

# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world

## Gentusos Hold Extension Medical Clinic



*Dr. Paul Gentuso (top) held a medical clinic during the annual Ivory Coast convention in Taoudi.  
Dr. Paul's wife, Tammy (bottom), helped in the clinic. She is a registered nurse.*

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Missionary Couple Appointed to Brazil • Three New Board Members Elected



*Ivory Coast Christians pass through the line for food and fellowship during the annual Ivory Coast convention in Taoudi.*

## Nearly 400 Attend Annual Ivory Coast Convention

*Ivory Coast*—Nearly 400 people gathered in mid-July at the village of Taoudi for the Annual Convention of Free Will Baptist Churches in the Ivory Coast.

Representatives from 30 different groups or churches came from the areas of Doropo in the north, Abidjan in the south, and from as far west as Bouake to attend the four-day event. The church at Kpanan had the largest number of attendees with 84 people.

"Our goal is to evangelize the world, and we have begun in the northeast corner of the Ivory Coast," stated Pastor Victor Anany as he opened the discussion on barriers hindering church growth. Several lay speakers shared their concerns.

"The theme for the meeting could well have been 'Giving to Support the Lord's Work,'" writes Robert Bryan. Robert spoke on tithing just prior to a sermon by Pastor Adou Koffi David on supporting pastors. Missionary Jerry Pinkerton challenged the group to be prepared for the Lord's return.

Five young men were licensed to preach and two special funds were established: one aimed at supporting needy pastors and the other established to help two families in the Bondoukou church who had come to Ivory Coast from Chad.

The group elected two Ivorian members to serve with missionaries on the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute board:

Pastor Adou Koffi David and Bini Kouame Daniel. The institute is scheduled to open in the fall of 1987.

Next year's convention is planned for Bouna.

## 300 Enrolled in Bible Correspondence Courses

*Brazil*—Referring to Bible correspondence courses in Brazil, missionary Jim Combs writes, "We presently have about 300 students enrolled. This means correcting some 50 lessons (average) every week and sending out new lessons." Jim and Shirley Combs have been in charge of the Bible correspondence courses since they moved to Ribeirao Preto to work in the Bible institute.

In addition to their work with the institute and correspondence courses, the Combs family has been helping with the mission church in the Ipiranga section of town. Shirley and two young Brazilian preachers, Jean and Jose Laurito, were in charge of the two weeks of youth camp at Jaticabal in July.

## Tsugitani Group Buys Building to House Church

*Japan*—According to a late June report from missionary Dale Bishop, the Christian group meeting in Tsugitani has purchased a building to house the church. "It has two stories with an enclosed vegetable market on the first floor and residence upstairs," writes Dale.

"The house has seven rooms, all larger than normal Japanese rooms," Bishop continued. "We are using one room for the church until the downstairs has been renovated."

## Hanna Falls, Injures Back and Hurts Leg

*India*—Carlisle Hanna injured his back and hurt his "bad" knee in late June when he fell on a slick piece of ground somewhere between his house and the church. Doctors indicated his knee was not broken, however his back was injured severely enough that his physician wanted him hospitalized for traction. Since Carlisle did not feel he could stay in the hospital, the doctor ordered him to bed and gave him quite a lot of medication.

Latest reports indicated swelling in his knee had gone down. The leg had been injured severely in an auto accident in 1985. His back had not improved much at the last report.

## Missionaries Participate in Activities at National

*Tulsa, Okla.*—On Wednesday night, July 23, 29 foreign missionaries and one short-term missionary couple marched into the Convention Center arena in Tulsa, Okla., following the flag from the country where they serve. The 7,393 spectators applauded as they heard the names called during the evening missionary service at the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The crowd responded with a record-breaking missions night offering of \$19,740 plus I.O.U.s of \$525. Undesignated gifts totaled \$11,935 and were divided equally between foreign and home missions. Another \$5,196 was also designated to foreign missions and \$2,608 to home missions.

Sherwood and Vada Lee of Ivory Coast challenged the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention on

*Ivory Coast missionary women participate in a skit during the WNAC program at the National Association in Tulsa. Left to right are Elaine and Joshua Holland, Jalayn Martens, Alice Smith, and Arilla Wode. Sharon Ferguson sits on the floor and Lynette Morgan and Deleen Cousineau have their backs to the camera.*



Tuesday morning with the need for laborers and the burden of an over-worked missionary team. On Tuesday afternoon, Lynette Morgan and several other Ivory Coast missionary women presented a skit depicting a typical Ivory Coast children's class. Charolette Tallent and Cathy Crawford illustrated children in action in France. Linda Callaway, Judy Lytle, and Molly Barker also shared in the afternoon program.

## West's Return to U.S. to Boost Monthly Support

Smithville, N.C.—Maintenance missionary Robert West and his family returned to the U.S. from Albertville, France, in early July to work on increasing their monthly support base. The Wests, who were scheduled to leave for Ivory Coast later in July, came back to the States by request of the foreign missions administrative staff.

According to General Director R. Eugene Waddell, the Wests' missionary account was quickly headed for a severe deficit. Their account balance stood at approximately \$4,400 at the time of the decision to bring them home. Moving expenses, coupled with furniture costs, would have put their account in the red before they ever

started their ministry. They need \$1,700 in additional monthly support to maintain their ministry costs.

The Wests have been studying the French language in Albertville in preparation for their ministry at the medical station in Doropo, Ivory Coast. This delay will cause another shortage on the field and will probably require a change in plans for the Jerry Pinkertons.

In light of the need for their ministry as well as the need for them to use their French while it is fresh, Robert and Pam hope to be able to raise their support and go on to the Ivory Coast within three months.

## Board Appoints New Couple During Retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met during the annual foreign missions retreat August 4-7 and appointed Norman and Laura McFall to missionary service in Brazil.

The McFalls had served a short term in Brazil and returned to the United States in March of this year in time to meet with the board in April and to enter the candidate school in May.

Eleven missionary candidates and/or appointees completed training in candidate school and were



Norman and Laura McFall were appointed during the August board meeting to serve in Brazil.

awarded certificates at the missionary banquet on Thursday evening at the conclusion of the retreat. This was the first candidate school conducted by the department of foreign missions, and by all outward signs, observers and candidates termed it "very profitable."

Sam Truett, pastor of West Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield, N.C., was the main speaker for the week of retreat. He shared a series of messages from Acts 20 reviewing Paul's Ephesian ministry.

A total of 57 people—including board members, staff, missionaries, and prospective missionaries—actively participated in this year's retreat which focused on "Growing Toward the Nineties."

## Three Baptized in May at Kita Hiroshima

Japan—According to a report from missionaries Jerry and Janice Banks, three teenagers were baptized at Kita Hiroshima on Sunday, May 25.

"God is working in a wonderful way among our people," write the Banks. "We are seeing people accept Christ as their Savior as never before. Mrs. Ishida, a woman about our age, accepted Christ about three weeks

## Contributors Please Note

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### THEY'VE BEEN CALLED HOME TO GET \$1,700 MORE MONTHLY!

ROBERT and PAM WEST have completed French language study. They were ready to go to Ivory Coast. But they were called home instead because of dwindling support and increased costs. They need **\$1,700 monthly!** Jerry Pinkerton says, "We need the West family on the field. The hospital and clinic cannot operate without maintenance help." Won't you make your commitment today so the Wests can win souls and keep the hospital going in Ivory Coast.



\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to make my monthly commitment to the Wests' very important and needed ministry in the Ivory Coast. I will give the following amount monthly (check one):

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ago. Mrs. Saito, an elderly woman, has expressed her desire to become a Christian. We are planning baptismal services for at least two other people."

The church was officially organized on June 29.

## Central Montevideo Site Purchased for Institute

**Uruguay**—The top floor of a building in the center of Montevideo, Uruguay, has been purchased for housing the Sower Bible Institute. According to missionary Walter Ellison, the entire top floor of a building on the main street has been acquired largely as a result of the Advance Celebration among Free Will Baptists.

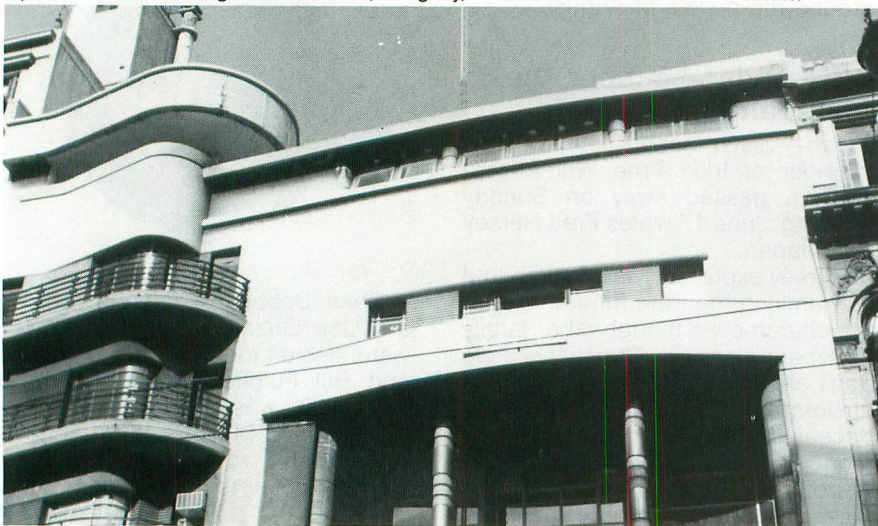
Ellison noted, "This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!" The total purchase price including repairs and painting was estimated to be approximately \$70,000. A \$10,000 "matching gift" along with other special gifts and the Advance money made the purchase possible.

## Owen Says Villalba Work Continues to Progress

**Spain**—The mission work in Villalba, Spain, is continuing to grow, according to missionary Dennis Owen. "The Saturday night youth meetings are going well," writes Dennis. "We have from 15 to 17 most every week."

Owen noted they had bought more chairs to have adequate seating for those attending the regular worship services.

*Advance Celebration funds have helped the Uruguay churches and missionaries purchase the top floor of this building in Montevideo, Uruguay, to house the Sower Bible Institute.*



*Clint and Lynette Morgan (top) and Sherwood and Vada Lee are to depart this month en route to their ministries abroad.*

## Morgans, Lees Set to Return to Ivory Coast

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Clint Morgan and Sherwood Lee families both plan to leave the United States in September after a year of furlough. The Morgans plan to go to France for a French refresher course prior to their return to Ivory Coast. The Lees plan to go directly to Ivory Coast and will resume their ministry at Doropo.

According to Clint, "Lynette has been cleared by her doctors and has felt much better."

Christians have been urged to pray for the health of Sherwood and Lynette as they return to stringent ministries. They both suffered extreme exhaustion and health problems during the previous term.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Brazil**—A late July report from missionary Earnie Deeds indicated the youth camp, held July 14-19, had an attendance of 65 people, including workers, counselors, etc. Three young people were saved and several youth rededicated their lives to the Lord.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Missionaries Paul and Amy Robinson have delayed their departure for Uruguay until November in order to help raise the remainder of funds needed for the new Bible institute project in Montevideo, Uruguay. They had originally planned to depart sometime in August.

**France**—Lynn Miley reported in August that the church in Lorient had 52 in attendance on the last Sunday of July. He added, "We desperately need a bigger meeting place."

**Moore, Okla.**—Earnie and Jean Deeds and their family arrived in Moore, Okla. on August 1 to begin their regular furlough.

**Japan**—Missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey have announced the arrival of another grandson. Christopher John was born in Japan on June 30 to their son Philip and his wife Susan. The baby weighed seven and one-half pounds.

**Laurinburg, N.C.**—Tom and Nancy Hughes arrived in the United States at the end of July to begin their furlough from Brazil.

**France**—Missionary Patty McCullough had surgery on July 17 in St. Nazaire, France, to remove a cyst from

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## Financial Summary

### Through July 31 \$ Substance

Total income for June .....	\$ 224,869.32
Total income for July .....	234,719.05
Total income through July .....	1,605,776.42
Total disbursements through July .....	1,733,268.57
Projected income through July .....	1,736,515.69
Total 1986 Budget .....	<b>\$2,976,884.00</b>
1986 ADVANCE Budget .....	\$ 201,526.00

### \$ Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey .....	\$ 8,765.09	Lytle .....	\$ 4,680.70
Banks .....	1,253.56	McCullough .....	1,205.60
Callaway .....	13,709.58	Miley .....	3,915.59
Ellison .....	77.79	Murray .....	4,564.94
Gibbs .....	323.58	Nichols .....	3,768.17
Inscoe .....	3,906.93	Wiley .....	365.08
Leatherbury .....	667.85	General Fund .....	4,348.65
Total .....			<b>\$52,972.77</b>



Two Christian ladies stand by the reception desk for the funeral of Mr. Hanafuji in Japan. They made sure no money or flowers would be accepted.

—>Continued from inside her jawbone. The surgery was considered successful, and doctors indicated they thought the cyst to be benign.

**Smithfield, N.C.**—Mr. L. Thurman West, father of missionary Robert West, died on July 17 in Rex Hospital in Raleigh, N.C., after an extended illness. Cancer was listed as the cause of death. Robert and Pam had already arrived in the United States just prior to Mr. West's death.

**Brazil**—A special soul-winning course was taught recently on Wednesday nights in Uberaba, Brazil, by missionary Louis Coscia. The course motivated Christians to put into practice what they had been taught. A prayer service in the home of a new contact resulted in salvation of three people.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—Mr. Lindell Hovis, father of missionary Judy Lytle, was hospitalized in St. Louis during July with congestive heart failure. He has been suffering from severe arthritis and diabetes as well.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Dr. LaVerne Miley, former missionary to Ivory Coast and current professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, has been hampered recently by a condition which doctors call tachycardia. Latest reports indicate that he has improved, but Christians have been urged to pray that God would give him complete recovery.

**Brazil**—Ken and Marvis Eagleton report having two people saved in the work at Araras during the last week of

July. One was the owner of a business school and the other was a university student who had been attending services for some time.

**Oklahoma City, Okla.**—Missionary Lynn Midgett returned to the United States from Madrid, Spain, in early July due to the sudden death of her brother, John, on June 30. Funeral services were held on July 3 in Oklahoma City. Lynn spent most of the month with her family before returning to Spain.

**Brazil**—Missionary Shirley Combs left Brazil on July 29 to accompany her daughter Cindy to Oklahoma. Cindy will enter Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in the fall. Kemper, the Combs' son, is already a student at the college and was in Brazil for the summer. He and student missionary Joan Ward left Brazil on July 28. Mrs. Combs planned to return to Brazil around the middle of August.

### Oldest Iriso Member Dies; Christian Funeral Held

**Japan**—"Sister Mochizuki, the oldest member of Iriso Free Will Baptist Church, passed away on Sunday morning, June 1," writes Fred Hersey from Japan.

Hersey expressed satisfaction that the family turned the funeral over to the church even though other family members were not Christians. "We don't allow any heathen or Buddhist customs—incense, picture of the deceased, candles, altar, gifts of money offered to the soul of the deceased, and Japanese-style flowers—because non-Christians will

bow and worship these," Fred continued.

According to Hersey, a number of unsaved people told the church women who were at the registration table that they had understood the message very well. They also indicated a Christian funeral had a great deal of meaning to it.

Just a day or two later, Hersey conducted another Christian funeral for Mr. Hanafuji, a 77-year-old man who claimed to be a Christian. No other family members were Christians but this gave Fred an opportunity to share the gospel with them.

"In the two funerals, Fred was able to preach to at least 200 people," writes Evelyn. "We feel our Christians were also good testimonies for the Lord at these times."

### F.M. Board Gets Three New Members in Tulsa

**Tulsa, Okla.**—Three new members were elected to the Board of Foreign Missions during the National Association of Free Will Baptists which convened in Tulsa, Okla., July 20-24, 1986.



Dean Dobbs



Joe Grizzle

Dean Dobbs of New Bern, N.C., and Joe Grizzle of Norman, Okla., were elected to replace Fred Warner and Bill Fulcher. Jerry Presley of Sesser, Ill., was elected to temporarily fill Archie Mayhew's slot until he returns from Ivory Coast. Bill Jones, whose six-year term had expired, was

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re-elected and continues as chairman  
of the board.



Jerry Presley

Warner, who had served two six-year hitches, was not eligible for re-election, and Fulcher was not renominated due to his resident state being the same as chairman Jones. The board has given Archie Mayhew a special one-year assignment in Ivory Coast to fill an urgent need. He will resume his place on the board upon his return.

### Gentusos Arrive, Help Relieve Patient Load

*Ivory Coast*—Dr. Paul Gentuso and Tammy, his wife, arrived in Ivory Coast at the end of May and immediately began helping at the hospital at Doropo.

"We have divided work here in the hospital, and Paul is helping me see patients," writes Dr. Kenneth Eagleton. "We are really thankful that one of the fellows who works here speaks enough English to translate for him."

The Gentusos were left in charge of the clinic after the Eagletons left on June 30. They kept the clinic open until July 15 when they gave the

workers a one-month vacation. Paul and Tammy returned to the U.S. near the end of July. The clinic was scheduled to operate as a first-aid station from August 15 until Sherwood Lee's arrival in September.

### Congratulations Given to Master's Men

*Nashville, Tenn.*—R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, recently extended congratulations to the Master's Men organization for celebrating 30 years of existence.

"The Master's Men have demonstrated over the years a keen interest in reaching unreached people overseas," Waddell stated. "They saw the need for a dormitory at the Brazil youth camp and responded by raising \$8,100 in addition to providing bricklayers to do the job. Several men traveled to Ivory Coast in 1985 to help in building missionary residences and a surgical unit at the hospital in Doropo."

The general director added, "Important books and needed tools have been provided through 'Operation Bookshelf' and 'Operation Toolshed.' For all of these evidences of worldwide concern, we certainly want to commend the Master's Men among Free Will Baptists."

### Metcalf Memorial Trust Begun by Metcalf Family

*Collinsville, Okla.*—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metcalf, parents of missionary John Metcalf who was killed in an automobile accident in February 1984, have contributed \$10,000 to set up a trust fund to provide money for ministries

in Brazil. According to R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, the trust fund will be called "Metcalf Memorial Trust."

Free Will Baptists interested in contributing to this fund may do so through the Free Will Baptist Foundation, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. Only the interest will be used from this fund.

### Burglaries Hound Staff at I.C. Medical Station

*Ivory Coast*—"We have been bothered with burglaries here on the station recently," writes Dr. Kenneth Eagleton from Doropo, Ivory Coast. "In the last two months we have had three break-ins with several things stolen."

Among things taken were \$80 in literature money, Clint Morgan's motorcycle, and several kitchen items from the house of Jerry and Carol Pinkerton.

The missionaries have hired a night guard to keep things under control.

### Corrections Noted

*Two unintentional errors in recent Heartbeat articles have been brought to the attention of the editorial staff:*

*On the back cover of the June issue, the report on the training classes held at Kita Hiroshima Chapel was sent to the office by Janice Banks, not Jim and Olena McLain as reported.*

*Note also the article "I Found Treasures in India" in the July-August issue. It included a statement to the effect that no one from the administrative staff had visited India since 1965. The date should have been 1972.*

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