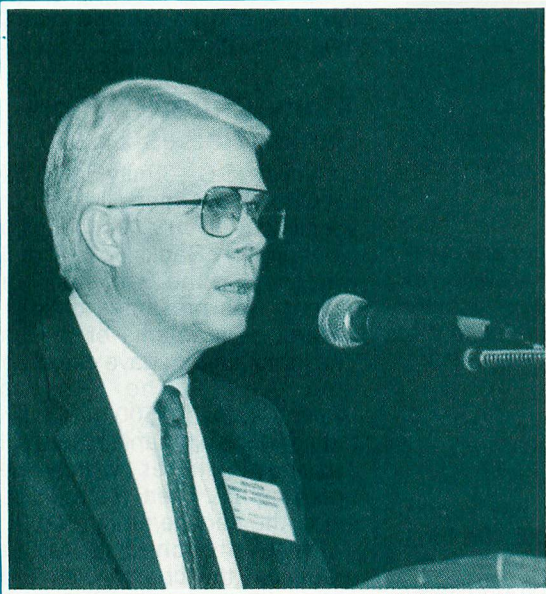


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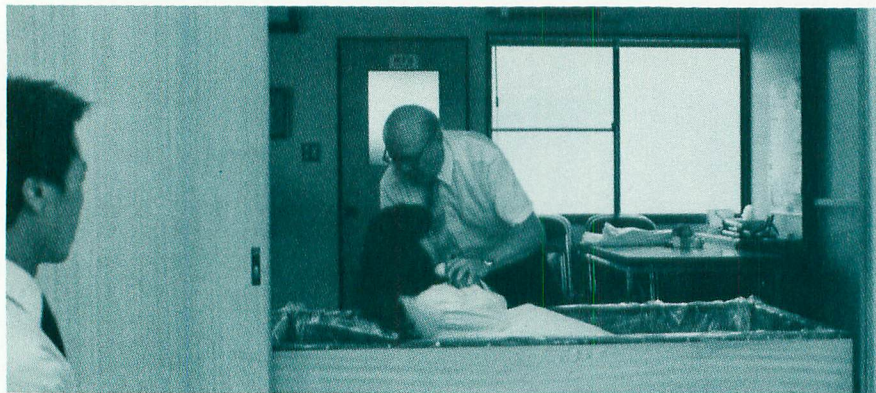
Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



Foreign Missions at the National Association



Pioneer missionaries "Mom" Mabel Willey and Laura Belle Barnard were on hand.



Fred Hersey baptizes Chiaki Murooka, one of three who were immersed during a special service in July at Iriso FWB Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan.

Hersey Holds Baptism, First in New Building

Japan—Three children were baptized in early July at the Iriso church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan. These were the first converts to be baptized in the baptistry of the new church building.

Fred baptized Akinori, son of the Bondes who have been faithful members of the church. He also immersed Chiaki and Toyohito Murooka, children of Mrs. Murooka who was saved about three years ago.

Members from the two churches in the Tokyo area, Iriso and Adachi, were scheduled for a special time of fellowship services in the mountains during August 15-17. Fred also reported special services are planned for Iriso October 16-18. He requested prayer that several homes might be reached for Christ through this effort.

California Churches Aid Martens and Leatherbury

Ontario, Calif.—Missionary appointees Jalayn Martens and Glennnda Leatherbury ministered in 20 California churches during the period of June 8-27 and received \$2,885 in cash and \$215 in faith-promise commitments.

The Ivory Coast appointees expressed praise that though they had traveled some 2,000 miles in the state, they were only required to drive 150 miles on their own. Churches cooperated to provide their transportation for services. This saved them over \$370 in mileage expenses.

Those who were responsible for arranging services in California were Pastor Bill McCarty of Ontario, Pastor Shelby Farmer of Bakersfield, and Promotional Secretary Nuel Brown of Fresno.

Martens and Leatherbury are planning to serve at the medical station at Doropo. Dr. Kenneth Eagleton recently urged people to get the ladies to the field soon since they are really needed in that ministry.

Sturgills Leave Work in Brazilian Hands

Brazil—According to a July report from Jim and Vicki Sturgill, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas, Brazil, elected Lucio, a young man from the church, to take Jim's place as pastor of the mission church in Pauliceia during the Sturgills' furlough.

Jim reported that lay pastor Sergio is doing very well in the Bandeirantes extension which he is pastoring. Sturgill says a larger building is needed for that work.

Pastor Neto of the First church appears to be doing well spiritually, but Jim indicated he is having a financial struggle due to the economic crisis in Brazil.

Christians have been urged to pray for these three national leaders during the Sturgills' absence.

Miss Corinna Robertson, student missionary, has been helping the Sturgills during the summer as they prepared to leave for furlough.

Lyttles Land in Panama Amid Political Unrest

Panama—Steve and Judy Lytle and their family arrived safely in Panama on July 20 to begin their third term of missionary service in the Betania area of Panama City. They were welcomed at the airport by over 40 members of the Betania Free Will Baptist Church.

Steve and Judy reported finding the

church "doing very well." In addition to purchasing the house which they had been renting, the church is now making plans to build an addition to the present facility.

The Lyttles located a residence about 20 minutes east of Panama City where rent is considerably cheaper. They requested special prayer for Panama and its leaders during this time of political unrest.

Trinity Church Honors Banks, Raises \$1,700

Greenville, S.C.—Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville, N.C., held a special day on July 12 in behalf of missionary Jerry Banks. A total of \$1,700 was given to the Banks account.

Jerry was presented checks from several departments of the church: The junior church gave over \$200, the teen choir—"The Resounding Praise"—raised \$500 on a five-day tour, and the woman's auxiliary had a spaghetti dinner which gained another \$125. Then, the special offering in the service amounted to \$765.

Jerry preached and Janice presented the church with a photograph of their church people in Japan.

Leroy Welch is pastor of Trinity.



Rolla Smith, left, and Marcia Ellison will teach missions courses this year at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

FWBBC Names Smith and Ellison to Teach Missions

Nashville, Tenn.—Two missions veterans—Reverend Rolla Smith and Mrs. Marcia Ellison—will teach missions courses at Free Will Baptist Bible College this year, according to Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, dean.

Mr. Smith served for 13 years as general director of the Free Will Baptist Department of Foreign Missions. Rolla also served on the Board of Foreign Missions for a combined total of 21 years. He is scheduled to teach four courses this year: Missions Principles, The Local Church and World

Missions, The Bible Basis of Missions, and Cross-Cultural Ministries.

Mrs. Ellison, who has served 23 years in Brazil and Uruguay with her husband, Walter, will teach The History of Missions and Cultural Anthropology. In addition to her B.A. degree from FWBCC, Marcia holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Tennessee and has many years of experience in church planting in the Latin culture.

Both teachers will help the college continue its missions training program, since former missionary Bobby Aycock, who taught for five years, has returned to the pastorate.

Dr. Picirilli declared he feels Smith and Ellison will continue the effective preparation of future missionaries who are training at FWBCC.

"We are pleased that Rolla Smith and Marcia Ellison will be teaching missions courses this year," he said. "Brother Rolla has had many years' experience with our missionaries. Marcia is fresh from the field of Uruguay. Together, they will give our students a unique perspective and challenge about the task and methods of world missions."

Crawford Expresses Praise for Growth of Convert

France—Having responded with gratitude for answered prayer as Made-moiselle Salansan gave her heart to Christ in February, Miss Cathy Crawford recently added a word of praise for the woman's witness for Christ.

At the weekly ladies' prayer meeting in Mademoiselle Salansan's home, Cathy was made aware of the new Christian's witness to Emily, her cleaning lady.

Cathy requested special prayer for Emily and for Mrs. Salansan's witness.

Memorial Gift Helps Ellison, Banks Accounts

Pleasant View, Tenn.—A \$1,000 memorial gift recently aided both the Walter Ellison and Jerry Banks accounts.

Mrs. Marie Felts, a member of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church in the Pleasant View area outside of Nashville, made the gift in memory of her husband, Mr. M. H. Felts.

Both missionary accounts were in need at the time of the gift.

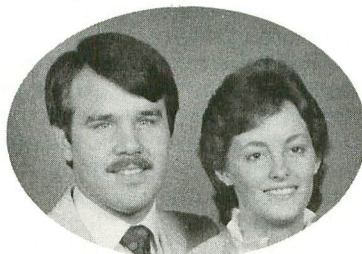


Fred Warner, director of church ministries, ministers the Word to missionaries, board members, and staff members during the annual foreign missions retreat in Nashville, Tenn., in August.

Foreign Missions Retreat Hosts 42 Missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual foreign missions retreat was held August 3-6 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., with 32 furloughing missionaries and 10 missionary appointees on hand.

Fred Warner, newly appointed director of church ministries, ministered the Word daily to the group which included board and staff members as well as missionaries. Field reports were shared by missionaries from Uruguay, Japan, Brazil, France, and Ivory Coast.



Dave and Sharon Filkins

The board interviewed several furloughing missionaries during the week and received the resignations of missionaries David and Sharon Filkins: "We respectfully request release from our existing agreement to serve in the capacity of missionary. After arriving in Ivory Coast we began to feel an unrest. There were no unusual circumstances to produce this uneasiness, rather we came to understand that God was showing us we were not to be in Ivory Coast at this time. After much prayer and fasting we made the decision to return home and God immediately gave us inner peace."

A banquet rounded out the retreat week as hearts were lightened by antics of Fred and Ruthann Hall of Bowling Green, Ky.

Missouri Churches Hold "Workshop" Conference

Mountain Grove, Mo.—The Mission Association of Missouri held a missions conference in May with 10 churches participating and three missionary speakers on hand for the three days.

According to Fred Warner, director of church ministries, "The format of the sessions was unique. It followed a workshop approach. Each speaker was assigned a topic and spoke three times each evening. The main goal of these topics was to educate the people concerning missions. The people who attended were allowed to go to the workshop of their choosing. Offerings for the three days totaled \$928."

Fred reported that money for actual expenses of the speakers was raised by the participating churches prior to the conference. Thus, the money given in the offering went to missionary accounts free from expenses.

\$19,302 Missions Offering Received at Birmingham

Birmingham, Ala.—A Wednesday evening missionary offering of \$19,302 was received on July 22 at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Birmingham, Ala. The undesignated funds were to be equally divided between home and foreign missions.

Other activities at the National included the adoption of a 3.3 million dollar foreign missions budget.

Those present for the Wednesday afternoon business session unanimously rose to their feet to express confidence in the Ivory Coast missionaries in the midst of current conflict.

Literature missionary Robert Bryan preached to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention at their 11:00 a.m. service on Tuesday following the theme, "Them Also I Must Bring." Several missionary wives participated in the afternoon activities of the WNAC.

Foreign and home missionaries were applauded when presented to the audience at Boutwell Auditorium on Wednesday evening. Milton Worthington, pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church in Royal Oak, Mich., capped off the service with a powerful missions message. He drew extensively on illustrations from his recent trip to France and Spain as he charged the audience from the Word



Young people (top, left to right) Melissa Williams, Daini Sevits, Tracy Rogers, and Steven Sevits of Hazel Creek FWB Church near Kirksville, Mo., were winners of a contest to raise funds for Jim and Olena McLain, missionaries to Japan. Brice Thompson and Chad Matthews (bottom) led the junior contestants.

of God with the responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission. Around 50 people responded to the invitation to make a commitment to involvement in world outreach.

Missionary Neil Gilliland challenged nearly 2,000 who gathered for the youth missionary service on that same evening at the Civic Center concert hall. Over 20 young people lined the front of the center in response to the invitation to commit their lives to Christ.

Creeches Request Prayer for Higashi Tsukisamu

Japan—Paul and Rhoda Creech, short-term missionaries to Sapporo on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, have been working with the Higashi Tsukisamu church in the absence of Jim and Olena McLain.

While the Creeches have had some difficulty in adapting to driving on the left side of the road, etc., they have been very active in the work in spite of the language barrier.

They have requested prayer for Mrs. Junko Aida, a doctor's wife; Mrs. Kikuko Koike, a new English student; and for a new Bible study outreach program conducted in the home of a church member approximately 40 miles from Sapporo.

"Rent-a-Kid" Plan Gains Funds for McLain Account

Kirksville, Mo.—The young people of Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church near Kirksville, Mo., worked hard to do their part to raise money to meet the \$1,000 goal they set for the Jim McLain account. When the tally was in, the church had raised over \$2,500.

The young people hired themselves out to parents and neighbors for all



sorts of work. Two girls cleaned out pig huts and said it was rather an unpleasant task. But Melissa Anderson and Daini Sevits raised \$55 each for their sacrifice.

The young people raised a total of \$542 and on Saturday morning at the end of the campaign a brunch was prepared by their youth leaders, Neva Thomas, Elizabeth Sponsler, and Lila Thompson. Missionary Jim McLain spoke to the group following the meal.

Daily vacation Bible school, offerings, and the young people's efforts all went together to raise the total to more than double that of the original goal.

Hazel Creek is the home church of Olena McLain and Don Robertson is the pastor.

Las Tablas Saturated with Gospel Literature

Panama—"During these last few weeks, every home in Las Tablas has been reached with gospel tracts and literature," wrote Larry and Priscilla Inscoe from Panama in June. "Some have made professions of faith and new convert classes have been started for them."

The Inscoes noted that the Las Tablas mission was officially organized as a Free Will Baptist church on July 18. The mission church has already been involved in reaching out through a home missions effort.

They are sending monthly support to Free Will Baptist Panamanian missionary Santos Chiru, who is working in David in the province of Chiriqui.

Priscilla Inscoe and daughter Debora arrived in the United States on August 1 so Priscilla could be with her father, J. K. Rhodes, who is suffering with cancer. Larry and the boys plan to remain in Panama until November.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Uruguay—Missionary Linda Bowling reported in early August from Montevideo, Uruguay, that the new church started in the Malvin Norte section of town continues to do well. "We had five decisions for salvation a couple of weeks ago," she revealed. "They were all children. We are dealing with a lot of adults but their hearts seem to be so hard."

Glendale, Ariz.—Jerry Pinkerton Jr., son of missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton of the Ivory Coast, was married to Miss Melody Denise Hopkins on August 1 in Glendale, Ariz. The ceremony was held in the First Southern Baptist Church of Glendale. Jerry Jr. and his new wife returned to DeKalb, Ill., where Jerry hopes to complete his last semester at Northern Illinois University.

Brazil—Senior missionary Dave Franks reported in early August that the church in Barbacena, Brazil, had just completed its vacation Bible

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Financial Summary Through July 31 Substance

Total income for July	\$ 244,044.67
Total income through July	1,634,265.09
Total disbursements through July	244,222.91
Projected income through July	1,959,358.31
Total 1987 Budget	\$3,358,900.00
Advance receipts through July	\$ 104,808.62
1987 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 160,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	\$ 3,078.72	Lee	\$ 4,700.67
Barnard	1,819.00	*Mayhew	18,756.19
Bishop	7,021.60	McCullough	8,097.43
Bryan	2,151.82	Murray	10,604.23
*Combs	15,488.79	Nichols	5,274.85
Crosby	9,115.93	Payne	205.57
Crowson	2,784.64	Richards	2,513.16
Ellison	8,899.13	Smith, Judy	3,456.41
Filkins	5,461.84	Sparks	3,207.99
Gibbs	3,917.54	Sturgill	3,102.16
Hanna	15,397.50	Wiley	2,637.19
Hersey	5,594.69	Wilson	1,292.00
Total			\$144,579.05

*These deficit accounts are due the following medical reimbursements from insurance: Combs, \$6,900; Mayhew, \$18,900.

—>Continued from inside school with an average attendance of 89 children. Twenty-one of the children made decisions during the week. Dave Franks Jr. and his wife, Rebecca, were in charge of this effort.

Garden Grove, Calif.—Patricia Murray, daughter of missionaries John and Pansy Murray, was married to David Fite on August 1 in the Garden Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Garden Grove, Calif. Patricia graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in May and David plans to return to FWBBC this fall to continue his education. John and Pansy hope to return to France later this year.

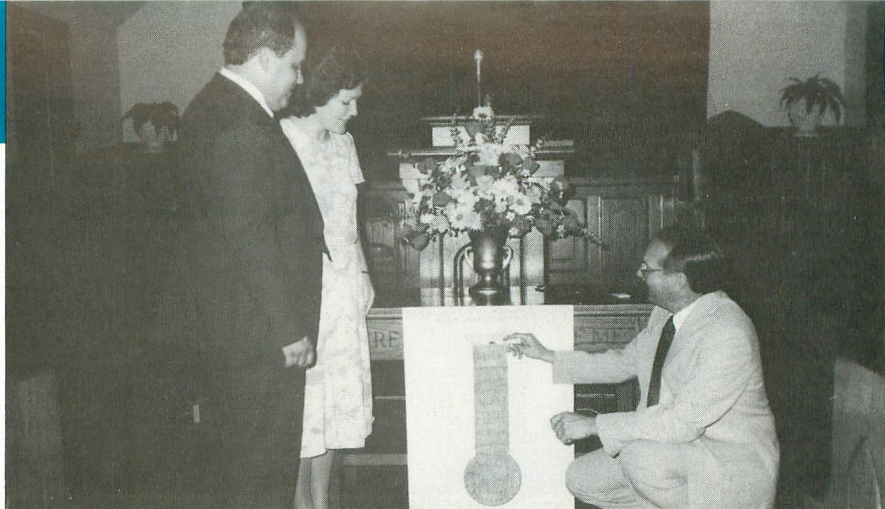
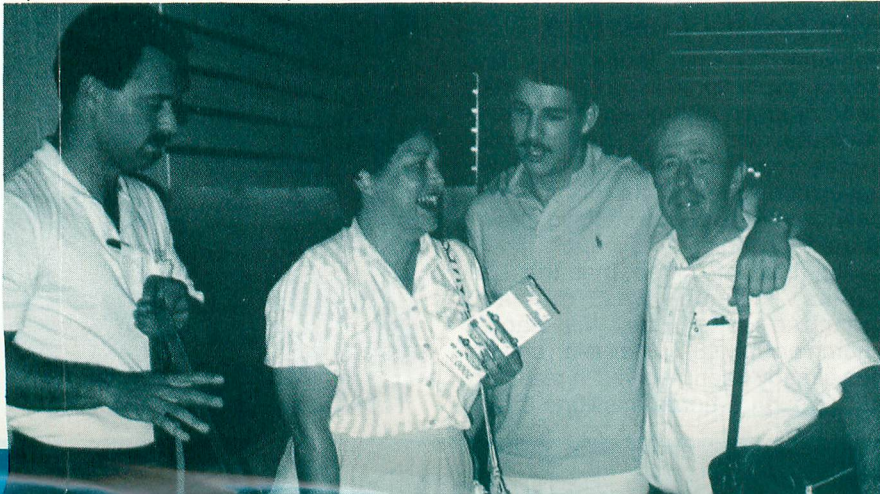
Nashville, Tenn.—Jim and Evelyn Teague, appointees as dorm parents at the Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake, Ivory Coast, left from Nashville, Tenn., on August 12 en route to the field. They went directly to Ivory Coast to begin their ministry as parents for 20 high school boys.

Ivory Coast—Robert West, maintenance missionary serving at the medical station in Doropo, Ivory Coast, was hospitalized at the Conservative Baptist Hospital in Ferkessedougou during early August. Robert was hit by a severe case of pneumonia and nephritis. More recent reports indicated that Robert was nauseated and suffered a broken rib from the severity of his vomiting.

Jim Combs Preaches in Uruguay; Several Saved

Uruguay—An evangelistic meeting was held July 8-12 in the Central church in Rivera, Uruguay. "We had several first-time decisions and a few who needed to move up closer to the

Jim and Evelyn Teague bid farewell to family members as they prepare to depart from Metro Airport in Nashville, Tenn. They will serve as dorm parents at Ivory Coast, West Africa.



Norman and Laura McFall, left, look on as Pastor Lonnie Skiles of Sylvan Park FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn., fills out the thermometer to show that the church surpassed its \$1,000 goal of cash and commitments for the McFalls on June 14.

Lord," writes missionary Paul Robinson.

Since the Ellisons moved to Montevideo and Molly Barker is in the States, Paul and Amy Robinson are the only two missionaries currently working on the border between Uruguay and Brazil.

McFall Day Held by Sylvan Park Church

Nashville, Tenn.—A special "Norman and Laura McFall Day" was held on June 14 by the Sylvan Park Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., in an effort to help the appointees to Brazil get to the field on schedule. The church set a goal of \$1,000 in cash and commitments for the day but wound up with a total of \$1,500.

The woman's auxiliary of the church presented Norman and Laura with a handmade quilt as a love gift. Pastor Lonnie Skiles expressed appreciation for the McFalls who worked in the church during the Missionary Candidate School last year and became endeared to the people.

Norman preached during the morning and evening services and a spe-

cial lunch and fellowship time was held in the church following the morning service.

One Saved, Plans Set at Kita Hiroshima

Japan—According to missionary Judy Smith, a young man named Keichi was saved in early July at the Kita Hiroshima church on the island of Hokkaido, Japan.

Judy noted that the young man who made his decision for Christ is the brother of Ayako Kimura, a young lady who came to Japan this year just before the Banks returned to the States. Ayako has been a student at Wichita State University. She became a Christian while in the United States and returned to Japan specifically for the purpose of winning her parents and brother to the Lord.

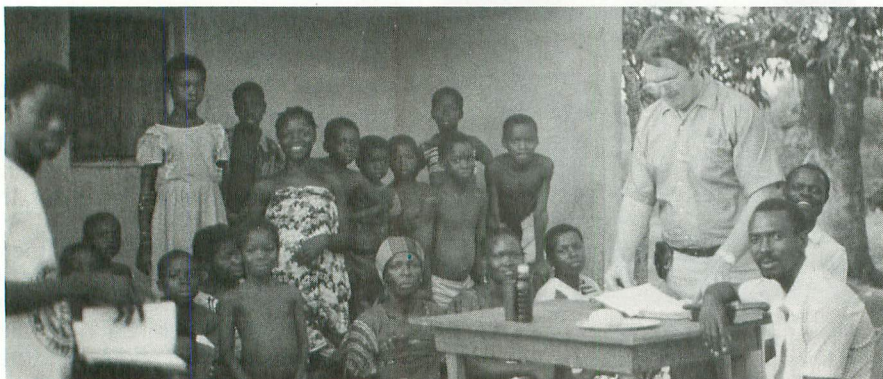
In addition to the convert report, Judy revealed that the church is planning its annual family dinner on Sunday, September 20, at the City Community Center in the area.

The Hokkaido-wide woman's auxiliary meeting is also scheduled in the Sapporo area for September 22-23 with Sandra Bishop and Judy Smith as speakers.

Pinkerton Says Village Opportunities Abound

Ivory Coast—Just prior to his and Carol's furlough, Jerry Pinkerton reported having encountered several people on the road east from Tanda in Ivory Coast who would flag him down saying, "You go to that village and another village, but when are you going to come to my village and tell us?"

In light of these requests, Jerry expressed praise that opportunities abound and much work is to be done among the people in Ivory Coast.



Missionary Darrel Nichols prepares to serve the first communion service ever held in the village of Amanvie, Ivory Coast.

Nichols Reports First Communion in Amanvie

Ivory Coast—Missionary Darrel Nichols has reported an increasing ministry at the village of Amanvie, Ivory Coast, and he recently held the first communion service ever in that village.

Nichols has been teaching literacy classes in the village. Soon, 10 students should be able to read the Bible in Koulango.

According to a report from Samuel Appia who accompanied Darrel to Amanvie recently, the Christians in that village are very enthused.

Crosbys Attend Special Link Care Program

Fresno, Calif.—Dwain and Debbie Crosby, missionary appointees to Japan, attended a special training program at Link Care facilities in Fresno, Calif., during June and July.

The couple expressed deep satisfaction with the training they received

and were excited about the reception and care shown to them by the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Fresno. The church also included them in their giving by committing \$52 in monthly support.

Cousineau Car Stalls En Route to Bouna

Ivory Coast—Mike and Deleen Cousineau finally arrived in Bouna, Ivory Coast, on June 15 following furlough and after spending five months in France for language refresher study. En route to Bouna, their automobile stalled with a severely punctured radiator.

They were about halfway between Bondoukou and Bouna when the car broke down, and Mike had to catch a truck going south while Deleen and the children caught another truck going north toward Bouna.

Cousineau noted that the car stayed alongside the road for two days before they could take it to be repaired. It took nearly three weeks to

complete the repairs.

The Cousineaus and Clint and Lynette Morgan have settled in Bouna and are finalizing plans for the opening of the Bible institute classes in the fall. Latest reports indicated they would have approximately 15 students to begin the year.

Callaway Day Nets \$3,416 for Account

Clayton, N.C.—A "Ron and Linda Callaway Day" was held on June 28 at Tippet's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Clayton, N.C. The Callaways are members of this church.

During the day Ron spoke at both services and showed a slide presentation during the evening service. Lunch was served after the morning service and several personal gifts were given to the Callaways at that time.

A special offering of \$3,416 was received for the Callaway missions account. Of that total, \$500 was received through quarter folders. The church also made several faith-promise commitments.

The church presented the Callaways with a new set of American Tourister luggage. Wade C. Parker is pastor of the church.

Special Literature Effort Reported in St. Nazaire

France—A special literature distribution campaign has been under way for seven weeks in St. Nazaire, France, with missionary Patsy Vanhook and student missionary Greta Lambert doing a large portion of the work. They have been stuffing gospel tracts in mailboxes.

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