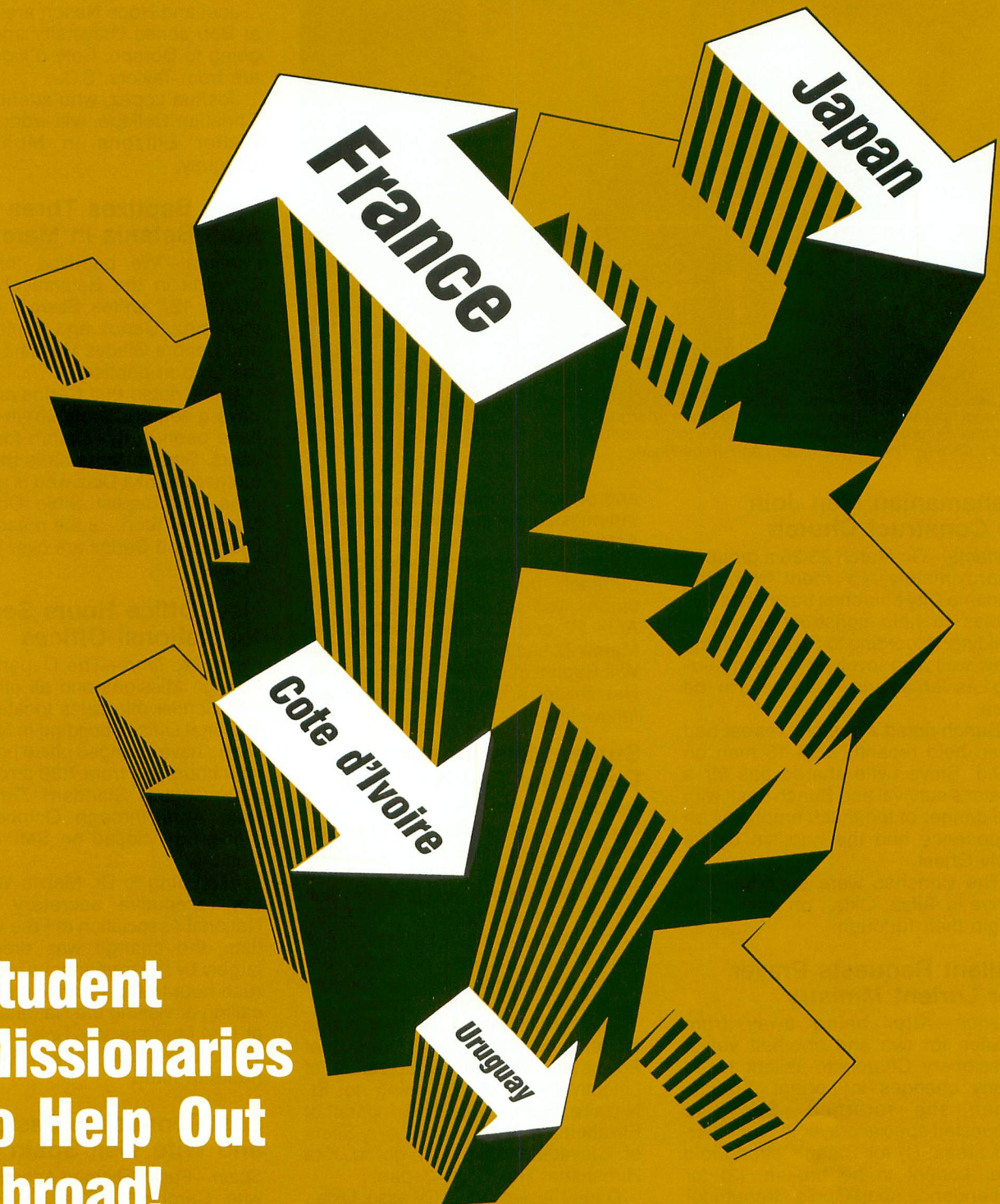


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Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



**Student
Missionaries
to Help Out
Abroad!**



Student missionaries pictured (left to right) are Sherry Sifers, Wendy Grindstaff, Judi Cagle, and Rachael Burgess. Individual shots include (left to right) Darrell Testerman, Joshua Lopez, and Vicky Christy. The couple is Joel and Hope Nason.

Panamanian Men Join to Construct Church

Panama—On March 23-26 a group of approximately 45 men from the Panama City churches traveled to Las Tablas to help construct a church building. According to Stan Bunch the crew was also involved in evangelizing Las Tablas and Parita while in the area.

Bunch noted a pastors' retreat had been held recently with 15 men on hand. Steve Lytle shared tips for a pastor's survival and Bunch dealt with the danger of too much emphasis on experience and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The Bunches were scheduled to arrive in Tulsa, Okla., on April 12 to begin their furlough.

Tallent Requests Prayer for Lorient Ministry

France—After being away from France for two and one-half years, missionary Charolette Tallent faced many changes in Lorient, France, when she returned. She has requested special prayer in four different areas: (1) for Satan's stronghold over Lorient to be broken, (2) for dependence upon God's strength for overcoming discouragement, (3) for French Christians of Lorient to sense the urgency of evangelizing their city,

and (4) for evangelistic boldness for the missionary team as evidenced in Acts.

Charolette noted that evangelistic outreach through music and testimony was scheduled in Lorient for April 22 and 23. She reported that March 27 had been set aside for Free Will Baptist churches to gather in St. Nazaire for a day of edification and fellowship.

Student Missionaries to Depart for Fields in May

Nashville, Tenn.—Four students of Free Will Baptist Bible College, one from Hillsdale, one from Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions, a couple from Bob Jones University, and one young man from Miami Christian College—nine Free Will Baptist students in all—are scheduled to leave in May for summer assignments on various fields.

Free Will Baptist Bible College students include Rachael Burgess of Powhatan, Va., and Judi Cagle of Lincoln Park, Mich., going to St. Nazaire, France. Wendy Grindstaff of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Sherry Sifers of Cleveland, Oh., will go to Kita Hiroshima, Hokkaido, Japan.

Darrell Testerman of Owasso, Okla., will represent Hillsdale FWB College and foreign missions while serving in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

Miss Vicky Christy of Ashland City, Tenn., is a graduate of FWBBC and is attending Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions. She will go to Tokyo, Japan, with the Ken Baileys.

Joel and Hope Nason are students at Bob Jones University and will be going to Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire. They are from Taylors, S.C.

Joshua Lopez, who attends Miami Christian College, will work with the Walter Ellisons in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Lytle Baptizes Three from Betania in March

Panama—"We baptized three new converts in the Betania church on March 12," writes Steve Lytle from Panama. "Carlos and Paula Cerrud and Senora Gladys Messina followed the Lord in baptism."

Steve noted that Carlos and Paula have a son and daughter-in-law who have been in the church for several years. Senora Messina is the grandmother of Erika Diaz who is attending Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., at the present. Both Gladys and Carlos are over 60 years of age.

New Office Hours Set for National Offices

Nashville, Tenn.—The Department of Foreign Missions and all other Free Will Baptist ministries located in the National Offices building in Nashville, Tenn., have changed office hours. The new hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CDT from April through October). The offices are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

According to Dr. Melvin Worthington, executive secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists, the change was precipitated largely by the tremendous increase in rush-hour traffic. People interested in calling or visiting the National Offices at 1134 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tenn., are urged to keep these new hours in mind.

East Tennessee Pastor and Wife Visit Spain

Spain—Pastor Richard Adams and his wife, Carolyn, of Eastside Free Will Baptist Church in Elizabethton, Tenn., visited Spain in February. The couple was with Lonnie and Anita Sparks at



(Left photo) East Tennessee Pastor Richard Adams and his wife, Carolyn, stand with missionary Lonnie Sparks (center) in front of the Alcala de Henares church in Spain. (Right photo) Pastor Adams (left) greets the Alcala church as Sparks translates.



Alcala de Henares on the second Sunday in February.

"Carolyn sang and I preached at both services on February 12," says Richard. "We had good services with a lot of folks responding to the invitation."

Adams declared the Sparks "went out of their way to be nice to us." Referring to this visit to a mission field, he said, "I think more of our pastors need to go."

Martin Plicet of Panama Visits Cuban Convention

Panama—According to information from Steve Lytle in Panama, Martin Plicet, former president of the Panamanian Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, attended the Cuban Free Will Baptist Convention March 10-12. He participated in a pastors' retreat with missionary Ron Calaway; Dean Dobbs, a North Carolina pastor and a member of the board of foreign missions; and Alton Loveless, promotional secretary for Ohio Free Will Baptists. He also spoke in some of the churches.

Four people accepted Christ on

Martin Plicet (right) of Panama and Dean Dobbs, foreign missions board member from North Carolina, participated in a March retreat for pastors of the Cuban FWB Convention.



Thursday, March 16, after Martin preached in the Jaruco church. He returned to Panama on March 17.

Martin is currently missions coordinator for Panama Free Will Baptists.

Griffin Assumes Role in the Iriso Church

Japan—Following her graduation from Japanese language school on December 16, Miss Debbie Griffin immediately assumed responsibilities in the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Tokyo. She moved into the apartment vacated by Fred and Evelyn Hersey and has been helping the Ken Baileys in this ministry.

"Each week I teach two adult classes and one junior high English class," writes Debbie. "I'm surprised at how quickly the Lord has given me a real love for these people. I am responsible once each month to teach Sunday school, prayer meeting, women's Bible study, and junior high Bible school."

B. Bunch Claims Retreat "A Blessing" for Women

Panama—"What a blessing the first ladies' retreat in Panama was to me and all the Free Will Baptist ladies here!" writes Brenda Bunch from Panama. "The ladies worked hard planning and saving money to get to go. The price for each one was \$35. In the midst of crisis it looked impossible," Brenda continued.

Besides the main speaking ministries of Dr. Mary R. Wisehart and "Mom" Mabel Willey, eight workshops were conducted during the retreat. These included hospitality, evangelism, how to be a healthy Christian, how senior citizens can serve, how singles can serve the church, how a young person can serve the church, and how a mother can serve the

church. All workshops except two—one by Brenda and one by "Mom" Willey—were given by Panamanian Free Will Baptist women.

The women overcame serious last-minute problems in order to have the retreat. The contracted transportation canceled one hour before departure and the cooks did not show up. Other transportation was finally arranged, and the ladies themselves pitched in and cooked.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Tulsa, Okla.—Joy Banks, 17-year-old daughter of missionaries Jerry and Janice Banks, broke her right arm on March 17 while playing baseball.

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionaries Robert and Pam West are planning to return to the United States on May 27 to begin their regular furlough.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey recently announced the engagement and pending wedding of their third son, Stephen. Stephen and Miss Ruth Bowen, the daughter of missionaries Earle and Dorothy Bowen of Nairobi, Kenya, will wed on August 12 at Wilmore Presbyterian Church in Wilmore, Ky. The couple met at Asbury College where they both will graduate at the end of May. Stephen and Ruth plan to begin graduate studies in the fall at the University of Kentucky.

Spain—First-term missionaries Steve and Linda Reeves are scheduled to return to the United States early this

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Financial Summary Through March 31 Substance

Total income for March	\$ 275,464.27
Total income through March	780,486.24
Total disbursements through March	802,943.44
Projected income through March	819,853.50
Total 1989 Budget	\$3,279,414.00
ADVANCE gifts through March	\$ 24,852.04
1989 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bishop	\$ 241.98	Sparks	\$ 5,843.11
Combs	692.63	Teague, J.	739.70
Cousineau	2,910.91	Turnbough	6,749.69
Eagleton, Sr.	14,444.72	West	3,099.49
Midgett	7,846.96	Willey	2,871.09
Nichols	4,532.64	Cuba	197.80
Poole	773.65	I.C. Hosp.	1,607.61
Richards	832.80	Spec. Com.	19,187.87
Smith, J.	4,745.81		
Total			\$77,318.46



Martin Chiliz displays his injured arm as he stands in front of the Rivera FWB Church in Uruguay.

—>Continued from inside summer to begin an early furlough. Although originally on the docket for furlough in 1990, the time was moved up to help in staggering missionary furlough schedules.

Uruguay—The new term at the Sower Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay, opened on April 3 with seven students.

Collinsville, Okla.—Missionary Arilla Wode arrived in the United States on April 1 from Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) to undergo testing for diagnosis on several medical problems. She was accompanied by missionary Carol Pinkerton. Christians have been urged to pray for her health needs.

Uruguay—Martin, the young student who broke his arm last year, recently had a plate put in the arm. Shortly thereafter he accidentally broke the arm again at its weakest point. At last report he was suffering with severe

pain but was in good spirits. Doctors remained undecided regarding what they could do for the arm.

Chicago, Ill.—Paul Hersey, son of missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey, is scheduled to graduate in June from Northwestern University in Chicago, Ill., with a double major in physics and piano (a five-year program). At press time Paul had set no future plans.

Brazil Central Bible College Has 27 Students

Brazil—According to reports from the central Bible college in Jaboticabal, Brazil, 27 students were enrolled for the second year which began February 27.

Reports indicated six full-time resident students were enrolled—four male and two female. Twenty-one other students were signed up for night classes or partial programs. Five of those enrolled are ministerial students.

In addition to the classes held at Jaboticabal, extension courses have been opened in Araras under the direction of interim pastor Eliseu.

Christians in Tehini Face Starvation Crisis

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton reported in April that Christians in the village of Tehini, where he ministers in Cote d'Ivoire, are facing starvation due to crop failure.

"I sat down with the church leaders and counted 26 adults and 27 children from 13 families who are staring

hunger in the eye," writes Kenneth. "I calculate it will take about \$200 per month to buy grain to keep them from starving. This will need to continue until July or August when they start gathering new crops."

R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, has urged concerned Christians to send their gifts to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202 and designate them to "Relief Fund."

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