

HEARTBEAT

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



In December 1944 the Allied forces were pushing the Germans back toward their fatherland. The Nazis made a last ditch effort to turn the tide in their favor during the famous "Battle of the Bulge."

Jack Nicholson of Nashville, Tenn., who was serving as a sergeant in the United States Army at that time remembers those days: "The Germans used their best troops plus their best tank units in attempting to destroy the supply lines. Obviously, the enemy would have gained a victory if our supply lines had been cut for a long time. Had the Germans been successful, the outcome of the war could have been altered. It certainly would have prolonged the war."

In many ways our home office personnel serve as the

quartermaster corps (supply unit). We are responsible to see that our foreign missionaries get their supplies.

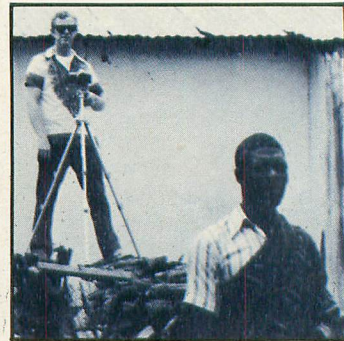
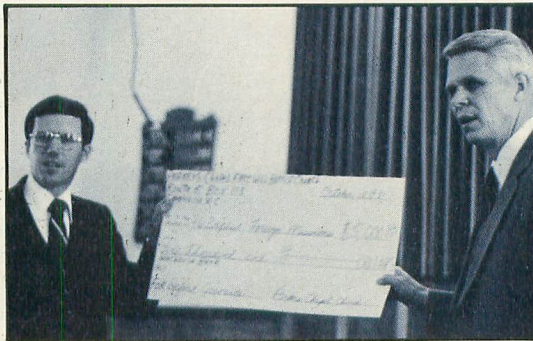
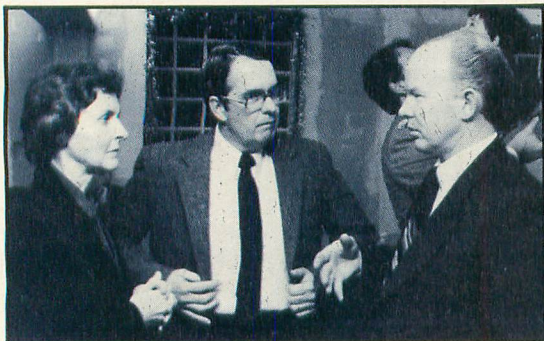
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For example, our missionaries in Ivory Coast felt the need for an audio visual tool to clearly present the gospel in an African context. Don Robirds, director of communications, visited the field. Together with our missionaries there, he developed "The Good Chief" filmstrip and flip chart visual aid. God provided the money to cover the production expenses of the

filmstrip. Many people are responding to the gospel as a result.

Jim Sturgill called Don Robirds from Brazil: "I need some computer parts. Can you help?" Don wrote down the specifications and was assisted by his secretary, Carole Ragan, and shipping clerk, Charlie Hingst, in getting the parts shipped to Brazil.

These are only two examples of dozens of services rendered by our communications division. They also assist missionaries in purchasing equipment, preparing literature and publicity items, sending news releases to state papers, arranging debriefing schedules for all missionaries on furlough, and preparing audio visual presentations for deputation. Of course, the general fund makes



SERVING THE MISSIONARIES AND YOU!

by General Director R. Eugene Waddell



The general fund provides for those who operate the supply line so missionaries can minister effectively abroad (1 Samuel 30:24).

Brother Robirds' ministry possible.

Our Uruguayan missionaries saw the growth of the Bible institute hindered because of its location and lack of facilities. They found an ideal building in the heart of Montevideo, but almost no funds were available.

I introduced a couple of missionaries to some Christian men whom I believed might be interested in such a project. God moved. These men gave a \$10,000 gift. Their gift was conditioned upon raising another \$10,000 to match it. Jimmy Aldridge took the challenge as a part of our Advance Celebration and in three months the property was secured. The general fund allowed us to serve in getting the funds for the project.

Before a missionary arrives in language school, our staff spends hundreds of hours in helping him/her prepare and go. Letters are written, interviews are conducted, internship is supervised, and references are secured. Mrs. Shirley Lauthern handles all the correspondence involved in these matters as well as getting visas and securing airline tickets. Last year she made reservations and secured 111 airlines tickets—\$57,718 worth. The general fund provides all of these services.

Treasurer Earl Larson handles all details regarding income tax and social security for all 116 missionaries. He files all returns and takes care of payments. He spends hundreds of hours working with IRS to untangle problems which go back several years. The general fund enables Earl to protect our missionaries' interests.

Last year our finance division

receipted gifts totaling \$2,785,522.94. To the best of their ability Earl Larson and Janie Campbell saw that every penny was credited to the designated accounts. Dozens of checks are sent out weekly to meet the needs of our co-laborers in eight countries around the world. In addition, personal gifts such as Christmas gifts, etc., are deposited in the missionary's personal bank account. Earl also makes personal insurance payments and distributes gifts from missionary personal funds to other home and foreign missionaries, the Bible colleges, etc., as requested by each missionary. These services are all provided by the general fund.

Recently, three families included our department in their estate plans.

In addition to serving our missionaries overseas, our staff assists our churches at home in many ways. One day recently a pastor called with a question about a missions project. In a couple of minutes Janie Campbell secured the information he needed. He said this would enable him to inform his people and he would expect them to respond generously.

An associational leader called our office: "We want to have a missionary conference in our district." Soon Brother Rolla Smith and his secretary, Willie Midgett, were making phone calls (sometimes it takes 25 phone calls, mostly long distance, for one conference) and working out the details to help those churches have a good conference. Fred Warner,

director of church ministries, will be handling this planning in the future.

Some services are expected and accepted with little thought. "He took me for granted," complained a woman filing for divorce. Her lonely husband responded, "I thought she knew how I felt about her." Many people also take *Heartbeat* magazine for granted. They enjoy the latest news from Free Will Baptist missionaries ten times a year but seldom think about the costs or efforts to provide it.

The missionaries appreciate this effective means of communication. The contributions from their accounts (seven percent of their income) to the informational and promotional materials and equipment fund pays the printing and mailing bill. The editorial services of Don Robirds are provided through general fund gifts. Don spends many late night hours planning, writing, rewriting, and laying out *Heartbeat*. Carole Ragan types all publication manuscripts.

A woman's auxiliary officer called our office. Shirley Lauthern took the call (any of our secretaries might have

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→Continued from page 3 responded). The lady wanted current prayer requests. She needed some ideas to promote missions in her district. Shirley gave her some ideas and mailed her a packet of literature and suggestions.

Charlie Hingst, a retired executive in charge of shipping, handles thousands of pieces of mail for our missionaries and churches. During 1986 he reported shipping approximately 3,500 packages of literature to our churches.

While the demands upon the general fund have been increasing over the past few years, the income has not kept pace. Our income designated for missionary accounts has increased by 44 percent over the past five years. But the percentage of undesignated (general fund) income has increased only 15 percent over the same period. Last year general fund giving actually dropped by 2.8 percent.

Treasurer Earl Larson declared, "We really need a sufficient balance in the general fund to cover all deficit missionary accounts. Presently, we're having to borrow from other missionary accounts to handle the \$53,000 in account deficits."

Our three-fold goal is to accumulate sufficient money in the general fund to cover all deficits, pay for all promotional and informational materials, and maintain a modest balance for emergencies.

Very few of the home staff have served abroad, but they are servants of those who serve. . . and of you, our fellow Free Will Baptists.

Last January I was asked, "What can be done about the

general fund deficit?" (Presently it is -\$2,039.23.)

I answered, "If every church could add 10 percent to their missionary support check and designate it for the general fund, needs would be met so we could effectively serve our missionaries."

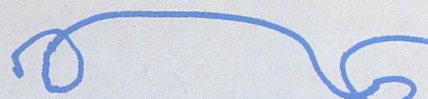
Some churches help by allocating a percentage of their church budget for the general fund, but not every church can or will do this. Others have an annual emphasis on foreign missions for the general needs of the department.

Jim Sturgill called from Brazil: "I need some computer parts. Can you help?"

The men on our staff—Jimmy Aldridge, Earl Larson, Don Robirds, Rolla Smith, Fred Warner, and I—will gladly conduct special missionary services when asked.

Recently, three families included our department in their estate plans. Over the last 10 years, \$55,000 has been received from wills for the general fund. Last Christmas several individuals gave generously to the general operation of our department. We praise God for people who are concerned with helping those who serve the Lord's ambassadors who carry the Good News abroad.

It is our job here in Nashville to see that our missionaries overseas get the supplies they need to gain the victory for the King of Kings even as those operating the supply lines helped the Americans win the war.



The telephone rang! This time it was Rachel, the church's big talker. She always wanted to help others so much that she sometimes upset things by being "too helpful." "No" was never an answer to what she wanted. That explains, in part, the reason for refusing to honor her request.

She wanted our church in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, to pay the rent and buy some groceries for a young couple she had just met. This would tide them over until she could find them jobs. They had just arrived in Ribeirao hoping for a brighter future. At that moment things seemed rather dismal for the couple, not only because of the lack of food, but also because they were about to lose the apartment they had rented.

As pastor, my husband, Bobby, said he would give personally to the cause and perhaps others in the church would do the same. Immediately, the "go-getter" set to work to raise the needed funds. Within a few hours she had the money in hand.

The names "Hemmer and Ieda" had no significant magic when they hung out their sign as tailors of ladies' apparel. Oh, they received a few customers, but not enough to get along. They didn't know what to do!

Then Rachel came into their lives. She not only helped them financially through gifts and by finding "Hemmer" (professional name) or Antonio (real name) a job, but she also told them about the Free Will Baptist church.

Rachel called Bobby and gave him all the details about "Hemmer" and his wife. She requested us to make a visit. She had involved the church

TAILOR MADE PREACHER

by Geneva Poole



Leda and Antonio rejoice with a church member.

people and they had begun to pray that God would be glorified through this couple.

The night came for our first visit as pastor and pastor's wife. When we met Antonio and Leda, we were impressed. Their cordial welcome, their intelligent conversation, and their gentle manners made them unusual. They certainly were not the ordinary type to ask for handouts.

God moved in the hearts of the couple that night. It was easy to turn the conversation to spiritual things, and both responded by accepting Christ as their Savior. After their prayer, they both radiated joy because of their new-found faith.

On Sunday "Hemmer" and Leda were at services in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirao Preto. Before long, out of a sheer joy for learning, they both entered the Bible school in the church. As they went

deeper and deeper into the Word, the Holy Spirit began to impress upon Antonio the need for pastors. Soon he yielded himself to enter the ministry.

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Not yet 30 years of age, Antonio has already become very much a part of the history of the Free Will Baptist denomination in Brazil. He graduated from Seminario e Instituto Biblico (Bible College and Institute) of Ribeirao Preto in 1982. He was the first moderator of the Brazilian Association of Free Will Baptists and began "Folha Evangelica," the associational paper now circulated among Free Will Baptists in Brazil. Today he serves as director and professor

at the Bible college where he graduated, and he pastors the First FWB Church in Ribeirao Preto where we served from 1962 until the end of 1986.

Antonio and Leda love people and desire to help them spiritually. It is not strange that they rode the bus for one hour and 30 minutes to meet in his mother's home so family and friends might be won to Christ. Now, many of them have become believers.

If something needs to be done, we have learned to ask Antonio to do it. He may be the busiest person in the church, but somehow he manages to get the job done with perfection, definitely a characteristic of his work.

Antonio da Silva, though small in stature, is being shaped by God into a giant of a man, a preacher of the gospel. And the Lord is using him as He builds His church in Brazil.

Geneva Poole is a missionary serving with her husband, Bobby, in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. They are presently home for a short furlough.

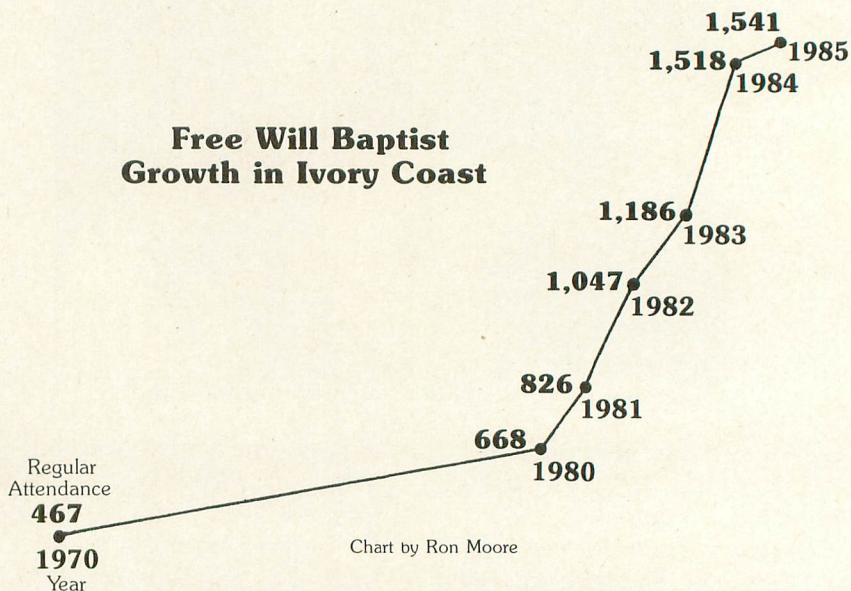


CHURCH GROWTH IN THE IVORY COAST



by **Jimmy Aldridge**
Advance Coordinator

Free Will Baptist Growth in Ivory Coast



It is almost impossible to numerically represent a miracle. But the chart accompanying this article demonstrates one! It was compiled by missionary appointee Ron Moore.

The first years of a new mission work are always difficult. This was true of our Free Will Baptist work in Ivory Coast.

People in Ivory Coast had little knowledge of God when our missionaries began to minister there in 1958. Literally, thousands had never heard the name of Jesus!

Language study, literacy work, Scripture translation, and preaching of the Word of God were the early priorities as we began to minister.

The medical ministry, carried on by several missionaries, helped tangibly to show our love and it opened countless hearts to receive the message of salvation through Christ.

The marvelous growth (over 250 percent) in average church attendance is the result of the Holy Spirit at work through the Body of Christ.

Literature distribution among the literate and radio broadcasts over Radio ELWA to the Koulango people were

combined with urban ministries featuring youth centers and school ministries. These all contributed to broadly spread the Word of God.

New converts were disciplined and spiritually gifted believers were trained to carry the gospel to their own people.

Today, this widespread preaching of the gospel by African evangelists is making a tremendous impact on Ivoirians. According to the testimony of our missionaries, this is especially true of the present revival among the Lobi people.

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attendance shown in the chart is the result of the Holy Spirit working through the Body of Christ to draw sinners to Himself.

In order to sustain the marvelous growth started in 1980, we must have many more trained leaders. These must be able to win new



Three Year Goal

Hallelujah Goal

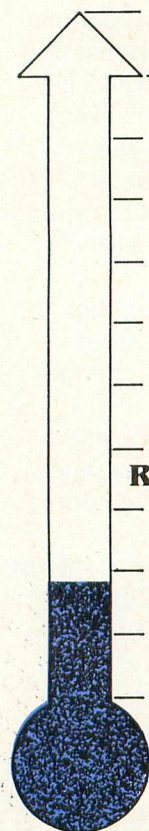
\$1,100,000

Victory Goal

\$1,000,000

**Gifts of Praise
Received through
February 28,
1987**

\$193,640.04



**ADVANCE
Progress Chart**

converts, disciple them, and teach them to live and share their faith with others.

The Ivory Coast field council anticipated this need several years ago. A plan was activated in 1984 which led to a Bible institute building being erected in 1985. Through gifts to the Advance Celebration, Free Will Baptists helped to pay for the entire cost of that building, a total of \$20,911.

While spiritual leaders have been trained over the years using the Paul-Timothy method, TEE (Theological Education by Extension) home studies, and short-term institutes, the national church and the missionaries feel the time has come to have a more formal training program.

Advance is designed to help finance these training programs

so God can continue to call thousands to Himself through the lives of dedicated and trained servants of Christ.

These Advance gifts can help the revival in Ivory Coast to continue.

Call Missions Hotline

**Missionaries need
your prayers to be
victorious in times of
crisis or calamity.**

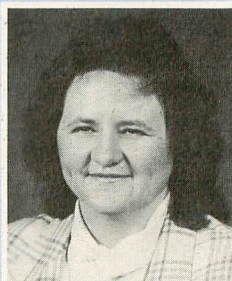
**Needs are updated
and made known at
least once weekly.**

**Dial
361-5005**

Clip and mail

LEATHERBURY AND MARTENS NEEDED IN IVORY COAST MEDICAL MINISTRY

Glennnda Leatherbury (R.N.) and Jalayn Martens, missionary appointees to Ivory Coast, have responded to God's call to use their training and abilities for Him at Doropo, Ivory Coast. They will be active in the medical ministry and participate in the spiritual witness to the Lobi people. Glennnda and Jalayn want to go to language school this fall but they will have to wait another year unless they each get \$1,600 more in monthly commitments by July 1. They also need \$18,500 each in additional cash by that date. Will you prayerfully consider helping Glennnda and Jalayn get to the field?



Glennnda



Jalayn

Yes, I want to help Glennnda and Jalayn get to Ivory Coast to minister to the Lobi people. As God provides, I will give the following amount monthly to the account of (check one) _____ Glennnda, _____ Jalayn, _____ divided equally:

() \$20 () \$50 () \$100 () \$10 () \$_____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____

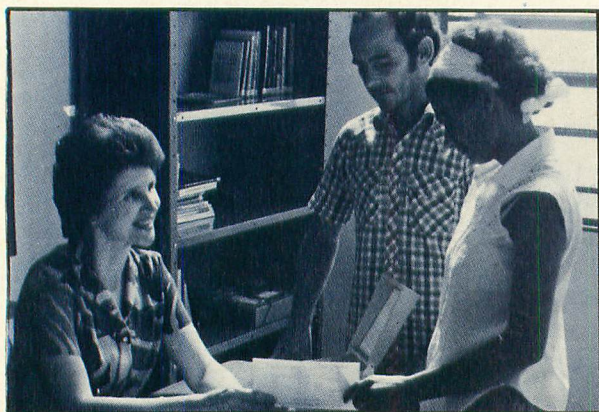
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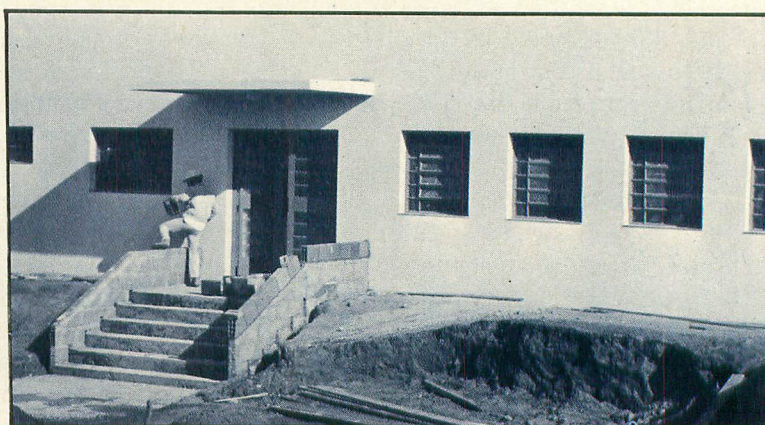
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Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202



Nancy Hughes talks with Joaquim and Maria.



Joaquim cuts a brick to finish steps to the building.

Buildings and Blessings by Nancy Hughes

While a whistling bricklayer built a church, God built a life filled with blessings.

Joaquim's job is finished! Yes, as bricklayer on the construction of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlandia, Brazil, Joaquim has finished his task. But the petite, middle-aged man has really just begun to live. He has found Christ as his Savior!

Even before he was saved, Joaquim (pronounced Jo-ah-keen) could always be easily located at the work site. Although he was the shortest man on the job, his happy whistling made spotting him a cinch whether he was standing atop a 25-foot ladder or smoothing concrete in a classroom.

Joaquim grew up on a farm in the interior of Brazil where his father worked for little more than housing and whatever food he was allowed to raise for his family's use. At the age of 26 and engaged to Maria, a city girl, Joaquim realized he wanted more than the hard life offered on the farm. So he pulled up stakes and moved from city to city, picking up work in construction wherever he could.

Joaquim's first experience with Christians came while back in Capinopolis near the farm where he was raised. An Assembly of God lay preacher and bricklayer gave him a job and trained him to lay bricks. Joaquim appreciated the training he received because later he became classified as a bricklayer. But in spite of his gratitude, he wasn't interested in the religion his boss offered. A "Christian" from his employer's

One day the bricklayer's whistling disappeared and he suddenly seemed old, pale, and distressed.

church tried to get Joaquim to steal a knife, so he decided that Christians were no better than he. He felt he didn't need the church. A visit to the Assembly church did nothing to change his mind.

Once, during a street

campaign by this same church group near his home, Joaquim raised his hand in response to the question, "Who would like to be saved?" When his wife explained to him that this indicated a desire to be a Christian, he hid in the bedroom and refused to talk to the follow-up workers.

Joaquim's life of hardship, poverty, and pressure from needing work did not change. Soon he had other responsibilities and problems. His wife, Maria, was sick and the doctors claimed the couple's baby boy would not live. Another boss, this one a spiritist and the mayor of the town, convinced Joaquim to take the baby to a spiritist center to be blessed. Maria became angry when the spiritist mediums refused to help because she didn't have money to pay them.

In desperation Joaquim decided to move his family to Uberlandia where his baby could be treated at the Federal Medical Center and where jobs

might be more plentiful. Living in a tiny, two-room rented "house" made of thin concrete slabs, their meager funds quickly disappeared.

Finally, after almost a month, Joaquim and Maria celebrated! The doctor gave them hope for their frail baby and Joaquim found a job. When his boss learned of his desperate situation, he paid him the first day on the job. He went home whistling, bearing a sack of beans, some rice, and bread. His family was literally without food at that time. He had even gone to work that day without the usual little pot of beans and rice to be heated over the workmen's open fire at the job.

Life appeared to be getting better and better. For nine years Joaquim found job after job to supply the needs of his wife and four boys. They lived in a real house and had a few comforts. His only contact with church came with the customary infant baptism of his boys. He didn't even bother to take the last child to be baptized. Although he had a big Bible in his living room, Joaquim didn't understand it the few times he read from it.

Just about the time Joaquim moved to Uberlandia our family also moved here to begin a Free Will Baptist church. However, it was nine years later, the second day of the construction of the church building, before we had our first contact with Joaquim. My first impression indicated he was the happiest man on the job. He was constantly whistling!

One day the bricklayer's whistling disappeared and he suddenly seemed old, pale, and

distressed. It didn't take much encouragement for his story to tumble out: His wife was depressed and was threatening to take her own life. He had not slept in two nights.

Tommy had already invited all of the workmen to church and had given them the Gospel of John to read. I talked with Joaquim about God and His answers for all problems. Then the church showed its love and concern for the family in some practical ways. Joaquim couldn't understand his wife's deep depression or her refusal to read the Gospel of John and attend church. He came to church alone the first time and later brought his four boys, a 45-minute trip by bus.

In spite of his gratitude, Joaquim wasn't interested in the religion his boss offered.

What Joaquim heard seemed to make sense and he wanted help for his wife. Soon, he learned that she needed help in more ways than he imagined. After being in the hospital for two days she sadly shared the news with her husband that she had an advanced case of tuberculosis. The doctors had sent her home without hope. Joaquim came to the church's eighth anniversary celebration with a heavy heart.

After the service, the pastor and Joaquim cried and prayed together for God's mercy. The sounds of celebration and music were replaced by a circle of prayer as the church asked God to be with this family. Joaquim wasted no time in getting his

wife to other doctors. From the start, they gave her hope. The church helped to provide the special diet that Maria needed.

Before the new church building was finished, both Joaquim and Maria had accepted Christ as Savior. Today, Maria's health is much improved. In fact, the family now lives in the modest little house on the property adjoining the church in exchange for the work Maria does for the church.

Their three sons—Leandro, Eudes, and Jaime—have also been saved and the entire family has been baptized in the baptistry that Joaquim built. Joaquim and Maria are students in our Bible institute and they have a son in each of the first four Sunday school classes.

The blackboard that belonged to our daughter, Lori, when she was a child hangs by the family's back door where Joaquim gathers them for devotions. He is teaching the boys the verses he learns in evangelism class and they spend happy hours scribbling verse after verse. The boys help their mom clean the church and water the grass and flowers. The five-year-old says he wants to grow as tall as Pastor Thomas and be a preacher.

We thank the Lord for the beautiful building He has given us. But most of all we thank Him for the new life of Joaquim who helped to build it.

Nancy Hughes and her husband, Tom, have served as missionaries to Brazil since 1969. They are currently on furlough.



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.

MILITINO MARTINEZ is probably best known among Free Will Baptists in the United States through the film which bore his name: "Letter to Militino," a film demonstrating the power of the gospel and the role of the Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute in the ministry of Cuba. The film is still being shown and continues to move Christians to tears.

Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in December, January, and February in memory of friends or loved ones:

Donor	In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. James W. Shoush Kirkville, Mo.	Boyd H. Filkins
Mrs. B. H. Filkins Greentop, Mo.	Mr. B. H. Filkins
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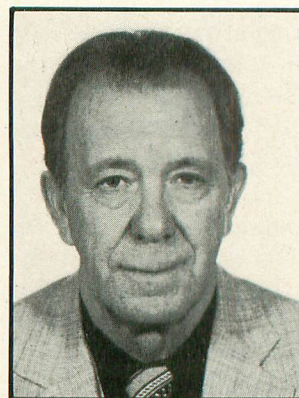
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Bessie Yeley



Militino Martinez

Militino was saved under the ministry of "Mom" and "Pop" Willey in Cuba. He studied at Cedars of Lebanon and helped start several new churches on the island while completing his studies. Later he served as an evangelist and pastor.

When forced to leave Cuba, Militino went to Miami, Fla., where he worked for a while with the home missions effort in the state. He started a church there and labored in that area from 1957 until 1964.

Following his ministry in Miami, the Cuban Free Will Baptist moved to New York where he worked with the New York Bible Society for 10 years. For 10 more years he worked with the Christian and Missionary Alliance mission as director of the Hispanic department.

Militino returned to Cuba for 15 days in 1984 and ministered to the Free Will Baptists on the island. He retired from his position with C&MA in 1984 but almost immediately assumed the pastorate of a church in New Jersey. He remained there for two years. More recently Martinez has been preparing to go to Spain to help a church in Tarragona.

"My call to service came under the ministry of a Free Will Baptist missionary."

Militino and his wife, Siradelia, have one son, Joel, who is a missionary in Barcelona, Spain.

Although Militino has been working apart from Free Will Baptists for several years, he remembers with pleasure "many experiences in the 20 years serving the Lord with my mother denomination."

"I received fundamental doctrines, inspiration to serve the Lord, and missionary vision with Free Will Baptists," says Martinez. "My call to service came under the ministry of a Free Will Baptist missionary."

MISS BESSIE YELEY of Portsmouth, Ohio, was challenged when she heard a missionary from Bolivia, South America, as he spoke at a nearby church. In response to the urgent plea of the missionary for more workers, Bessie asked the Lord to raise up those who would be willing to go. She was jolted with the reply: "Why don't you go?"

Bessie, born November 26, 1895, was the youngest of eleven children. She grew up working in and caring for the Porter Free Will Baptist Church in Portsmouth. When kerosene lamps were still used, she took care of them and carried coal and emptied ashes for a stove located in the center aisle. She also taught Sunday school, played the pump organ, kept the church books, etc.

Miss Yeley studied at a Bible college held in Temple Baptist Church and later went to Kansas City, Mo., to finish her training. She was already serving the Lord in Venezuela under the Faith Baptist Mission when she decided to join the ranks of Free Will Baptist foreign missions in 1938. She was supported largely by her home church.

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In 1942 Bessie transferred to Cuba and worked with Tom and Mabel Willey in training young people. She labored with the Willeys for twelve years in the Bible institute and engaged in teaching Sunday school classes in the villages on the weekends.

When Bessie left Cuba, she began working on the border of Mexico in Nogales, Ariz. The three years spent in Arizona were followed by several years of working with Cuban refugees in Miami, Fla.

In 1955 Miss Yeley finally returned to her home state of Ohio. "Just a change of work—nothing more," she concluded. She was soon involved in organizing Bible clubs and teaching Bible classes for senior citizens in the Portsmouth area. She refused to consider herself retired and continued for a while speaking on behalf of home missions. On January 23, 1969, Bessie actually retired to her heavenly home. She had made her important contribution to world missions and to her own people.

Financial Summary

Through February 28

\$ Substance

Total income for February	\$ 222,419.12
Total income through February	425,027.79
Total disbursements through February	473,916.89
Projected income through February	559,816.66
Total 1987 Budget	\$3,358,900.00
Advance receipts through February	\$ 30,156.14
1987 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 160,000.00

\$ Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

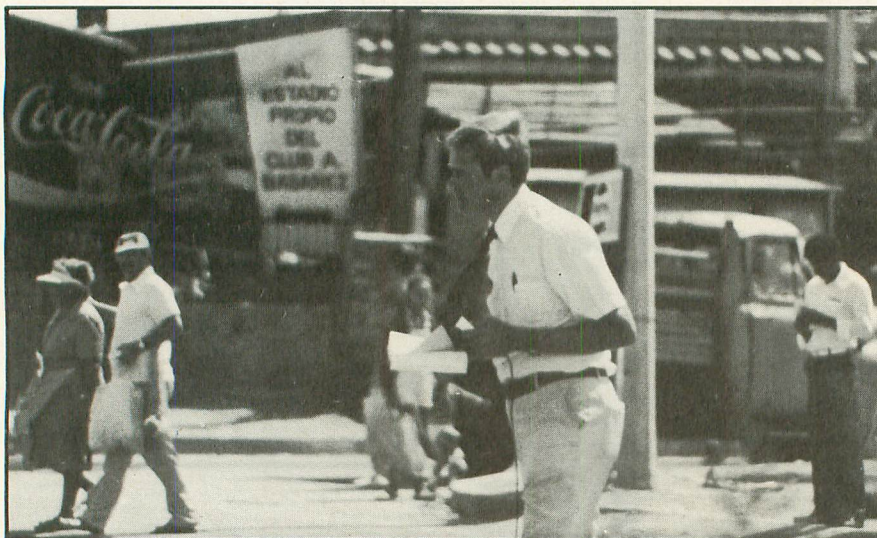
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Barnard	1,400.00	Lee	8,655.15
Bishop	17.61	McCullough	3,835.24
Combs	1,820.11	Mayhew	22,075.30
Crosby	2,556.25	Miley	1,795.47
Crowson	1,625.53	Murray	3,593.23
Ellison	2,736.28	Nichols	4,289.80
Gibbs	5,708.30	Sturgill	2,762.76
Gilliland	249.26	Willey	1,910.40
Hanna	785.16	Wilson	952.00
Hersey	2,325.39	General Fund	878.20
Total			\$73,878.20

State Quotas—1987

State	Quota 1987	Quota Through February	Contributions Through February
Alabama	\$ 205,000	\$ 34,167	\$ 26,927.33
Arizona	5,000	833	540.00
Arkansas	175,000	29,167	18,822.65
California	57,000	9,500	7,906.13
Colorado	3,000	500	345.00
Florida	105,000	17,500	10,737.50
Georgia	120,000	20,000	21,932.76
Hawaii	2,500	417	418.00
Idaho	1,100	183	.00
Illinois	105,000	17,500	12,071.35
Indiana	36,000	6,000	4,914.35
Iowa	2,000	333	185.39
Kansas	14,000	2,333	2,351.92
Kentucky	91,000	15,167	11,142.09
Louisiana	600	100	.00
Maryland	17,000	2,833	1,359.86
Michigan	140,000	23,333	21,722.94
Mississippi	72,000	12,000	5,982.92
Missouri	210,000	35,000	29,364.97
Montana	1,200	200	20.00
Nevada	1,200	200	100.00
New Mexico	600	100	.80
*Northeast Assn.	7,500	1,250	440.00
**Northwest Assn.	6,000	1,000	1,065.00
North Carolina	400,000	66,667	52,961.86
Ohio	135,000	22,500	16,597.74
Oklahoma	395,000	65,833	50,288.86
Pennsylvania	2,500	417	45.00
South Carolina	225,000	37,500	16,599.58
Tennessee	450,000	75,000	63,442.14
Texas	95,000	15,833	14,792.42
Virginia	115,000	19,167	14,374.29
Virgin Islands	3,500	583	147.18
West Virginia	80,000	13,333	6,807.27
Miscellaneous	80,200	13,167	10,568.49
Totals	\$3,358,900	\$559,816	\$424,975.79

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

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Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



Rick Bowling preaches (top) on the street in Malvin Norte, a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay, where he and his family have begun a new work. Bowling stands with hands on his hips (bottom) as he and Paul Robinson discuss terms with the lawyer (facing Rick) representing the owner of the meeting place (right) for the new work in Malvin. Chris Bowling (left) listens to the transaction.

Bowlings Rent Building for Church in Malvin

Uruguay—Rick and Linda Bowling and their family have opened a work in the area of Malvin in a suburb of Montevideo and have rented a building. They have been cleaning and painting it and hoped to open it near the end of March.

"Our feria work (street preaching) has been going well," writes Rick. "We have seen some results but hope to see even more once the church opens."

Bowling requested people to continue praying for the Arizaga family.

"Pray especially for the mom and dad," Rick noted, "that they might grow more in the Lord and be an encouragement to their children who need to be saved."

Reeves Hits Child with Auto; Wife Robbed

Spain—As missionary appointee Steve Reeves was returning home from the store on February 3 in the area of Madrid, Spain, a small boy stepped out in front of his car. The streets were wet and the vehicle slid, knocking the boy about 20 feet and under a parked car.

According to Steve, the parents picked up the boy and started home with him. "I followed them and asked how he was," says Steve. "He seemed to be a little shaken but all right physically."

Just two evenings earlier Steve and Linda were returning from a trip with the language school and had just left the bus when a thief snatched Linda's wallet out of the camera bag.

"It had our residency papers, Linda's Missouri driver's license, and 5,000 pesetas (about \$35.00) in it," Steve declared. They had to apply for new papers.

Gillilands Reveal Plans to Begin New Ministry

Ivory Coast—Neil and Sheila Gilliland, who have been serving as dorm parents at the Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake, have announced plans to begin a new ministry after furlough.

"God has been leading us into a broader ministry among our MKs," writes Neil. "At this time we are not certain of the form this ministry will take."

Neil indicated the new ministry would involve counseling MKs and their families. Because of this, he and Sheila are applying to a graduate program along that line.

Amy Robinson Reports Gradual Relief from Pain

Uruguay—Missionary Amy Robinson recently spent 35 days in bed after hurting her back on the way to Uruguay following furlough. "Evidently I hurt my back when I lifted five suitcases in Miami," writes Amy. "By the time I got to Montevideo, I was feeling discomfort."

The problem became so severe that Amy endured 20 injections and many pills before the doctor did a spinal block. This had to be repeated and took a period of eight days of injections in the spinal column.

"The sympathetic nerve became very unsympathetic," Amy quipped. "The pain reflected to my leg, especially between the knee and hip and mostly on the front side. It was like being on fire."

Amy slowly began to improve although she says her leg isn't 100 percent normal yet. But she is up and on her feet again.

One of the doctors in the hospital

was open to the gospel and Paul and Amy were able to share the Scriptures with him on different occasions. "He's invited us to his ranch," Amy continued. "His name is Carlitos Gonzalez. Pray for his salvation."

The Robinsons reported five "very successful" vacation Bible schools were conducted recently by Molly Barker. Molly fractured her elbow soon after her arrival in Uruguay in December, but she continued to minister in spite of the handicap.

Paul has been involved in preparation for youth camp which was scheduled for February 27. The girl's dorm at the campground had been severely damaged during a storm and had to be repaired.

Inscoe Reports Church Relocation, Four Baptized

Panama—According to a recent letter from Larry Inscoe, the church in Las Tablas, Panama, was scheduled to move into another building about two blocks from their present location.

"Our church folks are excited because of the extra room we will have," says Larry. "Six of our seven Sunday school classes will be able to meet inside, and we will have almost double the room we now have in the sanctuary. The rent is \$50 less per month than what we are now paying."

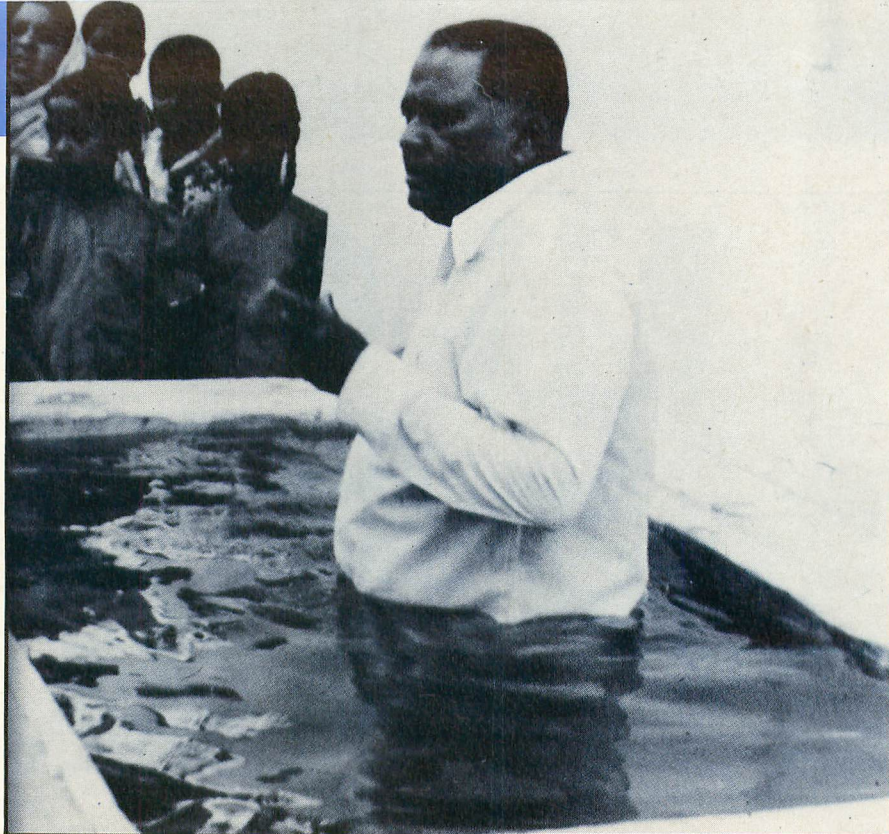
Inscoe reported four new believers were baptized on January 8 and several more are awaiting baptism.

Pastor Peter Natesan of South India Dies Praying

India—The senior pastor in the South India work, Peter Natesan, died on February 16 while he was in the church praying. He suffered a heart attack.

Natesan was founder and pastor of the church at Mettupalayam. He started the work in July of 1966. Ten months later, on April 9, 1967, he organized the church with 28 charter members. Today approximately 500 people are affiliated with the church and attendance averages about 250.

Miss Volena Wilson, former missionary to South India, writes: "I remember Peter Natesan as a man of the Word as well as a man of prayer, and a great soul winner." The pastor was 66 years of age when he died and he left seven children—five sons and two daughters—as well as his wife.



South India pastor Peter Natesan is pictured in the baptistry at Mettupalayam, India, as he prepares to baptize eight converts in 1986. The senior South India pastor died on February 16.

One son, Devaneson, is pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Coimbatore.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—Missionary Jim Sturgill reported celebrating the first anniversary of the Pauliceia work in Campinas on February 7. Approximately 45 people were present for the service. Some of those were first-time visitors. Silvestre Pinto Neto preached the anniversary message.

Japan—Judy Smith reports having taken over most of the church responsibilities normally handled by Jerry and Janice Banks at Kita Hiroshima. The Bankses are preparing for furlough in June. "We recently started up our cooking classes again," says Judy. "Last week we had over 25 ladies and about 10 of them were first-timers."

France—Miss Cathy Crawford, missionary to France, recently reported an answer to a prayer request made many months ago: Mademoiselle Salansan has been converted and baptized. The 70-year-old woman personally called Cathy in the United States to tell her of her decision. Cathy finally received her visa and departed for France at the end of February.

India—Marie Hanna reported in late February that the annual conference of Free Will Baptists was held February 11-15 in North India. They had more people than could be accommodated. The church and porch were overrun with Christians. Marie estimated more than 600 individuals were on hand and the offering was larger than usual.

France—John and Pansy Murray are scheduled to arrive in Newport News, Va., during the week of April 27 to begin their furlough from the field of France.

Tulsa, Okla.—Mr. Carl Payne, father of missionary Eddie Payne, underwent surgery on February 9 to remove a bone which was growing in the chest area. The growth stemmed from surgery which had been performed about a year ago.

Brazil—Mr. Ezequiel Caetano, father of associate missionary Rejane Eagleton, died on February 21 in Araras, Brazil, at the age of 55. Mr. Caetano had entered the hospital three weeks earlier with kidney problems and pneumonia. A tracheotomy was performed but the doctors were unable to save him. Rejane expressed praise that her father had been saved last summer when she was in Brazil. She

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Yuko Sogabe, who visited some FWB churches in the United States in 1985, teaches a children's Sunday school class at the Iriso FWB Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan. She was married on March 15 and moved to another area of Japan.

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returned to Brazil from France to spend some time with her family.

Japan—A report from missionary Olena McLain in Sapporo, Japan, indicated the framing for the new kindergarten building at Higashi Tsukisamu had been completed. "After that goes up, the rest seems to go fast," she concluded. "We just hope the weather permits them to get it done quickly." The school plans to occupy the building before the McLains leave for furlough this month.

Ivory Coast—"The small group of Free Will Baptists with whom I work in Abobodoume is holding its own," writes Robert Bryan from Abidjan, Ivory Coast. "After furlough, we hope to find another meeting place which will be more accessible." Robert and Judy plan to return to the United States for furlough in mid-June of this year.

Japan—Don and Ruth McDonald began their second semester of language study on January 7 in the Tokyo area of Japan. Miss Debbie Griffin began her first semester of study on January 12. According to a late February report, Ruth is in the fastest moving of three classes. Don and Debbie are also progressing well.

Japan—Miss Yuko Sogabe, a student nurse and a faithful Sunday school teacher at Iriso Free Will Baptist

Church in Japan, was married to a Japanese Christian on March 15. Yuko will be remembered by many who met her and Miss Rumi Sugiyama when they visited several FWB churches in the United States in 1985. The newlyweds moved to another area of Japan and Fred Hersey laments, "We hate to lose her."

Brazil—Two families from the Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil have moved from Barbacena to Carandai and missionary Dave Franks has expressed hope that another congregation can be started there. Carandai is located between Barbacena and Conselheiro Lafaiete.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions is scheduled to meet April 27-30 in Nashville for its annual session.

Agnibilekrou Work Grows, Several Saved in January

Ivory Coast—According to missionary Norman Richards, several young men accepted the Lord during the month of January in the area of Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast.

"Our church and Sunday school attendance continues to increase," says Norman. "As yet, we have been unable to secure land for a new church building. Please pray for this need."

The Agnibilekrou church has been trying to plant a new work in the large

town of Abengourou, located about 45 minutes away. They have rented a meeting place there and usually have approximately 15 believers in regular attendance.

Christians from the Agnibilekrou area recently joined with other Christians to reach a large frontier village with the gospel through an open-air campaign. Several decisions for Christ were reported and regular weekly preaching services have been set up in the area.

Janice Banks Falls, Suffers Bone Fractures

Japan—Janice Banks, missionary serving at Kita Hiroshima on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, fell on February 24 while playing ball with the junior high students at the Hokkaido International School. She broke her left arm just above the wrist, fractured her right elbow, and suffered a compressed fracture of the eleventh vertebrae in her back.

Doctors put a pin in Jan's wrist to help it heal. She was released from the hospital and has been cared for by Jerry and the children as well as Judy Smith and Vivian Waller.

"I have a lot of pain and feel so helpless," writes Janice. "I should be back to normal in about six to eight weeks, but right now it's hard to think about anything else but the pain."

Daniels Show Progress in Koulango Language Study

Ivory Coast—Mark and Donna Daniel in Nassian, Ivory Coast, have reported making progress in their Koulango language study.

Without the opportunity for formal classroom language learning, the Daniels are using informants and tape recordings to learn the sounds and vocabulary of their new language.

Mark shared one example of his daily routine: "At 3:30 Donna and I and the girls leave the house to greet the folks in the village. As we walk, we meet a lady returning with a load of firewood. We practice our text about the weather. At first she seems distant, but soon opens up and corrects our mistakes."

Anxious to respond to the "thirst for the gospel" evidenced in the villages around them, Mark recalled what someone told an African pastor: "Spiritually we are like blind men. If you continue coming to our village to

teach us about God, you will surely lead us from darkness to light." Mark and Donna have expressed that desire.

Turnbough Reports Full Church, Full Schedule

Spain—Missionary Jeff Turnbough recently wrote, "The Lord is really blessing. The last couple of Sundays every seat has been filled! With Bible studies, etc., we now have only one evening per week free."

Turnbough cited answered prayer regarding new contacts as three adults responded to tract distribution and enrolled in a Bible study. Another opportunity has come through the witness of a Christian friend at a high school P.T.A. That led to the Turnboughs having a weekly evangelistic Bible study with an unsaved family. "Isn't it great to see the Lord working?" Jeff testified.

Besides the report on the church, Jeff requested prayer for his family as he noted that his son, Matthew, had escaped close calls with a train on two different occasions recently. "Once, he was crossing the tracks and didn't realize that a train was coming," Jeff stated. "Some people yelled at him, which caused him to stop right where he was. Some man grabbed him out of the way. Another day he fell between the train and the cement siding/sidewalk. Miranda Owen had to get down and get him out hurriedly before the train took off."

Youth Group Rocks for \$1,124 for India Scooters

Flint, Mich.—The youth group from the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Flint, Mich., held a Rock-a-thon on January 16 to raise money for motor scooters in India.

The group gathered rocking chairs and rocked from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the next day. A total of \$1,124 was raised for the Hanna Scooter Fund.

Roy Bowers was in charge of the project. Reverend Robert Trimble is pastor of the church.

Montevideo Church Moves to New Institute Site

Uruguay—The church work started by missionary Walter Ellison in Montevideo, Uruguay, has moved to the new Bible institute building in downtown Montevideo. They began their meetings the first week of the new year in the front area of the building.

According to Marcia Ellison, Walter (Dub) had a close scrape with death while helping to remove the radio tower from their house in Carrasco.

"One of the men who was helping to lower it let loose of the rope," writes Marcia. "That caused the tower to suddenly incline and fall. It went for Walter's head, but he was able to move enough to avoid it. It hit him full weight on the shoulder and side. He is black and blue but wanting to get on with the work."

The Bible institute was scheduled to open sometime in March.

PRAYER TIME for Concerned Christians

Nashville, Tenn.—Christians are urged to pray for the **stabilization of the dollar** in the areas of **France, Ivory Coast, and Japan**. The French franc has fallen 10 percent in five months and the Japanese yen is down to its lowest value in history: 149 yen to the dollar. Each time the dollar drops, the cost of living is significantly increased for the missionaries in those areas.

Spain—Missionary **Dennis Owen** requests prayer for **Juan Manuel and Magdalena** and their son, **Eduardo**. Dennis has shared the gospel with them and was told they were not ready to enter a serious discussion. Also pray for **Pepe and Manoli** and their son, **Cesar**. Pray for the salvation of the family and the healing of Cesar who has an unexplained growth on his arm.

India—**Carlisle Hanna** has reported being sick since Marie left India. "I cannot speak above a whisper today," he wrote in early February. "I still have fever and my head and chest hurt also. I'm not sure that I do not have pneumonia. I thought to go to a doctor but seem to be allergic to every medicine I take."

Ivory Coast—Pray for **three converts from Amavie, Ivory Coast**, who were baptized along with 11 others. These three have turned from the Lord.

France—**Allan Crowson** requests prayer for **Jeannine Coche** and her daughter, **Aurelia**. He also urged people to pray for **Mr. Rougai, Dr. LeBreton, and for Madame Lucas**, the Crowsons' neighbor.

Ivory Coast—Missionary **Darrel Nichols** requests prayer for **physical safety of the family**. "In 1986 we killed 47 snakes and one rabid dog on our mission station," writes Darrel. He also asked people to pray for **19 converts** saved since May of last year.

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