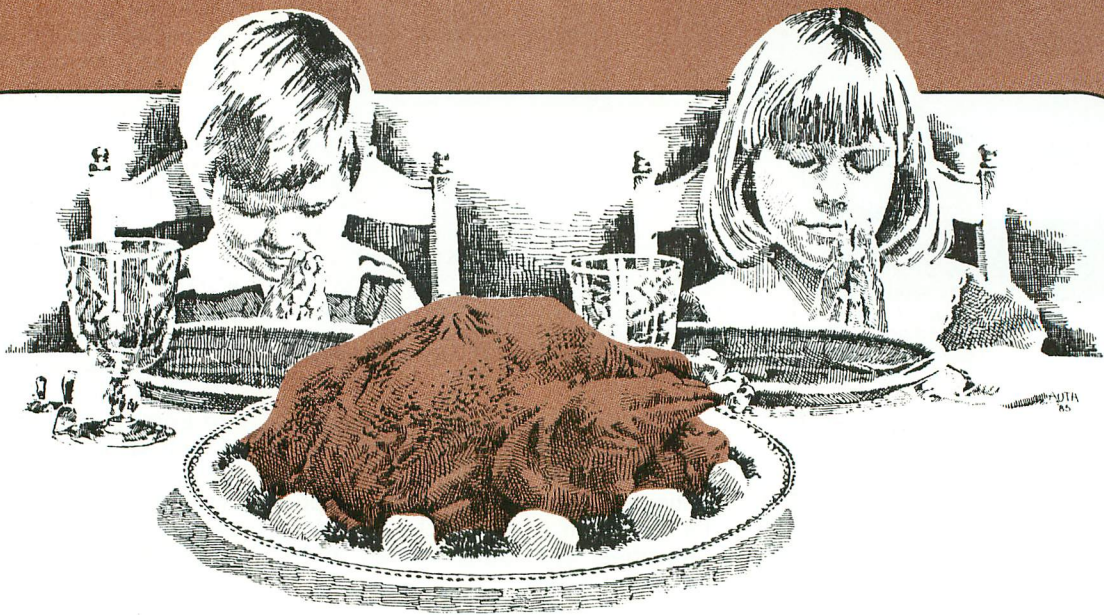


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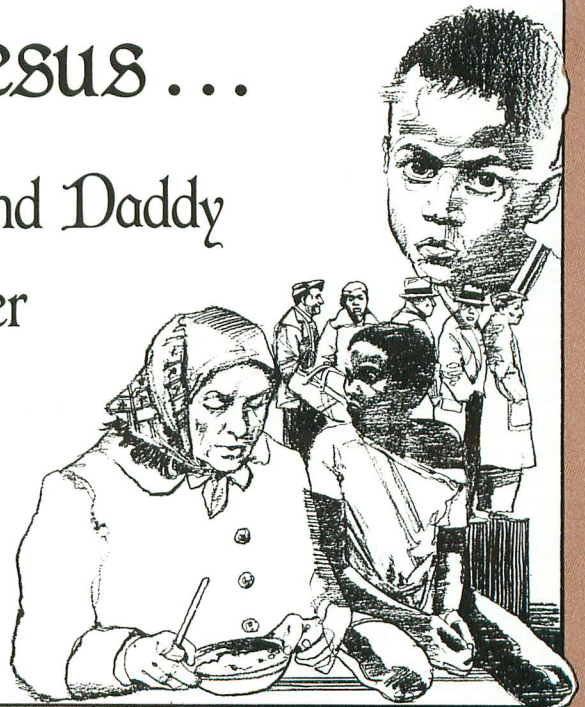
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Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



“Thank You, Jesus ...

help us and Mommy and Daddy
to share so those in other
lands can hear about
Your great love”





Dr. Alton E. Loveless (left), executive secretary of the Ohio State Association of FWB, receives a check for \$8,200 from Pastor David Boggs of Heritage Temple FWB Church in Columbus, Oh. The India church building project adopted by Ohio churches received \$6,000 of this money.

Ohio Churches Top Goal for North India Project

Columbus, Oh.—Dr. Alton Loveless, executive secretary of the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists, recently reported that \$14,852.44 had been raised at that time toward the North India church building project.

Loveless noted that two churches had services with Carlisle Hanna while he was home on furlough and a general mailing was done throughout the state to promote the project. The goal was to raise \$12,500.

Heritage Temple church in Columbus recently presented Loveless with a check for \$8,200. This included \$6,000 for the India project, \$1,200 toward a desktop publisher, and \$1,000 toward the state work.

Technician Installs X-ray Equipment at Hospital

Ivory Coast—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, who recently reported the operating room at the hospital to be functioning, also expressed praise that God had supplied a technician to install the X-ray equipment.

Eagleton noted that a Christian medical equipment technician had taken a leave of absence from his job in the United States to come to Africa to install X-ray equipment for another mission hospital. "When we contacted him, he agreed to come to our hospital as well," says Eagleton. "In two days he installed our X-ray equipment and fixed an autoclave for sterilization. We are thankful that the Lord sent Jean Richerd our way."

The Eagletons reported having treated 1,100 patients at the clinic during the month of August with 57 patients being admitted to the hospital. The staff also assisted 19 baby deliveries and administered 859 doses of vaccine.

Hannas Arrive in India, Assess Quake Damage

India—"Prayer was answered for us all the way back," writes Carlisle Hanna after arriving in India following a short furlough. The Hannas left the States on October 1 and arrived in their area right on schedule with no problems in customs, etc.

Back at their mission station "at least 300 people gave us a huge welcome—our church folk and businessmen," Hanna reported.

In looking over the earthquake damage to the church, the veteran missionary noted he would need an engineer to determine how dangerous the cracks were to the building. "The cracks are not as large as the ones in our house from years ago, but there are many more of them," Carlisle concluded.

Evelyn Hersey Has Surgery; Medical Furlough Required

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary Evelyn Hersey underwent surgery for a modified radical mastectomy on October 10 at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Doctors in Japan had determined the surgery was necessary after a biopsy concluded a growth to be cancerous.

Evelyn returned to the United States on October 1. Fred arrived on October 6.

According to doctors' reports, 18 lymph glands were removed with 10 of them testing positive. Evelyn is to start chemotherapy treatment on November 8.

Fred was scheduled to return to Japan on November 2 to get things in order so the couple can take an early medical furlough. Christians have been urged to pray for the couple during these days. Fred plans to return to the U.S. on December 5.

J. Smith Shares Hope with Hurting Friends

Japan—In September Judy Smith, missionary in Sapporo, Japan, reported a reunion with two young Japanese ladies who had attended her English classes while they were in high school. Judy rejoiced at the opportunity to witness to Naomi Watanabe and Mitsue Taniguchi as they openly shared with her their problems and hardships.

Judy's Filipino friend, Agnes, also approached her after her husband, Madoka, was released from prison in Sapporo. The Catholic Church had refused to accept him, so the couple asked Judy if they could attend the Kita Hiroshima church.

"I feel that God brought Agnes and her husband into our lives so that the church family can share with them, not only materially, but especially spiritually," Judy declared.

Villalba Growth Aided by Brazilian Soccer Players

Spain—According to a recent report from missionary Steve Reeves, the Villalba church has been blessed by the addition of two Brazilian soccer players and their families. Baltazar and Donato play for Atletico de Madrid, one of the two major league soccer teams in Madrid. Both men were Christians before arriving in Spain.

Steve noted that Baltazar has had a tremendous witness for Christ in the media in Madrid. His wife, Myrna, has been playing the piano in the services. Donato and his wife, Casia, are also attending with their two children.

Reeves reported Sunday morning attendance averaged approximately 40 for the month of September. An 82-year-old man named Senor Jose

has been attending faithfully for two months as have Esteban and Pilar, a young engaged couple. Jeff Turnbough is to perform their marriage ceremony.

The Free Will Baptist Bible institute in Spain has been extended to Vilalba. They are offering three courses: Life and Writings of Paul, An Inductive Study of Mark, and Basic Bible Doctrines. Between 12 and 15 students from the church are attending the Monday and Tuesday night sessions.

"I am preaching through the book of Galatians on Wednesday nights now (in the church) and Linda is teaching a series of lessons on the life of Esther," writes Steve.

Lady Denounces Fetish; 18 Converts Await Baptism

Ivory Coast—According to missionary Robert West, an elderly lady from the village of Kalamon near Doropo, Ivory Coast, has announced her faith in Christ and says she wants to burn her fetishes. West has been going to the village since a three-day evangelism campaign was held in July.

Robert has been teaching a new convert class in the Doropo area and announced 18 people had finished their baptism classes. They are scheduled to be baptized soon.

35 Students Enrolled at Ribeirao Bible Institute

Brazil—"We have a total of 35 students," writes missionary Bobby Poole regarding the Bible institute at Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. "We have three taking a two-hour course, 13 taking a three-hour course, two taking seven hours (three courses), one taking eight hours, one taking nine hours, one taking 14 hours, 11 taking all of the first-year courses, and three taking all of the third-year courses.

Poole noted that seven teachers are teaching a total of 34 semester hours. Bobby is teaching 10 hours and Geneva is carrying 12.

Boy Spared at Hospital Becomes Miley's Student

Ivory Coast—Dr. LaVerne Miley reported recently being "touched most deeply" when he discovered a young married student in his class at the Ivory Coast Bible Institute had been spared as a child at the hospital in Doropo through the doctor's



Walkers in this East Tennessee community Walk-a-thon do their part in an effort which brought in over \$7,000 in cash and an additional \$3,000 in commitments. Pastor Teddy Webb of Grassy Creek FWB Church in Rogersville, Tenn., coordinated this local effort which contributed to the \$27,796 collected in the state.

medical skills.

LaVerne stated that Ernest, the son of a well-known fetisher (witch doctor), had been brought to the hospital when the fetish medicines had failed. "The Lord, not I, healed him," says Dr. Miley. "Today he acknowledges God's call upon his life and has surrendered to Him."

Lorene Miley is working with the wives of married students in Bouna. She is helping some with reading Lobi and is aiding all of them in their responsibilities as homemakers and preachers' wives.

The Mileys will be in the Ivory Coast until after Christmas.

Gibbs Thrilled with Progress at St. Nazaire

France—From St. Nazaire, France, following September 25 services, missionary Jerry Gibbs writes, "We had a super service yesterday. There were 50 for service with three first-time visitors. A couple came because they had passed by the church and thought it looked like a nice place to worship."

Jerry and Barbara returned to France the first part of September and had some difficulty locating a house. They have finally settled and Jerry concluded, "I am more excited than ever about this term."

\$27,796 Raised Through Tennessee Walk-a-thon

Nashville, Tenn.—Tennessee foreign missionaries were the focus of the 1988 Tennessee Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions on September 10. A total of \$27,796 had been raised through the state-wide effort by October 28. The event was sponsored by the Tennessee Board of Foreign Missions under the leadership of Chairman Don Sexton.

At least 16 churches were honored with plaques for having raised over \$1,000 through their efforts. The

largest portion of the \$27,000 was raised in East Tennessee where cooperation and enthusiasm ran high.

The funds will be used to help the accounts of foreign missionaries from Tennessee.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

India—A family retreat was held October 12-16 in North India.



Walter and Marcia Ellison

Nashville, Tenn.—Walter and Marcia Ellison were given the green light to return to Uruguay and left from Miami, Fla., on October 15. They are beginning their fifth term of missionary serv-

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Financial Summary Through September 30 Substance

Total income for September	\$ 278,996.61
Total income through September	2,305,423.67
Total disbursements through September	2,272,566.09
Projected income through September	2,389,518.00
Total 1988 Budget	\$3,186,036.00

ADVANCE gifts through September	\$ 132,689.87
1988 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bishop	\$ 5,390.62	Nichols	\$ 12,014.82
Bowling	1,428.51	Owen	6,605.43
Combs	2,164.93	Payne	7,273.01
Crosby	6,480.84	Richards	4,451.08
Crowson	9,908.70	Smith, J.	6,592.89
Eagleton, Sr.	11,626.08	Sparks	5,038.89
Franks	8,270.90	Sturgill	1,477.91
Gilliland	817.93	Turnbough	3,268.05
Hanna	137.91	West	1,726.23
Hersey	480.40	Willey	2,999.54
Lee	5,446.14	I.C. Hosp.	2,103.75
McCullough	11,164.54	Spec. Com.	19,652.87
Midgett	8,669.50	General Fund	8,498.85
Morgan	5,350.94		
Total			\$159,041.26

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ice. The Ellisons' 15-year-old son, Paul, had returned to Montevideo in June.

Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.—A baby boy was born August 22 to Samuel and Zoe Hersey in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Zachary Wrede, the new grandson of missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey, weighed seven pounds five ounces. Zachary has a brother, Jordan, who is four years old.

Ivory Coast—Missionary Jerry Pinkerton reported an 18-year-old girl from the village of Seroudi prayed to receive Christ on October 6. Jerry goes to that village and five other villages once a week.

Kirkville, Mo.—Don and Brenda McLain had their first child, a son, on September 26 in Kirkville, Mo. Caleb James weighed eight pounds 10 ounces. He is the first grandchild for missionaries Jim and Olena McLain.

Port Royal, S.C.—Stephen and Vivian Ellison became the parents of their first child on July 3 in Port Royal, S.C. Amanda Gail, the first granddaughter of missionaries Walter and Marcia Ellison of Uruguay, weighed eight pounds one and one-half ounces.

Cousineau Says First Year of Institute Victorious

Ivory Coast—"Our first year of the Bible institute ministry ended in a victory on July 15," writes missionary Mike Cousineau from Bouna, Ivory Coast.

Mike noted that 18 different subjects were taught during the year. "We

praise the Lord for 86 people who prayed to receive Christ through the ministry of our students!" exclaimed Mike. Two new villages were opened to the gospel through the student ministry and a church was started and continues as a result of their outreach.

Lytle Prayer Request for Church Crisis Answered

Panama—Missionary Steve Lytle recently requested special prayer for the Free Will Baptist church in Betania, Panama, which had gone through a difficult time due to the political crisis. God answered!

"Because of the two months the bank was closed, plus the crisis everyone went through, we are behind on the mortgage," Steve had noted. "The bank is insisting that the interest be paid."

Lytle challenged the church to catch up without decreasing their giving to missions. He urged Christians to pray that God would make this possible. On October 3 Judy Lytle wrote,



NOTICE

Individuals, churches, auxiliaries, etc., planning to send Christmas cards to missionaries overseas should send them to their foreign address. Anyone sending cards in care of "Foreign Missions" should be aware that any card over four and one-half inches from top to bottom is too large to go in the regular missionary mail. These large cards will have to be folded and this may ruin their appearance.



"The Lord supplied and we were able to make up the back two payments and pay the present month as well! Everybody gave special offerings above their tithes and regular faith promises."

In other news, Steve noted that the Bible institute has 15 students: 12 on Tuesday night at the Betania church and three on Thursday night in the First Church in Panama City. Stan Bunch is also planning classes in Las Tablas and Parita.

Giving Before December 31

Many people look over their financial situation as the end of the year approaches. In assessing their status, they realize their giving has not been in keeping with the blessings of God. They also know the IRS will get more than they expected.

Maybe you need some advice on giving before December 31. For information, clip this coupon and send to:

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