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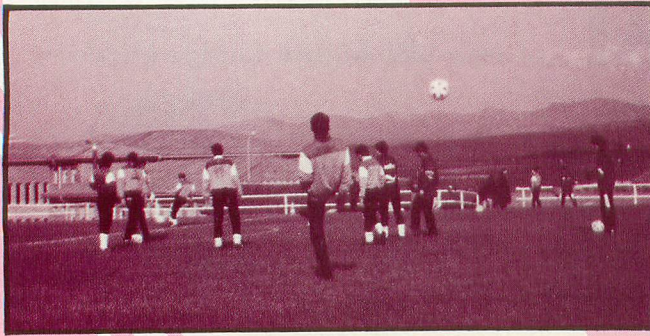
HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through
Free Will Baptists around the world



**WHO GETS
THE
CREDIT?**



Who Gets The Credit?

by Jeff Turnbough

Imagine sitting down in front of your television set, one of the millions who want to watch "the game of the week" just about to come on.

During the pre-game show, the announcer discusses interesting facts about the two teams. Then, he says, "Without a doubt the key player in this game is. . . ." At that point someone you know personally appears on the television screen.

Very boldly he begins, "What I desire to do most is to announce that Jesus Christ died on the cross to break down the

wall of separation that exists between God and man because of man's disobedience and sin. For all those who believe on Him, He is our Peace. Many people look for this peace in wealth or fame. It can only be found in Jesus Christ. But remember, God did not create us robots. He created us with free wills. We must accept God's free offer of salvation."

I witnessed that occurrence recently in Spain! Tears began to well up in my eyes as I thought how millions of unsaved people in the country were watching

and hearing this. The words sounded extremely familiar to me. Obviously, I couldn't be sure, but the message he was delivering seemed especially close to my heart.

The following Tuesday night, after the Bible institute class in our little storefront church building, I told Baltazar (the soccer player in the interview) that I had seen him on television. I praised the Lord for the opportunity the Lord had given him. I asked him if he had known ahead of time what he would be talking about, and

if he had had time to prepare. He said he only knew that he would be asked one question, but he didn't know what the question would be.

Next came the affirmation of my previous feelings. He said, "When the interviewer asked me the question, I could only think about the Bible study you had given us Thursday night. So, I just summarized what **you** had taught."

I had spent time preparing the week before, and had taught in the Bible study what he relayed on a "prime time" Spanish television broadcast to an audience of who knows how many people. Obviously, within the span of a few minutes or seconds, he preached that simple message to more people than I could if I were to preach that same message every Sunday from now on!

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Since soccer is the number one sport in Spain (as it probably is just about everywhere in the world outside of the United States), it is very possible that Baltazar's listening "congregation" could have included such people as the king and queen of Spain and the president of the country. Certainly he was heard by thousands of young people who hang on every word that this leading scorer in the nation has to say.

Baltazar and Donato, two Brazilian soccer players, were purchased by an important

professional soccer team in Madrid. The two men are Christians and they made the decision (along with their families) to attend our little mission church! Their words were, "We wanted a church where we could work, but also a church that was active, or doing something." So, they attended a couple of churches in Madrid. Then, they visited our church. Myrna (Baltazar's wife) said, "I knew as soon as I came that this was the church I wanted to attend. Baltazar agreed."

Well, when they came to our home to eat dinner, Baltazar asked me if I would be willing to start coming to their home each week to preach/teach the gospel to other soccer players and their families that he would invite. So, every Thursday night we meet in their home in Las Rozas for an evangelistic Bible study. The week before I wrote this, 14 were in attendance.

Baltazar and Donato have tremendous opportunities to witness for the Lord Jesus Christ every week! Their sincere desire is to be good soccer players for the glory of God. They consider each interview an opportunity to witness, and they do witness!

We praise the Lord for the privilege to know these men, to have the opportunity to give input to their lives, and to be able to evangelize along with them. What tremendous opportunities the Lord gives us!

I've never forgotten what former missionary and missions professor Dan Cronk told us in a missions class: If you're not so concerned about who gets the credit, you can do a lot for the cause of Christ in the world.

A missionary is a catalyst. He usually goes where there is no

Christian witness at all. He teaches others and equips them to go and teach others, while he or she gradually fades out of the picture.

It really doesn't matter who gets the credit for getting the job done, as long as the gospel is preached and Jesus Christ is glorified.

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The Lord really taught me that lesson in the quietness of my heart as I watched that pre-game show. I could honestly say, "Praise the Lord!" Baltazar was being used of the Lord to share before a large television audience what the Lord had given me for the Bible study the week before. If we give ourselves to the Lord, we can be instruments in His hands to accomplish things we never even dreamed.

We can carry the analogy further: Our ministry here in Spain is only an extension of Free Will Baptists in the United States. I never could have taught that little Bible study group outside Madrid, Spain, if someone back home hadn't been praying and giving so we could be here. And what if someone hadn't taught me, or if my folks hadn't set an example before me?

So, who gets the credit? And what does it matter? If Jesus Christ is proclaimed exclusively as Lord and Savior, it doesn't really matter who gets the credit!

Jeff Turnbough is serving his second term of missionary service in Villalba, Spain.



BRAZIL'S ENDLESS BATTLE

by Shirley Combs

"Not by a knockout!" That phrase carried a punch in spite of the negation. It formed part of a newscaster's recent assessment of the battle against inflation in Brazil.

"We must win over the serious problem of soaring inflation and it will be won like a boxing match—but not by a knockout!" said the newscaster on "Good Morning, Brazil." He continued, "Each month will represent a round and we will win by points as we gain more and more control. There is no miracle knockout that is politically accepted in order to stay alive."

Yes, Brazil is trying many things to stay alive. The 1988 accumulated inflation rate until November was published at 702.5 percent. Other sources say it has reached 1,000 percent. This means that the value of the Brazilian's salary is

decreasing each day while all the prices are increasing.

The inflation for the month of November, just before this article was penned, came to 26.92 percent. For 1989 the newspaper predicted inflation might reach as much as 2,000 or 3,000 percent. Bread so far has increased over 700 percent, spaghetti over 4,500 percent, chicken over 3,400 percent, toilet tissue over 4,000 percent, and the list goes on and on.

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What does this mean to the local Free Will Baptist church and the ministries of the Brazilian Association of Churches? To the individual Christian and to the foreign missionary?

The Local Church

The Sunday morning and Sunday night tithes and offerings, if not invested before the next Sunday, have already lost six or seven percent.

But how can they invest it? It could be invested in real estate—an impossibility for most churches since property deals are on a cash basis and prices are unreachable.

The money can be used to buy construction materials if the church is planning to build or remodel shortly. However, that requires space to store the material and a guard to keep the desperate public from stealing it!

Another possibility is a passbook savings that must be left for more than a month. So, the pastor and the church treasurer must decide what the expenses for the week or month will be and pay what is needed before tying up the money for over a month.

The Individual Christian

The average Brazilian Free Will Baptist is paid only once a month—usually on the tenth. For example, for the month of July he will not be paid until the tenth of August. So the salary which would have been equivalent to \$100 at the first of July is worth probably less than \$60 by the time a worker receives it.

Unless it is spent within the first few days, his salary continues to lose value at the rate of approximately one percent a day. The Christians usually give their tithes right after they receive their salary. But during the month their money is so deflated that it doesn't cover their own expenses. Very little is left for

offerings. Unfortunately, the Brazilian's salary doesn't accompany the inflation.

Young men in our church who were studying in college have dropped out because of the economic situation. Now, only the upper class students are able to enroll even in the private typing and professional classes.

The Association of Churches

Even with the country in economic chaos, the Free Will Baptist church hasn't folded her arms. As a united effort our people continue to plan camps and retreats several times a year. A "budget" is practically impossible to calculate, so prices are announced at a late date, and by faith, leaders hope to cover expenses. This ministry gives hope and security in the midst of the storm.

In spite of many "doubting Thomases" and the economic confusion, the association began its own seminary. Twenty-four students were taught, Brazilian teachers were paid, and operational costs were covered during its first year of existence. Free Will Baptists in the United States helped by contributing so foreign missions could provide the facilities and missionary teachers.

Even through the "rounds of economic beatings," the association aspires to help a pastor open up a new work and wants to begin a literature department to supply FWB Sunday school material in Portuguese.

The Foreign Missionary

The Brazilian currency, the *cruzado*, (until two years ago called *cruzeiro*), is devalued every day in relation to the

gold/dollar. Some people think the dollar is part of their economic problem. Even though the dollar devaluates and our salaries decrease as a result, it never decreases at the rate which inflation eats away at their *cruzado*.

Many Brazilians say to us, "The price doesn't matter to you because you receive money in dollars." It is embarrassing and perplexing at times. We also must cut down or cut out some purchases in order to keep up with the inflation. But even at the worst, the North American missionary does not suffer to the same degree that the Brazilian suffers.

The Polls

During the elections for mayors in November of 1988, the population tried for a "knockout" in what Brazilian newspapers called an "electoral revolution." In a number of Brazil's most important cities the left-wing opposition parties won control.

Newsweek magazine reported in the November 28, 1988, edition the surprise in the city of Sao Paulo which has a population of 12 million. It is Brazil's largest and wealthiest city. Yet, a 53-year-old woman

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Brazil's Endless Battle

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social worker—and an avowed Marxist—won the election as mayor on the Worker's Party ticket. She was backed by two other strong parties that are also Communist.

A Sao Paulo political scientist reported, "The country has drifted to the left because of the drop in economic growth and opportunity."

According to the *Newsweek* article many Brazilians believe the government has made a shambles of the country's economy.

Brazil has had four finance ministers in the past three years. All four attempted austerity measures. Two experimented with price freezes and one presided over a moratorium on payment of Brazil's huge foreign debts.

Next year the country faces presidential elections. Many are concerned that the anti-government tide has bolstered the presidential aspirations of two of Brazil's leading leftists. This is a matter of real concern.

But nobody has been able to remedy the country's problems—no "knockout" has come and the "rounds" have continued for years now.

One Brazilian Christian, commenting on the television announcer's analogy of the boxing match to the economic crisis, said, "The Brazilian giant is staggering in the ring and it will be difficult to beat the inflation with only points. But we have one solution for all our problems, if God chooses. The return of Jesus Christ—the perfect knockout!"

Shirley Combs is the wife of missionary Jim Combs. They serve at the central Bible college in Jaboticabal, Brazil.

Has the missionary conference in the local church had its day? Is it still profitable to have a "round robin" conference with several missionaries in area churches at the same time? Is the method outdated or are we failing to work the method as we should?

Opinions vary, but before we turn "thumbs down" on this method of promoting missions we need to have something to take its place.

Few, if any, in modern-day missions have used the annual missionary conference in the local church more effectively than Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA). Louis L. King, current president of C&MA, has served as a pastor and missionary. As late as May of 1983 he issued this statement:

"The missionary conference, as far as the Alliance is concerned, is the centerpiece of our method of raising missionary support. In a variety of ways we are trying to improve this method, but even with such advances, it will continue to be the focal point at which time our people make their faith promises, receive inspiration, and have their vision for the lost enlarged."

In the same article King says,

"In all of the 100 years of Alliance history annual missionary conferences have been conducted in most Alliance churches. After 100 years the missionary conference is not an outmoded, dusty tradition."

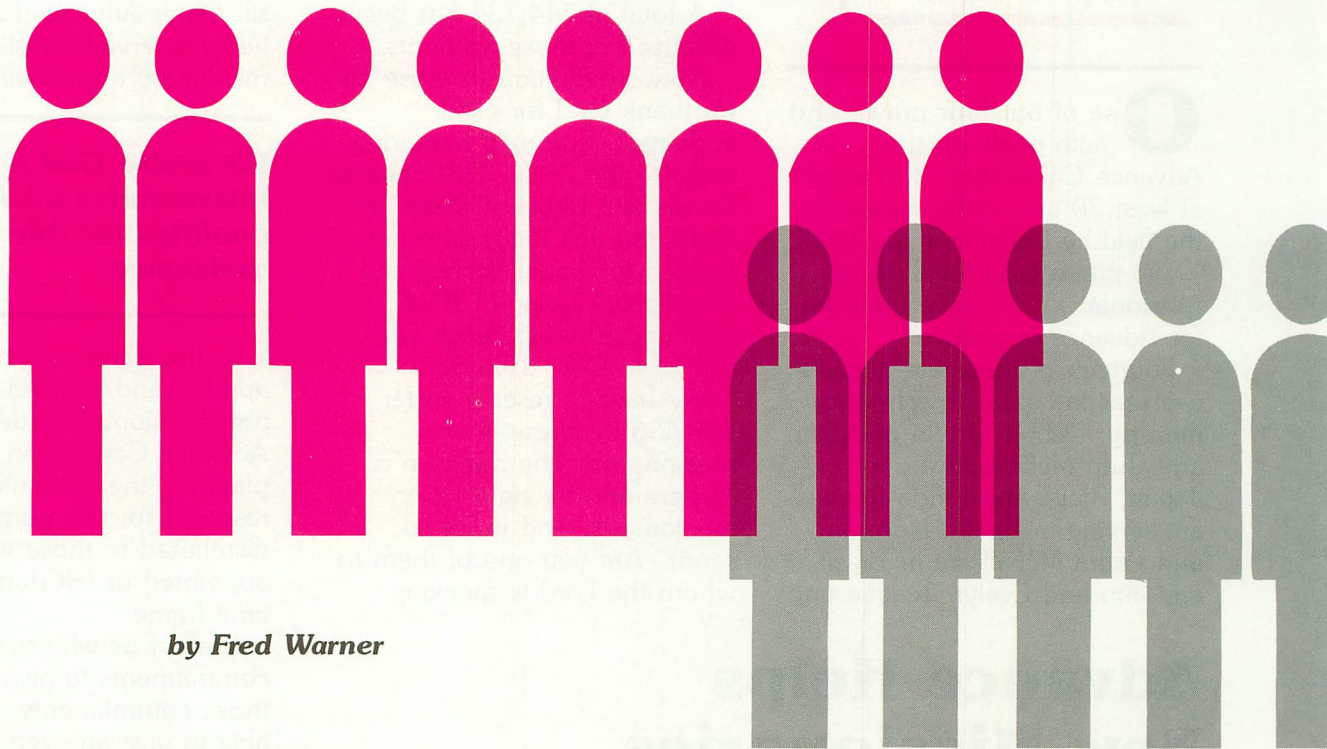
Without a doubt we need to broaden the base of missionary support. And I am convinced that the annual missionary conference in every local church is still one of the best ways to get lasting support. Nothing can substitute for going to the "grass roots" of our work—the local church. Educating Free Will Baptist people and churches on how to host an annual missionary conference may take time, but it is an excellent way to raise solid and perpetual support.

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Certainly problems exist! With less than 500 of our 2,700 churches having an annual missionary conference, more of our churches need to be involved. But at the same time we face the problem of scheduling and supplying enough missionary speakers. How many more conferences can we add with only 112 missionaries and a limited stateside staff? We are already having problems scheduling due to a limited number of missionaries home at any given time, so how are we going to deal with this already overloaded conference schedule if more churches ask for conferences?

One solution is for churches which are already educated on how to have a conference to start having their own individual missionary conferences. This will

Missionary Conference: Value or Vanity?



by Fred Warner

allow for greater flexibility in scheduling and supplying of speakers. And when missionaries are not available, the pastor can lead his people into a meaningful conference through the use of videos, printed materials, international banquets, dramas, skits, etc.

This approach will allow us to involve other churches which have never had a missionary conference and thus broaden the base of our financial and prayer support.

It may be difficult to wean churches away from always having a missionary present during conference time, but perhaps this could be done at least every other year.

One other way to expose our

people to missions is to use MK's during a missionary conference. This has been tried recently, and it was very effective. After all, who can better challenge our young people for missions than another young person who has been raised on the mission field?

When missionaries are not available, the pastor can lead his people into a meaningful conference.

A conference which does not require the presence of a missionary will also save a great

deal of money in terms of missionary travel expense.

Nothing is wrong with the concept of the annual missions conference in the local church. In fact, it is absolutely scriptural. We read in Acts 14:26-28, "And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. And there they abode a long time with the disciples."

Fred Warner is director of missionary-church relations for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.



One of our four prayer and faith goals for the Advance Celebration is to send at least 30 new missionaries to the field by December 31, 1990.

We praise God for 22 new missionaries who have qualified for Advance assistance.

Fourteen of these are already overseas in language school or ministry: Debbie Griffin and Don and Ruth McDonald are in Japan, Steve and Linda Reeves are serving in Spain, Norman and Laura McFall are in Brazil, and Jim and Evelyn Teague and

Ernest Holland are in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) while Glenda Leatherbury, Jalayn Martens, and Ron and Linda Moore are finishing up language study en route to Cote d'Ivoire.

A total of \$44,734 has been disbursed to those accounts.

Now, in addition to those 14 we thank God for eight appointees currently preparing to go to the fields. They include Dwain and Debbie Crosby and Mark and Juli Riggs who are headed for Spain, Bobby and Sue Aycock going to Brazil, and Paul and Rhoda Creech who will go to Cote d'Ivoire.

We have in reserve so far \$28,456 for these new missionaries. The question is, "Where are the eight other missionaries God wants to send?" Are you one of them to whom the Lord is speaking

about service as an overseas preacher of the gospel?

Urgent requests for church-planting missionaries have been made by missionaries in Uruguay, Cote d'Ivoire, and Brazil. Other Advance funds are being reserved for eligible missionary appointees.

We praise God for 22 new missionaries who have qualified for Advance assistance.

In the event we do not appoint and/or send out 30 new missionaries during the Advance Celebration as planned, the remaining funds reserved for this purpose will be distributed to those who were appointed or left during this time frame.

If all of us who made commitments to give will fulfill those commitments, we will be able to give an even larger amount to these missionary accounts.

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to enable these messengers to preach the gospel in the nine foreign countries where Free Will Baptists serve!



North Carolina Free Will Baptists have just finished their victory celebration. Preliminary reports indicate they will have over \$125,000 in cash and commitments.

Thank God for this tremendous response! Advance leaders pray it will go much higher.

A 15-month extension has been made so North Carolina can have the same 36-month giving period as all other states. Advance will therefore officially close on the last Sunday of March 1992.



Advance Helps New Missionaries Get to the Field

by Jimmy Aldridge
Overseas Secretary/Advance Coordinator

Where are the eight other missionaries God wants to send?

Should your photo be here?

World Missions Offering Receipts for Foreign Missions Sunday, 1989

Receipts from the World Missions Offering on April 30 were still coming in at press time. Unlike past years, the foreign missions office did not request this special offering to be reported by telephone, so a significant number of gifts are still expected. These churches and individuals had been receipted for a total of \$20,360.37 through June 12:

Alabama contributed \$868.54 through these churches:

Center Point, Birmingham
Central, Alabaster
Cooper, Sulligent
Eastside, Dothan
First, Fultondale
Howard Grove, Cottonwood

Arkansas gave a total of \$442.65 with these churches and individuals participating:

Coaldale, Waldron
First, Berryville
Mrs. Ella Harville, Pinebluff
New Home, Mt. Pleasant
West Ridge, Fayetteville

Arizona has turned in \$572.95 from two churches:

Community Christian, Phoenix
Surprise FWB, Surprise

California sent in \$50 from these individuals:

Mr. Wilnis Freimanis, Yorba Linda
Mrs. Ada Hughes, Paradise

Colorado sent a total of \$200:

Vera Garrett, Aurora
Milehigh, Denver

Florida gave \$794.43 from these churches and individuals:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ballard, New Port Richey
First, Niceville
First, Pensacola
First, Vero Beach

Harmony, Lake Butler
Shiloh, Bratt

Georgia sent one gift of \$52.60:
Bethlehem, Cordele

Illinois gave a total of \$180:
Cleo Parker, Chicago
Union FWB WA, West Frankfort

Kentucky churches and individuals gave a total of \$1,091.24:

Betsy Layne FWB, Betsy Layne
First, Glasgow
Gulnare, Meta
Vernett McGar, Hopkinsville
Shady Lawn, Hopkinsville

Louisiana sent in one gift of \$20:
Hillview FWB, Bastrop

Michigan churches gave a total of \$829.33:

Fellowship, Taylor
First, Ypsilanti
Trinity, Ypsilanti

Mississippi gave a total of \$56.80:
Emerson Croddy, Laurel
Gulf Coast FWB, Gulfport

Missouri responded with a total of \$1,958.31:

Fellowship, Flat River
First, Desoto
Gospel Lighthouse, Shell Knob
New Harmony, Milan
Old Bethel, Fredericktown
Parkview, Desloge
Pleasant Grove, Anderson
Verdella, Liberal

North Carolina churches and individuals gave a total of \$281:

Major Walter Golding, New Bern
Mrs. Shirley Lee, Clayton
Macedonia FWB, Piney Creek
Tammy Walker, Burnsville
Ruth Woodell, Durham

Northwest Association gave one gift of \$50:

Leon Smith, Quincy, Wash.

Ohio responded with a total of \$2,636.24 from these 11 churches:

Cleveland FWB, Cleveland
Eastmont, Dayton
First, Rittman
Heritage Temple, Columbus

Newark FWB, Newark
North, Columbus
Pageville, Albany
Rock of Ages, Willoughby
Samantha, Leesburg
Urbana FWB, Urbana
Wyandotte, Mansfield

Oklahoma sent in a total of \$1,770.98:
Kenneth Deeds, Oilton
New Home, Tulsa
New Hope, Lone Grove

South Carolina gave a total of \$840 through the following participants:

Eastside, Florence
Mill Branch, Johnsonville
Oak Grove FWB WA, Conway
Temple Original, Darlington

Tennessee churches and individuals responded with a total of \$6,871.62:

East Nashville, Nashville
Faith, Knoxville
First, Hixson
Good Springs, Pleasant View
Green Ridge, Afton
Harper Road, Joelton
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindsley, Clarksville
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Messer, Ashland City
Midfield, Kingsport
Monterey FWB, Monterey
Roger A. Phenicie, White Bluff
Mrs. Thelma Smith, Kingsport
Taylor Seminary FWB, Cookeville
United, Cookeville
Michael Waddell, Nashville

Texas sent in one gift of \$5:
Mr. Robert Storm, Grand Prairie

Virginia sent a total of \$65 from these participants:

Mr. Ivory W. Hill, Clintwood
Lighthouse FWB, Petersburg

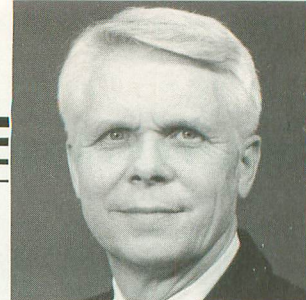
West Virginia responded with a total of \$721.68:

Gordon, Rainelle
Lillybrook, Coal City
Route 60 FWB, Kenova
Mr. William D. Sturgill, Ronceverte

NOTE: Other churches and individuals responding will be reported later and the list will be displayed at the National Association in Tampa, Fla.

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THE CHURCH BUDGET: An Important Method of Supporting Missions



We send 45 percent of our income to outside causes," Reverend Jerry Rackley, pastor of Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, N.C., said of his congregation's stewardship. The church, which sent \$11,670 to foreign missions in 1988, includes a generous allocation for our ministry in their budget. "And we've never had to beg a dollar for

anything," added Mr. E. A. Mallard, the treasurer.

The church budget is one of the three key pillars which support Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. Together with faith-promise support and the annual "World Missions Offering," 118 missionaries depend upon the consistent support which church budgets provide.

Several benefits are derived from including foreign missions in your church budget:

1. Each member whose church generously includes foreign missions in the budget can feel satisfied that he/she is helping to send the gospel overseas through his/her tithes and offerings.

Reverend Earl Sutton, pastor of the Great Bridge FWB Church, Chesapeake, Va., said, "Everybody feels like he is doing something to support missions by supporting our budget." Approximately 98 percent of the \$11,176 the church gave to foreign missions in 1988 came from the church's budget.

2. The church which makes foreign missions a priority item in the budget sends the message that "we are seriously seeking to obey our Lord's command to reach everyone on earth with the gospel."

Missionaries who are strongly supported by church budgets generally have less problems with deficit accounts.

Reverend Jim Puckett, before his recent resignation as pastor of Southern Oaks FWB Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., said, "The church has the responsibility to be a light in the world. Asking them to give to missions through the budget causes people to see we believe in missions."

3. The budget preparation process offers the pastor and church leaders a good opportunity to evaluate their priorities.

Reverend J. M. Creech, pastor of the Tupelo FWB Church, Tupelo, Miss., said he helps the people see exactly what their gifts are accomplishing. They evaluate their giving in relation to the great commission and set their allocations accordingly.

4. Budgeted support is usually very dependable. Missionaries who are strongly

Special Gifts to Missions

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

Donor

Ethel B. Rogers
Raleigh, N.C.

Greater St. Johns River Assoc.
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dora Reiger
Sesser, Ill.

Joe Whitehead
Headland, Ala.

Wilma Ankrom
Hutchinson, Kan.

Mrs. Helen Murphy
Collinsville, Okla.

Mrs. Beatrice Thomas
Four Oaks, N.C.

Rev. and Mrs. Danny Baer
Williamsburg, Va.

R. Eugene Waddell
Nashville, Tenn.

Joyce Mayo
Ashland City, Tenn.

Alice Faye Branton
Cottonwood, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson
Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Kelse and Norma McGary
Houlton, Me.

Mrs. Gera Turrentine
Joelton, Tenn.

Thomas O. Davis
Waynesboro, Miss.

Deep Creek FWB Church
Midville, Ga.

Temple Orig. FWB Church
Darlington, S.C.

Donor

Anonymous

In Memory of

Mrs. Blanche L. Boyd

Mrs. Joann Bryant

Florence Norris

Mrs. Cora Shelley
Mrs. Inez Johnson

Marjorie McCurry

Lola Gaines

Mrs. Nellie Sorrell

John W. Best, Sr.

John Rhodes
Kenneth Ray Craft

Mr. Jack Anderson

Willie M. Branton

Thomas Goff

Hazel Byron

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mayo

Mr. and Mrs. Powell Davis

Mrs. Vivian Jenkins

Henry (Roy) Player

In Honor of

Mrs. Lucille Lance

Memorial Gift to Foreign Missions

Amount \$ _____ Date _____

Given in memory/honor of _____

Given by: Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send memorial/honorary card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

R. Eugene Waddell

General Director

supported by church budgets generally have less problems with deficit accounts.

These ideas and suggestions might be helpful as you work on your budget:

(1) Support every Free Will Baptist ministry, both state and national. **Stay informed** regarding the needs of these ministries.

The Executive Office of the National Association has released a report which shows what percentage of the total gift income to national ministries is required for each to meet its budget.

Executive Office	3.4%
Foreign Missions	51.8%
FWB Bible College	11.0%
Home Missions	28.7%
Retirement and Insurance	3.3%
Master's Men	1.2%
Foundation4%
Radio and TV Commission2%

(2) **"Start with a small percentage, if necessary, and keep missions before your people."** That is the advice of Jim Puckett. When he went to Southern Oaks in 1977, the congregation was already sending 10 percent of their income to the Oklahoma Cooperative Plan and an additional five percent to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. The church accepted Brother Puckett's challenge to add one additional percent for missions each year until they were giving five percent.

The worldwide outreach of our fellowship could double rapidly if every church would **set a goal of including an additional five percent in the budget for foreign missions.** This is the challenge I want to make.

(3) Select a missionary from your area and support his/her ministry through your budget. People are often eager to support someone they know.

Your foreign missions department urges each church to add another ten percent of its regular foreign missions support to be designated to the general fund. This will help cover administrative expenses and meet emergencies. The church budget is the best way to respond to this need.

Regarding his church's involvement, J. M. Creech says it "has broadened their vision. Giving to missions has been a special blessing."

Including foreign missions as a generous part of your church budget will bless your church, too.

Financial Summary

Through May 31

\$ubstance

Total income for May	\$ 335,896.52
Total income through May	1,393,062.07
Total disbursements through May	1,265,760.84
Projected income through May	1,366,422.50
Total 1989 Budget	\$3,279,414.00
Advance gifts through May	\$ 50,356.89
1989 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$ 315.05	Smith, J.	\$ 3,522.63
Callaway	439.52	Sparks	3,436.49
Cousineau	149.90	Teague, J.	707.19
*Eagleton, Sr.	18,669.55	Turnbough	789.42
Midgett	3,030.17	West	3,575.87
Poole	138.27	Wiley	1,181.67
Reeves	459.88	Spec. Com.	19,187.87
Total			\$55,603.48

*\$16,900 of this is subject to reimbursement by medical insurance.

State Goals—1989

State	Goal 1989	Goal Through February	Contributions Through February
Alabama	\$ 185,000	\$ 77,083	\$ 67,780.13
Arizona	4,500	1,875	2,492.13
Arkansas	173,000	72,083	66,106.54
California	55,500	23,125	26,639.44
Colorado	3,500	1,458	1,744.00
Florida	85,000	35,417	32,132.21
Georgia	145,000	60,417	82,184.53
Hawaii	2,500	1,042	732.20
Idaho	750	313	533.33
Illinois	102,000	42,500	56,315.27
Indiana	38,000	15,833	11,926.56
Iowa	1,750	729	640.00
Kansas	15,000	6,250	6,468.42
Kentucky	88,000	36,667	35,542.89
Louisiana	500	208	20.00
Maryland	15,000	6,250	7,582.01
Michigan	140,000	58,333	53,895.62
Mississippi	62,000	25,833	21,703.23
Missouri	240,000	100,000	95,404.40
Montana	1,000	417	252.75
Nevada	1,100	458	444.91
New Mexico	500	208	216.26
*Northeast Assn.	5,000	2,083	1,546.00
**Northwest Assn.	5,000	2,083	3,164.41
North Carolina	410,000	170,833	184,775.93
Ohio	125,000	52,083	48,678.05
Oklahoma	380,000	158,333	158,828.09
Pennsylvania	1,750	729	522.00
South Carolina	195,000	81,250	74,167.82
Tennessee	440,000	183,333	188,221.46
Texas	100,000	41,667	43,958.77
Virginia	115,000	47,917	50,593.62
Virgin Islands	3,000	1,250	1,866.00
West Virginia	72,500	30,208	31,042.84
Miscellaneous	67,564	28,152	34,940.25
Totals	\$3,279,414	\$1,366,420	\$1,393,062.07

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Departing missionaries from left to right include (top row) Jim and Vicki Sturgill, Jerry and Janice Banks, Mark and Donna Daniel, Allan and LaRue Crowson, (bottom row) Dave and Pat Franks, Rick and Linda Bowling, Dan and Nina Huddleston, and Ken and Marvis Eagleton.

Missionaries to Depart for Fields of Service

Nashville, Tenn.—One missionary couple departed for the field in June and several others are laying plans to return to the countries of their service by September.

Jim and Vicki Sturgill left for Brazil on June 22 to begin their third term of missionary service. Tentatively, the Sturgills plan to work in Belo Horizonte.

Jerry and Janice Banks are scheduled to depart on July 10 to resume their service in northern Japan. They will assume responsibility for the Koinonia church in Ebetsu.

Mark and Donna Daniel are scheduled to leave on July 12 en route to Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), West Africa.

Ken and Marvis Eagleton have made tentative plans to return to Brazil in mid-July. Ken will be teaching in the new central Bible college in Jaboticabal.

Allan and LaRue Crowson will be returning to France on July 17 and will work in the city of Nantes.

Dave and Pat Franks are scheduled to resume their ministry in Brazil and Rick and Linda Bowling will be returning to Uruguay in the month of September. The Franks plan to make up part of a team aimed at starting new churches in Belo Horizonte. The Bowlings will resume work at Malvin Norte

in a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay.

Associate missionaries Dan and Nina Huddleston are scheduled to depart for Cote d'Ivoire around the end of August to begin a ministry as maintenance missionaries at the medical station in Doropo.

Darrel and Lila Nichols hope to return to Cote d'Ivoire sometime during the summer but their plans are uncertain due to the need for additional finances.

Bryan Says Distribution of New Book Halted

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Robert Bryan, director of the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, was thrilled recently when a new book arrived from the printer. Then he received a call from one of the author's co-workers declaring, "You can't sell the book."

The author, a highly placed official in a predominantly Muslim country, had received a new legal opinion that if the book were distributed with his name on it, he could face losing his position, imprisonment, fines, and civil lawsuits.

"My emotions plummeted!" writes Robert. "How had this happened? We had nearly \$3,000 invested in 5,000 unusable, unsellable books that we couldn't even give away without endangering the author," Bryan lamented.

Robert urged Christians to pray for the author of the book as he reworks the manuscript in an attempt to disguise his identity so the book can be published again without danger.

Neighbor Calls Crawford Following Conversion

France—Missionary Cathy Crawford, who is home on furlough, recently received a telephone call from Evelyn, her neighbor in France, telling of her conversion in the Nantes church.

Missionary John Murray reported Evelyn went to church on Sunday, May 28. She had a smile and seemed eager to talk to him. "I talked to a visitor for a long time," says John. "Later, I felt Satan had sent him at that time to block the time with Evelyn."

In spite of the delay, Evelyn remained and "told me she wanted to get things right with Christ and wanted Him to be master of her life," Murray continued. "I went through the plan of salvation and she was ready. She bowed her head, asked Jesus to forgive her sins and to be her Savior and the master of her life."

Eagleton Says Relief Adequate for Tehini

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—According to a recent report from Dr. Kenneth Eagleton in Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire, the recent grain purchases to help the Christians in Tehini have been ade-

quate to meet the pressing need.

"The grain that I bought is going further than I had calculated at first," Eagleton writes. "The rains started fairly early this year and people have already planted their fields."

R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, expressed gratitude to those who responded to this need with relief funds.

Another Church Building Constructed in N. India

India—Another new church is being constructed in North India, according to Carlisle Hanna. "We are building this church now and hope to have the roof on before the monsoon," he declared. The church has been having services in an open courtyard.

Funds for the new building have come through the Advance Celebration. Ohio Free Will Baptists provided funds through Advance for the first building.

In May Carlisle declared, "It is so dry and so hot. The wind blisters and crops have died in the fields. The monsoon is still five or six weeks away but we do pray for rain."

For these new North India church buildings Hanna noted the heat could be dealt with much better if they had some fans. "For \$200 they could have five fans and that is a great need in this heat," he concluded.

EFMA Groups Sponsor 13,362 Missionaries

Washington, D.C.—According to a survey completed in 1989, the member missions of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA) are supporting 13,362 missionaries serving in more than 140 countries.

Of these, 11,588 originate from North America while 1,174 come from other sending countries such as Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

L.B. Barnard Honored by Chamber of Commerce

Glennville, Ga.—Miss Laura Belle Barnard, who pioneered Free Will Baptist missions in India, was honored recently by the Glennville Area Chamber of Commerce in Glennville, Ga.

Miss Barnard received the 1988 Community Builder Award for her efforts in establishing a ministry to migrant workers in the area. It has grown into the Glennville Migrant



Laura Belle Barnard

Ministry Association and now employs Roger Busby as a resident minister. Bible and English language studies are being held regularly in Hispanic homes.

Lynette Morgan Says Women's Work Fruitful

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"We're very excited about what the Lord is doing among our women," writes Lynette Morgan from Bouna in Cote d'Ivoire. "On Saturdays we have our class led by a dedicated African woman. On Monday during our women's visitation one lady accepted the Lord. Another was saved a couple of weeks ago and a third is waiting on her husband's approval."

Lynette continued, "Yesterday as I taught God's role for the woman in the home, I was touched by the problems the 15 or so women presented, and felt so helpless and inadequate to help them. The biblical role of the woman is so contrary to their culture. Pray for the Holy Spirit to explain completely to them and give them the power to obey."

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—"We had a girl saved recently and she plans to be baptized," writes Ken Bailey from the Iriso church in the Toyko area of Japan. The 16-year-old girl's name is Ritouco Fugita.

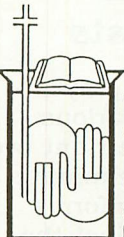
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Ernest and Elaine Holland report from Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire, that their house is finished, and they are able to be more involved in the ministry. "I have been studying Lobi for a little over a month," says Ernest. "We have discovered there is much to learn about the work in Ivory Coast." Holland's work in the hospital has been increasing daily as he conducts devotions with the workers and encourages them in their evangelism efforts.

Nashville, Tenn.—Ken Eagleton, veteran missionary from Brazil currently home on furlough, underwent surgery on April 10 at Westside Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. Ken had experienced severe gastrointestinal pains in late March while in Henderson, Tex. He was hospitalized and diagnosed as having pancreatitis. When able to travel, Ken returned to Nashville where he underwent gallbladder surgery. The *Heartbeat* staff failed to report this in the June issue. Ken has recovered well.

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—With Norman and Bessie Richards returning to the United States for furlough in July, two student pastors from the Bible institute will be doing a year of internship at Agnibilekrou to carry on the ministry. The lay leaders of the church will also be involved in the affairs of the church. Missionary Alice Smith will be working with these leaders. Arilla Wode is in the United States on medical furlough.

France—A chorale of 35 students spent 10 days in Nantes, France, recently. The group gave three concerts at the Nantes church and one at St. Nazaire. "We had 130 that attended," writes John Murray from Nantes. "Ten out of that number had never been in our building."

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The church at Tehini in the Ivory Coast (out
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National Ministries Sunday

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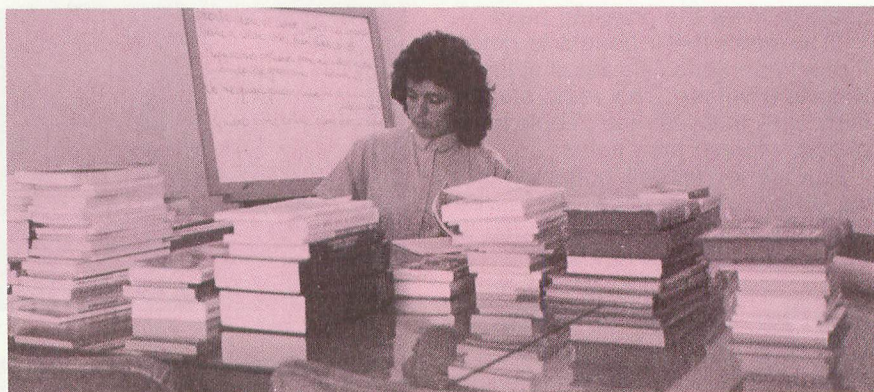
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from Doropo) is in the process of building a house for a national pastor on the church property, according to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton. In August one of the Bible institute students will begin serving a ten-month pastoral internship in Tehini.

Fresno, Calif.—"We can see the light at the end of the tunnel," write Dwain and Debbie Crosby from Fresno, Calif. The appointees to Spain need another \$700 per month but they have over half of their cash. They are hoping to leave in October.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Rev. Leonard F. Ogletree, father of missionary Sandra Bishop, underwent quadruple bypass surgery on May 26 in a Jacksonville hospital. Latest reports indicated surgery was successful and Mr. Ogletree was recovering normally. Sandra and two of the children, Jennifer and Doug, arrived from Japan in time to see her father prior to surgery. Dale and the other two children were scheduled to arrive in the United States around June 20 to begin their regular furlough.

Nashville, Tenn.—Carol Pinkerton, wife of missionary Jerry Pinkerton in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), underwent surgery at Park View Medical Center in Nashville on May 12 for the removal



These books for The Sower Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay, were purchased at a cost of \$889.81 through gifts to the Advance Celebration. Students of Foreign Missions Fellowship at Free Will Baptist Bible College raised over \$5,700 for Advance to purchase books for Bible colleges and institutes on foreign fields.

of half of her thyroid gland. Tests indicated the growth was not malignant and Carol was released on May 14. She returned to Cote d'Ivoire on May 17.

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, a member of the church in Tehini moved to Sandara, a village about two hours away, and has led several people to the Lord. They now have a group of six families with a total of about 20 adults who have burned their fetishes and attend the meetings regularly. Kenneth requested prayer that the Lord would send someone to pastor the flock.

Nashville, Tenn.—Students from Free Will Baptist Bible College Foreign Missions Fellowship raised over \$5,700 for the Advance Celebration and asked that it be used to purchase library books for Bible colleges and institutes on the foreign fields. Walter Ellison recently reported purchasing \$889.81 worth of books for The Sower Bible Institute library in Montevideo, Uruguay, through the Advance funds.

Columbia, Mo.—Alicia Bunch, six-year-old daughter of missionaries Stan and Brenda Bunch, had surgery on June 6 to correct a problem with her hip. She returned home from the hospital in Columbia, Mo., on June 8. A second operation is to be scheduled within six to eight weeks to correct a crooked right foot.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. LaVerne Miley, former medical missionary to Cote d'Ivoire, had hernia repair surgery at West Side Hospital in Nashville on May 19. He was released and returned home on May 22.

A. Smith to Hold Five VBS Programs

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—With the school year coming to a close, missionary Alice Smith has laid plans for five vacation Bible schools to be held during the next three months.

"The first one will be for our missionary kids," writes Alice.

Miss Smith reported three men and one woman were recently saved in the area of Agnibilekrou. She indicated a baptismal service was set to be held soon in the village of Yaonongo where a new work has begun. And a village-wide evangelistic campaign was scheduled for June 23-25 in Agnibilekrou.

Deeds Reports on Family Response to the Gospel

Brazil—"Praise the Lord with us!" writes Earnie Deeds from Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. "It isn't often that we see three family members respond to the gospel within such a short period of time." He was referring to Wiler and Hilza who were saved within the last year and their eight-year-old son who was converted in May of this year.

Deeds reported a special women's meeting for mothers and daughters on May 6. The program featured interviews with four generations of Christian women from the state capital. At least 10 unsaved friends attended the meeting—some of whom had never entered the church building.

The eighteenth birthday of the Deeds' son, Daniel, was a day of opportunity. The Deeds celebrated with a youth meeting in the home. Bible messages were delivered by two young men as Daniel's Christian

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friends, some former classmates from Brazilian school, and neighbors listened. In all, 34 young people and a few older folks were on hand.

Daniel is scheduled to leave Brazil around the first of August to enter Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla.

Ferguson Declares Full Schedule in Tanda Area

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)— Missionary Ledge Ferguson reports from Tanda, Cote d'Ivoire: "My weekly schedule is full and rewarding. Mornings are spent in study and lesson preparation, except Thursday and Friday when I go out to three villages for Bible studies. Each afternoon I am in the reading room. I have Bible studies with individuals, witness to the unsaved, and encourage the Christians who stop by."

Ledge is also involved each night of the week in prayer meeting and Bible studies at the church. On Sundays he usually preaches three or four times as he forms part of two teams which rotate to preach in seven villages on Sunday.

Ledge expressed praise for the growth evident in the life of John, who was a professing Christian when he came to Tanda. But he really got saved after he heard the gospel there. "He truly came to know Christ," says Ledge. "He has led three of his workers to the Lord and is teaching them what he has learned."

Thomas, a young high school student who was saved last year, led some people to the Lord in his home village last summer and now they are meeting regularly for services.

Vanhook Requests Prayer for Work in St. Nazaire

France—Writing from St. Nazaire France, missionary Patsy Vanhook requested prayer for the work and especially for Yann, a young Christian who has indicated the Lord is calling him into full-time service. Patsy also urged prayer for Yann's mother who has been attending regularly and for Patrick, Yann's brother who led him to the Lord.

Miss Vanhook also urged prayer for Roger Thierry, the husband of Laurence, who began attending church last April. She included Yves and Marie-Jeanne Briquet, who continue to be faithful in Sunday worship services.

Itatiaia Church Has Official Organization

Brazil—The new Itatiaia Free Will Baptist Church started by Bobby and Geneva Poole in the area of Sumare in the city of Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, was officially organized on June 18. Brazilian pastors Antonio Silva, Silvestre Pinto Neto, and Jeancarlo Ache participated as did missionary Norman McFall.

According to the Pooles, the group met on May 13 to approve the constitution and elect church officers.

Eagleton Regrets Need to Discipline Worker

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"In March I had an unpleasant situation to deal with," writes Dr. Kenneth Eagleton from Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire. "I had to dismiss one of our hospital workers because of moral problems. He was one of the two workers that had just finished taking training for operating the X-ray equipment. Pray for him that he might produce fruits of repentance."

The vaccination program at the

hospital has continued as the staff administered 1,996 doses of vaccine in March. In April the public health department cut vaccinations due to a shortage of vaccine and limited the program to children under the age of five.

Eagleton expressed gratitude that Dr. Mark Paschall of Detroit, Mich., is scheduled to spend three or four months in Ivory Coast during the summer of 1990.

Coggins to End EFMA Post, McKaughan Chosen

Washington, D.C.—Wade T. Coggins, who has served as Executive Director of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA) for 15 years, is scheduled to step down in March of 1990. Paul E. McKaughan, Associate International Director of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization in Pasadena, Calif., has been appointed to succeed him.

McKaughan is former chief executive officer of Mission to the World in Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Joan, served for 13 years in Brazil with Overseas Crusades.

Clip and mail

The Doropo Hospital Needs the Huddlestone

In answer to prayer Dan and Nina Huddlestone have said "Yes" to the call to serve as maintenance missionaries while the Robert Wests take a much-needed furlough. Dr. Kenneth Eagleton must have someone to maintain the property and hospital equipment as well as repair the vehicles and generator.



Dan is a graduate of Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C., and has extensive training and experience in maintenance. He and his wife have recently completed the Youth With A Mission training course. They have three children. The family needs **\$8,000** in their account and **\$2,400** in monthly commitments for the year they plan to spend in Africa.

Yes, I want to help the Huddlestone serve as maintenance missionaries in Cote d'Ivoire next year. As God provides, I'll give the following amount monthly until they complete their assignment:

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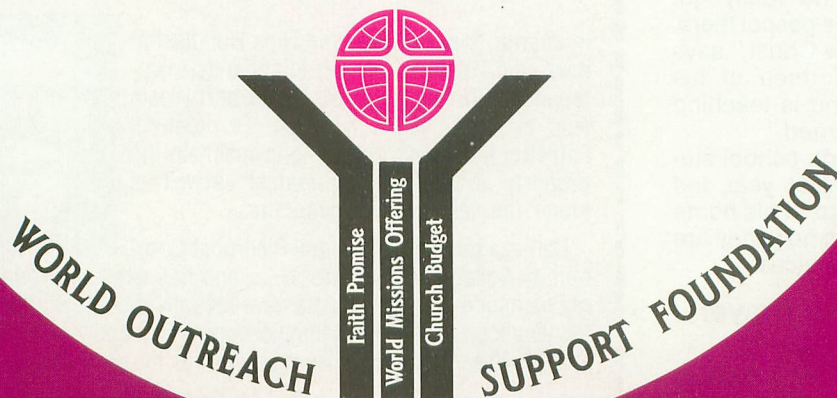
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