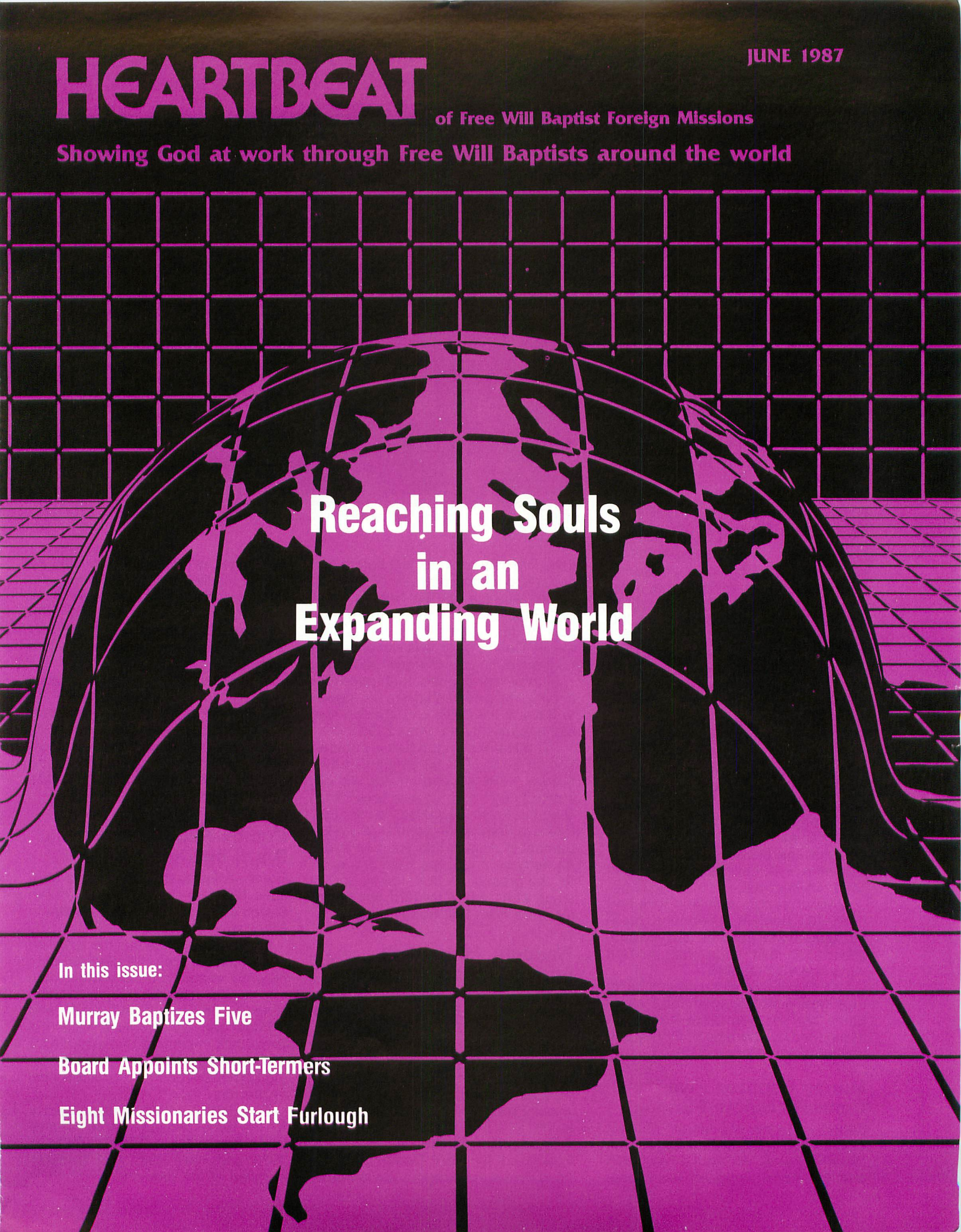


# HEARTBEAT

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of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



## Reaching Souls in an Expanding World

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## Broad Tract Distribution Effort Held in Las Tablas

**Panama**—A massive tract distribution effort was held in April in an attempt to get Christian literature into every home in Las Tablas, Panama.

According to Larry and Priscilla Inscocoe, a group of young people from the ship "Logos" participated in the distribution thrust. They also sought to get literature into every home in the towns around Las Tablas where mission works have been started.

Seminars were held at night and several first-time decisions for Christ were made during the campaign. "Some of our young people have come to realize their responsibility to those who are without Christ," writes Priscilla. "They are now participating in tract distribution and personal evangelism."

## Brazil's Economy Hinders Work and Bothers Workers

**Brazil**—The foreign missions office has learned through correspondence from missionaries in Brazil that inflation is running rampant with some people estimating as much as 1,000 percent for 1987.

Government price freezes last year failed to work as merchants were unable to stock goods because suppliers would not deliver at the prices required by the government. When price controls were finally lifted, prices shot up.

Missionaries became discouraged at being unable to buy such items as beef, chicken, ham, cheese, milk, bread, eggs, flour, etc. After approximately a year of this, some things are now available but at elevated costs. At the same time, dollar exchange rates have not kept pace.

A March report indicated milk had risen 167 percent, telephone costs had gone up 66 percent, and automobile prices had risen 258 percent since the end of 1986.

Construction on some church buildings has been stopped for lack of funds and the new Bible institute is threatened by shortage of money and teachers.

## Murray Baptizes Five Converts Before Furlough

**France**—Missionary John Murray, who arrived in the United States with his wife, Pansy, on April 24 to begin a short furlough, reported having bap-



*R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, sits robed in his "chieftan cloth" as he receives a goat, a present from an African Christian. The "robe" was also a gift—one indicating great respect.*

tized five new converts just before his departure for the States.

The Murrays left the Nantes Free Will Baptist Church under the direction of Mr. Roger Leguern, a lay leader. Dennis Teague is working with Leguern during the Murrays' absence.

Murray announced that missionaries working in Nantes had set a goal to have at least five churches in the Nantes area by the year 2000.

"The Nantes region has a population of over 500,000 people," says Murray. "The second church will be started by our co-workers, the Teagues, as soon as possible after our return to France. We hope to return by the last of August this year. As soon as we have a full-time French pastor for the present church, Pansy and I, along with Cathy Crawford, will begin the third Free Will Baptist church."

## Waddell, Jones Visit Frustrated Missionaries

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Foreign missions general director Eugene Waddell and board chairman Bill Jones went to the Ivory Coast on March 28 for two weeks, returning on April 11. They visited all of the mission stations as well as several villages and cities where Free Will Baptist churches are found.

Responding to the deep concern expressed by Ivory Coast missionaries over serious accusations made

in a letter written and circulated by former missionary Lonnie Palmer, the duo went to address the issues. They met in a formal gathering with representatives from many of the Ivory Coast FWB churches, the missionaries on the field, and Palmer.

On their return to the United States, Waddell and Jones reported to the board their conclusions. The board went on record that they have complete confidence in the Ivory Coast missionaries' stand against polygamy, adultery, and the use of alcoholic beverages.

## Combs Reports Baptisms, Brazil Institute Plans

**Brazil**—Missionary Jim Combs baptized two teenage boys on Sunday, March 22, at the Ipiranga mission in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.

Combs also noted that the Brazilian Association of Free Will Baptists voted recently to start a central Bible institute in 1988 at the Evangelandia camp property in Jaboticabal. Jim and Shirley will be working with the Brazilians in starting this institute for theological training. They will be moving from Ribeirao Preto to Jaboticabal in the near future.

The Combs assumed responsibility for the Bible correspondence courses when they went to Ribeirao Preto in 1985 and have over 550 students enrolled at the present.





Paul and Rhoda Creech departed on May 14 for Sapporo, Japan, where they will serve as short term missionaries for one year at the Higashi Tsukisamu church.

## Board Sets 1988 Budget, Appoints Short-Termers

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Board of Foreign Missions convened for its annual session May 4-7, 1987, in the National Offices building in Nashville, Tenn. All members of the board were present except Bob Trimble who could not attend since the meeting date had to be delayed one week due to the April 14 surgery of R. Eugene Waddell, general director.

Among actions taken by the board were the adoption of a 1988 budget of \$3,186,036 and the appointment of a short-term couple to serve in Japan. Paul and Rhoda Creech will serve the Higashi Tsukisamu church in a suburb of Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. They will seek to fill in for Jim and Olena McLain in teaching English classes and helping in the kindergarten. The church is to bear most of their expenses.

The board also formulated an independent study committee to look into the allegations and accusations of former missionary Lonnie Palmer as well as the effect of his presence in the Ivory Coast.

They granted the request of Dawn Sweeney and the Ivory Coast field council for her transfer from the field of France to the Ivory Coast. She will work in the hospital at Doropo. The transfer is effective immediately.

Miss Charolette Tallent was granted a leave of absence from July 1, 1987, through June 30, 1988, in light of her stated physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. She plans to attend Columbia Graduate School of Bible and Missions part of that time.

The following board officers were elected to serve for the next year: chairman, Bill Jones; vice chairman, Norwood Gibson; and secretary, Jim Walker.

## Filkins, Morgan, and Cousineau Go to I.C.

**France**—Three couples left France for the Ivory Coast in May following their language study.

Dave and Sharon Filkins departed from France on May 6. They took a brief trip to the United States prior to proceeding to the Ivory Coast. They will be serving in Tanda.

Clint and Lynette Morgan and Mike and Deleen Cousineau left for the Ivory Coast on May 25. Both will be working at Bouna in connection with the new Bible institute program. They have been taking a refresher course in French language following furlough.

## Wind Takes Half of Tanda Church Roof

**Ivory Coast**—A circular, strong wind on May 3 lifted and folded the 19 sheets of tin roofing on one side of the Tanda Free Will Baptist Church then placed them on the other side of the roof.

Missionary Jerry Pinkerton clarified that one side of the roof is bare now while the other side has a double layer of roofing.

"We are thankful it is only misplaced tin," says Jerry. At a nearby village, a windstorm sent a sheet of tin sailing through the air and slashed off a man's head.

## Eight Missionaries to Start Furlough by June

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Information received in the foreign missions office indicates eight missionaries or missionary couples have started or are scheduled to start their 1987 furlough by the end of June.

Jim and Olena McLain arrived in the United States on April 15 from Japan to begin their furlough. They plan to return to Japan by April 1988.

Miss Dawn Sweeney and John and

Pansy Murray arrived in the United States from France on April 24 to begin their furlough schedules. The Murrays hope to return to Nantes after a short deputation schedule. Steve and Becky Riggs arrived on May 10 from Lorient, France.

Robert and Judy Bryan are scheduled to land from Ivory Coast on June 13 for a short furlough.

Jerry and Barbara Gibbs plan to arrive in the United States on June 15 from France to begin their regular deputation ministry.

Ken and Judy Bailey are to return from Japan at the end of May or sometime in June for their regular furlough. Jerry and Janice Banks are to arrive at the end of June to begin their furlough ministry.

Others scheduled to begin furlough in 1987 include Neil and Sheila Gilliland around July 4, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton near the end of July, Walter and Marcia Ellison during the first week of August, and Jim and Vicki Sturgill at the end of August. Priscilla and Debbie Inscoe will return to the States in August but Larry and the boys plan to come home in October or November.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Blaine, Ky.**—Ledgel Ferguson, missionary to Ivory Coast, underwent surgery on May 26 in Ashland, Ky. He had been suffering with gallbladder problems for some time.

**France**—Missionary Dawn Sweeney urged people to pray earnestly for mis-

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## Financial Summary Through April 30 \$ substance

Total income for April	\$ 256,733.59
Total income through April	896,626.07
Total disbursements through April	293,067.69
Projected income through April	1,119,633.32
Total 1987 Budget	\$3,358,900.00
Advance receipts through April	\$ 54,412.55
1987 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 160,000.00

## \$ Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	\$ 1,777.30	Inscoe	\$ 163.73
Barnard	1,600.00	Lee	3,639.01
Bishop	5,078.95	Mayhew	22,679.18
Combs	10,981.53	McLain	681.27
Cowart	609.01	McCullough	7,430.05
Crosby	5,228.49	Murray	4,145.63
Crowson	4.53	Nichols	4,071.53
Ellison	1,695.25	Smith, Judy	683.06
Filkins	4,280.28	Sparks	2,622.16
Gibbs	1,044.02	Sturgill	2,962.16
Gilliland	571.87	Wilson	1,088.00
Hersey	3,365.51	Wiley	2,137.58
Total			\$88,540.10

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sionaries as they work in France. She shared a typical response of those receiving a witness about Christ: "I'm a Catholic who doesn't practice my religion. I was baptized a Catholic and I'll die a Catholic, but I don't go to church and I don't necessarily believe in God."

**Ivory Coast**—Missionaries Jerry Pinkerton and Darrel Nichols held a three-day evangelistic meeting at Goumère, Ivory Coast, during the last part of April. During the first two nights seven people were saved.

**Brazil**—Three people made decisions for Christ recently in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, according to news through missionary Earnie Deeds. Christians have been urged to pray for Gleison, Gilson, and Milene, the new converts.

**India**—Easter-time presentations by Christians in North India were reported to have been very effective. Several people came to know the Lord. But Christians have been urged to pray for pastors and Free Will Baptist people in that area. Some have serious health problems.

**St. Louis, Mo.**—Marie Hanna returned to India on May 13, arriving in Delhi May 15. Her father has greatly improved since she arrived in the United States in mid-January.

**Glennville, Ga.**—Twenty-two churches in south Georgia held a missionary conference earlier this year. When totals were tallied, some \$16,680 for missions was received in cash and another \$20,316 was designated as

faith-promise commitments. This effort was initiated by south Georgia church leaders.

**France**—Ernest and Elaine Holland have announced the birth of a new baby girl, Leah Joy, born on April 30, 1987, in Albertville, France. The baby weighed seven pounds six ounces and was 19 and one-fourth inches long. Birth came 45 minutes after Elaine experienced the first pains. Both the mother and baby were reported doing fine.

### **Coscia Reports Three Converted in Uberaba**

**Brazil**—Missionary Louis Coscia reports two boys and a girl professed faith in Christ during a recent Sunday night service at Uberaba, Brazil. Louis also noted that prayer meetings in a home have resulted in two ladies expressing a desire to be saved.

"Interest among some of our people to do Bible study courses in their homes has developed," writes Coscia.

### **Banks Demonstrates the Dollar Loss in Japan**

**Japan**—Jerry Banks recently gave a graphic illustration of the tremendous loss of the United States dollar against the Japanese yen.

"I just finished figuring my income tax for Japan," writes Jerry. "Can you believe we received \$3,400 less than we did last year because of the loss on the dollar? I now understand why I had to use up all the money we saved during the first two years back on the field."

### **Couple Reached Through Bible Study in Home**

**Spain**—After several weeks of studying the Gospel of John in their home with a married couple, Jeff and Susan Turnbough were excited to see the woman receive Christ as Savior. She and her husband attended a Sunday night service at the Villalba church in a suburb of Madrid, Spain, and she made her decision following the service.

On the following Tuesday during their regular Bible study, the man also wanted to pray. Now, the couple is quite concerned about their 17-year-old son.

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