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# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

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by Anita Sparks

**I** know now that it was God's will for my husband to die!" Petra exclaimed. We were on our way to her home after church that Sunday evening when Petra confided in us.

As conversation lapsed, Petra, that unusually optimistic, cheerful, candid member of the Body of Christ in Alcala de Henares, Spain, spoke in a subdued, serious voice: "If he had not died, we would never have moved to Alcala where we heard the gospel."

The Spanish widow's forthright evaluation of so devastating an experience took us by surprise.

Petra and Jose Bolano had been married only nine years when Jose met with violent death, leaving Petra with six small children. The youngest was only 40 days old. That was 19 years ago. Petra never remarried but faithfully raised

her brood of four girls and two boys all by herself. And that without a note of bitterness or a bit of self-pity! This evidenced her spiritual growth and insight into the mysterious ways of God.

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***"I don't have what my daughters have and I want it," she said.***

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The oldest of six children, Petra Cortes Cobrera was born and grew up in Ibahernando, the area of the "conquistadors" in Spain. I like to think that perhaps she is a distant relative of Hernando Cortes, soldier, explorer, and conqueror of Mexico.

Petra's paternal grandmother, Clara, was an "evangelical," as believers are called here in Spain. But her mother was a

Catholic until she died. Therefore, Petra and the children were reared neither Catholic nor Protestant.

As a young girl, Petra came to Madrid where she worked for four years as a cook in a Protestant school for children. She attended the church which sponsored the school but somehow never heard a message that made her realize her need to be saved.

Visiting back in her home town, she met Jose at a village "fiesta." It was a whirlwind courtship. They married and lived very happily together for nine short years. She says he was a marvelous person and everybody admired him.

Jose was the boss of a crew at a dam which was under construction. He was responsible to build a road across the dam. Early one morning the crane was lifting the first scoopful of earth and stone when a rock escaped and hit him in the head. He plunged headlong 230 meters into the river below. Petra's brother-in-law would not let her see her husband's body before burial. Her grief-stricken father-in-law died shortly thereafter.

Petra and her children lived for seven months with her father and mother in their small village. Then, realizing the possibilities for educating her children would be better in a larger town, she decided to move to Alcala where her sister and brother-in-law were already living.

Being a widow, Petra received a meager pension which had to be supplemented by working. She cooked, cleaned a school at night, knitted, and did whatever else she could to earn money.

The older children, and





especially the oldest daughter, Carmen—aged seven at the time—took their father's death very hard. Petra was obliged to keep up a courageous front for the sake of the children. Nighttime, however, found her crying and praying. Life was very hard for this young widow, and she lost her usual, jovial sense of humor.

In her despair, Petra sought to return to the village in order to be with her parents. However, her mother very firmly discouraged her return. This was a bitter blow for one who already felt so alone. Now, Petra realizes that God, in His providence, caused her mother to respond negatively and she thanks Him for it.

So she stayed on in Madrid and soon after that she and her sister bought apartments side by side.

Several years passed. Through a friend of her sister, Petra became acquainted with Juana, a Christian who had Bible meetings in her home for a period of time. That was before any groups were formed in Alcala. Because of her familiarity with evangelicals, Petra had a desire to go to a Protestant church. She visited a few times in a small Brethren assembly that met in a home.

About a year and a half after the memorable day when God so definitely indicated to us that He wanted us in Alcala, Petra visited our church. She had heard of our small church through Juana. So at Christmas time in 1977 she came with her Aunt Inez and her two youngest children.

The following January, Lonnie felt very impressed to start youth meetings at Alcala. Only three youth were in the

church, so visits were made to any available contacts. Petra's home was one of them. That first Saturday, three of her daughters and a cousin came rather reluctantly. Petra accompanied them to the gate.

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The oldest girl, Carmen, did not come that first time. But when the others came home quite elated, she joined them the following Saturday. As it turned out, Carmen was the first to accept the Lord. The sisters, a cousin, and a friend of theirs followed shortly thereafter.

One Sunday morning not long after her daughters had accepted the Lord, Petra came after service with tears in her eyes. She said, "I thought all the time that I was a Christian, but I know I don't have what my daughters have and I want it." We knelt there in the office and Petra sincerely opened her heart to God. What a blessed moment!

Since that time, rain or shine, winter or summer, Petra and her daughters are in church. Only something very serious could cause her to miss. She says, "Sometimes I don't feel too well, but somehow I cannot stay at home. After I get to church (a 15-minute walk), I feel better."

Petra's optimism and faith are a source of strength to all who know her. Anyone feeling depressed only needs to talk with Petra. She will cheer the person up. She has been a friend to all of the missionaries, and her daughters have taken

care of MKs many a time.

The Bolano household still faces some tough times. It takes the salaries of all the children who work to keep them going, but the tithe is paid and God has blessed. They have never lacked for necessities.

Long ago, God chose this God-fearing woman to rear at least two of her daughters to be helpmates of two of His servants. They were married the same day. Her oldest daughter, Carmen, married Jose Manuel Parron, the first young man from the Alcala church to answer the call to preach. And her third daughter, Juli, became the wife of Mark Riggs, short-term missionary to Spain. She is studying in the United States and hopes to return as a missionary wife.

Petra is certainly a virtuous woman. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness... a woman that feareth the Lord... her own works praise her..." (Proverbs 31:27, 30, 31). Yes, she is a woman who has surely seen sorrow turn to joy. And God is being glorified through her.

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Anita Sparks and her husband, Lonnie, have been serving in Spain since 1974. Currently they are in the United States for a short furlough.

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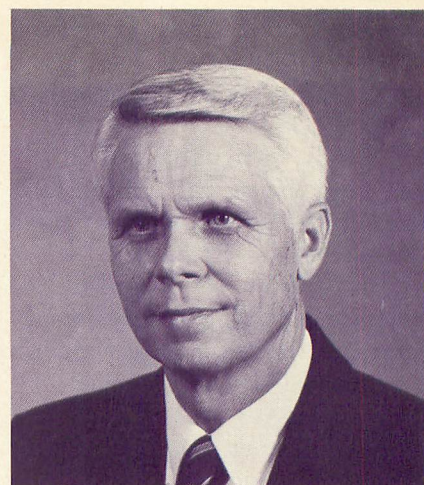
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For the Record—

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT 1986

by R. Eugene Waddell  
General Director



**"I**s it true that a lot of the money given for the missionaries never reaches them?" someone asked at the close of a missionary service.

"What percentage of the money given by Free Will Baptists to foreign missions is used in operating the office in Nashville?" another asked.

"How much of our foreign missions support comes through the cooperative plan?" someone else questioned.

"Why do missionaries have to raise so much money?" asked still another.

These and many other questions concerning finances are graphically answered on these pages.

**Figure A** identifies the major sources of our income during 1985, excluding Advance Celebration funds. Of gifts received, 87.1 percent were designated for the ministry of various missionaries. **Every penny designated for a particular missionary is placed in his account.**

Only \$234,440 was designated for the general fund while \$2,178,834 was earmarked for missionary accounts during the first 11 months of 1986. The general fund provides for home office operation and helps us meet

emergencies. Other than designated gifts, income for the general fund comes from these sources: the cooperative plan of support supplied 13.6 percent of general fund finances, interest provided 12.3 percent, and 1.5 percent came from miscellaneous sources.

**Figure B** shows how our funds were spent in 1986.

Notice, the largest expenditure is for missionary salaries and cost of living. A total of 82.2 percent of our regular budget is spent for items which directly relate to the missionary's overseas ministry.

The combined total of expenses for services rendered and materials provided by the home office staff makes up 17.8 percent. This includes such valuable services as planning and participating in conferences, receipting and accounting for funds, maintaining medical files, preparing promotional and informational materials, handling government correspondence and red tape, orientation and debriefing of missionaries, etc. It also includes *Heartbeat* magazine and other informational materials.

**Figure C** illustrates how the money from the average missionary's account is spent.

You will notice that the

second largest expenditure goes for supporting ministries on the field. This includes such items

## Types or Sources of Foreign Missions Income

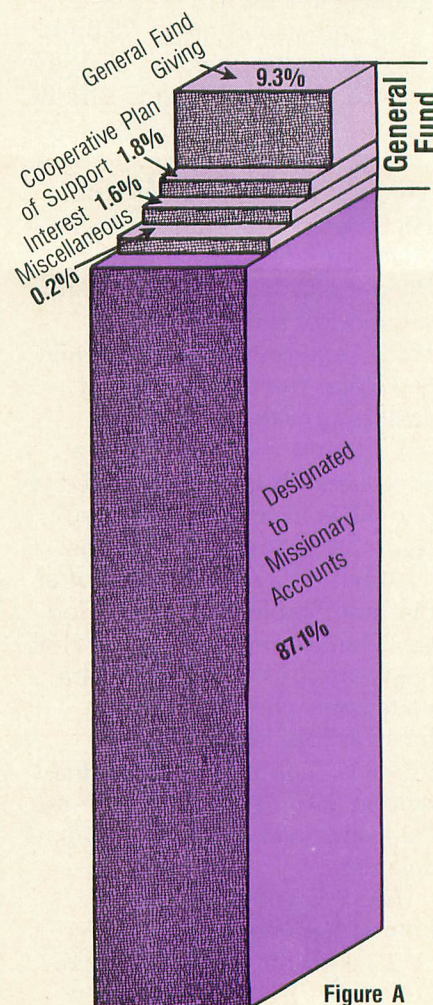


Figure A



as literature, radio, films, evangelistic campaigns, rental of meeting halls, cassette ministry, etc.

Perhaps this financial picture will clarify the foreign missions stewardship questions asked by many. But the true picture of foreign missions is seen in the field reports from missionaries around the globe.

Chikako Sasaki, a Muslim

living in Sapporo, Japan, found Christ as Savior because missionaries shared the gospel. Mario da Conceicao is serving as a pastor in Uruguay because Free Will Baptist missionaries reached him for Christ and helped him prepare for the ministry.

Petra found Christ in Alcala de Henares, Spain, through missionary efforts and today two

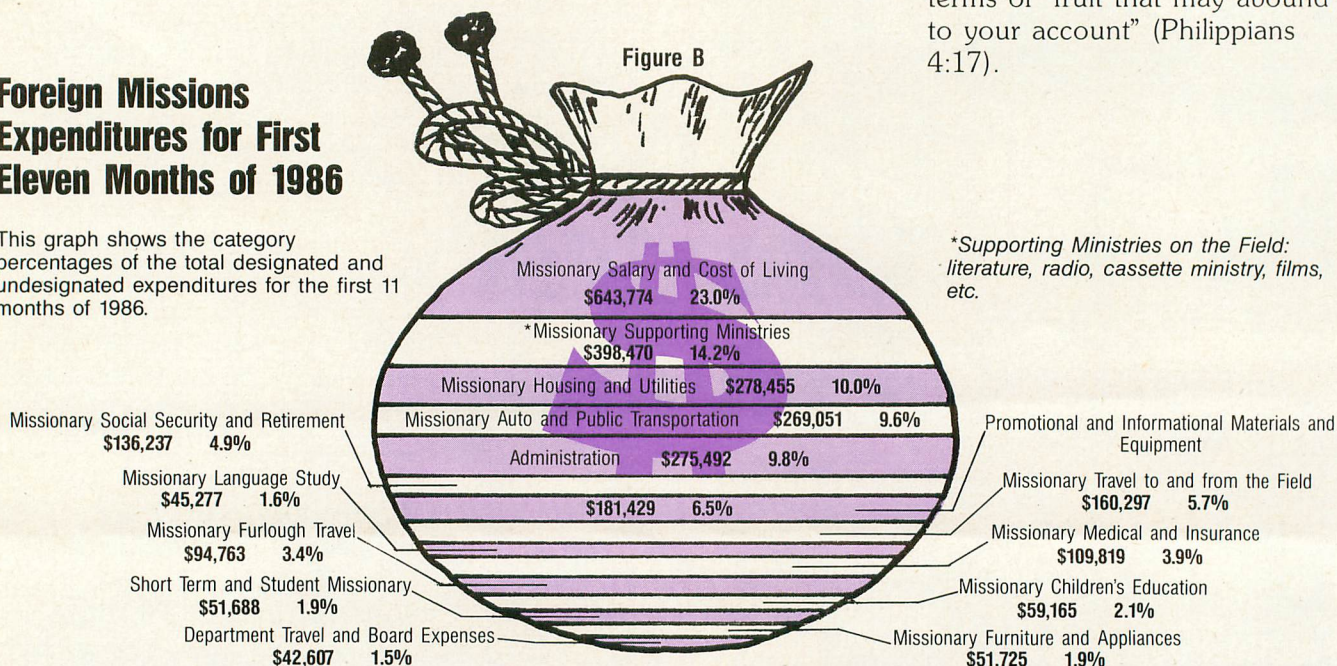
of her children are involved in the ministry for Christ (see the article in this issue, "Sorrow Turned to Joy").

Almost every week reports roll in from the mission fields declaring other souls have been rescued from hell. And God puts that record on file for every donor to foreign missions outreach. Paul refers to rescued souls and missionary support in terms of "fruit that may abound to your account" (Philippians 4:17).

## Foreign Missions Expenditures for First Eleven Months of 1986

This graph shows the category percentages of the total designated and undesignated expenditures for the first 11 months of 1986.

Figure B

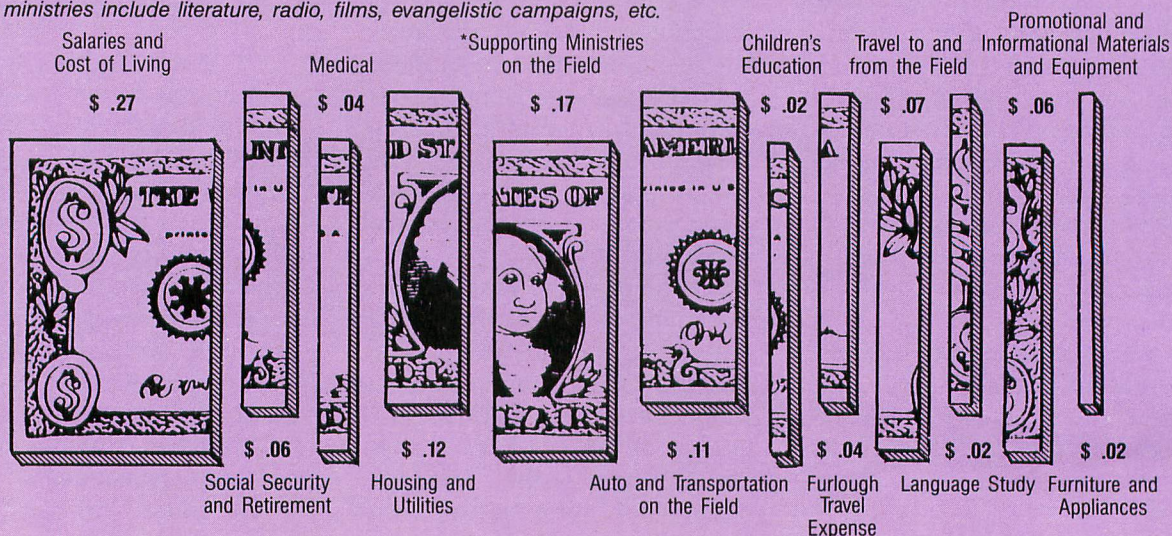


## The Missionary Dollar

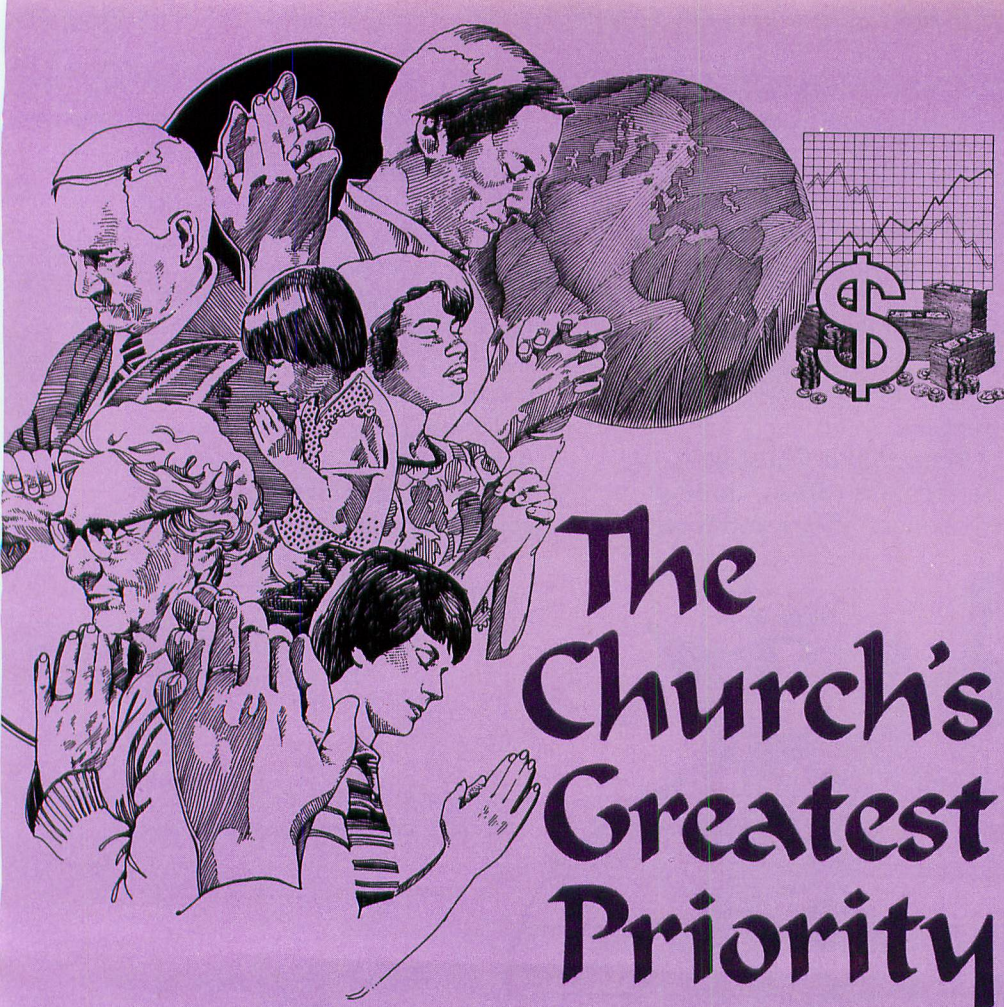
This breakdown indicates how each dollar designated to a missionary is spent. It shows the average of all missionaries.

\*Supporting ministries include literature, radio, films, evangelistic campaigns, etc.

Figure C







# The Church's Greatest Priority

by Ron Moore

**D**ecisions! Choices! Priorities! Every pastor and his congregation must make priority decisions. And they are not always simple.

As a church and pastor prepare the annual budget, they must survey their many needs: paving the parking lot, expanding the Sunday school wing, enlarging the sanctuary, building a fellowship hall, hiring a youth minister; and the list goes on. Then, they must decide which needs are most important, most worthy, and most urgent.

In the budgeting battle, however, all too frequently the single greatest priority of the church becomes its first casualty. The congregation cuts giving to world missions!

Although more and more money is being spent on such missionary enterprises as busing, literature publication and distribution, radio programs, and the like—all good programs—these are designed to build up the church at home. Yet, very little of the church's missionary budget is actually being committed to world evangelism.

Why does this happen? Why are so many "needs" at home given greater priority than world missions?

Although many reasons for this might be given, the greatest may lie in the sad realization that the church simply does not share the same missionary burden as her Lord. Even the casual reader of the five post-resurrection narratives of Christ

(Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, and Acts 1) cannot help but sense the overwhelming burden He had for world missions.

Such phrases as "all nations," "all the world," "every creature," "among all nations," and "the uttermost part of the earth," dominate our Lord's last instructions to the disciples. Even John's account, not noted as a great commission narrative, contains the words: "As my Father hath sent me (into the world), even so send I you."

In light of this, how did the church become so unconcerned for world evangelization? Has she become too preoccupied with her own needs? Have the expansion and maintenance of ministries, programs, buildings, and budgets at home deafened her ears to the cry of the Savior for souls around the world?

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Dr. Victor Sadaka, field coordinator of the Mideast Baptist Mission, has observed that 90 percent of all Christian workers minister in North America to less than six percent of the world's population. That leaves the task of reaching the other 94 percent to only one out of 10 workers. This is a shocking indictment against North American churches.

While the churches on this continent consume 90 percent of the entire Christian world's



budget, over 3.5 billion people are left with little or no hope of ever hearing the gospel. Every pastor and congregation must honestly face and deal with this problem. The church is called on to claim the Lord's burden as her own and establish world missions as her number one priority.

The church at Philippi is an excellent example of believers who gave proper priority to Christ's burden for souls. It was because of their concern that one of the most precious promises of the Scriptures was given: "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

Almost every child of God has been comforted by this promise, or has offered it as comfort to another. Grace and strength through times of sickness, supply of necessities during financial difficulties, wisdom and guidance for difficult decisions, spiritual strength in the midst of trials and temptations, etc., are but a few of its many applications.

In our haste to apply this promise to the many trials of life, however, we may have completely overlooked its original purpose. Paul wanted to give assurance of God's supply to those who, as the Philippian Christians, contribute financially to meet the need of world evangelization.

As God's missionary to the Gentile nations, Paul commends the Philippians for their support of his ministry. Notice the following statements: "your care of me hath flourished again" (vs. 10); "ye did communicate with my affliction" (vs. 14); "no church communicated with me as concerning giving and

receiving, but ye only" (vs. 15); "ye sent once and again unto my necessity" (vs. 16); and, "having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you" (vs. 18).

The apostle went on to declare that those gifts to world missions were "an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God" (vs. 18). Because of their financial commitment to the apostle Paul in spreading the gospel, they were given the precious promise of verse 19.

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If a pastor and congregation wish to share in the full blessings of this promise, they must make world missions a top priority within the church's budget. To make this missionary burden and commitment the number one priority, a church might consider the following ideas:

1. Begin systematically studying the mission fields and praying for the missionaries on those fields.
2. Invite missionaries to the church; have a missions conference annually, if possible.
3. Place Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions and missionaries in the monthly budget—no matter how small the amount.
4. Call in a gift during the annual foreign missions **Call-a-thon**.
5. Participate in local, state,

and regional missions projects. In South Carolina we have the "Pop" Willey Memorial Christmas Offering which raises over \$14,000 annually from across our state.

6. Develop a variety of interest-building missions projects within the church. For example, one might designate the Wednesday night offering for missions; have each Sunday school class choose a missionary couple to pray for, write to, and to receive weekly offerings; or the church might designate for missions all the change which comes in the offerings. The Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Georgetown, S.C., has been doing this for three years and raises several thousand dollars annually for world missions.

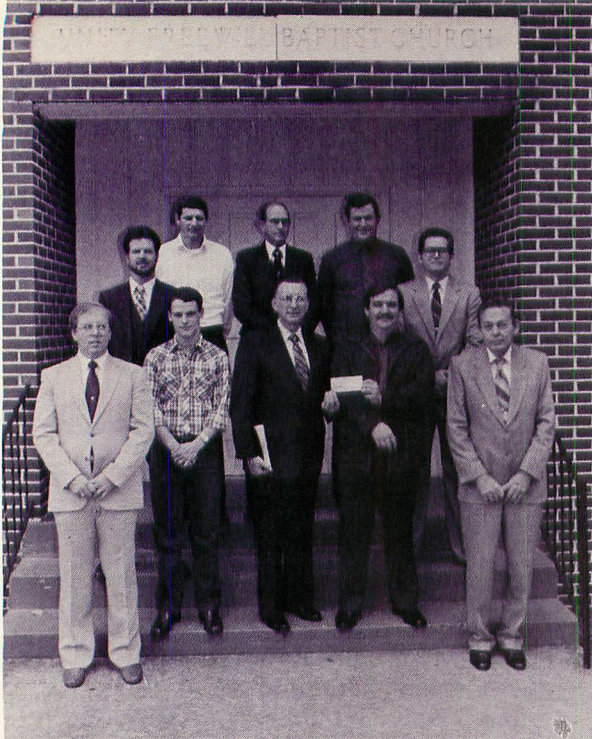
Most of all, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers" (Luke 10:2). Pray that our churches would hear the cry of the Savior for souls around the world. And pray as Isaiah, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Without a doubt the Lord Jesus considered world evangelization the most urgent of all needs. He intended His church to do the same! This challenge left by our Lord is far too great for us to continue giving higher priority to the needs of churches at home. We must accept the challenge now and move world missions to the top of our list of priorities! Time is running out!

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Ron Moore and his wife, Linda, are new missionary appointees to the Ivory Coast. Ron has been pastoring Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Georgetown, S.C.





**Pastor E. B. Ledlow (center, front) and Advance Celebration leaders from Unity FWB Church in Sylacauga, Ala., hold forth a check for \$783 as part of their celebration.**

# GOD BLESSED OUR CHURCH

*by E. B. Ledlow*

**S**everal months before the Advance Celebration was to begin I met with the deacon board concerning the program. They were excited! We prayed about it and felt it was God's will for our church to take part in the celebration.

We brought the proposal before the people and it met with the same response. They unanimously voted to enter the celebration. From start to finish I knew it was God's will for our church to take part.

I began to announce this exciting venture from the pulpit and through the church bulletin. I told the people that it would be worth much to us to participate in the Advance Celebration even if we did not invest a penny in it money-wise. The excitement grew each week as we planned and worked toward the Sunday beginning the celebration.

We jumped ahead of the

program and appointed those who would be our church Advance chairmen and they appointed the church commitment visitation committees. Together, ten of us served during the celebration. I trained these men for their respective responsibilities, and, praise the Lord, they carried out their work well.

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I contacted Jimmy Aldridge, the Advance coordinator, about a missionary coming to our church one Sunday during the celebration. Jimmy consented to do the honors himself! So, we would have the "head honcho" with us for our closing victory celebration service.

Our Advance Celebration began on Sunday, September 14. I asked for some additional materials to give out to our people during these weeks of celebration. We received profiles of all the foreign missionaries. I really wanted our church to be informed. So I prayed, taught, preached, and informed during the weeks prior to Victory Sunday.

We used our Sunday school and the morning worship services to give out the materials. I preached mission sermons and we had some of our people give a brief report on a particular missionary and his or her field of service. We correlated the missionary profiles according to the countries where we have missionaries. Along with these we gave out the missionary directory to each of our families and to our visitors. We prayed for our missionaries in each service.



On the second Sunday of the celebration I taught the Sunday school classes from intermediates through the adults, going through the complete program. I explained our financial commitment, ways to raise money for the commitment, the duration of the commitment, etc. Then I preached on missions in the morning service.

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***The excitement grew each week as we planned and worked toward the beginning of the celebration.***

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The Lord blessed so wonderfully on the third Sunday! He did the preaching—I did not get to preach! Praise God, we had two altar services. Many people had their needs met and a soul was saved. My, how God did bless that day! I preached the missions sermon in the evening service.

Due to our Homecoming Service being scheduled for October 26, we had to close our Advance Celebration on October 19. This was Victory Sunday! We had all worked hard. Our visitation committees had visited with the families of our church, and, after prayer, they made their sacrificial commitment based on "Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Giving."

Jimmy and Janie Aldridge were with us for both services that day. Brother Aldridge taught missions during Sunday school to all of us. He also preached during the worship hour. This was the climax, the "victory." All that God had brought us to and had taught us

during the preceding weeks of work, worship, and service came to a peak: Souls were saved, backsliders were reclaimed, and hearts were lifted up.

A revival was sparked and a missionary vision came to life in the church. (We are now looking forward to our missionary conference in January 1987, the first to be held in our church.) God blessed beyond our expectations in our offerings and in our three-year commitments. We received \$783 in offerings and \$5,548 in commitments for the three years.

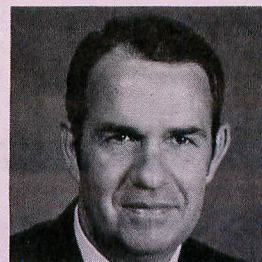
We had an ambitious program of acquainting our church people with overseas ministries. God blessed and we give Him the praise. We praise the Lord for Jimmy Aldridge and the foreign missions department for giving us the opportunity to take part in such a tremendous celebration. I hope every church in our denomination will take part in this Advance Celebration of praise.

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E. B. Ledlow is pastor of Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Ala. Ed served with the home missions department for seven years as a missionary and for three years as director of field personnel.



**...Update**



**by Jimmy Aldridge  
Advance Coordinator**

## **Church and Individual Commitments**

# **Over \$500,000**

It is a marvelous thing to see a miracle coming to pass among us. God is truly reviving those who are opening their hearts to Him and committing themselves to help declare His glory among the nations.

As of December 1, 1986, commitments went over the halfway mark in our million-dollar goal! And many churches

have their Advance Celebrations scheduled for this year.

In addition to the commitments, actual gifts of \$145,000 have already arrived in the office and four projects have already been funded.

We praise the Lord for His blessing. Join us in praying for all those who will be participating during this year.



# 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.*



**Winford and Burnice Davis**



**Raymond and Winona Riggs**

**W**INFORD C. DAVIS of Monett, Mo., served as the second secretary-treasurer for foreign missions under the newly formed National Association of Free Will Baptists. He followed I. J. Blackwelder of Georgia.

For many years the office of foreign missions was located in the home of Reverend Davis who served for a number of years as chairman-treasurer of the board. In 1947 he was called promotional secretary for foreign missions. He

was very much involved in getting the mission work and the Cedars of Lebanon Institute established in Cuba. The office moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1951 when Raymond Riggs became the new promotional secretary.

Winford recalls days of "precious fellowship" with Cuban pastors and with Thomas H. "Pop" Willey as he drove the pioneer missionary throughout the state of Missouri in the interest of foreign missions.

In 1944 Winford and his new bride, Burnice, went to Cuba where they spent 30 days and covered the entire field, mostly on horseback. His records of that trip indicated he had preached 16 sermons, witnessed 80 professions of faith, baptized 31 converts and helped to organize a church in the town of Vinales. He also helped to ordain two deacons for the new church.

## Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in September, October, and November in memory of friends or loved ones:

### Donor

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid  
Moultrie, Ga.

Steve Lytle  
Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hyman  
Antioch, Tenn.

Dale Edwards  
Woodlawn, Tenn.

### In Memory of

Marvin M. Franks

Mike Nitchman

Jean Hyman and  
Felix Lima

Margaret Dunaway Norfleet

These individuals and groups gave in memory of Boyd H. Filkins:

Mary Anna Buchanan  
and family  
Ray and Mary Patterson  
Dr. and Mrs. Howard Gross  
Mary Letha Jones  
Bob and Nancy Summers  
Evelyn Krink  
Mr. and Mrs. Vern Gillette  
Joe and Frances March  
Mr. and Mrs. William B. Riley

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Chrisman  
Gary and Joyce Matthews  
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Rager  
Ernest and Bernice Thomas  
Edna Griswold  
Don and Betty Jones  
Ted and Lola Sevits and family  
Mrs. Violet Lay  
Earl and Dora Sponsler  
and family

Most are from the Kirksville, Mo., area.

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## Reverend Davis spent some 16 years working in or with the foreign missions program.

Over all, Reverend Davis spent some 16 years working in or with the foreign missions program while pastoring in Missouri. His role was very important in laying the groundwork for present-day foreign missions efforts.

In May of 1986 Brother Davis retired from pastoral duties after 60 years of ministry. From January 13 of 1926 to January 13 of 1986 he had pastored 13 churches, preached 9,100 sermons, recorded 2,170 conversions, and logged some 380,772 miles in his service for the Lord. Beyond those miles he traveled to Cuba three times and to Israel on three occasions.

Davis and his wife still reside in Monett, Mo. They have three children, two living in Monett and one residing in Iowa.



RAYMOND RIGGS, often referred to as "Mr. Foreign Missions," carries a lengthy service record with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. First elected to the Board of Foreign Missions in 1942, Raymond served a total of over 35 years in some specific relationship with the foreign missions department.

Riggs became part-time promotional secretary for foreign missions in 1951 and assumed the role as first full-time general director of foreign missions in 1953. He continued in that capacity until 1960.

During his tenure as general director, Raymond visited the fields of India, Africa, and Cuba. He was instrumental in getting the fields of Brazil and Ivory Coast opened to Free Will Baptist witness. He pleasantly remembers the baptisms witnessed in India and the hundreds in Cuba who responded en masse to Thomas H. Willey's appeal to receive Christ and be saved.

### ***He pleasantly remembers the baptisms in India.***

In a diary of Mr. Riggs' trip to West Africa in 1958 these words of concern were found: "Lonnie (Sparks) and I made a trip into the Koulango territory. There are 80,000 Koulangos in our area and the villages are very large. The chief in one village said he had never heard the gospel before and wanted us to return. We passed 26 villages which are without the light of the gospel."

Over the years, Raymond and his wife, Winona, have continued to be active in promoting and praying for foreign missions. They recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Cookeville, Tenn. All of their six children were on hand except their son, Steve, who is a missionary in France. Their son Randy is a very missions-minded pastor in Pleasant View, Tenn. Another son, Kenneth, is a professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College and the other three children are active in the service of the Lord.

Raymond has served in numerous pastorates since leaving the foreign missions office: Bethany FWB in Norfolk, Va.; Central FWB in Royal Oak, Mich.; Cookeville FWB in Cookeville, Tenn.; and Good Springs FWB in Pleasant View, Tenn.

Mr. Riggs is currently serving part-time as promotional director for Tennessee Free Will Baptists and maintains an active role as evangelist around the country.

## **Financial Summary**

**Through November 30**

### **\$substance**

Total income for November .....	\$ 225,810.34
Total income through November .....	2,502,697.71
Total disbursements through November .....	2,756,118.62
Projected income through November .....	2,728,810.37
Total 1986 Budget .....	<b>\$2,976,884.00</b>
Advance receipts through November .....	\$ 145,658.91
1986 ADVANCE Budget .....	<b>\$ 201,526.00</b>
<b>Proposed 1987 Budget .....</b>	<b>\$3,358,900.00</b>
<b>Proposed 1987 ADVANCE Budget .....</b>	<b>\$ 160,000.00</b>

### **\$shortage**

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey .....	\$11,823.33	Martens .....	\$ 137.02
Callaway .....	8,834.50	Miley .....	6,559.02
Eagleton, Ken .....	13,209.53	Murray .....	7,116.04
Ellison .....	4,315.15	Nichols .....	3,903.49
Gibbs .....	4,072.11	Sturgill .....	2,633.22
Inscoe .....	4,764.41	Willey .....	1,002.16
Lee .....	5,323.60	General Fund .....	2,148.18
McCullough .....	2,898.53		
Total .....			<b>\$83,764.08</b>

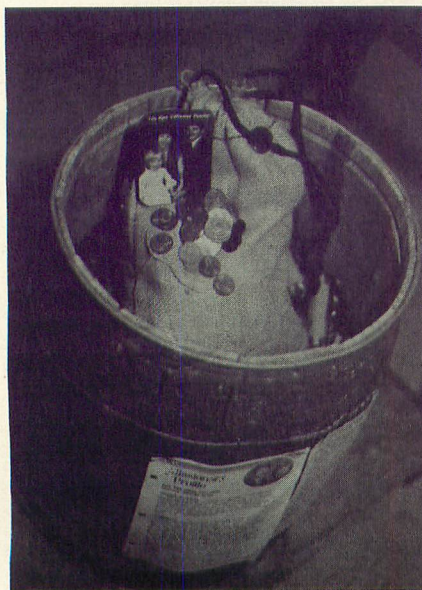
## **State Quotas — 1986**

State	Quota 1986	Quota Through November	Contributions Through November
Alabama .....	\$ 169,000	\$ 154,917	\$ 133,093.69
Arizona .....	5,000	4,583	1,608.07
Arkansas .....	152,000	139,333	120,029.39
California .....	50,000	45,833	44,478.67
Colorado .....	3,000	2,750	4,135.00
Florida .....	90,000	82,500	76,511.55
Georgia .....	106,000	97,167	114,165.44
Hawaii .....	1,000	917	2,042.05
Idaho .....	1,000	917	559.35
Illinois .....	87,000	79,750	79,789.44
Indiana .....	31,000	28,417	25,263.33
Iowa .....	1,500	1,375	932.72
Kansas .....	14,000	12,833	13,004.23
Kentucky .....	84,000	77,000	60,162.08
Louisiana .....	500	458	.00
Maryland .....	16,000	14,667	9,300.16
Michigan .....	132,000	121,000	113,393.14
Mississippi .....	55,000	50,417	56,845.33
Missouri .....	179,000	164,083	188,599.57
Montana .....	1,000	917	745.85
Nevada .....	1,000	917	880.00
New Mexico .....	500	458	32.20
*Northeast Assn. ....	7,000	6,417	5,256.61
**Northwest Assn. ....	6,000	5,500	2,576.54
North Carolina .....	367,000	336,417	311,239.51
Ohio .....	116,000	106,333	86,796.82
Oklahoma .....	362,000	331,833	335,438.31
Pennsylvania .....	2,500	2,292	659.00
South Carolina .....	197,000	180,583	122,305.83
Tennessee .....	402,000	368,500	323,379.80
Texas .....	83,000	76,083	78,374.18
Virginia .....	99,000	90,750	84,794.66
Virgin Islands .....	3,000	2,750	1,118.91
West Virginia .....	80,000	73,333	41,333.25
Miscellaneous .....	72,884	66,810	63,853.03
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$2,976,884</b>	<b>\$2,728,810</b>	<b>\$2,502,697.71</b>

\*Northeast Association  
New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

\*\*Northwest Association  
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington





*This nail keg served as the receptacle for coins given to the Ron Callaway account as the woman's auxiliary of Immanuel FWB Church in Durham, N.C., sought to raise \$1,000 for the couple.*

## Nail Keg Nabs Money for Callaway Account

**Durham, N.C.**—Ron and Linda Callaway were presented \$1,000 during services on November 2 at Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, N.C. A nail keg played the chief roll in collecting the funds.

According to Pastor Bobby Bazen, the woman's auxiliary placed the empty nail keg in the church foyer and asked members to bring their penny collections as a contribution to missions. Bazen declared, "When the Callaways arrived, . . . excitement was at a peak and everyone was guessing at the amount."

The goal was \$1,000 but the keg only yielded \$750, so men in the church made up the difference. "I am sure the church received the greater blessing from the project," the pastor concluded.

## Eagleton Improves, Plans Return to the Field

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Ken Eagleton, veteran missionary to Brazil who underwent quadruple by-pass surgery in October, has steadily made improvement in strength and plans to return to Brazil in February.

The Eagleton missionary account was hit hard by the hospital and doctor bills and the airline fares which totaled approximately \$30,100. Insurance

is expected to reimburse their account approximately \$21,200 of these costs. Friends of the Eagletons have been requested to send their gifts to foreign missions designated for "Ken Eagleton's Medical Emergency Fund."

Ken and Marvis have been staying with their son Terry and his family in Nashville during the recuperation period.

## Missionaries Honored at Church Anniversary Event

**Conway, Ark.**—The First Free Will Baptist Church in Conway, Ark., celebrated its thirty-second anniversary on October 5, 1986, by featuring missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds of Brazil and Jean Francis, wife of the late Reverend Bob Francis.

A large congregation was on hand on Sunday morning to hear Earnie Deeds bring the morning message. A missionary offering of \$1,332 was received for their missionary account.

Pastor Zane Kirkland noted that five missionaries had been sent from the church: Earnie and Jean Deeds, Bob and Jean Francis (home missions), and Miss June Arnold.

## Board Meets, Appoints 16 for Service Abroad

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Board of Foreign Missions met in Nashville, Tenn., December 1-3 for the semiannual session.

Action taken by the board included appointment of 10 student missionaries, four full-fledged missionaries, and two short-term missionaries. The board also interviewed furloughing missionary Earnie Deeds in addition to six candidates.

Ron and Linda Moore of Georgetown, S.C., were appointed to missionary service in Ivory Coast. Dwain and Debbie Crosby of Brownwood, Tex., were appointed to serve in Japan, and Jim and Evelyn Teague were appointed to short-term service in Ivory Coast. The Teagues will serve as dormitory parents at the school at Bouake, Ivory Coast, when the Neil Gillilands come home for furlough.

These students were appointed to summer service as student missionaries: Corinna Robertson will help Jim and Vicki Sturgill in Campinas, Brazil, and Dave Jr. and Becky Franks are to serve in Barbacena with Dave and Pat Franks.



*Ron and Linda Moore have been appointed to serve in Ivory Coast.*



*Dwain and Debbie Crosby were appointed to service in Japan.*



*Jim and Evelyn Teague will be serving as dorm parents at Bouake, Ivory Coast.*

Joseph Drummit will aid Mike and Deleen Cousineau in Bouna, Ivory Coast.

Jeff Black will work with Jeff and Susan Turnbough in Villalba, Spain, while Vicky Christy will help Dennis and Trena Owen in the work at Mostoles and Alcala de Henares.

Suzanne Franks will work with Cathy Crawford in Nantes, France, and Greta Lambert will assist Patsy Vanhook in St. Nazaire.

James Kevin Crawford is to serve with Stan and Brenda Bunch in Panama, and Sharon Justice is set to work with Larry and Priscilla Inscoe in Las Tablas.

The board also agreed to invite church leaders from Cuba to share in the National Association in 1987 at Birmingham, Ala.



## Walk-a-thon Nets \$30,320 for Tennessee Missionaries

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Foreign missionaries from Tennessee and home missionaries in the state shared some of the \$30,320 raised during the annual Tennessee Walk-a-thon for Missions held September 13, 1986.

These people received awards for raising the most money: Wayne Wagner, pastor of Heads Free Will Baptist Church at Cedar Hill, Tenn., raised the largest sum with \$1,361 and Earl Young of Shady Grove FWB at Whitesburg, Tenn., raised \$942. Norma Fawbush of Shady Grove raised the most among women with \$705 and Gladys Gragg of Woodbine FWB in Nashville tallied \$608. Brett Fender raised \$305 and Casey Brooks registered \$170 in the teen category. Both are from Shady Grove.

## Workers' Conference Held in Jaboticabal, Brazil

*Brazil*—A Christian Workers' Conference was held December 27-30 at the youth camp property in Jaboticabal, Brazil.

Dr. Robert Picirilli, dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., was the principle speaker for the conference. Others on the program included Pastor Salvi Bernardo and Dr. Kennedy Flurry, both of the Baptist Convention in the state of Sao Paulo.

Subjects covered during the conference included theological tendencies, the charismatic movement, humanism, fundamental doctrines, church planting, evangelistic campaigns, and the necessity of preparation (for teaching and preaching).

This is the first conference of this type to be held by Free Will Baptists in Brazil.

## Churches in Nantes and St. Nazaire Hold Retreat

*France*—The Nantes and St. Nazaire Free Will Baptist churches in France combined efforts to hold a teen retreat October 30-November 2 at Berder Island. A total of 27 people, 17 from Nantes and 10 from St. Nazaire, were on hand for the special event.

The two groups met on a "staggered" basis this year, according to Tom McCullough. The St. Nazaire group went on Thursday night and stayed until Saturday afternoon while



*French youth from St. Nazaire and Nantes sing during a teen retreat at Berder Island in France.*

the Nantes group arrived Friday night and remained until Sunday afternoon.

McCullough reported the St. Nazaire group had as a theme "Does God Care?" The sessions were led by McCullough and Jerry Gibbs.

The Nantes group followed the theme "Servanthood." These sessions were led by Dennis Teague and Allan Crowson.

Music for the retreat was provided by Patty McCullough and David Filkins.

"Our kids soaked up the teaching like little sponges," Tom delighted. "It was super how they made the practical application of truth."

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Missionaries Paul Robinson and Molly Barker were accompanied by former missionary Bill Fulcher en route for Uruguay on December 3. Amy Robinson was scheduled to leave with the group but had to be hospitalized on December 1 to stabilize an irregular heartbeat. She left on December 10 to join Paul. Fulcher went to Uruguay for the December 6 dedication of the new Bible institute building.

*France*—Missionary LaRue Crowson reported recently that she has been suffering with severe pain in the lower back. At last report doctors had not been able to diagnose the cause.

*Ivory Coast*—Norman Richards, missionary to Ivory Coast, was involved in an accident at Agnibilekrou in late October. A woman stepped out in front

of his car late one night as he was driving home, and he was unable to avoid hitting her. The reports indicated no bones were broken but the lady was bruised and cut sufficiently to be hospitalized. Richards urged people to pray that legal technicalities might be cleared up without problems.

*France*—According to missionary Jerry Gibbs, a baptismal service was held in St. Nazaire on Sunday, October 26. One man was baptized: Rino, the owner of a restaurant in the area.

*Japan*—Missionary Jerry Banks reported recently that seven Christian women in the Kita Hiroshima Chapel in a suburb of Sapporo, Japan, had covenanted together to pray for their

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*Missionaries Tom McCullough (left) and Jerry Gibbs (right) prepare to baptize Rino Mirante, who was saved in the St. Nazaire work in France.*





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unsaved husbands at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day. They requested Christians to join with them in praying for Mr. Hara, Mr. Morishita, Mr. Sasaki, Mr. Saito, Mr. Tsutsui, Mr. Fukumoto, and Dr. T. Sasaki.

**France**—Miss Dawn Sweeney reported recently from Lorient, France, that Monsieur Gambier had accepted Christ as Savior and Lord. He had been in contact with Free Will Baptist missionaries and under the influence of a Christian wife for some time. Dawn urged Christians to pray for the new convert's stability and growth.

**Spain**—According to a report from missionary Jeff Turnbough, the church at Villalba, Spain, celebrated its second anniversary on November 16.

**Cuba**—A music retreat was held in November at the Cedars of Lebanon institute property in Cuba. According to Gilberto Diaz Triana, president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, approximately 200 people attended. Triana also noted that repairs on the kitchen and dining room at the institute would begin early in 1987.

**Panama**—Missionary Steve Lytle, currently on furlough from Panama, received information in November that two new works had been started in Panama: one in Santiago, Veraguas Province, and one somewhere in Chiriqui Province. The report indicated that Stan and Brenda Bunch might possibly go to Santiago, and Santos Chiru and his family of the Agua Buena church have already gone on their own to start a work in Chiriqui. Neither of these provinces has a Free Will Baptist work nor has either been evangelized.

**Japan**—Free Will Baptist missionaries in Japan went to Karuizawa in late October for their yearly field council meeting and retreat. Karuizawa is located approximately two hours from Tokyo by train.

**Knoxville, Tenn.**—Mr. John Walter Ellison, 72-year-old father of missionary Walter "Dub" Ellison, died on November 10, 1986, in Knoxville, Tenn., after a prolonged illness with cancer of the throat. Funeral services were held on November 12. Dub, who was in Uru-



Robert and Pam West have departed for Ivory Coast at last.



Lonnie and Anita Sparks are scheduled to return to Spain sometime in February.

guay, was unable to attend the services.

**Smithfield, N.C.**—Robert and Pam West finally received clearance to leave the United States for Ivory Coast. They departed on December 11 to join the Sherwood Lees at the medical station in Doropo. Christians have been urged to pray for additional support for this couple as they still lack some monthly commitments.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Malinda Ellison, daughter of missionaries Walter and Marcia Ellison, left Nashville on December 13 to join her parents in Uruguay. She has been studying at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

**Winona Lake, Ind.**—Lonnie and Anita Sparks plan to return to Spain sometime in February after having spent a short furlough in the States.

## Notice to Donors

Due to the fact that two Teagues and two Eagletons have missions accounts, donors are asked to carefully specify which Teague and which Eagleton account is to receive their gifts: Dennis Teague vs. Jim Teague, and Ken Eagleton vs. Doctor Kenneth Eagleton.

## Brazil Association of FWB Churches Meets

**Brazil**—The Brazil Association of Free Will Baptist Churches met in Jaboticabal, Brazil, on September 27 with groups from Campinas, Araras, Jaboticabal, Ribeirao Preto, Uberlandia, and Barbacena represented.

The group established a fund to help Free Will Baptist full-time workers, formed a missions committee to promote national missions, selected a theological education council, and accepted the Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church as an official member of the association.

## Inscoes Report Record Sunday School Attendance

**Panama**—The Las Tablas Free Will Baptist Church in Panama had a record attendance of 60 in Sunday school on Sunday, October 19. Missionary Larry Inscoe indicated church records in the third quarter of 1986 showed average attendance to be up in all church services.

"Here in Las Tablas we have seen about 20 first-time decisions during these last few months," Inscoe reported. He has been training the new converts and expressed hope that they would be ready for baptism before December.

## Eagletons Report Tough Language Study Schedule

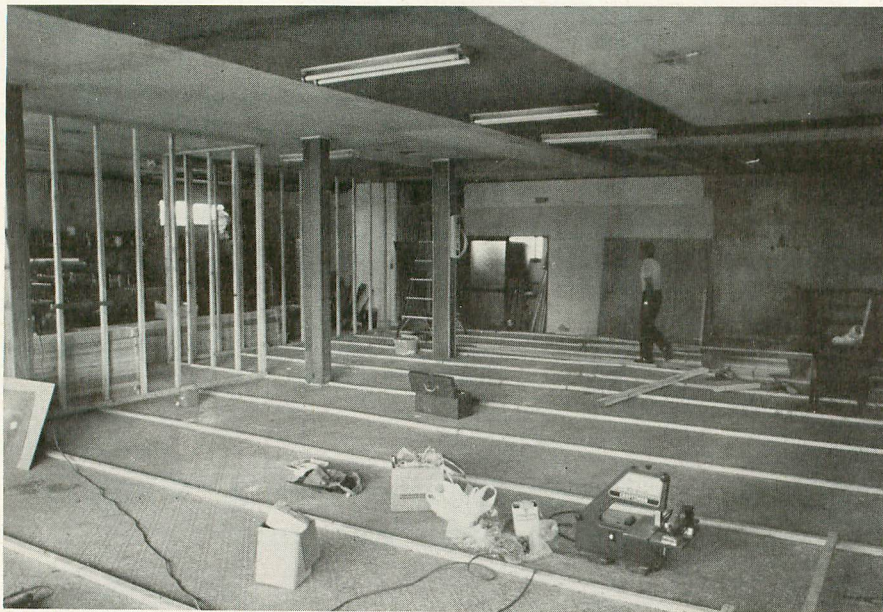
**France**—Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton, in French language study at the University of Marseilles, report having been placed in Level II in their studies, a more difficult division than Level I. "Practically all in our classes already speak two languages and are working on their third or fourth one," writes Kenneth. "This makes the pace fast."

The class hours of the couple are irregular and make it difficult to coordinate language study with the school schedule of their boys.

## Bishop Requests Prayer for Church in Ebetsu Area

**Japan**—"We have made quite a number of contacts in our area and the Sunday school has been growing steadily these last few weeks," writes Dale Bishop from Ebetsu, Japan, where the new Koinonia Church was started. "We are running out of room





The downstairs section is being remodeled for the services of the Koinonia Church in Japan.

upstairs and really need to get the downstairs completed soon. Please pray that we won't run into too many problems that slow us down."

According to Bishop, 90,000 people live in Ebetsu. The new work is located in a subdivision known as Nopporo.

Two men in the church, Mr. Uemori and Mr. Haribuki, have been helping with the preaching on Sundays.

## India Campaign Completed in Spite of Opposition

**India**—Missionary News Service reports 106 volunteers from different Bible schools, Christian organizations, and churches gathered under the direction of the Pocket Testament League for three months of discipleship and evangelism in and around the city of Delhi, India.

The daily program included devotional hours, Bible study, four to five hours of evangelism, fellowship, and prayer times. Ten teams went out daily with gospels of John, systematically reaching 110,000 Delhi-area homes. Over 3,000 people requested correspondence courses.

Opposition and persecution were evident throughout the campaign as illness, beatings, and Scripture burning occurred regularly. As many as 75 volunteers and team members were held hostage and beaten in Uttam Nagar and Shakarpur.

Pocket Testament League evan-

gelist P. C. Alexander commented, "In the past 14 years of ministering in North India, this was the severest opposition faced."

## Two Men Graduate from Ribeirao Bible Institute

**Brazil**—Jeancarlo Ache of Ribeirao Preto and Jose Laurito of Jaboticabal were scheduled to graduate from the Bible institute in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, on December 14.

Jeancarlo has been elected future pastor of the Jaboticabal church but will not assume his responsibility until after he has completed a special course in Israel this year.

## 17 Pastors Confirmed to Be in Vietnamese Prisons

**Wheaton, Ill.**—According to Missionary News Service, a Canadian inter-church delegation recently met with high Vietnamese officials in Hanoi, Vietnam, and raised the issue of imprisoned pastors. Sources inside the country have confirmed that 17 evangelical pastors are imprisoned in Vietnam.

Apparently no charges have been made against those currently held. Seven pastors were chaplains at the time of their arrests in 1975.

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for orientation to the task as dorm parents for MKs at Bouake, Ivory Coast. The Teagues, who are from Newport, Tenn., must have \$15,000 in cash and \$3,100 in monthly commitments in order to depart on schedule.

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to help Jim and Evelyn Teague get to the field to work with the MKs at the school in Bouake, Ivory Coast. As God provides I will give the following amount monthly:

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