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# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



**Robinson Welcomes Waddell  
to Rivera, Uruguay**





Pastor Tom Malone (left) presents a check for \$5,000 to missionaries Norman and Laura McFall who hope to be able to leave for Brazil sometime in April. They are scheduled to be commissioned on March 20 in Pine Bluff, Ark.

## Florence Church Gives \$5,000 on McFall Day

*Florence, Ala.*—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Florence, Ala., featured a "McFall Day" on December 20 and honored Norman and Laura McFall, missionaries to Brazil, with a \$5,000 cash offering and \$200 in monthly commitments.

For 10 weeks preceding the special day, the church had a "McOffering" each Sunday evening. Several different efforts were used to raise the \$5,000: Men were pitted against the women, children went to their parents in a Sunday evening service and asked for a gift for the "McOffering," and one Sunday they had an offering based on \$1.00 per year for the total number of years of age in a family.

The McFalls expressed praise to God and appreciation to the church for this special effort to get them to Brazil. They are scheduled to depart near the first of April provided their visas are approved in time.

## Betania Church Remodeled; Bible Institute Reopens

*Panama*—The Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City has been in the process of remodeling. The entrance is being enlarged and enclosed to add

space for a classroom. Classroom space is also being added in the back.

Steve and Judy Lytle expressed praise that the Lord had supplied enough money to get the project started and "a roof over our heads." They adopted the motto, "Little by Little."

Lytle reported Bible club schedules had been changed in October so that meetings are held in four different communities instead of at the church. "We are reaching triple the number of children," Steve gloated.

In November, Lytle spoke especially to the youth who had been asked to invite their friends. On that Sunday evening approximately 50 young people were present. Two received Christ as Savior and many others rededicated their lives to the Lord.

According to Steve, the Bible institute resumed classes in the middle of January. He requested prayer for this effort.

## Terrorists Converted as Tortured Saints Witness

*Bangladesh*—According to a news report in *The Church Around the World*, 50 terrorists in a remote area of southern Bangladesh recently captured and tortured two men they thought to be government spies. A Bible and a copy of the four spiritual laws were found among the men's belongings.

The men explained God's love and forgiveness to the terrorists and then showed them the "Jesus" film.

Every member of the terrorist group indicated a desire to receive Jesus as Lord. The change in their lives was immediate and the converted terrorists arranged film showings throughout the area.

Missionaries Debbie Griffin (left) and Ruth McDonald sing a duet during the family Christmas program of the Iriso FWB Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan. The program was held December 19.



## Pastor Appreciation Day Helps Missionary Account

*Dayton, Ohio*—The First Free Will Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio, recently honored their pastor and assistant pastor on "Pastor Appreciation Sunday." In lieu of gifts, they gave a missions offering.

Willis K. Fee, the assistant pastor, received \$245 to give to the missionary of his choice. He designated the gift to Cathy Crawford's account.

## Iriso Yule Events Give Gospel to Many Unsaved

*Japan*—Missionary Fred Hersey reports having many opportunities for gospel witness through special Christmas activities at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in Japan. Special activities in the Tokyo area church began December 6 and concluded on Christmas Eve, December 24.

A special service and meal for men was held on December 6 with 14 men attending. "About half of those in attendance were unsaved," Fred noted. "It was a good chance to witness to them." Fred Tanaka, Child Evangelism Fellowship missionary from Canada (a member of Iriso church), told the Christmas story using his "son"—a ventriloquist's dummy.

Thirty-seven women and five small children attended the ladies' Christmas program on December 16. A special speaker, Mrs. Miwa, gave the message. Many from Evelyn's English class and cooking class came to a Christian service for the first time.

The family Christmas program was held on Saturday, December 19, with approximately 51 people in attendance.



Hersey noted that five nationalities were represented: United States, Canada, New Zealand, mainland China, and Japan. The Chinese couple which attended had never been to a Christmas service.

About 30 children attended a Sunday school Christmas program on Sunday, December 20, and 10 young people went to the Herseys' home for a meal and Christmas party that evening.

Hersey noted the events were rounded out with believers meeting for a short service on Christmas Eve. This was followed by Christmas caroling.

### Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**France**—"My studies at the university seem to be getting increasingly more difficult," writes Ernest Holland from Nantes, France, regarding language study. "I know that I am improving, but with the advancement comes more difficult words and harder tenses of verbs. Pray that God will give us the grasp of the French language in order that we might make disciples here in France and in the Ivory Coast."

**Batesville, Ark.**—The First Free Will Baptist Church in Batesville, Ark., sponsored a Christmas card delivery and raised \$131.89 for Uruguay missionary accounts. The delivery teams were coordinated by Debbie Johnson. Bobby Shepherd is the pastor.

**Ivory Coast**—Associate missionaries Robert and Pam West expressed praise over the Lord's blessings in Doropo, Ivory Coast. "The Doropo church is full on Sunday!" write the Wests. "These people love the Lord." Robert has been



*Jerry and Carol Pinkerton left for Ivory Coast on January 20 following a short furlough. They moved to Bondoukou where Jerry resumed his duties as field chairman.*

helping on the station as well as teaching in the villages and working in the church. In one village Robert helped a man burn his fetishes recently. He noted that 19 people had been saved in that village.

**Kansas City, Mo.**—Missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton left the United States on January 20 to return to their ministry in Ivory Coast. Jerry underwent orthoscopic surgery on January 4 to correct a knee which was "locking up" with pain. Doctors determined the problem was most likely arthritic.

**Fordland, Mo.**—The Woman's Auxiliary of Fordland Free Will Baptist Church in Missouri has taken on support of a student in the Ivory Coast Bible Institute. They have agreed to send at least \$25 monthly.

**Limestone, Tenn.**—The Master's Men of Limestone Free Will Baptist Church in Limestone, Tenn., recently provided a computer for missionary representatives Don and Billie Sexton.

*Fred Tanaka and "son" (left) present the Christmas story to those on hand for the "Men's Christmas" at the Iriso FWB Church in Japan.*



**Newport News, Va.**—Mr. J. K. Bryan, father of missionary Robert Bryan, underwent multiple bypass surgery on Friday, December 18. Surgery was reported to have gone well and he returned home during the following week.

**Japan**—Missionary Judy Smith announced tentative plans to teach English conversation classes two mornings a week at Hokusei University beginning in April.

**Columbia, S.C.**—Miss Charolette Tallent, who has been on leave of absence from service in France for the past several months, is scheduled to complete her resident studies for a Master's degree this month. She is tentatively planning to return to France in June or July. She requested prayer for a speedy approval of her visa.

**Farmington, Mo.**—"I've finally asked Jesus to live in my heart! I'm so happy now!" began the letter from Masami Yamaki, a young woman in Japan. She was writing to Ken and Judy Bailey who had taught her English for two years. Bible reading was part of the instruction. The girl began attending church about a year later. The Baileys requested prayer for the young lady who is now in California attending college in Azusa.

**Panama**—The mission church in San Miguelito, a suburb of Panama City, Panama, was officially organized on Saturday, November 28, 1987. They had 56 charter members. Alvaro Larrahondo is the pastor.

**Ivory Coast**—Jim and Evelyn Teague, dorm parents at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake, Ivory Coast, recently went through a difficult time with malaria. Jim writes: "After the malaria, all seems to be improving with us. But oh the malaria, eight days of thinking you might die, and then eight more days wondering why you haven't."

**Japan**—Four women in Japan recently wrote to Judy Bailey in Farmington, Mo. Judy had taught them English and Bible classes while still in Japan. They wrote: "When will you return? We want to begin studying again!"

**Spain**—The Christian day school at Alcala de Henares, Spain, has 11 students at the present, according to missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks. "Others are wanting to come," writes Anita. "This keeps Lonnie busy making desks."



## "J.J. Fund" Started by Kita Hiroshima Chapel

*Japan*—The members of the Kita Hiroshima Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Sapporo, Japan, have started a "J.J. Fund" to help raise support for Judy Smith and the Jerry Banks family. Within two months the church had given almost \$800 to help pay Judy's rent and utility bills and to help Jerry and Janice Banks return to Japan from furlough.

Judy Smith reports several women have started part-time jobs to be able to give to the fund. The unsaved husbands of several members of the church have also contributed.

## Susan Turnbough and Son Undergo Surgery in U.S.

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Missionary Susan Turnbough of Spain had major surgery on December 7 in Park View Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. On the same day her son, Matthew, was in Southern Hills Hospital in Nashville having surgery to correct a hearing loss. Both surgeries were termed successful by attending physicians.

Jeff, Susan, and their children arrived in the United States on November 30 specifically for the purpose of having Susan's surgical needs met. Doctors in Nashville recommended Matthew's surgery after his arrival in the States.

Jeff and Matthew returned to Spain on January 5 so the boy could get back in school. Susan and Melissa remained in the States until January 12.

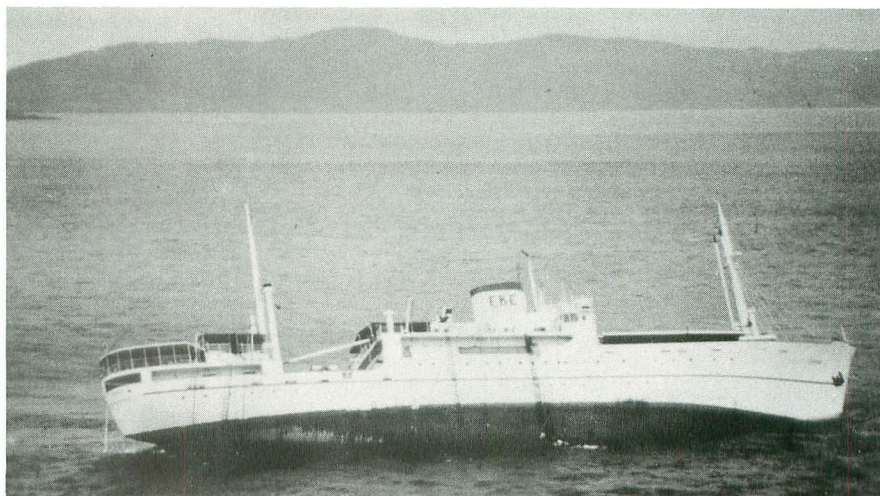
## Christmas Events Open Doors at Kita Hiroshima

*Japan*—Christmas outreach activities at Kita Hiroshima Chapel in Sapporo, Japan, have resulted in more first-time visitors than any previous Christmas services according to missionary Judy Smith.

On December 13 the Sunday school children at Kita Hiroshima presented the play, "Gifts from the Manger." This was especially for their parents and friends. Then, on Tuesday, December 15, students from Judy's guitar and English classes presented a drama and musical entitled "Christmas Is . . ." Over 30 of their friends and church neighbors were on hand. Fifteen of these were newcomers to the group.

The annual candlelight service was held on December 24 at the church with 40 people attending.

Forty people were on hand on New



The M/V Logos, one of two book exhibit ships owned and operated by Operation Mobilization, is shown listing to its port side in a channel between Argentina and Chile. The ship was a total loss after running aground just before midnight of January 4.

Year's Day for the annual rice-pounding event as associate missionary Paul Creech preached and Dale Bishop interpreted.

Dale baptized three people during the Christmas season: Mrs. Kazama, Miss Sawada, and Mr. Hiraga.

## Deeds Counsels Many, Seeks to Solve Problems

*Brazil*—"Much time has been spent in counseling since we returned," writes missionary Earnie Deeds from Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. "How we feel the need for divine wisdom and answers!"

Deeds listed some of the circumstances he has faced: a marriage breakup, a young girl being attacked in the street, a police investigation of a fight over a near auto accident, etc.

Earnie expressed praise for the work done by the women of the church during the Deeds' absence. One lady felt burdened for those who were slack in attendance and initiated a weekly visitation program to the homes of church members as well as to some non-Christian homes. This work is continuing.

## Logos Ship Sinks Off Chilean Coast

*Chile*—The M/V Logos, one of two book exhibit ships belonging to Operation Mobilization, ran aground just before midnight on January 4 in the Beagle Channel between Argentina and Chile. At 5:00 a.m. on January 5 the crew decided the Logos could not be saved and all personnel were evacuated.

The Chilean navy assisted in the rescue of 141 passengers and crew members, including 30 Americans. No one was injured, however, all personal effects were lost other than official documents and passports.

At last report the Logos was on her side and was not believed to be commercially salvageable. The 2,300-ton vessel had been in service for Operation Mobilization during a 17-year period. It had visited over 400 ports and 107 countries. A sister ship, the M/V Doulos, continues to minister around the world.

## Financial Summary Through January 31 \$substance

Total income for January	\$ 225,749.34
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Total disbursements through January	259,153.99
Projected income for January	265,502.00
Total 1988 Budget	<b>\$3,186,036.00</b>
ADVANCE gifts through January	\$ 14,920.87
1988 ADVANCE Budget	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

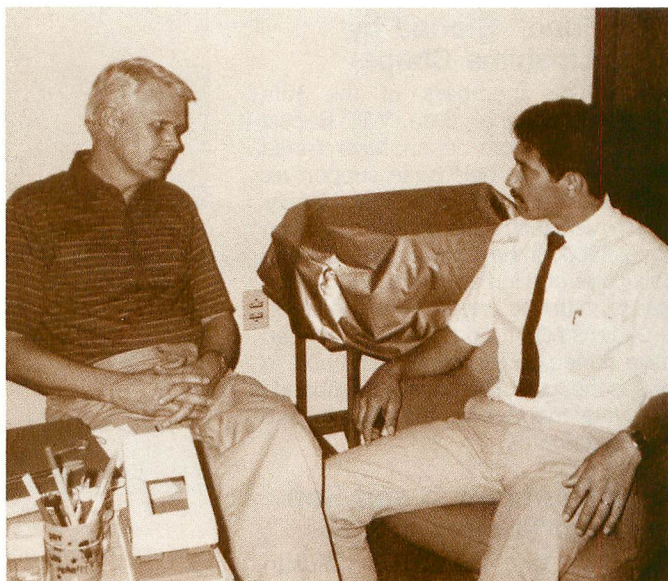
Total income for December 1987	\$ 303,436.45
Total income for 1987	\$2,888,795.12
Total disbursements for 1987	\$3,009,113.18
Total 1987 Budget	<b>\$3,358,900.00</b>
ADVANCE gifts through December 1987	\$ 179,980.03
1987 ADVANCE Budget	<b>\$ 160,000.00</b>

## \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$ 2,302.03	Morgan	\$ 392.95
Bryan	4,077.08	Nichols	6,074.23
Combs	3,761.30	Owen	7,429.73
Crosby	11,886.71	Payne	6,288.29
Crowson	4,372.21	Richards	7,402.07
Ellison	7,132.09	Smith, J.	5,045.26
Filkins	4,278.77	Sparks	4,924.53
Franks	2,689.56	Sturgill	12,729.75
Gilliland	2,194.21	Turnbough	8,984.31
Hanna	12,673.53	Willey	2,629.68
Hersey	6,472.88	General Fund	26,328.87
McCullough	7,575.92		
Total			<b>\$157,645.96</b>





Missionary Earnie Deeds (left) introduces General Director R. Eugene Waddell to Manuel, a lay leader at Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. (Right), Waddell discusses the work in Uruguay with Pastor Gerardo Acevedo of Montevideo.

## Dr. Eagleton Scores Well in Tropical Medicine

*Ivory Coast*—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, who recently arrived in Ivory Coast following French language study and a tropical medicine course in France, was commended for his 50-page paper in the medical course.

Professor Cazenave was so impressed with the paper, "Indications of Caesarean Sections in Tropical Africa," that he requested copies to send to the World Health Organization, Institute of Tropical Medicine of the French Armed Forces, School of Medicine of Cotonou in Benin, and School of Tropical Medicine of Dakar in Senegal.

## Waddell Visits Uruguay, Brazil, and Panama Fields

*Nashville, Tenn.*—R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, returned to the United States on February 4 after a five-week tour of the mission works in Uruguay, Brazil, and Panama. He left the States on December 30, 1987.

Waddell's first stop was Montevideo, Uruguay, where he visited the Rick Bowlings and ministered in Malvin Norte, the Central church, and the Bible institute. The Paul Robinsons were also in Montevideo to meet the general director and take him to the Rivera area where he spent six days visiting Christians, observing the work, and ministering the Word of

God. A school teacher was saved at the Central church on Sunday evening.

Eugene went from Rivera to Barbacena, Brazil, where he visited with the Dave Franks family. He then proceeded to Conselheiro Lafaiete, Uberaba, Uberlandia, and the campground at Jaboticabal.

While at the campground, Mr. Waddell met with two representatives of the board of directors of the new Bible college. He then visited the works in Araras, Campinas, and Ribeirao Preto before returning to Jaboticabal on January 26 for the annual field council meeting.

During the field council meeting, Waddell spoke to the group three times and helped them in their planning for future ministries. The meeting ended on January 28.

On February 1 the chief administrative officer left for Panama where he spent three days with the Steve Lytles and Stan Bunches. On February 2 Eugene had a meeting with the general board of the Panamanian Association. The next day he had a luncheon meeting with the board, pastors, and key laymen in Panama City.

Among other activities during his trip, Eugene made several VHS video tapes of the various works, missionaries, workers, etc., for use in the audiovisual department.

Assessing the entire trip, Mr. Waddell stated: "This is an exciting time

to be working in Latin America. The doors for evangelism and discipleship are wide open. Receptivity of the gospel is unprecedented in many areas." Regarding the national churches, Waddell stated, "I'm very encouraged by the emphasis which national leaders in all three countries are placing on training workers. From the social, political, and spiritual standpoint, this is the hour to reap the harvest in this region."

## Board Approves I.C. Trip by Special Committee

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The Board of Foreign Missions announced recently their approval of a trip to Ivory Coast by a special investigative committee appointed by them. Its task involves clarifying allegations against various Ivory Coast missionaries by former missionary Lonnie Palmer, examining Palmer's attitudes, and evaluating the effects of his presence in Ivory Coast. The men are scheduled to depart April 3 and return on April 26.

According to Dr. Melvin Worthington, chairman and spokesman for the group, the five men want to meet with Ivory Coast missionaries and the African leaders to discuss the charges made by Lonnie Palmer. He stated that the process of investigation would follow the same basic format as that taken during their July 1987 meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

"Upon completion of the probe in

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the Ivory Coast, the committee will draft a final report of its findings from the discussions and available materials," says Worthington. "Our report will be made to the Board of Foreign Missions during its May session."

The committee is composed of Worthington, Dean Dobbs, Earl Hendrix, Jack Richey, and Clarence Burton. Foreign Missions General Director R. Eugene Waddell expressed gratitude for the interest of several churches and individuals who have indicated they are going to help underwrite the expenses of some committee members.

The committee's preliminary reports have indicated that none of the Palmer charges were substantiated, but the group felt it necessary to go to Ivory Coast in order to adequately complete the three-fold task assigned by the board.

### Volunteer Builders Leave for France and Japan

Nashville, Tenn.—Eight experienced builders have volunteered to help construct church buildings in France and Japan, according to a February report released by the Department of Foreign Missions.

Four men were scheduled to depart on February 22 for Japan where they were to help on the construction of the Ai No Sato church. Two members of the Board of Foreign Missions—Bob Trimble of Michigan and Galen Dunbar of Kansas—planned to accompany Jim Vallance of Tennessee and James Orr of Kentucky to the building site on the northern island of Hok-

kaido, Japan. Vallance is general director of the Master's Men organization.

The men planned to spend three weeks on the Ai No Sato project.

Four other experienced construction men are scheduled to go to St. Nazaire, France, on March 10 to help in the finishing process of the new church building being erected there. Tommy Sanders, Dan Farber, and Dan Harmon of Nashville, Tenn., and Fred Haney of Cookeville, Tenn., anticipate spending three and one-half weeks on the project. Mrs. Haney will accompany her husband and plans to help with cooking for the crew. Missionary Jerry Gibbs, who is home on furlough, is to go with the men to help in the work and to act as translator for them.

Both of these projects are in line to receive help from Advance gifts.

### Woolsey Memorial Fund to Provide for Indian Hostel

Nashville, Tenn.—The Department of Foreign Missions has announced the establishment of a Woolsey Memorial Fund as a tribute to Paul and Nelle Woolsey who labored in North India during the early days of Free Will Baptist missionary activity in that country.

According to R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, the fund is being established to repay the \$10,000 indebtedness for the new hostel (boarding house) recently constructed where Carlisle and Marie Hanna are laboring in North India. The hostel, to be named after the Woolseys, is designed to aid in the training of those who have been saved and who are seeking to follow the Lord.



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