

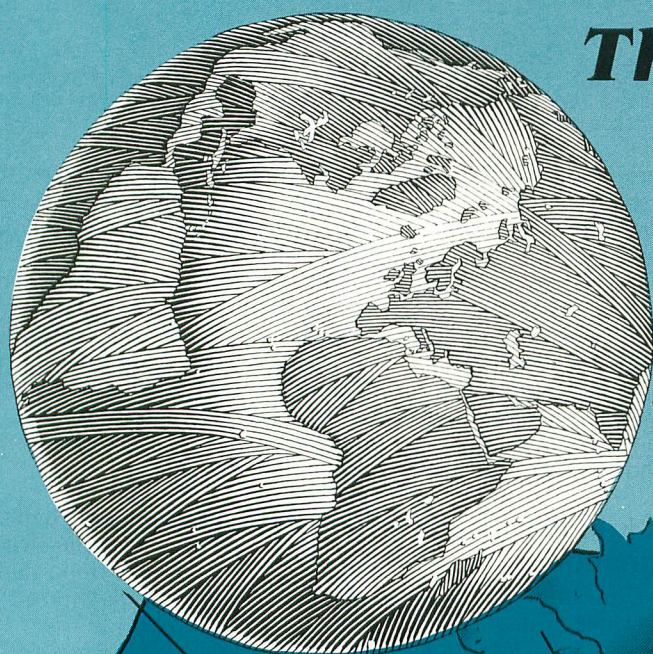
HEARTBEAT

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of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world

Can World Need Break Through the Indifference of an Affluent U.S. Church?



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Accounts
Reach \$95,511!**

Eagleton Returns to U.S. for Heart By-pass Surgery

Nashville, Tenn.—Ken and Marvis Eagleton arrived in Nashville, Tenn., from Brazil on October 13. Ken entered St. Thomas Hospital to undergo by-pass surgery for the correction of blockage in the arteries from the heart.

Although Eagleton appeared to be in good health, stress tests during a physical exam showed a problem existed. Arteriogram tests showed total blockage of arteries on the right side of the heart and the blood flow in arteries on the left was severely hindered.

Surgery was performed on October 17 and Ken was doing well at press time although he was still in the intensive care unit.

Banks Says Three Saved; 75 Attend Family Dinner

Japan—"During September we had three people saved," writes Jerry Banks from Kita Hiroshima, Japan. "One woman in her late forties or early fifties and two of the Fukumotos' children were saved," he concluded.

The Kita Hiroshima Chapel sponsored a family dinner on September 7 in hopes of getting some men under the sound of the gospel. Approximately 75 people attended the dinner. Several men were among the group.

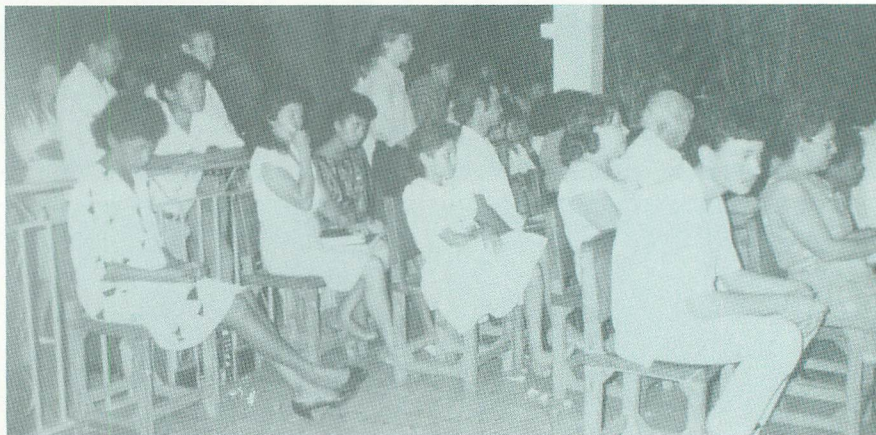
Palmer Affiliation Denied by Board Statement

Nashville, Tenn.—In response to inquiries as to the relationship of Lonnie Palmer to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, the Board of Foreign Missions has issued the following statement to re-emphasize the notice given in January of 1985:

Lonnie Palmer was dismissed from missionary service under this board in July of 1977. Since that time, there has been no official relationship between him and the Board of Foreign Missions.

Las Tablas Church Marks Tenth Anniversary

Panama—The Free Will Baptist church in Las Tablas, Panama, held special anniversary services on September 13 to celebrate the tenth year since its beginning. Some 165 people attended the special services. Approximately 60 people, representing seven



The overflow crowd sits on the porch during the tenth anniversary celebration of the Las Tablas FWB Church. Larry Inscoe is in charge of the work.

churches in and around Panama City, traveled to Las Tablas by bus.

Special music was presented by the "Grupo Maranata" (Maranatha Group) from the Las Tablas church, and a choir from the Central American Mission church in La Arena sang. Aristides Villareal from the CMA church in Chitre brought the message.

Missionary Larry Inscoe started the Las Tablas work and continues as the church's main leader today.

Mileys Arrive in U.S., Submit Resignation

Nashville, Tenn.—Lynn and Ramona Miley arrived in the United States from France on September 28. They met with the administrative staff of foreign missions on October 2 in Nashville. Following that meeting, Lynn and Ramona submitted their resignation from foreign missionary service effective 90 days from October 1.

Having served under the foreign missions department for some 12 years, the Mileys expressed regret that they felt compelled to resign, but they were confident that the decision was God's will.

"After prayerfully considering the matter, we have concluded that the

Lynn and Ramona Miley have resigned after one and one-half terms in France.



best thing for us to do is to return to the States until Jonathan and Michelle have completed high school," the Mileys stated.

Both the Mileys and the foreign missions staff expressed hope that the couple might re-enter missionary service in the future. They are currently residing in Dothan, Ala.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—Two young men were baptized and added to the church in Araras, Brazil, just prior to the departure of Ken and Marvis Eagleton for the United States.

Uruguay—According to a report through missionary Molly Barker, an 82-year-old man in the area of Rivera, Uruguay, was saved recently when Rick Bowling and national pastor Mario visited him.

Moore, Okla.—Jean Deeds, wife of missionary Earnie Deeds, underwent surgery on October 9 in Moore, Okla. Latest reports indicated surgery was successful, and she was home recovering normally.

Spain—Missionary Lynn Midgett has been officially designated to work in the Mostoles church with the Callaways.

Ivory Coast—"Since our arrival at the end of May, we have killed 28 snakes," writes Darrel Nichols from Goumère, Ivory Coast. "Sunday, August 16, a rabid dog came on our place and was in the process of killing our puppy when Lila and the girls came home from church. I arrived at almost the same time from village evangelism.

We are saddened at the loss of our puppy but see God's protection in this." The dog evidently focused attention on the puppy rather than the people.

Spain—Missionary Dennis Owen has requested special prayer for Oscar, Ricardo, and Pedro, three brothers who were saved during the summer at Villalba, Spain.

Brazil—A young girl, Rosemary, was saved in early September at Barbacena, Brazil, according to missionary Dave Franks. "She is happy in her new-found faith and active in the youth meetings on Saturday nights," writes Dave.



Debbie Griffin

Colquitt, Ga.—Miss Debbie Griffin, missionary appointee to Japan, is scheduled to be commissioned for missionary service on November 23 in Bellview FWB Church at Colquitt, Ga. She plans to depart for Japan on December 2 to enter language study.

Brazil—Reports from Uberlandia, Brazil, indicate that 19 people have been saved in the work since Tom and Nancy Hughes left for furlough in August. The work is being conducted by lay leaders in the church.

Ivory Coast—Eddie Payne left the U.S. on October 1 for a two-month teaching tour at the Ivory Coast Bible Institute in Bouna. While there, he will also make some preparations for the official opening of the institute in September of 1987.



Cathy Crawford

Minford, Ohio—Miss Cathy Crawford, missionary to France, has been home for a short furlough since May. She is scheduled to return to France on



Missionary Jerry Gibbs teaches the children 9 to 12 years of age during a backyard VBS at St. Nazaire, France. Patsy Vanhook is seen in the background teaching children aged 5 to 8.

November 18 to resume her ministry in Nantes. Cathy will be involved in the writing and distribution of tracts, as well as counseling people and conducting Bible studies.

Japan—According to missionary Fred Hersey, the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in the suburb of Tokyo dedicated its new building on October 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Backyard VBS Held in August at St. Nazaire

France—According to missionary Tom McCullough in St. Nazaire, France, a backyard vacation Bible school was held August 18-22. This was the first of this kind ever attempted by the missionaries there and they had a total of 12 children who attended. Three of these had not attended any of the church activities previously.

McCullough expressed hope that the three new children would start attending the regular Wednesday Bible club which is to be held at that same house.

Lorient Missionaries to Saturate City with Gospel

France—In recent correspondence, missionary Steve Riggs revealed that the missionary team in Lorient, France, had laid plans to saturate the city with the gospel message as much as possible this year. "We will be maximizing our efforts in tract distribution, door-to-door surveys, Christian films, ladies' Bible studies, a booth in open-air markets, etc.," writes Steve.

A young man was saved in the Sunday morning services at Lorient in September, just prior to the departure of Lynn and Ramona Miley for the United States. Steve Riggs has been officially elected pastor of the church. Allan and LaRue Crowson and Miss Dawn Sweeney are working with Steve and Becky in the area.

Board Reaffirms Policy, Commends Missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions recently issued a reaffirmation of its goals and subsequent ministries abroad. In light of questions which surfaced at the recent National Association in Tulsa, Okla., about the policy and practices of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, the board issued the following statement:

1. We are a church-planting mission. By nature of this, every missionary effort must directly or indirectly contribute to the winning of the lost, the discipling of believers, and the building up of local churches. This also applies to any institution whether medical, educational, or humanitarian which operates under the board. These principles have been officially sanctioned by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. Every missionary sent out under this board is commissioned to help establish and strengthen local churches in the country of service. Missionaries are to lead these new churches to join in associations of FWB churches.

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Financial Summary Through September 30 \$ubstance

Total income for September	\$ 212,482.49
Total income through September	2,020,003.64
Total disbursements through September	2,307,015.38
Projected income through September	2,232,663.00
Total 1986 Budget	\$2,976,884.00
1986 ADVANCE Budget	201,526.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey	\$10,886.08	Martens	\$ 596.25
Callaway	14,491.96	McCullough	1,692.12
Ellison	5,639.32	Miley	7,507.54
Gibbs	3,143.73	Murray	7,795.00
Hanna	852.74	Nichols	4,434.44
Inscoe	3,465.49	Sparks	3,094.35
Leatherbury	1,577.24	Sturgill	1,585.78
Lee	145.69	Willey	937.20
Lytle	3,639.24	General Fund	24,027.11
Total			\$95,511.00



Eight-year-old Gale Eidson Jr. takes off his shoes to finish the 10-mile trek for the Tennessee Walk-a-thon for missions. Gale was saved in March and wanted to do his part to help the missionaries.

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These associations become the official channels through which national workers are trained, pastors are ordained, evangelism is stimulated, new churches are founded, and fellowship is enjoyed. This is in contrast to the independent missionary who extends his work with little regard to the unity of the body of Christ.

FWB foreign missionaries have labored to bring into being such associations and have succeeded in a number of fields. One case in point is that of the Ivory Coast which has worked for 28 years to bring together churches of several ethnic groups. The grace of God has enabled this to be accomplished in spite of numerous tribal prejudices.

We, the board, have evaluated the work and efforts of all of our missionaries presently serving in the Ivory Coast. All of their ministries—including medical, educational, and literature—contribute directly to the accomplishment of our basic objective of planting fundamental Free Will

Baptist churches. Our missionaries are biblically sound and loyal to our denomination. They are worthy of our support and confidence.

We have encouraged these missionaries to keep up their dedicated, sacrificial ministry of preaching Christ to the lost people of Ivory Coast. We have further asked them to make every effort possible to preserve the unity of the believers in spite of the numerous difficulties which are being caused by an independent effort that is being supported from the United States.

Annual Walk-a-thon Held in Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn.—The 1986 annual Walk-a-thon for Tennessee foreign and home missionaries was held on September 13 in most areas of the state. It was sponsored by the Tennessee Foreign Missions Board.

Even the children took part in some areas. Eight-year-old Gale Eidson Jr. of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Whitesburg, Tenn., walked

every step of the way. When offered a ride, he replied, "That's cheating. I can't quit nor ride. This is just one day. Them missionaries has it harder than this every day, and I'm going to help them."

Results had not been tabulated at press time, but last year over \$44,000 was raised through this effort.

Campinas Bible Institute Opens with Eight Students

Brazil—The new Bible institute program in Campinas, Brazil, officially opened on August 22 with eight students. Although a few courses were offered last semester, the school had not been officially organized.

Silvestre Pinto Neto, the Brazilian pastor in Campinas, is serving as president of the school. They officially named the institute Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary of Campinas.

Mayhew Has Brief Hospital Stay Due to Blockage

Ivory Coast—Archie Mayhew, foreign missions board member on special assignment in Ivory Coast, was hospitalized in Abidjan during September in very serious condition due to intestinal blockage. He was maintained intravenously for more than a week as doctors sought to discover the cause.

Although no clear diagnosis had been received by the office at press time, Archie had been released from the hospital and had returned to Tanda. At last report he was able to eat, and his organs were functioning normally.

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