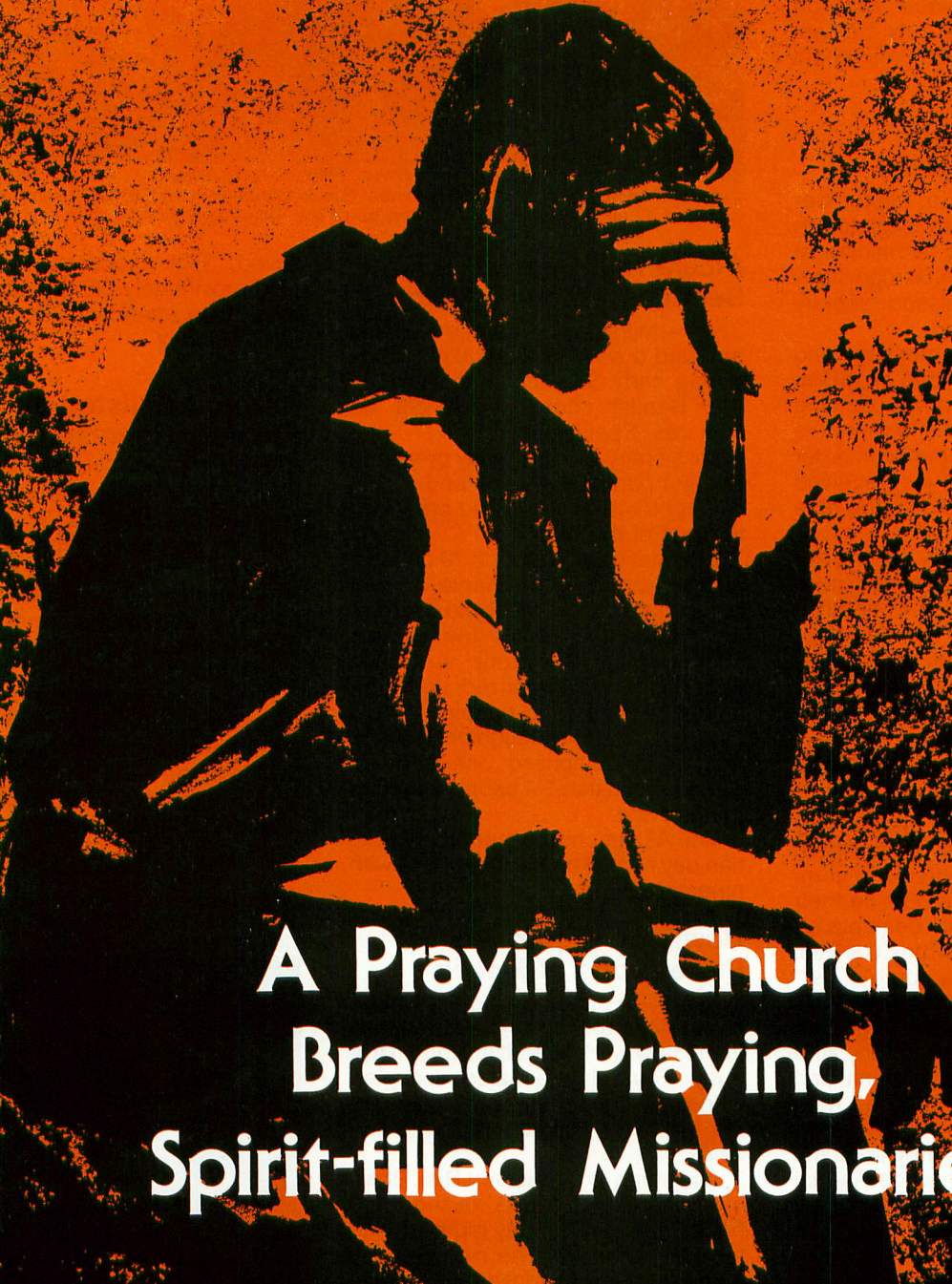


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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



A Praying Church
Breeds Praying,
Spirit-filled Missionaries

Bunches Locate House, Plan Move to Chitre

Panama—Missionaries Stan and Brenda Bunch reported recently that they had located a house in the city of Chitre, Panama, and were to move shortly thereafter. They have been developing the works in Parita and Montero while considering the move to Chitre.

"We had the first evangelical communion and feet-washing service ever in Parita last night," wrote Stan on September 20. "It was truly a blessing to wash the feet of an 84-year-old brother."

Necessary Discipline Leaves Clinic in Need

France—According to a September report from Dr. Kenneth Eagleton in France, the laboratory technician at the hospital and clinic in Doropo, Ivory Coast, had to be dismissed recently on moral charges.

Eagleton relayed the message and added, "We were counting on a Brazilian lab technician who was planning to go to Ivory Coast for a few months next year at her own expense in order to train someone, but I just received a letter saying she would not be able to go."

The missionaries are looking for someone who can be trained as a technician. The expenses for sending a national away to be trained would have to come from the missionary accounts, so Christians are urged to pray that God would meet this need.

Communications Hindered as Floods Hit India

India—According to missionary Carlisle Hanna, floods in northern India have caused problems in communication with people outside their area. "It seems we have been cut off for such a long time," writes Carlisle. "The floods continue south of us," Hanna adds. "Reports indicate it will take at least three months to get the roads and rail lines back on any kind of schedule. Now a dam burst and there are fresh floods between here and Calcutta."

The Hannas noted they had not received a newspaper since August 14. Many people have lost what they had and crops and houses have been destroyed. Carlisle stated that along with this problem, food is very expensive and in short supply.



Left to right, Dennis Owen, Miranda Owen, Felix, Senora Alejandra, and Jeff Turnbough prepare for a baptismal service on September 6 in Alcalá de Henares, Spain. Lonnie Sparks also baptized a convert during the joint service of the Alcalá and Villalba churches.

Alcalá Has Special Services; Baptism Held

Spain—Missionary Lonnie Sparks reported a week of special meetings during early September at the Free Will Baptist church in Alcalá de Henares, Spain.

Missionary Ron Callaway preached the first part of the week and a missionary friend from Ireland preached the rest of the time.

Attendance was around 70 on most nights, according to Lonnie. A joint baptismal service was held on Sunday, September 6, as the Villalba church joined the group at Alcalá. Four people were baptized: Jeff Turnbough baptized two people, Dennis Owen baptized his daughter Miranda, and Lonnie baptized one convert. Sparks noted that 114 people attended that service.

The Alcalá church started a Christian day school on September 15 with nine students.

Bowlings Report Six Professions at Malvin

Uruguay—A pair of adults made professions of faith in Christ recently in the new work at Malvin Norte, Uruguay. Four children also accepted Christ through the puppet ministry of the Bowlings' children, Michelle and Chris.

According to missionary Rick Bowling, "Juan and Marta raised their hands during a Sunday night service requesting prayer. The next Sunday night, Juan came forward to receive Christ into his heart. Marta was also

saved," Rick explained.

Approximately 20 to 40 children have been attending Sunday school each Sunday.

Bernard Enlisted as Projects Representative

Nashville, Tenn.—The Department of Foreign Missions has announced the approval of Reverend Dewey C. Bernard of Church Hill, Tenn., to serve in his region as "Special Projects Representative," in an effort to raise funds to complete payment for the Bible institute building recently purchased in Uruguay.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director, stated, "Brother Bernard is a retired pastor who has given much of his life in the service of the Lord. We appreciate men who willingly offer their services to advance world missions outreach."

Dewey Bernard of Church Hill, Tenn., will serve as "Special Projects Representative" for foreign missions.





Children from the junior church of Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church in Ardmore, Okla., display an oversized check for \$866.16 representing their offering of a "mile of pennies for missions."

Children Raise "Mile of Pennies for Missions"

Ardmore, Okla.—Children from the junior church of Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church in Ardmore, Okla., recently completed a project in which they raised \$866.16 for missions.

According to Pastor Leroy Holman, the children set a goal to raise a "mile of pennies for missions." Calculations revealed that a mile of pennies would be close to \$800.

Through various fund-raising efforts such as bike-a-thons, bake sales, slave sales, VBS offerings, etc., the children were able to come up with the total of \$866.16 to be divided equally between the accounts of Dennis Teague and home missionary Howard Gwartney.

An oversized check to Free Will Baptist Missions was presented in the church on Sunday morning, September 20.

Committee Says Palmer Charges Unsubstantiated

Nashville, Tenn.—"After reviewing the available materials, statements, and interviews with the accused and accuser, the committee has found charges against present and former missionaries to be unsubstantiated," stated Dr. Melvin Worthington, chairman of a special study committee.

The special committee, formed through action of the Board of Foreign Missions, was commissioned to look into charges against several current and former Ivory Coast missionaries. Former missionary Lonnie Palmer, who is presently serving indepen-

dently in the Ivory Coast, made the charges.

In a meeting held October 5-7 at the national offices building in Nashville, Tenn., the committee unanimously concluded in their preliminary report that charges lodged against missionary Clint Morgan were unsubstantiated. The committee is scheduled to meet with the Board of Foreign Missions in its December 2-4 session to detail findings and discuss plans for the completion of its task. The five-man group had already concluded in a July meeting that charges against Lynn Miley, Dr. LaVerne Miley, and Bill Jones were not justified.

Based on all evidence examined, the committee agreed that scriptural principles laid down in Matthew 18:15-17, Galatians 6:1-3, Deuteronomy 19:15, 1 Timothy 5:19, and 1 Corinthians 13:1 had not been followed in seeking to resolve this problem.

Members of the special committee include Dr. Worthington, executive secretary of the National Association, Dean Dobbs of North Carolina, Earl Hendrix of South Carolina, Clarence Burton of Missouri, and Jack Richey of Oklahoma. The members named were verbally acceptable to the men who requested the investigation in May.

FWB Youth Take Aim for Uruguay Institute

Nashville, Tenn.—Free Will Baptist Youth Active In Missions (AIM) have been challenged to raise \$10,000 to help complete the cost for purchasing the Bible institute building in Mon-

tevideo, Uruguay.

According to Jim Lauthern, director of youth ministries division of Randall House Publications, October was designated as AIM Commitment Month. Youth were challenged to get their commitments returned in October with a goal of raising the actual cash committed by July 8, 1988. Special recognition of those involved in the project is to be given at the 1988 National Youth Conference in Kansas City, Mo. The project has been designated "AIM for Uruguay."

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Bixby, Okla.—Missionary Judy Bryan entered the hospital in Tulsa, Okla., on October 5 for a bunioneectomy. She spent three days in the hospital and surgery went as expected.

Ivory Coast—A September report from Jim and Evelyn Teague in Bouake, Ivory Coast, revealed that Evelyn encountered a spitting cobra under her kitchen table recently. "Her scream frightened it, our wash boy killed it, and in three days we were back to normal," writes Jim.

Japan—Missionaries to Japan were scheduled to meet for their annual field council session November 2-6 in Hokkaido.

Brazil—According to missionary Bobby Poole, the construction on the church building in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, has been stopped for some time but a recent gift from a sister church

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Financial Summary

Through September 30

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Total income for September	\$ 217,624.61
Total income through September	2,080,355.12
Total disbursements through September	2,300,066.70
Projected income through September	2,519,174.97
Total 1987 Budget	\$3,358,900.00
Advance receipts through September	\$ 126,081.94
1987 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 160,000.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	\$ 3,491.79	Hersey	\$ 7,321.36
Barnard	100.00	McCullough	7,798.30
Bishop	7,827.28	Morgan	3,879.36
Bryan	1,124.47	Murray	4,963.32
Combs	7,139.91	Nichols	6,074.48
Cowart	480.64	Owen	4,517.64
Crosby	10,679.41	Payne	5,352.99
Crowson	3,887.00	Richards	2,212.60
Ellison	10,906.74	Smith, J.	5,443.29
Filkins	5,542.30	Sparks	5,756.72
Franks	563.11	Sturgill	9,688.46
Gibbs	6,958.43	Willey	3,485.84
Gilliland	2,285.59	Wilson	68.00
Hanna	11,135.54	General Fund	6,337.91
Total			\$145,022.48

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has made possible the purchase of all the blocks for the basement. Construction should be resumed shortly.

Japan—Missionary Debbie Griffin, who was between terms in language study in Japan, reported having participated in several activities in the work on the island of Hokkaido recently. She helped in youth camp and worked with the puppet team, cooking class, ladies' meetings, and Sunday school. "I even tried out my Japanese in a testimony one Sunday morning," Debbie disclosed.

Nashville, Tenn.—The Richland Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., presented Ken and Judy Bailey with two love offerings recently: \$1,400 from the Sunday school department, and \$489 from the woman's auxiliary. The church had a special "Welcome Home" day for the Baileys during the first week in August. Reverend Bill Preston is the pastor.

Ivory Coast—Jimmy and Janie Aldridge went to the Ivory Coast in September to help meet the needs of an undermanned team of missionaries. The Aldridges were requested by the field council to come to the field for a few months while Jerry and Carol Pinkerton are on furlough. They have moved to Bondoukou and plan to return to the States early in 1988.

Nashville, Tenn.—Pastor Robert Morgan of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., and Herbert Peppers, a deacon of the church, visited missionaries in Uruguay and Brazil September 15-28. The church sent the pastor to minister to mission-



Missionary Jerry Gibbs receives a gift of \$52.25 from children of the beginners' Sunday school class of Second FWB Church in Ashland, Ky. Funds were designated to rebuild the Appimadom church in Ivory Coast which was burned by pagans earlier this year.

aries and churches while gaining insight to missions needs so he could share them with the congregation. Mr. Peppers accompanied Morgan at his own expense.

Japan—The Iriso and Adachi Free Will Baptist Churches in the Tokyo area have scheduled a one-day Bible conference during the third week in November.

First Conference in 17 Years Proves Fruitful

Ashland, Ky.—Second Free Will Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky., participated in the missionary conference in

that area August 27-30, their first missionary conference in 17 years.

According to Pastor Kenneth Walker, the conference "was a real success! Overall our faith promises totaled \$341 per month."

Missionaries Jerry Gibbs and John Murray from France and missionary representative Don Sexton teamed with home missionary Bill Johnson to challenge the churches toward world outreach.

On Sunday morning, August 30, Mrs. Sandra Gibbs and her beginners' Sunday school class presented \$52.25 to Jerry Gibbs (no relation). The money was designated to the Jerry Pinkerton account to help rebuild the Appimadom church in Ivory Coast which was burned earlier this year. The group used specially prepared baby food jars to save their money for two months before the conference.

Bible Institute Opens October 5 at Bouna, I.C.

Ivory Coast—The new Ivory Coast Bible Institute got under way in Bouna on October 5. Clint Morgan reported in September that nine students had enrolled.

Missionary Eddie Payne, who taught Bible institute classes before this program was started, is in the Ivory Coast at this time. He is teaching some classes and helping the formal institute get off to a good start. Mike and Deleen Cousineau and Clint and Lynette Morgan are working in the institute in addition to carrying on other ministries in and around Bouna. Jimmy Aldridge will be helping in the institute in January.

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