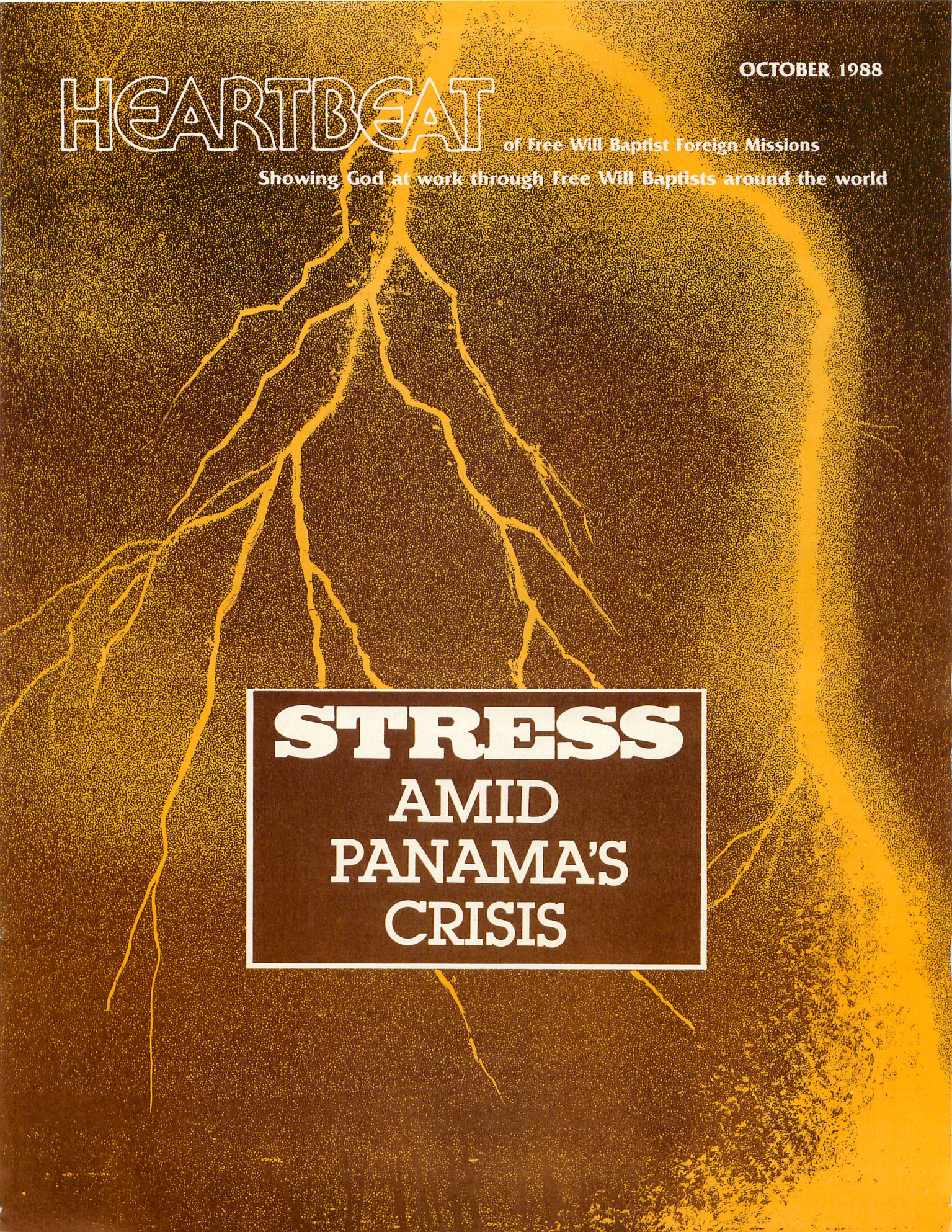


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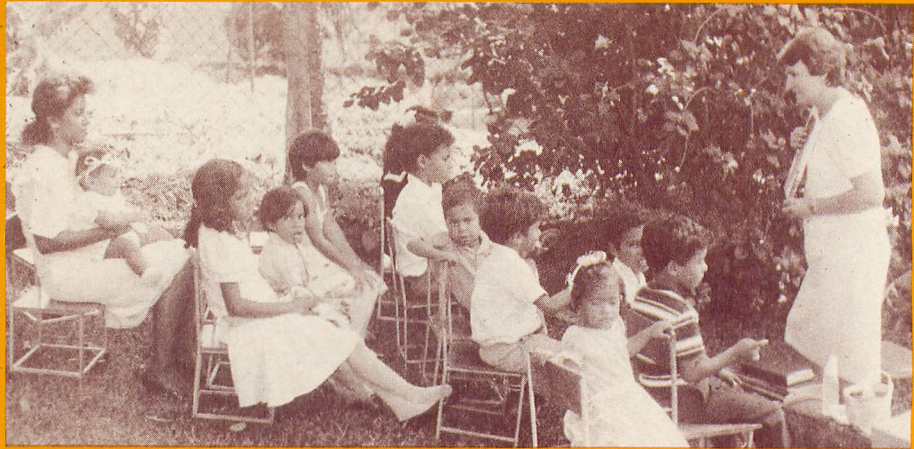
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AMID PANAMA'S CRISIS

by Judy Lytle

Judy Lytle (right) teaches children in Panama. New Bible clubs have been started in spite of the political turmoil.



Most of us have known what it feels like to be under intense pressure at one time or another. Stress is an everyday reality in these latter years of the century. The severe illness or death of a loved one, marital problems, raising children, or the knowledge that the world is plunging madly toward chaos and ultimate judgment—these are all considered causes of stress.

For those of us in ministry, other pressures come with the territory. However, during the last few months, we and the Stan Bunches have been through a time of stress unknown to us before. Stan and Brenda, the other Free Will Baptist missionaries in Panama at the present, and we have

faced a nationwide political economic crisis such as would be unique to most people.

Stressful Situations

Since our return to Panama in July of 1987, the country has been in political turmoil. But it all came to a head on February 25 when President Delvalle tried to fire General Noriega. In turn, he was ousted.

The tension in the air here was so thick one could hardly breathe. Everyone—man, woman, Christian, and non-Christian—felt the tension and suffered the stress.

In spite of the tension, we have had the Lord with us constantly, and He has pulled us through some very difficult days. He continues to do so.

Crisis and Cash Shortage

One of the first repercussions of President Delvalle's ouster was the U.S. action of freezing all Panamanian assets in the States and imposing trade sanctions on Panama. This immediately caused all banks to close here. No one would accept a check. The money one had in the bank, whether in savings or checking, was frozen and could not be withdrawn. Cash was very hard to get.

The people were not paid at first and even now they are being paid with checks that are very difficult to cash. We have been paid regularly, but we have also had the problem of getting U.S. checks cashed.

Next, the stores and businesses all went on strike for

over two weeks. The streets were deserted, buying and selling were nonexistent, and everyone seemed to be in shock. Later, when the stores reopened, people began to purchase, but only essentials.

Grocery store supplies were all low or nonexistent, and a shortage of many items still exists. We discovered we could not plan a menu and then go to the grocery store, because many needed items would not be available. We all learned to see what was available and then mentally plan the menu as we shopped. Before we purchased anything, we would make sure we had enough cash left for emergencies for a couple of weeks, because we never knew when (or if) we could get more cash.

Unemployment

With the shortage of money came unemployment. Over 40 percent of the establishments in Panama have gone out of business. It is very disturbing to see so many people out of work. Many barely get by and others have no other recourse than to ask for help so their family can eat. People were begging on every street corner. Making decisions as to whom we could help became very stressful. It was impossible to help everyone!

Political Turmoil

For us as foreigners, the political turmoil probably has been more stressful than the money situation. It has manifested itself in the form of street riots, looting, and outages of telephone, electricity, and water. The Bunches were without electricity and water for three days.

Anti-American propaganda

constantly poured from the radio and television. At the same time, the government took over public utilities and many private businesses.

Because of anti-American feelings here, talk of a U.S. invasion of Panama was constant. We were left wondering what do to. If this situation were to lead to military action, what would we do? Where would we go? Would we be safe in our home, or should we return to the States for a short while and wait? All of these questions and many more passed through our minds quite frequently.

Our church family continually warned us to be careful and not to take unnecessary chances. When possible, we were urged to go around with a Panamanian when on the street. We know the majority of the people here are very much pro-American. They would do us no harm, but when one hears on the radio and sees written on all the walls "Yankee go home!" it becomes clear Americans are not loved by everyone. We certainly felt the stress produced by all of this!

Uncertain Future

During this time, Panama began looking to other areas (even communist countries such as Cuba, Nicaragua, Libya, and Russia) for help and friendship. As the gap with the United States seems to widen, Cuba and other communist nations have their arms open wide. In light of this, we realize our ministry could be cut short.

The uncertainty of what will happen next keeps us all under stress. We see a country being threatened with total economic ruin, and to our human eyes the future appears very dark.

Only God has the answer and I'm thankful that during difficult times of stress such as this, He is in control. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. . ." Romans 8:28. In the midst of all that has gripped Panama these past months, we've seen God work in a number of ways.

Christian Love

The people in our churches have rallied to help one another. Believers from other churches and many non-Christians have helped during the crisis. It is no longer considered insulting or demeaning to ask a person, "Have you eaten today?" People brought nonperishable food supplies to the church and prepared food bags for distribution to needy families. Folks have learned to admit a need and to ask for help when needed.

Restructuring Priorities

Many people have lost their attraction to material things. Instead, a number of people in our churches have rediscovered the joy of spending time at home with the family. They have seen the value of doing simple things together and have realized that no matter how much one has, it can disappear overnight. We know a lady who had \$20,000 in savings and jewelry in the bank. She doesn't know if she will ever see it again.

Spiritual Renewal

As a result of the crisis, God's people have begun to seek the Lord's face as perhaps never before. Fasting and special seasons of prayer have become a vital part of many believers' lives. Our church has held

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special prayer meetings with people weeping brokenly before the Lord, interceding for Panama. God has used a desperate, terrifying situation to bring revival to His church. In addition, a number of unbelievers have come to know the Lord.

Church Awakened

Our attendance went up after the crisis began. One Sunday we had nearly a hundred people for Sunday school. And even more exciting, the current situation in Panama has awakened the Panamanian church and has caused us all to increase our efforts to fulfill the Great Commission.

The Betania church held a missionary conference in April. In the midst of economic hardship, offerings exceeded \$400, and faith-promise commitments totaled nearly \$5,000 for the next year.

On top of that, the church started a new mission church in Los Andes, a heavily populated area some 15 minutes from our church. In an intensive week of evangelizing door-to-door, over 80 people made professions of faith in Christ. We are now conducting weekly services there. Home Bible studies are held with new converts, and a "Good News Club" has been started for the children.

God has been our refuge and strength through all the stress. We pray that the crisis will soon be over, but we pray even more that He may continue to purify and use us for His glory. And we pray for the continuing growth of His church in Panama.

Judy Lytle and her husband, Steve, are serving their third term as missionaries in Panama. They labor in Betania, a suburb of Panama City.

LOVING THE MISSIONARY FAMILY



by Barbara Robidoux

Missionary families need more than mere words of "I'll pray for you."

Once the yearly donation for world evangelism has been given, many Christians slide back into their daily lives with little further thought of our brothers and sisters who labor to fulfill the Great Commission. We tend to forget that missionaries are people who need more than our financial support. They also need expressions of our love.

I recently asked Marjorie Stockwell, who spent thirty-eight years with her husband Oscar on the Mozambique mission field, how we could express that love. She offered the following suggestions:

1. Pray

Prayer support is essential for

any ministry, but too often the promise of prayer is forgotten almost as soon as it is made. It would be more helpful to decide upon a specific time of prayer (2:00 p.m. each Thursday, for example) and then tell your missionary friends to expect your prayers at this hour. This covenant provides a specific channel of support that can become a time of mutual communication with the Lord.

How heartwarming it is to know that someone is truly praying for you. What joy is experienced when prayer is answered. How much deeper are the bonds of love when people pray together.

2. Provide Supplies for the Ministry

Sunday school supplies are of continual use to a missionary. However, many well-meaning friends send English language Sunday school literature to non-English speaking areas. In these areas, the old adage "a picture is worth more than a thousand words" holds true. Biblical messages can more easily be communicated when a colorful picture of a relevant scene or person accompanies the message.

3. Provide Office Supplies

Paperwork stress is not limited to our American economic system. Those on the mission field have report, memo, and letter requirements, too. Typewriter paper, carbon paper, and envelopes are always welcome. Some may be able to use computer supplies. Do not send U.S. stamps! They may be pretty, but they are also useless.

4. Greeting Cards

The nearest Hallmark store is thousands of miles away, so boxes of assorted all-occasion cards are a welcome gift. You may even smile in greater appreciation when you receive one of these cards on your special day. And—while we are speaking of cards—don't forget to send one on your missionary friend's birthday, anniversary, or just to say "I'm thinking of you."

5. Food Parcels

Many governments charge the recipient large duty fees for parcels, so check with the foreign missions office before you mail heavy packages. In areas where such mailings are feasible, cherished foodstuffs include such items as brown sugar, popcorn, canned pie

fillings, chili powder, Tang, and Spam. Cake mixes are always appreciated, especially Angel Food.

Candy is fun to receive, but please don't send chocolate. It usually melts in transit and the pieces that do arrive whole often pick up a peculiar taste.

Mail packages and cans in separate boxes. Mixing them in a parcel creates a mess because the jarring during transit breaks the packages and dents the cans. Also, do not send bars of soap in food packages because the scent permeates and destroys the food.

6. Clothing

Narrow width shoes seem to be a demand, but check with the missions office for clothing needs in the specific mission field and for specific families. If clothing stores are available in the particular area where the missionary serves, a monetary love gift for clothing might be better. Simply send a check to the missions office designated "personal clothing" in the name of the particular missionary.

7. For the Children

Some missionary children spend many days away from home at boarding schools. What lonely child's heart would not be warmed by a friendly letter of encouragement or a parcel of goodies? Some suggestions for MKs (even those staying with their parents) might include candy, good books, small (50-300 piece) puzzles, games, or toys.

Do not send anything electrical since current differences sometimes cause problems. Battery-operated radios or walkie-talkies are often restricted, but simple battery-operated toys are appreciated.

Make sure to include a few packages of replacement batteries, too!

8. Magazines

Subscriptions to general interest magazines such as **Good Housekeeping**, **Woman's Day**, or **Reader's Digest** are thoughtful gifts. Children might like issues of **Ranger Rick** or **Humpty Dumpty**, while the teenager could overcome the culture gap by reading some good teen interest periodical.

9. Re-entry Help

Culture shock is a two-way street. Missionaries returning to the United States at retirement or during furlough have a problem adjusting to what we take for granted. Help them by keeping them abreast of changes, both cultural and personal, through your letters.

When they do return, keep their re-entry needs in mind. Do they need medical care? dental care? temporary housing? Is transportation a problem? Be available to meet their personal needs as they reacclimate themselves to this now somewhat foreign country.

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God is at work in Villalba!

by Jeff Turnbough

When God works, Satan feels his exclusive rights are threatened. This spiritual conflict often causes the missionary to struggle.

During a recent advertising campaign, the Spanish National Tourism Agency popularized an interesting slogan: "Spain is different!" How right they are!

At one point in history Spain possessed the world's largest empire, but for the past century

she has been among the poorer European countries. And although Spain is now coming into the "modern world" as she joins the European Economic Community, one can still visit structures which date from the time of Christ.

Approximately 98 percent of



A group from the Villalba church tries to start a campfire during a church outing.



Church people sing aboard a chartered bus during an outing in conjunction with a special baptismal service.



Jeff Turnbough prepares to baptize a convert as others await their turn.

all Spaniards claim to be Roman Catholic, but less than eight percent of those same people ever darken the door of a Catholic church.

Fewer people are coming to the Lord in Spain than in her neighboring countries of Portugal and France. The majority of Spaniards treat anything religious with indifference and coldness. But in spite of these conditions, God is at work in Spain! He certainly has been working in Villalba.

Villalba (pronounced Vil-yal-ba) lies 38 kilometers northwest of Spain's capital, Madrid, on the National Highway VI. And, although it is not really very large (25,000 inhabitants), most of the signs in Madrid indicating N-VI also include Villalba. That is because it is considered the capital of what is called "La Sierra" (the mountain range).

From the very beginning, people were open to be our friends and listen to our message.

In order to escape the pollution of Madrid, more and more people are buying or renting a home in "La Sierra." As a result of that, we have been witnessing over 100,000 people cramming into Villalba during the summer months. Many of these same people spend weekends and holidays here. Each year more people move here permanently and simply commute to work or school in Madrid.

The Lord has given us a tremendous opportunity! When we came to Villalba in 1984, we were the first and only Protes-

tant group in **all** the 20 towns which make up La Sierra! Now, another little group has started in a neighboring town.

Of all those the Lord could have chosen, why did He choose Free Will Baptists to pioneer this absolutely churchless area? We don't know. But we are sure He miraculously opened the door for us to come here and we are extremely challenged by the awesome spiritual needs the Lord has placed before us.

Without a doubt, we have seen the Lord's hand at work here. But for us it has been our most difficult spiritual battle. Evidently, Satan has felt his exclusive rights threatened.

In order to appreciate what the Lord is doing, one must understand the general hardness of Spanish people toward spiritual things. The majority of Spaniards today are fed up with religion and are preoccupied with getting ahead in life (materialism). Therefore, they are not interested in even listening to a presentation of the gospel.

The majority of Spanish Protestant churches are in little storefront-type buildings. They have been there for several years and usually have low attendances. Most are not growing or are growing very slowly. After 40 years of repression, believers tend to suffer from an inferiority complex or with so much freedom they just don't want to bother people by evangelizing.

In Villalba we have had scores of opportunities to talk intimately with people concerning the gospel message. That is the real miracle in Villalba! From the very beginning, people were open to

be our friends and listen to our message. We have been very busy!

After being here only a few weeks, as many as 30 people gathered in a small apartment to listen to us explain the Scriptures. Over 50 local people came to the inauguration of our rented building. Counting people from other churches, 150 attended. We have had just about as much or more contact with lost people outside the walls of our building as we have had with people inside.

Each year people have been saved.

Four teen-age boys and three young men prayed to receive Christ as their Savior.

In 1985 we began to think and pray about additional people who come to Villalba during the summer months. A very important part of Spanish life and culture is the "paseo." On nice summer evenings the entire family dresses up, goes outside, and walks through the town, to the parks, etc. They just enjoy being outside. That continues until midnight or later.

In an effort to reach these people, on August 3 of 1987 we began a month-long evangelistic campaign by going door-to-door. We passed out tracts, the Gospel of John, and invitations to the evening meetings. We also witnessed every time the Holy Spirit opened the door.

We conducted two meetings nightly for two weeks in a centrally located park: a

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program for children from eight to nine o'clock, and a film for adults from ten to twelve o'clock. This was the first phase. From 400 to 600 children attended each night. That many or more adults also attended the adult program each night! The film was accompanied by a song, a testimony, and a short gospel presentation.

Each night after the adult program, we waited at the carefully planned exit to pass out a Gospel of John to each person and asked him or her to read it. On following nights we asked those same people if they were reading it, and many said they were!

The second phase of the campaign consisted of inviting these same people to our building every night for one week. We explained the gospel in more detail and gave time for questions. The third phase involved one week of intensive follow-up. But follow-up is actually still going on.

While we have been privileged to experience some thrilling moments in the ministry here, I personally have never witnessed nor experienced more concerted Satanical attacks.

At the beginning of the campaign, Satan attacked outside the church, inside the church, and he even assaulted us.

Just before the campaign, the Mormons bombarded Villalba door-to-door. Because of that, the Jehovah's Witnesses seemingly augmented their efforts. One week before our campaign began, the Hare Krishna held a campaign in the exact place where we were to have ours! As a result of that, some members of the town

council seriously reconsidered granting us permission to have our campaign. Then, the day we began our door-to-door visitation, the Children of God sect hit Villalba.

Inside the church, one of our more faithful young men informed us that he no longer felt the presence of the Lord in his life and that he was dropping out. That was a terrible blow. Other believers just didn't show up!

The majority of Spaniards today are fed up with religion and are preoccupied with getting ahead in life (materialism).

Inside my heart and mind unimportant things began to surface and bother me. Why did those kinds of things have to surface then and there? I believe it was a Satanical attempt to discourage and defeat us.

But, praise the Lord, four young teen-age boys and three young men prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. From these and other contacts in the campaign, three are remaining faithful to our church. An even wider impact has been felt because of persons attending from other areas of Madrid. One man, who did not make a decision, said, "These meetings have left a real impression on my life."

We seldom know what things are most influential in a person's coming to Christ. We leave those things to the Lord: To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Jeff Turnbough and his wife, Susan, are serving their second term in Villalba, Spain.

The year that my husband and I lived in Japan, we observed the differences in the Oriental lifestyle and our native American ways. As time passed and the Western scales slowly fell from our eyes, we began to see things from another slant.

We noticed that Oriental approaches, though different from our own, were effective and yielded astounding results. Consider some of the things the Japanese people taught us:

Serve the customer in every way imaginable.

It is almost embarrassing to be the first one to enter a department store in the morning. The employees line up beside the doors and utter polite welcomes as the customers begin their shopping day. It is equally difficult to leave even the lowliest of establishments without acknowledging a shower of appreciatory remarks.

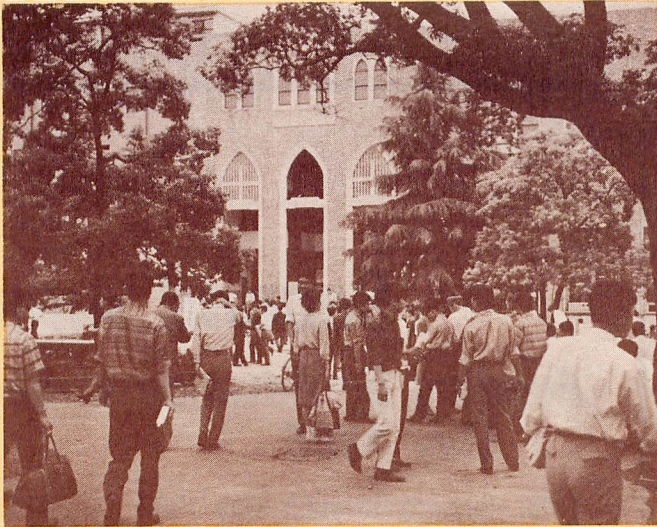
Say "I'm sorry," even if it was not one's fault.

One of the most common words in Japanese conversation is one that gently begs, "excuse me. I'm sorry." Even the most insignificant action draws this response.

The Japanese place such importance on apologies that in cases requiring mild legal punishment, often a written apology will suffice.

Work with community spirit.

Individuality is not favored among the Japanese. People are expected to sacrifice their personal desires in order to meet the demands of "the group." Failure or success is viewed as the result of team



The Japanese people put a very strong emphasis on education.



'Teach Me, JAPANESE!'

by Rhoda Snow Creech

effort. There is no place for individual glory. This community spirit brings everyone into the group and allows for few outcasts.

Save 20 percent of one's income.

Japanese people save 20 percent of their income as opposed to the average American savings of six percent. Oriental parents forego American necessities such as clothes dryers, second cars, and annual vacations. They carefully guard savings accounts for children's education or for the purchase of a home. Impulse buying is not a problem in Japan. Delayed gratification is accepted as a matter of course.

Respect one's elders.

Age breeds respect in Japan. While a youth may be more knowledgeable in the ways of the modern world, he has no choice but to submit to his

seniors when decisions are made. In the United States, adults place other adults on their same level. Not so in Japan. Even casual conversation allows elders to speak first.

Operating on the same principle, Japanese adult children take seriously their responsibility to provide for parents in their old age. Japan has no need for a sophisticated welfare system because children realize that caring for their elders is not a choice to be made, but rather a responsibility to accept.

Place prime importance on education.

Admittedly, there are drawbacks to the Japanese educational system. However, it produces glaring results that Americans can no longer afford to ignore.

The Japanese system teaches discipline. Since Japanese pre-school children are not disciplined in the home, the first

grade teacher is met with the responsibility. While a child attends school, the teacher is the controlling force in the student's life. School teachers demand acceptable behavior, and the students produce it.

Emphasis on education allows the Japanese to boast a 99 percent literacy rate, the highest of any nation in the world. The average intelligence quotient of a Japanese child is 10 points higher than his American counterpart. These results, and others like them, embarrass the Western world.

As my husband and I viewed the pluses of the Japanese culture, we were challenged to incorporate them into our lives. If these principles could make you a more productive person and contribute to your Christian service, then join us in saying, "Teach me, Japanese!"

Rhoda Snow Creech and her husband, Paul, served a short-term missionary assignment in Japan during 1987-88.

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Funding by Advance through May 1988

Total Receipts through May 1988 \$421,048

Advance Expenses Allocated
through May \$103,019

1986 Disbursements

Ivory Coast Bible Institute 20,911
Uruguay Bible Institute 30,000
16mm Projector 741
VCR/Camera (ICBI) 1,911

1987 Disbursements

Panama Building Fund (Betania) 18,040
Photocopy Machine (ICBI) 4,576
16mm Film in Hindi (India) 1,500
Brazil Bible Institute 6,042
New Missionaries 1,600

1988 Disbursements

France Building Fund (St. Nazaire) 55,880
Japan Building Fund (Ai No Sato) 20,170
Uruguay Bible Institute 35,067
New Missionaries 400

Reserved for New Missionaries. 60,642

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through May 1988. 360,499

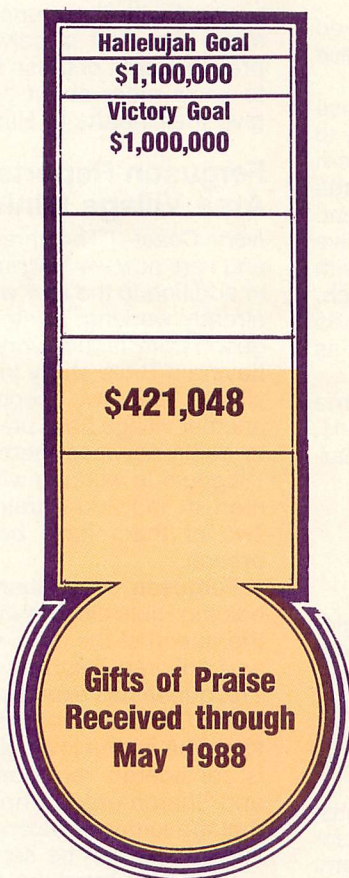
Balance on Hand \$ 60,549

**Other projects are approved
and awaiting funding.**

Financial Report

It's Making a Difference!

Three Year Goal



**"Equal Sacrifice,
Not Equal Giving"**

Financial Summary

Through August 31, 1988

\$ubstance

Total income for August	\$ 255,727.15
Total income through August	2,029,435.03
Total disbursements through August	1,985,842.01
Projected income through August	2,124,016.00
Total 1988 Budget	\$3,186,036.00
Advance gifts through August	\$ 119,019.33
1988 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$ 8,602.11	Owen	\$ 6,064.48
Bowling	1,545.78	Payne	3,770.74
Combs	2,376.82	Richards	3,695.30
Crosby	6,589.64	Smith, J.	5,867.33
Crowson	11,460.47	Sparks	4,485.13
Eagleton, Sr.	9,582.72	Sturgill	1,702.39
Franks	9,018.75	Turnbough	2,694.22
Gilliland	966.82	Willey	2,765.34
Lee	5,550.95	Cuba	2,428.42
McCullough	11,689.39	I.C. Hosp.	1,614.89
Midgett	8,307.59	Spec. Com.	18,923.051
Morgan	5,135.26	General Fund	1,489.00
Nichols	11,823.02		
Total			\$148,149.61

State Goals—1988

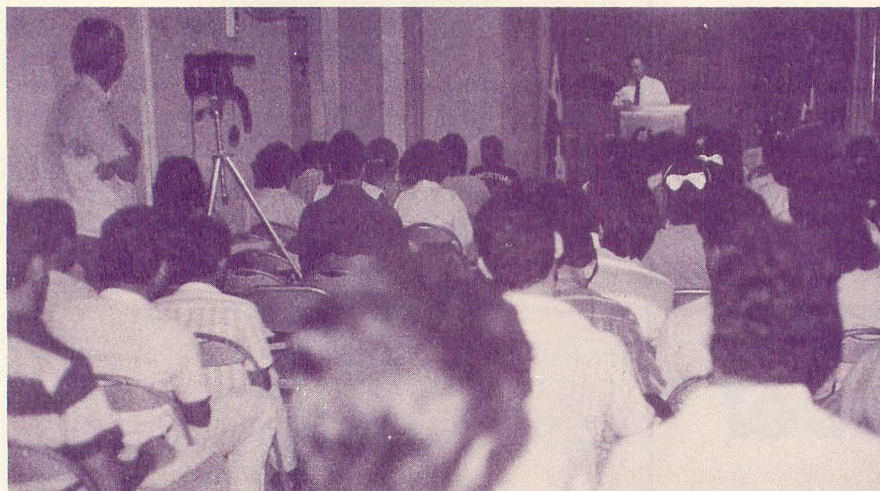
State	Goal 1988	Goal Through August	Contributions Through August
Alabama	\$ 195,000	\$130,000	\$ 101,634.09
Arizona	4,500	3,000	2,362.09
Arkansas	168,000	112,000	105,257.74
California	54,000	36,000	30,533.38
Colorado	3,500	2,333	2,331.83
Florida	100,000	66,667	62,791.26
Georgia	120,000	80,000	97,132.94
Hawaii	2,500	1,667	1,275.00
Idaho	750	500	688.78
Illinois	101,000	67,333	66,654.34
Indiana	36,000	24,000	20,779.05
Iowa	1,500	1,000	1,222.80
Kansas	14,000	9,333	12,821.55
Kentucky	80,000	53,333	43,370.44
Louisiana	600	400	50.00
Maryland	15,000	10,000	10,054.53
Michigan	141,000	94,000	84,248.49
Mississippi	72,000	48,000	31,160.18
Missouri	215,000	143,333	150,356.15
Montana	1,000	667	265.00
Nevada	1,000	667	578.00
New Mexico	500	333	303.43
*Northeast Assn.	7,000	4,667	2,216.30
**Northwest Assn.	5,700	3,800	2,241.15
North Carolina	385,000	256,667	279,432.84
Ohio	125,000	83,333	63,363.98
Oklahoma	378,000	252,000	223,810.87
Pennsylvania	2,000	1,333	874.50
South Carolina	200,000	133,333	103,313.50
Tennessee	415,000	276,667	273,647.79
Texas	97,000	64,667	65,792.30
Virginia	111,000	74,000	84,885.91
Virgin Islands	3,000	2,000	1,329.00
West Virginia	75,000	50,000	45,853.19
Miscellaneous	55,486	36,991	56,802.63
Totals	\$3,186,036	\$2,124,024	\$2,029,453.03

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New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

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Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



Missionary Steve Lytle (behind pulpit) speaks to a large crowd of youth gathered for a youth conference at Betania FWB Church in the Panama City area of Panama.

Earthquake in India Damages Church, Hostel

India—An earthquake hit Nepal and North India on August 21 causing severe damage and loss of lives. The Free Will Baptist church where the Carlisle Hannas work and the FWB hostel sustained some damage such as cracked walls.

No reports were received regarding injury to any of the Christians, but the home of one pastor was severely damaged.

According to correspondence, at least five hard shocks were felt over a period of time. The Richter scale measured 6.5 for the peak tremor.

Reports of extensive flooding in the area caused concern on the part of the Hannas who were home on furlough at the time. They have indicated flooding in that region always affects their people and property. At press time no news had been received regarding flood losses.

Betania Church Expands; Youth Conference Held

Panama—The Betania Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Panama City, Panama, recently completed a building project which increased the seating capacity from 80 to nearly 140 people. They also added two classrooms. The new project was dedicated in a special service on August 28.

A youth conference was held on August 19-21 at the church. Seventy-four young people received certificates for attending at least two of the three days of the conference. "Many

testified of the benefit they received from the conference," writes Steve Lytle.

Steve and Judy expressed praise that they were able to move in July to a house less than five minutes from the Betania church. This has made their ministry much more convenient.

Judy has been conducting five different Bible clubs each month with an average attendance of 15 in each. On August 12, five children in the Los Andes Bible club accepted Christ as their Savior.

The church planned a special time for married couples September 9-11. This was to include seminars for parents of small children as well.

Doropo Operating Room Already Put into Service

Ivory Coast—Doctor Kenneth Eagleton has reported the operating room at Doropo to be ready and functioning since the last part of June. "Our first surgery was actually done in mid-July and since then we have done two others," writes Doctor Kenneth.

The Woodhaven Free Will Baptist Church in Michigan provided funds for the completion of the operating room.

The doctor announced starting a vaccination program every Thursday afternoon at the clinic. They have been giving approximately 100 vaccinations per week.

Eagleton noted that he has been going to the village of Tehini every Sunday morning for services. "The road is worse now in rainy season and there is a flooded creek with no bridge that we have to cross," says Kenneth.

"Water comes about half way up the door of the car. . . . We have had some really good services over there. We run about 70 besides the little children. A good group of them wants to be baptized, so we started a baptismal class. We had 19 present on two different Sundays."

85 Attend Bible Camp Near Sapporo, Japan

Japan—A three-day Bible camp was held during the last week of July by five churches in the Sapporo area of Japan. Approximately 85 children and workers attended the event.

"Two junior high boys from one of my English classes were able to hear the gospel for the very first time," writes Judy Smith. "I was able to counsel with them one evening and share the plan of salvation. Please pray that both of these boys will want to know more about Jesus and will give their hearts to Him."

Ferguson Reports on Tanda Area Village Ministries

Ivory Coast—"The three lay leaders and I are now working in a new village in addition to the four where we were already working," writes Ledge Ferguson from Tanda, Ivory Coast. "I am having a Bible study in another new village and two people from still another village have prayed. We hope to begin services there soon."

Ledge is working with four young men in individual training courses. Two of them have been called to preach.

Ferguson says Sharon has been holding Bible classes in a village with the queen of the area. Other women and children listen as she teaches. The queen has expressed a desire to follow Christ but she fears the ancestors. The queen is an old woman and is considered very powerful. Ledge and Sharon urged Christians to pray that the forces of Satan might be broken so she can be set free.

Ledge reported that the roof of the Tanda church was recently ripped off by the wind.

New Opportunities Open for Turnboughs in Spain

Spain—"We have been praying for some time concerning entering the many pueblos (towns) surrounding Villalba," writes Jeff Turnbough from Spain. "They have no gospel witness!

Well, the Lord answered our prayers. A young fellow showed up at our church from one of these pueblos very much interested in having Bible studies."

According to Jeff, Esteban is a young believer who transferred to this town recently. He has already led the Turnboughs to his girlfriend and to a man in Guadarrama who prayed to accept Christ.

In another town, Cercedilla, the missionary team is going to open-air markets each Tuesday with Christian books, Bibles, and tracts. They are also passing out tracts, holding children's meetings, singing in parks, showing films, etc., in an effort to evangelize these areas.

A Bible institute program in the church is scheduled for this fall.

Bible Institute Fruitful; New Program Announced

Ivory Coast—According to an August report from missionary Mike Cousineau, the Bible institute at Bouna, Ivory Coast, finished the year with some impressive statistics for the eight students.

Records showed 86 people had prayed for salvation through student ministries, 221 messages had been preached, 181 lessons had been taught, and 14 people had been disciplined. Two baptismal courses were taught and three evangelistic campaigns were conducted with the students involved.

"We are pleased to announce the beginning of a new program of study sponsored by the institute this fall," writes Mike. "It consists of a three-year, two-year, or one-year course of study designed for prospective students."

Cousineau noted that two former missionaries will be helping during the next two quarters of study: Dr. LaVerne Miley will be teaching during the September-December quarter and Eddie Payne will be spending the first quarter of 1989 at the institute.

Uberlandia Church Marks Eleventh Anniversary

Brazil—According to missionary Tom Hughes, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia celebrated its eleventh birthday on Sunday, September 4. Missionary Earnie Deeds of Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, spoke to the church on Saturday night, Sep-



Missionary Earnie Deeds preaches at the eleventh anniversary service of First FWB Church in Uberlandia, Brazil.

tember 3, and to the Sunday school on Sunday morning. He also preached during the Sunday night service.

Two people were saved on Sunday night: Alexandro, a young man who had been attending for several months, and Viviane, the seven-year-old daughter of one of the early converts in the church.

Sunday school attendance on the special day totaled 126 and 170 people were on hand for the Sunday night service. Average attendance on Sunday morning is 110 and about 80 on Sunday night.

Although the church was started 11 years ago, it was not organized until four years ago.

The Bible institute in the church has resumed classes with 11 students. Thirty-one attended last semester but a number of students took only evangelism during the previous two semesters and did not sign up for other courses.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Panama—The San Miguelito church in Panama has started a new mission work in Cerro Silvestre, about 10 miles from Panama City. According to Steve Lytle, he attended the San Miguelito church on August 14 for the observance of the Lord's Supper and found an attendance of 99 for Sunday school that day. About 15 of that number were from the new mission work.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Kenneth and Teresa Robinson had their first child on August 11 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

They named their new daughter Chloe Elise. The baby weighed seven pounds seven ounces. Kenneth is the son of missionaries Paul and Amy Robinson.



Dr. Robert Woodard

Brazil—The third annual workers' conference is scheduled in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, December 26-30. Dr. Robert Woodard, professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and Bronco West, a children's evangelist, will be the featured speakers.

Panama—Stan Bunch has requested prayer for these people in the Parita work in Panama: Bethancourt, a police sergeant near conversion; Alexander and Yarda Garcia, a young couple that is separated; and Raul, who has completed seven Bible lessons but is unfaithful in church attendance.

Ivory Coast—"In recent weeks there have been teen guys and gals, children, men, and women who have made public professions of faith," writes Arilla Wode from Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast.

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Poole reports the first vacation Bible school

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was held July 11-15 in the new work in the Sumare area of Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. Attendance averaged 53 for the week and most of the children had never been to a Protestant church before.

Ivory Coast—Bessie Richards, missionary to Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, underwent laser surgery on both eyes in August to correct detached retinas. Treatment was performed on one eye on August 9, and the other eye was treated on August 12. Latest reports indicate the surgery was successful.



Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley left Nashville, Tenn., on September 15 en route to Ivory Coast, West Africa. The Mileys will spend three months in Bouna where Dr. Miley will be teaching in the Bible institute. They plan to return to the United States on December 26.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mr. Chester Wright, father of missionary Marie Hanna of India, died on July 17 at the age of 85. The Hannas had just transferred him to a nursing home in Charleston, S.C. He was a widower and had been in ill

health for several years. Marie was the only child. The funeral was held July 20 in Flat River, Mo.

Japan—The Koinonia Free Will Baptist Church in Noppo, Japan, has been doing some remodeling. Dale Bishop writes: "Our church was a store and still has a storefront look. They are trying to make it look more like a church."



Carlisle and Marie Hanna

Charleston Heights, S.C.—Veteran missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna were scheduled to return to India on October 1 following a short furlough. Carlisle arrived in the United States at the end of May. Marie had been in the States since March 14.

Inscoe Family Featured at District Auxiliary

Midland City, Ala.—When the Florida State Line District Woman's Auxiliary met in its thirty-first annual session earlier this year, Larry and Priscilla Inscoe and their children were special guests. The meeting was held in the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church at Midland City, Ala.

Larry preached during the morning worship session and John and Mark

Inscoe presented special music for the morning and afternoon devotions. Approximately \$850 was collected and given to the Inscoe family.

A fellowship dinner was held at Mr. J's Steak House in Dothan, Ala., on the Friday night preceding the convention. Approximately 30 people attended from various auxiliaries. Each local auxiliary group brought gifts for the Inscoes. They included craft supplies and items for the two boys to help them in college.

Following the meal, Inscoe brought a devotional. Then, the two boys entertained the group with Andes music, a style from South America. They played guitars, banjos, and various sizes of "pipes." They also sang gospel music in English and Spanish.

Evangelistic Efforts Held by Institute Students

Ivory Coast—A special evangelistic campaign was held on the weekend of July 8-10 in Doropo and Kalamon in the Ivory Coast by the faculty and students of the Ivory Coast Bible Institute. Between 500 and 700 people were on hand in the Doropo services while approximately 300 attended in the village of Kalamon.

The students showed a 16mm film entitled "The Battle" on Friday night in Doropo while showing a filmstrip in the village of Kalamon. On Saturday night this was reversed and on Sunday night the service was conducted the same as on Friday. Mike Cousineau organized the meetings in Doropo while Clint Morgan and student missionary Michael Gragg handled the sessions in Kalamon.

Approximately 20 people in the village of Kalamon expressed interest in becoming Christians but no decisions were made. The Doropo church has been sending someone to the village for services twice each week. Robert West has been instrumental in starting this new group. The people have been so enthusiastic that they have donated land and have already cleared it to build a church.

Hughes Plans New Work for Uberlandia, Brazil

Brazil—Missionary Tom Hughes recently reported plans to launch a second work in Uberlandia on September 18. It was planned for an area about five miles from the First Free Will Baptist Church.

Rheta Butler (right), outgoing president of Florida State Line District Woman's Auxiliary in Alabama, presents the Larry Inscoe family a check during the thirty-first annual convention of the district auxiliary. Left to right are Mark, Debora, John, Priscilla, and Larry Inscoe.



Hughes noted that some of the members of the First church live in the area. The neighborhood has no Protestant churches.

Tom also indicated a third work might be started in another section of town in the not-too-distant future.

Iriso Church Surprises Herseys, Helps Account

Japan—The Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan, surprised missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey on Sunday morning, July 24.

"After the service, Sister Murooka presented Evelyn a beautiful bouquet of flowers," writes Fred. "And the treasurer, Sister Bonde, gave me an envelope. The card read something like this: 'Thank you for always working for the salvation of the Japanese people. The people of the church want to give you a small amount of money. Our prayer is that God's blessing be upon you in all of your work.'

"We were surprised when we counted the money later," Fred continued. "It came to Yen225,000 or about \$1,730. Within a few days we received Yen58,000 or about \$446. These two figures total \$2,176. Our hearts are filled with gratitude when we think of the love and sacrifice behind the giving of this money."

Hersey also expressed appreciation to the church for providing their rent and electricity. This has been a big help to their missionary account during a time of financial need.

Victory Service Held by Beaver Creek Women

Inman, S.C.—A special victory service was held on August 6 at the First Free Will Baptist Church by the women of the Beaver Creek District Woman's Auxiliary. Ron and Linda Moore, South Carolina missionaries to Ivory Coast, were honored at the event and were presented a check for over \$10,600.

Gwen Hendrix, president of the district auxiliary, had scheduled a worship service for the victory celebration. A special display was arranged at the front of the auditorium with a globe, dolls and flags from the countries where missionaries serve, and two white wicker chairs for Ron and Linda to occupy. In addition to a choir number and a special solo by Joan Emery, a group of ladies sang a

personalized song to Ron and Linda.

A large blank check was rolled out and the amount of \$10,504 was filled in by the treasurer. An offering of \$189 brought the total in cash to over \$10,600. This was \$4,600 above their August goal of \$6,000.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, and Fred Warner, director of church ministries, were on hand for the special events and greeted the group. Missionaries Sherwood and Vada Lee and South Carolina Promotional Director Norwood Gibson also observed the "victory" reached by the women.

A total commitment of \$13,000 was made by the women in March. The balance is to be given by March of 1989.

St. Nazaire Church Has New People Every Sunday

France—Missionary Tom McCullough writes from St. Nazaire, France: "We still have new people every Sunday. You can't believe what a refreshing change this is after so many years of people being scared of coming near our meeting place."

Attendance in the new church building has been running between 55 and 70. "We've had over 45 first-time visitors since April 3," says Tom.

FM Conference Set for November 6-9 at FWBNC

Nashville, Tenn.—The biennial foreign missions conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., is scheduled for November 6-9 in the school auditorium.

A group of ladies from Beaver Creek District Auxiliary in South Carolina sing a special personalized song to missionaries Ron and Linda Moore (seated) during a victory service on August 6 at First FWB Church of Inman, S.C.



Sherwood Lee



Jim Sturgill



Tom McCullough



Speakers for the week include furloughing missionaries Jim Sturgill of Brazil, Sherwood Lee of Ivory Coast, and Tom McCullough of France. Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary/advance coordinator, will speak at the Sunday evening service on November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

The Monday program has only the evening service at 7:30 p.m. with Tom McCullough speaking. Tuesday and Wednesday sessions start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until noon. The evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. featuring Jim Sturgill on Tuesday and Sherwood Lee on Wednesday.

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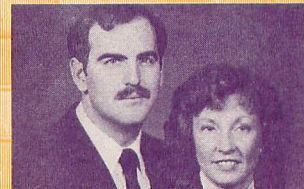
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