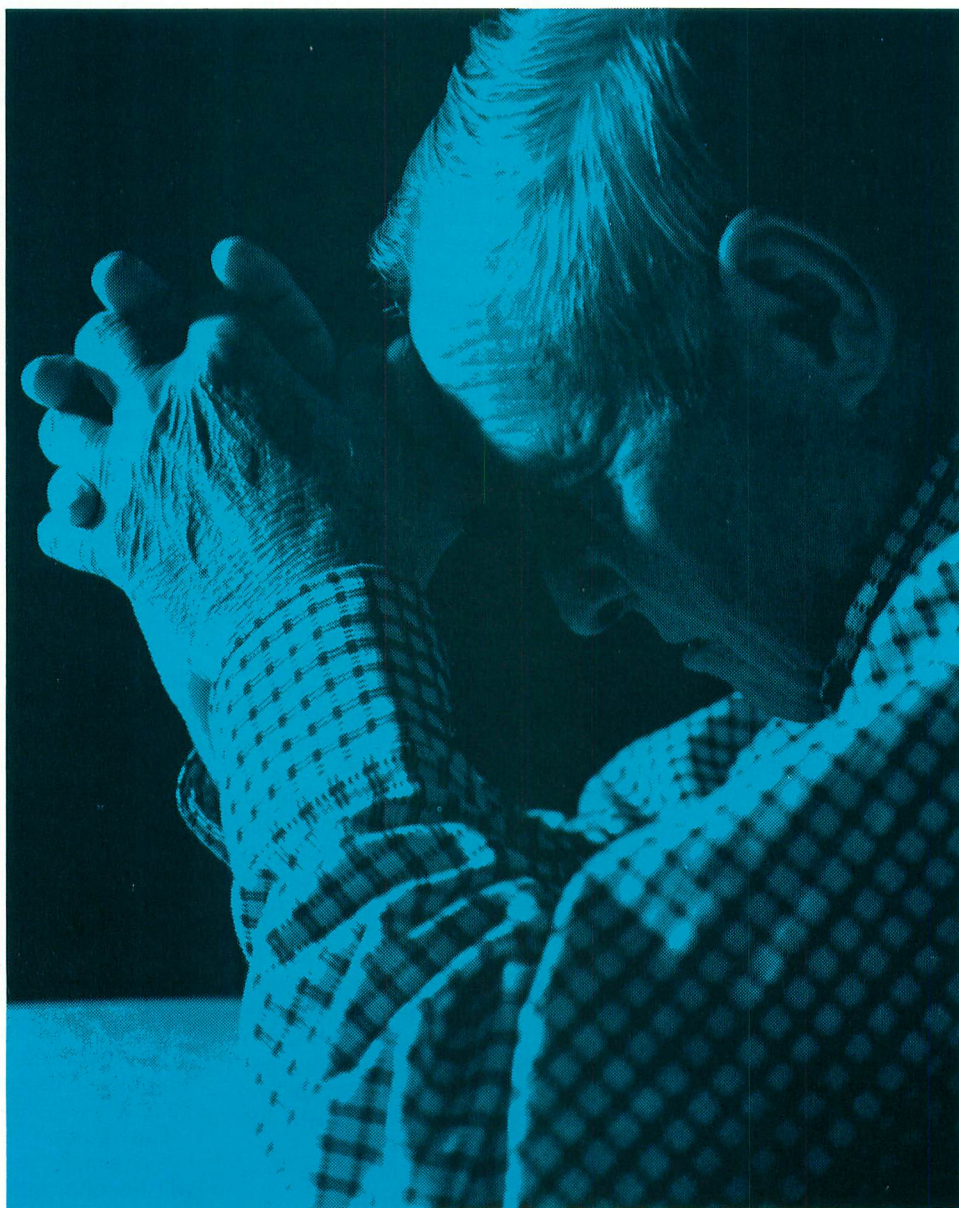


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Prayer Changes the World

Bunch Cites Professions of Faith at Montero

Panama—"We have seen several professions of faith in the last three months," writes missionary Stan Bunch from Panama. "The work in Montero has continued to be a challenge. Teaching and training these new converts is a real job."

The Bunches go to Montero every Friday and Stan preaches every other Friday. He noted that the congregation in Parita recently received a boost as they were able to rent a house for their services.

Bowlings Inaugurate New Church in Uruguay

Uruguay—The new work in Malvin Norte, a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay, was officially inaugurated on April 4, according to missionary Rick Bowling.

Paul Robinson, missionary to Rivera, Uruguay, was on hand to preach the inauguration service. Special music was presented and several young people who were involved in the market and street ministry were on hand to give their testimonies.

Rick requested prayer for the lady and man from whom they rent the building. The couple's son died recently when he was struck by lightning while he was on the beach. As far as the Bowlings know, the boy was unsaved. The occasion did give Rick and Linda the opportunity to witness to the couple about Jesus Christ and His saving power.

Lee Baptizes Seven People from Doropo FWB Church

Ivory Coast—Missionary Sherwood Lee reported in March that he had baptized seven people from the Free Will Baptist church in Doropo on the first Sunday in March. Approximately 70 people gathered on a narrow strip of grass surrounding a shallow lake a few miles south of Doropo for the special service.

Lee noted that Jerome Kambou has been elected as the leader of the Doropo church which is averaging about 125 in attendance. Jerome's duties were described as essentially that of a pastor. He is expected to enroll in the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Bouna when it opens this fall.

Sherwood also reported that con-

struction of a small mud brick church building was under way at Tsantifidouo. He indicated two teenage boys from that village had become Christians just a few weeks earlier.

Since Robert and Pam West arrived on the field they have relieved Sherwood of bookkeeping and all maintenance duties. Robert has made forms for the bricks to build the church of Tsantifidouo and is also helping with the preaching in the Doropo area. "People want to learn about Jesus and we want to teach them," Robert concluded.

Vada Lee has been holding a ladies' Bible study on the back porch of the Wests' house at Doropo. Some 21 women participate in the study. It is being conducted in Lobi.

Vada is also teaching Bible classes in two elementary schools in Doropo, with a combined enrollment of 52 for the classes.

Bishop Reports Gospel Concert in Mission Effort

Japan—Dale Bishop reported in late March that the Gospel Sounds music group held a concert at the Koinonia Church on March 14 in an effort to reach out into the neighborhood and get people acquainted with the church.

Dale, who is a part of the music group as well as pastor of the church, expressed satisfaction that 47 people came to the event, 29 adults and 18 children. Ten adults and five children were there for the first time.

Bishop also noted that a new family which recently returned from the United States had been attending services since the concert. He reports, "The wife, Mrs. Kitano, has attended Bible study and appears close to making a commitment to Christ." Her husband is a research scientist with the Japanese government and is strongly evolution oriented. Recently he confessed, "Maybe God does exist after all."

The Bishops requested prayer for this family.

Sower Bible Institute Opens in New Building

Uruguay—The Sower Bible Institute opened in Montevideo, Uruguay, on Tuesday, March 24. Latest reports indicated they were expecting 12 students to enroll.

Walter Ellison explained that the



The Sower Bible Institute has opened in its new facilities in downtown Montevideo, Uruguay.

upstairs dormitory rooms in the new institute building were housing the girls and a new boy is living in the boys' apartment. Nine of the 12 students expected to enroll are Free Will Baptists.

The new Bible institute building was dedicated in December when former missionary Bill Fulcher traveled to Uruguay for the special occasion.

Over \$4,000 Needed for Hospital Equipment

Nashville, Tenn— According to information received from Ivory Coast, needed hospital equipment for Doropo has been ordered as follows:

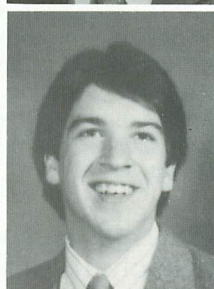
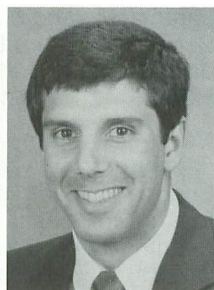
Infant Patient Scale	\$ 60.00
Patient Heart Monitor	475.00
Oxygen Concentrator	620.00
X Ray Accessory Package	2,200.00
Shipping Charges	720.00
Total	\$4,125.00

Earl Larson, treasurer-administrative assistant, declared, "These costs will be charged to Ivory Coast missionary accounts unless donors respond to this need."

In addition to these items, the hospital needs two 7,500 BTU (220 volt) air conditioners to finish the surgery block at the hospital. These are to be purchased in the U.S. and sent to the field with a missionary.



Student missionaries scheduled to spend part of the summer on various fields include (front row, left to right) Vicky Christy, Sharon Justice, Corinna Robertson, (back row) Greta Lambert, Suzanne Franks, Dave Franks, and Rebecca Franks. Pictured individually, (top) Jeff Black and (bottom) Kevin Crawford.



Student Missionaries to Spend Summer Abroad

Nashville, Tenn.—Nine student missionaries are scheduled to depart during May to spend 10 weeks during the summer on various mission fields.

Among those serving are Corinna Robertson, with the Jim Sturgills, Campinas, Brazil, and Dave Jr. and Rebecca Franks, helping Dave and Pat Franks in Barbacena.

Jeff Black is to work with Jeff and Susan Turnbough in Villalba, Spain, and Vicky Christy will help Dennis and Trena Owen in Mostoles.

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

Kevin Crawford is to work with Stan and Brenda Bunch in Montero, Panama, while Sharon Justice is to help Larry and Priscilla Inscoe in Las Tablas.

New Iriso Building Provides More Prospects

Japan—"Mrs. Gomi from the neighborhood has been attending the Tuesday Bible study," writes Fred Hersey from Japan. The new church building for the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church has opened the door for many new contacts.

Fred has requested prayer for Mr. Murooka who is unsaved. His wife, Mrs. Murooka, and their son, Toyohiro,

attended Wednesday night prayer meeting recently. The boy is looking forward to baptism this year. His sister, 13 years of age, also professes to be saved.

Three Baptized in Araras by Eagleton in March

Brazil—Missionary Ken Eagleton reported plans to baptize three people in Araras, Brazil, on March 29. He also indicated a young married couple was beginning preparation for baptism some time later.

Eagleton requested prayer for the Brazil Association of Free Will Baptist Churches as they make plans to establish a seminary and Bible institute for all the churches in Brazil. They are currently planning to begin the institute at Evangelandia (the youth camp property) in Jaboticabal. A theological council of five members has been elected to do the planning and was scheduled to meet on April 25 for their first session.

HELP WANTED

Chatham, N.J.—Trans World Radio has career as well as short-term overseas positions for engineers, teachers (kindergarten through eight), and secretaries. For details, individuals should contact the Candidate Secretary at Trans World Radio's headquarters in Chatham, N.J.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Uruguay—Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Bowling of Winfield, Ala., parents of missionary Rick Bowling, visited with Rick and Linda and the children in Uruguay during part of February and March.

Spain—Missionaries Dennis and Trena Owen and Lynn Midgett have requested prayer for Angel, a Spanish taxi driver in his early fifties, who came in to the mid-week service at Mostoles, Spain, recently. The man asked, "How does a human being become good enough to know God personally?" Dennis shared many Scripture verses for over an hour, but Angel departed unconvinced that man could approach God without first making himself "presentable" through good works.

Brazil—"The year began for the Barbacena church with God blessing us," writes Dave Franks. "The first Sunday night a young mother accepted Christ. The next Sunday a young boy was saved. We would rejoice to see this continue throughout the year."

Moore, Okla.—Cindy Combs, daughter of missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs, underwent reconstructive surgery on her feet on March 31 in Moore, Okla. Former missionaries Sam and June Wilkinson cared for her during the time of recovery. Sam is a missions professor at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

Modesto, Calif.—Mrs. Lucy Lovett, mother of former Ivory Coast missionary Sarah Mayhew, was listed in critical condition in mid-April following a

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Financial Summary Through March 31 Substance

Total income for March	\$ 214,864.69
Total income through March	639,892.48
Total disbursements through March	238,970.83
Projected income through March	839,725.00
Total 1987 Budget	\$3,358,900.00
Advance receipts through March	\$ 38,565.73
1987 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 160,000.00

\$ Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Barnard	\$ 1,500.00	McCullough	\$ 5,430.94
Bishop	380.36	Miley	11.24
Combs	2,053.06	Murray	3,490.63
Crosby	4,795.44	Nichols	3,758.32
Filkins	2,608.52	Sparks	1,187.46
Hersey	1,322.07	Sturgill	2,856.62
Inscoe	847.53	Wiley	2,040.62
Lee	7,448.18	Wilson	1,020.00
Mayhew	21,850.12	General Fund	8,329.02
Total			\$70,930.13

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heart attack and doctors did not expect her to live.

Turkey—Turkey's population has increased by six million during the past five years. It now stands at 51.4 million. Only 750 evangelical Christians are to be found in this Islamic republic.

Vietnam—According to World Relief of Canada, three Vietnamese pastors, imprisoned since 1983, have been released.

Laurinburg, N.C.—"Twenty-five people have been converted since we left Uberlandia, Brazil, in July," write Tom and Nancy Hughes who are in the United States for furlough. "Six couples from the church family were married," they related.

Blaine, Ky.—Both Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson were hospitalized for a time during March and April in Ashland, Ky. The doctor believes Ledgel's problem may be related to gall bladder, but the X ray showed an inflammation in the liver. Sharon reentered the hospital suffering from nausea and abdominal pain. She had undergone surgery just a month earlier.

Nashville, Tenn.—Mrs. Ruth Hersey, mother of missionary Fred Hersey, died on April 1 of a massive stroke. She was 94 years of age. Fred returned to the States from Japan for the funeral which was held April 4 in Nashville. Burial was in Chicago, Ill.

Panama—Missionaries Stan and Brenda Bunch write from Panama: "We have been doubly blessed in the past few months." In November Stan's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Bunch of Berryville, Ark., visited them. Brenda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Selvey of Liberal, Mo., were with them in March.

Nashville, Tenn.—An emergency appendectomy was performed on R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, during the early morning hours of April 14 in Nashville's Baptist Hospital. Waddell had just returned from a trip to Ivory Coast and had suffered from preliminary symptoms of appendicitis while there. He is recuperating normally at home and is rejoicing that God spared him from facing the emergency in the Ivory Coast.

Portugal Responsive to Preaching of the Gospel

Portugal—Portugal, known as the "third world of Europe," has a population of 10 million people. Ninety-four percent is Roman Catholic and less than one percent is evangelical.

Recent rulings allowing for religious freedom and separation of church and state have opened the nation for Protestant missionary work.

Missionaries working there report more response to the gospel than either Spain or France.

Appimadoum Church Still Not Rebuilt

Ivory Coast—Carol Pinkerton reported in March that the bamboo church which had been burnt in Appimadoum, Ivory Coast, still was not rebuilt even though the village was told by a government official to do so. The girl, Naomi, who had been mis-

treated in the ordeal leading to the fire, is reported to be fine. Carol noted, "The Christians there are stronger. Persecution often brings real growth."

Jerry and Carol are scheduled to leave the Ivory Coast on July 24 to begin their furlough. Their son, Jerry Jr., will be married on August 1 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Judy Smith Organizes Teenage Puppet Ministry

Japan—Miss Judy Smith, who is working in the Kita Hiroshima church and the Ai No Sato work along with Pastor Kawasaki, has organized a teenage puppet ministry.

According to Judy, the group was scheduled to present a show, "The Upper Room," at four different places for Easter.

She has also been involved in teaching cooking classes again and noted that 50 ladies were on the roll. "This month I'm teaching how to bake a 'friendship cake' so we've chosen that theme." Brother Kawasaki was scheduled to bring a devotion on friendship.

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