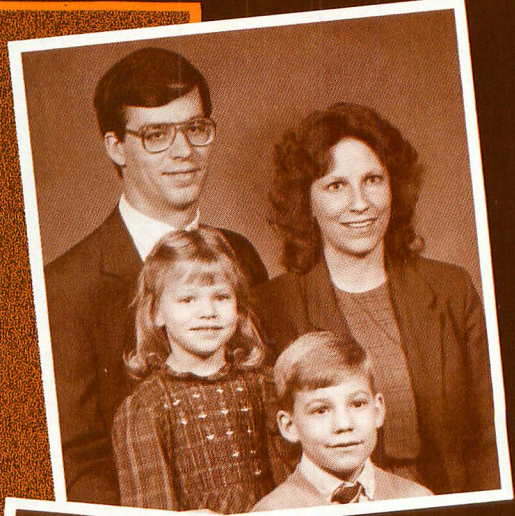
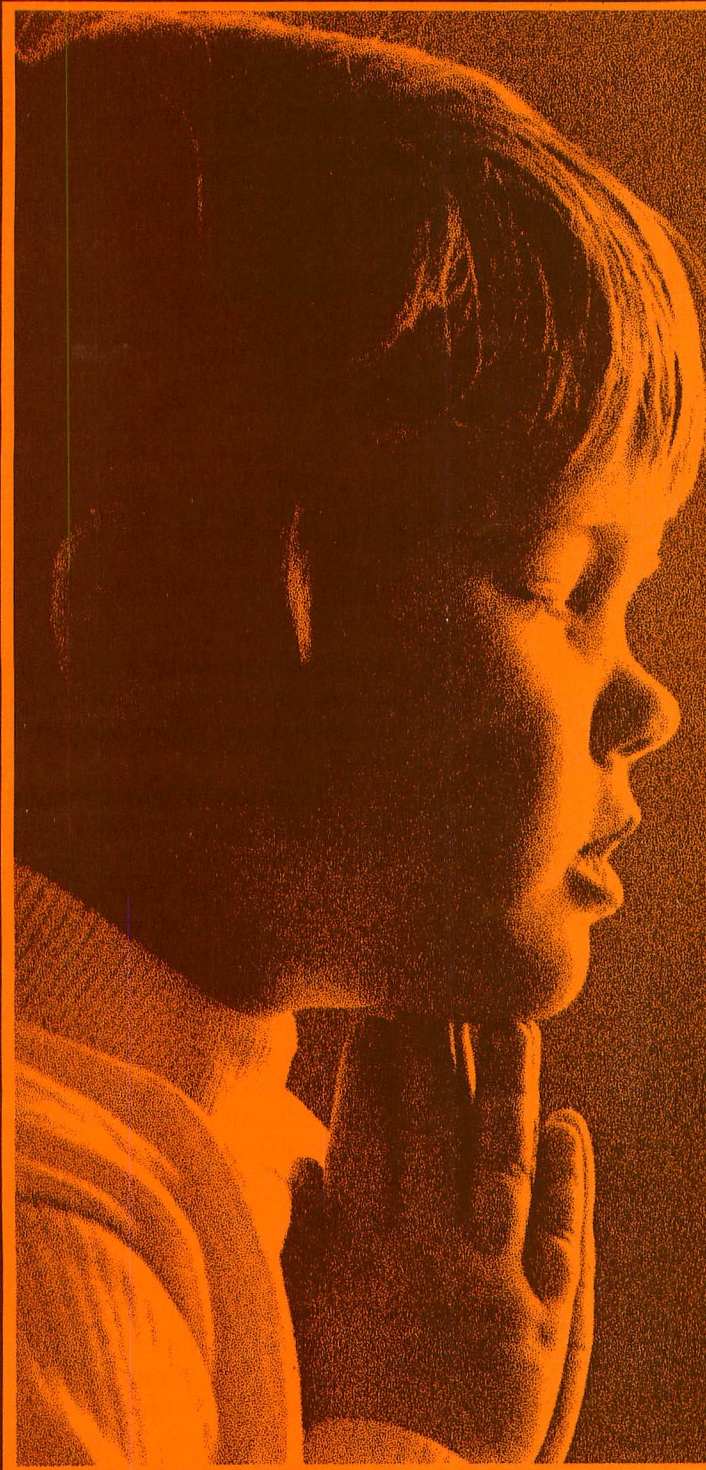


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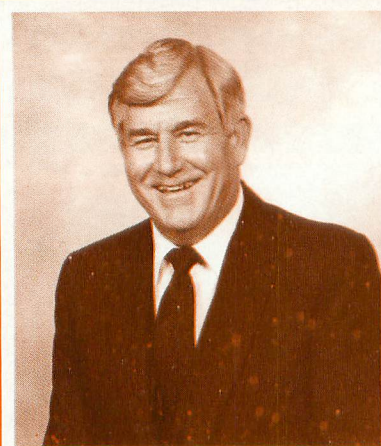
HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



MISSIONS: Our Family Heartbeat



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by Elmer Turnbough

No doubt, the heart of God is missions! I believe God's mission field is the whole world.

Thank God someone believed in missions back in 1951! My wife, Gladys, and I were saved (born again) in a little storefront Free Will Baptist mission church. We were a young couple back then with one son, Jim, who was two and one-half years old.

We realize we were fortunate because the ministers and churches in that area believed in missions and taught missions. I was saved on a Monday night. My wife, Gladys, received Christ the following evening. Before the first Sunday, we received a visit from three young preachers, Bob Hill, Lawrence Thompson, and W. T. (Bill) Turnbough. They told us we should tithe (give 10 percent of our income) to the church. We believed them and gave our tithe the first Sunday we were in

church as Christians. To this day, we have never missed a payday tithing!

That first Sunday, the pastor took up an offering for Free Will Baptist Bible College. I had never heard of the college but our pastor assured us it was a good institution where preachers and missionaries are trained. I wanted to do whatever I was supposed to, so I put \$10 in the offering in addition to our tithes. In 1951 \$10 was a lot of money!

We believed that exposing our children to missionaries would help them think and support missions.

A couple of Sundays later, an offering was received for missions. Again, in addition to our tithes, I put in \$10. We felt good and the Lord blessed us! I

was fortunate to be a supervisor where I worked, so I received a good monthly salary for that time.

Three months later we went to help my wife's brother begin a new mission church in his home town. Just 14 months after that, the Lord called me into the ministry. I've been busy since that time telling folks about Jesus and how they can be saved. I'm glad no one told me a person could get saved and sit down. I thought we were to go out and try to win the whole world, so I set out on my journey.

I was the only pastor my children ever had until they left for Free Will Baptist Bible College. Throughout their young lives they heard me preach and teach missions. Yes, they also saw their mother and me support and practice missions. We had missionaries in our church and home on a

regular basis. We believed that exposing our children to missionaries would help them think and support missions.

I've preached missions throughout my ministry. The third Sunday of each month has been Missions Sunday in the missions and churches where I have pastored. I preach a sermon on missions and we receive a special missions offering in addition to regular tithes and offerings. This also gives our people an opportunity to turn in their regular monthly faith commitments to missions. Everyone is given a chance to share in world outreach.

My children heard me say many times from the pulpit that their mother and I would much rather see them get on a plane, go to a mission field, and die there in the will of the Lord than have them stay home out of the will of God.

The Lord blessed us with three children in all—Jim, Judy, and Jeff. Today they serve with their companions and children on three continents* of the world. Many souls have been saved and others are being saved through their ministries.

We stood crying as the children were leaving for their assignments on the foreign field, and they reminded me of what I had said so many times: "Dad, we are following the Lord and our pastor's (your) advice!" I had to say, "Thank You, Lord. They are Yours!"

What a wonderful way to extend our ministry to places we could not go ourselves! Gladys and I often hurt in the flesh and would like so much to see the children and grandchildren. But we pray daily and thank God for using our children in His service!

I recall in one of my early pastorates, missions was not a popular subject among many of our people. The church was not able to pay me an adequate salary although we were getting by on it. I stood in fear and trembling one Sunday and led the church to start giving \$30 per month to missions. Two adult men told me at the door after the service they would never come back to the church. God blessed anyway and six weeks from that day the church gave me a 25 percent increase in salary. They also raised the missions giving.

Just a few years ago I was called by a deacon one night. He told me the church needed a pastor but was not able to pay what they knew a pastor should have to live on. I was in a ministry some 800 miles away, but I agreed to meet with the church board and preach to the people one weekend.

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The board told me what they could do. They said if I would accept the pastorate, all additional tithes and offerings I could bring into the church would be added to my salary. I replied, "If I come and get the tithes and offerings up and receive a modest increase in salary, will you encourage the church to begin supporting missions?" They agreed. The Lord blessed, and within three years they were paying salaries for two men, and had built and paid for a new fellowship hall

with several classrooms. In addition, they were giving upward to \$1,000 per month to home and foreign missions!

I'm convinced the shortcut to most of our financial problems is to support missions as the Bible teaches. God will honor and bless our efforts when we obey His Great Commission. I cannot open the Scriptures anywhere, Old or New Testament, without being reminded that missions is the theme of the entire Bible!

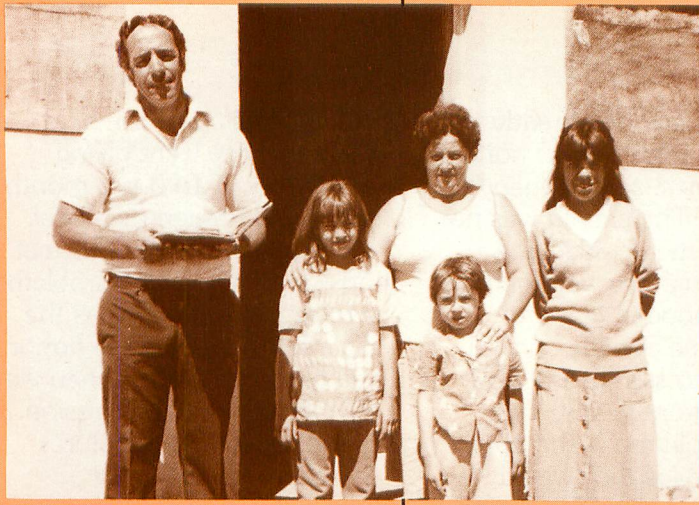
After 38 years in our beloved Free Will Baptist denomination—36 of these as a busy, active missionary pastor—my deepest desire and daily prayer is that more and more people will see the world through the eyes of our Lord. When they do, they will see a world for whom Christ died. It will make them more missions minded.

Gladys and I experienced one of the highlights of our entire ministry recently when we visited all our missionaries in Spain and France. We came away saying from a broken heart, "Thank You, Lord, for our missions program! Thank You for our dedicated missionaries! And thank You for allowing us to have a little part in the Great Commission!"

By God's grace I'll continue to go and share missions. I will do my best to challenge more people to get involved until the Lord takes me home!

Like Paul in Romans 1:14, "I am debtor...." I owe a debt I can never pay!

Elmer and Gladys Turnbough are home missionaries in St. Petersburg, Fla. *Cover photos, top to bottom: Jeff Turnbough and his family serve in Villalba, Spain. Judy (Turnbough) Bailey and her husband, Ken, serve the Iriso FWB Church in Tokyo, Japan. Jim Turnbough has served under home missions in Enterprise, Ala., and currently pastors Garner FWB Church, Garner, N.C.



Danubio, Changed and Committed

by Marcia Ellison

"Have you lost your mind? I'm not going to church and leave my whiskey and TV to pray. Never!"

Danubio was responding to the invitation by a Christian from the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Rivera, Uruguay.

A sub-official mayor in the Uruguayan military, Danubio and his family lived near a little store run by the woman who had invited him to church. She witnessed to him often but he didn't pay attention. He had been reared a Catholic, so he knew a few things about God, but he determined church and prayer were not for him.

Finally, Danubio's wife, Pola, went to church with the woman and received Christ as her Savior.

In a few days the woman invited Danubio to church again. He felt kind of bored that day since nothing good was on TV, and besides, he was tired of the woman asking him so often. So,

he thought he would go and observe.

Danubio watched the behavior of the people at Central Church. He also analyzed the message and declared, "You know, I've had certain studies and what I heard I rather enjoyed." He thought to himself, "Well, I'll go back some day."

While still in Melo, Danubio sensed the need for an evangelical work in the city.

Three months later, Lucas and Margarita, two other Christians from the Central Church, started visiting the couple regularly. At last, Danubio went to the church again and heard the message of Christ. Missionary Paul Robinson was preaching, and Danubio received Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

When he got home that

Left to right, Danubio stands with his family, prays, and harnesses his horses.

evening, Danubio tried to turn on his television set but for some reason it wouldn't work. Then he discovered the picture tube had burned out. Though he had expressed such an interest in TV before he was saved, he never bothered to get the set repaired. He just disposed of it.

With Christ in control of their lives, Danubio and Pola grew spiritually. The Lord brought them through many trials and spiritual lessons to mature them for His service. God even helped Danubio through a battle with death when he suffered a serious illness. He had developed a cyst by coming in contact with the feces of a dog which had eaten raw sheep entrails. One cyst spawns many more, and the victims suffer severe pain and often die from the effects of the cysts.

Through his long illness and the trips to the doctors and hospitals, the Lord gave Danubio boldness to witness. During the time before and after



surgery he witnessed to everybody in his ward. He played cassette tapes of Christian music and sermons, handed out tracts, and testified. Just before his critical surgery to remove the cysts, he knelt by his bed and prayed.

When he went for surgery, the anesthetist asked him if he were nervous or worried. He replied, "No, I'm not worried at all. I'm in Christ, and God has given me peace to go through this."

Seven years have passed since Danubio and Pola began attending church together and made the Lord the head of their home. When his eighty-year-old father suffered a heart attack early in 1989 in a town called Melo, approximately 150 miles from Rivera, Danubio became deeply burdened to lead him to Christ. So, he wrote him a letter and addressed it to his sister who lives in the same area.

Although his sister was not a Christian, he asked her to read something to her father for him. Knowing that his father could not read well, Danubio wrote—in very large letters—a prayer of confession of sins and put it in the letter to his sister.

When the letter arrived, the father was so excited that he opened it and, due to the large writing, he was able to read it for himself. Danubio didn't know this until recently when he visited his father while there to attend the funeral of a nephew who had cared for the old man. The nephew had been killed suddenly in a terrible motorcycle accident. When Danubio heard of the boy's death, he went to Melo. He arrived about 30 minutes before the body was to be taken away.

Just about the time of Danubio's arrival, the old man suffered another heart attack. Danubio had his Bible with him and he asked the Lord to spare his father. In just a few minutes his father began feeling better. He laid his head over on his son's shoulder and wept. He didn't even go to bed. He stayed up and had "mate"* (mah-che) with his son.

Danubio watched the behavior of the people at Central Church.

Danubio remained in Melo for three days and his father improved. The cardiologist said she had never seen anyone recuperate so rapidly at the age of Danubio's father, especially when he evidenced such a serious physical condition. She acknowledged the unusual progress was not due to medicine, and also indicated his recovery would be impossible normally at his age.

One day while still with his father, Danubio noticed a paper, well worn, lying on the table. He reached to pick it up but his father put his hand over that of

his son and said, "Don't take the paper because I know it all by heart. I've said it every morning and every night since it came."

At that point Danubio had the opportunity to explain the gospel plan of salvation, and his father accepted Jesus Christ as Savior.

While still in Melo, Danubio sensed the need for an evangelical work in the city. He asked Mario da Conceicao from Rivera to help him go there and preach to some of the members of his family and his friends. So they went.

Fourteen people attended the first meeting. Eight of these accepted the Lord as their Savior. At the same time, Danubio's father made his public confession of Christ.

Now, efforts are being made to establish a work. Ruben, a recent graduate of the Bible institute in Montevideo, went to Melo with Danubio to hold evangelistic meetings. A good nucleus of believers has already been formed, and Danubio's faithful witness continues to bear fruit!

Marcia Ellison serves with her husband, Walter, in Montevideo, Uruguay, in the Bible institute ministry. *This is the traditional tea drink served in a gourd and drunk with a silver straw.

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REFLECTING AND REJOICING!

by Jerry Gibbs



Jerry Gibbs, left, directs the choir. The congregation also makes a joyful song (right) on Easter Sunday.



Concluding the first anniversary Easter service in the new church at St. Nazaire, France, nine people responded to the invitation. Some came for recommitment, some for public profession, and others for salvation.

As we glanced around the building, many new faces graced the service—faces which were not present one year earlier. Claude was there. A businessman from a neighboring village, Claude had telephoned, heard our answering machine, received one of our free Bibles, and had discovered the Lord on his own.

Pierre also caught our eye.

He is a doctor who had become so disgusted with the Catholic Church that he started looking for something else.

“With the influx of summer visitors, the new church was filled with several nationalities.”

Then, faces of those who had attended the dedication service on Easter of 1988 came into focus. The head carpenter who had been in charge of constructing the building grabbed our attention. Guy, our adviser for the electricity in the

building, was on hand also with his wife and baby.

Yes, this Easter Sunday in 1989 will join that of 1988 and will remain engraved in our hearts. Even though the church has seen many valleys since the mountaintop experience of last Easter, the excitement, wonder, and gratitude continue to live.

Someone described it this way: “Every Sunday is like Christmas since getting into our new building.” People still stop as they pass in front of the church to see just what kind of church it is. New people, as from the beginning, are present in almost every service.

Recently, a doctor who had

never been to the church before introduced himself as "a practicing Catholic, but disappointed with his church." As he was leaving, he said, "God touched my heart. I'll be back!"

Prior to God's provision of the new church building, incidents like this never took place. Just the Sunday before this article was penned, a lady from the neighborhood came for the first time. Following the service, she asked for a meeting to talk about her spiritual needs.

People still talk about the team of men who came to finish the inside of the church.

Seeing God so graciously provide to make a dream come true has strengthened our hope for the future and has made our faith stronger. Rene, a faithful Christian man who helps with the Sunday activities, recently declared from the pulpit, "God did not provide this building for it not to be full. Out of the 70,000 inhabitants in St. Nazaire, God can fill this church." Others have added, "By faith God built this church. By faith He will fill it up." And that is exactly what He is doing. A year ago a peak Sunday might have been 45 for Sunday service. Now that is more the norm than the exception.

Edouard Michon, patriarch of the church (deceased in August of this year), testified about the past year: "One year ago we celebrated our dedication service. How can I describe this past year? When Mr. Waddell and his wife Genevieve visited the church just two months after

its opening, he asked me this question: 'What do you think of the future of this church?' What could I say to such a vast question? All I could say was, 'God did not permit the construction of this church just to forget about us afterwards.'

"Last summer our church was almost too small," Michon recalled. "With the influx of summer visitors, the new church was filled with several nationalities such as Dutch, English, Belges, Americans, and of course French.

"I remember the Sunday when our pastor Tom (McCullough) said as people entered, 'There are chairs in the back.' Already the pews were full. Our hearts were overjoyed to hear the Christian man who had been coming to St. Nazaire on vacation for several years say, 'Just think of all the time I wasted on vacation not knowing there was a church here. It is such a joy to be here.' That Sunday the walls 'vibrated' as our voices sang out the praises of our God. No one can remain indifferent to this church planted as a lighthouse at the door of St. Nazaire."

In the past 12 months or so a deeper sense of appreciation and gratitude for God's faithfulness has seemed evident. We have seen God do extra things that have left us overwhelmed. For example, the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., and Pastor Richard Herndon graciously provided our church with pews, a pulpit, and a communion table. The Maryland and New Jersey conference helped to pay for their shipment. The pews were even the right shade of wood.

The church people were moved to tears at God's goodness. After seeing the pews, someone said, "When these pews were made, God knew they were for this church." Immediately someone else responded, "When God grew the trees from which these pews were made, He knew they were for us."

People still talk about the team of men who came to finish the inside of the church. They were deeply moved by the fact that these men sacrificed their time, left their jobs and their families, and used their talents for God's glory in St. Nazaire. The hand of the Lord was evident in selecting His team to finish the inside of the church.

"Last summer our church was almost too small."

This year has been the best we have ever seen, but it has not been without its problems. We knew Satan would try to sabotage the work of the Lord. As we have seen the blessings of the Lord increase, Satan has launched a barrage of attacks on the church family.

In November the church suffered the loss of a well-loved friend through a tragic death. But God's grace was more than sufficient and the church emerged stronger. In the personal families of our church members internal conflicts have increased as the devil has tried to discourage believers. But in spite of the attacks, God's church in St. Nazaire is coming out victorious.

Missionary Jerry Gibbs and his family are serving their fourth term of service in France.

The drums begin their rhythmic beat! Singing pierces the morning air! God is being praised—African style.

About 8:30 on Sunday morning the little group of Christians in the Tehini Free Will Baptist Church in Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) begin their echo of praise. Little by little the church building starts to fill. Nobody in the church owns a watch so no one worries about what time services will begin or end. Within approximately 45 minutes about 90 people show up.

Joyfully the group sings, alternating between three languages: French, Lobi, and Loron. The members are either from the Lobi or Loron tribes. As I look at the radiant faces I am reminded of the problems they face. And I am amazed that despite these problems, they have been faithful to the Lord.

Even while anticipating his death a dispute arose over his body.

One 18-year-old girl fled home when her pagan family wanted to give her in marriage to someone she did not like. Her family put a curse on her. She came to Tehini and ended up finding shelter with Pierre's family. Pierre is one of the elders in the church, and he led the girl to the Lord.

Now one of the young men in the church wants to marry the girl. To have a civil wedding, her parents need to give their consent. So, I went with the elders of the church to talk to her parents. They were angry that she had become a Christian and wanted to marry a Christian

man. They flatly refused to give their consent. What can she do now?

Balanpere, the "old man" in the church (probably about 70 years of age), came down with cancer early this year. He summoned his family, the leaders, and a town authority to tell them he wanted a Christian funeral. He didn't want a pagan funeral with all of its occult rituals and practices.

According to Loron culture, the man's brothers would be responsible for the funeral. They told him they would not respect his wish. Even while anticipating his death a dispute arose over his body. Then, when he

actually died, the Christians put him in a casket and started holding a Christian funeral service. Before the service was over the drunk pagan relatives came in and took his body away by force.

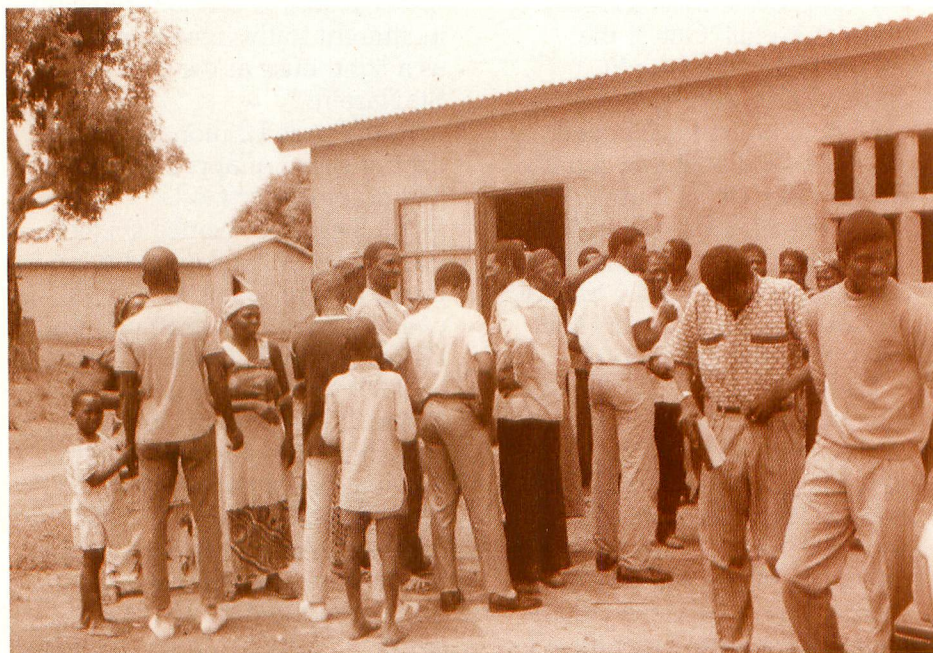
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After the funeral, Eve, Balanpere's widow, and her five children were stripped of their farming land, their farming tools, and all the food that was left from the previous crop.

GROWTH through Suffering

by Kenneth Eagleton, M.D.

Christians fellowship in front of the Tehini church near Doropo.



They were left with no food and no means to grow more. Acting according to tribal custom, the brothers of the deceased divided his belongings and left the widow and her children with nothing.

As I continue to study the faces in the Tehini church, other problems prod my memory, such as the famine this year. Most of the members of this church were hit by the famine. In all, 26 adults and 27 children from 13 different Christian families went through the hardship. With a shortage of rain in Tehini the previous year, crops had yielded poorly. That food ran out before they were even able to plant this year. Thank God, Free Will Baptists in the United States responded to the need by sending money to buy food until they could harvest their next crops.

Most of the members of this church were hit by the famine.

A woman in the church recently wrote me a letter: "I have faced problems every day since I entered the way of the Lord, but I didn't know I would receive help in my difficulties. This year, when problems started coming my way, my family rejected me. The Christian brothers from Doropo took care of me as one would care for orphans. They suffered with me. They gave me and my children food to eat and money when I needed to go to the dispensary (clinic).

"I am so thankful, but I don't know how to express it. I pray that the strength of God and His love will be upon you, my

brothers in Christ from Doropo, who helped me during my suffering. I pray that God will help Pastor Eagleton and his work at the hospital."

Yes, these poor, illiterate people have suffered persecution from their families and hunger due to famine. In spite of it all they come faithfully to church to sing praises to the true God who has saved their souls.

Poverty and hunger have not been used as an excuse for the people not to give. The Tehini congregation's giving has exceeded that of churches whose members have had good crops. Now, they have committed themselves to

support a full-time national preacher over the next 10 months and are building a house for him. They are practicing sacrificial giving.

What a joy it has been to minister to this group of people over the last year. It is a blessing to watch them grow in the Lord. They are living demonstrations of the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 5:3-5a, "...we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed...."

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton serves as a physician at the Free Will Baptist hospital and clinic in Doropo, Cote d'Ivoire. He and his wife, Rejane, have four sons.

Other World Missions Offering Participants

Several gifts from the World Missions Offering in April had not been received and consequently were not reported in the July-August issue of Heartbeat. Receipts through August added to those previously reported totaled \$42,465.78. Gifts from these churches and individuals were received after June 12:

First FWB, Atkins, **Arkansas**
 Grace FWB, Newport, Ark.
 New Sulphur FWB, Prairie Grove, Ark.
 Mrs. Laura Nichols, Van Buren, Ark.
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 First FWB, Hahira, Ga.
 Harmony FWB, W. Frankfort, **Illinois**
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 Prospect FWB, Erwin, N.C.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Black, Mooresville, N.C.
 William and Loretta Bledsoe, Fairborn, **Ohio**
 First FWB, Barnsdall, **Oklahoma**
 First FWB, Checotah, Okla.
 Miss Estelle Mayo, Ada, Okla.
 Frank W. Monks, Ft. Gibson, Okla.
 William and Wilma Thomas, Okla. City, Okla.
 Ned Patillo, Florence, **South Carolina**
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 Mr. and Mrs. G. Thompson, Nashville, Tenn.
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These individuals gave special gifts in June, July, and August in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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HEARTLINE

Missions Education

"The Free Will Baptist denomination is not a missions denomination."

When a respected pastor made that statement, I felt shocked...hurt. But I had to admit basically he was right. Missionary outreach is not a priority item in most of our churches.

The relatively small number of missionary candidates responding to God's call and the small proportion of our money given to missions force me to agree with the pastor. When I realize approximately 40 percent of our Free Will Baptist churches never send an offering to spread the gospel overseas, I feel sad.

"What can we do to turn this situation around?" I asked some trusted advisors. The consensus was that we need a program of missions education in our local churches.

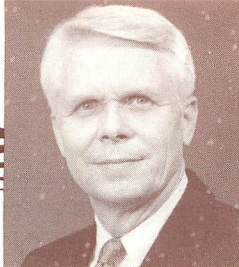
For too long our denomination has neglected its responsibility to teach missions as a vital part of God's program. Everyone, from the pre-schoolers to the senior saints, needs to know what the Bible teaches concerning the lostness of mankind. And each must learn of God's plan to establish His church around the world.

Everyone, from the preschoolers to the senior saints, needs to know what the Bible teaches concerning the lostness of mankind.

Although missions education is woefully lacking in a large portion of our churches, I thank God for what is being done!

From the beginning of our National Association woman's auxiliaries have been doing their part to teach missions. For many years they sponsored Young People's Auxiliary and Go Tell Auxiliary. The majority of their monthly programs today center on missions. They sponsor pre-Thanksgiving and pre-Easter missionary prayer emphases and many auxiliaries have a missionary study course once or twice a year.

The concerned pastor cannot be satisfied until the entire congregation is being challenged by the great commission. The missionary conference offers an excellent approach to educating people on missions. Having a missionary spend a few



R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

days teaching and informing the church is very valuable. When possible, missionaries love to help out in vacation Bible school and youth camps.

Randall House offers an excellent study on "The Biblical Basis of Missions" by Miss Laura Belle Barnard. This is a good guide for a series of Wednesday evening studies or for a Sunday school elective. The publishing house also sells the "World Missions Today" study course, a part of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association curriculum.

The pastor must lead in the program of educating the church for world missions.

These books by and about our own pioneer missionaries can be ordered: "Never Say Can't" (the "Pop" Willey story), "Touching the Untouchables" (based on the experiences of Miss Laura Belle Barnard in India), and "I Looked for a Man and Found One" (the account of Dr. and Mrs. LaVerne Miley opening the medical work in Cote d'Ivoire).

Randall House has agreed to insert a missions lesson in the adult and teen Sunday school quarterlies for use as an elective during April of 1990. This has been prepared on both teacher and student levels.

The Master's Men organization keeps missions in front of its members through "Attack" magazine.

The pastor must lead in the program of educating the church for world missions. Of course, any pastor who preaches the whole counsel of God must preach foreign missions.

Our department provides materials which can help educate the church about missions such as missions sermon outlines for pastors, videotapes, filmstrips, and slides. These materials can be ordered by calling 615/361-1010 or writing Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

Many helpful materials also can be secured from the Association of Church Missions Committees, P.O. Box APMC, Wheaton, Ill. 60189. The toll free order number is 1-800-798-APMC.

Financial Summary

Through August 31

\$ Substance

Total income for August.....	\$ 285,530.01
Total income through August.....	2,265,938.76
Total disbursements through August.....	2,150,475.10
Projected income through August.....	2,186,276.00
Total 1989 Budget.....	\$3,279,414.00
Advance gifts through August.....	\$ 82,431.86
1989 ADVANCE Budget.....	\$ 150,000.00

\$ Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 202.01	Smith, J.....	\$ 1,149.37
Combs.....	3,947.71	Sparks.....	993.25
Cousineau.....	157.73	Teague, J.....	182.83
Creech.....	858.84	*Turnbough.....	2,119.71
*Eagleton, Sr.....	17,919.79	West.....	3,871.97
Heath (Ger.).....	41.24	Willey.....	601.89
Morgan.....	124.05	Cuba.....	1,994.79
*Reeves.....	6,696.60	Spec. Com.....	19,187.87
Total.....			\$60,049.65

*Medical insurance claims pending.

State Goals—1989

State	Goal 1989	Goal Through August	Contributions Through August
Alabama.....	\$ 185,000	\$ 123,333	\$ 111,104.81
Arizona.....	4,500	3,000	3,225.41
Arkansas.....	173,000	115,333	117,338.45
California.....	55,500	37,000	44,016.68
Colorado.....	3,500	2,333	2,819.00
Florida.....	85,000	56,667	51,097.72
Georgia.....	145,000	96,667	116,334.05
Hawaii.....	2,500	1,667	2,112.20
Idaho.....	750	500	871.49
Illinois.....	102,000	68,000	75,972.66
Indiana.....	38,000	25,333	21,827.84
Iowa.....	1,750	1,167	964.00
Kansas.....	15,000	10,000	10,875.31
Kentucky.....	88,000	58,667	58,971.97
Louisiana.....	500	333	20.00
Maryland.....	15,000	10,000	12,761.69
Michigan.....	140,000	93,333	84,870.30
Mississippi.....	62,000	41,333	35,567.12
Missouri.....	240,000	160,000	164,181.56
Montana.....	1,000	667	372.75
Nevada.....	1,100	733	664.91
New Mexico.....	500	333	603.17
* Northeast Assn.....	5,000	3,333	2,424.44
** Northwest Assn.....	5,000	3,333	4,649.83
North Carolina.....	410,000	273,333	313,325.20
Ohio.....	125,000	83,333	83,424.93
Oklahoma.....	380,000	253,333	246,026.34
Pennsylvania.....	1,750	1,167	1,481.09
South Carolina.....	195,000	130,000	126,435.61
Tennessee.....	440,000	293,333	289,739.81
Texas.....	100,000	66,667	71,829.70
Virginia.....	115,000	76,667	83,252.07
Virgin Islands.....	3,000	2,000	2,276.00
West Virginia.....	72,500	48,333	52,340.16
Miscellaneous.....	67,564	45,043	72,160.49
Totals.....	\$3,279,414	\$2,184,674	\$2,265,938.76

* Northeast Association

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

** Northwest Association

Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



This new addition (with sign hanging) to the FWB Church in Alcala de Henares, Spain, was recently purchased by funds from the Advance celebration. The building on the right is the current church building.

Closing Threatened for Alcala Christian School

Spain—Although the Christian school connected with the Free Will Baptist Church in Alcala de Henares, Spain, ended the year with 16 students, a government inspection posed a closing threat for the new year. "They told us we were not up to regulations as to space, a science lab, and teachers," writes Lonnie Sparks. "Thanks to God and a Christian lawyer, these problems have been resolved for the time being."

Faced with a possible closing, parents were encouraged to enroll their children in public schools to be assured of a place in the fall. Some waited but enrollment is down due to the threat.

Lonnie expressed praise that the church was able to buy the property adjacent to the current building. They have begun renovations to extend the size of the current auditorium.

Sparks indicated several children were saved and some rededicated their lives during the vacation Bible school in June.

Collinsville VBS Helps Metcalf Dorm in Brazil

Collinsville, Okla.—Missionary Arilla Wode, who is home from Cote d'Ivoire on medical furlough, taught missions during the vacation Bible school at Collinsville FWB Church in Collinsville, Okla., during July.

The contributions for five nights and the closing offering on Sunday night made up a total of \$261.51 to

go for maintenance of the Metcalf Dorm at the central Bible college in Jaboticabal, Brazil. Attendance during the week gained nightly from 76 to 101.

Jack and Lily Metcalf, parents of deceased missionary John Metcalf, are members of the Collinsville church along with Miss Wode.

Crosby Dedication and Commissioning Time Set

Fresno, Calif.—Missionary appointees Dwain and Debbie Crosby are scheduled to have a dedication service at California Christian College on October 21.

The official commissioning service for the Crosbys will be held October 28 in Waco, Tex. The Crosby family is hoping to leave for the field of Spain by the end of the year provided their financial status is adequate.

Bryan Urges Prayer for Dilemma in CPE Ministry

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Robert Bryan, who is the director of the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, reported recently that the publishing center needed \$21,000 by the end of August. He noted that "sales have been slack because of the recession all over Africa."

The staff at CPE has dwindled from 27 to 17 at the present and two of those are missionaries on furlough. Bryan urged Christians to pray that God would call and send the replacement people needed: Two editors (permanent), an artist

(one year), a computer supervisor (one year), a marketing specialist (two years), and a maintenance person (two years).

Sturgills Assume Role in Campinas Churches

Brazil—Jim and Vicki Sturgill, who recently returned to Brazil after furlough, have assumed responsibilities for overseeing the three works in Campinas, Brazil.

"Jim will be in each of the churches for prayer meeting during the week," writes Vicki. "He will teach at the central Bible college on Friday nights and will attend one of the three congregations each Sunday on a rotating basis. Sometimes he will preach and other times he will observe and offer suggestions," declared Vicki.

Morgan Says Bible Institute Stats Down

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"We have just finished our second year here at the institute," writes Clint Morgan from Bouna, Cote d'Ivoire. "We finished up the campus part of our program with only eight students, however it was a good year spiritually. The troubles in the churches have helped them to stabilize their convictions and to learn to take a stand."

Clint noted that 56 decisions for Christ were made over the past school year. This is down 20 from the first year. During the week of August 5 the students went to their place of practical service where they are to serve for 10 months. Each church is responsible to provide food, lodging, and a small salary for the students.

Those studying will return to Bouna once every two months for a week of evaluation and special training.

Turnboughs Home for Brief Medical Leave

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Jeff and Susan Turnbough and their children returned to the United States from Spain on August 10 so Jeff could undergo surgery to remove cysts from one jawbone and a facial tumor that was lodged behind the other jawbone. He had surgery on August 15 and reports indicate everything went smoothly. The tumor was benign.

While in the United States the Turnbough's son, Matthew, had medical attention to determine medication needs. The family returned to Spain on August 31, but Jeff was instructed to have further treatments in Spain.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Rick and Linda Bowling and their son, Chris, were finally able to depart for Uruguay on September 14 after being delayed due to the need for funds. Allan and LaRue Crowson have been delayed several months due to red tape and inability to get a visa. At press time they were still hoping to be cleared for departure by the end of September.

Spain—Jeff Turnbough reported in August that he had accidentally left his wallet—full of money, credit cards, and all identification—in a public restroom at the airport. "It didn't even dawn on me until we were half-way across Madrid," says Jeff. "The cleaning lady and military police manifested their unbelief when a Pakistani Moslem turned it in. Don't tell me the Lord doesn't redeem even our ignorance at times."

Owasso, Okla.—Mrs. W. T. Roberts, mother of missionary Shirley Combs, underwent eye surgery in late June to remove a cancerous tumor. Latest reports indicate the surgery was successful and she was recovering well.

Japan—Jerry and Janice Banks, who returned to Japan in July, are working in the Koinonia church this term rather than the Kita Hiroshima Chapel where they had been ministering. Their biggest change this term, however, is the absence of their daughter Joy. She is finishing up her high school education in Oklahoma.

France—Edouard Michon, the elderly artist who was an active member of the St. Nazaire Free Will Baptist Church in France, died on August 15 due to a massive cancerous tumor in the lungs. He had been in the hospital approximately a week before he succumbed. Michon played a key role in the expansion of the church.

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Both missionary Lynette Morgan and MK Joseph Bryan, son of missionaries Robert and Judy Bryan, contracted hepatitis during August. Joseph had

participating in songs, scripture reading, and a skit. "Out of 62 people present in the church," says Patsy, "21 were under 14 years of age."

Nashville, Tenn.—R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, left for France and Germany on August 31 and returned to Nashville on September 20. The general director met with the French field council. Then, he went to Germany to overlook the work and to counsel with missionary affiliates Dennis and Mary Jo Heath.

Bedford, Tex.—Mr. Robert Everett of Euless, Tex., father of missionary Lila Nichols, underwent triple bypass surgery on August 18 at Harris HEB Hospital, Bedford, Tex. Surgery was considered successful and recovery has progressed normally.

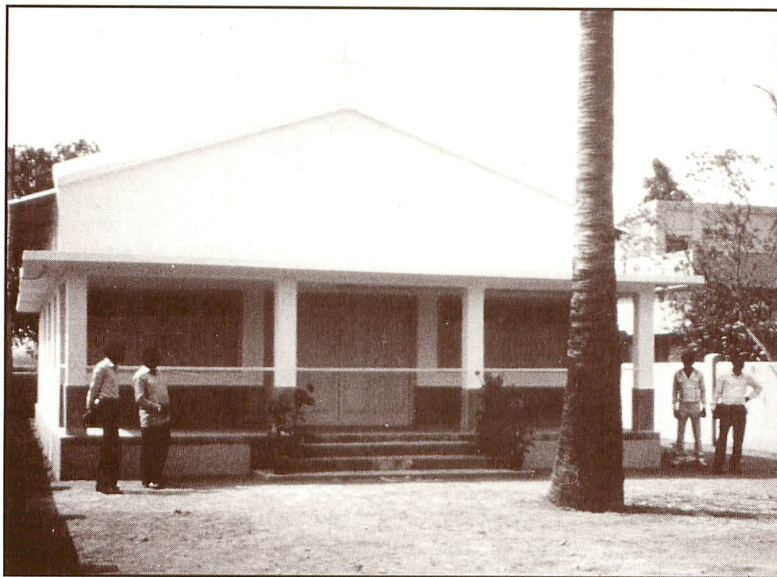
Uruguay — "We are plodding ahead with our national organization," writes Walter (Dub) Ellison from Montevideo, Uruguay. Concerning the Free Will Baptist organization, Dub continued, "We have a commission appointed by the national association president to handle this. I am serving along with Lopesino and Iris. It is complicated work."

Nashville, Tenn.—Carol Robirds, wife of Director of Communications Don Robirds, underwent surgery on September 5 for the removal of a small tumor from the throat. The tumor was benign.

Attendance Over 400 for Agnibilekrou Campaign

Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—A special evangelistic campaign was held June 23-25 at the Agnibilekrou FWB Church in Agnibilekrou, Cote d'Ivoire. The meetings were conducted in the courtyard of the church with approximately 400 attending each night. Seven people

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The second new church building in North India was dedicated on July 12. It was built with funds from the Advance celebration.

a light case and recovered well while Lynette had a more strenuous recovery. Latest reports indicated her condition was much better.

France—Student missionaries Rachael Burgess and Judi Cagle spent the summer in St. Nazaire, France, working with the Jerry Gibbs family. They were actively involved in tract distribution and taught VBS classes to the MKs during the France/Spain retreat in early July.

India—According to missionary Carlisle Hanna, the second new church building in North India was dedicated on July 12.

France—Missionary Patsy Vanhook reported the second Youth Sunday of the St. Nazaire church was held in June with the children

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made professions of faith during the meeting. Two films, "Jesus" and "The Combat," were shown during the campaign. According to furloughing missionary Norman Richards who was still on the field at the time, one of those saved during the campaign had been a prisoner in Abidjan. He had heard some preaching in a nearby prison cell so his heart was prepared when he came to the campaign.

Hanna Reports Death of Indian Nursing Student

India—Bijoy Madok, a young man in nursing training at Immanuel Hospital Association Hospital, was shot and killed on July 4. He had completed his first class with "a beautiful testimony," according to missionary Carlisle Hanna.

Hanna says, "His family members have not been believers for very long and this is a real jolt to them."

Widow Helps McLains with Large Gift for Ministry

Nashville, Tenn.—An 88-year-old widow, Nanny Smith, of the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., recently gave \$5,000 to help Jim and Olena McLain minister in Japan.

According to her pastor, Fred Hall, "Nanny wanted to do something to help the work of the Lord while she was still living." "Aunt Nanny," as she is known at the church, also contributed enough to her church to purchase a new organ.

Mrs. Smith is a charter member of the East Nashville church, joining in 1924. Her husband, J. B. Smith, Sr., was a deacon. Nanny was active in the woman's auxiliary and taught a



Another new church building in Uberlandia, Brazil, was dedicated on July 15. This second FWB church in the city is located in Jardim das Palmeiras.

beginners Sunday school class for 52 years. Olena McLain helped her in the beginners department years ago while residing in Nashville.

Currently, Nanny lives at the Maybelle Carter Retirement Center in Madison, Tenn. Although she has a heart condition, the long-time example of Christian faithfulness still attends church when able.

New Uberlandia Church Gains More Converts

Brazil—The new church building in Jardim das Palmeiras in a suburb of Uberlandia, Brazil, was dedicated on Saturday night, July 15. The facilities were designed to accommodate a congregation of up to 100 people.

The first conversion took place in the evening service on Sunday following the dedication. One week later, during vacation Bible school, two more were converted. The following weekend three other people committed their lives to the Lord. By that weekend, according to mission-

ary Tom Hughes, the Sunday school attendance had already reached 67.

Two couples from the First Church are teaching in the new Sunday school and another couple who live nearby have decided to help in the work. Two Christian ladies and a couple from the area have been attending the church due to the distance to the churches they were attending. One lady said she had been praying for two years that someone would open a church in this community.

Hotline Callers Urged to Record Requests

Nashville, Tenn.—Fred Warner, director of missionary-church relations, has urged callers of Missions Hotline to tape-record the requests so the message can be repeated to be sure requests are fully understood.

According to Fred, "Some have complained that the information is recorded at too fast a pace to be able to grasp it all. Tape-recording the message would solve this."

Judy Smith Active with Ventriloquism Ministry

Japan—"I've had a couple of opportunities during the past month to get some experience with my ventriloquism," writes Judy Smith from Sapporo, Japan. "In June I was the special guest for the teachers' appreciation dinner held downtown in Sapporo for the teachers at the International School. Then, a ventriloquist teacher, Harukaze Miyako, and I went to two Christian kindergartens."

Pastor Fred Hall of East Nashville FWB Church, Nashville, Tenn., expresses gratitude to "Aunt Nanny" Smith for her generous gifts to the Jim McLain account and to the church.





(Left) Free Will Baptist Christians in Villalba, Spain, set up chairs in preparation for an open-air evangelistic campaign in a local park. Between 300 and 500 attended each late-night service. (Right) Church members sing and give testimonies during the film intermission.

Judy expressed praise for the work of the two student missionaries, Wendy Grindstaff and Sherry Sifers, who helped out during the summer.

Miss Smith also reported the birth of a baby boy to Pastor Kawasaki and his wife on July 29.

Sylvan Park Church Helps Bowlings Depart for Field

Nashville, Tenn.—A host of special gifts were lavished on the Rick Bowling family on September 10 by the Sylvan Park Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. The church made a special effort to send the Bowlings to Uruguay as Assistant Pastor David Potete presented \$2,000 from their walk-athon effort on September 9.

According to Pastor John Gibbs, the Master's Men provided 288 Spanish Bibles and a gift for Rick. The women gave a special gift to Linda, and the youth did the same for Chris, the Bowlings' son. The VBS also gave \$70 to the Bowlings.

Black River Church Acts on Challenge for Bibles

Andrews, S.C.—Pastor Ronnie Jones of Black River Free Will Baptist Church in Andrews, S.C., says, "During our recent missionary conference many of my folks were really challenged. During Rick Bowling's message he mentioned the need for Bibles and tracts for boys and girls who would request them.

"We received over \$500 during the week from concerned children and their parents. Even more impor-

tant than that, the cause of missions was more deeply implanted in the hearts of our children."

Bishops Report Baptism, Provision of U.S. House

Japan—According to missionary Dale Bishop, Miss Minori Ihirabuki was baptized on June 18 at the Koinonia FWB Church on the island of Hokkaido, Japan. Another lady, Mrs. Kitano, was scheduled to join the 16-year-old girl in baptism but her husband would not allow it.

Dale and Sandra returned to the United States in June for furlough. They noted that a house had been provided for them in Tifton, Ga., by Mr. and Mrs. Keichi Hiraga of the Koinonia church. Mr. Hiraga was the first convert of the church. He purchased the house and is providing it rent free during the Bishops' furlough time.

Villalba Believers Plan, Hold Open-air Campaign

Spain—Christians at the Villalba FWB Church in Spain conducted an open-air campaign in a park in Villalba during the first week in June. Each evening between 300 and 500 people attended the late-night services.

A song service and testimony time was held from 10:00-10:30 p.m. From 10:30-11:00 the first half of a film was shown. During the half-time a short gospel presentation was given. When the film ended all the Christians stood at carefully planned exit posts passing out copies of the Gospel of John and attempting to talk to anyone interested

in knowing more about Jesus Christ.

Although no open decisions for Christ were made, one young man has been attending church regularly and another family has come into the church after learning of its existence through this outreach ministry.

Jeff noted that Christians willingly got involved in the campaign, staying up nightly until past 1:00 a.m. even though they had to go to work the next morning. They not only sacrificed their time but covered all the expenses of the campaign themselves.

Moores Continue Studies, Ask Prayer for Witness

France—Missionaries Ron and Linda Moore have settled in Nantes, France, to continue language studies and have asked prayer for their effective witness to the unsaved.

"We live on the ninth floor of an apartment building," wrote Ron and Linda in mid-September. "In three days we will begin an intensive three-week French course. After this, the regular fall language course at the university will begin."

The Moores asked prayer as they witness to Madame Baroux, their neighbor who has agreed to help them prepare for their work in Africa. "We will be having Bible studies with her every week or so while in France," the couple concluded.

Foreign Missions Retreat Features Barnard, Willey

Nashville, Tenn.—The 1989 annual foreign missions retreat, held July 31-August 4 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, featured pioneer missionaries Laura Belle Barnard and "Mom" Mabel Willey as speakers to the missionary team.

More than 125 missionaries, staff, and board members spent the four days sharing, learning, praying, and responding to challenges by the veteran missionary speakers. Former missionary Volena Wilson was also on hand for the sessions.

Garnett Reid, director of Christian services at FWBBC, spoke to the group on Thursday evening, August 3, during the banquet which honored the three pioneer missionary women.

Mrs. Lucille Steward, ardent missionary supporter from Michigan, was also honored.

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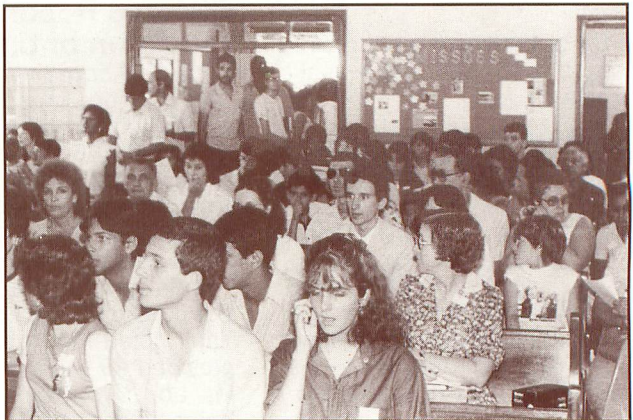
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