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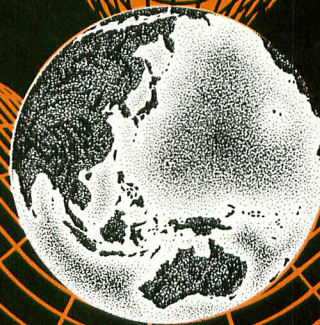
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"Growing for God's Glory"



Missionary Jerry Banks baptizes a convert at Kita Hiroshima Chapel.

Muslim Lady Converted in Kita Hiroshima Church

Japan—"Judy, this is Chikako. I wanted to call and tell you that this morning I prayed to receive Jesus as my Savior." These were the words Judy Smith heard by telephone in November of 1985. The woman had been a staunch Muslim for many years.

According to Judy, missionaries at Kita Hiroshima Chapel had worked with Chikako Sasaki for the past nine years and had prayed for her salvation.

"Chikako told us she could never forsake her religion," write Jerry and Janice Banks. She said she just knew that "although Jesus was a good prophet, He could not be God." In spite of this, Mrs. Sasaki attended Bible classes and sent her children to Sunday school. During the Christmas season Chikako, her son, Hayato, and another lady, Kumiko Fukumoto, were baptized in the new church baptistry. Mrs. Fukumoto was Judy's next-door neighbor.

53 N. Alabama Churches Take Part in Conferences

Guin, Ala.—Fifty-three churches in North Alabama participated in missionary conferences January 15-29, 1986. Some 31 missionary speakers were involved in the conferences this year.

According to Richard Cordell, conference coordinator, several churches participated this year for the first time. Latest reports representing 52 churches indicated projected giving for 1986 to be \$176,283. Total cash

offerings recorded from these same churches came to \$15,408.43.

A special evaluation luncheon was held on January 30 in Guin, Ala., with a good number of participating pastors present. Many pastors expressed praise for the spiritual value of the services and the number of decisions that were recorded. Some indicated a spirit of revival prevailed.

Miley Encouraged with Lord's Work in Lorient

France—"We are quite encouraged," writes Lynn Miley from Lorient, France. "We have one young couple who have been saved a very short while. The woman was saved a couple of months ago, and the man was saved about two weeks ago (January)."

Only two families in the church have a church background. The rest know only what they have been taught since coming to the Lorient church.

Miley noted that Daniel, another man who was saved about five months ago, has been anxious to start working for the Lord. "He wants us to buy a big umbrella and some tables so we can do a market ministry every Saturday," writes Lynn. "It's encouraging to have folks like that."

Medical Ministry Convert Publicly Burns Fetishes

Ivory Coast—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton revealed in early January that a young man had been converted as a result of the medical ministry and had publicly burned his fetishes.

"He had been sick for a long time

and his treatments with witchcraft were to no avail," writes Kenneth. "His search for stronger medicine led him to Bondoukou where a Christian relative took his prayer request to church."

After the young man returned to Doropo, he went to the hospital for treatment and Paul, the hospital evangelist, gave him the plan of salvation. A few days later, a Christian friend actually led him to the Lord.

"On Sunday, December 29, we went to his village and had a fetish-burning service," Eagleton continued. "It was a thrilling and blessed experience to see him destroy his idols and fetishes."

Hokkaido Association Meets; Kawasaki Received

Japan—The Hokkaido Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 11 and 12 at the Abashiri church for the annual New Year's Bible Conference and business session.

One of the chief transactions was the acceptance of Pastor Toshikazu Kawasaki into the association as a teacher/pastor. Kawasaki began working with the Jerry Banks family at Kita Hiroshima Chapel in July of 1985.

Currently Mr. Kawasaki is pastoring a new church, Ai No Sato, in a growing community north of Sapporo in addition to his work at Kita Hiroshima Chapel. Dale Bishop and Jerry Banks are helping in that work.

A graduate of Kansai Bible College, Pastor Kawasaki has worked as an independent evangelist and pastor until his recent affiliation with Free Will Baptists.

Patty McCullough's Lost Vision Is Now Returning

France—According to a late January report from Tom McCullough, the vision in Patty's eye has been declared "normal." "She wasn't totally satisfied, however," writes Tom, "because she still sees a small blur out of the right eye. The doctor did not seem upset though and assured us that everything would soon be back to normal."

Patty suffered loss of vision in her right eye late last year when she had a reoccurrence of multiple sclerosis. "To say the least, we are both pleased and confident that healing followed due to the intercession of God's people," Tom rejoiced.

Mrs. McCullough has resumed her

former activities of teaching Sunday school, playing the organ, teaching songs and leading music in Bible club, etc.

Sparks Reports Four Saved, Institute Going

Spain—"Since last writing to you, four have made decisions to follow the Lord," writes Lonnie Sparks from Alcala de Henares, Spain. "Two of these are sisters, Carmen, 16, and Yolanda, 14. They live in an area notorious for thieves and drug addicts."

Lonnie requested prayer for the family of Carmen and Yolanda. Their six-year-old twin sisters and their mother have been attending services. The Onate family has seven unsaved members.

Sparks noted that the Bible Institute is continuing with a total of 10 people attending or taking the courses by tape. Six take all of the courses for credit.

Satan Hinders but God Gives Victory

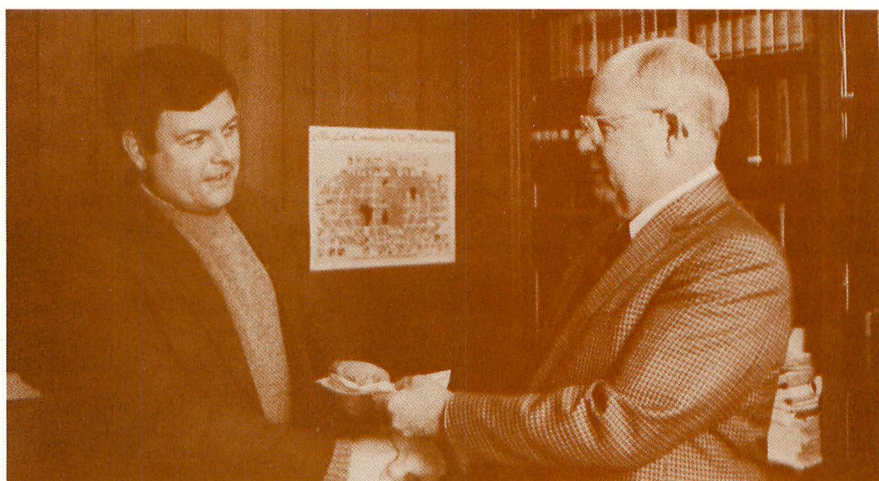
Brazil—According to missionary Vicki Sturgill from Brazil, Satan was active in hindering the work during December:

Norman and Laura McFall, short-term missionaries, needed to go to Uruguay to renew their tourist visas, but they couldn't get plane reservations. When they finally did get reservations and landed in Montevideo, they were told they could not renew the visas and that they could not even return to Brazil to get their belongings.

While waiting in Montevideo, their refrigerator in Campinas stopped functioning and left a mess to be cleaned up.

The Sturgills' efforts to start a new work in Campinas were also hindered as they attempted to remodel a rented meeting hall. The Christmas play at the Campinas church was almost halted as one couple came down with mumps, Vicki broke her foot, and one of the fellows in the military was unable to get off guard duty to perform his part. Another cast member went out of town and was unable to get back. Finally, a young man developed a nosebleed just as the program was to start and was unable to participate.

"But God was working and we just praise Him for what He did," writes Vicki. "The McFalls got to Uruguay



Rolla Smith, general director of foreign missions, receives a check from Jimmie Varney of Huntington, W. Va., on behalf of Jim and Shirley Combs. The churches of West Virginia raised the money to buy video equipment to be used in Brazil.

and, with the help of the Walter Ellisons, got their visas. We were told to go sign the papers on the hall for the new work. The play went off lovely as different people took on the parts of those who could not be there. There was standing room only for the crowd of about 75 people."

The Sturgills were also rejoicing that the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas had elected Silvestre Pinto Neto as pastor of the church. Neto is also president of the Brazil Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

The official inauguration of the new Campinas work was scheduled for February 6.

Sweeney Increases Study, Makes Monthly Trek

France—Miss Dawn Sweeney has reported adding six hours of private French conversation to her regular classes of language study at the university. She has a special tutor to correct her conversation. Dawn's first semester at Sorbonne ended on January 25.

"The second year of language study can be discouraging because it consists of increasing vocabulary, learning idiomatic phrases peculiar to the culture, and ways to express abstract thoughts," writes Dawn. "Progress seems to come much slower for me this year."

Sweeney travels to Lorient one weekend per month to take part in a youth meeting. She will be working with the Lorient missionaries when she finishes language study.

W. Virginia Raises Funds for Combs Equipment

Sophia, W. Va.—Reverend George Smith of West Virginia recently spearheaded an effort among West Virginia Free Will Baptists to raise money for video equipment for Jim Combs in Brazil. A total of \$1,155.31 toward the project was presented to foreign missions by Reverend Jimmie Varnie on January 27.

An effort is in progress to raise another \$1,200 from West Virginia to buy a typewriter for the Combs.

NOTICE TO PASTORS

You can save foreign missions money by encouraging your members to get their *Heartbeat* copies via the church bundle plan. This plan was used years ago, but became undesirable because cost difference was negligible. Now that has changed!

Pastor, here is what you can do: Ask all members to bring the address label from the back of their *Heartbeat* to church. Then, these should be sent to the foreign missions office along with a specific request for a bundle quantity. Include the name and address of the church where the bundle is to be sent. Church members can pick up their copies at church.

Since postage rates have increased by about 30 percent in January, this effort should bring a significant saving on mailing expenses.

People who make any contributions directly to the foreign missions office will remain on *Heartbeat* mailing list, regardless of the bundle plan.

Two New Kindergartens Started from Tsukisamu

Japan—Missionary Jim McLain reported recently that the Higashi Tsukisamu kindergarten has been divided to start a second group. Enrollment reached 60 last year and has soared to 110 this year, necessitating the division due to lack of space.

A third group was being planned in the southern part of Sapporo. Each of these new ministries is being started with the vision of starting a church in the buildings being occupied by the kindergartens.

Inscoe Baptizes Four, Has First Church Wedding

Panama—Missionary Larry Inscoe reported baptizing four people at Las Tablas, Panama, on December 21.

Inscoe also explained that the first "evangelical church wedding" to be held in the province of Los Santos took place in the Las Tablas Free Will Baptist Church on December 20. Aristides Ramos, a recently licensed preacher, married Doris Vargas from the Buenos Aires mission. Approximately 250 people attended the wedding. Only about one-third were able to be seated inside the small church building. The rest watched from outside.

According to Larry, the newlyweds are living in Las Tablas where they work with the Free Will Baptist church. They also hold leadership responsibilities at the mission work in Nuevo Ocu.

Larry Inscoe baptizes a convert at Las Tablas, Panama.



Mini Reports from Around the Globe

France—The Christians from the St. Nazaire group are looking for a piece of land to purchase so they can build a church. Missionary Jerry Gibbs has urged people to pray for the group. They have located a piece of property owned by the city, and they are trying to negotiate.

Brazil—Four people were baptized on December 15 in Jaboticabal, Brazil. This made a total of 13 who had been baptized there during the year. Missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart are working with the church.

France—Dave Filkins, missionary to Ivory Coast, spent time flat on his back late in January due to severe pain. He went into the hospital on February 3 to determine the cause of the pain. Doctors suspected a ruptured disc. The Filkins are in France studying the French language.

Searcy, Ark.—A February report from Norman and Bessie Richards indicated that Norman's vision problem caused by diabetes had greatly improved. The report indicated that the sugar count had stabilized and Norman was able to wear glasses again. Christians have been urged to continue to pray that Norman's diabetes will be controlled by medication and diet so the Richards can return to the Ivory Coast in June.

Brazil—Missionary Earnie Deeds informed the missions staff that five

people had made decisions for Christ in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, during the month of January. These included a married woman, two teenagers and two children.



Dennis and Carol Teague left for France on February 9.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dennis and Carol Teague left for France on February 9, 1986, to begin a new term of missionary service. The Teagues served one term but have been separated from the foreign missions department for several years to pursue further study.

Ivory Coast—A January 31 report from Ivory Coast indicates missionary Robert Bryan has contracted hepatitis. Doctors have ordered him to bed for complete rest for at least six weeks.

Brazil—A brief report from Brazil indicated 12 decisions for Christ were recorded during the junior camp held January 20-24 in Jaboticabal, Brazil.

Ivory Coast—According to missionary Deleen Cousineau, the first Free Will Baptist conference for women is scheduled for March 24-26 in Bouna, Ivory Coast. Deleen will be address-

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Financial Summary

Through January 31 \$ubstance

Total income for January	\$ 191,221.35
Total disbursements for January	241,680.73
Projected income for January	248,073.66
Total 1986 Budget	\$2,976,884.00
1986 ADVANCE Budget	201,526.00

Total income for 1985	\$2,663,426.86
Total disbursements for 1985	2,495,021.33
Total 1985 Budget	\$2,895,498.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey	\$6,741.15	McCullough	\$ 3,854.12
Banks	2,375.67	Nichols	1,330.55
Callaway	4,163.66	Owen	4,413.33
Inscoe	2,679.20	Sturgill	6,751.12
Leatherbury	296.95	Wiley	11.90
Lytle	2,563.83	General Fund	16,829.24
Total			\$52,010.72

PRAYER REQUESTS...

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ing the ladies on the subject, "The Woman and Her Relationship with God."

Brazil—Vicki Sturgill, who broke her foot while preparing for a Christmas play, had the cast removed on January 22 but she continued to use crutches for several days.

China—Communist party officials in China have invited the Mission Church of Norway to operate a major university for 12,000 students in Guangdong, Southern China.

Brazil—According to missionary Ken Eagleton in Brazil, the Araras Free Will Baptist Church plans to start construction on a new building around the first of April.

France—Miss Cathy Crawford in Nantes, France, has requested prayer for two ladies: Mademoiselle Salasan, a 72-year-old lady, and Marie Pluchon, Cathy's French teacher.

India—Carlisle Hanna expressed praise to the Lord for His work among them in 1985. He especially noted one policeman who leaves his post of duty at 4:00 a.m. and walks several miles to catch a bus in order to arrive for worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Brazil—Regina Franks, nine-year-old daughter of missionaries Dave and Pat Franks, underwent surgery on February 6 to enlarge the opening from the stomach to the small intestine. Latest reports indicate the surgery went well.

Christians of Kita Hiroshima Chapel on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, participate in rice pounding during their New Year's celebration.



Panamanian Churches Hold Fifteenth Convention

Panama—Approximately 150 people attended the fifteenth annual convention of the Panamanian Association of Free Will Baptist Churches on January 9. The meeting was held in the Agua Buena church with Pastor Martin Plicet, president of the association, presiding.

Highlights of the meeting included approval of requests by two churches to become organized: Buenos Aires and San Miguelito. Buenos Aires reported having 59 baptized members and San Miguelito reported 44.

Two young men, Francisco Medina and Aristides Ramos, from the Las Tablas church were licensed to preach. Two other men were ordained as deacons in the Agua Buena church.

Fourteen people from three Free Will Baptist churches received certificates from the new Free Will Baptist Bible Institute. They completed studies during the first two quarters in 1985. Reports from three organized churches and seven missions indicated an average Sunday school attendance of 428 during 1985. Some 116 people professed faith in Christ and 83 were baptized.

New Year Celebration Helps in Outreach

Japan—Members of Kita Hiroshima Chapel celebrated New Year's Day with a special service to which they invited friends from the community. According to missionary Jerry Banks,

the group met for a time of worship followed by the traditional rice pounding in the afternoon.

"Several family members of Christians and friends joined in the celebration," writes Banks. "Since then, some of the teens who visited have expressed interest in church and one has started attending with her Christian friend."

Bunch Departure Delayed; Daughter Has Surgery

Liberal, Mo.—Stan and Brenda Bunch have delayed their departure for Panama due to the need for corrective surgery on their daughter's ankle. Alicia's surgery on the other leg has been termed successful but now she is having problems with the opposite ankle. She had surgery on February 4 in Columbia, Mo.

The Bunches are now scheduled to leave for Panama sometime around the first of April.

Barbacena Church Votes to Build S.S. Rooms

Brazil—The Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil recently voted to construct the rest of the church building for Sunday school rooms.

Missionary Dave Franks noted that the church had experienced a revival with evangelist Ivan Lopes. Several people rededicated their lives to the Lord and three people were saved. "Our attendance has improved and there is a greater interest in serving the Lord," writes Dave.

Sr. Moacyr Marcelino was selected by the church to be ordained as a deacon. That will make two deacons for the church.

Approximately 70 Attend Christmas Program

France—The St. Nazaire Free Will Baptist Church held its annual Christmas program on December 22 with approximately 70 people in attendance. The special program, almost entirely prepared by a person in the church, was held in a rented conference room of a local hotel.

Activities for the program included "eye-witness" accounts by children's club members, a play about the prodigal son by the youth group, and singing by the church choir.

"Several people for whom we had

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Missionary Ken Bailey prepares to receive his diploma from Russell Lunak, principal of Japan Missionary Language Institute, during graduation exercises in December.

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been praying were visibly touched by the message presented," writes Jerry Gibbs. "We are now following up these people and praying that four of these couples who came will be saved."

Bailey Graduates, Speaks at New Year's Service

Japan—Missionary Ken Bailey was among three people who received diplomas during a graduation exercise on December 20, 1985, at Japanese Missionary Language Institute in Tokyo.

Ken delivered the graduation address in Japanese during that service. Later he preached at the New Year's worship service at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church.

I.C. Church Receives Missions Challenge

Ivory Coast—The Free Will Baptist church at Agnibilekrou was challenged recently with world missions following each Wednesday night message for two months. Miss Alice Smith writes: "I purchased a world map and we are praying for 70 countries in the world. I have been pleasantly surprised by how our folks are concerned about others. The Lord has really burdened their hearts, and they are more thankful than ever for their freedom of worship."

Alice traveled to Bondoukou on December 30 for an all-day seminar with the Christian ladies of the Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church. Her subject was "Teaching God's Word to Children." Fourteen ladies attended.

Cowart Endures Surgery Then Has Stone Attack

Brazil—Missionary Jim Cowart underwent gallbladder surgery on December 30 in Jaboticabal, Brazil. Doctors indicated all ducts and the pancreas were clear, consequently they expected no problems.

Cowart was released from the hospital on January 3 but returned on January 4 with "kidney colic." Doctors believe he passed a kidney stone. He was released from the hospital on January 5 and was reported doing much better.

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