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34 Children, 3 Parents Attend Children's Meeting

Japan—According to missionary Fred Hersey, 34 children and three parents attended a special children's meeting in Bihoro, Japan, on the first Sunday afternoon in November.

Hersey expressed praise that Evelyn's cooking class at Bihoro had four new women during the last month. He indicated one young man had recently professed faith in Christ, and several English students had started attending Sunday school.

Anniversary Becomes Revival in Montevideo

Uruguay—The Central Free Will Baptist Church in Montevideo, Uruguay, celebrated its seventh anniversary on October 27-28. Pastor Gerardo Acevedo was the speaker for the special occasion.

Missionary Walter Ellison indicated the services actually turned into a revival meeting. Three people came forward for salvation on the first night and four others made professions of faith in Jesus Christ on the second evening.

Stroke Victim Raises \$517 in 1990 Walk-a-thon

Knoxville, Tenn.—Mrs. Margaret Perry of Knoxville suffered a stroke in April of 1989, yet she raised \$517 in the recent Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions in the state of Tennessee.



Although Mrs. Perry was unable to walk, her pastor, Jack Taylor of Forest Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Knoxville, walked in her place. The church raised over \$1,800 and designated the plaque received for raising the money to Mrs. Perry.

10 "Pray" in Village of Nassian, Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Jerry Pinkerton made a trip to the village of Nassian recently. He spent four days teaching, preaching, and showing the film "Jesus." Ten

people "prayed" and professed faith but follow-up work is needed. Jerry reported some Pentecostal leanings among the people in the village.

Pinkerton indicated the group is wanting and needing a larger place to meet. African pastor Samuel is in charge of this work.

Opportunity Opens in High School in Japan

Japan—Since Dale and Sandra Bishop returned to Japan in August, Sandra has seized an opportunity to teach part-time at a high school in Sapporo.

"She teaches two classes two days a week," writes Dale. "Pray that this will provide some new contacts for our church. She is free to talk to students about Christ."

The Bishops noted that a number of new visitors had attended the church since their return. These include friends of church members, English class members, and people they have met since returning to Japan.

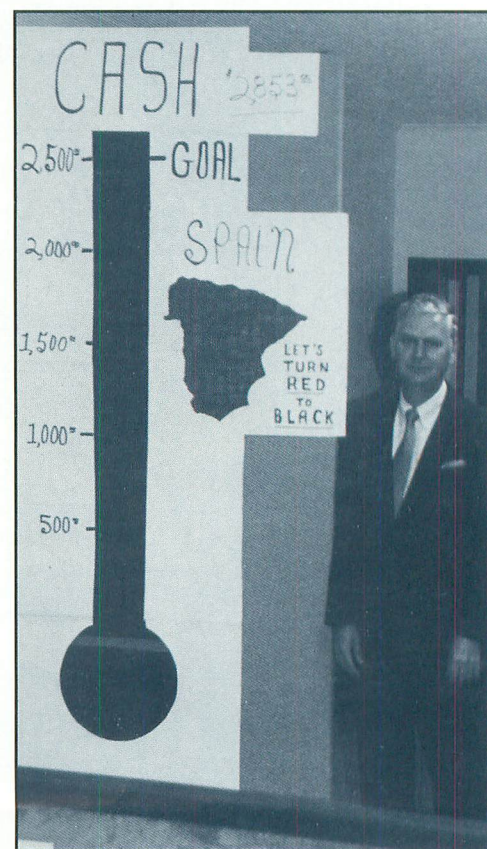
The Bishops especially urged people to pray for Mr. and Mrs. Togashi, a retired couple who live near the church. Mrs. Togashi has been attending the church and is interested in studying the Bible. Mr. Togashi is recovering from intestinal cancer surgery. He has been given some good books written by Christians and he is reading them.

Villalba FWB Church Led by Three Teams

Spain—Three teams head up the evangelistic, social, and children's outreach ministries of the Villalba Free Will Baptist Church in Villalba, Spain, according to Steve Reeves, who is acting as overseer of the church while Jeff and Susan Turnbough are in the United States for furlough. The Spanish leaders have gradually gained more and more interest in church growth.

Reeves indicated a young teenager who was saved in August has gone through follow-up lessons already. He expressed a desire to begin a regular Bible study with the teen-ager shortly.

The Spanish Bible institute reopened during the first week in October, but missionaries considered enrollment low.



Pastor Bill VanWinkle challenged the Fulton FWB Church of Fulton, Miss., to help get the Jeff Turnbough account out of the red. They raised \$2,853 in cash and another \$183 in monthly faith commitments.

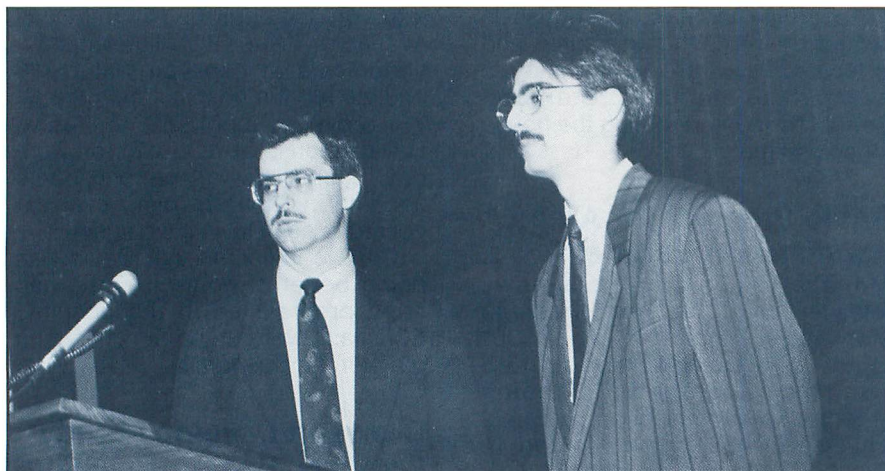
Creeches Locate Lost Barrels in Lebanon

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Although Paul and Rhoda Creech arrived in Côte d'Ivoire on schedule in August to assume responsibilities as dormitory parents at the school for missionary children, some of their barrels did not make it. The Creeches recently reported their four missing barrels had been located in Beirut, Lebanon.

Mississippi Church Rallies for Turnboughs

Fulton, Miss.—The Fulton Free Will Baptist Church in Fulton, Miss., rallied behind Jeff and Susan Turnbough during its missionary conference on the weekend of November 3-4, 1990, with a cash offering of \$2,853. The church set goals for cash and monthly support and broke both marks.

According to Turnbough, the



Missionary Jeff Turnbough (left) interprets for Rubén, a convert from the Villalba FWB Church in Villalba, Spain, during the November missionary conference at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

church has faithfully supported the couple with \$52 per month in the past. Their faith-promise total during the conference came to \$183 a month.

Jeff and Susan were on hand for the conference along with Rubén and María Jesús, a couple from their church in Villalba, Spain.

Bill VanWinkle is pastor of the church. The congregation numbers between 60 and 70 people.

North, South Churches in Côte d'Ivoire Meet

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Church leaders from the southern area of Côte d'Ivoire went to Bouna recently to meet with northern leaders in an effort to reunite the north and south groups. These have been somewhat divided since the turmoil over the presence of former missionary Lonnie Palmer a few years ago.

According to Jerry Pinkerton, the meeting went very well, and the groups made plans to meet together for preaching, Bible studies, and fellowship. One year they propose to meet in the north and the next year in the south.

Missionaries Challenge Bible College Students

Nashville, Tenn.—Three experienced missionaries were on hand for the annual missionary conference of Free Will Baptist Bible College. They challenged the students and staff to greater

involvement in world outreach. The conference was held November 5-7 in the college auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

Missionary speakers included Bobby Poole of Brazil, Walter Ellison of Uruguay, and Jeff Turnbough of Spain. All three urged obedience to God's commission and related His faithfulness and blessing on their ministries over the years. Geneva Poole and Susan Turnbough also participated in the conference. Rubén and María Jesús, a couple from the work in Villalba, Spain, shared their testimonies.

This was the first missionary conference to be conducted under the college's new president, Tom Malone, who has launched a "new spirit" program on campus.

Many young people responded to the invitations during the conference.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Spain—Javier, a brother of Spanish preacher Jose Antonio of the Alcalá de Henares church, was saved recently.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Alice Smith in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, reports the church there is doing well. She acknowledged two professions of faith and one rededication since her return to the field. "New people come almost every Sunday," she says. "We still have not made a definite decision about where to build our church nor

when to start." A young man, Atta, recently announced his call to preach.

Antlers, Okla.—Paul Sparks, son of missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks, has moved to Antlers, Okla., with his wife, Jill. He has assumed the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Antlers. Paul will have to travel back to Indianapolis for monthly checkups due to his bout with leukemia.

Japan—According to missionary Olena McLain, one family and another mother and her two sons from the kindergarten family have recently started attending services. Both families are Christians but moved from another area.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The Ernest Hollands have requested people to pray for the needs of the people in Côte d'Ivoire: "The country is facing real economic problems," write the Hollands. "The food prices are rising and many are unable to find jobs. The political situation is uncertain."

Jacksonville, N.C.—Sarah Ann Ellison was born to Stephen and Vivian Ellison on October 31, 1990, in Midway Park, N.C. The little girl weighed in at five pounds 12 ounces. She is the granddaughter of missionaries Walter and Marcia Ellison of Uruguay. This is Stephen and Vivian's second child.

Brazil—As missionary Norman McFall does the preliminary work for

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Financial Summary Through October 31

Substance

Total income for October	\$ 401,368.56
Total income through October	3,015,676.45
Total disbursements through October	2,927,820.39
Projected income through October	2,807,600.00
Total 1990 Budget	\$3,517,152.00
ADVANCE gifts through October	\$ 45,056.29
1990 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey	\$ 375.38	Robinson	\$ 4,148.39
Callaway	1,085.94	Teague, D.	831.02
Cowart	3,104.93	Teague, J.	194.88
Ellison	1,774.64	Turnbough	8,069.04
Franks	3,114.59	Cuba	453.74
Lyle	31.13	Spec. Com. ...	19,204.91
Poole	614.19		
Total			\$43,002.78

construction of the new building in Belo Horizonte, he continues evangelism efforts. He requested prayer for Teresa and Freddie, Harlene and Osmany, Denise and Euflavio, and for his English students. He urged people to pray for the development of more Bible studies as several people are interested but have not set times for study.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Pate of Knoxville, Tenn., plan to visit missionaries Jerry and Barbara Gibbs in France from December 18 through January 3. Barbara Gibbs is their daughter. Thurman is pastor of Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Knoxville.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—A report from Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, indicated the youth center there was full and overflowing on Saturday, October 27. Missionaries reported people were standing on the porch to hear the gospel message and see a play, "Can't Blame It All on Adam," which was presented by the youth of the center. Fourteen people "prayed" to receive Christ.

House and Property in Negotiation in Panama

Panama—Missionary Stan Bunch reported in November the negotiation on a house and an acre lot in Chitré, Panama. The Board of Foreign Missions has authorized the purchase of the property. Bunch hopes to complete the transaction soon.

According to Stan, the house is owned by the Lutheran church and is located in an area which has no evangelical churches. Stan and Brenda have been renting the house for some time.

Radio Program for Arabs Launched in Europe

Monaco—According to a news release from Trans World Radio in Montecarlo, Monaco, a new 30-minute Arabic program entitled "Walking Together" is being broadcast six evenings each week. The program, which started in October, presents the biblical view of God, creation, man, and salvation in ways that Arab listeners can readily grasp. The program's aim is to lead Arabs from indifference to a positive attitude toward Christ.

The broadcast is jointly produced by Arab World Ministries, the Gospel Missionary Union, and Trans World Radio.

David Das Home from Hospital, Said Improving

India—According to an October report from Carlisle and Marie Hanna in India, Pastor David Das and his son, Rana, have been transported from the hospital in Calcutta to their home in Islampur. The North India duo were severely burned when a gas stove exploded in August.

In the effort to get the patients home, Carlisle declared, "We tried for train reservations until 10:00

a.m. on October 6. Nothing was available. I hired two little ambassador cars at noon on October 6 and we left the hospital at 2:00 p.m. We drove all night. We arrived at David's house at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday. Hundreds of people came flooding in. None of them ever expected to see David alive again."

Carlisle indicated that David was doing better at home than he had been progressing in the hospital. Christians were urged to continue to pray for the Das family.

Crowson Develops Study Courses, Begins Teaching

France—Missionary Allan Crowson in Nantes, France, reported in October that he has developed some courses for training French Christians. Allan noted he has been teaching classes in the Nantes church. About 10 people have been involved in the classes.

"We offer the same class twice a week, once in the evening, and once during the day for those who cannot get out at night," says Allan.

"We are studying the Bible to begin with, touching on revelation and inspiration, how the Bible got to us today, how it is composed, and French translations of it. We will take up either *the local church* or *Jesus in the Old Testament* next month," Allan concluded.

The teaching outlines, handout sheets, visuals, etc., have been prepared in such a way that others might take the materials and use them as a teaching packet.

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