remaining at home, Michael and John. Even as this article is being penned, this father of six children is ministering in India and Japan under a somewhat grueling schedule. His role as general director will be even more demanding.

Genevieve Waddell teaches English at Free Will Baptist Bible College and has attained some renown as an author and freelance journalist. In collaboration with Agnes Smith, she authored the book, "Linda's Song."

Michael Waddell is a senior at Woodbine Christian Academy in Nashville and John is in the ninth grade at Radnor Baptist Academy in Nashville. The Waddells have five grandchildren.

As Mr. Waddell carries the mantle passed on by Mr. Smith, Free Will Baptists everywhere are called to stand with him in prayer and understanding. The opportunities of today and the concerns of a loving God deserve a united commitment to advance His kingdom to every part of the globe.



Mario stands between missionary Molly Barker and lay preacher Casildo Trindade.

CHANGED TO SERVE!

by Mario da Conceicao

My parents, Florimundo da Conceicao and Inoema Fagundez, arrived in Sant'Ana do Livramento in 1952. I was born the fifth of December of the same year. In 1958 my parents moved to Rivera, on the Uruguay side of the border.

Our family was fairly large, consisting of eleven children, besides three children who died. My parents went through many hardships. My father needed a job, and the children seemed to be constantly ill, one right after another.

Many times my folks would look to others for solutions to their problems. They searched the occult: umbanda, spiritism, witch doctors, etc. But they went from bad to worse. I know God permitted this "earthquake" in our lives to bring us to the One Door to Salvation, Christ Jesus.

On one occasion my father was looking for a house to rent in the Santa Teresa neighborhood just outside Rivera. As he stood by his horse in the shade of a tree on that hot afternoon, a man approached him and asked him to go to his house nearby for lunch. While they ate, my father told the family about his life and why he was in that neighborhood.

Father expressed gratitude for the generous invitation of Mr. Aurelio Scoto and his wife Vitalia. Then he asked if he could repay them in some way. They replied, "No." But they invited him to attend a meeting in their church. They testified of what Christ had done for them and of God's great love. Days later my father went to their church and heard Pastor Bill Fulcher preach from the Word of God. He gave my father a copy of the Gospel of St. John.

Papa brought the booklet home and told us what had happened. I thought, "Here we go again." We had been involved in so much already

that I, in my ignorance, classified Free Will Baptists with the occult and spiritism.

One day we moved to a house in Santa Teresa. Dona Maria de Sanguinetti, another member of the Free Will Baptist church, lived right across in front of our house. She invited my mother to the prayer meeting at church. Mother went and heard the message from the Word of God. After the service, Pastor Fulcher spoke with her. She told him about the difficult time she and the family were going through. Then, she asked the church to pray for us.

The pastor read Philippians 4:19 from the Bible. After prayer, he said, "I believe your husband will find a job before Sunday. When he does, you remember to come back to thank the Lord." In three days my father found a job at a bakery. And he worked there for years until he retired.

My whole family began attending the services regularly. I had moved to the city at that time, to live with another family. One day when I went home to visit, Mama told me she had accepted the Lord as her Savior. She invited me to go to church with her. I heard the Word of God for the very first time. It made me aware of my miserable state as a sinner.

My life changed! I was born again, and I abandoned my life of sin.

Even though I was only 13 years of age, I knew I was far from God, and had inherited a sinful nature. When I realized that Christ had paid the price for my sins on the cross of



Calvary, I repented of my wickedness. On that lovely Sunday afternoon in 1965 I accepted Christ Jesus into my heart as my Lord and Savior. My life changed! I was born again, and I abandoned my life of sin and evil habits.

I went visiting from door to door. Some listened and others slammed the door in my face.

When I returned to the house where I was living, I told the family what had happened. The next Sunday, when I went to church, I took a Bible which the woman of the house had loaned me. Shortly after I was baptized, my family moved to Barrio Recreo in Rivera. My father opened the doors of our home to those who wanted to come and study the Word of God. Many neighbors came to hear the preaching of Pastor Walter Ellison. In those services, various people received the Lord as Savior. Before long, we needed more space.

God provided our needs, and we were finally able to buy a piece of land. We built the first evangelical church of the neighborhood and dedicated it to the glory of God. I had moved back with my parents at that time and continued to go about testifying to my neighbors.

When I turned 17 years of age, I had to register for military service. This is mandatory in Brazil, and since I am Brazilian by birth, I was obligated. As I was ready to enlist, my brothers and sisters at the church had a special "going-away" party for me. At that time, Pastor Ellison and his family were getting

ready to leave for furlough, and someone was needed to care for the work in Barrio Recreo.

God had everything prepared! He is sovereign, and nothing takes Him by surprise.

A captain in the Brazilian army—a member of our church in Livramento, on the Brazil side of the border—helped me. I was excused from military service! A few days later Pastor Walter called for a special meeting at the church to give thanks to the Lord. I was designated to lead the church services during his absence.

I had taken some intensive courses in the Bible institute at the church in Livramento, but I lacked experience. I didn't feel like admitting that to the brethren, or saying I was fearful of trying, so I accepted the task in the name of the Lord. It was a difficult experience for me, but I learned that the Lord does not call someone without providing that person with the necessary tools.

I asked the Lord how to minister to those in Barrio Recreo. Then, the Lord put visitation upon my heart. So, I went visiting from door to door. Some listened and others slammed the door in my face. But I kept on, for the work is the Lord's. Joyfully, I was busy doing the most important job in the universe, that of announcing the Good News of Jesus. I also took time to pray for the needs of the people. When visiting, I always left a little copy of the story of "El Corazon de Pedro" (The Heart of Peter).

I have learned to greatly esteem the ministry of visitation. I had two experiences I will never forget.

One man I visited was very ill. He had "never found time to

go to church." Doctors discovered he had cancer of the larynx. I visited him often, and one day he accepted Christ. Just a few days later he went to be with the Lord.

As I went to visit in another home, someone said, "Look, this guy is really hard. No one has been able to reach him." I said, "I'm going in to see him anyway, in the name of the Lord." He received me well, and as the conversation progressed, I learned that he knew my father. Since the man could not read, I began to read to him from the little booklet, "El Corazon de Pedro."

Even though I was only 13 years of age, I knew I was far from God.

On one page the booklet pictures various animals in a heart to represent different sins. Another page shows the dove, representing the Holy Spirit, and illustrates what happens when the heart is illuminated with the Word of God. The story explains that when a person accepts Christ, those different animals (sins) leave the heart.

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As I shared this story, the Lord was working in the man's heart and he accepted Christ as Savior. When we finished praying, he demonstrated his joy with a sweet smile.

A short time after his decision, the man had to go to Montevideo for a medical exam. He also had a malignant tumor, and we learned a few days later that he, too, had died.

At the age of 27, I gave up my job in a local supermarket to prepare myself to better serve the Lord. I entered a Bible institute (Evangelical Mission of Uruguay) in Montevideo. The first year, I had a great deal of difficulty as I was ill and not aware of it. I had a lesion in the right lung. I started receiving treatment while I continued my studies.

The second year, I had difficulty with my back, so I returned to Rivera for treatment. Before the physiotherapist finished with me, the Lord had healed me. I returned to Montevideo, and resumed my studies. By the grace of the Lord I took my exams and passed the year.

I finished my last year of school and graduated on November 28, 1981. That same night I returned to Rivera to resume activities in the church in Barrio Recreo.

On June 15, 1983, I was ordained to the gospel ministry. This took place under the direction of Pastor Paul Robinson, director of the Uruguay work. Today, I rejoice in serving my Lord, and expressing my gratitude for His great salvation.

Presently I am assisting the church in Santa Teresa as well as attending the church at

Barrio Recreo. I also participate in the services of Central Free Will Baptist Church in Rivera. I have had the privilege of helping in the work, dedicating children, and officiating at weddings, baptisms and so on.

The Lord has blessed me spiritually and materially. I now have a lovely home where I enjoy blessed moments with the Lord and fellowship with my

Christian friends. God has also allowed me to visit other Free Will Baptist churches in Brazil: Campinas, Araras, Ribeirao Preto, Jaboticabal, Uberaba and Uberlandia. Now I am entering a new phase of my Christian experience as the Lord has used this trip to Brazil to open my eyes more to missions.

Mario da Conceicao is a Free Will Baptist preacher in Rivera, Uruguay.



Update

by **Jimmy Aldridge**
Advance Coordinator

After months of preparation, the Advance Celebration is in full swing.

Texas Free Will Baptists led the way. God blessed His people as they reviewed what He had done during the past 50 years of our overseas ministries.

Pastor Larry Cox of Buffalo Springs, Tex., stated, "The Advance program helped our church to win several new families to work with us here in Buffalo Springs." He further praised the involvement of the whole church community in the celebration.

Reverend Lynn R. Beck of Odessa, Tex., agrees. "I believe the involvement of the laity is a definite plus," he said.

Reverend Bill Jones, Texas Advance chairman, reports renewed excitement in his congregation in Bryan. "Our people were thrilled to see what God is doing through our missionary outreach in nine countries of the world. God so blessed on Celebration Sunday that it led to the largest cash offering in the history of Fellowship Free Will Baptist

Church."

With a special three-year Advance goal of \$50,000, Texas Free Will Baptists have already passed \$39,000 in cash and commitments. "Several churches have yet to give," says Jones, "so I am confident we will surpass our goal."

At this moment eight other state celebrations are in full swing. Hundreds of Free Will Baptists are involved in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Virginia, Ohio, South Carolina, Indiana, and Tennessee as they lead in praise to God for what He has done.

We praise the Lord that He has used us to plant His church in the midst of Hindu, Muslim, Shinto, Catholic and Animist populations. And we further commit ourselves during the Advance Celebration to help these new churches sink their roots more deeply into their cultures.

Be ready! You'll have the opportunity to celebrate in your own local church as Free Will Baptists unite to further ADVANCE the work of God.



Jacques is on the wall in the center.

Jacques Takes a Bath!

by Rejane Eagleton

There he was, every morning, around our house on the Doropo station in Ivory Coast, waiting for the boys to come out and play.

"Not now, Jacques. Daniel and Paul are going to study. You can play with David, OK?" That's what I told him often as I tried to express myself in my limited French.

Jacques is a seven-year-old African boy who speaks Lobi and some French. He always goes to Sunday school and comes to the mission station to play with our boys. He was one of their first friends here at Doropo and they get along well.

Many African children come daily to the mission station to play, but Jacques is special. From the first, he always wore the same old brown shirt, bigger than he. And it never seemed to get washed! One day Paul, our second son, gave Jacques one of his shirts—a blue one. Jacques enjoyed it so much that he started wearing it every day. It didn't take long for the new shirt to become as dirty as the

old one!

"Mom, one of these days we are going to give Jacques a bath!" our boys used to say. Well, the day finally arrived!

He always wore the same old brown shirt, and it never seemed to get washed.

Daniel was watering the plants when the boys had the idea of playing with the water. Daniel, Paul, David and five African boys all joined the fun, frolicking in the spray. They giggled and laughed as they played, all the while making use of a bar of soap. Everybody took a bath, including Jacques!

As I look over the pictures I took that day, I keep thinking about these boys. We talk about missionary life and all the adjustments we face, but many times we forget that our children go through the same adjustments. They face changes

in environment, food and weather. They encounter a different school system, different leisure and making new friends.

Before coming to the Ivory Coast, we went from Brazil to the United States where we spent a year. That called for an adjustment. We'll be here in Ivory Coast until the middle of 1986, then we'll be going to Europe for language school. Another change! God knows all that, and I thank Him so much because He cares about our children. He's taking care of them and helping them in all these adjustments.

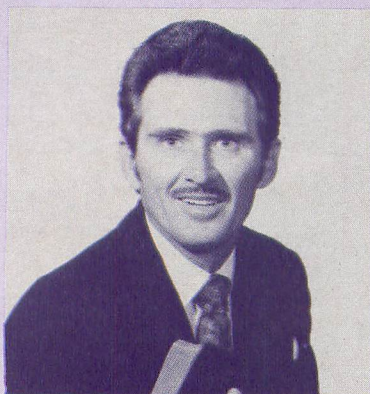
Even though we have difficulties in communication, it's amazing how the children learn new things every day: a little bit of French, some words in Lobi, another in Djoula, etc. Also, the Africans are learning some English and Portuguese from them.

We often wonder what kind of influence we will have in these children's lives. Certainly these days are being impressed in their minds. The seed has been planted. Only God knows whether or not in the future some of these boys will be good men and good Christians.

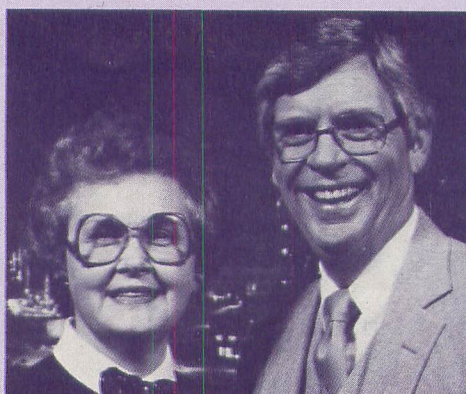
I still remember the days when I was a child, playing with missionary kids in Brazil. I know it had a big influence in my decision for the Lord. I'll always be grateful to Him for sending missionaries to my country. Those were days I'll never forget.

Jacques has another new shirt that he wears to church on Sundays. But on the other days, there he is with the same old blue one!

Rejane Eagleton is the wife of Kenneth Eagleton, Jr., M.D. They are serving as associate missionaries at the Doropo medical station in Ivory Coast.



Tom Willey, Jr.



Sam and June Wilkinson



Herbert and Geraldine Waid

Missionary Who's Who

They Paved The Way

In this series, the Heartbeat staff is selecting and recognizing some of those in the past who have made significant contributions to the foreign missions ministries.

TOM WILLEY, JR. grew up on the mission field. Son of pioneer missionaries Thomas H. "Pop" and Mabel "Mom" Willey, young Tom experienced a lot of living before he became a missionary himself.

After suffering a nearly fatal accident in Cuba at the age of 13 Tommy determined the Lord must have spared his life for something special. Although told he would be an invalid, Tom's tenacious determination to do the Lord's bidding overcame that prediction.

Following his studies at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., and Columbia Bible College in Columbia, S.C., Tom and Emma Ruth Willey left for Cuba in 1956. The Willeys labored in the training ministry

at Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute. They continued on the island until furlough but transferred to Panama in 1962 when they were unable to return to Cuba due to the political developments.

Tom's tenacious determination to do the Lord's bidding overcame doctors' predictions that he would be an invalid.

Tom began by working with students at the University of Panama in Panama City. He worked with Estenio Garcia, a Cuban pastor, in establishing the First Free Will Baptist Church of Panama City. Willey also worked in the towns of Jenene and Canita. In addition to his own ministries, Tom helped in starting the Agua Buena Free Will Baptist Church. Tom also did literacy work in the primitive areas of Panama.

In 1970 Tom and his wife,

Emma Ruth, faced the trauma of losing their 13-year-old daughter, Alicia, to cancer. Then, just two years later in 1972 Tom suffered his second big loss—that of his wife, Emma Ruth, who also died from cancer which had spread from the lungs to the brain. This left Tom with a three-month-old son and a 10-year-old daughter. The next four years were filled with struggle in Tom's life and family. He returned to graduate school in 1975 and completed studies for his Master's degree. He made a trip to Cuba in 1977 on behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions just prior to his separation from the mission.

Since that time, Tom has worked with hispanic Free Will Baptists in the United States, publishing *Contacto* magazine for a number of years. He began working with World Relief in 1980 and became the Miami director. In February of 1985 he was named Director of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Tom and his wife, Ethel, have



four children (three still at home). Their daughter, Kathy, is married. The Willeys reside in Miami, Fla.

SAM and JUNE WILKINSON first went to Brazil in December of 1959 after pastorates in Tennessee and Georgia. They worked in the Campinas church for a period of time prior to moving interior to open a new work in Jaboticabal.

The Wilkinsons had a fruitful ministry in Jaboticabal, organizing the Free Will Baptist church there prior to their departure for furlough. Following a refresher language course, Sam and June started their second term in Ribeirao Preto where they filled in for the Bobby Pooles who were on furlough. Then they moved back to Jaboticabal for a time before winding up their term in Campinas.

The Wilkinsons spent a lot of time in youth and music ministries.

Sam completed work on his Master's degree in education during his next furlough, then he and June began their third term, moving to southern Brazil. Working with the Jim Combs and John Craft families in a church-planting ministry, the Wilkinsons spent a lot of time helping with youth and music ministries. They finished out their term back in Jaboticabal at the youth camp property directing retreats, youth camps, and other youth ministries.

Sam served as field chairman for a period of time and helped in the literature ministry. June served as field council secretary and bookkeeper part of the time.

The Wilkinsons resigned from missionary service in 1979 and Sam entered the pastorate in Surrency, Ga. Both he and June taught for several years at Glennville Christian Academy in Glennville, Ga. Sam served on the South Georgia Mission Board and worked in coordinating mission conferences in that area for five years.

Sam and June joined the staff at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in the fall of 1985. Sam is instructor of missions, general psychology, and English composition. June teaches English literature and introduction to education in addition to her duties as cashier for the school.

The Wilkinsons have three children: Kevin, Kimberley (Everson), and Kenan. They are all married and Kimberley has two children. Kevin is married to another former MK, Penelope Waid, daughter of Herbert and Geraldine Waid.

HERBERT and GERALDINE WAID were the third Free Will Baptist couple to go to Japan under the Board of Foreign Missions. They were first appointed for service in March of 1958 and left for the field in August of the same year.

Following language study, the Waids moved to the northern island of Hokkaido where they labored with a national worker in the area of Abishiri. In 1961 they returned to the Tokyo area and assisted national pastors in these works. Their third term of service was spent working with the Irumagawa church in the Tokyo area.

The Waids terminated their board affiliation in June of 1975 when they "concluded that God had closed the door for their

return to Japan." Herbert returned to a pastoral ministry. He had pastored in North Carolina and Tennessee just prior to appointment to missionary service.

The Corinth Free Will Baptist Church in Brookfield, Ga., was the first to call Herbert after the Waids' return. They labored there for four years preaching and teaching God's Word, and promoting missions. Following this ministry they moved to Valdosta, Ga., and assumed the pastorate of the First FWB Church. They continued there until Herbert was hired in 1981 as executive secretary for the State of Georgia.

They were the third couple to go to Japan under the Board of Foreign Missions.

Herbert and Geraldine have been involved in promoting all state and national ministries throughout Georgia. During this time, they have sought to personally spend time with pastors as well as Free Will Baptist missionaries from Georgia. Herbert is ex-officio member of all standing boards of the state association which is made up of 10 district associations. Geraldine, who worked as a secretary prior to missionary service, is especially involved in producing the *Promotional Bulletin*, official publication of Georgia Free Will Baptists. The state executive office is located in Moultrie, Ga.

Herbert has also taken on the task of coordinator and co-chairman of the Advance Celebration in Georgia.

The Waids have five children, all married. They also have six grandchildren.

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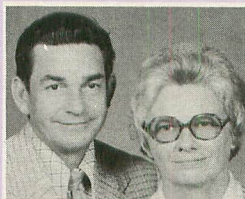
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THEY STILL NEED HELP! Departure Planned for May 1

By request of the Ivory Coast field council and the Board of Foreign Missions Archie and Sarah Mayhew are going to Ivory Coast to fill an emergency need. The Mayhews still need \$1,130 in monthly support for one year and \$1,265 in cash.



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Furlough Time for Your Missionary

Missionary work has really changed since David Livingston went to Africa in 1840.

Livingston served 16 years before returning to England for furlough. In the early decades of our own work missionaries served five years overseas before furlough. The advent of the airplane has made it possible for missionaries to visit their homes more frequently. Therefore, as many mission boards do, we have a flexible policy concerning furlough schedules.

The standard term is four years overseas with one year furlough. Those who serve only three years take nine months for furlough. Those who serve two years are allowed a six-month furlough. Any exceptions to the four-year term are considered only upon the request of the field council in each respective field.

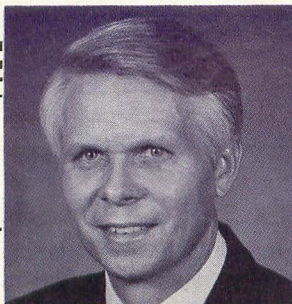
Several factors make it advantageous at times for the missionary to take a shorter furlough. Long absences from one's ministry can cause the work to suffer. The tropical climates often take a heavy toll upon people from the temperate zone. Shuffling of schedules is sometimes necessary in order to have adequate missionary personnel on the field at all times.

Furlough Benefits

Several obvious benefits come from a missionary's furlough. From time to time everyone needs a time of rest and an opportunity to review his labors. This need is intensified when a person works far from home in another culture.

The families of missionaries need the refreshing experience of reunion. Missionary children especially need the emotional stabilization which comes from knowing their family better. This fulfills their quest for identity.

Some missionaries return from the field in need of medical attention. Several missionaries have sought special training. Others have attended seminars and workshops to strengthen some area of their ministry.



R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

"Welcome Home"

It is most appropriate to plan special "welcome home celebrations." Missionaries are VIPs! Many of them exchange the comforts and familiar surroundings of home for strange sounds and often hostile environments. It always helps to know one's ministry is appreciated.

Several churches have provided furlough housing or furlough cars for missionaries. Sometimes relatives or personal friends have done the same. This has provided thousands of dollars for these missionary accounts.

Some churches give their missionaries a "pounding" for grocery shower. Many auxiliaries plan showers to replenish the wardrobe of the missionary wife. Master's Men groups sometimes provide the missionary a new suit. Perhaps the missionary's children would enjoy a gift certificate from a toy store.

Missionaries praise the women in the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention for their special efforts. The woman missionary in the provision closet is as excited as a child opening a present under a Christmas tree.

Becoming Part of the Church

Your church can do a number of things to show the local missionary that you love him/her. Be sure to include the missionary family in the total fellowship of the church. The missionary wife who spends so much time at home alone especially needs the fellowship and friendship of other Christian women.

The children often feel "different." Be sure the children of your Sunday school and CTS make an extra effort to accept and befriend the MKs.

It would be considerate if someone would keep the younger MKs once in a while for your missionary couple to have a special "get-away."

When a missionary comes your way be sure to consider his real needs. Don't make him feel guilty if he doesn't eat a second or third helping. Let him have time for rest, worship and exercise.

Financial Summary

Through February 28

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Total income for February	\$ 240,464.10
Total income through February	436,685.45
Total disbursements through February	589,315.22
Projected income through February	496,148.00
Total 1986 Budget	\$2,976,884.00
1986 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 201,526.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$3,126.39	Murray	\$ 185.59
Banks	7,462.81	Owen	5,403.64
Callaway	5,341.30	Sturgill	6,442.04
Inscoe	7,177.20	Willey	249.28
Lytle	2,975.97	General Fund	5,930.31
McCullough	3,585.63		
Total			\$44,276.37

State Quotas—1986

State	Quota 1986	Quota Through February	Contributions Through February
Alabama	\$ 169,000	\$ 28,166	\$ 29,253.06
Arizona	5,000	834	96.15
Arkansas	152,000	25,334	20,618.55
California	50,000	8,334	6,874.28
Colorado	3,000	500	1,240.00
Florida	90,000	15,000	10,616.86
Georgia	106,000	17,666	13,896.03
Hawaii	1,000	166	350.00
Idaho	1,000	166	.00
Illinois	87,000	14,500	15,679.47
Indiana	31,000	5,166	4,486.48
Iowa	1,500	250	233.05
Kansas	14,000	2,334	1,543.07
Kentucky	84,000	14,000	9,978.36
Louisiana	500	84	.00
Maryland	16,000	2,666	1,518.85
Michigan	132,000	22,000	24,579.97
Mississippi	55,000	9,166	8,251.56
Missouri	179,000	29,834	30,353.70
Montana	1,000	166	222.50
Nevada	1,000	166	90.00
New Mexico	500	84	2.33
*Northeast Assn.	7,000	1,166	1,165.00
**Northwest Assn.	6,000	1,000	401.00
North Carolina	367,000	61,166	49,050.13
Ohio	116,000	19,334	12,378.95
Oklahoma	362,000	60,334	68,628.20
Pennsylvania	2,500	416	145.00
South Carolina	197,000	32,834	16,468.43
Tennessee	402,000	67,000	55,676.15
Texas	83,000	13,834	16,096.21
Virginia	99,000	16,500	11,852.92
Virgin Islands	3,000	500	187.37
West Virginia	80,000	13,334	6,585.23
Miscellaneous	72,884	12,148	18,166.59
Totals	\$2,976,884	\$496,148	\$436,685.45

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

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Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



Dr. Alton Loveless, promotional secretary for Ohio Free Will Baptists, conducts a workshop at Araras FWB Church in Brazil.

Loveless Holds Seminar for Brazil Missionaries

Brazil—Alton Loveless, promotional secretary of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists, conducted a series of eight seminars on interpersonal relationships January 7-9 in Barbacena, Brazil. The Brazil field council as well as the Walter Ellisons and Rick Bowlings from Uruguay were on hand for the three-day meeting.

During his visit to Brazil, Dr. Loveless also preached in the Conselheiro Lafaiete, Ribeirao Preto, and Araras Free Will Baptist churches. He conducted a series of teacher training workshops at the Araras church.

Loveless acknowledged that many of the churches were in a process of building or have plans for enlargement due to growth. A number of decisions for Christ were witnessed during the services he held.

Spiritual Emphasis Week Held at ICA in February

Ivory Coast—Missionary Neil Gilliland recently reported a spiritual emphasis week was held during the month of February at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake, Ivory Coast.

"Our speaker was an MK from Thailand who now is an associate pastor in Virginia," writes Neil. "He is planning to return to Thailand. He did a tremendous job in presenting the truth."

Gilliland also demonstrated his wit

in reporting their recent Valentine's banquet at the school: "We just finished our Valentine's banquet and everyone is in love for one evening. Our theme was 'You Light Up My Life.' I'm afraid some were only using 25-watt bulbs though. On the other hand, Sheila makes me feel like I'm on the road to Damascus."

Waddell Rejoices over Conference in India

India—R. Eugene Waddell, associate director of foreign missions, writes from India concerning the annual conference of Free Will Baptists which was held in February: "The conference closed on a victorious note. Over 500 attended the last service or two. Saturday night a Hindu man and five women prayed to receive Christ as Savior."

Waddell, who had been visiting with Carlisle and Marie Hanna since mid-February, expressed praise that a spirit of revival prevailed.

Mr. Waddell reported having gone to a nearby village with Carlisle and showing films on a soccer field. "About 300-350 came out," says Eugene. "Several expressed interest in Bible correspondence courses."

On March 7 the associate director was scheduled to leave India for Japan. He was to meet with the field council in Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido. Plans called for his return home on March 24.

Tsugitani Work Seeks New Place of Worship

Japan—According to missionary Dale Bishop, the Tsugitani church is looking for a place to meet. The group is currently meeting in the Bishops' house but they will soon be moving. The house in which they are living belongs to Southern Baptists and it is needed for a new missionary family.

"We have five families meeting with us now," writes Dale. "We have a total of 12 adults and 12 children. We thank the Lord for this group and we are looking for Him to do a good work through them."

Coscias Back on Field, Set Development Goals

Brazil—Louis and Florine Coscia arrived back in Brazil on February 25 with determination to accomplish special goals after a 10-month furlough.

The Coscias expressed the desire to develop spiritual maturity and effective soul winners among the believers. They hope to produce church leaders, train national pastors, and develop special Bible studies for Christian growth and service. They also want to involve more nationals in visitation and prayer meetings in homes, as well as seek the salvation of many unsaved people. Their aim is to develop a truly indigenous church with a Brazilian pastor.

Louis and Florine urged people to pray for their physical health and strength and for spiritual discernment as they continue their ministry.

Gospel Seed Bears Fruit 10 Years After Sowing

Ivory Coast—Mike Cousineau wrote in late February that God is moving in hearts where the gospel was preached over 10 years ago.

According to Mike, a man stopped by the youth center to pray. "He was tired of his fetishes," says Mike. "He is the son of the chief of his village. He went to burn his fetishes and we were thrilled to learn that seven other men, heads of families, wanted to follow God and burn their fetishes. Praise God for this! This is a village (about 15 kilometers from Bouna) where Eddie Payne and the Bryans preached and taught over 10 years ago."

The Cousineaus requested continued prayer for Thangba, the son of a witch doctor. The boy is doing a lot

of translating in the Bouna church services and is going to some villages to preach. His father continues to make threats on his life.

Brazilian Ordained as Pastor in Campinas

Brazil—Silvestre da Silveira Neto was officially passed for ordination in February when the Brazil examining board of Free Will Baptists met at the youth camp in Jaboticabal. The ordination service for the young pastor was scheduled for February 23 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas.

Neto has assumed pastoral responsibilities for the Campinas church as the Sturgills have begun a new work across town. Latest reports indicated four new families had been attending services at the First church.

Iriso Church Hindered from Land Purchase

Japan—According to a late February report from missionary Fred Hersey, the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church is still trying to purchase property. They are having difficulty due to the paper work brought on by a law passed three years ago.

"It is harder for churches to buy farm land and then put a building on it," says Fred. "I believe we can do it but it is a matter of time getting all the paper work in."

Hersey noted that three unsaved men had been attending the Sunday morning services recently on a regular basis. Four had attended on the Sunday prior to his correspondence. He urged people to pray that these men might get saved.

Ken Bailey preached at the church on February 23. He is working some at the Adachi Free Will Baptist Church in Tokyo. Fred noted that Ken would be speaking at Iriso once a month in order to get experience.

Leadership Training Held for Advance Celebration

Nashville, Tenn.—Overseas Secretary and Advance Coordinator Jimmy Aldridge has been involved in training sessions for the Advance Celebration in various areas of the country.

Aldridge conducted these training sessions for area chairmen during January: January 9-12 in Williamsburg, Va., and Kingsport, Tenn.; January 19-20 in Conway, Ark.; and

January 24-25 in Henrietta, Okla. On January 27-28 Jimmy conducted a special training session in Nashville for state leaders from Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and North Carolina.

During February Jimmy conducted training sessions in Lebanon, Mo., on February 3 and 4, in Detroit, Mich., on February 21 and 22, and in eastern and middle Tennessee on February 25 and 26.

Aldridge held sessions for North Carolina and Maryland state chairmen on March 3 in Durham, N.C. Training sessions for area chairmen were scheduled for March 14-15 in Columbus, Oh., and March 28-29 in Columbus, Miss.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

France—"Thank you for praying for Marie Puchon and Mademoiselle Salansan," writes Cathy Crawford from Nantes, France. After previously requesting prayer for these two ladies, Cathy noted that Mademoiselle Salansan agreed to have a weekly Bible study with her and "the Lord has been speaking to her heart." The Lord also opened the doors in January for Cathy to witness to Marie.

Brazil—According to missionary Ken Eagleton in Araras, Brazil, this is the "Year of Weddings." Two weddings were scheduled for March and two more sometime later this year. "These are all Free Will Baptists marrying Free Will Baptists!" Ken exclaimed.



Judy Smith is tentatively scheduled to return to Japan in April.

Ivory Coast—According to a February report from Judy Bryan's mother, Robert Bryan's condition has much improved. Robert has hepatitis.

Japan—Jennifer Dawn Bishop made her entry into the world on January 25 in Sapporo, Japan. The new-born daughter of missionaries Dale and Sandra Bishop weighed in at seven pounds, 13 and one-half ounces. She measured 20 inches in length.

France—Miss Dawn Sweeney reported in late February that she had led two prostitutes to the Lord in Paris. She requested prayer that God would give them grace to resist temptation and to find other means of employment.

Brazil—Missionary Earnie Deeds reported a "good retreat" on February
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State Advance chairmen from seven states listen to Jimmy Aldridge, Advance coordinator, as he presents the plan for carrying out the Advance Celebration in their states.



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11 at Barbacena with people from the Barbacena and Conselheiro Lafaiete churches coming together. Between 60 and 70 people attended. Earnie gave studies on the Christian family.

Tulsa, Okla.—Mr. Carl Payne, father of missionary Eddie Payne, was listed in critical condition on March 4 after having surgery on February 25 to correct a hole in his diaphragm. During the surgery his esophagus was lacerated and had to be repaired. He had to undergo an additional three and one-half hours of surgery on February 28 to stop bleeding and remove fluids. Latest reports indicated his vital signs had deteriorated and his kidneys were failing.

Ivory Coast—An early March report from Ivory Coast indicated that Deleen Cousineau has been very ill with chronic malaria. Christians have been urged to pray for her recovery.

France—Missionary Mark Daniel requested Christians to pray for him and Donna as they witness to their

language tutors. Mark's tutor, Jean-Pierre, is evidently an atheist. "Our translation of 'Evolution—Useful or Useless,' an article published by the Institute for Creation Research, proved helpful in revealing basic weaknesses in his point of view," writes Mark.



Jimmy and Janie Aldridge

Nashville, Tenn.—Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife Janie left for Brazil on March 25 to visit with the Brazil missionaries and to discuss field structure. They plan to return to the U.S. on April 20.

Ivory Coast—A small boy was bitten by a snake in the Doropo area recently but was responding to treatment at the clinic until someone told the parents they needed to have the snake's teeth removed. According to Carol Pinkerton, "They took him from the hospital to the witch doctor who did his thing. The little boy, who was small enough to be carried on his mother's back, is now dead."

Brazil—According to missionary Bobby Poole, construction of the new building at Ribeirao Preto was scheduled to begin sometime in February. The new building is to have 10 classrooms, bathrooms, and offices.

Ivory Coast—Construction on the new building for the Bible institute in Bouna, Ivory Coast, has been completed. According to a report from Deleen Cousineau, "It is a lovely building, and we look forward to seeing students come from our churches to be trained for the ministry."

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions will meet in its annual session April 28-May 1 in Nashville.

Neosho, Mo.—Alicia Bunch, youngest daughter of missionaries Stan and

Brenda Bunch, underwent surgery on February 4 to correct a bone deformity in the foot. Reports indicate surgery went well and the child is recovering normally. Complete success cannot be determined for a period of time.

Buffalo Springs, Tex.—Missionary appointees to Ivory Coast Ernest and Elaine Holland are scheduled to be commissioned for missionary service on May 11 in the Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church, Buffalo Springs. They hope to leave for language study in France this fall prior to going to Ivory Coast.

Oklahoma Youth Give \$1,000 for India Project

Broken Arrow, Okla.—Youth from the Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Okla., contributed \$1,000 in March toward the purchase of film equipment in India.

According to Bob Ketchum, pastor of the church, the youth took on the project in October of 1985 and raised funds through "slave" sales, a car wash and peanut sales. In the "slave" sale, the youth "sold themselves" to do housework, yard work, etc.

On March 2, 1986, the group lacked \$75 having \$1,000, so the pastor challenged the congregation to complete the figure. They responded positively.

This gift is a part of the church's Advance Celebration goal.

New Work Averages 35 First Four Nights

Brazil—On February 6 a new work was launched in the Pauliceia section of Campinas, Brazil. The work was started by missionaries Jim and Vicki Sturgill who have been working with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas for the past several years.

"We averaged 35 for the four opening night services," writes Vicki Sturgill. "We were thrilled beyond imagination. Several new families came to the services. One unsaved man went home and called his family to go to church saying he had found the church he wanted to attend. His wife, a Christian, has been praying for him for five years."

According to Vicki, 10 Christians from the Campinas church live in the area of the new work. They will be helping to get the new church started.

"The teens at Pauliceia are very excited and feel the rented hall is too

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small," Sturgill continued. "Edilson, a very talented young man from Pauliceia, designed removable walls so the hall can be divided for Sunday school but within just a few seconds opened to make it one big hall."

Seven More Language Groups Have Bible

New York, N.Y.—According to a report from the American Bible Society, new complete Bibles were published in 1985 in seven more languages: Mundang, Bokyí, Mampuri, Tiddin Chin, Foaripi, Haitian and Navajo.

As of the end of 1985 at least a portion of the Scriptures had been published in 1,829 languages. Although this represents 98 percent of the world's people, it is only one-third of the 5,000 languages and dialects in existence.

Total Bibles are available in only 293 languages.

"Defying the Gods" Film Now Available in VHS

Nashville, Tenn.—The 16mm film, "Defying the Gods," is now available in video VHS format, according to Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions.

Robirds stated the video tapes would be available on a freewill offering basis with a suggested \$10 minimum. The film will soon be available in the Betamax format. The missions office noted that those requesting the film should specify one of these formats: 6mm film, VHS video, or Betamax video. These may be requested by writing to Foreign Missions, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 or by calling (615) 361-1010.

Teachers Needed Abroad According to Intercristo

Seattle, Wash.—An estimated 1,000 teachers with English as a second language will be needed in the next 12 months to fill job vacancies overseas, according to Intercristo, a Seattle-based organization that helps people find employment in Christian missions and ministry.

Intercristo also projects that an additional 1,200 teachers of various subjects are needed before September, 1986, to fill job vacancies in Christian schools both in the U.S. and overseas.

For information, call Intercristo toll-free at 800-426-1342.



Youth from Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn., work with Sam McVey (standing far right), their youth director, in collating Advance Celebration materials.

Brazil Association Holds 1986 Annual Session

Brazil—The 1986 annual session of the Brazil Association of Free Will Baptist Churches was held on February 15 in Jaboticabal.

The group planned a budget for the year and heard the reports of the theological education committee and the credentials committee. They also elected officers for the year.

Two Bible institutes were declared to be official institutions of the association: Uberlandia and Ribeirao Preto.

Two young men were approved for ordination.

Nashville Area Youth Aid Advance Program

Nashville, Tenn.—Several youth groups from the Nashville area contributed significantly to the Advance Celebration during December, January and February by collating printed materials, stuffing envelopes, etc. Missionary Clint Morgan and MK Jonathan Merkh coordinated the efforts of youth groups from the Donelson, Woodbine, Cofer's Chapel, and Fellowship Free Will Baptist churches in Nashville.

Several students from Free Will Baptist Bible College also worked many hours to prepare the materials for distribution in the states which are launching their celebrations this spring. According to one foreign missions staff member, these combined volunteer efforts probably saved hundreds of dollars it would have cost to hire the work done.

Expressing deep appreciation to these youth groups and their leaders, Advance Coordinator Jimmy Aldridge stated, "There's no way we could have completed all this work on time without the splendid cooperation of dozens of young people who freely gave their time and energy to complete the task. On behalf of all those who will be blessed as a result of the Advance Celebration, I thank these youth groups."

150 Cases of Measles Treated in Doropo Clinic

Ivory Coast—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton reported in February that he had treated 150 cases of measles at the clinic in Doropo during December and January. He also indicated the measles outbreak was getting worse. He had treated six cases of spinal meningitis in February.

"I heard today that in a nearby village, three people have already died of what people say was meningitis," writes the doctor. "We have been vaccinating against measles and yellow fever three afternoons a week and meningitis one afternoon a week. We have been having between 40 and 50 people every afternoon for vaccinations."

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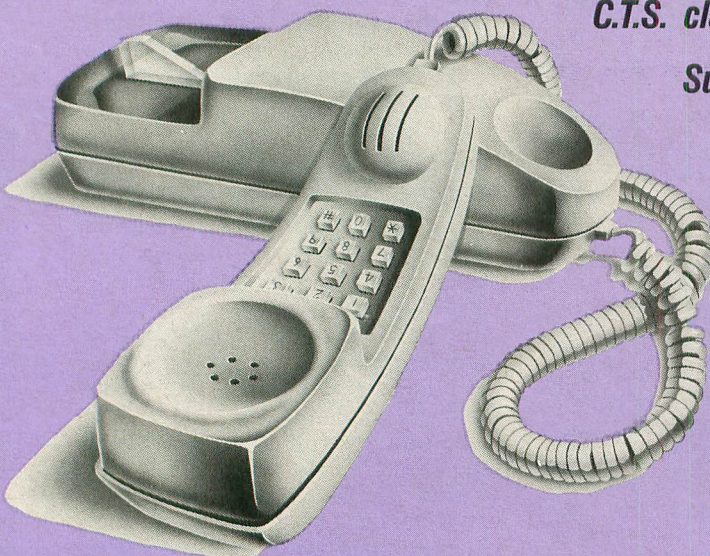
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