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*Fred Warner has been named director of church ministries for foreign missions.*

## **Richards Baptizes Nine from Agnibilekrou Area**

*Ivory Coast*—Five ladies and four fellows were baptized by Norman Richards in Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, on November 23.

According to Norman, three people received Christ during the Sunday services of January 4 and 11. On Friday afternoon, January 9, Bessie Richards was able to lead a young man to Christ at the reading room.

Norman reports that his own diabetic condition has been well under control since his return to the Ivory Coast.

## **Fred Warner Assumes Church Ministries Role**

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Fred Warner, Arkansas home missionary and well-known pastor/evangelist, has accepted the position of director of church ministries for foreign missions beginning May 18. Fred served 12 years on the Board of Foreign Missions. He was replaced last year at the National Association in Tulsa, Okla., since he was ineligible for reelection.

Warner assumes the new position, which has been created in place of the office of associate director, with plans to expand the stateside ministries to help pastors and local churches better understand and actively participate in world outreach. He will be in charge of missionary deputational ministries, missionary conference planning, pastor's conference arrangements, missionary support development, etc.

Fred and his wife, Rachel, have four

children: Jon, age 22; Mark, age 21; Joan, age 19; and Jennifer, age 16. They have ministered in a mission church at Siloam Springs, Ark., since 1982 until the present. This was a project of the State Missions Board of Arkansas Free Will Baptists.

Warner has served as a full-time evangelist and has held pastorates in Ashland City, Tenn., North Little Rock and Russellville, Ark., and Albany, Ga. He served five years as promotional director for Arkansas Free Will Baptists.

## **Brazilian Elected Pastor of Jaboticabal Church**

*Brazil*—According to a report from missionary Jim Cowart in Brazil, the Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal has officially elected Jeancarlo Ache as pastor. Jeancarlo recently graduated with a bachelor of theology degree from the Bible College and Institute of Ribeirao Preto.

Jim Cowart resigned as pastor of the church in light of plans to leave the field in mid-February (see "Cowarts Resign").

The church recently decided to buy a parsonage to house the new pastor who will assume responsibility for the church at the beginning of April.

## **Griffin Lands in Japan, Enters Language Study**

*Japan*—Miss Debbie Griffin, missionary appointee to Japan, left the United States on December 2 for Tokyo where she has entered language study. She has already been involved in some of the church activities in the Tokyo area.

Debbie was commissioned to service on November 23 at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Ga. Bill Robinson is the pastor.

## **4,386 Languages Now Have Access to the Gospel**

*Los Angeles, Calif.*—Some portion of the Scriptures is available in almost 1,700 languages. Some of these languages also have Christian radio and TV, while at least another 4,000 language groups have access to the gospel only through the spoken word of a live person or a gospel recording.

According to Gospel Recordings, based in Los Angeles, Calif., the recording of four additional languages

makes the gospel now available on phonograph record or cassette in 4,386 languages. The most recent peoples to receive the gospel recorded in their own language are those speaking Jangkang, Jawan, Mdau, and Uut Danum. All of these are in Indonesia.

## **Payne Returns After 10 Weeks in Ivory Coast**

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Missionary Eddie Payne spent 10 weeks at the end of 1986 in Ivory Coast ministering and videotaping Christian activities on the field. He returned to the United States on December 12.

Payne conducted seminars on Free Will Baptist church history at Bouna and Doropo. He had an average of 10 students at each station.

Eddie reported having videotaped segments in 14 villages and stated that he had been in contact with over 1,000 Christians in these villages. He expressed praise that many are being saved through the witness of laymen in these villages.

## **St. Nazaire Hosts 95 for Special Christmas Program**

*France*—"Our annual Christmas program was held December 14 in the restaurant of one of our members," writes Jerry Gibbs from St. Nazaire, France. Ninety-five people attended the special event, the most the church has ever had for anything.

"There were a lot of unsaved folks there," Gibbs noted. "We had a playlet and songs by the children, an adult choir, a solo by Patty McCullough, a slide presentation by a church member, and a dramatic reading by the youth group."

Jerry requested prayer that they might be able to reach some of these people with the gospel. He also revealed that the church had started a special building fund and had already accumulated approximately \$2,500.

## **Pagans Burn Church in Appimadom, Ivory Coast**

*Ivory Coast*—A recent report from missionary Jerry Pinkerton in the Ivory Coast revealed that the Free Will Baptist church in Appimadom had been burned by pagans.

A mother had sought to force her daughter, a Christian girl, to submit to a pagan sacrifice. "The Christians



tried to get her out of the village but got caught," Jerry relayed. "We went out to try to persuade them to let the girl go with us. They refused. Later that night four fellows who had threatened to burn the church down did just that."

The latest reports indicated that the governor of that region had ordered the villagers to rebuild the church and have it ready for services in three days. Pinkerton indicated the church had still not been rebuilt after two weeks.

Jerry goes to Appimadoum regularly on Wednesday and Friday nights as well as Sunday mornings.

### PRAYER TIME for Concerned Christians

**Spain**—Dennis Owen requests prayer for **Miguel Angel**, a man from the store next to the Mostoles church. Dennis is studying the Bible with him. Pray that Miguel will "see" Christ through the eyes of John, the gospel writer.

**Japan**—Pray for **Mrs. Isoyama** who has been studying the Bible in the home of **Ken and Judy Bailey** in a suburb of Tokyo. She heard the Bible read for the first time in the Bailey home. Also pray for Mr. Sato who laughs when hearing the Bible read.

**India**—**Marie Hanna's father, Mr. Chester Wright** of St. Louis, Mo., is in very poor health and Marie has had to return to the U.S. in order to care for him. Pray that God might intervene.

**France**—The church in **Lorient, France**, needs a larger meeting place. Pray that God would provide a place to rent. Also pray for **Jeanine Coche** and **Madame Lucas**, two unsaved women in the Lorient area. Missionaries have been seeking to win them to Christ.

**Japan**—**Pastor Kawasaki** of Kita Hiroshima, Japan, has been bedfast with kidney problems. Jerry Banks requested prayer that the Japanese leader might recover without a long hospitalization.

**Panama**—**Priscilla Incoe** had a flare-up of rheumatic fever in December and was bedridden for several days with a low grade fever. Doctors were treating her with penicillin.



Wade Parker (right), pastor of Tippet's Chapel FWB Church in Clayton, N.C., greets Enrique Lopez and his wife, Mari Jose, Christians from Mostoles, Spain.

### Cowarts Victimized Again in Brazil by Burglar

**Brazil**—According to a recent report from Brazil, a burglar broke into the home of Jim and Karen Cowart one night in late December while the family was asleep. The thief took a camera, some personal items, a cassette recorder, and a calculator. The house had been burglarized on several occasions previously but generally when nobody was at home.

Jim noted that authorities in Jaboticabal suspect an individual in town who has been committing robbery in recent weeks. They indicated the man was armed and considered quite dangerous. The Cowarts expressed praise to God that no one had been harmed.

### 35 Saved in November Campaign at Bouna, I.C.

**Ivory Coast**—A special evangelistic campaign was held in Bouna, Ivory Coast, during the last week in November. Attendance averaged between 400 and 500 each night.

According to missionary Eddie Payne, the meeting lasted six nights and was held in the church building at Bouna. The Christians were challenged to bring at least five people with them each evening.

A film was shown each night, followed by a brief testimony by one of the Christians in the church. An invitation was extended and 35 first-time decisions for Christ were registered during the week. Follow-up classes

have been started by the young men who operate the reading room in Bouna.

The first convert of the meeting was a 19-year-old Arab Muslim girl from Paris, France, who was visiting one of the members of the church in Bouna.

### Villalba Witness Cited as Answer to Prayer

**Spain**—Missionary Jeff Turnbough was praising the Lord recently as a university student came to his house asking for help in English. When given a choice of books from which to study, the young man chose a Bible storybook.

Jeff had prayed specifically for the Lord to bring someone into his life with whom he could have a witness.

Turnbough also reported plans for an evangelistic campaign in Villalba for the end of January or February. A second campaign is scheduled for July.

### Spanish Couple Visits North Carolina Church

**Clayton, N.C.**—A Christian couple from Mostoles, Spain, visited Tippet's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton, N.C., on December 31, 1986.

Enrique Lopez and his wife, Mari Jose, from the Mostoles FWB Church came to the United States to visit their daughter, Mari Jose, who is attending a Christian school in Raleigh, N.C. Enrique gave his testimony at Tippet's Chapel while missionary Ron Callaway translated.



## Bunch Merges Two Works, Baptizes Two Converts

**Panama**—Missionary Stanley Bunch recently revealed the combining of two new works to form a congregation of approximately 22 people. After starting a work in La Pasera, Bunch encountered a group in a neighboring town of Montero. They asked him to hold services with them.

Stan has rented a house in Montero and has purchased 35 chairs to use in the new work. He baptized two new converts on January 18 and indicated several others would be ready for baptism soon.

Bunch requested prayer for the group which was started through efforts of a Pentecostal woman preacher.

The Bunches also reported a teenage boy from La Pasera had received Christ as Savior recently in their home.

## Mayhew Recovering in U.S. Following "Heart Attack"

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Archie Mayhew, mission board member on special assignment as missionary to Ivory Coast, suffered a severe "heart attack" in mid-December while laboring at Tanda. He and Sarah arrived in the United States on December 27 and Archie was admitted to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., on December 29.

Since he was diagnosed as having some problem with the pancreas, Mayhew was unaware he had suffered the coronary. X rays had been sent to the United States for analysis, and doctors advised Archie to come to the States for a C.T. scan.

When doctors examined Archie on his entrance to Vanderbilt, an electrocardiogram indicated he had suffered



*Jim and Karen Cowart have resigned from service in Brazil to enter missionary aviation.*

a coronary or was in the process at the time. They rushed him to intensive care and monitored his heart during the next several days. An angiogram showed a complete blockage of the left interior descending artery and 20 percent loss (damage) of the heart muscle function, but doctors agreed that surgery was not indicated.

Following the heart catheterization for the angiogram, a blood clot developed in Archie's right leg and stopped circulation to the foot. He was rushed to the operating room for immediate surgery to remove a blood clot approximately nine inches in length. Blood thinner was administered and Archie recovered. He was released from the hospital on January 16, but his activities will be very limited for at least three months.

## Cowarts Resign to Join Missionary Flying Program

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Jim and Karen Cowart, missionaries to Brazil, have submitted their resignation from missionary service with the Board of Foreign Missions after two terms of service. They report having an abiding and growing conviction that the Lord is directing them into missionary aviation.

The Cowarts returned to the United States on February 17 after completing their second term with the Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal. They plan to join a missionary aviation program later this year.

Jim and Karen were commended by the missionary staff for their work in Jaboticabal and for leading the church to call a Brazilian to head the work after their departure.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Brazil**—According to a report from Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, the young people of the First Free Will Baptist Church were in charge of a special service on Sunday, November 30. Four people were baptized following the service.

**Japan**—A special Bible Conference was held on November 24 at Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in Japan. The conference met in conjunction with the Tokyo church. Mr. Shimada, a Bible school professor, preached two messages on the Christian life.

**Brazil**—According to missionary Louis Coscia in Uberaba, Brazil, a mother stood during a recent Sunday morning service and testified, "It has been one year since God healed my son of cancer. I thank Him and praise His name for this miracle of healing." This was the answer to a prayer request the Coscias had shared with people during their furlough.

**India**—Some 200 women gathered in North India in late December to participate in a ladies' retreat. Men attended the evening sessions and the Sunday morning worship. According to Marie Hanna, the majority of those participating were young mothers.

**Japan**—The regular Hokkaido Free Will Baptist New Year's Association Meeting was held at the new Koinonia Free Will Baptist Church on Janu-

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## Financial Summary

### Through January 31

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|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total income for January            | \$ 202,598.67         |
| Total disbursements for January     | 222,654.48            |
| Projected income for January        | 279,908.33            |
| Total 1987 Budget                   | <b>\$3,358,900.00</b> |
| Total ADVANCE gifts through January | 179,350.88            |
| 1987 ADVANCE Budget                 | <b>160,000.00</b>     |

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total income for 1986        | \$2,828,032.23        |
| Total disbursements for 1986 | 3,052,747.57          |
| Total 1986 Budget            | <b>\$2,976,884.00</b> |

#### \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

|               |             |              |                    |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Bailey        | \$ 4,303.40 | Lee          | \$ 6,136.19        |
| Barnard       | 1,300.00    | McCullough   | 3,411.23           |
| Combs         | 1,480.82    | Mayhew       | 748.38             |
| Crosby        | 1,230.69    | Miley        | 3,137.64           |
| Eagleton, Ken | 959.77      | Murray       | 4,213.71           |
| Ellison       | 1,584.14    | Nichols      | 8,259.76           |
| Gibbs         | 4,615.88    | Sturgill     | 2,027.97           |
| Gilliland     | 50.68       | Willey       | 1,394.89           |
| Hanna         | 1,317.85    | Wilson       | 884.00             |
| Hersey        | 2,084.14    | General Fund | 2,039.23           |
| Inscoe        | 2,213.36    |              |                    |
| Total         |             |              | <b>\$53,393.73</b> |

## NOTICE

### Regarding Trust Fund

Those wishing to contribute to the Foreign Missions Trust Fund should send checks payable to the Free Will Baptist Foundation and designated "Foreign Missions Trust Account." Checks may be sent directly through the cooperative channel or the foreign missions department as long as they are designated to the "Foreign Missions Trust Account."





Dr. Lars B. Dunberg (behind podium), international executive director of Living Bibles International, leads a prayer of dedication over Scripture booklets to be distributed through the "Calcutta, We Care" project.

## Scripture Distribution Is Launched in Calcutta

**India**—A three-year Scripture distribution project called "Calcutta, We Care" began with dedication ceremonies in Calcutta on November 2. The project calls for distribution of 3,000,000 Scripture booklets to literate slum dwellers and factory workers.

The distribution project is a cooperative effort of a variety of Christian organizations including 45 local Indian churches, several local Bible colleges and seminaries, Calcutta Mission of Mercy, etc.

## Mini Reports

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ary 10 and 11. The meeting concluded with a church dedication service and open house for the community.

**France**—"I just never thought he would become a Christian," a member of the Lorient church recently told Steve Riggs following the conversion of her husband. Every Thursday Steve and the couple spend time together studying the gospel of John.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions, had three more grandchildren

added to his family in November and December. Daughter Teresa Zastrow had a six-pound, eight-ounce daughter, Katrina, on November 16. Don's oldest daughter, Judy Smith, delivered twin boys by Caesarean section on December 20. Casey weighed five pounds, eight ounces, and Christopher weighed five pounds, 15 ounces.

**Panama**—Missionary Larry Inscow expressed praise that 20 professions of faith had been recorded in the area of Las Tablas during the previous quarter. Most of these were adults and teens. Larry requested prayer as he seeks to lead them in a new convert's Bible class and prepare them for baptism.

**Greeneville, Tenn.**—Nelle Woolsey, wife of former missionary Paul Woolsey, died on December 14 in Greeneville, Tenn. She had been diagnosed as having inoperable cancer. Mrs. Woolsey and her husband served one term in India. They were foster parents of Trula Cronk, former missionary to India. Trula's husband, Dan Cronk, is a foreign missions board member. Mr. Woolsey is confined to a nursing home in east Tennessee.



Nelle Woolsey, missionary to India from 1947 to 1952, died recently in Greeneville, Tenn.

**Uruguay**—According to a January report from the Walter Ellisons, the postal strike in Uruguay has been settled. Missionaries there have not received mail since some time in September of last year.

**Ivory Coast**—"We all lined up today for gamma globulin shots," writes Neil Gilliland from Bouake, Ivory Coast. "We received a laboratory report on one of our boys yesterday confirming a moderate to severe case of hepatitis."

**Spain**—Steve and Linda Reeves finished their first session of language

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## TEAGUES MUST GO IN JUNE

Every son needs a "mom" and "dad"! Jim and Evelyn Teague will fill that role for approximately 19 boys who may be hundreds of miles from their missionary parents. With the Neil Gillilands returning to the U.S. for furlough in July of 1987, Jim and Evelyn need to leave the States in early June 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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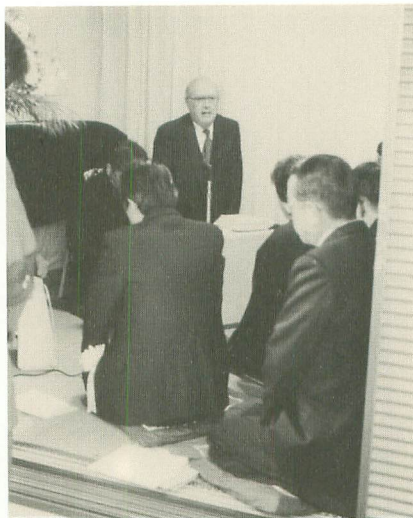
study on December 19. Steve has been selected to help some young men from the Free Will Baptist churches in Spain as they start a newspaper for the churches.

**Minford, Ohio**—Miss Cathy Crawford has been delayed further as she awaits her visa for France. At press time (mid-February) she had not received her documents. Christians have been urged to pray that these papers would be expedited so she can return to France.

**Kingsport, Tenn.**—A special Christmas offering totaling \$10,695 was received by the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tenn. John and Pansy Murray, Walter and Marcia Ellison, Jim and Olena McLain, Don and Billie Sexton, and Carlisle and Marie Hanna benefited from this special offering. Winston Sweeney, father of missionary Dawn Sweeney in France, pastors the church.

**Brazil**—Several students graduated from the Bible College and Institute of Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, on December 14: Ieda da Silva and Dr. Cesar Moura graduated from the basic Bible course, Jose Laurito graduated from the pastoral theology course, and Jeancarlo Ache graduated from the bachelor of theology program.

**Japan**—According to missionary Jim McLain, two out of the three young men who were saved and baptized last year in the Higashi Tsukisamu church in a suburb of Sapporo, Japan, have surrendered to go into full-time work for the Lord.



Fred Hersey (center) preaches a "Christian funeral" in Japan for Mrs. Han Hanafuji, his third funeral in 1986.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole arrived in the United States from Brazil on January 10 to begin a short furlough.

### Third Christian Funeral Held in Japan by Hersey

**Japan**—Missionary Fred Hersey has preached his third "Christian funeral" in Japan during 1986. The family of Mrs. Han Hanafuji requested Fred to conduct a funeral like the one he had held for the woman's husband in June of last year.

"We had no problem with gifts for the dead, money, flowers, etc.," writes Fred. "This was another wonderful opportunity to preach to over 100 people."

### Eagleton Returns to Brazil After Surgery

**Brazil**—Missionary Ken Eagleton left the United States on February 3 to return to his ministry in Brazil after having heart by-pass surgery at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., in October.

Following stress tests and an EKG, Ken's doctor pronounced him 100 percent well.

### Conversions, Growth Still Mark Kita Hiroshima Work

**Japan**—"We had another lady decide this past week that she wanted to be a Christian," writes Judy Smith from Japan. "Our church has doubled in attendance this year, and it's exciting to see our people so involved in growing spiritually."

Judy has begun working with the teens in the church and has expressed plans to develop a puppet ministry among the group. They presented a Christmas production on three different occasions. "It was good, even if I do say so myself," Judy concluded.

Some of the women from the church auxiliary recently attended the first Hokkaido-wide auxiliary meeting held in Asahigawa, Japan.

### CLARIFICATION

The "From Victory Unto Victory" video cassette advertised in last month's *Heartbeat* is for use on a free-will offering basis. Inquirers interested in purchasing a copy may send a check for \$35 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling. Please indicate your desire to purchase.

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