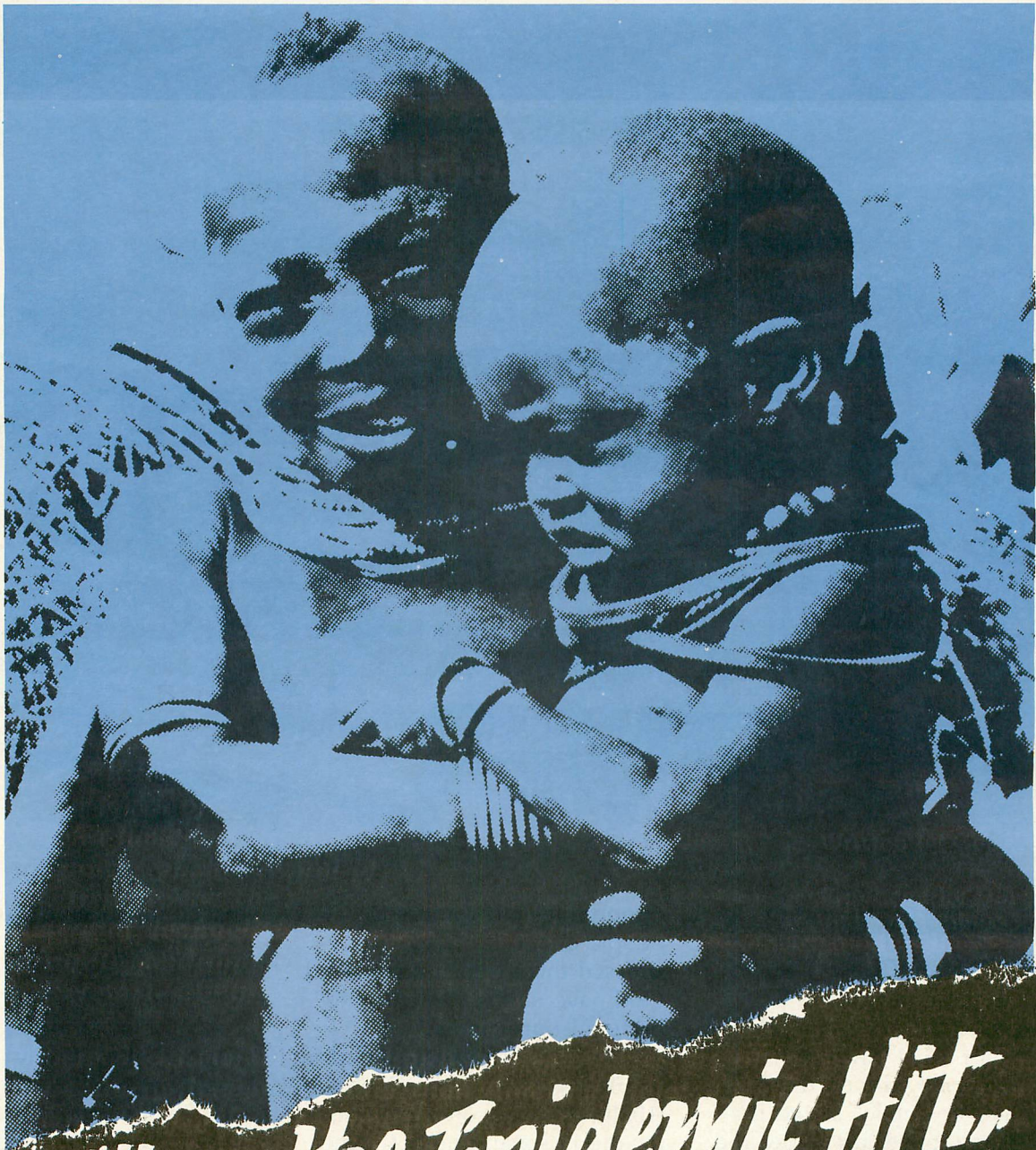


JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1986

# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at Work through Free Will Baptists around the world



*When the Epidemic Hit...*



# When the Epidemic Hit...

by Sherwood Lee



**O**n behalf of the government and the health officials of Ivory Coast, I would like to express my personal appreciation to you as Free Will Baptists for what you have done, especially during this meningitis epidemic," stated the gentleman ranked just under the Minister of Health. "I don't know how you were able to take care of that many people," he added.

As I reminisced, I also wondered how. But I knew from the very beginning that even though we were in an epidemic, this was going to give us

opportunities to witness to people about the Lord. We stressed this to our nurses. And God gave us the strength and honored our witness.

The whole situation started in January of 1985. I had been to Abidjan to buy some medicines for the hospital, transact some mission business, and do some of our shopping. When I arrived back at the Doropo station, Lynette Morgan told me about a patient who had been admitted in my absence. The 15-year-old shepherd boy from the desert area north of us had been

placed in isolation. He had not responded to normal treatment. From the symptoms, I felt he had meningitis so we started treating him accordingly. He responded positively to the treatment.

Within a few days we saw two or three more cases of meningitis. Then, we began having two or three a day. This increased to four, five, and on up to 15 per day. Then we knew for sure we were hit by an epidemic.

We notified the regional health director, so he came up



to check on things. He agreed that we were facing an epidemic and promised to do all he could to help us.

Our nine African nurses worked with Lynette Morgan, my wife Vada, and me. As the epidemic progressed, we knew we would have to close the dispensary. We ran out of medicines and sent Vada with an African chauffeur to Bouake—a seven-hour trip from Doropo—to get supplies. It was serious because we were running out of intravenous fluids. When we did run out, we had to use IV sets from one patient to another.

Some people in the United States had sent us some disposable syringes. I can't adequately express my appreciation for these. But we ran out of these and had to take time to boil the reusable syringes even though we didn't really have the time.

As the epidemic increased, we were all (African nurses included) called on to work double shifts. Some nights I was able to sleep only three or four hours. One morning I was called out at 4:00 o'clock to see a patient. I finally got to sleep the next morning at 2:00 o'clock.

Space in the hospital and clinic allows us to treat 12 patients comfortably, but we can actually take care of 24 patients. One day we counted 57 patients. All of the beds were full and sometimes we had to put two in a bed. We even had people under the beds, on the porches, and in the hallways.

Patients arrived by various means. Some came on bicycles; one came tied to his brother's back and sitting on the back of a bicycle. His feet were tied to

the frame of the bike. He had come many miles like that.

Some would take clothing or sheets of cloth, tie these to a pole, and transport patients great distances to the hospital. We had children brought in baskets sitting on the back of bicycles and some in basins on the tops of people's heads.

And they came in all shapes and ages! One woman came when she was eight months pregnant. But she had a severe case of meningitis, so we feared for her life. Thank God, she was spared as was her baby!

One man brought his only son, a meningitis victim. The father was heartbroken. He stressed to us on several occasions that we had to do all we could to save the boy's life.

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Jeremiah, one of our nurses, spent some time witnessing to the man and his son. Every morning as we made rounds, the nursing team would pray together on behalf of the son. One day I knew, humanly speaking, we could do nothing more. The boy had lapsed into a coma.

When we told the father that there was little hope, he was heartbroken. This gave me the opportunity to explain to him that our Heavenly Father had only one Son. His Son died and was buried. But He arose from the grave to give us life!

One afternoon I was working when they brought in Joseph, a young Christian man from the

village of Tsantifedouo, where Vada and I go on Sundays and Wednesday nights. He was burning up with fever and suffering from severe headaches. We put a thermometer under his arm and in five seconds his temperature registered 108 degrees. We didn't have ice to use in bringing the temperature down, so we sponged him with alcohol.

Joseph grew worse and became delirious. Some of the African staff members were off for supper on Wednesday and went to prayer meeting. I knew Joseph would die unless a miracle occurred. So, I asked Vada to go down to the church and ask them to pray. And the people poured out their hearts to God. After church, several came to the hospital to pray for this Christian brother.

The next morning, I was filled with joy as I entered the hospital to find Joseph sitting up on the bed. He was weak but his temperature was normal. God had answered prayer!

In another incident, things didn't turn out quite so well. When the situation at the station had reached a point of seeming impossibility, I sent Clint Morgan south to find some help for us. Lynette was trying to help us and continue teaching her boys. While Clint was gone, a fellow who had been saved two years earlier brought us his wife in a state of coma. In addition to his wife, his little boy had meningitis.

Shortly, the man himself came to us complaining of a terrific headache. We treated him and asked him to lie down. We discovered he had malaria instead of meningitis, thank the Lord.

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## When the Epidemic Hit...

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Finally, we got news that villagers were bringing in the man's daughter with meningitis. We set up the IV solutions and prepared for her arrival. But it was too late. She lived only about an hour and a half after she got to the hospital. Just before Clint arrived with missionaries Sharon Ferguson and Alice Smith, the girl died. I walked out on the veranda because it was just more than I could take. I started crying and said to Clint, "Now, we're losing the Christians."

Together we went into the room with the father. Both Clint and I wept with this Christian man. We have learned to weep with those who weep and laugh with those who laugh.

Later that day Clint and some of the Christians took the body out to the village and held a Christian funeral. This gave another opportunity to preach the gospel.

Vaccine to curtail the epidemic was administered by us as long as we had some. I had made one trip to pick up

500 doses and Clint made other trips to Bouake for medicine besides the trip that Vada made.

The Minister of Health promised to get us some vaccine and the military police set up some roadblocks. They stopped travelers at the borders of the country and as they were coming out of Bouna toward Doropo. They also set up a control post at the road coming to our station. A government nurse administered vaccine there.

The government also gave us vaccine, and government nurses went to the villages with a vacso-jet pistol. When they finished, they would stop by the clinic and see the long line of people waiting for vaccinations. Then they would join us and finish vaccinating much faster than we could with a simple syringe.

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During the epidemic, we admitted and treated 308 meningitis patients in the hospital. Of these, 25 died. We treated hundreds of other people on an outpatient basis.

Vada helped us by keeping records and coordinating the patient flow, etc. From the records she kept, government officials were able to pinpoint the worst areas and begin vaccinations there. They also traced the beginning of the meningitis epidemic back to the area of the young shepherd boy whom we treated first.

In addition to the expanded opportunity for gospel witness, one very positive outcome of

the epidemic has been the rapid clearance for Dr. Kenneth Eagleton to practice medicine in the country. Just before I left the country, I went to see the assistant to the Minister of Health. He told me he would be going on a tour but asked me to come by his office the next day. When I got to his office, he said, "I came down today especially to welcome you and tell you good-bye since you are leaving the country. Also, the doctor's papers are through." They had already been signed but they had to be mimeographed, etc. So, the next morning they were hand-delivered to me, and I was able to send them to Dr. Eagleton before I left.

We are also thankful for the help we received from those around us. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brearley of the New Tribes Mission, who are working with the Touni tribe near us, came and chipped in. Allan helped Clint get a plywood porch put up at the clinic.

Mrs. Brearley had worked in a hospital, so she took over the patient care: giving kids baths, cleaning the patients up, etc. Another New Tribes couple also came and helped with the laundry and the nursing.

The thing that touched me most during all of these difficulties and blessings was the lack of a resident physician. As a registered nurse I had a great deal of responsibility thrust on me without a doctor to back me up. We desperately need additional medical personnel in this very practical and vital ministry.

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Sherwood Lee, now on furlough, has been serving as a missionary since 1966. He has been in charge of the medical work at Doropo since Dr. LaVerne Miley left the Ivory Coast at the end of 1978.

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# WAITING TO SEE THE DOCTOR

by Carol Pinkerton

*This is a typical day at the hospital/clinic in Doropo, Ivory Coast.*

**T**he waiting room is full. The clinic will not open for two hours. Yet from 40 to 60 people, having either walked or ridden old bikes, are waiting to see the doctor. A cassette player is loudly giving out the gospel and songs. Each patient has a card listing his or her name, age, sickness, etc. They are seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

It is hot and muggy at 8:00 a.m. as we make hospital rounds. Today we have 11 patients—everything from a seriously infected finger (the man's wife bit it!), to a psychotic case, hemorrhoids, and even a new mother with her baby.

Looking at the patients' charts, the doctor questions the nurse. "Was the medication given? Or did you forget to sign it as given?" "We all forget," the nurse answers.

Now, back to the clinic to see the waiting people. The doctor's chair is broken in three places,

giving the seat a semi-opened-umbrella appearance. Three nurses come in, each asking a question at the same time.

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***Malaria is all too common, and the waiting room is full.***

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The doctor has found it time saving to add up the dismissed patient's bill himself rather than explain it to someone else, then have to do it himself anyway. The physician hasn't had formal French studies, yet he is able to understand the words for fever, headache, diarrhea, etc. in three languages. He communicates in English to the African nurse who responds in French. They understand each other.

A mother carries a small girl into the office. Her leg is so badly burned, she can't walk. It happened four days earlier! She lives in Doropo.

"Why didn't you bring her sooner?" No answer. "Did you put anything on the burn?"

"Yes."

"What?"

"Something in water." She receives care.

A tall man comes to pay money for his daughter's hospital bill. He is talking to the African nurse in the Lobi language. The doctor's writing is interrupted when he hears the Lobi word for God: "What did he say about Thangba?" A Christian witness is given.

Two teeth are pulled, and a little boy's armpit will feel much better now that the four-day abscess is drained.

After some friendly laughter, a new-born girl's tongue is clipped on the underside giving more freedom for movement.

Malaria is all too common, and the waiting room is still full. A 29-year-old woman is anemic, also pregnant for the ninth time.

A young girl is brought in to see the doctor—five hours after chopping the last joint of her finger off while cutting wood. Her skin is tough and putting a suture through the nail is difficult. Perhaps the finger has been saved.

Medical orders have to be filled, immunizations must be given, paperwork has to be completed, and many other jobs need to be done. In addition to all this, the sink is plugged up, the workers need advances, etc. This makes an exciting life!

"Thank You, Lord, for bringing the Eagletons. They are needed so badly, and they need more help. Speak to Free Will Baptists, because people are waiting to see the doctor!"

Carol Pinkerton and her husband Jerry are veteran missionaries currently living on the Doropo station. Jerry is field chairman of the Ivory Coast field council of Free Will Baptist missionaries.





# CLAIMING THE VICTORY!

by Geneva Poole

***Cecilia faced such satanic depression that she would cry and interrupt classes at the Bible institute.***

**C**old chills swept over me from head to toe as I entered the door. Realizing I was entering Satan's territory, silently I cried out to God for protection and wisdom.

This was not a spiritist center. I had simply gone to call on the family of one of our new ones in Christ, a family involved in spiritism.

I remember that visit in particular. One of the brothers was full of jeering remarks about

religion. Sometimes he spoke with such scornful derision that it was almost unbearable for his sister, Cecilia Maria, who had just found life in Christ. The mother wanted to be nice, but she didn't want to hear anything that would thrust light on her evil ways. Neither was she concerned about Cecilia, since she was sure religion was just another one of her daughter's wild ideas. It would blow over shortly.

As my husband and I left that home all I could do was pray. How Cecilia Maria needed our prayers! "Lord, help her. Give her strength and wisdom," I pleaded silently.

Myriads of questions flashed through my mind. Was that the pressure that Cecilia had to live under? Would she remain true to her new-found faith under those circumstances? Would we be able to help this family come to know Christ?



Cecilia Maria did not give up. Instead, she became more involved in the work of the Lord. As time passed the jeering remarks were turned into extreme pressure to make her abandon her faith. This became even more drastic when her younger sister began to attend church with her.

With a great desire to do God's will, Cecilia entered the Bible institute. But times of sadness fell upon her. Satanic depression became so intent she would cry and interrupt the classes.

"Lord give us your wisdom," we cried to God. Through hours and hours of counseling and prayer, we gradually were able to see her through to complete victory.

Many times we encouraged Cecilia, "Do not give up. Trust God for the victory." But as we said this to her we were also exhorting ourselves to continue on. We kept Galatians 6:9 constantly before us. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Victory did come, but not without its price. There were years of conflicts followed by calmness, sufferings then blessings, defeats followed by victories. Finally a lasting victory!

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***"She'll work among the Indians only over my dead body," her mother declared.***

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The next big blow did not jolt Cecilia Maria nor her faith.

"To work among the Indians! Only over my dead body," was the mother's wail as she learned

that her daughter had answered God's call to missionary service.

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***The jeering remarks turned into extreme pressure to make her abandon her faith.***

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Much prayer, serious preparation and enduring patience went together to bring the mother to accept the fact that her daughter would be living in an Indian village. But it did happen! Cecilia went to serve under MEVA (the Brazilian branch of Unevangelized Fields Mission) in

northern Brazil.

One has planted, another has watered and God has given the increase. After several years of service in the Amazon, Cecilia is on leave from MEVA. She has returned to Ribeirao Preto and is serving in the Ipiranga church under the auspices of her home church. She plans to return to the Amazon within the next few months. Her mother is no longer rebellious against God, and has opened the door for God to work in her heart as well.

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Geneva Poole serves in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil with her husband, Bobby. They work with the First Free Will Baptist Church and with the Seminary-Bible Institute of Ribeirao Preto.



...Update

by Jimmy Aldridge  
Advance Coordinator

## State Advance Celebrations Begin!

**A**fter more than a year of intense preparation and laying the groundwork, at least seven states are now beginning their Advance celebrations. Texas had the honor of leading the way. South Carolina, Virginia, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Missouri are all now kicking off their celebrations.

A final training session for State Advance Chairmen will be held in Nashville, Tenn., on January 27-28, 1986. Leaders from Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Illinois, North Carolina, Maryland, Indiana, and West Virginia are expected.

One leader recently remarked, "I've looked for this kind of information about our mission

fields for a long time. I'm thrilled at the Advance Celebration organizational plan to put it in every church home."

Our goal is to let people know of God's mighty works so that we may all praise Him for His blessings over the past 50 years of our overseas missions endeavor.

We also want to express our commitment to Him by giving sacrificially to train national leaders, to provide evangelistic tools, to help build church buildings, and to help send out at least 30 new missionaries over the next five years.

Let's bathe the celebration in prayer and look to God for refreshing! Be ready to participate as you are contacted by your state leaders.



# Raul Did What Angels Couldn't Do!

by Steve Lytle

***Sanes became God's primary instrument to bring salvation to Buenos Aires, Panama.***

**W**hen Raul Sanes accepted Christ as his Savior, his immediate desire was to serve the Lord. His first pastor was former missionary Tom Willey, Jr., who remembers the seventeen-year-old's enthusiasm: "He was a dedicated kid. He went with me to Canitas, and I could always count on him when the others didn't go."

Raul recalls one occasion when Tom asked for volunteers to go with him to preach, and only one girl raised her hand. "I couldn't understand why everyone wouldn't want to go

out and preach the gospel," he says. That first love, kindled in Raul's heart in 1973 when he was saved, has continued to burn brightly throughout the years.

While still a teenager, Raul began going with Pastor Willey and other young people from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City to evangelize in the rural areas of Canitas and Jenene. One day he was passing out tracts and happened to give one to a man who lived further up in the mountains, near Buenos Aires.

"He was so interested in the gospel that he invited me to his home," recalls Raul. "But would you believe that I never found where he lived?" Instead, Sanes found the community of Buenos Aires, which consisted of less than 200 people.

Soon, Raul became God's primary human instrument to bring salvation to that community. Though still basically untrained in theology and pastoral methods, Sanes labored from 1974-78, until there were over 40 baptized believers in the new church.

Raul recalls those years of ministry with the following observation: "I'm thankful for how Pastor Willey helped to disciple me as a new Christian,

and also for the advice of another brother in the church, Winston Anderson, who stressed the importance of having something to say when I went out to preach."

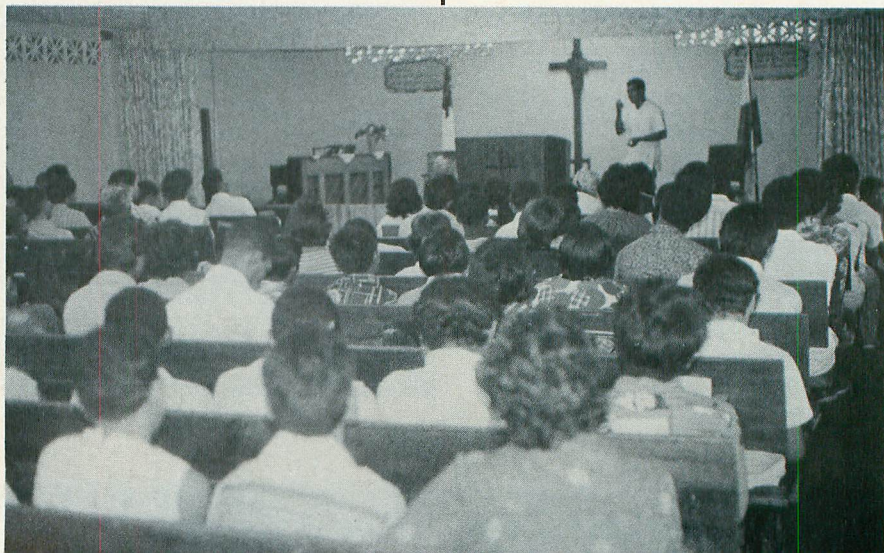
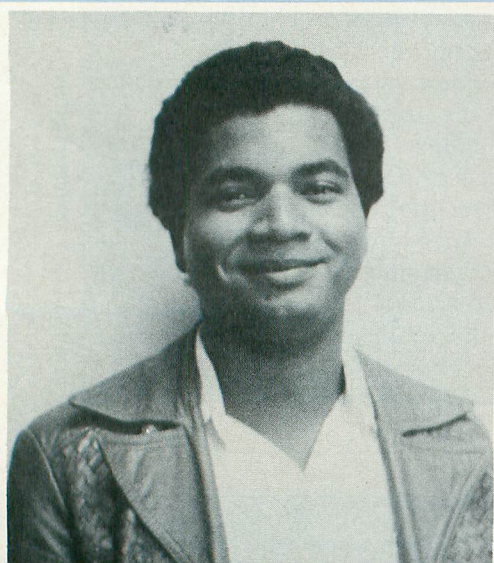
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"There were three factors that contributed to the growth of the church in Buenos Aires," says the young preacher: "(1) preaching the gospel—directly, repeatedly, and consistently; (2) constant prayer—especially when the Catholic Church opposed our ministry; and (3) visitation every week from house to house." Celso Vargas, a leader in the Panamanian church today, told Raul what a tremendous impression it made on him, when he came home one day and found a Gospel of John under his door.

Early in 1978, the Lord opened another door of service for Raul. Missionary Larry Incoe was leaving for furlough. Someone was needed to fill the gap in Las Tablas. Raul was





available! So, he spent the next year capably carrying on the ministry for the Inscoes. During that time, he led Uriel Velasquez and his wife Marilyn to Christ. Today they are among the most active leaders in the Las Tablas congregation.

Raul's intense desire to serve the Lord was best expressed in a testimony he gave in 1979: "I want to be a pastor. I give thanks to God because He has given me the privilege that He didn't give to the angels—the privilege of preaching the message of salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Young Sanes saw the need to better prepare himself for the ministry; consequently, in August of 1979 he left Panama to study in the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburgh, Tex. He declares the four years he spent at the institute helped him a great deal. He adds, "I appreciated the emphasis given to the Bible: Everything is Bible-centered, and we should submit all experiences to the Word of God."

According to Raul, there were times when he struggled, wondering if he should be at Rio Grande studying. But the realization that "God had made me worthy," liberated him to finish his education. Aaron Jewitt, registrar of the Institute, and Reverend James Munsey,

Free Will Baptist missionary in Texas, were especially influential in Raul's life during those four years.

The time he spent in the United States did not alienate Raul from his fellow Panamanians. He returned to Panama with the same zeal that had characterized his earlier years as a Christian.

Toward the end of 1983, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Panama City officially called Sanes to be their pastor. Raul was saved in that church as a teenager. He had been sent out from there to preach in Buenos Aires, and to Texas to prepare for the ministry.

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***"I couldn't understand why everyone wouldn't want to go out and preach the gospel."***

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Raul assumed his duties as pastor in January of 1984, and is presently completing his second year of ministry there. "In January of 1984 the church held an official service in which the deacons presented me to the church," Sanes stated. "I was challenged as to the serious responsibility I was accepting."

Another highlight of the past two years for Raul was leading

the church to plan and carry out a dinner/concert in one of Panama City's nicest hotels. The event was aimed at raising money for the church's building fund. Over \$1,300.00 was raised through the effort.

"One of my greatest blessings," the young pastor testifies, "came when I was able to lead to Christ a young Jewish man from Nicaragua. He just 'happened' to come by the church. We started talking, and I could see he had some serious problems. He prayed to receive Christ, then confessed to me that he had been planning to commit suicide by throwing himself off the Bridge of the Americas." Instead of taking his own life, the young man found a new life in Christ.

Raul married Damaris Gonzalez, a young woman from the Buenos Aires church, on December 13, 1983. The ceremony was held in the mountains of Buenos Aires amid the beautiful scenery, friends, family, and brothers and sisters in Christ. The Reverend James Munsey flew down to officiate in the ceremony.

Now Raul and Damaris serve the Lord in the pastorate of the largest Free Will Baptist church in Panama.

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Missionary Steve Lytle and his wife, Judy, work with the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Panama City, Panama.





## Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in September, October and November in memory of friends or loved ones:

Donor	In Memory of
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# HEARTLINE

## Stewardship and Missions

A senior saint mailed a check to foreign missions. This senior citizen wrote, "I am sending you \$100 to help pay the bills, help train the nationals and keep the Bible institute open. Tell them (the missionaries) that I will keep on praying for them. Let's keep the gospel going out."

This brother (Mr. S.C.) is a good example of a Christian steward. He is sharing a portion of the money God has given him to spread the gospel. More than that, he is investing for eternity.

In his letter Mr. S.C. quoted Matthew 11:5: "The poor have the gospel preached to them." This model steward saw a direct connection between his \$100 and obeying God. He proved his love for God. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." His last command was, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Obedience to this command demands money as well as men.

Too many Christians demonstrate the attitude: "Lord, I'll do what you say as long as it doesn't involve my wallet."

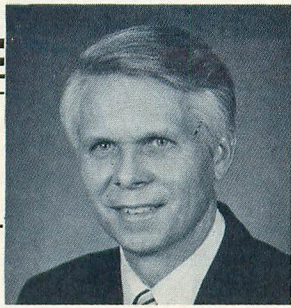
***The average American spends more on pet food in 52 days than he gives to missions all year.***

Our senior brother demonstrated Christian compassion. He was unwilling to follow the path the priest and the Levite took in the story of the good Samaritan. Their hard hearts wouldn't allow them to render first aid to an injured Jew. But like the good Samaritan, Mr. S.C. extended a helping hand to those in need. He opened his checkbook and said, "Whatever you spend I'll pay" (Luke 10:35).

This saint of God saw his \$100 as a key to open doors for soul winning. He recognized that financial support is essential to operate Bible institutes and train workers.

It is shocking and shameful that the average





**R. Eugene Waddell**  
Associate Director

American spends more on pet food in 52 days than he gives to missions all year.

### **Obedience demands money as well as men.**

Pastor Winston Sweeney of Kingsport, Tenn., included the following in his November 20, 1985 issue of the Fellowship church's "Outreach": "Every Christian is required to be a faithful steward

- Not getting, but giving
- Not holding, but helping
- Not seeking, but sharing."

Good stewards benefit from their investments in missions. They lay up heavenly treasures. In addition, they receive an abundant supply of their needs (Philippians 4:19).

Faithful stewards have been responsible for the growth of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions during our first 50 years. Countless thousands of Christians in at least nine countries enjoy their salvation because our FWB people in the United States have invested their money.

We cannot be satisfied with the past. We all must pray and plan for the future. As the Lord arranges our future we shall continue to depend upon God's faithful stewards.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS...**

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## **Financial Summary**

Through November 30

### **\$ubstance**

Total income for November .....	\$ 229,043.80
Total income through November .....	2,402,659.78
Total disbursements through November .....	2,295,601.45
Projected income through November .....	2,654,205.00
Total 1985 Budget .....	<b>\$2,895,498.00</b>

<b>Proposed 1986 Budget .....</b>	<b>\$2,976,884.00</b>
<b>Proposed 1986 ADVANCE Budget .....</b>	<b>201,526.00</b>

### **\$hortage**

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey .....	\$ 6,362.12	Owen .....	\$ 1,744.45
Banks .....	1,101.34	Robinson .....	6,071.77
Callaway .....	3,745.80	Smith, Judy .....	594.74
Inscoe .....	2,010.30	Sturgill .....	7,326.09
Lytle .....	4,375.89	Willey, Mabel .....	188.70
McCullough .....	4,498.59	General Fund .....	6,341.54
Nichols .....	611.91		
Total .....			<b>\$44,973.24</b>

## **State Quotas—1985**

State	Quota 1985	Quota Through November	Contributions Through November
Alabama .....	\$ 160,000	\$ 146,667	\$ 149,002.42
Arizona .....	3,000	2,750	3,257.11
Arkansas .....	155,000	142,083	122,112.30
California .....	55,000	50,417	27,279.18
Canada .....	3,000	2,750	1,435.81
Colorado .....	3,000	2,750	1,669.00
Florida .....	83,000	76,083	75,372.91
Georgia .....	97,000	88,917	82,940.24
Hawaii .....	1,000	917	1,310.00
Idaho .....	1,000	917	1,125.70
Illinois .....	92,000	84,333	85,209.61
Indiana .....	26,000	23,833	28,675.70
Iowa .....	750	688	1,638.34
Kansas .....	12,000	11,000	8,333.98
Kentucky .....	82,000	75,167	59,855.49
Louisiana .....	500	458	480.80
Maryland .....	14,500	13,292	11,168.70
Michigan .....	125,000	14,583	92,201.20
Mississippi .....	47,000	43,083	54,961.85
Montana .....	1,000	917	980.00
Missouri .....	187,000	141,417	163,948.13
Nevada .....	1,000	917	824.35
New Mexico .....	500	458	243.55
*Northeast Association .....	5,000	4,583	5,214.87
**Northwest Association .....	4,000	3,667	2,893.30
North Carolina .....	362,000	331,833	299,547.22
Ohio .....	110,000	100,833	89,043.67
Oklahoma .....	362,000	331,833	277,299.00
Pennsylvania .....	2,000	1,833	1,413.00
South Carolina .....	200,000	183,333	152,148.58
Tennessee .....	395,000	362,083	349,328.99
Texas .....	75,000	68,750	53,825.82
Virginia .....	95,000	87,083	80,318.29
Virgin Islands .....	2,000	1,833	2,009.02
West Virginia .....	80,000	73,333	48,018.53
Miscellaneous .....	53,248	48,811	67,572.52
Totals .....	<b>\$2,895,498</b>	<b>\$2,654,205</b>	<b>\$2,402,659.18</b>

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

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Alaska, Oregon, and Washington





Glenna Leatherbury (left) and Jalayn Martens (right) were appointed to service in Ivory Coast. They are beginning deputation and hope to leave for language study this fall or early in 1987.

## "Laura Belle Barnard Day" Nets Over \$13,000

Moultrie, Ga.—A special "Laura Belle Barnard Day" was held throughout the state of Georgia on October 13 to raise funds for missions.

According to the Georgia *Promotional Bulletin*, \$13,068.46 had been reported at the end of November.

One-half of the funds will be applied toward paying a \$10,000 loan received by the Marietta (Atlanta) Mission Church. The other half will be equally divided between the Allan Crowsons and Miss Debbie Griffin.

## Board Appoints 16; Special Assignment Made

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met for its semiannual session December 2-5, 1985, at the National Offices building in Nashville, Tenn.

Action taken by the board included the appointment of 16 missionaries, two to full missionary status and 14 to student missionary status. Archie and Sarah Mayhew, former veteran missionaries to Ivory Coast, agreed to a request by the board and the Ivory Coast field council to fill a one-year special emergency assignment in the Ivory Coast.

Appointed to full missionary status to serve in Ivory Coast were Glenna Leatherbury, a registered nurse, and Jalayn Martens, a licensed nurse's aide. Both Glenna and Jalayn hail from the state of Kansas and are graduates of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. Due to the urgent need in the Ivory Coast, both young ladies hope to leave for language school in September of 1986.

These students were appointed for

service this summer: *Brazil*—Serving with the Bobby Pooles in Ribeirao Preto will be Susan Bumpus of Wayne, Mich., and Keli Harvey of Marietta, Ga. Working with the Dave Franks family in Barbacena will be Patricia Murray of Newport News, Va. Helping the Jim Sturgills in Campinas will be James Briggs of Wellington, Kans., and Billy Seabolt, Jr. of Bixby, Okla. Serving with the Jim Combs family in Ribeirao Preto will be Joan Ward of West Baden, Ind.

*France*—Laboring with the Jerry Gibbs family in St. Nazaire will be Michelle Vincent of Amory, Miss., and Helen Byrd of Taylor, Mich.

*Japan*—Working with Miss Judy Smith in Sapporo will be Barbara Allen of Laverne, Tenn. Serving with Jim and Olena McLain in Sapporo will be Rhoda Snow of Decatur, Ga.

*Panama*—Helping Larry and Priscilla Inscoe in Las Tablas will be Cynthia Bobst of Sciotoville, Oh., and Iris Stiles of Ashland, Ky.

*Spain*—Serving with the Lonnie Sparks family in Alcala de Henares will be Stephen Palmer of Little Rock, Ark. Working with Dennis and Trena Owen in Villalba will be Keith Orr of Creal Springs, Ill.

Archie and Sarah Mayhew will be filling a one-year special assignment in the Ivory Coast.



Archie and Sarah Mayhew plan to leave for Ivory Coast by April 1 to relieve the missionary shortage which has come about due to health problems. They plan to live at Tanda and oversee the work in the southernmost part of the area assigned to Free Will Baptists.

In other action, the board approved Dr. LaVerne Miley to act as director of the newly established Candidate School for new missionaries (see article in this issue).

## Araras Church Marks Twentieth Anniversary

*Brazil*—The Araras Free Will Baptist Church celebrated its twentieth anniversary on September 28 and 29 with three special preaching services. According to missionary Ken Eagleton, attendance averaged 130 people during the services, and several decisions for Christ were recorded.

The group shared a time of refreshments and fellowship following the Sunday night service.

Eagleton urged Christians to pray for the church group as they plan a new 225-seat church building which will be an auditorium-office-classroom complex.

## 22 Attend Retreat; One Young Man Saved

*France*—The St. Nazaire and Lorient Free Will Baptist churches in France held a joint retreat October 27-30, 1985, with 22 people attending. The spiritual retreat had a full program centered around the theme "Christ: The Center of New Life."

"On the last evening of the retreat, Youn shared with Jerry Gibbs that he had made his decision to follow Christ," writes Tom McCullough. "His sister Nadia was saved in June."

A young girl, Emmanuelle, also raised her hand expressing interest in receiving Christ. Later she asked her mother to request the church people to pray for her.

## Toxoplasmosis Cited As Wode's Health Problem

*Ivory Coast*—Miss Arilla Wode, missionary serving in Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, recently reported that the French doctor in her area has diagnosed her problem as toxoplasmosis. Arilla indicated this to be related to a parasite in the bloodstream.

"It has affected me like mononucle-



osis," says Arilla. "I don't have a lot of energy or reserve strength."

The doctor is giving her penicillin daily. She reported having lost weight to 116 pounds. After receiving vitamins intravenously, she has felt better and has been able to eat a little more food.

In addition to the toxoplasmosis, Arilla has suffered four attacks of malaria in the past four months. The doctor in Abidjan changed her anti-malarial medication. "He seems to think that mobility of population has introduced new strains of malaria to the area," Arilla added. "Sometimes it becomes necessary to switch medications to combat the different types of malaria."

## Candidate School to Open in May of 1986

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Board of Foreign Missions has officially adopted and announced plans for a Candidate School for new Free Will Baptist missionaries. The new program will be launched in May of 1986, and Dr. LaVerne Miley will direct the project.

The current schedule calls for sessions to begin May 27 and conclude with the annual foreign missions retreat on August 7. Former missionaries, furloughing missionaries, and foreign missions staff members will serve as staff members for the new training program. This school will be the candidate's final preparation before going to the field.

Sessions will be held in Nashville in cooperation with area churches, Free Will Baptist Bible College, and the foreign missions office.

Although much of the curriculum has been determined, a great deal of further planning and development must be done before the program begins.

## Villalba Marks First Year; Landlords Saved

**Spain**—The mission church at Villalba, Spain, celebrated its first anniversary on November 9 and 10. The service on Saturday, November 9, had approximately 100 people in attendance. A young people's group from another church sang for the services.

Missionary Dennis Owen noted that Senor and Senora Castano, landlords of the building which houses the church, were saved on November 3 following the evening service.



The first anniversary of the Villalba FWB Church in Villalba, Spain, was celebrated on November 9 and 10. Over 100 people attended.

"I had been burdened for some time to find a time to talk with them," writes Dennis. "The Lord had really prepared their hearts. Senor Castano said he had been changing little by little since the Villalba work had been started." Owen told the couple that the Lord waits for people to come and ask forgiveness for sin. Following this, Dennis prayed; then the couple prayed.

## Richards Has Diabetes, Reports Eye Problem

**Searcy, Ark.**—Doctors in Arkansas confirmed a diagnosis of diabetes in the case of missionary Norman Richards who is currently on furlough. According to Norman, the diabetes is affecting his eyesight and is making it difficult for him to drive.

Doctors are treating Norman with medication and a strict diet at the present time. Christians have been urged to pray that this condition will clear up so the Richards family can return to Ivory Coast on schedule.

Evidently the diabetes has developed since the family had physicals in August.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**France**—Miss Cathy Crawford will be taking a short furlough from France around the middle of May. She plans to return to France near the end of November.

**Japan**—Ken Bailey graduated from language school in Japan near the end of December. Although Ken and

Judy had not been assigned an official place of ministry at the time of this report, they indicated a desire to remain in the Tokyo area.

**Panama**—Six converts were baptized on October 9 in the Las Tablas area of Panama. According to Larry Inscoe, several more people are hoping to be baptized within the next few weeks.

**Brazil**—Missionary Dave Franks reported a joint retreat of the Barbacena and Conselheiro Lafaiete Free Will Baptist churches on November 15. The special speaker for the all-day gathering was Ivan Lopes, a Brazilian Free Will Baptist pastor. Lopes is working with Free Will Baptists in Ribeirao Preto. Pastor Lopes also preached a weekend revival for the Barbacena church November 15-17.

**France**—Mark and Donna Daniel announced the birth of their second daughter, Alison Michelle, born on October 3. The baby weighed six pounds, nine ounces.

**Uruguay**—Stephen Ellison and Miss Vivian Storey are scheduled to be married sometime during the month of January according to a recent report from missionaries Dub and Marcia Ellison (see "Coincidence or Planned?" in October *Heartbeat*).

**Micaville, N.C.**—Louis and Florine Coscia report having received word from the church in Uberaba, Brazil, indicating several people had recently accepted Christ and were preparing for baptism. The Coscias noted that

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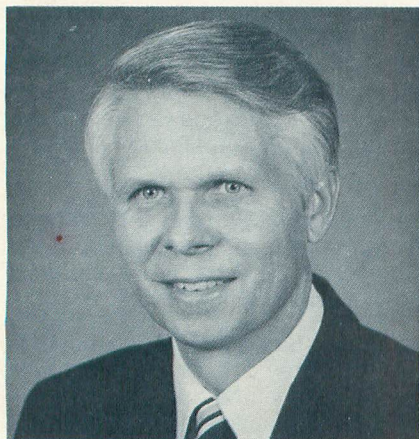
These missionaries have left or are leaving for their fields of service: (Left to right) Rick and Linda Bowling, Stan and Brenda Bunch, and Louis and Florine Coscia.

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the work was continuing well under the leadership of Free Will Baptist laymen Benedito and Wanderley of Uberlandia. Louis and Florine requested prayer for a young boy in the church who has been diagnosed as having cancer. Doctors give no hope for his recovery.

**Windsor, Va.**—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bryan, parents of missionary Robert Bryan, arrived in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on December 15 to visit with Robert and Judy and their family.

**Newport News, Va.**—Missionaries John and Pansy Murray have announced the birth of a second granddaughter, Amanda, born November 19 in Newport News, Va. The parents are John Murray, Jr. and his wife Crystal.



Associate Director R. Eugene Waddell

**Nashville, Tenn.**—R. Eugene Waddell, Associate Director of foreign missions, is scheduled to leave the United States on February 12 to visit missionaries in the Far East. He will be returning on March 25.

**Brazil**—According to missionary Earlie Deeds, Jim Combs held a two-

night meeting of preaching in the Conselho Lafaiete church during November. One woman prayed to receive Christ as Savior.

**Greeneville, Tenn.**—Mrs. James (Doris) Raper, mother of missionary Sheila Gilliland, arrived in the Ivory Coast on December 19 to visit Neil and Sheila at Bouake. She was accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Barry McCoy of Norfolk, Va.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Missionaries Louis and Florine Coscia are scheduled to return to Brazil in February. They have been on furlough since last April.

**France**—Mr. Briant, a new convert in the Lorient work, has begun a series of new convert studies under missionary Lynn Miley. Miley requested prayer for Mr. Briant's spiritual growth and for the salvation of his wife and two teenage children.

## Dr. Eagleton Says Load Lighter, Health Better

**Ivory Coast**—"The work at the hospital seems to have leveled off to a number that we can handle easier," writes Dr. Kenneth Eagleton from Doropo, Ivory Coast. "It has been a couple of weeks since we had our last meningitis case. Right now we are having many cases of measles."

Although no patients with measles had died in the hospital at the time of Eagleton's report, he cited having heard of deaths in the villages.

"We had twins born from a seven-month pregnancy last month," the doctor reported. "One weighed three pounds, six ounces and the other weighed two pounds, fourteen ounces. They both had respiratory problems at birth but were all right several hours later."

Kenneth noted that Rejane had suffered a second attack of malaria,

followed by a virus. At the time of the writing, her condition was back to normal.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton have moved to the Doropo station to assume responsibility for maintenance, etc. until other missionary personnel arrive on the field.

## Bowlings and Bunches Finish Study, Depart

**Edinburg, Tex.**—Rick and Linda Bowling and Stan and Brenda Bunch, missionary appointees to Uruguay and Panama respectively, completed Spanish language study in mid-December. The Bowlings left for Uruguay on December 29 and the Bunches plan to leave for Panama on January 20.

The two couples have been studying at the Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Tex. They will likely continue their language study with private tutors on the field. Their particular ministries and locations will be determined on the field.

## Typhoon Disturbs Camps of Leadership Training

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Foreign Missions General Director Rolla Smith reports receiving word from missionary Carlisle Hanna regarding a typhoon which interrupted Leadership Training Camps during October.

Mr. Smith says Hanna's report indicated the typhoon had lasted some 60 hours and had destroyed many houses. This disruption during the 10 training camps caused some to be delayed until November.

At least a thousand people gathered on a recent Sunday night to view the film, "Sadhu Sundar Singh."

Hanna requested prayer that God would provide a pastor for the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Kotagiri.

## 70 Enrolled in Public School Bible Classes

**Ivory Coast**—Seventy students have enrolled in this year's Bible classes in the public schools at Agnibilekrou. Missionary Alice Smith, who is conducting this ministry for the third year, noted that enrollment is down some from previous years. She expressed satisfaction that she has been able to go a little deeper into the Word for students who are now ready for it.



"We are now seeing young men active in the Lord's service who have been saved in the school classes," Alice noted.

Miss Smith lamented that the women's Bible classes had fallen off some due to illness, etc. But she expressed praise to the Lord for answered prayer recently as one woman from the group had gone to Upper Volta to visit her family. She had requested prayer before leaving and later reported having led her mother to the Lord. The father was also near a point of decision.

## MS Attack Affects Eyes of Patty McCullough

*France*—In a telephone report from missionary Tom McCullough on December 11, General Director Rolla Smith learned that Patty McCullough had suffered an attack of multiple sclerosis on December 6. Tom stated that Patty's vision in her right eye has been partially impaired but doctors hope it can be restored.

Patty was given cortisone intravenously three hours each day for five days. A nurse came to the home to give the treatment.

This is the first attack of MS that Patty has suffered since going to the field. Christians have been urged to pray that this condition will be brought into remission and that Patty's vision will be restored in the right eye.

## Iriso Church Searches for Church Property

*Japan*—According to missionary Fred Hersey, members of the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in the Tokyo area of Japan are searching for property where they can build a church building.

"We have a lead on some good property that will be available in March or April," writes Hersey. "It is located right by the entrance of an elementary school which would make an ideal location. This small piece of property will cost about \$96,000. Land in that area is selling for \$150,000 for the same amount of property. Pray that our people will know God's will."

Fred expressed concern that the value of the dollar is losing strength in Japan. "Last month we wrote that it took \$159 to pay our house rent. Well, this month it will take about \$170. Since August, that is about a 20 percent increase in all of our expenses."

## Two Baptized; Ten Study New-convert Lessons

*France*—According to missionary John Murray in Nantes, France, two converts were baptized on Sunday, December 1, and 10 people are studying new-convert follow-up lessons.

Murray noted that 14 people had been saved in the Nantes work during the past year. "It has been the people of the church who have been soul winning on the job, in the neighborhood, and with friends," writes John.

The people of the church are giving Bible correspondence courses to the people they know. This is another special effort to reach people for Christ.

## Missionary Pilot Escapes Guerrillas; Three Freed

*Colombia*—According to the *Evangelical Newsletter*, missionary pilot Paul Dye of the New Tribes Mission escaped from leftist guerrillas who kidnapped him and three other missionaries in a remote jungle area of Colombia. Dye escaped from his captors and flew his plane out of the jungle with his lights out on a foggy, moonless night. He didn't even know for sure that he had fuel enough to make it.

The guerrillas continued to hold Timothy and Bonnie Cain and Steven Estelle, demanding \$130,000 as ransom. Finally, after a month in captivity, the three were released.



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### EXTREME EMERGENCY! Need to Leave by April 1, 1986

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. Due to illnesses affecting 15 Ivory Coast missionaries, the Mayhews have agreed to a special, one-year assignment to help in this crisis. They will need \$1780 in monthly support for one year and \$4400 in cash.



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