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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through
Free Will Baptists around the world

Joy to the World!

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Endowment Fund Started

New Work Planned
in Uruguay

New Building Dedicated





The Iriso FWB Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan, recently dedicated this new church building to the Lord.

Hersey Reports Building Dedication at Iriso

Japan—According to missionary Fred Hersey, the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church held a special service on Friday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. to dedicate the new church building. Approximately 65 people attended the service.

Missionary Jerry Banks was on hand to bring greetings from the churches and Christians in the Hokkaido area. Ruth McDonald, new missionary currently studying in language school, sang a solo and surprised those present by singing both in English and in Japanese.

Hersey stated that each person who attended was given three picture postcards of the new church building.

A total of \$1,475 was received for the building fund from those who registered during the day.

"We have had an increase in attendance," writes Fred, "and we really haven't done much advertising yet. Our people are excited about the prospects in this new neighborhood and we expect the church to grow."

Bowlings Plan New Work in Malvin Norte, Uruguay

Uruguay—The Rick Bowling family has made efforts to launch a new work in the Malvin Norte area of Montevideo, Uruguay. On September 14 they, along with eight students, started a street preaching service.

"There were large crowds of men, women, children, and babies," writes

Rick. "Some people stopped to hear and others just passed by. But most everyone took a tract which contained a portion of God's Word."

The Bowlings have started a Bible study in the home of the Arizaga family in the area of Malvin Norte. The parents are Christians, but they have many children and grandchildren who are unsaved.

In addition to the new work, the Bowlings are conducting services for prisoners through a jail ministry each Sunday. They have twelve to twenty prisoners each Sunday. One of these recently accepted Christ as Savior.

The Bowlings' children, Michelle and Chris, are also involved in a puppet ministry in the area.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Kirkville, Mo.—Mr. Boyd Filkins, father of missionary Olena McLain in Japan, died on Monday, October 27, in the Kirkville hospital. The exact cause of death was not verified at last report. Mr. Filkins would have been 80 years of age this month. He was the father of former Ivory Coast missionary Howard Filkins and the grandfather of missionary David Filkins, who is studying French at Albertville, France.

Moore, Okla.—Missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds reported in October that Solange, a Brazilian young lady who accompanied them to the United States in July, had accepted Christ as her Savior. Solange was a neighbor of

the Deeds family in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil.

India—A recent report from an Indian pastor in North India indicated 23 new converts from this past April have been going through some very difficult times. Some have suffered much persecution. The pastor indicated 10 other people were on the verge of making decisions for Christ.

Japan—According to Jim and Olena McLain, the Higashi Tsukisamu church in a Sapporo suburb on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan, is sponsoring two kindergartens, with a combined attendance of 200 children. Approximately 300 students are also enrolled in an English school and private tutoring system which meets in the church building. These classes are used to make contacts for evangelism.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary Ken Eagleton, Sr. is recovering normally in Nashville, Tenn., after having quadruple by-pass surgery in October. He is expected to remain in the United States for approximately three months to fully recuperate before returning to his ministry in Araras, Brazil.

Norman, Okla.—Mike and Deleen Cousineau, who have been home on furlough since May of this year, plan to return to Ivory Coast sometime in January.

Minford, Oh.—Missionary Cathy Crawford, who was scheduled to depart on November 18 for France, was delayed when her visa and other papers did not come through on schedule.

Blaine, Ky.—Mr. Allen Roberts, father of missionary Sharon Ferguson, died on October 29 in Blaine, Ky. He apparently suffered a coronary failure as he was going out to look over his cattle. He was 71 years of age.

Mike and Deleen Cousineau plan to leave in January to return to their Ivory Coast ministry at Bouna, I.C.



France—Ernest and Elaine Holland have settled in Albertville, France, and have begun French language study. "We live about 20 minutes' walking distance from the school," writes Ernest. "I plan to walk most of the time although we do have the car that the Robert Wests sold to us."

Panama—Free Will Baptist national leaders of Panama met in September and made plans for the work. Projected goals included the establishment of a mission in every province of Panama by the end of 1987 and the founding of a Bible institute in January of next year.

South India Church Reports New Mission

India—Indian pastor Peter Natesan reported recently that the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church at Mettupalayam, South India, is sponsoring a mission in Karamadai.

According to the report, approximately 23 people are attending the Sunday services. According to Pastor Natesan, all of these are baptized members.

The church is fully supporting Mr. Paul Wilson and his wife who are working as full-time evangelists in the mission.

Bunches Lead Neighbor to Christ, Report Flood

Panama—"Praise the Lord with us that one of our neighbor ladies recently made a profession of faith in our home," writes missionary Stan Bunch from Panama. "I am now having Bible studies with her and her mother who has a heart condition."

Stan and Brenda Bunch are working in the Las Tablas area and are trying to start a new work in La Pasera. The Las Tablas church has been helping flood victims in the area as rains have been so heavy the ditches can't carry the water. Many homes have been destroyed. About six inches of water entered the Bunches' house on two occasions.

Stan also reported that another neighbor who lives behind them has been attending services along with her two daughters. "She is very interested in the gospel," Bunch stated. "Her husband is in jail for burglary. I have been to see him and he is also open to the gospel. He has a Bible and has been reading it while in jail."



Ivory Coast missionary Sherwood Lee receives a check for \$1,541.49 from Pastor Glenn Hood of Center Point FWB Church in Center Point, Ala.

Brenda is teaching a sewing class on Tuesday nights with ladies from the Las Tablas church and several neighbor ladies. She is also having a Bible study on Thursday nights with the women.

Alabama Church Responds to "Project Microscope"

Center Point, Ala.—Having been challenged by Sherwood Lee during the January 1986 missionary conference in Alabama, the Center Point Free Will Baptist Church responded to the challenge of raising funds for "Project Microscope." Following the leadership of Pastor Glenn Hood, the church pledged over \$1,300 during a Sunday morning service.

On August 2, 1986, the church sponsored a missions banquet and gave Sherwood a shower of personal gifts for him and his family. He was also presented with a check for \$1,571.47 for "Project Microscope." Pastor Joe King of Locust Fork Free Will Baptist Church also presented Lee with a check for \$150 from his congregation.

Mrs. Carolyn Wilson, president of the woman's auxiliary, helped to promote the effort by designing a large microscope and a thermometer to challenge the church.

Sherwood and Vada Lee returned to Ivory Coast in September.

17 Saved in Barbacena Through End of September

Brazil—Missionary Dave Franks revealed in mid-October that from January through September 17 people had professed faith in Christ at Barbacena, Brazil. A total of 32 rededications and nine baptisms were also recorded during the same period.

The Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church is in the process of building

Sunday school classrooms to allow more room for growth.

Franks urged people to pray that God would provide a Brazilian pastor for the church, help the people finish construction, give them a greater evangelistic outreach, and strengthen the church's Saturday night youth meetings.

Lee Rejoices in Ministry, Desperately Needs Help

Ivory Coast—Missionary Sherwood Lee recently reported having treated a young girl who almost bled to death as a result of going through the Lobi rites. "We were able to help by giving a blood transfusion to bring her hemoglobin from 4 to 11," writes Sherwood.

The parents of 10-year-old Naba heard the gospel on various occasions during the treatment. "We feel that Naba's father is about ready to receive Christ as his personal Savior," Lee noted. "The parents have promised to attend church. Pray for them."

"We are alone and I sense the tremendous responsibility," Sherwood continued. "This means I have to see

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Financial Summary

Through October 31

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Total income for October	\$ 256,883.73
Total income through October	2,276,887.37
Total disbursements through October	2,515,932.57
Projected income through October	2,480,736.70
Total 1986 Budget	\$2,976,884.00
1986 ADVANCE Budget	201,526.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey	\$10,747.41	McCullough	\$ 2,033.22
Callaway	11,043.42	Miley	8,135.75
Ellison	3,871.39	Murray	7,289.05
Gibbs	3,133.21	Nichols	3,994.82
Inscoe	2,089.21	Sturgill	2,152.53
Leatherbury	370.68	Turnbough	3,576.37
Lee	1,865.54	Wiley	794.82
Martens	384.73	General Fund	22,618.35
Total			\$84,100.50

—>Continued from inside patients, be secretary, bookkeeper, administrator, nursing teacher, and teacher and helper in the village ministry. Humanly speaking this is more than one person can do. Pray especially that funds will come in for the Robert Wests to come out immediately."

Foreign Missions Opens Special Endowment Fund

Nashville, Tenn.—The foreign missions department has announced the establishment of a Foreign Missions Endowment Fund as an opportunity for contributors to perpetuate their giving.

In view of the new tax laws, the foreign missions staff has encouraged interested individuals to take advantage of this new avenue of missions giving before the end of the year. For details write to R. Eugene Waddell, general director, at P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 or call 615-361-1010.

Pooles Plan Furlough, Son to Be Married

Brazil—Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole are scheduled to return to the United States on January 9 to begin a short furlough from Brazil.

The Pooles expect to be accompanied by Jeancarlo, a young Bible institute graduate who plans to study six weeks at the American University of Biblical Studies in Israel. Before going to the Holy Land the young man plans to visit several Free Will Baptist churches in the United States.



The building purchased by the new Koinonia church in Nopporo, Ebetsu, Japan, has a residence and one room upstairs. The room is being used for the services until the downstairs has been remodeled.

Bobby and Geneva also announced wedding plans for their son, John, who will exchange vows with Miss Renata Francoi of Ribeirao Preto on January 3. The wedding will take place in the Ribeirao Preto church.

Turnboughs Face Busy Commuting Schedules

Spain—Busy commuting schedules have caused Jeff and Susan Turnbough to request prayer for special grace during the next few months. Between the children's education, Susan's language school refresher course, and Jeff's busy schedule with the Villalba church, the Turnboughs face a full daily routine.

Matthew travels with Jonathan and Miranda Owen to Madrid by train. It takes them one and one-half hours to get to school. Susan travels an equal amount of time by bus to Madrid for language study. Their return in the evening takes each one another hour and one-half of travel time.

Bishop Reports Progress on Building Remodeling

Japan—Missionary Dale Bishop has reported progress on the remodeling of the building purchased for the new church which has been started in an area of Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan.

"The work on remodeling the downstairs for the church has begun, but it is moving slowly," writes Dale. "We only had about \$2,300 left for remodeling after taxes. So we're doing most of the work ourselves."

The group hoped to have the remodeling work done by the middle of October. The Bishops moved into the apartment part of the building without remodeling. They report having made several new contacts in the area and are praying that these will develop into fruit in the near future.

Classes in English, Bible, and cooking were started as an outreach to the community.

The group has agreed to call the new church Koinonia Church.

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