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of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



Advancing
the Gospel
in a
Complex
World

**Four More
Burn Fetishes**

**13 Student
Missionaries
Depart**



(Left) Missions professor Bobby Aycock lines up student missionaries of FWBBC who are serving abroad for the summer: (back row, left to right) Cynthia Bobst, Helen Byrd, Susan Bumpus and Keith Orr; (front row) Iris Stiles, Rhoda Snow, Barbara Allen and Michelle Vincent (Keli Harvey and Stephen Palmer not pictured). (Right) Student missionaries from Hillsdale FWB College are (left to right) Joan Ward, Billy Seabolt and James Briggs.

Call-a-thon Helps New Missionaries by \$21,000

Nashville, Tenn.—The 1986 Call-a-thon for foreign missions is history! And new missionaries have been helped by \$21,062.17 (through May 14) toward getting to their fields of service. All but \$1,210.55 of this was reported by telephone on Call-a-thon Sunday, April 27, or shortly thereafter.

The largest gift reported this year came from the Beacon Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., with a total of \$2,064.00. The second largest gift was reported by the Piney Grove FWB Church of Chipley, Fla., with \$1,050.17. These were the only gifts that topped \$1,000 this year.

Missouri reported the largest state total with \$3,965.31 and South Carolina was a close second with \$3,336.39.

A total of 108 churches and/or individuals reported this year.

Waddell Visit Meets Needs; Winds Cause Fire

India—Marie Hanna writes from India: "Brother Waddell's visit was the highlight of these months. The Lord enabled him to preach with power to our leaders, to more than 500 people who attended the annual conference, and to our South India churches. In spite of the fact that he was a foreigner, the messages were right where the people (and we) live every day—and he had not been informed by man of the needs."

Marie noted that their church had 82 people who participated in communion and feet washing on Good Friday night. One hundred forty people gathered in front of the Hannas' house at 5:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday for a sunrise service.

On March 20, gale force winds ripped through North India and started fires in the bazaar, etc. Twenty-seven families in the area lost their houses and possessions. A small child between six and eight years of age was burned to death.

Fetishes Burned by Four Family Heads Near Bouna

Ivory Coast—"During the last month we have had four heads of families burn their fetishes to follow Christ," writes Mike Cousineau from Bouna, Ivory Coast. One of the men was a fetishier (witch doctor).

Cousineau baptized five adults during April in a village 20 miles north of Bouna.

According to Mike, approximately 37 people were converted and baptized at Bouna last year.

13 Student Missionaries Depart for Service

Nashville, Tenn.—Thirteen student missionaries left in May for their fields of service where they will spend the summer working with missionaries and national churches.

Those serving in *Brazil* will be Susan Bumpus, Keli Harvey, James

Briggs, Billy Seabolt, and Joan Ward. Michelle Vincent and Helen Byrd will labor this summer in *France*.

Serving in *Japan* will be Barbara Allen and Rhoda Snow.

Cynthia Bobst and Iris Stiles will work in *Panama*.

Stephen Palmer and Keith Orr will be serving in *Spain*.

Ten of the students are from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville and three come from Hillsdale FWB College in Moore, Okla.

Teagues Settle in Nantes, Begin Study

France—Dennis and Carol Teague, who arrived in *France* on February 11, have settled in the suburb of St. Sebastien in the city of Nantes. They have begun a refresher language course at the university in Nantes.

"We are very happy to be here," writes Carol. "The people in our neighborhood seem very friendly. We've met one of our neighbors and his family. We've even been in the home once already."

Picirilli Speaks During French-Spanish Retreat

Switzerland—Free Will Baptist missionaries from France and Spain gathered near Interlaken, Switzerland, April 1-4 for their annual combined missionary retreat. Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the special speaker for the event.

Dr. Picirilli spoke each morning and evening, Wednesday through Friday. During the morning sessions he shared from 2 Corinthians, "Paul as a Minister."

During the three evening sessions, the college administrator touched on faith, the importance of serving in love for Christ, and why we shouldn't worry.

In addition to the France and Spain missionaries, four Ivory Coast missionary families in language study were on hand: David and Sharon Filkins, Robert and Pam West, Mark and Donna Daniel, and Darrel and Lila Nichols. Howard and Joan Filkins as well as their son Dale and Joan's father were present for part of the retreat.

Traveling with Dr. Picirilli was his wife, Clara. The couple left the U.S. on March 26 and returned on April 10. They spent some time prior to the

retreat in Spain and following the retreat in France. Picirilli spoke in several of the churches during his stay.

Board Adopts Budget of \$3,358,900 for 1987

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions held its annual session April 28-30 at the National Offices building in Nashville with all board members present. Among action taken was the approval of a proposed 1987 foreign missions budget of \$3,358,900 and an Advance budget of \$160,000.

Other action included the authorization of a feasibility study concerning the possibility of organizing an international fellowship of Free Will Baptists. This study is to be done in cooperation with the executive department of the National Association.

Two preliminary applications for missionary service were approved and a resolution was adopted calling for a day of prayer on behalf of the field of Ivory Coast. The many illnesses and satanic attacks evident in the last few months prodded this decision. May 14 was set aside.

A special "Promotional and Informational Materials" fund was established during the December board meeting and was reviewed at this session. Missionary accounts will contribute to this fund on a monthly basis. Although no specific fund had been set up previously, missionary accounts had regularly contributed as much as 9.5 percent of their income to the printing and production of promotional materials. But for the past few years the amount given from missionary accounts for materials has been between 3.7 and 5.7 percent. At the same time, costs have increased and giving to the general fund has leveled off. The subsidy of these materials has significantly drained the



Arilla Wode (on chair, right) and Sharon Ferguson (on bench, left) teach a session during the area-wide retreat for women at Bondoukou, Ivory Coast.

general fund.

To bring fund distribution back into line with costs, the board adopted 7 percent of income as the missionary's part to be channeled into the new PIM fund. This does not go into the general fund and does not contribute to administrative salaries or costs. This percentage will be reevaluated periodically.

These dates were set for the 1987 board meetings: annual session, April 27-30; foreign missions retreat, August 3-7; and semiannual session, November 30-December 3.

The board reelected the same officers for the new year: Bill Jones, chairman; Norwood Gibson, vice chairman; and Jim Walker, secretary.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—A baptismal service was held at Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, on Easter Sunday with six people being baptized.

Uruguay—On Easter Sunday the Free Will Baptist group at Montevideo held their first Lord's supper and feet washing service. "It was lovely," write the Walter Ellisons. "There were 26 who participated. Many of those had never seen such a service. It was a blessing to all of our people."

Nashville, Tenn.—Two adult Sunday school classes at Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville sponsored a fellowship dinner on April 6 to raise funds for Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso who have been approved for a short summer assignment at the hospital in Doropo, Ivory Coast. The dinner was prepared and underwritten by the classes, who urged people to attend the free dinner and make a special contribution to the Gentuso account. Over \$3,000 was raised that

evening and over \$4,200 had come in by the following day. The couple needed \$4,500.

Brazil—Miss Cecilia Virides of the Ribeirao Preto church returned to her field of service in northern Brazil on March 23. Cecilia is serving as a missionary with MEVA, the Brazilian branch of Unevangelized Fields Mission.

Jacksonville, N.C.—Mr. John K. Rhodes, father of missionary Priscilla Inscoe, has been diagnosed as having lung cancer. Christians have been urged to pray for his recovery.

First Area-wide Meeting for Women Held in I.C.

Ivory Coast—The first area-wide Free Will Baptist women's meeting in the Ivory Coast was held March 24-26 at Bondoukou. A total of 111 women from 24 villages gathered to learn the woman's responsibilities toward God, toward her husband, toward her children, and toward the unsaved world.

According to Carol Pinkerton, the ladies were divided into seven prayer groups during the session. Twenty-five

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Dr. Paul Gentuso and his wife, Tammy, of Nashville, Tenn., left the United States on May 27 to serve at the medical station in Doropo, Ivory Coast, for the summer.



Financial Summary

Through April 30 \$ubstance

Total income for April	\$ 239,536.99
Total income through April	891,724.03
Total disbursements through April	1,087,726.73
Projected income through April	992,294.64
Total 1986 Budget	\$2,976,884.00
1986 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 201,526.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey	\$7,944.97	Murray	\$ 2,696.62
Banks	9,013.40	Nichols	6,290.81
Callaway	9,679.71	Owen	6,082.24
Inscoe	4,098.36	Sturgill	6,747.83
Lytle	3,378.18	Wiley	36.35
McCullough	842.36	General Fund	6,581.84
Miley	1,293.13		
Total			\$64,685.80

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young girls—either engaged to be married or wishing they were—had special class time together.

Five African women and five missionary women took part on the program. Pastor Victor and his wife, Josephine, emptied two rooms of the parsonage for the missionary women to use. The Africans slept on thin mats on the floor in the parsonage and church building.

Carol Pinkerton explained, "The topics were given, followed by a testimony relating to the particular subject. Questions were asked and it was a joy to see the majority of them being answered by our African sisters who used the Scriptures to support their answers."

As the meeting drew to a close, the group had a candlelight service. "My skin still pops up in goose bumps when my mind recalls the 111 lighted candles in that darkened building: lights for Jesus," Carol concluded.

Before the final amen was said, the women were already making plans for another similar meeting.

Aycock to Visit Brazil; Special Services Planned

Brazil—Bobby Aycock, former missionary and current missions professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, left on May 25 with his wife, Sue, to visit friends and churches in Brazil. Aycock will be speaking at the Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church May 28 through June 1 in commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the church. Aycock and his wife were involved in founding the work.



Christians from four Sapporo FWB churches and a Swedish church in the city receive teacher's training at Kita Hiroshima FWB Church in Sapporo, Japan.

Bobby will also be holding a special conference at the Conselheiro Lafaiete church June 6-8. He and Sue will return to the United States on June 20.

Teacher Training Class Held at Kita Hiroshima

Japan—A group of 24 people gathered at Kita Hiroshima chapel on March 22 and 23 for a teacher training class.

The training class was sponsored by the Kita Hiroshima church and was conducted by an evangelist of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Participants in the two-day workshop came from four of the Sapporo Free Will Baptist churches and a Swedish church in the city.

According to missionaries Jim and Olena McLain, this was the first class of its type designed for the purpose of training new teachers in the new churches.

Murray Reports Three Saved, Urges Prayer

France—Missionary John Murray reported recently that three people had accepted Christ as Savior thus far in 1986 at Nantes, France: Marie Laure, Jean Marie, and Beronique.

Fifteen people were saved in the work during 1985. "That is like having 15 new babies in the same year," writes John. "It keeps you on your toes."

Daniels, Nichols Go to Ivory Coast Ministries

Ivory Coast—Mark and Donna Daniel and Darrel and Lila Nichols arrived in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, on May 8 following their language study in France. The Daniels and Nichols will be living at Goumère for the next two years as they study the Koulango language while engaging in evangelistic work in the area.

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