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# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

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**Viviano...**

*A Man Yielded to God's Plan*

**P**ray for me as I pass out tracts and visit with people in the hospital," requested Viviano Vargas.

As I sat listening to Viviano's prayer request, I couldn't help thinking of the promise in Romans 8:28: "...all things work together for good to them that love God. . . ." Just one year earlier no one would have dreamed that Viviano would be living in Panama City doing hospital visitation! But something happened last December that changed things drastically!

The picture of Viviano engraved in my mind is the one

we had seen each time we arrived in the mountains of Buenos Aires where he lived. He was easily recognized by his small stature (almost five feet tall), little potbelly, harelip, and a receding hairline. He would greet us on his porch with a big "Bienvenidos y Dios los bendiga!" (Welcome and God bless you!) Dressed in muddy homemade sandals, pants rolled up to midcalf to keep them clean, white T-shirt, and a Panamanian "sombrero," Viviano Vargas was just a *campesino* (country farmer) like hundreds of others. But he was different!

A giant change had taken

place in Viviano's heart some ten years earlier. When the gospel had reached his mountain community, he, his family, and many of his neighbors had received Christ. Soon, the Buenos Aires Free Will Baptist Church had been founded.

Viviano Vargas was converted from a life of sin and drinking. He became a man of honesty with love for God and family and concern for others. Although still very poor, Vargas' living conditions improved. He worked hard in his rice and bean fields and labored to increase his small herd of cattle—the family's only source

# Viviano

## A Man Yielded To God's Plan

by Judy Lytle

(Left) Viviano proudly stands with his family. (Below) Viviano confers with Carmen Dorati of the Betania FWB Church.



of income. But Viviano's health was not good. He suffered from high blood pressure and other ailments.

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Brother Vargas wanted his children to serve the Lord, and he wanted them to study hard so they could get good jobs. He didn't want them to be forced to live the difficult life he had to live. Since there is no high school in Buenos Aires, Vargas sent his children to live in Panama City to attend school. For most of our last term (1982-1986), Viviano's two daughters lived with us. He wanted them in a Christian home.

Viviano's deep interest in spiritual things moved him to read and study his Bible and listen intently as pastors expounded the Word. He grew in the Lord and became one of the leaders of his church.

Among several gifts the Lord has given Viviano, one is the "gift of gab." It may not be in the list of spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12, but he has it, nonetheless. The petite gentleman can talk to anyone, anywhere. And he can turn the conversation toward the Bible and Christ. I call that a gift!

Suddenly, one afternoon last December, many thought Viviano's "gift of gab" would be silenced forever on earth. As he was walking home from his sister's house, he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. He was in critical condition and the hospital was several hours away

in Panama City. Death was very close!

Since Viviano had no insurance or money, the family finally brought him to Santo Tomas Hospital (the charity hospital in Panama City). He suffered paralysis of his limbs and impaired speech and vision. He was diagnosed to have suffered a stroke but had to wait for the specialist to prescribe specific treatment. He would not be there until April—some four months away!

"...all things work together for good..." As God planned it, First Free Will Baptist Church of Panama City has some living space in the back of the building, and the church is located beside the hospital. Viviano and his family were allowed to move into the church to await treatment.

Finally, in April the doctor saw him. By that time his speech was almost normal, but he still had gait and vision problems. Doctors treated him with special diet, limited walking with assistance, and bimonthly visits to the hospital for blood pressure checks and doctors' examinations. With these restrictions and his condition, he could not return to his home. The family had to stay for a while longer in the city.

When we returned to Panama at the end of July 1987, I was prepared to see a stroke victim—someone at least partially paralyzed, with some speech difficulty. But no, Viviano met us at the door with a big welcome and a "God bless you!" He walked with only a slight problem in balance, his vision was 100 percent restored, and his speech (gift of gab) was better than ever. And although he still has to restrict activities,

God has placed him in a strategic spot where he can continue to minister.

Every day hundreds of physically and spiritually hurting people pass through the doors of Santo Tomas Hospital. Not able to work, Viviano walks the few yards to the hospital every day. He passes out tracts and talks to anyone willing to listen. He can relate to their pain, sorrow, and poverty as very few can. God is using him to reach out to others at a time when everyone thought his usefulness was over.

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Viviano's illness does have a side benefit—the family is together. The children are enrolled in a school close to the church and are doing better than ever academically.

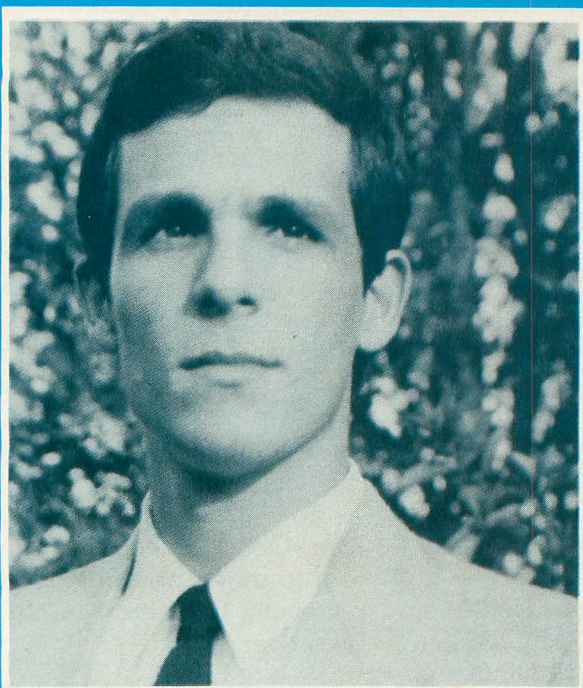
We praise the Lord for Viviano's testimony! It has not been easy for the Vargas family. Economically, they live from one day to the next. They don't have many "material blessings," but they are praising God for what they do have: a Christian family, Viviano's life spared, his "gift of gab" restored, and a new ministry in life.

Viviano declares, "I didn't die because God still has a job for me to do."

I'm glad Viviano has the faith to trust God when many would have given up.

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Judy Lytle and her husband, Steve, are serving their third term as missionaries in Panama City, Panama.



# A PASTOR WITH A VISION

by Shirley Combs

*The pictures above show Pastor Jeancarlo, missionary Jim Combs helping Jeancarlo with a baptism, and the pastor and his wife.*

**H**e is a lot younger than the Catholic priests! How do you know he can handle this responsibility since he is so young?"

These doubts crossed many minds when Jeancarlo Ache (in his early twenties) took over as pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal, Brazil. But they are being removed as people recognize that age and experience cannot substitute for God's hand and calling on a young life.

Jeancarlo Magosso Ache, the only son and oldest of three children, was born in Anapolis, Goias, Brazil. His father, a dentist of Syrian descent, and his mother, an English/Portuguese teacher of Italian heritage,

had moved to Anapolis for employment. The family was typically Catholic, attending mass only on special occasions.

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Later, the family moved back to Ribeirao Preto, and when Jeancarlo was five years of age, his parents separated. Another traumatic shock hit when his younger sister died of cancer at the age of nine.

Some five years later Jeancarlo's youngest sister began

attending a Methodist church next door to the house and fashion boutique operated by their mother. The mother soon began attending also. Jeancarlo visited Sunday school but didn't like it.

"I was very timid and nervous," says Jeancarlo. "I fought with my classmates and family, so I spent most of my time in sports activities and participating in school activities."

In October of 1980 a schoolmate invited Ache to attend the Free Will Baptist Sunday school. And he liked it! The lesson was taught by missionary Geneva Poole. Jeancarlo never missed Sunday school after that.

"I discovered the evening

services and began attending," the young Brazilian related regarding his experience. The atmosphere in First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirao Preto where Bobby Poole ministered "was different from any I had experienced in school, the club, or at home. And it attracted me! There was a love in the group, a real friendship and happiness," Ache declared.

Of his spiritual condition, the Brazilian said, "It really didn't hit me that I was a sinner and needed to be saved until I attended a youth camp at Evangelandia (in Jaboticabal) in January of 1981. The evangelist was Lelis Fachini, Jr., a Brazilian pilot with Missionary Aviation Fellowship." Jeancarlo gave his heart to the Lord!

When Ache returned home and shared his experience with his mother, she was pleased. Soon, she and his sister accepted Christ as their Savior.

As Jeancarlo grew in the Lord he was accepted as a leader in the youth group and Sunday school. He struggled with his choice of a college to attend as the Lord was dealing with him about the ministry.

"The Lord spoke to me first from Matthew 6:33 and later from Mark 8:36," Jeancarlo confided. "I entered the Free Will Baptist Seminary in Ribeirao Preto, studying at night (a full load), and enrolled full time in a private college studying business administration during the day," Ache continued. He was an honor student in both courses.

During this time the seminary student was dating Flavia Moura, a talented and dedicated Christian girl from the church. They worked together directing camps, teaching classes, and

singing in groups. By the time Jeancarlo graduated in December of 1986, the two were engaged to be married.

Before graduating, Jeancarlo had already started preaching at the Jaboticabal church. The church elected him as pastor in February of 1987 when missionary Jim Cowart and family left for the United States. The church gave Jeancarlo a special leave to study one month in Israel, a course in Bible geography and Bible history (in English!). Three months later, my husband Jim performed the wedding for Jeancarlo and Flavia.

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The Jaboticabal church has grown under Jeancarlo's leadership. One church member said, "We are surprised by his wisdom in counseling and his depth in preaching the Word, since he is so young." Another member admitted, "My concern before knowing him centered around his ability to preach the Word at his age. But he had proved himself as a student in his seminary preparation before coming here. The spiritual maturity of our church also helped as the people were able to accept a young minister. We are pleased."

Other Brazilian leaders and missionaries are also pleased with this young man's dedication and ministry. His vision reaches beyond his local church. While serving as vice president of the

Brazilian Free Will Baptist Association of Churches, Jeancarlo expressed his vision for the work in Brazil: "Even though the Free Will Baptist churches here are few and small, I'm sure that as we work with these churches, we can grow.

"The Association has promoted youth camps and this has brought unity among the churches," says Ache. "In establishing the seminary, we will be able to coordinate the efforts of all the churches in training workers. Through this, we multiply ourselves."

On Sunday, November 29, 1987, Jeancarlo was ordained to the gospel ministry. A combination of Brazilian pastors and American missionaries laid hands on him.

"I appreciate the vision the Free Will Baptist people from the United States had in sending the gospel to Brazil," Jeancarlo stated. "Through their ministry we were reached for Christ and trained. Now we are ready to continue the work: to win souls, to train workers, and to reach out with our own missions program."

Shirley Combs and her husband, Jim, are missionaries in Brazil. Currently they are serving at the Bible college in Jaboticabal.

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# Reduced to Zero

by Ruth McDonald

## Language study is a humbling, frustrating, and difficult time for a missionary.

**H**e will soon be reduced to zero!" These were the words of a veteran missionary. What did he mean? And what caused him to make the statement?

It was his response to comments by my husband and me regarding a newly appointed missionary. We had just told of the appointee's many gifts and the way God had already used him.

But "Zero!" What did he mean? At that time we thought the comment to be strange, but after living in Japan for a while we realized what wisdom and insight our senior missionary had displayed.

"Reduced to zero." Truly nothing better describes the condition of a first-term missionary than this.

The first time I personally realized my humble status was only a few days after moving into our Tokyo apartment. Busy cleaning and setting up housekeeping, I failed to notice that the front door had opened and someone was silently standing in the *genkan* (entry way).

Turning, I was startled to see my little visitor—the three-year-old son of our next-door neighbor. He spouted a string of Japanese which made no sense to me. And I had no idea how to respond. Then, he simply

stood and stared for what seemed an eternity.

During that prolonged interlude, my mind was in a turmoil, sorting and filing through my limited Japanese vocabulary for something I could say to my young friend. All I could come up with was "hello." Finally, my shaken little guest turned and swiftly departed just as he'd come!

Believe me, there's something about being unable to keep up your side of the conversation with a three-year-old that says you've been reduced to zero!

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Most people know missionaries must learn a new language. But probably very few realize just what that entails. Language learning is not just a matter of replacing one set of vocabulary with another, memorizing nouns, verbs, and adjectives. It is a process that involves the person's whole being.

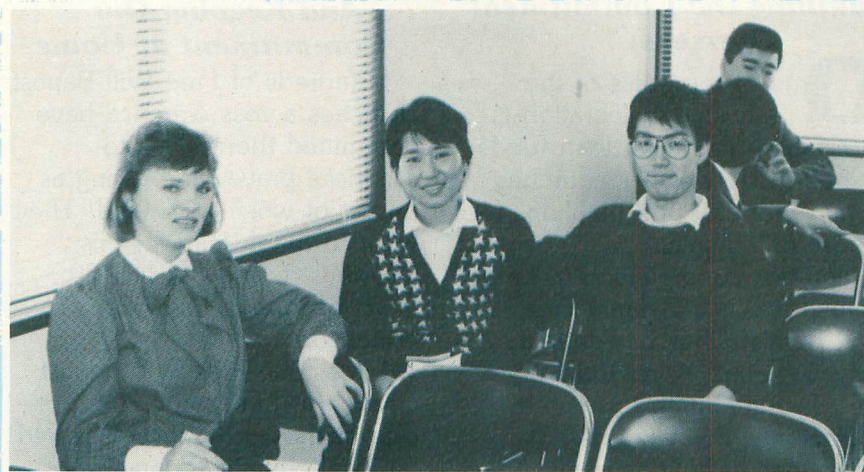
When a new missionary moves overseas, he or she



becomes totally unable to communicate. And, the more difficult the language, the longer this period of silence lasts. It's like reverting to babyhood—unable to talk, read, or understand when spoken to.

Along with the loss of communication, the missionary loses a large part of his visible personality. Other than smiling and whatever form of bodily greeting is appropriate in the new culture (for us, bowing), the foreigner is totally unable to express his true self.

Without these communication skills, relationships with nationals can also come amazingly close to the zero level. The new missionary finds it difficult to get acquainted or get really close to his new countrymen.



When beginning language study, the missionary is just like a child again with one exception. In childhood his communicative skills kept close pace with his reasoning and social skills. As an adult, his mind is overflowing with ideas he would love to express. But he is suddenly stripped of language skills with which to express them. So, he must remain silent.

Even after acquiring a practical vocabulary in his new language, sometimes it takes years to be able to express feelings and concepts in his second language. The more of a "people person" the missionary tends to be, the more difficult

his adjustment period will seem. For instance, it is excruciating for my husband, Don, to be unable to speak to strangers or say what he really feels to friends and neighbors.

The missionary's ability to minister in his new context is also reduced to nothingness. While he has been active pastoring, teaching, singing, and witnessing in his home culture, suddenly that has ended.

It took us almost a year of full-time study to be able to pray a simple prayer or give a simple testimony. Even that came only after preparing and writing it out ahead of time.

Having gone overseas because of a fervent desire to

share the gospel, the missionary often finds the time spent in language learning highly frustrating. Far from being able to share Christ, he can't even talk intelligently about the weather!

Being stripped of his ability to communicate, his personality, and his ministry, the missionary suffers a major loss of identity and self-worth.

Thankfully, there are also some very positive by-products of the language-learning process.

First, the language learner is forced to kill his own pride and crucify self if he is to effectively learn the language. In his own culture he may have preached and taught on this very concept. He may never have needed to depend totally on the Lord before. Now, he is unequal to the task! And the words of Christ can minister as they never have before: "...**my** strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9) and "...without **me** ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

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If the missionary has indeed humbled himself and died to self-sufficiency, his failures and defeats have far less power to hurt. And when successes come, they are less likely to "go to his head" because he **knows** Who did the work! There is no

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surer way to learn dependence on God than to be thrown into a position that strips one completely of anything on which he can depend.

Learning to express one's faith in another language often causes that faith to become more precious and alive. It is a wonderful spiritual exercise to describe our walk with the Lord in our new childlike vocabulary without the regular religious clichés.

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Toward the end of our first year of study, I wanted to give a simple speech on "God's faithfulness" for a class assignment. Soon, I found I could not express "faithfulness" in one Japanese word at my level of ability. So I had to do some deep thinking about what I actually meant when I said "God is faithful." *He keeps His promises; He is Who He says He is; He never changes; He's always with us; He always comes through to meet our needs, etc.* Soon my speech-writing session became a praise time. I'll never pass lightly over the word "faithfulness" again.

Finally, after humbling himself and learning more of his faith, the new missionary often emerges much more useful for the Kingdom of God. If "man's extremity is God's possibility," the language learner offers to God a wide-open field!

Ruth McDonald and her husband, Don, are serving as missionaries in Japan. They have just completed language study.



## Update

by Jimmy Aldridge  
Advance Coordinator

### ***Fulfilling the Commitment Overseas . . .***

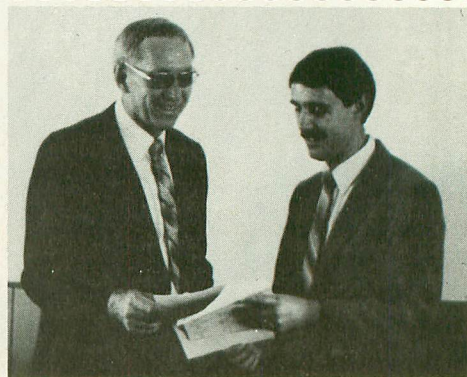
One of the goals of the Advance Celebration is to establish revolving loan funds to help new overseas churches obtain property and buildings for places of worship.

The first congregation to be helped was the Betania Free Will Baptist Church, Panama City, Panama. And God has blessed the church through it.

Recently, this vibrant congregation held its own missionary conference. In spite of unprecedented economic hardship, they gave a missions offering of \$407.97 and made commitments of over \$5,000 in faith promises to be given in the next year.

More importantly, six precious Panamanians publicly announced their call to serve as missionaries.

Seeking to practice what they learned, the church decided to "be missionaries." They have started a new mission work 20 miles from Panama City. Witnessing teams from the church are going door-to-door in order to present the gospel and invite people to the services.



Pastor Alfred Cutshall (left) and local church Advance coordinator Dwight Mitchell look over Advance materials and the celebration schedule.

### ***. . . And Keeping Our Commitment at Home***

Hundreds of Free Will Baptist churches across America have committed themselves to sacrificial prayer and giving as an act of worship to God. They want to thank Him for His blessings during our first 50 years of foreign missions endeavors.

Limestone Free Will Baptist Church in Limestone, Tenn., is one of those churches. Assisted by local church Advance coordinator Dwight Mitchell, Pastor Alfred Cutshall provided information to his congregation for six weeks.

On Victory Sunday, the church responded by making a sacrificial commitment to give \$9,751 during the three-year giving period. In less than two years, they have sent over \$6,323 toward their goal.

Because of committed churches like this one, wonderful things are happening in Panama, India, Japan, France, Ivory Coast, Uruguay, and Brazil. Imminent projects are scheduled for Spain and Cuba.

The second annual financial report on Advance will be coming soon.

# Foreign Missions Sunday 1988

(Report includes receipts through June 10)

**A**lthough gifts from all churches which responded had not been received, Foreign Missions Sunday receipts through June 10, 1988, totaled \$33,810.92. Some 105 churches, auxiliaries, and individuals sent gifts. These are listed by state in the report below.

**ALABAMA** gave a total of \$741.00 through these churches:

First FWB, Northport  
Wattsville FWB, Pell City  
Harmony FWB, Leighton  
Center Point FWB, Birmingham  
Liberty FWB, Vernon

**ARKANSAS** turned in a total of \$3,116.72 with these churches participating:

East Batesville FWB, Batesville  
Allen's Chapel FWB, Batesville  
South Mountain FWB, Marshall  
Freedom FWB, Paris  
Oliver Springs FWB, Van Buren  
New Hart FWB, Rose Bud  
Ozark FWB, Ozark  
Pleasant Valley FWB, Warren  
Harmony FWB, Warren  
Faith FWB, Corning  
First FWB, Tuckerman  
First FWB, Atkins  
First FWB, Warren  
Mt. Zion FWB, Hindsville  
First FWB, Batesville

**ARIZONA** sent \$505.97 from these churches:

Community Christian Fellowship,  
Phoenix  
East Valley FWB, Mesa

**CALIFORNIA** sent one gift of \$200.00:

Harmony FWB, Fresno

**FLORIDA** gave \$1,831.55 from these churches:

Wesconnett FWB, Jacksonville  
First FWB, Chipley  
Bayshore FWB, St. Petersburg  
First FWB, Vero Beach  
First FWB, Highland City  
Piney Grove, Chipley

**GEORGIA** responded with \$1,346.00 from two churches:

Bellview FWB, Colquitt  
New Salem FWB, Colquitt

**IDAHO** sent one gift of \$161.62:

Airport Road FWB, Twin Falls

**ILLINOIS** gave \$800.14 from these churches:

Unity FWB, Bradley  
First FWB, Benton  
Unity FWB, Salem

**KENTUCKY** sent \$255.02 from two churches:

Gulnare FWB, Meta  
Burdine FWB, Jenkins

**MICHIGAN** responded with \$412.05 from two churches:

Crossroads FWB, Pontiac  
Seventh Street FWB, Ecorse

**MISSISSIPPI** sent \$206.20 from two churches:

Bethel FWB, New Augusta  
Antioch FWB, Burnsville

**MISSOURI** gave a total of \$1,831.87 from the following churches:

Freedom FWB, Pineville  
Fordland FWB, Fordland  
Gray Summit FWB, St. John  
New Harmony FWB, Kirksville

**NEW JERSEY** sent one gift of \$100.00:

Thomas Memorial FWB, Vineland

**NORTH CAROLINA** gave a total of \$1,542.96 through the following participants:

Catawba FWB, Belmont  
First FWB Woman's Auxiliary, Hubert  
Davis FWB, Davis  
Canton FWB, Canton  
Faith FWB, Cary  
Palmetto FWB, Vanceboro  
Faith FWB, Morganton  
First FWB, Gastonia  
Victory FWB, Goldsboro

**OHIO** responded with a total of \$1,620.32 from these churches:

McArthur FWB, McArthur  
Vandalia FWB, Vandalia  
Urbana FWB, Urbana  
Heritage Temple FWB, Columbus  
Ambassador FWB, Cincinnati  
Samantha FWB, Leesburg  
Antioch FWB, Portsmouth  
McDermott FWB, McDermott  
Eastmont FWB, Dayton

**OKLAHOMA** gave a total of \$2,521.20 through these churches:

East Tulsa FWB, Tulsa  
Barnsdale FWB, Barnsdale

Central FWB, Muskogee  
Wilson FWB, Ada  
Lawnwood FWB, Tulsa  
Faith FWB, Glenpool

**PANAMA** sent a total of \$451.56 from five churches:

Betania, Panama City, and four sister churches

**PENNSYLVANIA** sent one gift of \$132.00:

Truth FWB, New Oxford

**SOUTH CAROLINA** responded with a total of \$116.78 from these participants:

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Holladay  
(Individual), Manning  
Eastside FWB, Timmonsville

**TENNESSEE** gave a total of \$14,071.55 through the following participants:

Peace FWB, Morristown  
New Hope FWB, Joelton  
Moore's Chapel FWB, Elizabethton  
Gallatin FWB, Gallatin  
United FWB, Dixon  
Grace FWB, Memphis  
McMillian's Chapel FWB, Mosheim  
Fellowship FWB, Kingsport  
Eastside FWB, Elizabethton  
Woodbine FWB, Nashville  
Harper Road FWB, Joelton  
Donelson FWB, Nashville  
Good Springs FWB, Pleasant View  
East Nashville FWB, Nashville  
Woodhaven FWB, Milam  
Faith FWB, Knoxville  
Jim Ragan (Individual), Hermitage  
Eugene Waddell (Individual), Nashville

**TEXAS** responded with \$263.07 from one church:

Fellowship FWB, Bryan

**WEST VIRGINIA** gave a total of \$280.55 through the following churches:

Lighthouse FWB, Flat Top  
South Ruffner FWB, Charleston  
Route 60 FWB, Kenova

**VIRGINIA** sent a total of \$1,302.79 from these churches:

Central FWB, Norton  
Adwolfe FWB, Marion  
Esserville, Norton

**Note:** This list will be updated later for gifts that have not yet reached the foreign missions office.

## The Deficit Dilemma

**E**rnest, it looks like you and Elaine need to do some deputation before going on to Ivory Coast." Those words by telephone were difficult for me to say, but I had to continue:

"Your expenses over the past year have averaged about \$1,000 per month more than your income. At this rate, within eight months your account would likely exceed an \$8,000 deficit. The board has ruled a missionary is subject to

be called home to regather support if his account exceeds \$8,000 in the red. It's better that you come now from France than be forced to leave Ivory Coast just a few months after you arrive."

For several seconds that seemed like hours Ernest said nothing. My heart ached for him. This well-trained professional was agonizing over the dilemma. He realized that an interruption now would make it more difficult to use the French language upon arrival in Ivory Coast. His place of service is Ivory Coast—not the U.S.A. Yet, he knew that financial reality demanded this decision.

The Hollands are one of seven missionary families whose terms of service have been interrupted or whose furloughs have been lengthened due to insufficient finances.

Missionary account deficits have risen from \$31,683 in December of 1985 to \$61,039 in December of 1986 to \$132,202 in March of this year.

## Reasons for the Dilemma

Several factors contribute to our dilemma. The loss of dollar value in the exchange against the yen in Japan, against the franc in France and Ivory Coast, and against the peseta in Spain has wrecked budget projections. During this same time several states here at home have become economically depressed. Unemployment has forced some churches and individuals to cut back or cut out foreign missions support.

In my opinion, foreign missionaries suffer more than anyone else from the "support-shifting syndrome." After making a commitment, an individual or church decides to support someone else or some other missionary in the coming year. This leaves the missionary overseas financially vulnerable because he is unable to visit supporters to make new appeals.

Like a growing church, our overseas ministry is expanding. This factor alone raises costs. With new doors of opportunity opening and with more national workers answering God's call, field expenses escalate to meet the evangelism and training needs. Add to this the inflation in most countries and bulging budgets are inevitable.

A few years ago a missionary on deputation could have services almost any night of the week. Nowadays, it is difficult to schedule services

## Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in March and April in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

### Donor

R. Eugene Waddell  
Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarman Goodman  
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Family of Rev. Elmer Keener  
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Gray Branch FWB Church  
Kinston, N.C.

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Kinston, N.C.

### In Memory of

Kay Yates  
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C. H. Barker  
Sam Wilkinson  
Mark Combs

C. H. Barker  
Sam Wilkinson

C. H. Barker  
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Sam Wilkinson  
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Vernon Poole, Jr.

### These individuals or groups gave in memory of C.H. Barker:

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New Bern, N.C.

Immanuel FWB Church  
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Dorothy Latimer  
Union City, Tenn.

Jewell Sexton  
Ashland City, Tenn.

Paul and Peggy Tackett  
Ashland City, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pittman  
High Point, N.C.

### These individuals or groups gave in memory of Sam Wilkinson:

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Greeneville, Tenn.

Leroy and Frances Tell  
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First FWB Church  
Brunswick, Ga.

Glennville FWB Church  
Glennville, Ga.

Martha Everson  
Colquitt, Ga.

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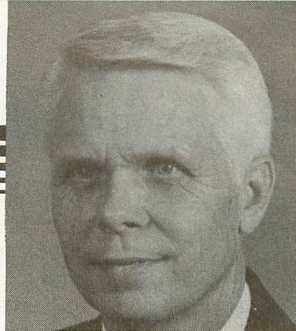
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**R. Eugene Waddell**  
General Director



anytime except Sunday and Wednesday.

Finally, the most dangerous threat to world missions is apathy. Few people really seem to care whether unevangelized peoples ever hear the gospel or not.

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Nothing will do more toward solving this complex situation than revival. Revival will force us to realign our priorities and cause us to pray and witness. It will restore the virtue of sacrifice. Yes, revival will force us to re-examine our Christian stewardship.

### **Steps Toward Solving the Problem**

These practical steps will help toward solving the problem:

1. Adopt a missionary. Develop a personal relationship with him/her and the family. Write to them. Get to know them. Pray for them. Make a long-term commitment to support them until God releases you from your covenant.
2. Every church needs a plan for missionary outreach. Pray for divine leadership. Consider the needs of missionaries from your area. Get the whole church involved in supporting him/her.
3. Allocate a definite percentage of your church income to missionary support.
4. Consider your missionary representative an extension of your local church. Make his support as binding as that of other staff members, i.e., pastor, music director, custodian, etc.

When God's people respond to His voice, something happens. In June of 1986 the Jerry Banks account was \$8,215 in the red. I called Jerry, discussed the problem, and covenanted to pray and contact supporters. Within two months the Lord brought the account out of the red and the balance up to \$9,725. It can happen again!

## **Financial Summary**

Through May 31

### **\$ubstance**

Total income for May .....	\$ 293,687.08
Total income through May .....	1,265,104.59
Total disbursements through May .....	1,230,807.38
Projected income through May .....	1,327,510.00
Total 1988 Budget .....	<b>\$3,186,036.00</b>
Advance gifts through May .....	\$ 66,907.45
1988 ADVANCE Budget .....	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

### **\$hortage**

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop .....	\$4,423.47	McCullough .....	\$ 11,910.85
Bowling .....	5,151.77	Midgett .....	2,345.03
Combs .....	3,249.10	Nichols .....	8,983.83
Crosby .....	7,490.00	Owen .....	6,689.25
Crowson .....	6,727.82	Payne .....	6,497.28
Eagleton, Sr. ....	2,811.56	Richards .....	7,568.49
Filkins .....	2,325.21	Smith, J. ....	7,976.63
Franks .....	6,383.05	Sparks .....	7,399.62
Gilliland .....	513.60	Sturgill .....	7,835.75
Hanna .....	4,156.45	Turnbough .....	1,142.87
Hersey .....	9,680.11	Wiley .....	1,869.31
Lee .....	6,100.50	Spec. Com. ....	18,679.11
Total .....			<b>\$147,910.66</b>

## **State Goals—1988**

State	Goal 1988	Goal Through February	Contributions Through February
Alabama .....	\$ 195,000	\$ 81,250	\$ 71,186.08
Arizona .....	4,500	1,875	1,594.07
Arkansas .....	168,000	70,000	60,129.33
California .....	54,000	22,500	21,502.77
Colorado .....	3,500	1,458	1,740.83
Florida .....	100,000	41,667	41,741.34
Georgia .....	120,000	50,000	65,719.36
Hawaii .....	2,500	1,042	950.00
Idaho .....	750	313	530.78
Illinois .....	101,000	42,083	34,867.23
Indiana .....	36,000	15,000	12,523.19
Iowa .....	1,500	625	704.00
Kansas .....	14,000	5,833	6,327.34
Kentucky .....	80,000	33,333	26,430.16
Louisiana .....	600	250	50.00
Maryland .....	15,000	6,250	5,367.97
Michigan .....	141,000	58,750	54,579.19
Mississippi .....	72,000	30,000	18,964.51
Missouri .....	215,000	89,583	85,647.00
Montana .....	1,000	417	145.00
Nevada .....	1,000	417	393.00
New Mexico .....	500	208	87.98
*Northeast Assn. ....	7,000	2,917	1,096.30
**Northwest Assn. ....	5,700	2,375	1,652.79
North Carolina .....	385,000	160,417	170,135.63
Ohio .....	125,000	52,083	42,518.32
Oklahoma .....	378,000	157,500	146,328.11
Pennsylvania .....	2,000	833	619.50
South Carolina .....	200,000	83,333	68,922.32
Tennessee .....	415,000	172,917	175,996.83
Texas .....	97,000	40,417	42,208.91
Virginia .....	111,000	46,250	51,888.97
Virgin Islands .....	3,000	1,250	825.00
West Virginia .....	75,000	31,250	28,871.59
Miscellaneous .....	55,486	23,119	22,859.19
Totals .....	<b>\$3,186,036</b>	<b>\$1,327,515</b>	<b>\$1,265,104.59</b>

\*Northeast Association  
New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

\*\*Northwest Association  
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



These missionaries departed or are scheduled to depart for their fields of service: (top, left to right) Steve and Becky Riggs, Ron and Linda Moore, and Charolette Tallent; (bottom) Ken and Judy Bailey, Glenda Leatherbury, and Jalayn Martens.

## New Ai No Sato Church Building Is Dedicated

**Japan**—According to a report from missionary Judy Smith, the new Ai No Sato church building is nearing completion and a dedication service was held on June 19.

The speaker for the special service was a Japanese preacher who had been converted from communism. Judy noted the man had been won to the Lord through the gentleness and persistence of his Christian wife whom he had persecuted for many years.

All Free Will Baptist churches in the Sapporo area dismissed services to meet with the Ai No Sato church for the special event.

## 12 Missionaries Arrive, Several to Depart Soon

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Twelve missionaries arrived safely in the United States in recent weeks to begin their furloughs:

Dave and Pat Franks arrived from Barbacena, Brazil, on April 18.

Darrel and Lila Nichols and Mark and Donna Daniel landed on May 7 after their first term in Ivory Coast. The Daniels worked in Nassian while studying the Koulango language and the Nichols labored in Goumère while studying Koulango.

Lynn Midgett returned from Spain on May 16 following her first term in Mostoles, Spain.

Ernest and Elaine Holland finished French language study in France and returned to the United States on April 27 to bolster their support base before

proceeding to Ivory Coast.

Rick and Linda Bowling shortened their first term of service in Malvin Norte (Montevideo), Uruguay, and arrived in the U.S. on June 2.

Carlisle Hanna arrived from India on May 25 to begin a three-month furlough. Marie had preceded him, arriving on March 14. Carlisle must return in three months to maintain his residency status.

Dennis and Carol Teague arrived on June 2 to begin a short furlough from France.

Dennis and Trena Owen shortened their term of service in Spain and returned to the U.S. on June 6.

Other missionaries are scheduled to arrive soon: Sherwood and Vada Lee plan to arrive on July 2 from Ivory Coast, Ken and Marvis Eagleton are to arrive from Brazil on July 4, and Allan and LaRue Crowson are to land on July 15 from France.

These missionaries have departed or are soon to depart for their fields of service:

Steve Riggs returned to France on June 17 while Becky Riggs and the children are scheduled to leave on July 11.

Ron and Linda Moore were commissioned on May 14 in Florence, S.C., for service in Ivory Coast. They plan to depart for France to study French around the end of August.

Glenda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens are to be commissioned on August 13 in Norman, Okla., with plans to leave for France near the end of August.

Miss Charolette Tallent is tentatively

planning to return to France around the first of August, provided her monthly support needs have been met.

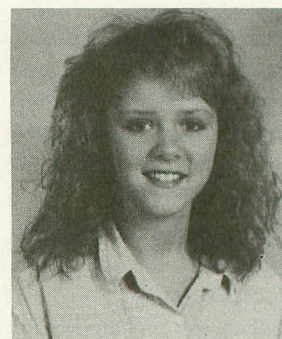
Ken and Judy Bailey hope to return to Japan around July 30 provided their monthly faith commitments are adequate.

Several others have been delayed due to financial needs: Jerry and Janice Banks, Jim and Olena McLain, Robert and Judy Bryan, Walter and Marcia Ellison, and Jerry and Barbara Gibbs.

## Panama Church Sends Money to Help Advance

**Panama**—The Betania Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Panama City, Panama, recently sent one-third of its annual missionary conference offering to the foreign missions department designated for Advance.

Missionaries Steve and Judy Lytle noted that the missionary conference, held during a time of crisis in Panama, had yielded \$451.56 in the offering. A previous report indicated \$407.97 but additional money was received. Four churches actually participated in the conference and helped in the offering.



Tina Louise Jean Cooper, who was killed in an auto accident in November of 1987, was recently memorialized through a \$3,220 gift to the Dale Bishop account.

## Teenager Memorialized by Gift to Bishop Account

**Tifton, Ga.**—Missionaries Dale and Sandra Bishop recently received an anonymous gift of \$3,220 to their account in memory of Tina Louise Jean Cooper, a 15-year-old girl who was killed in an automobile accident on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1987. Tina was the daughter of William H. (Bill) and Wanda Franks Cooper of Tifton, Ga.

According to Mrs. Cooper, she and Sandra Bishop are first cousins. "Tina met 'Aunt Sandra and Uncle Dale' for



Don and Ruth McDonald were involved in an automobile accident on May 1 in Japan. They had just recently purchased this Toyota van which was struck on the left front portion where Ruth was seated.

the first time when they came home on furlough in 1984," says Wanda. "She loved children (especially babies), so she immediately fell in love with the Bishop boys, Jeffery, Kevin, and Doug."

Tina traveled to Alma, Ga., with her "aunt" one Sunday on a speaking engagement because Dale was sick and could not make the trip. According to Mrs. Cooper, "Tina told her 'aunt and uncle' she would fly to Japan to visit them when she finished school in 1990. She talked about them often."

## McDonalds Involved in Auto Mishap in Japan

**Japan**—Don and Ruth McDonald were involved in an automobile accident on May 1 not far from their home in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan. Don was driving. The accident occurred about 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon and the only serious injury happened to a lady in the other vehicle. She broke her arm in the accident.

Missionary Debbie Griffin was riding in the back seat of the McDonald vehicle which ran a stop sign. The other automobile struck the left front portion of the McDonald's newly acquired van where Ruth was seated. She sustained bruises but nothing serious.

According to Don, "When one is hurt in a traffic accident here, it becomes a criminal offense. That's me, in this case. So later I have to go to court on these charges. Please pray about the long process in resolving insurance claims, etc."

Ruth McDonald finished her language studies at the end of March and Don is scheduled to complete his studies in early July with graduation set for July 15.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Spain**—Lonnie and Anita Sparks returned to the United States in May to attend the graduation service for their son, Paul, who received a Th.M. degree from Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Ind., on May 14. Paul was also united in marriage to Miss Jill Prater on June 18. The Sparks were expected to return to Spain on July 5.

**Waco, Tex.**—Dwain and Debbie Crosby, missionary appointees to Japan, have been victims of a slow economy and an oversubscribed area from which to draw missions support. In April approximately 40 percent of their support had been committed on paper and about 70 percent of that committed was coming in consistently. The California Woman's Auxiliary has adopted the Crosbys as a state project and the Texas women recently gave them \$3,400 to help them on their way.

**Brazil**—According to missionary Bobby Poole, nearly 100 different people have attended the new church in the Sumare section of Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, during the first five Sundays of its existence. "Our challenge is to help them come to know the Lord Jesus and become faithful in serving God," writes Bobby.

**Bryan, Tex.**—According to a recent report from pioneer missionary "Mom" Willey, doctors indicated the tendons in her neck have stretched, allowing the vertebrae to move around. She has been placed in a neck brace which she wears day and night to prevent serious damage to the spinal column. Christians are urged to pray for her recovery.

**Sophia, W. Va.**—Mark Dwayne Combs Sr., 30-year-old brother of missionary Jim Combs, died on April 19 in Sophia, W. Va. He had been ill for three or four weeks prior to his death. He died of renal failure after suffering from flu and pneumonia. He is survived by his wife and two children. Jim returned from Brazil for the funeral.

**Corning, Ark.**—Dave Franks Jr. and his wife, Becky, became the parents of a baby girl, Elisabeth Anna, on June 6 in Corning, Ark. The baby weighed eight pounds. This is the first grandchild for missionaries Dave and Pat Franks of Brazil.

**Japan**—Don and Ruth McDonald, missionaries to Japan, became parents for the first time on May 29 in Tokyo. Leah Katherine weighed seven pounds 12 ounces.



Neil and Sheila Gilliland recently submitted their resignations from missionary service after two terms in Ivory Coast.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Neil Gilliland has assumed a position as director of recruitment at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. Neil will also be teaching some classes. Neil and his wife, Sheila, recently submitted their resignations after having served two terms in Ivory Coast as dorm parents at Ivory Coast Academy for missionary children. Neil hopes to minister to MKs in conjunction with his work at the college.

**Spain**—According to Jeff Turnbough in Villalba, Spain, a middle-aged mar-

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ried lady from South America, Nora, recently accepted the Lord and wants to become a part of the church. In addition to this, a 22-year-old single man, Nacho, announced his call to the ministry recently.

**Ivory Coast**—A report from student missionary Joan Warner indicated six people had been saved in the Agnibilekrou church in recent weeks. A young man in the church also recently answered the call to preach. This makes four young men from the Agnibilekrou church who have answered God's call. Two of these are presently at the Bible institute.

**Brazil**—The young people of the Jaboticabal Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil had a fellowship meeting on April 18 with 35 people attending. The young people had a time of praise, testimonies, and a Bible study by Pastor Jeancarlo. The rest of the time was spent in playing games, having a barbecue, etc.

**Japan**—The college-age/career group at Kita Hiroshima Chapel on the island of Hokkaido in Japan has grown since Keichi Kimura became a Christian last summer, according to missionary Judy Smith. "Not only has he been instrumental in bringing several of his friends to Christ," says Judy, "but he is now teaching our junior high boys' Sunday school class. Vivian Waller and I recently started an English fellowship time with these young adults on Sunday afternoons twice a month."

## Institute Students Work in Evangelism Effort

**Ivory Coast**—Students from the Bible institute in Bouna did the preaching during an evangelistic campaign held April 29-May 1 in the village of Traunsa, approximately 40 kilometers from Goumère. Eight people made decisions for Christ during the three nights of the campaign.

The special effort was actually carried out in the marketplace as a message and singing were followed by a film and personal witnessing. This village has never had a church or any Christians. Now, according to missionary Darrel Nichols, missionaries are hoping to establish a church as a group from Tanda visits Traunsa every Sunday. The group will also be



Missionary John Murray (left) discusses his ministry in Nantes, France, with General Director R. Eugene Waddell who is visiting missionaries in Europe.

stopping at Yelchuncro, another village approximately six kilometers from Traunsa.

This project of the Bible institute was used as a training session for the students under the direction of the faculty, Clint Morgan and Mike Cousineau. Missionaries and church members from Goumère, Tanda, and Agnibilekrou also helped in the campaign. The films "Peace Child" and "The Combat" were shown.

## Deeds Ends Radio Program, Preaches in Barbacena

**Brazil**—"After 14 years and two months, I will terminate my radio program in Lafaiete on June 4," writes Earnie Deeds from Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. Deeds indicated a price increase of more than 380 percent in Brazilian currency precipitated the move.

Earnie indicated that his program was the only Christian program on the station. The owner said he would not allow anyone else on the station but if Earnie desired to resume his program, he would be welcome.

Earnie reported a man and his wife had made decisions for Christ in April and another woman received Christ in June in the Lafaiete area.

Deeds preached a three-night meeting at the Barbacena church near the end of May. The conference was primarily aimed at helping Christians in their daily walk.

## Waddells Visit Fields of France and Spain

**Nashville, Tenn.**—R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, and his wife, Genevieve (Genny), left the United States on June 2 for Europe where they planned to visit with missionaries in France and Spain.

This is the first trip the couple has made abroad together since Waddell joined the department. Mrs. Waddell was able to fly "free of charge" due to an accumulation of air miles by the general director.

While in Europe Waddell is counseling missionaries, helping them in their planning, and sharing board decisions, etc. Genny hopes to help the missionary women.

The couple plans to return to the U.S. on July 5.

## Clyde Taylor, Long-time Missions Leader, Dies

**Wheaton, Ill.**—Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, who served for more than 40 years to promote evangelical work around the world, died on Friday, June 3, at his home in Arnold, Md. He was 83 years of age.

Taylor had served as executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association and held a number of posts with the National Association of Evangelicals including the office of general director. Dr. Billy Mel-

vin, a Free Will Baptist, currently holds that post.

Dr. Taylor's extensive travels, which took him to more than 92 countries, helped the evangelical community become more aware of the world's needs. His three terms as a missionary in South America were with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, first among the Inca and Campa Indians of Peru and later with his wife in an unevangelized area of Colombia.

## Eagleton Cites Needs for Doropo Hospital

*Ivory Coast*—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton reported in May that the Doropo hospital has many needs at the present:

Three air conditioners for surgical block .....	\$1,160
Cement .....	360
Paint .....	1,000
Painting of hospital wards:	
Interior .....	1,500
Exterior .....	1,000
Roof and ceiling repairs on clinic	500
Gas refrigerator for storing vaccines and medicines .....	1,500
X-ray room setup .....	750

Eagleton also noted that continuing needs which might be sent from the United States include needles #21—one and one-half inches and #22—one inch; intercaths #21—one and one-half inches and #22—one inch; disposable syringes—2cc/3cc/5cc; sets of twin bed sheets (preferably white); and surgical gloves, sizes seven and one-half and eight.

The Ivory Coast field council also made the following request for personnel: career personnel—two more doctors (one surgeon, if possible) and two registered nurses; short-term personnel—one laboratory technician to train workers to do basic lab procedures (chemistries and differentials) and one X-ray technician to set up X-ray machine and teach someone to use it. These technicians would be needed for at least six months.

## Arkansas Pastor Provides Car for Darrel Nichols

*Springdale, Ark.*—Arkansas pastor David Watson, a car dealer at the Car Corral in Gentry, Ark., recently helped furloughing missionaries Darrel and Lila Nichols by providing them a 1977 Buick Electra to use during their furlough time.

According to Darrel, Watson found

a 1984 Ford LTD and arranged for the Nichols to make a purchase. Then, he told them they could use the Buick, free of charge, during their furlough. They will return it when they leave for the field. This will help the Nichols in their personnel expenses as well as in their missions account.

Watson is pastor of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Hindsville, Ark.

## Cousineau Says Institute Students Bear Fruit

*Ivory Coast*—According to a report from Mike Cousineau, 105 messages were preached and 59 lessons were taught by students of the Bible institute during the first and second quarters of classes. The May report revealed 36 people had prayed for salvation during the same period.

Mike declared all the students were involved in "discipleship ministry." They carry 16 to 20 class hours each week and travel over 600 miles accumulative weekly to take the gospel to different villages as a part of their training.

## Sparks Says God at Work in Alcalá, Spain

*Spain*—Anita Sparks writes from Alcalá de Henares, Spain: "A few weeks ago, little Natalia came to me after a prayer meeting. 'I want to receive Jesus into my heart,' she said. She seemed very knowledgeable. After praying, she ran off to hug Lonnie's neck and tell him what she had done." Natalia is only four years of

age.

The Sparks were praising the Lord for growth among the Christians, especially Amalia, a 60-year-old widow. She gave her testimony on Easter regarding the love God has given her for hearing the Word.

## Many Converted Through Panama Mission Effort

*Panama*—Missionary Judy Lytle writes concerning the new work in Los Andes, Panama: "Everybody has really worked hard, and I believe that more than 70 decisions have been recorded all together."

On April 28 Judy went with two other ladies from the Betania church and held a Bible club. "The children were well-behaved!" writes Judy. "There were 44 present for the class. We plan to have the Bible club there weekly for quite some time."

## Doropo Medical Station Hit by Lightning Storm

*Ivory Coast*—A rain and lightning storm hit the medical station at Doropo on May 3 knocking out most of the 12 telephones on the intercom/phone system, the heating element in the Wests' water heater, the photocopier at the Lees' residence, and a radio/cassette player at the Eagletons.

According to Vada Lee, "An African was washing his hands in one of the kitchens and got hit so hard it knocked him off his feet. It lit up the whole kitchen, according to Pam West who saw it happen."

*This Buick was provided for the Darrel Nichols family by an Arkansas pastor/car dealer.*



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