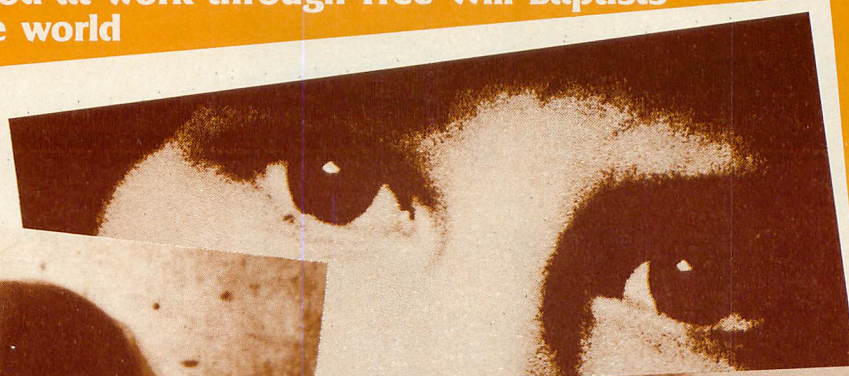


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Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists
around the world



**"I FOUND
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**Advance State Goals Exceed \$1,000,000
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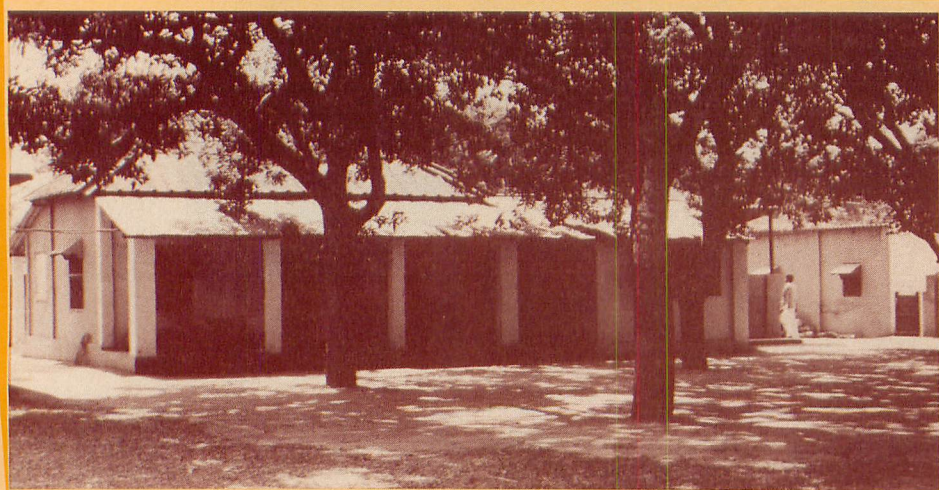


Many young men have been able to lodge and receive vital education and Bible training through the hostel ministry.

"I found treasures in India!"

by R. Eugene Waddell

The Free Will Baptist Hostel has proven to be valuable. Several young men have entered the ministry and are serving as pastors today.



Does this include souvenirs?" the customs agent inquired. He was making conversation as he looked at my customs declaration. "Yes, I bought some and churches in India gave me some," I replied.

That scene marked my reentry to the United States three months ago as I returned from my illuminating trip to India and Japan.

Looking back on my three weeks in India, I realize I brought back many things more valuable than the miniature carved elephants, snakeskin belts, and jade necklaces. I gained some firsthand knowledge and collected personal memories which I'll cherish the rest of my life. More importantly, I brought back a sense of oneness with our Indian Christians which had not been shared directly by any member of the administrative staff since 1965.

India greeted me with a host of strange sights, sounds, tastes, and odors.

In Calcutta, a barber surprised me by squatting on the sidewalk to shave a customer. He probably received less than 25 cents for his service.

A religious free-lance artist sketched out on the street's pavement his image of the elephant god. He encircled it with rocks, so all the traffic had to detour.

Traffic in India is another



matter! On a typical Indian highway one can meet buses, trucks, cars, bicycles, bicycle rickshaws, ox carts, motorcycles, stray cows, and an elephant or two. Mostly, I observed people walking—young, old, male, female—many with packages, bags, and goods on their heads. I was surprised to even encounter a band of monkeys playing by the road.

Many believers, with tears in their eyes, stood declaring they would follow Jesus whatever the cost.

India appears rich in scenic beauty and cultural heritage. But the country writhes with poverty. Beggars abound. Hunger and malnutrition constantly stalk the masses.

Many industries still resist laborsaving, modern technology. For example, highways are resurfaced almost totally by human labor. Noticing men and women engaged in crushing rock by the roadside, I asked, "Why don't they use rock-crushing machinery like we do in the States?"

"They brought such equipment in here at one time," I was informed. "But the laborers who lost their jobs started a riot and destroyed some of the machinery. The government took the rock-crushing machine away. The people went back to work."

"How much do they get paid?" I queried.

"About \$1.00 a day," came the response. I was appalled!

My most cherished memories of India are people-centered.

Everywhere I went, the believers gave me a royal welcome. Someone from every church in every village and town I visited draped a garland of flowers around my neck. Some churches had formal welcoming services with printed welcome proclamations which were read to me before the congregations. One group even composed a welcome song in English.

Indian believers demonstrate the reality of their faith in many ways. They sing God's praises exuberantly. Many clap their hands to the rhythm of distinctly Indian tunes. When three language groups are represented, they sing some songs in each language.

Stacks of sandals and thongs catch the attention of foreigners who approach the front door of an Indian church, for most Indians remove their shoes before entering the place of worship. The worshipers normally sit on mats because few Indian churches have pews. "We can crowd many more people in our small buildings," I was told.

During the annual conference in March, hundreds of people came by bus, bicycles, and on foot. Many walked great distances to attend. While there, they slept in tents on the ground which was cushioned by a layer of straw. Times of prayer, praise, preaching, and teaching punctuated the camp meeting atmosphere. My heart was especially thrilled to witness the conversions of six people during the week.

But the high point of the conference came during the last service. I had preached on Jesus' promise, "*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake*" (Matthew

5:10-12). Many believers, with tears in their eyes, stood declaring they would follow Jesus whatever the cost.

The price one pays for following Christ is much greater in some non-Christian societies than in our free land. When one turns "*to God from idols to serve the living and true God*" (1 Thessalonians 1:9) as is the case in Indian culture, his family often misunderstands. Many times they are hostile to the new convert. Those who stand firm for Christ in the face of such opposition demonstrate a faith which shames many mature Christians in the United States.

My most cherished memories of India are people-centered. Believers gave me a royal welcome.

My awareness of this fact made the baptismal service I witnessed mean much more to me. Those eight converts had counted the cost and determined to march to the beat of a different drummer—the Lord Jesus Christ.

In his testimony, one believer explained how he came to find Christ. "My cousin was the first person to become a Christian in our village. I watched the way he lived and acted. I noticed a real difference. He sang praises to Jesus and prayed every day. He seemed happy. This made me want to know more about Christianity. Now I am glad that I, too, am saved."

It was a thrill to see 24 people received as new members of churches while I

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was in India. More than half of these were men!

I came to love the young men who live at the hostel where they receive tutoring and assistance to climb India's complicated educational ladder. That large group of young men, so neatly dressed and well behaved, remains vivid in my memory. Several pastors, teachers, and civil servants have come up through the hostel ministry.

It was a thrill to see 24 people received as new members of churches.

The Lord welded together my heart and those of our Indian pastors with a bond of love and friendship. These fine men of God graciously opened their hearts and homes to me. They spared no expense nor efforts in preparing meals and caring for me even though they maintain a strenuous schedule of preaching and witnessing.

I was humbled to know that some of these men travel by bicycle, and others walk great distances, even crossing streams, to get to their preaching appointments. Two or three of the men have small motorcycles. I cherish the memory of the 15 ordained and licensed preachers whom I met.

The deacons also impressed me by their devotion to duty. One Sunday afternoon, 20 of 26 deacons came from four locations to fellowship and discuss the work. Some of them had come from a considerable distance. Those who could afford bus fare came by bus. Those who could not, walked.

These deacons are actively involved in establishing new Free Will Baptist mission points in their area. They certainly gained my personal respect.

The most significant and treasured memory which remains after my return from India is that of two very dedicated missionaries—Carlisle and Marie Hanna. Their 33 years of service to India seem to have only intensified their love for the people of that great land. They are serving in the place of God's calling!

I still enjoy an occasional glance at one of my souvenirs from India. Much more often, however, I find myself thinking about and praying for the unreached, as well as the Indian believers. My heart aches for that great country numbering three-fourths of a billion people. But most of all, I pray for the Hannas' safety, health, and spiritual power.

I urge Christians to pray that God will give the Hannas heavenly wisdom as they help to train future leaders of the Free Will Baptist churches in India. Without a doubt, the future of this great work depends on God's direction and power in the lives of these national leaders.

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I left Free Will Baptists because I felt the opportunities for service and the prospects of doing anything significant in the Free Will Baptist denomination were slim," the young man confided to Jimmy Aldridge, Advance Coordinator for foreign missions.

Hurt that anyone would make that choice and that statement, Jimmy sought the means of showing the youth of the denomination that Free Will Baptists are experiencing God's blessings. He found that opportunity in the Advance Celebration.

Young people can proudly serve through FWB ministries at home and abroad.

When the statistics from the mission fields were compiled, the truth was evident: God is doing something wonderful through Free Will Baptists in at least 12 countries of the world! Young people need not be ashamed. They can proudly serve the Lord through FWB ministries at home and abroad.

The 50-Year Advance Celebration has provided one avenue of service for some young people. Encouraged by their youth leaders, several Nashville Free Will Baptist young people got involved in this unique celebration.

Fellowship and fun were mixed with genuine physical labor as dozens of these young hands nimbly placed the printed sheets and brochures in order. Packets, folders, brochures,

Can Free Will Baptist Youth Find A Place?

by Don Robirds



Youth at Donelson Free Will Baptist Church collate the Advance materials with the help of missionary Clint Morgan (left background), Jonathan Merkh (left), and Randy Ledbetter (top, center).

envelopes, etc., prepared for use in every local church, were packaged in large quantities and have already been distributed to 13 states for their celebration.

Clint Morgan, furloughing missionary from Ivory Coast, and MK Jonathan Merkh coordinated the efforts of the youth groups.

"No one could ask for better attitudes or more dedicated action than that demonstrated by these youth," states Aldridge.

Sam and June McVey of Cofer's Chapel FWB, Randy Ledbetter and Jonathan Merkh of Donelson FWB, Larry Clyatt of Fellowship FWB, and Miss Dale Edwards of Woodbine Christian Academy all engaged their young people in this special contribution toward the Advance Celebration.

Several young adults from the Donelson church also helped:

Mark and Sandra McPeak, Bob Bass, Paul and Tammy Gentuso, and Glen and Janet McReynolds. Dr. LaVerne Miley and MK David Aycock, FMF president at Free Will Baptist Bible College, gathered a good group of student volunteers to collate several thousand of the various printed pieces.

God is doing something through Free Will Baptists!

Jimmy Aldridge concluded, "These young people made a significant contribution to the success of the Advance Celebration. We could never have collated and assembled the thousands of manuals and packets without their help or a

large cash outlay."

While those on the foreign missions staff expressed gratitude and appreciation to those who helped, they voiced hope that one important fact had been instilled in the minds of the young people through this effort: Free Will Baptists can be proud of their 50-year record overseas. Consequently, they should rejoice and praise God for what He has done and is doing abroad today.

Yes, FWB youth do have a place to serve! They can hold their heads high and praise God for their heritage!

As Free Will Baptists across our land respond in praise and commitment to God during this jubilee celebration, greater results will resound to His glory. And more than ever, youth will find genuine meaning in service to the King—wherever He leads!

The foreign missions office has received many requests for more missionaries. The missionary field councils in all eight current fields are begging for more help. Harvest time has come at last, and few are out to do the reaping. Part of the Advance Celebration addresses this opportunity as funds are sought to assist at least 30 new missionaries to get to the fields by 1990.

The next 50 years, if God permits them, promise multiplied blessings and bountiful growth among the national churches where Free Will Baptists labor. And much of the fruit will still be gathered by FWB young people who accept the challenge today with a heart of gratitude for what God has done.

Interested Christian young people may contact General Director R. Eugene Waddell or Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge at P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Why Did Unity's Celebration SUCCEED?

by Timothy W. Eaton
Advance Co-chairman for Missouri

The achievements of foreign missions have echoed through our state association in this Jubilee Year. The challenge for the next 50 years is before us in the form of the Advance Celebration. "But what can one church do for missions?" someone may ask. "The task is so great that surely one church cannot make a difference!"

Let me tell you the story of one church, Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Mo. This church is less than six years old and sits on the southeast edge of Lebanon, a town of about 10,000 population.

Pastor Mike Hutsell heard the challenge given by Stanley Jones, the area Advance chairman for the Mission Association in Missouri. The good pastor took this burden to the church. They supported him and felt impressed to ask Robert Baker to be the local church Advance chairman. Robert is a young man, 23 years of age, who says this effort has changed his vision for lost souls everywhere.

Unity Free Will Baptist Church is not unusual in the size of its congregation. The Sunday school averages 100 with 25-30 more for Sunday

morning worship. The thing that makes this church unusual is the sensitive heart the people demonstrate for the work of the Lord.

Over 95 percent of the members and some non-members made faith commitments.

The church took the four goals of the Advance Celebration to heart. They believed it to be the will of God for Free Will Baptists to provide better evangelistic tools, train national workers, build new churches, and send 30 new missionaries to the field.

Pastor Hutsell and young Baker led the church through the nine-week local church celebration that became a formula for success. First, the men prayed about who would help them, and Robert later commented, "You need prayer, a lot of prayer." And the young leader, being unmarried, put some extra effort into his leadership role. Craig and Diane Perry and Dean and Raylene

Martin were chosen as in-home visitation leaders.

This faithful core prayed, planned, and went public, handing out the first Advance Celebration materials on March 16: the introductory brochure and the prayer tent to be placed on the kitchen table in the home of every member. On Roll Call Sunday everyone received the main information brochure, "Free Will Baptists CELEBRATING TOGETHER," which features our missions beginnings, progress, the 1984 field report, and the introduction of the Faith Commitment Plan. Each week for the next month, a different goal of the celebration was emphasized from the pulpit and an appropriate handout sheet was given as the crowd left the building.

"I had never given foreign missions much thought," said Baker. "I knew they were there, but did not appreciate the problems they (our missionaries) faced." Hutsell added, "Our people joined together and even became more concerned about the lost and our church."

When asked what Unity had done to change or improve the program, Robert Baker



At the left, Advance workers of Unity Free Will Baptist Church display literature pieces used in their celebration: (front row, left to right) Rayleen Martin, Chairman Robert Baker, and Deanna and Craig Perry, (back row) Dean Martin, Brenda Hutsell and Pastor Mike Hutsell. Unity FWB Church (right) at Lebanon, Mo., is only six years old.

responded, "Nothing! We just went by the instructions." The heart of the full Advance Celebration program is formed by the information handouts and the every-member visitation plan.

The church took the four goals of the Advance Celebration to heart.

On the Monday night before Victory Sunday, the Perrys and Martins assembled those couples they had trained for the commitment presentations. The visitors entered the homes, refreshed the people's memories about the goals of the celebration, and offered an opportunity for commitment. This was not a high-pressure approach, just a presentation of the cause and its goals. Many

took the week or even two weeks to make their decision.

On the last Sunday of April all of the literature had been passed out, all visits were made, and the people gathered to worship God and hear the report. Robert stood and reported what one church can do for missions! The people of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church had committed \$19,318 to be given over the next three years to the Advance Celebration effort. This was committed to be given above the church's regular cooperative contributions.

At the writing of this article, over 95 percent of the members and some non-members had made faith commitments. Pastor Hutsell reported the cash was already coming in, even ahead of schedule.

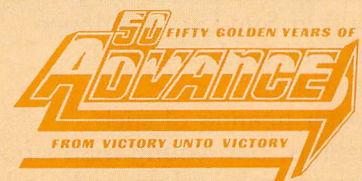
Hutsell and Baker made these observations about the celebration's by-products not

related to money or even necessarily to foreign missions:

1. More concern was generated about the lost souls of men.
2. More excitement developed in the regular visitation program.
3. The church has been brought closer together.

The key to these benefits lay in following the plan laid out in the celebration leadership materials. And God blessed the efforts of those who got involved.

Timothy Eaton is pastor of Victory FWB Church in Kansas City, Mo. He serves with Millard Sasser as co-chairman of the Advance Celebration for the state of Missouri.



Grateful Free Will Baptists Respond!

by Jimmy Aldridge
Advance Coordinator

I didn't realize that God had already given us such a harvest in our foreign fields. Thanks for putting the story together and calling on us to praise the Lord."

This comment by a Missouri pastor has been reiterated over and over as the Advance Celebration rolled into high gear across America. The hearts of thousands are being moved with joy as we stop to praise God for all He is doing in our midst.

In 1985, overseas churches averaged over 5,000 in Sunday attendance and witnessed over 800 conversions.

Consider these facts: In 1935 we had no missionaries, no overseas churches, no national pastors—in short, no missionary outreach. In 1985 we had an overseas staff of 110 missionaries. We had 73 organized churches plus another 89 mission works served by 30 national ordained pastors and 57 lay preachers. These overseas churches averaged over 5,000 in Sunday attendance and witnessed over 800 conversions.

After hearing of such blessings, one young man stood in his church and praised God

in prayer for all the people He has saved through our overseas ministries. Then he added, "Thank You, Lord, for helping us to be proud again to be Free Will Baptists."

During this time of special praise all across the land, Free Will Baptists are also demonstrating their commitment to seeing these new overseas churches put down roots in their own cultures. People are rediscovering the joy of sacrificial giving. It is contagious! And God blesses the cheerful giver. The story of God's blessing at Unity FWB Church in Missouri (in this issue of *Heartbeat*) is an outstanding example.

Dave Joslin, Arkansas promotional secretary, revealed that the first 10 churches in that

state to report their commitments were all newly supporting churches.

Bill Jones, Texas Advance chairman, states that 19 churches in Texas reported over \$39,000 in cash and commitments towards their three-year goal of \$50,000.

Tim Eaton, Missouri Advance co-chairman, reports they have nearly reached the halfway mark of their \$100,000 goal.

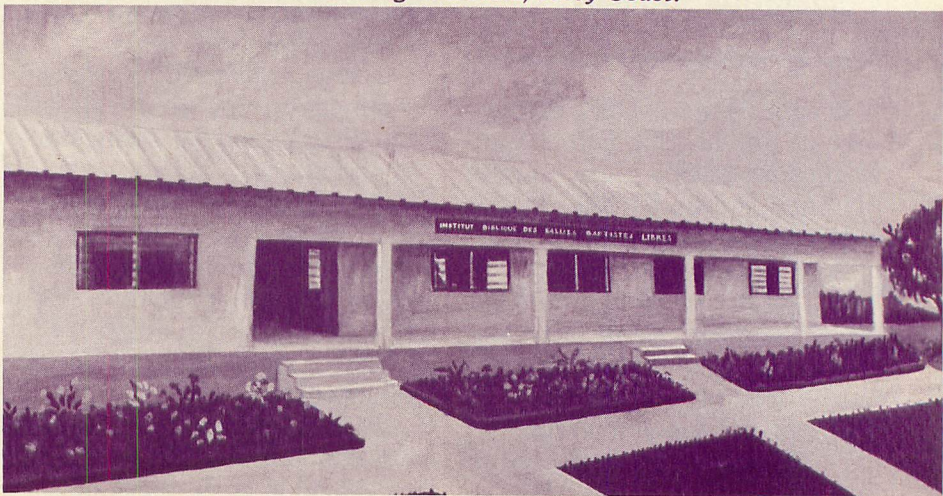
Michigan, Mississippi, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, and others will have their initial reports in before the National Association in Tulsa. A special up-to-date report will be provided at the foreign missions booth.

Advance Money Already at Work Overseas!

Ivory Coast missionaries have taxed their missions accounts over the last two years in order to build the first unit of the Ivory Coast Free Will Baptist Bible Institute.

Missionary Mike Cousineau

This is the Bible institute building in Bouna, Ivory Coast.



terminated work on the building before coming to the United States for a short furlough.

The first Advance money has gone to reimburse Ivory Coast missionary accounts for the Bible institute building.

Plans call for the first class to enter in the fall of 1987.

The first investment of Advance money has gone to reimburse those missionary accounts and thus underwrite the entire cost of this first unit. PRAISE THE LORD!

Many other projects have been approved and we hope to fund them in this calendar year of 1986 as well.

Join the foreign missions team in prayer and sacrificial giving that Free Will Baptists might be able to meet the challenge of the Bible institute in Montevideo, Uruguay, which now has 17 students. They need a building to house the institute and lodge the students.

Pray also that God will provide enough money this year to purchase the evangelistic tools needed, to establish long-awaited revolving loan funds for building churches, and send out some of the 30 new missionaries projected by 1990.

By God's grace, we're on our way!

STATE-ADOPTED GOALS BREAK THE MILLION DOLLAR MARK!

Free Will Baptists have enthusiastically embraced the Advance Celebration, praising God for His manifold blessings in overseas outreach over the last 50 years.

This chart shows the goals set by 17 state associations as each participates in our fiftieth anniversary celebration of overseas ministries:

Goals Adopted by State Association Vote

States	Leaders	Confirmed Goal
1. South Carolina	Norwood Gibson Earl Hendrix	\$ 75,000
2. Michigan	Robert Trimble Charles Cooper	50,000
3. Missouri	Tim Eaton Millard Sasser	100,000
4. West Virginia	George Smith Jim Varney	60,000
5. Virginia	Jeff Crabtree Bobby Sebastian	240,000
6. Texas	Bill Jones	50,000
7. Kentucky	Glenn Sluss	50,000
8. Ohio	Wendell Combs Edwin Hayes	5% over budget
9. Arkansas	Fred Warner Terry Forrest	75,000
10. Georgia	Billy Hanna	75,000
11. Mississippi	Milton Fields Ralph Hester	30,000
12. Alabama	Dennis Kizzire E. B. Ledlow William Atkinson	75,000
13. Florida	Elmer Turnbough	50,000
14. Tennessee	Don Sexton Jim Walker	200,000
15. Oklahoma	Berton Perry Orville Hood Joe Grizzle	200,000
16. Illinois	Jerry Presley	45,000
17. Indiana	Brian Atwood	10,000

Goals shown here were determined and set by each state without any suggestion from the foreign missions office. This current total of more than \$1,000,000 represents a great outpouring of thanks to God for all He has already done. It is also a demonstration of our determination to meet the challenge of helping our young emerging overseas churches.



They Paved The Way

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

HOWARD and WILLIE GAGE spent three short terms on special assignment in Ivory Coast meeting construction needs.

Howard had served in Japan during World War II and came home with a missionary heart. While the Gages' daughter Sue was attending Free Will Baptist Bible College, Howard went to an FMF meeting. He returned home and approached Willie with the idea of going to Ivory Coast. She responded that it was fine with her if it was the Lord's will. They approached General Director Reford Wilson, and the wheels were set in motion.

The Gages first departed for the field in January 1967 to build the hospital at Doropo. During that term a storage building and church building were also constructed at Doropo. From there the Gages moved to Goumère to construct the Archie Mayhews' house.

During their second assignment in Ivory Coast, Howard built a missionary residence in Nassian. He also put an addition onto the Lees' house, and helped build the church in the village of Konji. Following that, he and Willie moved to Abidjan where Howard helped in building the upper story on the Abidjan guest house.

Howard had to deal with as many as eight different dialects while building the hospital.

In February of 1973, the Gages once more traveled to Ivory Coast, this time to build the boys' dormitory at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouaké.

Although the language barrier was perhaps the most difficult thing for the Gages to deal with in Ivory Coast, the Lord always provided help for



Howard and Willie Gage



Mary Ellen Rice

them. Howard had to deal with as many as eight different dialects while building the hospital.

Howard and Willie were particularly impressed by the need for Christ in Ivory Coast. The nationals' evident appreciation of the missionaries and their work also struck a keen note. And though they could not speak the language, they claim they never suffered from homesickness, because their days were full and rewarding.

One occasion stands out in the Gages' memory: Following a unique opening of the village of Konji to the gospel as a result of the hospital ministry, Howard went to the village with Sherwood Lee. Later he laid out plans for a church building. The men of the village built the church and Howard put the roof on it for them. They asked him to preach the dedication service. So Howard preached in English, Robert Bryan translated into French, a Lobi Christian translated into Lobi, and another young man translated into Koulango. This was a very special service for both Howard and Willie.

The Gages served in deputational ministries for foreign missions before and after each overseas trip. When they came back from the field the last time, they began attending First Free Will Baptist Church in Pryor, Okla., with their parents. After their parents died, Howard and Willie returned to the church Howard first pastored, Greenbrier FWB in Adair, Okla.

The Gages have three married children: their son, W.H., and two daughters, Ruth Bivens and Sue Wilcox. They have seven grandchildren.

MARY ELLEN RICE served as missionary to Brazil from January 1962 until December 1968. Her first three years were spent in Campinas working with the Ken Eagletons. Following language study, she taught an adult women's Sunday school class, sang in the choir, trained ladies to teach Good News clubs, and did

personal visitation. She also worked in Bible schools in various FWB works including Araras, Pirassununga, Campinas, Americana, Ribeirao Preto, Piracicaba, and Jaboticabal.

During the next two years, Mary Ellen located in Jaboticabal. While there, she tutored Brazilians in the English language, directed DVBS, taught at the Bible institute, conducted Good News clubs in the public schools, participated in visitation, and worked in youth camps.

Miss Rice and June Wilkinson organized the first choir at the Bible institute in Jaboticabal. The group toured and sang in the various FWB churches in Brazil.

Due to her father's illness, Mary Ellen's term was shortened by about a month. Subsequently, she attended the Child Evangelism Fellowship Institute in New Jersey. After completing this training she was employed by Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, N.C. She officially resigned from foreign missions service in August of 1969 and continued teaching at Liberty for three and one-half years.

She never suffered from culture shock in Brazil. Her culture shock occurred when she returned to the U.S.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities at the Liberty church, Rice was involved in training adults and youth to set up and conduct Good News clubs. During her time in Durham, 19 Good News clubs were organized throughout the area. She also was very active in the visitation ministry.

From 1971 to 1974 Mary Ellen served as co-director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in northern New Jersey.

Miss Rice returned to her hometown, Morehead City, N.C., in 1975 due to her mother's illness. She accepted a teaching position at Beaufort Christian Academy, where she still serves.

Mary is also active in her home church: She teaches, visits, sings in the choir, and serves as president of the woman's auxiliary.

Although she claims she never suffered from culture shock while in Brazil, Mary Ellen's culture shock occurred when she returned to the U.S. and saw the big churches with small attendance. She had difficulty accepting the plush surroundings as compared to those of missionaries who were making do with so little.

Financial Summary

Through May 31

Substance

Total income for May	\$ 254,464.02
Total income through May	1,146,188.05
Total disbursements for May	194,033.06
Projected income through May	1,240,368.00
Total 1986 Budget	\$2,976,884.00
1986 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 201,526.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 8,283.90	Lytle	\$ 4,136.01
Banks	10,446.60	Murray	1,872.81
Callaway	10,728.43	Miley	1,168.57
Ellison	266.67	Nichols	5,507.82
Gibbs	449.91	Owen	5,117.36
Hanna	1,971.97	Sturgill	5,706.36
Inscoe	5,213.85	Willey	52.98
Leatherbury	191.51	General Fund	4,012.06
Total			\$65,126.81

State Quotas — 1986

State	Quota 1986	Quota Through May	Contributions Through May
Alabama	\$ 169,000	\$ 70,417	\$ 68,679.67
Arizona	5,000	2,083	467.03
Arkansas	152,000	63,333	54,920.87
California	50,000	20,833	20,778.17
Colorado	3,000	1,250	2,435.00
Florida	90,000	37,500	33,485.87
Georgia	106,000	44,167	52,102.43
Hawaii	1,000	417	747.05
Idaho	1,000	417	331.58
Illinois	87,000	36,250	40,348.29
Indiana	31,000	12,917	10,572.51
Iowa	1,500	625	555.05
Kansas	14,000	5,833	4,737.19
Kentucky	84,000	35,000	29,455.04
Louisiana	500	208	.00
Maryland	16,000	6,667	4,663.12
Michigan	132,000	55,000	56,316.36
Mississippi	55,000	22,917	27,992.40
Missouri	179,000	74,583	81,309.25
Montana	1,000	417	385.00
Nevada	1,000	417	445.00
New Mexico	500	208	24.42
*Northeast Assn.	7,000	2,917	2,186.00
**Northwest Assn.	6,000	2,500	891.54
North Carolina	367,000	152,917	132,817.87
Ohio	116,000	48,333	37,783.79
Oklahoma	362,000	150,833	150,363.62
Pennsylvania	2,500	1,042	285.00
South Carolina	197,000	82,083	62,162.11
Tennessee	402,000	167,500	145,425.61
Texas	83,000	34,583	36,247.62
Virginia	99,000	41,250	34,879.40
Virgin Islands	3,000	1,250	371.03
West Virginia	80,000	33,333	18,334.69
Miscellaneous	72,884	30,368	33,688.47
Totals	\$2,976,884	\$1,240,368	\$1,146,188.05

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

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



These missionaries have departed or are soon to depart for their fields of service: (left to right, top) Norman and Bessie Richards, Archie and Sarah Mayhew, Don and Ruth McDonald, Steve and Linda Reeves, (bottom) Jeff and Susan Turnbough, Allan and LaRue Crowson, Ernest and Elaine Holland, and Paul and Amy Robinson.

Bryan Sees Potential for New Abidjan Church

Ivory Coast—Robert Bryan, director of the evangelical publishing center in Ivory Coast, is also working with a small group of believers in Abidjan. Robert noted that from four to 12 people gather on a given Sunday. "We are presently meeting in the living room of the apartment of one of the Christians from Bondoukou," stated Robert. "We hope to be able to find a school room or a rentable store front in the near future."

Bryan also noted that another group of Koulango Christians had been located completely on the other side of Abidjan in a section called Koumassi.

Sturgill Cites Goals, Fulfillment and Plans

Brazil—Missionary Jim Sturgill expressed gratitude that several goals which he had set in 1978 have been reached. Sturgill determined to have the church completely self-supporting and pastored by a Brazilian by 1988. He also planned to have the new sanctuary completed by 1985, a new congregation started in Campinas by 1982, that new congregation owning its own building by 1986, and another congregation started by 1987.

The church elected pastor Silvestre Neto on December 31, 1985, and became a self-supporting congregation. The group hopes to occupy the new sanctuary by August 3, 1986, and the congregation in Parque Bandeirantes is now independent of for-

eign help. That group has its own building. A third congregation was started in Campinas on February 6.

Missionaries Depart for Fields of Service

Nashville, Tenn.—Several missionaries were scheduled to depart in June, July, or August for their respective fields of service:

Norman and Bessie Richards were scheduled to depart on June 22 for Ivory Coast following a year of furlough. Archie and Sarah Mayhew were rescheduled to leave July 1 for a special assignment in Ivory Coast during the next year. They were delayed due to vehicle repairs.

Allan and LaRue Crowson are scheduled to depart on July 25 for their second term of service in France.

Don and Ruth McDonald plan to leave for Japan on July 26 to begin language study.

Jeff and Susan Turnbough and their family will be departing near the end of July for their second term of service in Spain. They plan to resume their ministry at Villalba.

Steve and Linda Reeves, appointees to Spain, plan to depart sometime in August for Spain where they will enter language study.

Ernest and Elaine Holland will be departing in August for France where they will spend at least a year in language study at Albertville.

Paul and Amy Robinson will be returning to the border of Uruguay and Brazil in August. The Robinsons will probably be serving their last term on the field before retirement.

Hughes Reports Uberlandia Statistics for 1985

Brazil—Missionary Tom Hughes reported from Uberlandia, Brazil, on the activities for 1985 in the church:

Twenty first-time decisions for Christ were made in 1985, the Sunday school averaged approximately 100, and Sunday night services averaged near 75. The educational unit and main sanctuary have been constructed with a capacity for 250 people. Dedication services for the new building were held on May 17 and 18 after the new furniture finally arrived.

The Bible institute in the church had 31 students enrolled during the February 1986 semester.

Hughes noted that six engaged couples in the church were being given pre-marital counseling.

Nancy Hughes added a note of praise as she shared news about the conversion of a young man who had been attending church. He enrolled in evangelism in the Bible institute because he wanted to understand the way of salvation. He was saved near the end of March.

Hersey Featured in Local Japanese Paper

Japan—Fred Hersey and the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church were featured recently in a local Japanese newspaper following a Sunday morning visit by a woman reporter.

According to Hersey, the newspaper is a monthly publication of the Iriso area. The article introduced Fred and explained the types of ministries

conducted by him and the church. A brief history of the Iriso church was included and a notation was made concerning building plans.

"It was good advertisement and publicity for the church," writes Fred. "Most homes in Iriso receive a copy of the paper."

Hospital Stats Given; Eagleton Going to France

Ivory Coast—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton reported having treated 11,240 people at the clinic at Doropo from August of 1985 through March of 1986. This is an average of 1,405 consultations per month (67 per day). They admitted a total of 357 patients to the hospital during that time, an average of 45 per month.

Eagleton noted that nine full-time and three part-time workers were laboring at the clinic. "All of these are good Christians," says Kenneth. "Most hold leadership positions in the local church. We encourage all of them to witness on the job and to see their job as a ministry."

Kenneth and Rejane will be traveling with their family to Brazil on July 5 to renew their visas, visit with family and friends, and enjoy some time of vacation. They plan to return to Abidjan on August 14 and travel from there to France where they will begin their French language course in September. They will be studying at the University of Marseille.

The doctor will also be taking some tropical medicine courses in Marseille from September through December of 1987.

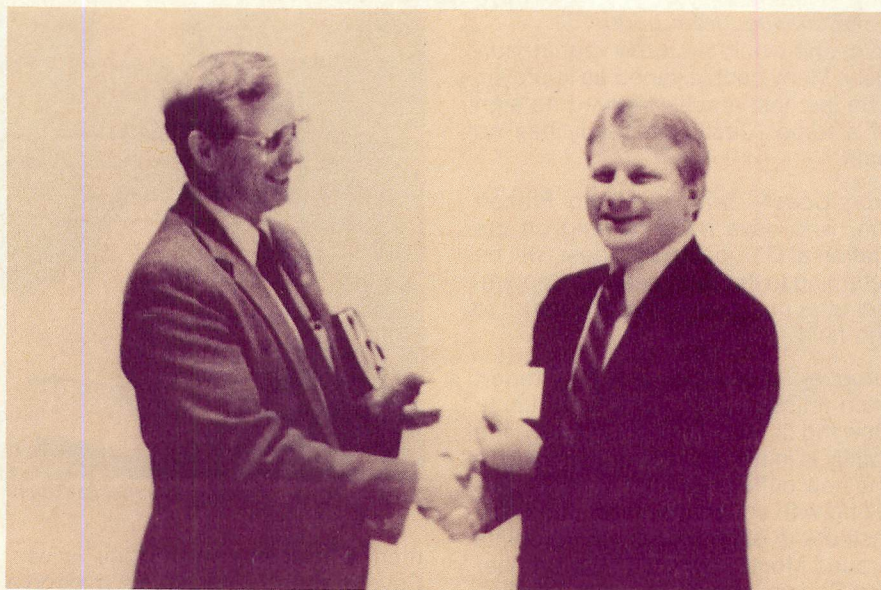
Laymen Challenge FWB with Institute Gift

Nashville, Tenn.—A group of Free Will Baptist laymen has made a challenge gift of \$10,000 toward the Advance Celebration project of training nationals. The challenge calls for matching funds for the Bible institute in Uruguay.

According to General Director R. Eugene Waddell, the \$10,000 check received in June cannot be cashed until another \$10,000 has come in for the institute project.

The opportunity has arisen for the Uruguay institute to purchase a building to house the program and the project has been included in the Advance budget.

Matching funds should be desig-



Roger Hood (right), principal of Pleasant View Christian School, presents a check for missions accounts to Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions.

nated "Advance Matching Gift." This will assure proper channeling of funds and will activate the challenge gift.

Pleasant View Christian School Gives \$2,933

Nashville, Tenn.—Roger Hood, principal of Pleasant View Christian School outside of Nashville, presented Director of Communications Don Robirds a check in the amount of \$2,933 on June 6.

According to Mr. Hood, the money was given by the elementary children during the school year as they maintained a constant awareness of missions through prayer.

The money was contributed and designated as follows: First grade, \$271.72 for Bobby Poole—Virginia Justice, teacher; first grade, \$140.81 for Jeff Turnbough—Jonita Jones, teacher; second grade, \$319.33 for Allan Crowson—Mindy Howell, teacher; third grade, \$443.21 for Steve Riggs—Dede Dalton, teacher; third grade, \$140.72 for Walter Ellison—Teresa Parsley, teacher; fourth grade, \$231.77 for Carlisle Hanna—Alice Chaffin, teacher; fifth grade, \$266.27 for Judy Smith—Angela Trotter, teacher; sixth grade, \$352.06 for Ron Callaway—Michael Walker, teacher; and the entire school gave \$767.57 to the foreign missions general fund.

Robirds gave a brief devotional for the final chapel service of the school year.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—The Metcalf Boys' Dormitory at the camp property in Jaboticabal, Brazil, was officially dedicated on March 28 while Jimmy and Janie Aldridge were in Brazil. Jimmy and missionary Shirley Combs shared information regarding John and Kay Metcalf who were killed in an automobile accident in February of 1984. The boys' dormitory was dedicated to their memory. Christian laymen from the U.S. provided funds and built the building.

France—According to a report from Lynn Miley in Lorient, France, approximately 10 ladies are involved in a bi-weekly woman's Bible study. "Two unsaved ladies seem very close to making a decision for Christ," writes Lynn. "They are Claudie and Mrs. LeFloch."

Panama—The work on Isla de Canas in Panama reopened in January with monthly services. According to Larry Inscoe, there are about eight believers in the group.

Japan—Missionary Jerry Banks writes from Sapporo, Japan: "We appreciate your prayers for Justin. Many of you heard that he recently underwent tests related to a tumor he had when he was a baby. Due to pain during the winter months, the doctor suspected that the tumor had settled in the hip

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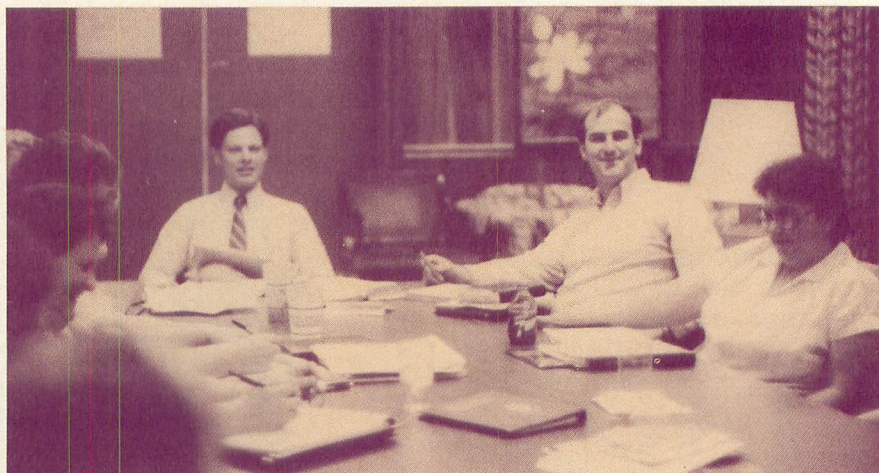
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joint and would probably require surgery. Many people joined us in prayer. The last test results showed no sign of a tumor. Justin presently has no pain."

Ivory Coast—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, who have been helping on the station at Doropo, Ivory Coast, will be returning to the Tanda area in September after the Sherwood Lees return to the field.

Uruguay—According to a May report from missionaries Rick and Linda Bowling in Montevideo, Uruguay, the family is in the process of adjusting to the new culture and life-style. Rick is going with young men from the Bible institute to different preaching points around Montevideo. Linda taught her first Sunday school lesson in Spanish in May.

Spain—Missionary Lonnie Sparks expressed praise to God for a good turnout at their Mother's Day program recently. Fifty-four mothers and daughters were present plus a few



Missionary candidates and appointees interact during a Candidate School session.

men who came with their wives. Several young men served, making a total of 75 for the day.

Nashville, Tenn.—Don and Ruth McDonald were commissioned for missionary service in Japan on Sunday, June 29, at Cross Timbers Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville.

France—Sarah Malone and Randy Hill, short-term missionaries to France, were to return to the U.S. in June after serving 10 months working with missionaries in Lorient and Nantes.

Ivory Coast—Missionary Robert Bryan, who has served for the last 18 months as director of the Evangelical Publications Center in Abidjan, reports that the publishing house has printed 18 new books and booklets during the past year as well as four issues of "Echo du Tam-Tam," a children's magazine. These books and magazines were distributed in 19 African countries in addition to 11 countries outside the African continent.

Brazil—Missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton became the grandparents of another baby boy, Joel Andrew, born to Andrew and Lisa Eagleton on April 23. The baby weighed seven pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long.

France—Steve and Becky Riggs finished their formal language study in May and have moved to the city of Lorient, France, to assist in the ministry in that area.

Buffalo Springs, Tex.—Ernest and Elaine Holland, missionary appointees to Ivory Coast, were commis-

sioned for missionary service on May 11 in the Pleasant Mound Free Will Baptist Church in Buffalo Springs. Ernest and Elaine hope to leave for language study in France sometime this fall.

Nashville, Tenn.—David Aycock married Miss Pamela Annette Carter on May 17 in Greeneville, Tenn. David is the son of Bobby and Sue Aycock, former missionaries to Brazil. Mr. Aycock is currently a missions professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Brazil—Sergio, a lay preacher from the Campinas Free Will Baptist Church, has taken on the responsibility of the second Campinas work at Parque Bandeirantes. He travels by bus to the distant suburb.

First Candidate School Hosts 11 Candidates

Nashville, Tenn.—Eleven missionary candidates entered the first candidate school conducted by Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. The sessions began May 28 and will continue through August 8 in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. LaVerne Miley is coordinating the candidate school program which will engage a number of furloughing and former missionaries and will seek to prepare the new missionaries to be effective cross-cultural ministers. Dr. Stanley Lindquist of Link Care in Fresno, Calif., also conducted sessions during one week in June.

Those attending the first candidate school include Don and Ruth McDonald, Steve and Linda Reeves, Ernest and Elaine Holland, Norman and Laura McFall, Glenda Leather-

Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in March and April in memory of friends or loved ones:

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High school students from Ivory Coast Academy put a roof on the new church at Flakiedougou, Ivory Coast.

bury, Jalayn Martens, and Debbie Griffin.

Several churches in the area are cooperating by using these candidates in special ministries during the summer.

I.C.A. High School Boys Build Church Roof

Ivory Coast—A group of high school boys, MKs, from Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake traveled to the Flakiedougou region south of Bouna on April 25 and 26 to put a roof on a newly-constructed church building. The walls of mud had been erected by the Christians in the area.

The new church has now been plastered and painted and has doors and windows installed. It is clearly visible from the highway which stretches between Bouna and Bondoukou.

According to missionary Mike Cousineau, the high schoolers purchased the tin and wood for the roof and donated the materials and labor as an act of love and concern.

On Saturday night, April 26, the boys held a special evangelistic rally including singing, preaching and a film. Approximately 200 people gathered in the building for services on the first Sunday morning.

Deficit Missionary Accounts Need Help

Nashville, Tenn.—"At least seven missionary accounts are approaching the critical mark these days," cites Earl Larson, treasurer/administrative assistant for foreign missions. According to

Larson, "Unless things are turned around soon, some missionaries may have to return to the U.S. to raise necessary monthly commitments to carry them through their term of service."

These red accounts need attention now: Ron Callaway (just returned for furlough), \$10,728.43; Jerry Banks, \$10,446.60; Ken Bailey, \$8,283.90; Jim Sturgill, \$5,706.36; Darrel Nichols, \$5,507.82; Dennis Owen, \$5,117.36; and Larry Inscoe, \$5,213.85.

Alabama Church Sponsors Turnbough Walk-a-thon

Alabama—Members of the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church in Midland City, Ala., sponsored a Walk-a-thon on May 10 to help send Jeff and Susan Turnbough back to Spain.

Walkers from Eastside, Headland, Ozark, Magnolia, Panther Creek,

Springfield, Enterprise, and New Hope FWB churches also participated.

The members of Corinth were encouraged by their efforts. Although they were in the middle of a building program, \$4,020 was raised for the Turnboughs' account.

Jeff Turnbough pastored Corinth church just prior to his family's departure for Spain. He and Susan are still members of the church.

In all, 62 people participated and walked five miles each.

Miss Melissa Mallory of Corinth church raised \$1,200.

Two Join Betania Church; Three Deacons Chosen

Panama—According to missionary Steve Lytle, two people joined the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama on April 20: Mrs. Rhoda Kipping, an elderly lady who transferred membership, and Bernin Bell, a convert of late last year. One young lady, Damaris, received Christ as Savior on March 5 after watching a Christian film.

Lytle also reported plans to set aside three men as deacons in the church: Alberto Diaz, Bernardino Jaen, and Javier de la Reguera. "They are men of character, who love the Lord," writes Steve. "Pray for them as they serve in the church."

The Bible institute in the church concluded its third quarter of studies in May with 12 students enrolled from three different churches.

Steve reported these statistics for Panama in 1985: 116 professions of faith, 83 baptisms, two new Panamanian pastors, and three congregations planning organizational services for 1986.

Walkers in Midland City, Ala., strike out on a five-mile Walk-a-thon trek to raise funds for the Jeff Turnbough account.



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