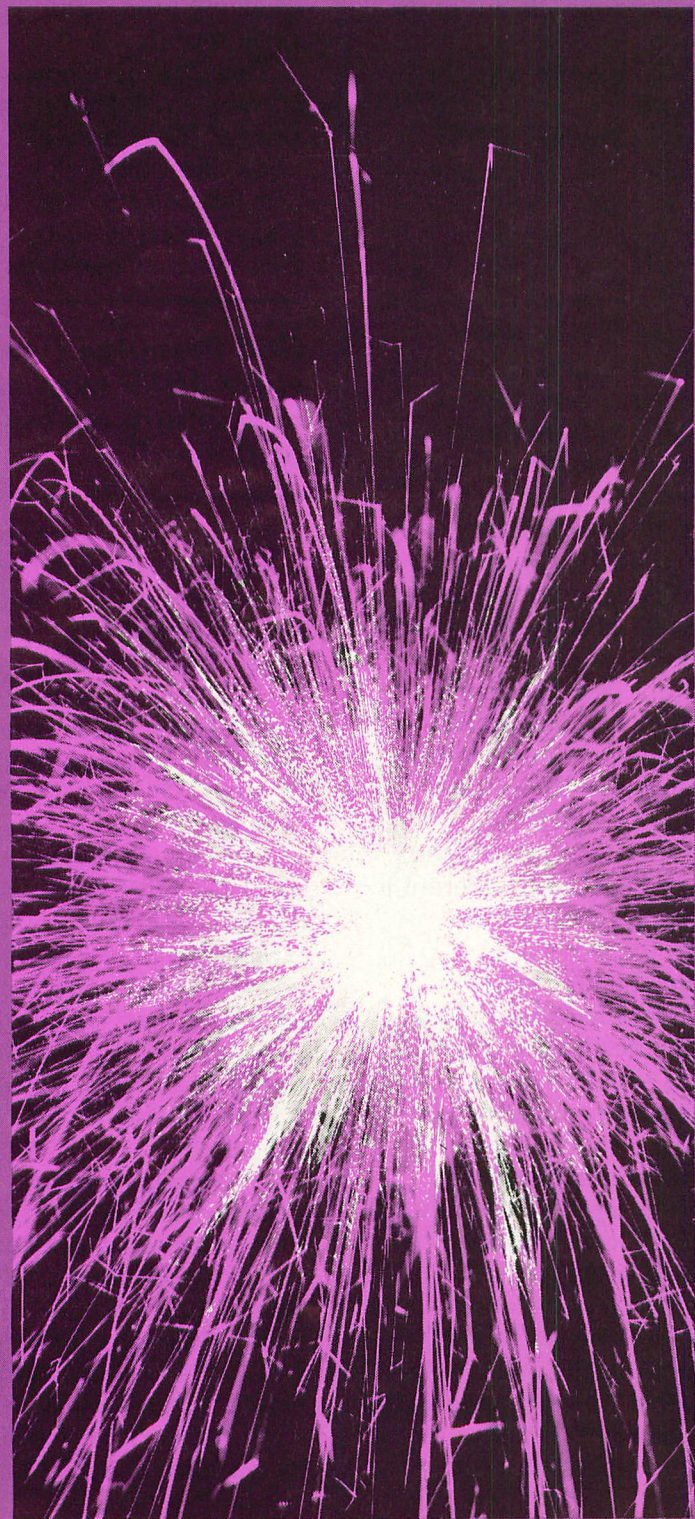


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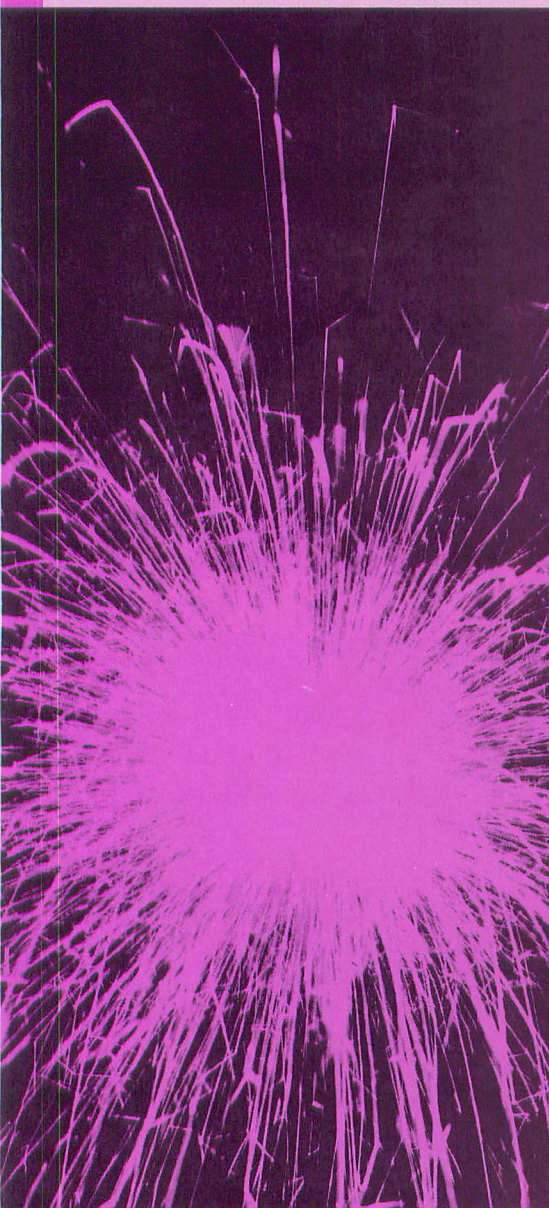
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It Took A Miracle

by R. Eugene Waddell
General Director



Who says miracles can't happen anymore? We saw one last December.

After 17 years of struggling with deficits, God provided funds to close 1989 with all missionary accounts out of the red!

Only 15 months ago our missionary account deficits stood at \$129,046, so the magnitude of this miracle is clearly evident.

God performed the phenomenon by moving His people to generosity which was manifested in various ways. Many individuals and churches gave to missionaries whose ministries had been threatened by growing deficits.

For example, a pastor in North Carolina challenged his Sunday school to bring a birthday offering for Jesus. They brought \$3,503 to be applied to those deficit accounts.

Also, the \$48,805 sent during 1989 to be applied "where needed most" proved to be another blessing toward whittling down deficits.

This specifically addressed one of the problems inherent in the designated system of support: the struggle to maintain equity. Inevitably, some accounts receive more than they need while other accounts sink into a sea of red ink. If a sizeable number of people and churches would supplement their regular designated support with funds to be applied "where needed most," we could cover the deficits which have forced some people to come home early.

Another factor which helped balance our missionary accounts was a generous response to our Christmas letters. During

December 208 people responded by sending \$25,243.

One dear lady wrote, "I don't have much money but I am enclosing a check for \$50. I wish I could help everyone to know my Lord." Her gift made a difference!

Then, the Tennessee foreign missions Walk-a-thon chopped away at the deficits of missionaries from that state. Last fall walkers faithfully trudged out \$66,246.50 for their overseas messengers.

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Other states have sponsored special fund-raising efforts, in some cases giving priority to deficits. South Carolina has a "Pop" Willey offering each Christmas, and Georgia sponsors the Laura Belle Barnard missions offering in October. Their efforts bore fruit last year!

Two other items figured in the year-end miracle: Because the dollar regained some of its purchasing power overseas and because our department cut back where we could, our expenditures for 1989 totaled only \$3,202,358. This fell \$39,940 below budget projections.

Financially speaking, 1989 emerged as Free Will Baptist foreign missions' greatest year. Our Free Will Baptist people gave a record \$3,541,337 for foreign missions. This included \$111,694 designated to our fiftieth anniversary Advance Celebration. The overall increase came to \$204,852

over income for 1988.

The ground swell of support under God's influence resulted in these 22 states exceeding their suggested goals for 1989: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Northwest Association, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. We applaud the people whose sacrificial giving put their state over the top.

These figures reflect the investments made by many individuals in the lives of unreached people in foreign lands. And this money definitely made it possible for missionaries to take the Word of God into numerous towns and villages which had no gospel witness. Our missionaries reported more than 550 saved during 1989 in the nine countries where we minister.

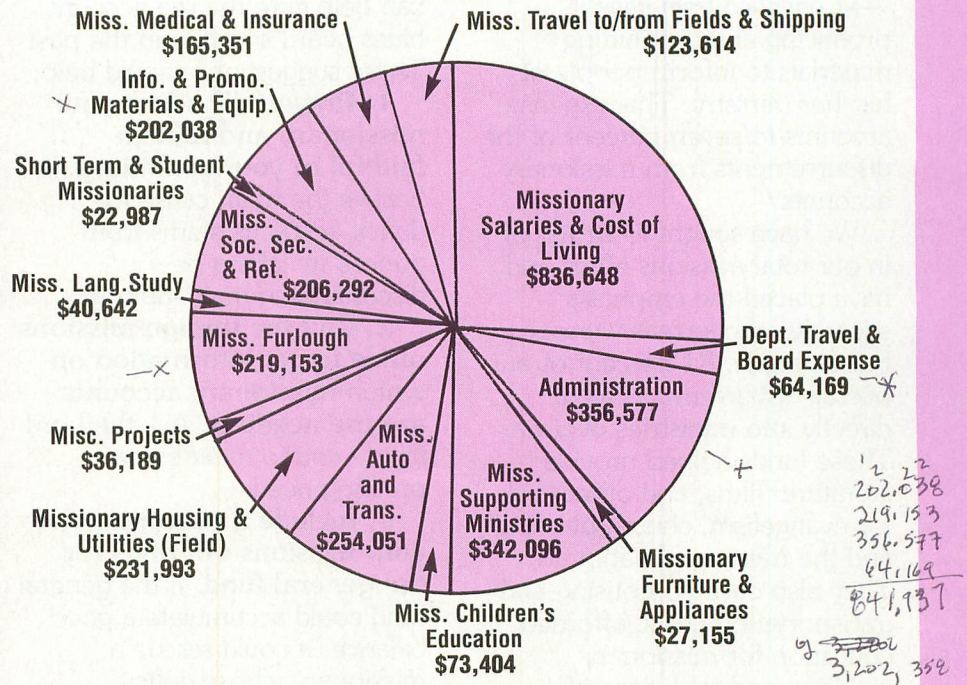
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Money invested in nine Bible institutes around the world provided training for more than 100 young people being equipped for Christian service.

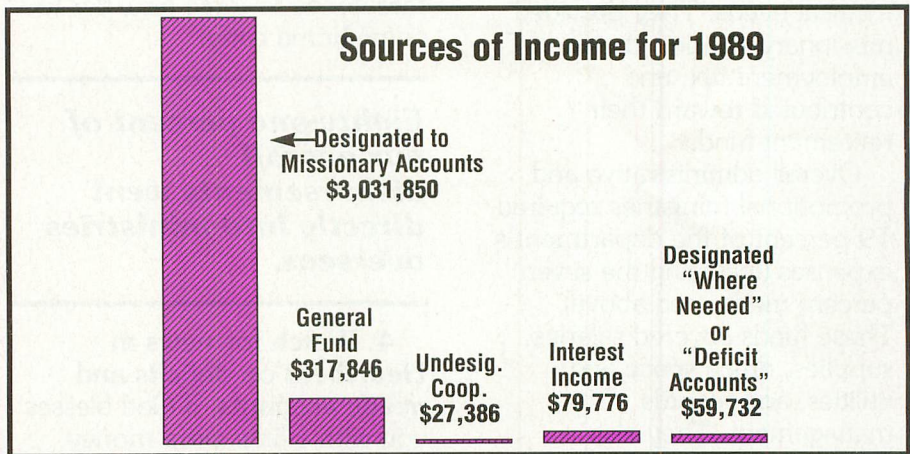
Yes, these investments continue to pay dividends beyond human dreams! But we're still asked occasionally whether all the money which is designated for a missionary goes into his/her account. The answer is yes! However, each missionary's account helps defray a portion of the costs for

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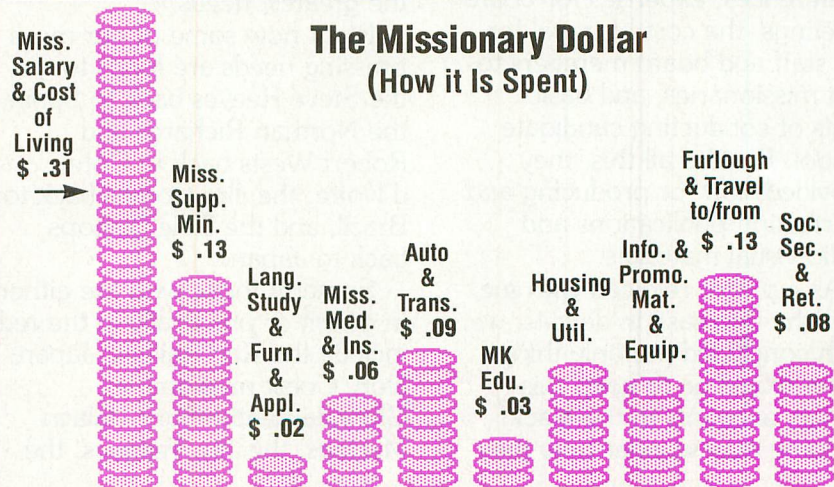
Expenditures for 1989



Sources of Income for 1989



The Missionary Dollar (How it Is Spent)



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producing and distributing materials to inform people of his/her ministry. This expense amounts to seven percent of the disbursements from missionary accounts.

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We have sought to be frugal in our total missions effort and have placed the emphasis squarely on overseas witness. For example, 81 percent of our overall disbursements went directly into ministries overseas. These funds helped provide literature, films, and other tools for evangelism, church planting, and the training of nationals. They also covered housing and transportation costs, afforded education for missionary children, and took care of medical needs. They provided missionary salaries, their self-employment tax, and contributed toward their retirement fund.

Overall administrative and promotional ministries required 19 percent of the department's expenses (including the seven percent mentioned above). These funds covered salaries, supplies, office space and utilities, and records management. They also supplied speakers for conferences, expenses for board meetings, the cost of travel for the staff and board members to visit missionaries, and basic costs of conducting candidate school. Besides all this, they provided staff for producing and distributing publications and audio-visual materials.

As a pastor rejoiced with me over the decrease in deficits, we both concluded the only thing better would be to keep missionary accounts in the black.

Some may wonder how they

can help cure the red account blues heard so often in the past. These suggestions should help:

1. Prayerfully select your missionary and remain faithful to your commitment. I believe the main cause for deficit accounts stems from donors switching or discontinuing their support.

2. Call the foreign missions office to get information on which missionary accounts are the neediest. Ask the Lord to use you to meet some pressing need.

3. Include a percentage of your missions offerings for the general fund. If the general fund could accumulate a good balance, it could rescue a missionary whose deficit threatened to force him/her to come home early.

Eighty-one percent of our overall disbursements went directly into ministries overseas.

4. Watch for news in Heartbeat on deficits and needy accounts. If God blesses you with a little extra money, send it to some of those with the greatest needs.

Right now some of our more pressing needs are funds to get the Steve Reeves back to Spain, the Norman Richards and Robert Wests back to Côte d'Ivoire, the Jim Combs back to Brazil, and the Dale Bishops back to Japan.

Some of those who are either in deficit or practically in the red include the Ken Baileys, Japan; Ivory Coast missionaries Glennda Leatherbury, Jalayn Martens, the Jim Teagues, the

Clint Morgans, and the Mike Cousineaus; the Bobby Pooles, Brazil; the Dennis Teagues, France; and the Jeff Turnboughs, Spain.

Our two newest missionaries need support so that they can leave for the field this summer. Paul and Rhoda Creech plan to serve as house parents at the school for missionary children in Ivory Coast, and Mark and Juli Riggs hope to plant churches in Spain.

I am sure God honors those who sacrificially support the outreach of the gospel. My heart was humbled in gratitude as I read the following letter which exemplifies hundreds of Christians who give so the unreached can hear about Christ:

"Dear Mr. Waddell,

I have had another setback, a tumor on my spine, and they can't radiate any more or do surgery due to damaged tissue. So, I've had to give up working. But the good Lord has taken care of us and supplied our needs. So, needless to say, our income has dropped to social security. I will still do what I can. Just pray that the Lord will lay it on the heart of someone to fill in where my giving will have to drop.

*Yours in Christ,
(signature)*

P.S. Use this gift (\$400) where most needed."

Like the loaves and fishes blessed by Jesus, gifts like this are multiplying miraculously to feed spiritually hungry multitudes around the world.

Yes, the miracle we saw in 1989 took place because people like these—people like you—yielded to God's wooing. It can happen again in 1990!

Some Things Never Change

by Lynette Morgan

I lay on the couch in my improvised hospital room and looked out over the expansive medical station. How it had changed since I first set eyes on it in 1961.

I was 11 and our family had just arrived to begin a medical work in this remote corner of Ivory Coast among one of her most primitive tribes, the Lobis. Our unfinished concrete block house sat in the middle of a clearing surrounded by uncut scrub brush dotted by mud huts with thatch roofs. My dad treated patients out of a tiny, one-room trailer.

In recent years two more residences and a surgical block have been added.

The clinic took shape that first year as well as the fenced-off 11-acre parcel of land. Swift on its heels, two more residences were added for missionary personnel, as well as the hospital (housing the wards), and a "motel" (housing for the families of patients).

I returned to the States to complete my education. By the time I came back as a full-fledged missionary with a

growing family of my own, other improvements had been made—a water tower, generator house, workshop, and more fences. In recent years two more residences and a surgical block have been added.

The doctor's frail body drooped as he sank into an easy chair and began discussing my symptoms.

The medical station rose as a tribute to God and Free Will Baptists. To God be the glory!

But it didn't take five minutes back on the station to realize that some things never change. It was a holiday and the clinic, as well as all government offices, were closed. Yet Dr. Eagleton, the area's only doctor, was knee-deep in treating patients. It was after one o'clock before he stopped by to see me on his way home for lunch.

The doctor's frail body drooped as he sank into an easy chair and began discussing my symptoms of hepatitis. However, it seemed he had to first mentally tear himself away from the three critically ill patients he had just admitted to the hospital. A month-old baby, sore-covered and anemic, needed IVs, and Dr. Eagleton couldn't locate a vein. The family of a comatose woman insisted on taking her home to die instead of giving the hospital a chance. A young man with severe abdominal pains needed surgery, but the clinic wasn't equipped to do it.

The years rolled back and I saw another young doctor, my father, in the same situation—overworked and

exhausted due to lack of staff, battling poverty and superstition to save the bodies and souls of lost men.

A great wail boomed from the clinic and broke the African stillness. Scores of voices rose and fell in cries of anguish and pain. I had heard the death wail dozens of times, yet it never ceases to pierce the depths of my soul. Women ran off in all directions, wailing and flailing their arms in helpless abandon. Others danced about the body in customary ritual.

I stood at my window and watched in silence as they carried the young man away on a stretcher.

I stood at my window and watched in silence as they carried the young man away on a stretcher, accompanied by the crying mob and the dreadful ache in my own soul.

The truth came swiftly to my heart again: Some things at Doropo never change! Another Lobi had just slipped into a Christless eternity.

Lynette Morgan and her husband, Clint, are serving their third term as missionaries in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.

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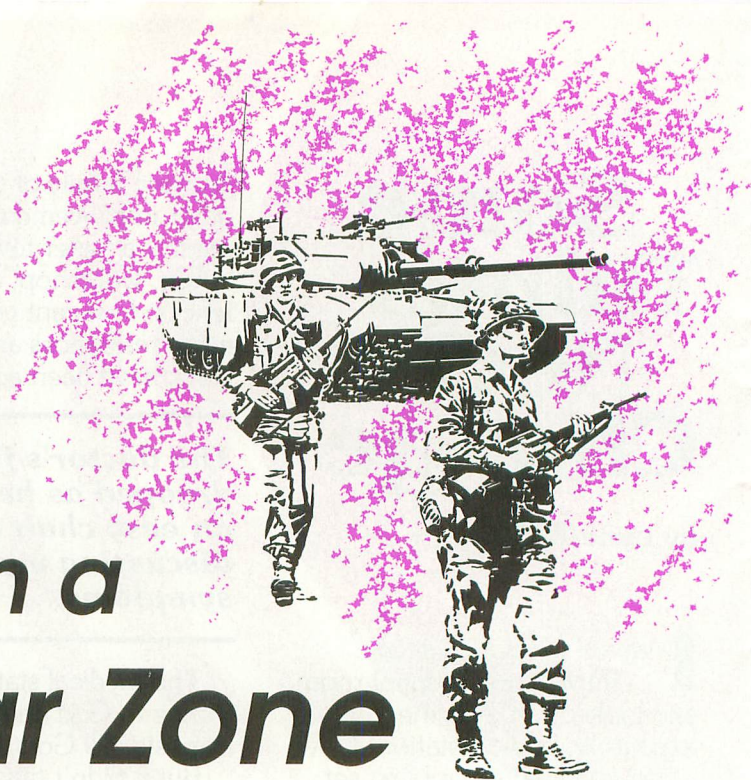
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A Panama Update

(written January 16, 1990)



Missionaries in a War Zone

by Judy Lytle

For many months before America's much-publicized military intervention, relations between the United States and Panama were at an all time low. On Friday, December 15, when Noriega was declared supreme leader of Panama, the anti-gringo speeches made us sick to our stomachs and even more apprehensive than before.

Our contingency plan—evacuating to a U.S. military base—had to be scrapped.

Something had to happen, but what and when?

On Tuesday night, December 19, Steve and I both fell into bed, exhausted from a busy day, only to be awakened a short time later by mortar fire in the distance. We asked ourselves, "Could this really be an invasion?" Our suspicions were

verified by countless phone calls and TV news reports.

Fighting continued throughout the night, into the next day, and on through the following night. By Thursday the fighting had lessened. Then, the looting and burning started and continued into Friday afternoon. All the stores near us were completely destroyed.

Our contingency plan—evacuating to a U.S. military base—had to be scrapped. It was not safe to travel anywhere. It was not even safe to be on our front porch. We remained in our home for six full days.

We were at the mercy of the "dignity battalions."

What do you do with three active boys for six days in the middle of a war? Well, we played every table game we had and invented some more. We listened to the Bible on cassette.

We read aloud, watched news reports, and prayed together. We felt the prayers of others because never once did the boys seem overly upset or worried. We told them that history was being made around us.

Anarchy ruled in the streets. Guns were everywhere. No one was safe.

Our worst moment came in the afternoon of Friday, December 22. We watched all day as looters passed our house carrying stolen merchandise. Some walked by. Others drove by in cars, vans, and buses. As some of them stopped to look in our windows (and in our neighbors' windows), we knew our doors could not hold up against automatic weapons. Anarchy ruled in the streets. Guns were everywhere. No one was safe.

All the neighborhoods began to construct barricades to block off the streets. Everyone worked together. We all agreed to stand watch during the night and notify each other of any problem. A few of our neighbors had guns, but most were like us. We had a baseball bat and 20 dry coconuts.

Humanly speaking, we were helpless. We were at the mercy of the "dignity battalions," and we knew it. But our protection and strength came from the Lord!

Finally, after seven days, Panamanian believers gathered together for thanksgiving and prayer.

At 9:00 p.m. that evening Christians from all over Panama joined together in a prayer chain. In just a short time we heard helicopters circling above us. Their searchlights illuminated the sky. This continued the entire night. A curfew was announced and strictly enforced. We slept better Friday night than we had any night since the invasion. God does answer prayer!

Finally, after seven days, Panamanian believers gathered together for thanksgiving and prayer on Wednesday, December 27. At 3:00 in the afternoon the joyful service began. Christians sang, cried, and embraced one another. Together they read Psalm 103 with a new understanding. After a difficult, emotion-filled week, the congregation rejoiced for the privilege to be together again. A spirit of gratitude for

God's grace and protection pervaded the service.

Things are slowly returning to normal. Much still remains to be done. Some Noriega loyalists are still on the loose, so we have to be cautious.

Our churches are all fine. As far as we know, no one from our churches was killed or injured in the fighting; however, we have had three deaths indirectly related to the invasion. Two were members of Free Will Baptist churches in the interior, and one was a brother of one of our pastors. In addition to those tragedies, some of our members' families lost their

homes in the bombings. We have tried to help replace some of their possessions.

No one wanted war, but most people here feel it was unavoidable. After years of corruption, political bondage, torture, murder, and oppression, they now have a new lease on life. The Panamanians believe they now have a chance to build a new country—a free country.

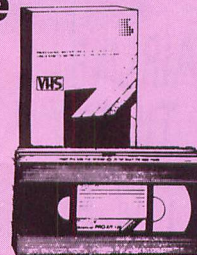
Pray that God's children will take advantage of this time of freedom to reap a harvest of souls for His glory.

Judy Lytle and her husband, Steve, minister in a suburb of Panama City, Panama. Steve pastors the Betania Free Will Baptist Church.

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Vacation Bible school is just around the corner. And it's my favorite time of year. But VBS just isn't VBS to me without a missions emphasis.

For years I used a five-day missionary story, filmstrips, prayer cards, etc., to teach about a certain field. Our offering went to a missionary from that field. Two years ago we tried having a missionary

spend the week of VBS teaching about his field. This works much better. Last year we shared a missionary with a sister Free Will Baptist church. Maybe this idea would work for you, too.

When the VBS curriculum came out with an African safari theme, it begged for a missions project from Africa. About this same time my brother and his

wife, Paul and Rhoda Creech, were appointed as dorm parents for the school for missionary kids in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. They agreed to come to Indiana for our VBS, and we pledged our offering to help send them to the field.

Another pastor's wife, Ann Murphy, and I exchanged ideas on VBS as we were using the same material. I mentioned to

Share a Missionary!

by Ruth Mullen



Ann that Paul was coming for our VBS. We wondered if Paul would tackle both schools. Our VBS was at night; theirs was during the day. Both churches could raise money for his account. Paul was "game" and the idea became reality. Our safaris were a great success.

Paul stayed with us in Newcastle and drove to Chesterfield each day for Ann's opening assembly at 1:00 p.m. This is a 40-minute trip one way. He showed videos and artifacts to introduce the children to Africa and the work there. Things like a snake skin, carved animals, a small idol, and a bow and poisonous arrow. Then he gave a repeat performance each night at our 6:00 p.m. opening assembly. (Rhoda was in summer school and came up for VBS on Friday.)

Ann built an African hut into a coat closet beside the doors of the auditorium. On the back wall was a thermometer showing their goal of \$75 for the Creech account. During assembly Ann promoted a contest between the boys and girls. Each day she announced which group gave the most and the total offering from the previous day. As the children went to class, they stopped by the hut to put their offering in baskets marked "Boys" and "Girls." By Wednesday they met their goal. Money continued to come in.

The junior teacher offered a dollar for each memory verse her students learned. Many of them got \$5 by quoting all five verses. Some of them, including the non-church kids, put their memory verse money in the offering.

The girls won the contest. Chesterfield's total VBS offering was \$186—more than twice their goal. And their attendance, which grew each day, turned out much better than anticipated. Ninety-nine came to their closing program on Sunday.

Our goal in New Castle was \$100. We constructed an airplane from cardboard and covered it with quarter folders. It "flew" from a map of America (with a dot for New Castle, Ind.) across the auditorium to a map of Africa (with a dot for Bouake, Ivory Coast). Wednesday night it "landed." So we enlarged our project to include a ticket to send Mrs. Rhoda to Africa with Mr. Paul. Her ticket, containing \$100 worth of quarter folders, was "confirmed" on Friday night.

We constructed an airplane from cardboard and covered it with quarter folders.

Sunday evening Paul and Rhoda showed slides at our VBS open house. Including the offering received that night, we raised \$250 for the Creeches.

Attendance during our school averaged 104, with a low of 101 and a high of 111. An air of excitement permeated the week. Animals from Africa (well, cardboard replicas) surrounded the children entering the foyer of the church—a lion, tiger, zebra, alligator, elephants, monkeys, and giraffes. As usual, VBS was lots of hard work, but it was also fun.

The "Share-a-Missionary" concept worked for us. Both churches benefited from contact with a "real live missionary." It

gave our children impressions that will last a lifetime. Whenever they see a bar of Ivory or Coast soap, they'll be reminded of VBS and Mr. Paul, the missionary to Ivory Coast. Who knows which one of those kids will be a missionary as a result of that week of VBS.

This approach worked for Paul and Rhoda, too. They received a total of \$436 for a week's time away from home. Admittedly, it was a hard, tiring week, but it was also very rewarding.

A problem may arise if both churches want the missionary at their open house/closing program. Consider these possible solutions:

1. One church can have its program on Sunday morning and the other on Sunday evening. Then each church can have the missionary present to show slides and talk to the parents.

2. The closing program for one church could be held on Saturday while the other has its open house on Sunday night. Both churches gain the advantage of a missionary being in their service.

3. Depending on the distance between the two churches and the time for services, it might be possible for each church to have its program on Sunday evening. If one church begins its program with the missionary and the other schedules him last, he will have time to travel between churches.

Share-a-Missionary! Try this idea. You'll have to cooperate with a friend to work out the details, but it can be done. And the results will surely be eternal!

Ruth Mullen is the wife of Pastor Jim Mullen of First Bible FWB Church, New Castle, Ind.

Reaching the Unreached Peoples

In the January-February issue of Heartbeat I reviewed the dreams and accomplishments of some of our pioneer missionaries. They shared the passion of Paul, who strived to preach Christ where He was not known (Romans 15:20). These

early leaders focused on God's desire that every people group be represented in heaven (Revelation 5:9 and 7:9). That is how most of our foreign missions work got started.

In spite of 20 centuries of missionary effort the task is far from complete. In their September-October 1989 issue *World Evangelization* magazine reported 2.2 billion unreached people in the world. These lost people make up the 12,000 "people groups" that are without a church.

Each of these groups is distinct from others either by ethnic background, location, language, occupation, or social status. These people represent 42 percent of the world's population.

Pockets of spiritual famine can be found in about every part of the world. Four thousand unreached people groups (860 million individuals) are in the Muslim world. More than one-half billion are Indians. In Africa 25 million unreached people exist in 500 different people groups.

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An all-out effort is being made by members of the missionary community to reach all 12,000 unreached groups by 2,000 A.D. I believe God wants Free Will Baptists to plant churches among one or more of these groups during this decade.

To accomplish this goal we must face several harsh realities.

1. The successful pioneer missionary is often called upon to make considerable sacrifices. He battles Satan on unchallenged turf. Our Handbook calls for at least two couples to enter a new field together. One of these should be experienced as missionaries. They may need specialized training for the task.

2. Entering a new field will probably be an expensive undertaking.

3. As in the case of Carey and Judson, pioneer missionaries often labor a long time before they baptize their first convert. The average Free Will Baptist is not patient enough to wait very long for the Lord of the harvest to work.

Special Gifts to Missions

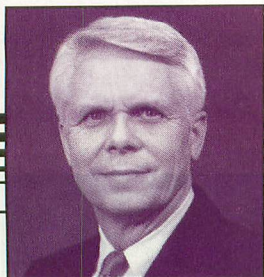
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R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

4. Many of these people groups can only be reached by "tentmaking" missionaries, that is, missionaries who work at some secular occupation while giving a witness for Christ. Usually the host government will only approve someone with a skill that is particularly needed in that country.

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In recent years thousands of Christians from the United States have won souls in China while teaching English.

5. One additional factor is encouraging: God is calling missionaries from third world countries! Larry Pate of Overseas Crusades reports 36,000 missionaries have already been sent out by third world churches.

Free Will Baptists in Brazil have already sent their own missionaries to the Indians in the Amazon. Non-Brazilian missionaries are not permitted to work in the area.

Partnering with some of our national churches may be the only way to penetrate some of the unreached groups.

An all-out effort is being made by members of the missionary community to reach all 12,000 unreached groups by 2,000 A.D.

What an exciting time to work for the Lord! We rejoice to see the messengers of the Cross marching across the remnants of the Iron Curtain. The year 1990 offers us more open doors than we saw in 1989. You and your church can make a difference. Pray for the unreached weekly. Ask the Lord of the harvest to call and qualify the additional personnel needed to finish the task. Write to us for information concerning some of the unreached groups.

Now is the time to act! Sixty-six thousand people die daily within the unreached people groups. How many of us, Free Will Baptists, will have the blood of some of these on our hands?

Financial Summary

Through February 28

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Total income for February	\$ 266,633.96
Total income through February	560,335.99
Total disbursements through February	536,509.09
Projected income through February	586,192.00
Total 1990 Budget	\$3,517,152.00

Advance gifts through February	\$ 8,560.02
1990 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 558.66	Teague, J.	\$ 2,577.05
Leatherbury	500.00	Turnbough	4,195.52
Martens	500.00	Cuba	2,537.49
Poole	380.38	Spec. Com.	19,187.87
Teague, D.	475.60		
Total			\$30,912.57

State Goals—1990

State	Goal 1990	Goal Through February	Contributions Through February
Alabama	\$ 180,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,097.33
Arizona	6,000	1,000	823.04
Arkansas	180,000	30,000	23,311.19
California	70,000	11,667	12,039.91
Colorado	4,000	667	847.05
Florida	96,000	16,000	10,087.52
Georgia	158,000	26,333	27,864.22
Hawaii	2,000	333	1,005.00
Idaho	1,000	167	73.53
Illinois	107,000	17,833	15,455.80
Indiana	43,000	7,167	4,836.53
Iowa	2,000	333	259.00
Kansas	18,000	3,000	2,010.36
Kentucky	87,000	14,500	10,482.87
Louisiana	300	50	.00
Maryland	17,000	2,833	2,334.61
Michigan	142,000	23,667	30,215.86
Mississippi	66,000	11,000	6,818.06
Missouri	257,000	42,833	43,214.05
Montana	750	125	160.00
Nevada	1,000	167	100.00
New Mexico	500	83	1.11
* Northeast Assn.	5,000	833	440.00
* * Northwest Assn.	5,000	833	885.03
North Carolina	445,000	74,167	76,548.36
Ohio	125,000	20,833	14,222.58
Oklahoma	394,000	65,667	67,414.57
Pennsylvania	2,100	350	345.00
South Carolina	195,000	32,500	20,941.35
Tennessee	499,000	83,167	76,049.80
Texas	110,000	18,333	28,639.57
Virginia	140,000	23,333	19,878.78
Virgin Islands	3,000	500	170.00
West Virginia	76,000	12,667	10,574.39
Miscellaneous	79,502	13,250	22,189.52
Totals	\$3,517,152	\$ 586,191	\$ 560,335.99

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Left picture—Jeff Turnbough (right) translates for Dan and Trula Cronk (center) during a Sunday morning question/answer session at Villalba FWB Church in Villalba, Spain. Right picture—An Indian girl presents Trula Cronk (left) a love gift from a South India Free Will Baptist church.

Malvin Norte Holds First VBS Program

Uruguay—"January started with our very first VBS," writes Rick Bowling from Malvin Norte, a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay. "Our goal was to try to win back our children who had not been attending Sunday school regularly."

According to Bowling, "The mission project during VBS was a love offering for Ruben, our Free Will Baptist missionary to Melo, Uruguay. The children gave an offering of \$24."

Cronks Return; N. India Visit Cut to Six Days

Nashville, Tenn.—Dan and Trula Cronk, former missionaries to India, were forced to cut their visit short in India due to government regulations. They left the United States on January 27 and returned on March 13.

The Cronks spent a couple of days in Calcutta, then they went to North Bihar where they had labored as missionaries. They spent the time with the Carlisle Hannas in Sonapur and were able to participate in the annual conference. They were only permitted to visit in that region

February 3-9. Two half days of that time were taken up in entry and departure.

According to Dan, "Over 600 people attended the annual conference February 7-11 in Sonapurhat." Dan spoke three times to the group, and Trula taught two Bible studies.

On February 10 the couple went to South India where Dan preached at Kotagiri, Gopalapuram, Mettupalayam, and Coimbatore. A highlight of this visit came when Dan's first convert in India, Mutu (saved in 1948), cooked a meal for them and the pastor.

On their return from India the Cronks spent February 24-March 13 in France and Spain visiting the missionaries and seeing the churches.

In France they shared information and blessings of the work in India with a Bible study group of university students in Nantes. Dan preached in St. Nazaire on Sunday, February 4.

The couple spent from February 4 in the evening to March 13 in Spain where they visited all the missionaries and churches, winding up with a service in Villalba.

Dan and Trula arrived back in the

United States on March 13 with a tremendous jet lag. This was the first trip they had made to India since leaving the country in 1972.

"We were deeply inspired by the success of our work overseas," says Dan. "We were impressed by the quality of our missionaries, but we were shocked by the air pollution and overpopulation of India." (Look for a special report from the Cronks in a future issue of Heartbeat.)

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"Sunday, February 4, I went out to preach in two of our outreach villages," writes Clint Morgan from Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire. "There have been eight conversions recently and they are to start a new building this week. Praise the Lord for the awakening."

Germany—According to missionary affiliate Dennis Heath, the ministry in Ramstein Village, Germany, has been suspended for the time being due to inadequate support. The group continues to worship at the Fahrschule Driving School in Konken on Sundays.

Brazil—Missionary Dave Franks

says they have located a house and moved to Belo Horizonte where they plan to launch a new ministry along with Norman and Laura McFall. "We are meeting in our home on Wednesdays and in the McFalls' home on Sundays until we find a place (meeting hall)," Dave stated.

France—Ron and Linda Moore, missionary appointees to Ivory Coast, have been studying French in France for the last year and one-half. They have made plans to proceed to Côte d'Ivoire on May 14.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Ernest Holland recently reported that six lay preachers from the Doropo area are going to different villages every Sunday to preach. "Some of these works are small while others are fairly large. All of them are growing."

France—According to the Allan Crowsons in Nantes, France, winds of almost 70 miles an hour hit the city in early February. The wind-storm killed 25 people and some roof damage was reported on the apartment where Charolette Tallent lives and also on the house where Jerry and Barbara Gibbs reside. The airport in Paris, France, had winds of over 80 miles per hour.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church hosted an area youth camp December 26-29. The number attending was not known at press time.

Brazil—A family retreat was held at Evangelandia (campgrounds in Jaboticabal) during the week of "Carnival" (Mardi Gras). Approximately 180 attended the event with over 200 on hand for the evening services.

Banks Rejoice Over God's Work in Sapporo

Japan—Missionaries Jerry and Janice Banks recently rejoiced over God's work in the Sapporo area of Japan.

According to the Banks, Nontan Sasaki is about to finish her first year of preparation to be a medical missionary. Keichi Kimura and his wife, Sachiko, feel the Lord is leading them into some type of full-time Christian ministry.

Naoka Kimura wants to go out



Missionary Rick Bowling (left) talks with Oscar Baglietto, evangelist for the annual camp held in January on the border near Rivera, Uruguay.

with Wycliffe Bible Translators and is waiting for the Lord to open the door for her. In addition, two young men, both second generation Christians, from the Abashiri church are training in Japanese Bible colleges.

January Camp Bears Fruit in Uruguay

Uruguay—According to missionary Rick Bowling, the camp held January 25-27 in Rivera, Uruguay, bore fruit as three people from their work were saved.

"We had 17 people attend," says Rick. "Señora Cristina came to our VBS program and then came to the camp. The second day of camp she and her son, Gustavo, accepted Christ into their hearts. One of our Sunday school boys, Martin, accepted Christ also."

Missionary Marcia Ellison also reported the neighbor next door to the campground and his oldest daughter were saved as Walter Ellison, Paul Robinson, and two Uruguayan preachers visited them during camp.

One young man and two young ladies announced they felt God wanted them to go to the Bible institute.

Crowsons Request Prayer for Neighbor Family

France—Allan and LaRue Crowson have requested prayer for their neighbors in Nantes, France. They

met the neighbor lady one afternoon while taking a walk. She invited them to her house for coffee and the visit lasted three or four hours.

"She takes lessons in Buddhism and sees Jehovah's Witnesses once a week," writes Allan. "We talked a lot about man and sin and God. Her six-year-old attends a Catholic school but she doesn't like it that they talk about the death of Christ and hardly ever mention the Resurrection."

The woman's name is Elaine and her husband's name is Alain.

Lee Reports Trying Time at Hospital

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Sherwood Lee, who is filling in at the hospital in Doropo during a portion of the Eagleton furlough, reported some trying times during the early part of February.

"I went to Bouna yesterday (February 7) because of some government documents for the workers," writes Sherwood. "I admitted a 15-year-old girl before leaving. Elaine Holland and Glennnda Leatherbury filled in for me while I was gone. They had one emergency after another.

"The family had asked to take the 15-year-old because she was worse. She died before they got off the hospital compound. Then a lady that had a baby two days earlier went into cardiogenic shock. She died at 9:45 p.m."

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Sherwood noted that an obstetrics patient had died the night before with cerebral malaria and a 13-year-old boy lay in a coma at the time of his report.

"I sense a great need for prayer," Sherwood declared.

Deeds Says Youth at Lafaiete Show Initiative

Brazil—According to missionary Earnie Deeds, the young people of the church at Conselheiro Lafaiete are active and involved in the work. They presented a skit on February 11 entitled "The Door" based on Revelation 3:20. Earnie spoke to the congregation following the presentation. Approximately 75 people were on hand for the event.

The youth have a regular Saturday night meeting and have asked for permission and help in planning and presenting special evangelistic services each month.

A special Thanksgiving service was held recently for graduates. Five from the church graduated—two from college, two from high school, and one from a technical course.

Evelyn Teague Escapes Student Demonstrators

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Associate missionary Evelyn Teague, who serves at the school for missionary children in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, narrowly escaped student demonstrators on February 28 as she drove through the city.

According to her husband, Jim, Evelyn encountered the student demonstrators and was about to pass when they began to hit the car with sticks. As she slowed down, they began to use fists and feet trying to cause further damage. She was able to stop, back up, turn around and leave.

Other automobiles had windshield damage, street lights were broken, and some buildings in the area had broken windows. "We believe God was with Evelyn," says Jim. "It happened about the time an African pastor had come to pray for her (because she was ill). We still had prayer and believe this was about the time of the trouble."

Cousineau Cites Plans to Baptize 29 Converts

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Mike Cousineau recently announced plans to baptize 29 believers in March or April. "We will baptize 13 believers here in the Bouna church, and we plan to baptize 16 believers from the churches in the Flakiedougou region," says Mike.

Both sets of candidates have followed a baptism course and have taken an oral exam. Cousineau says all have been taught by the students from the Bible institute.

Mike also reported on a six-day trip during which he and Clint Morgan visited students and leaders in churches where they are working. The duo also taught a series of lessons on the local church.

Three Churches Destroyed in Panama Invasion

Panama—According to a report from the Evangelical Fellowship of Panama, several congregations of believers suffered loss during the recent United States invasion of Panama. The report indicated three churches in the "El Chorrillo" district were destroyed and approximately 200 families were left homeless.

Evangelicals in Peru Suffer Physical Attack

Peru—Physical attacks and violence against evangelicals by a group called Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) have been reported by the Fellowship of Latin American Evangelicals (CONELA).

Recently, all the men of one evangelical congregation in the Ayacucho jungle were brutally killed. Their Bibles, musical instruments, and benches were destroyed.

Eight missionaries and several pastors had to flee this region because of threats and terrorist attacks. In spite of this, believers have continued sharing the gospel with their neighbors.

Pooles Visit, Teach, Preach in Uruguay

Brazil—Bobby and Geneva Poole, missionaries working in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, visited the works in Uruguay during early February. Bobby preached six times and Geneva gave chalk drawings four times in addition to speaking to the ladies' group and children's group.

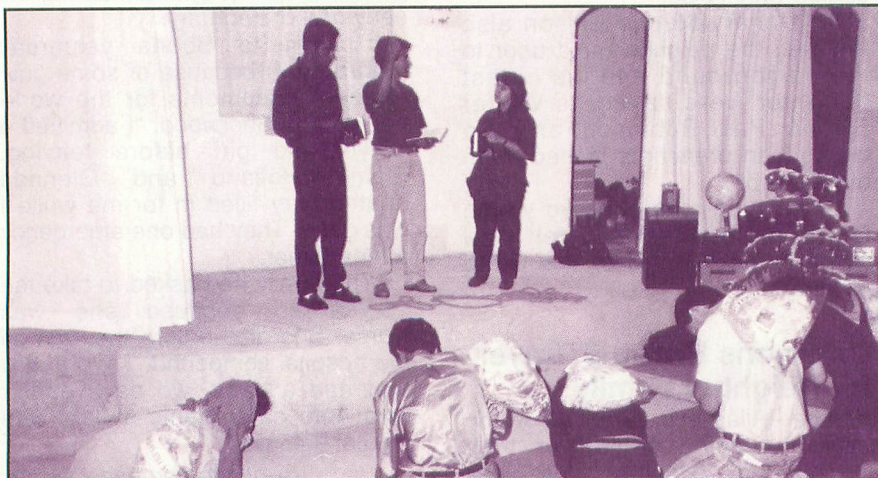
According to Poole, it was the couple's first trip away from the work over a weekend to take a vacation in 18 years of ministry.

Bobby noted that the Bible institute held in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto was scheduled to begin its eighteenth year on March 5.

Trans World Radio Gets Okay to Produce in Russia

Russia—According to Trans World Radio news, the international radio network has been granted the first-ever permission by Soviet officials for an international organization to set up a radio production facility in the Soviet Union. This is to include

Youth of the Conselheiro Lafaiete FWB Church in Brazil present a special missions drama or skit before the entire church during Watch Night service.



at least three studios, a mobile recording vehicle, and several portable recording units.

"It's a new day and a new opportunity for production in cooperation with Russian people themselves," said Dr. Paul E. Freed, president of Trans World Radio. "This will enable us to provide better quality programming for the Soviet people."

Turnboughs Cite Postal Error

Spain—"We've got a bag full of letters ranging from a late gift for Christmas 1988 to birthday cards sent off hurriedly in order to arrive on time for our birthdays in September to a check that needs cashing!" writes Jeff Turnbough from Spain. The problem came when the post office had not been forwarding their mail from their previous address. A neighbor had been holding it for them.

According to Jeff, they had assumed everything was okay since they were receiving some things addressed to the former apartment. They were wrong! "So, I apologize for not answering your letters," Turnbough concluded.

Bunch, Shores Speak at Cuban Association

Ina, Ill.—Missionary Stan Bunch of Panama and Pastor David Shores of Ina, Ill., traveled to Cuba on March 7 and were featured speakers at the annual meeting of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists which was held March 9-11. Approximately 300 people were on hand for the event.

According to David Shores, he and Stan preached four times each at the association. Stan preached in Spanish and interpreted for Shores. The two men met with pastors on Monday following the convention to discuss building relationships between Cuban and U.S. churches.

David's wife, Pat, accompanied the men on the trip and, though unable to communicate verbally, was complimented by a Cuban pastor who said, "You preached the



Israel Suarez Cruz (left), president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, stands with Pastor David Shores of Ina, Ill., during the recent convention of the Cuban Association at Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute.

best message of all. You demonstrated genuine love."

When asked about her first impression of the Cuban Christians, she replied, "It was love at first sight." She added, "My greatest blessing was seeing their joy and enthusiasm in worship in spite of the conditions of poverty which were evident."

The trio were scheduled to go to Cuba on March 1 but were held up when their visas were delayed. They waited in Miami only to be stalled again when planes were all filled. David preached once at the Ebenezer FWB Church (Cuban) in Miami while they were awaiting passage to the island. They returned to the United States on March 13.

Pastor Shores commented, "I was impressed with the friendliness and outgoing attitudes of the people. In spite of the oppression they have gone through, their fervor has not diminished. Their commitment to Christ and the church is outstanding."

Martens and Leatherbury Continue Language Study

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Jalayn Martens and Glenna Leatherbury, who arrived in Ivory Coast at the end of August, are continuing French language study in addition to their limited work at the hospital at Doropo.

Glenna, a nurse, helps in the clinic during the mornings, and

Jalayn has administrative responsibilities at the medical station.

The two ladies plan to begin studying the Dioula language sometime in July.

Franks Says Things Uncertain in Brazil

Brazil—In a telephone conversation to the missions office, missionary Dave Franks in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, indicated things were very uncertain in the country now that the new president has assumed power.

Franks said the new leader was sworn in on Thursday, March 15, and he gave all banks a holiday until Monday, March 19. When the banks reopened, he announced that he had transferred all funds (savings and investments) into a central bank and would allow people to have only about 20 percent up to a specific limit (about \$600-\$700). The balance is to be kept for 18 months. He said he would release funds for companies for operating expenses but no capital expenditure.

The president's stated goal is to bring inflation to zero percent by the end of the year.

The exchange rate on the dollar went from 70.80 cruzados per dollar earlier in the month to 38 cruzados per dollar after the inauguration.

Dave noted the Aycocks had not purchased a car yet, and with the new exchange rate an automobile will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Alcohol fuel (for cars) is in short supply in the country at the present. Franks said he was in line six hours one day to get alcohol but the last time took him only about 30 minutes.

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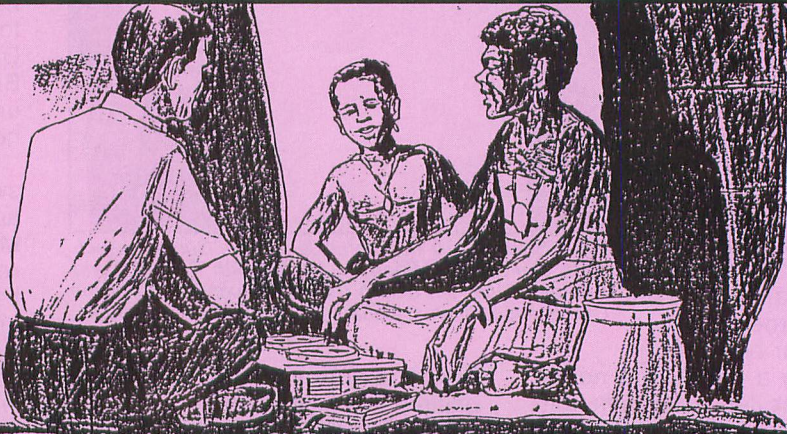
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