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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



AI NO SATO: WARMING UP



Dale Bishop speaks at the dedication of the Ai No Sato church.

AI NO SATO: WARMING UP

by Don McDonald

The words in Japanese were still "mumbo-jumbo," but I knew what was happening. A plane ride had carried me from balmy Tokyo, where my wife and I were studying the Japanese language, to the chilly northern city of Sapporo. The new Ai No Sato Free Will Baptist Church was being dedicated to the Living God!

This event was especially exciting for me that day in June of 1988 for several reasons.

First, the church would be visible! You see, the "invisible church" seems especially invisible in Japan. Churches are not in every community nor on most street corners. I realized this a few years ago when a university student visited his roommate's home in Japan on a school break. Upon his return to America I asked, "What were your impressions of Japan?" He quickly responded, "I never

could see the church!"

The Ai No Sato church would not be "invisible." To the contrary, it couldn't be missed! It's the only one in the new neighborhood and only a glance away from the newly transplanted Hokkaido Educational University.

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Second, with the astronomical prices for land and construction in Japan, I felt pride at knowing Free Will Baptists had built a church in a strategic location, and it was attractive and spacious enough for ministry. That's rare in this island nation.

Third, after two more short months of language school, my wife, baby daughter, and I were

to begin our full-time ministry with Pastor Kawasaki in this new structure. Prospects for this opportunity made me very excited!

The dedication went well and our ministry has indeed been thrilling.

Only four small families, counting ours, were attending when we first started. That fall we began passing out leaflets coupled with a gospel tract. These went to every home in the growing community. We were able to touch base with about 2,500 people at the time, but many more homes and apartment complexes were planned for the area.

Pastor Kawasaki had previously put ads in the area newspaper about the church. One Sunday morning during the worship hour, a cameraman and an assistant entered our auditorium, observed awhile, scribbled some notes, and snapped random shots of the "action." Later, the newspaper included a favorable article about our church.

The Ai No Sato FWB Church was built largely by volunteer labor through the direction of missionary Dale Bishop. Also, a one-month task force of four men from Master's Men came to Japan in February 1988 to further the project. The newspaper headlined it as a "handmade" church. That title alone created interest in the community.

Though different visitors have "dropped in" to see the church, one particularly stands out. One Sunday morning, Mrs. Kono appeared at service. No one knew her, but after service when visitors normally get an opportunity to give a short

introduction, she mentioned she had read about the church in the local newspaper eight months earlier.

Mrs. Kono has come quite often since that time and, though she has not yet made a commitment to Christ, she is opening up to the gospel. Ai No Sato has provided her first personal contact with Christianity.

Others have happened in to the new church through the hand of God's leading. A high school student, Mr. Kamiya, hopped off his ten-speed and shared in morning worship. "I happened to be passing by the church and decided to come on in," Kamiya stated. He still "happens" to be in the area quite regularly on Sunday morning. Ai No Sato is the first church he ever visited.

In a neighborhood of young families, children abound. Thus we have an active Sunday school program and special events throughout the year to sustain interest.

Our first children's evangelism service was held one Sunday afternoon. We had invited a Christian ventriloquist to come and share the gospel. Although hundreds of handbills had been passed out door-to-door in the previous weeks, we had no idea of community interest. As we entered the church that afternoon we saw a host of young moms and kids chattering as they sat awaiting our special little visitor. The majority of the 70 neighborhood folks were first-timers—not just to our church, but to any Christian church. Through that outreach, many heard the gospel message for the first time.

Ruth and I began team-teaching a junior/senior high Sunday school class in the first few months of our ministry at Ai No Sato. Two of our four students were unsaved, although the brother-sister duo had a good Christian mother. We used a simple Bible-centered workbook as our text.

After one class, Rie (pronounced Lee-ay) Abe politely asked to talk with us and in tears explained her dilemma. She knew the right answers to the Sunday school questions. She had heard them many times in church. But they were not those from her heart.

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Rie wondered which she should do: Should she give the correct answer, though she didn't believe it, or speak from what she really felt and make our teaching efforts more difficult? We assured her that to answer honestly was the best direction and thanked her for sharing her dilemma with us. Then, we renewed our prayer efforts for Rie.

Weeks passed. Then, one Sunday morning Rie rushed in and asked to talk to us. She blurted out that she had trusted in Christ that very week! We encouraged her to share this with the Sunday school class, which she did.

Ruth caught this statement in her testimony: "This is the first time in my life I've been so happy I couldn't stop crying!"

Rie has since been baptized,

has taken her Bible to school, and has shared with friends the testimony of her new life.

Through English conversation classes, non-churched members of the community, elementary to adult, weekly enter the church. All of our classes have a 15-minute Bible devotion. Through the direct influence of these English classes students have attended other church functions such as camps, Sunday school, and morning worship services.

In the first spring season of the Ai No Sato church, we tried a mini-concert of gospel songs, testimonies, and refreshments. With help from the other Free Will Baptist churches and our missionaries in Sapporo, over 50 from the community attended with all ages represented.

Other activities have included an English Bible study for university students, Christmas programs, New Year's services, summertime barbecues, youth camp, women's Bible study, and tract distribution.

Now, near the end of 1989, the Ai No Sato community has just begun to grow. When fully developed it will top out at 32,000. We thank God that from the very beginning, the community is being influenced by the Ai No Sato FWB Church.

For me, many of the Japanese words are still "mumbo-jumbo" and winters are still long, cold and deep in snow. Yet, through the faith and prayers of Christians in the United States and by God's direction, things in this community are warming up!

Don McDonald and his wife, Ruth, are first-term missionaries serving in Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan.

Missionaries are trained and sent out to win people to Christ. We're expected to make many converts because we assume people are hungry for the gospel. Results of our efforts are reported to our constituency, and we are evaluated by these numbers. This pressure to produce often causes one to sacrifice quality for quantity.

We should never make excuses for our lack of faithfulness to the task. However, the results are not always what we would hope for several reasons:

- (1) **Entrenched patterns of worship** which are culturally accepted, such as fetishism.
- (2) **Influence of a widespread religious movement** (such as Islam) which affects the majority of those one is trying to reach.
- (3) **Social rejection of anything modern.**
- (4) **Prejudices against anything from**

a European (or other foreigner) due to previous colonial experiences.

- (5) **Fear that change may bring about a curse**, such as sickness or death.
- (6) **Rejection of Christianity because behavioral "requirements"** are too strict.
- (7) **Lack of ceremonies and rituals** which would attract a people whose lives are built around "ritualistic" behavioral patterns.

These demonstrate some of the many cultural barriers to effective evangelism.

Missionaries dealing in cross-cultural situations are not the only ones facing these barriers. The nationals face them also.

Since our return to Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) for our third term, I have

been teaching in the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute at Bouna. My colleague, Mike Cousineau, and I have taken on the task of training future leaders for the Free Will Baptist work. The Côte d'Ivoire field council established the institute with these clear-cut principles in mind:

1. It holds a **Biblical philosophy** based on 2 Timothy 2:2—*Teaching others that they might be able to teach others also.*

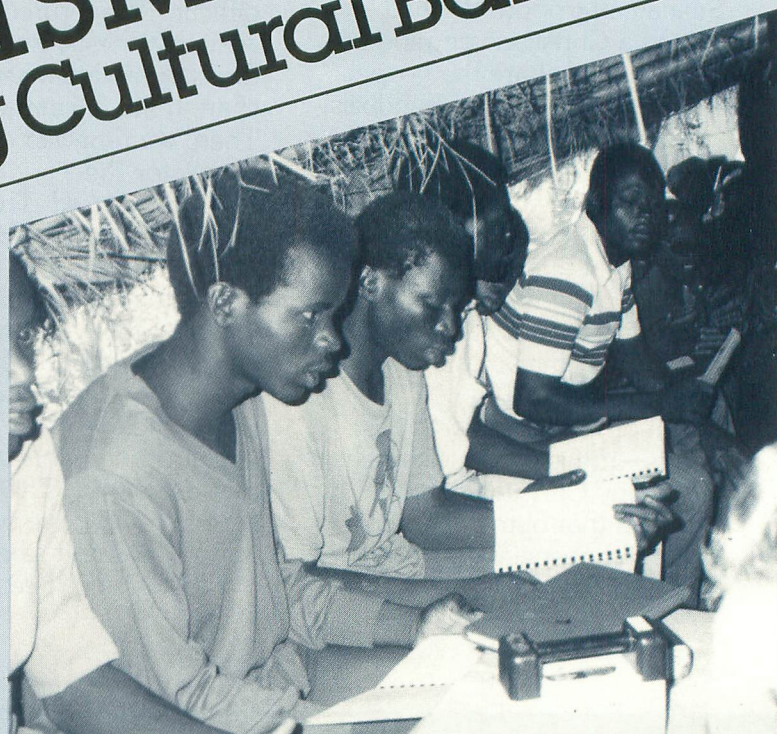
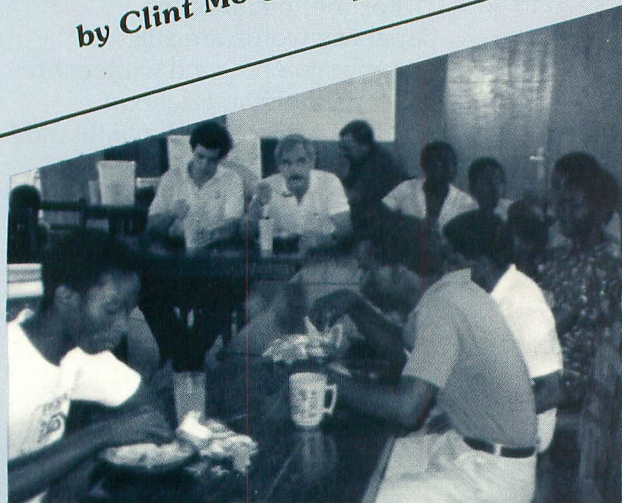
2. Its **Biblical purpose** is found in Ephesians 4:11-16—*Teaching national leaders Biblical principles with the confidence that the Holy Spirit will enable them to respond in these ways:*

- a. Comprehend them.

EVANGELISM: Facing Cultural Barriers

by Clint Morgan

(Below, left) Morgan eats with institute students. (Right) Village youth also study.



- b. Conform to them.
- c. Communicate them.

3. The **objective** was established—**Training leaders** for tomorrow, today!

4. The **motive** is clear—**Lead these men to see possibilities of ministry, such as these:**

- a. Individuals without Christ.
- b. Villages without churches.
- c. Churches without pastors.

Ten young men full of enthusiasm came to us. They had a vision for the future based on their call from God. Mike and I had a vision, too: We saw the institute as the means to train a pastor or leader for every Free Will Baptist church. And we believed these men would change Côte d'Ivoire for Christ. That vision lives on!

We planned the curriculum, a well-defined outreach ministry, a recreation program, and even hours of required physical labor. We wanted to train men of God mentally, physically, and, most of all, spiritually. We launched the program on October 3, 1987.

We feel the most effective part of our program has been the outreach ministry.

Over the past two years we have invested many hours in and out of the classroom with our students. We have learned many things about each other as well as the subjects defined in our curriculum. However, we feel the most effective part of our program has been the outreach ministry.

The students study in the classroom Tuesday through Friday. Saturday through

Monday are designated as "practical work" days. During the first two years of our three-year program, each student is assigned to work in a church for his off-campus studies. The third year (currently in progress) is spent in a Free Will Baptist church in an internship-type program.

As these student preachers went out to minister in predominately Lobi churches, it didn't take long for them to realize they were definitely in a cross-cultural situation. Five different tribes are represented in our student body; Lobi is only one of them. That means the other four are trying to communicate cross-culturally.

One would assume, since these are all Africans, there should be no problems. Wrong! Over 60 tribes reside in Côte d'Ivoire and each one has its own set of values, language, religion, and rituals. In trying to communicate the gospel our students faced some difficulties.

Just as we did, students also brought their own cultural baggage which created a barrier. Their preparation was in French so their sermons had to be translated just as the missionary's message did. They discovered the Lobis have different concepts of property rights, self-expression, community spirit, how to care for the sick, how to arrange problems, how to settle arguments, and how to marry and bury.

Another important factor must be considered: These students are now of a different culture than even their parents. They have been to school, they are educated, they have left paganism and embraced

Christianity, and they are "called" to the ministry. In reality, they no longer belong to their own culture. They are no longer "bush"! This fact plays an important role in their communication style.

Since each student had assumed a leadership role in a local assembly prior to being accepted in the institute, his leadership skills had already been greatly influenced by the missionary at that church. His method of presentation of the gospel became basically western. His awareness of numbers was evidently a result of contact with outside "quantity"-minded influences.

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We found their concept of evangelism to be that of making a tour of the villages and preaching in those with existing churches. They believed an evangelistic campaign should be accompanied by films, musical groups, and a "one-time-shot" message with an appeal.

Are these concepts wrong

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just because they are western?
Of course not! We made a
careful analysis of our outreach
methods to determine if we
were achieving our goals.

First, we clearly defined our
purpose and the meaning of our
terminology. Our job was to
present the function and let
them create the form. We
needed to clarify what we meant
by evangelism. Was it just
preaching? Was the main goal
proclamation or persuasion?
Were we just giving a message
or were we anticipating a true
transformation in the lives of
those who received our
message? Was evangelism an
event or a process? Was there a
"one-solution" formula that
could be used in this cross-
cultural field of service? What
determines if an individual or
group has been evangelized?

As we worked through these
questions, and many more, the
students grasped a clearer
picture of the task Christ
commissioned us to fulfill.

The young men began to see
evangelism as a process and the
help of the Holy Spirit to be
indispensable. We stressed
quality without necessarily
sacrificing quantity. We stated
our purpose:

*Under the leadership of the
Holy Spirit we aim to share
the Good News with all to
whom we are led. Our
objective is to see each new
believer become fully
integrated into an assembly of
believers and to continue his
spiritual growth to full
maturity.*

We determined to evaluate
this maturity by the evidence of
the fruits of the Spirit in his life,
by exercise of his spiritual gifts

within the assembly, by his
obedience to biblical principles,
and by a caring attitude toward
the progress of the cause of
Christ.

With these goals and
objectives, the students were
more concerned with quality
than numbers. Their preaching
reflected a desire for growth
among believers and not mere
church attendance.

Each student was required to
keep a diary of his weekend
activities. This included the
sermons preached, discipling
efforts, and visits to help
believers deal with problems.
This record-keeping contributed
to his accountability.

We did not place undue
emphasis on statistics, but we did
encourage good records. Overall
the students cooperated and
rejoiced as they witnessed the
evidence of their efforts.

We started with ten students,
but after two years ended with

eight. Here are some cumulative
figures for that period:

Messages Preached.....	443
Lessons Taught	288
Visits (Counseling)	214
Conversions.....	132
*Baptisms	34

*At the end of the school year three
baptismal classes were in session with
approximately 50 people attending.

The above figures do not
include over 300 interviews the
students conducted among
approximately 10 percent of the
population. The most stirring
statistic they compiled showed
that 36 percent of Bouna had
no idea who Jesus is. Another
10 percent was unable to give a
clear answer.

The task is still great, but, in
spite of the many barriers, we
must continue the
"evangelization process." The
fields truly are ripe unto harvest
and the laborers are few.

Clint Morgan is serving in his third term of
missionary service.



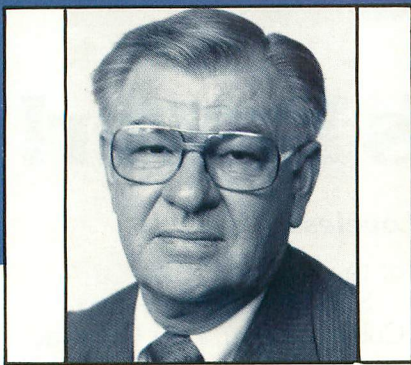
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overseas projects!***



Carlisle Hanna

Light in Dark Places

by *Carlisle Hanna*

The film ministry reaps great results in India.

Our team with the film "Ocean of Mercy" entered a large village on the banks of a small river. The people had never seen an ocean but they depend on the river for all their water needs. They have their baths and wash their clothes in the river. They take water for drinking and cooking from the river. The river is most important to them.

We hung our screen between two bamboo poles in the center of the village. Then we set up our projector, started our small generator, and we were ready to begin showing the film—"Ocean (or River) of Mercy."

When the scenes of suffering appeared on the screen, we could hear muffled sounds of weeping from the audience.

The film portrays the life of Jesus from birth to His public ministry. When the scenes of suffering appeared on the screen, we could hear muffled sounds of weeping from the audience.

Before the end of the last reel, we stopped the film and gave the people an opportunity

to accept the salvation which Christ came to give. Then, we watched the resurrection and ascension. The film was over.

Many were tired and hastened to their houses for a night of rest. Many others stayed back to ask questions and purchase Bibles and New Testaments. We offered them the opportunity to take a Bible correspondence course and tried to keep in touch with any who were interested.

Six months passed! Follow-up was done and we were ready to walk into the same river with six precious people who are in Christ Jesus. What joy! Others have followed and we now have started a church there. Several more are ready to follow and we plan another service in the river. We rejoice in this ministry to reach the unreached.

Our churches in North India gave a special offering on the last Sunday of April to help erect a church building where the film was first shown. Now the building, with thick mud walls and a grass roof, is complete, and we expect to dedicate it soon.

Souls have been saved, a church has been planted, and the river of life still continues to flow. This is taking place in 1989 because someone cared enough to enable us to have this

ministry of light in a dark place. We are grateful for the opportunity.

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We have reached more people with the message of Christ through our film ministry than all our earlier efforts combined. We have preached, distributed tracts, and sold Bibles and gospel portions in religious fairs and markets since our work began in India. Now, we rejoice that we have this means—a film ministry—and that so many are hearing the Good News and responding to the message. We pray that many will be saved as we continue to use films to show Christ—THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE.

Carlisle Hanna is a veteran missionary of 37 years in India.

NOTE:

The film, "Ocean of Mercy," was purchased through funds from the Advance Celebration.

Building with God's Power!

by Alton E. Loveless



Loveless (seated right center) enjoys fellowship with Cuban leaders.

My first view of Cuba was a poorly lit runway in the darkness of 2:00 a.m. just after a thunderstorm. Even the lights of Havana were hidden until just before our landing.

Thoughts of a visit to Cuba had begun only a few days before when Foreign Missions General Director Eugene Waddell had invited Dean Dobbs and me to represent Free Will Baptists at the Cuban Convention in March of 1989.

No advance planning could have prepared us for the events which occurred on the day of our departure. Every normal situation was reversed.

A sudden snowfall between Columbus, Ohio, and Raleigh, N.C., caused the airline on which I was traveling to be rerouted via Nashville, Tenn. Dean Dobbs, who was originally to meet me in Raleigh, arrived in Miami two hours late due to plane repairs.

We were still without visas and were told we would be returned to Miami if the Cuban

government officials didn't have them for us.

Even after we landed on the island we continued to wonder as our plane came to a stop at the end of the runway and was boarded by police and military officials. Soon, a bus came along and we began to deplane. Under close observation we started through immigration. We heard our names called by a voice behind an enclosure. "Sí, aquí! (Here!)," I replied. Passing over other officers, the ranking official gave us our visas for entrance into the country.

Luggage in hand, we stopped for inspection. Books, music, and my video camera were accepted without incident. This was one of the easiest entries to a foreign country I had experienced.

Soon, the loneliness we felt from being strangers in a foreign land passed as we left the closed rooms. We entered an area where a hundred people converged on us like the waters

of the Red Sea.

Shortly, five men—two Cubans, Dean, Ron Callaway, and I—were in a small, loaded, Russian-made automobile headed toward Pinar del Rio about four to five hours away. We had traveled about two hours from Havana when a police car stopped us. With their flashlights they were spotting every man in the car.

"Russians?" one officer asked the driver. "No! Americanos!" he replied. "Americans? Hmm!" But without further inquiry he said, "Well, we have had problems with smugglers in this area. Go ahead!"

The sun was rising as we entered the city of Pinar del Rio (Pine Grove by the River) where we would spend 14 exciting days.

The services in all the churches and at the National Convention, as well as the classes at the seminary, were full to overflowing. The convention theme, "Con Nuestro Dios

Many young people are active in the Cuban churches.



Fuerte Edificaremos" (With Our Strong God We Will Build), was evident not only there but in every place.

The fervor of the Cuban church was expressed by the warmth and dedication of those who attended services. Usually all window openings and the doorways were full of people wanting to share in the services. And, these were more than onlookers! They participated by singing or nodding their heads in approval. Often a praise or a tear displayed their heart attitude.

My heart was moved by the limitations put on our Cuban brothers and sisters.

In 1992 the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists will celebrate 50 years of existence. The denominational work we observed there was surely a reflection of what can be done without a lot of money. A girls' dorm which sleeps 115 had been recently built by the labor and sacrifice of the members. On the day of its construction, every man contributed the day of labor. Those who could not work donated that day's income to see the building completed.

While much is being done by a people of little means, one wonders what could be done if money were available. Money is needed for churches, for cars for leaders, and for seminary training.

Nine of the churches have received permission from the government to remodel, but building materials are costly and are under government control.

Buildings at Cedars of

Lebanon Camp, where the seminary is located, are in the process of being remodeled. These are more than 40 years old! The tabernacle was scheduled to be torn down and a new one, seating 500, has been planned. It will be named the Thomas H. Willey Memorial Chapel.

While our visit was a blessing to the Cuban Christians, it was also a burden since food is rationed. But even rationed food came privately to the pastor's home to care for our needs.

My heart was moved by the limitations put on our Cuban brothers and sisters. I asked myself how I would fair if I were allotted five and one-half pounds of rice, four ounces of beef, and a quart and a half of cooking oil for a month? Or how would I feel if I were allowed only one dress, one pair of shoes, one shirt, one pair of pants, and one sheet or towel per year? How would I make it on about 20 gallons of gas every three months? This makes up only a brief portion of their ration book.

If a person wants to be a Free Will Baptist in Cuba, he must tithe!

In spite of the burden of evident poverty, the people did some great singing during the convention and at all the churches. Choirs were filled by the middle-aged and youth. And we were blessed by the number of accomplished musicians working in the churches.

All churches have full-time pastors and provide living accommodations. All pastors are paid the same salary. Each one then pays five percent of

his salary to the denomination for his retirement. Plans are even in the making for a home for retired pastors. All the churches contribute an equal percentage of their offerings to the denominational treasurer who disburses the funds to denominational ministries and expenses.

Christians have a great dedication to their church and the Lord. In fact, if a person wants to be a Free Will Baptist in Cuba, he must tithe! And he must do this from a salary of about 165 pesos monthly. Sacrifice? Not as they see it. They love and honor God's Word. Every member gives an extra dollar monthly to the seminary. Churches even rotate each month in providing food to support the school, staff, and students.

While we observed how God had blessed our Free Will Baptist work, we also learned that more people now attend evangelical churches than the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba. And the government recently permitted new hymnals, commentaries, and Bibles to enter the country. In fact, 15,000 Bibles were permitted the week of the convention, and 35,000 more were expected.

I have preached in nearly 30 countries around the world, but I was more impressed with the dedication and desire of Cubans to serve Jesus Christ than anywhere I have been. And I will continue to hold up these Christian brothers and sisters in my prayers as they faithfully serve in less than ideal circumstances.

Alton Loveless, of Columbus, Ohio, is promotional secretary of the Ohio Association of Free Will Baptists.

Reaching Unreached Peoples

As a farm boy quite often I was given a job to do. My dad would say, "Gene, I want you to pull up the weeds in this corn field."

If I worked hard and did a good job I was

commended. Finishing the task brought satisfaction.

As servants of the Lord we have been given an assignment. We must understand the scope of our task.

God showed Abraham His missionary purpose: "...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:8).

The Holy Spirit made sure we understood the scope of missions by recording Christ's commands in all four gospels and Acts. He emphasizes "all nations" (Matthew 28:19; Luke 24:47), "all the world," "every creature" (Mark 16:15), and "the uttermost (remotest) part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in September, October, and November in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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God used the loving touch and faithful witness of Miss Barnard to bring the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church into existence in Kotagiri.

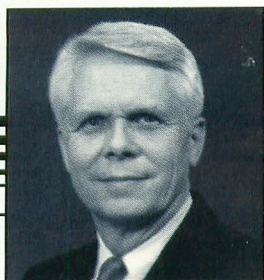
The task of God's people, including Free Will Baptists, clearly centers on presenting the gospel and establishing the church among unreached people. At a meeting in March of 1982 a group of missions leaders agreed to the following definition of the unreached: "a people group within which there is no indigenous community of believing Christians able to evangelize this people group" (Mission Frontiers, August-September 1989, page 12).

Our pioneer Free Will Baptist missionaries demonstrated a strong commitment to the task of reaching the unreached. For example, when Miss Laura Belle Barnard arrived in India in 1935 she discovered that the low caste "sweepers"—"the untouchables"—had been bypassed by other missionaries in the Nilgiri hills. But God used the loving touch and faithful witness of Miss Barnard to bring the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church into existence in Kotagiri (*His Name Among All Nations*, page 161).

Reverend and Mrs. Thomas H. ("Pop" and "Mom") Willey, Sr., went to Panama in 1937. They settled in El Valle where they ministered to the Chocó Indians. This group was untouched by the outside world. They had no written language.

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R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

A number of these Indians found the Lord before the Panamanian government forced the Willeys out in 1939.

When the Board of Foreign Missions decided to begin a work in Africa in 1956, they chose the unreached tribes in northeastern Ivory Coast.

In 1947 Reverend and Mrs. Paul Woolsey went to India. While surveying the needs of that great subcontinent, Paul determined that God wanted him and Nelle to take the gospel to the masses which lived in the Purnea District of Bihar. There was no witness in that area of 5,000 square miles.

There they worked hard reaching Indians and Bengalis. But some of their most fruitful ministry was among the Santal tribe which was virtually untouched by the gospel.

Free Will Baptists entered Japan in 1954 and soon determined Hokkaido to be the neediest area. Although the island was characterized by its long, harsh winters, our missionaries sought a field where the gospel wasn't being preached. They found it near the eastern shore and evangelized Bihoro, Abashiri, Shari, and Koshimizu.

Some of the most fruitful ministry was among the Santal tribe which was virtually untouched by the gospel.

Then, when the Board of Foreign Missions decided to begin a work in Africa in 1956, they chose the unreached tribes in the northeastern quadrant of Ivory Coast. Free Will Baptist missionaries gave the Koulangos the Scriptures in their own language and established churches among these unreached people as well as the Lobis and the Agnis.

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is still committed to this task of reaching the unreached. We look forward to entering new doors of opportunity in the days ahead. Will you stand with us in this commitment? Look for your chance to get involved!

Financial Summary

Through November 30

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Total income for November	\$ 342,094.64
Total income through November	3,190,971.81
Total disbursements through November	2,910,125.35
Projected income through November	2,972,112.00
Total 1989 Budget	\$3,279,414.00

Advance gifts through November	\$ 105,960.95
1989 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Murray	\$ 5,579.63	Cuba	\$ 1,994.79
Reeves	3,987.28	Spec. Com.	19,187.87
West	1,799.73		
Total			\$32,549.30

Due to faithful response of Free Will Baptists across the country, God's provision, and careful management at home and abroad, deficits have been reduced to their lowest in many years. Continued faithfulness will keep them low.

State Goals—1989

State	Goal 1989	Goal Through November	Contributions Through November
Alabama	\$ 185,000	\$ 169,583	\$ 153,095.98
Arizona	4,500	4,125	4,985.02
Arkansas	173,000	158,583	174,950.82
California	55,500	50,875	66,363.91
Colorado	3,500	3,208	4,168.10
Florida	85,000	77,917	68,058.16
Georgia	145,000	132,917	154,173.82
Hawaii	2,500	2,292	2,567.73
Idaho	750	688	968.51
Illinois	102,000	93,500	104,558.93
Indiana	38,000	34,833	30,196.16
Iowa	1,750	1,604	1,298.00
Kansas	15,000	13,750	13,802.16
Kentucky	88,000	80,667	77,833.80
Louisiana	500	458	55.00
Maryland	15,000	13,750	17,262.66
Michigan	140,000	128,333	118,513.93
Mississippi	62,000	56,833	51,071.61
Missouri	240,000	220,000	235,605.62
Montana	1,000	917	592.75
Nevada	1,100	1,008	982.41
New Mexico	500	458	694.57
*Northeast Assn.	5,000	4,583	3,850.44
**Northwest Assn.	5,000	4,583	5,992.67
North Carolina	410,000	375,833	422,264.71
Ohio	125,000	114,583	114,731.69
Oklahoma	380,000	348,333	357,586.96
Pennsylvania	1,750	1,604	2,431.09
South Carolina	195,000	178,750	162,555.81
Tennessee	440,000	403,333	446,709.88
Texas	100,000	91,667	105,376.95
Virginia	115,000	105,417	112,624.59
Virgin Islands	3,000	2,750	2,546.00
West Virginia	72,500	66,458	69,000.42
Miscellaneous	67,564	61,934	103,500.95
Totals	\$3,279,414	\$3,006,127	\$3,190,971.81

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

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



Fred and Evelyn Hersey



Bobby and Sue Aycock

Seven Missionaries to Depart; Three to Arrive

Nashville, Tenn.—Seven missionaries are scheduled to depart for their fields of service in January or February.

Miss Lynn Midgett was scheduled to depart for Spain around January 8 following her deputational ministry in the United States.



Lynn Midgett

Darrel and Lila Nichols plan to leave for Côte d'Ivoire on January 13 to begin their second term of missionary service.

Bobby and Sue Aycock, who were reinstated in December of 1988 as missionaries to Brazil, are scheduled to depart around February 1 depending on their clearance for visas.

Fred and Evelyn Hersey, who came home early for furlough due to medical needs, are scheduled to return to Japan on February 21.

Miss Judy Smith is scheduled to return to the United States on January 8 to begin her regular furlough from her ministry in Japan.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and his family plan to arrive in the United States sometime in January to begin their regular furlough time.



Darrel and Lila Nichols

Lafayette, Barbacena Hold Joint Fellowship Service

Brazil—A joint fellowship meeting was held November 2 at the Conselheiro Lafayette Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil as the Barbacena church joined them.

Norman McFall preached in the morning and lunch was served at the church. A pantomime drama was presented by the young folks from the Lafayette church, and singing by the youth from the Barbacena church took up part of the afternoon.

Approximately 120 people were present for the all-day event.

Missionary Earnie Deeds said the young people from the Lafayette church presented the same dramatization again on Saturday night, November 4, at the church. They invited many unsaved people, and 132 were present for the event. According to Earnie, the majority of these were not Christians.

More than 20 visitors filled out cards agreeing to a visit in their homes. The Deeds urged people to pray for their follow-up visits and explanation of the gospel.

Callaway Happy Over Progress in Spain

Spain—Missionary Ron Callaway recently expressed praise after examining the "big picture" in Spain:

"In 1964 there were approximately 300 evangelical churches in Spain," says Ron. "Today there are over 1,200. That's an increase of 400 percent in 25 years."

Callaway also noted that 19 out of the 50 provincial capitals did not have an evangelical church in 1964, but today all of these capitals have at least one. In 1974 no Free Will Baptist churches, pastors, or mis-

sionaries were in Spain. Today three Free Will Baptist churches and one preaching point are being instrumental in spreading the gospel in Spain. Five Spaniards have been called to preach, and 15 Free Will Baptist missionaries now serve in the country.

Eagleton Reports Moving of Lord in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"In the last few months the Lord has really been moving in the village of Varalé, about a 20-minute drive from here," writes Dr. Kenneth Eagleton from Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. "Many people have been saved, including several heads of families."

Eagleton also reported the conversion of the father and stepmother of lay preacher Daniel Palé who works in the hospital. "His father was a practicing fetishier," Kenneth concluded.

Christian Publishers Stir Moscow Book Fair

Russia—Representatives of 30 evangelical publishers from the United States say they experienced an unprecedented freedom to exhibit and distribute Christian literature during the September 12-19, 1989, Moscow Book Fair in the Soviet Union.

According to Peter Deyneka, Jr., president of Slavic Gospel Association, the people who came to the fair evidenced a spiritual hunger. People from as far away as eastern Siberia and Soviet Asia came to obtain Bibles and Christian books.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, in the opening address to some 2,000 participants from 62 countries, expressed hopes that the fair would be "instrumental in further development of international book exchange, in upholding intellectual values, and in asserting ideals of truth, justice, peace, and progress."

Although a number of Christian publishers have displayed literature at the Moscow Book Fair during the past six years, this was the first time Christian books on issues apart from pacifism were allowed to be sold or distributed. The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association gave away 10,000 New Testaments during the fair.

Oklahoma Church Says Missions Revival Good

Blackwell, Okla.—A missions revival was held October 11-15 in the Free Will Baptist church in Blackwell, Okla.

Speakers for the event included missionary Steve Reeves, Oklahoma mission director Burton Perry, Mike Fields, and missionary builder Howard Gwartney. "The church was revived and blessed," says Pastor Wayne Bookout. "A wonderful spirit prevailed."

The church raised approximately \$700 in cash and \$328 per month in faith promises. "This brings our yearly missions giving to \$9,000," Bookout concluded.

Martens and Leatherbury Involved in Accident

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Glennnda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens, the most recent arrivals on the mission field of Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, were involved in an auto accident on December 1 as they were returning from Bouake to Doropo following a field council meeting.

According to reports, Glennnda was driving the auto which went out of control as they rounded a curve on a dirt road. The car hit the metal abutment of a bridge and turned on its side. Jalayn's head hit the windshield and she suffered cuts, bruises, and black eyes. Glennnda was bruised.

Reports indicated the car was severely damaged, if not totaled.

The Dan Huddlestons and Ernest Hollands were following the young ladies and were able to upright the car before returning them to Bouake for medical treatment. People were urged to pray for Jalayn and Glennnda's complete recovery and that funds might be raised to cover the repair or replacement costs. Automobile collision insurance in Côte d'Ivoire is not feasible.

Spiritism Claims High Percentage of Brazil

Brazil—In a recent letter from missionary Earnie Deeds he indicated estimates place Brazil's involvement in spiritism at 70 percent. "Some say that spiritism is Brazil's national religion and that this



Some of the 79 people (top) who attended the dedication service for the St. Sebastien mission in France join in singing. Missionaries lay hands on Dennis and Carol Teague and Cathy Crawford in a prayer of dedication (bottom).

is the world's largest spiritist nation," Deeds continued.

Earnie expressed praise that several members of the Lafaiete church have been saved from the bondage and darkness of spiritism.

Storm Topples Trees at Medical Station

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—According to a late report from Dr. Kenneth Eagleton in Ivory Coast, heavy rains and strong winds lasting approximately 20 minutes uprooted 10 trees and knocked some power lines down at the medical station in Doropo.

"We praise the Lord that none of the trees fell on any houses," writes Dr. Eagleton. "Many people lost the roofs off their houses." No injuries were reported.

Eagleton noted an increased in-

terest in the church at Doropo. New people have been attending service and the church has been packed on Sunday mornings with standing room only. The young people have restarted their Saturday afternoon meetings, and Ernest Holland has begun teaching a Bible study on Sunday afternoons.

Kenneth also expressed joy that 24 students had completed 78 Bible correspondence courses during the past year.

St. Sebastien Mission Has Dedication Service

France—The St. Sebastien mission work in a suburb of Nantes, France, held a dedication service on Sunday afternoon, October 29. Seventy-nine people (including children) were on hand for the special service.

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Missionaries in attendance laid hands on Dennis and Carol Teague and Cathy Crawford who will be involved in the work. Representatives from the St. Nazaire and Nantes churches were also in attendance.

Cathy Crawford indicated a grand opening dedication was to be held soon with the mayor to be invited. The group urged Christians to pray for this new work.

Eagleton Reports Year's Treatment Statistics

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—According to a report received in November, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton indicated those at the hospital and clinic treated 11,016 patients over the last 12 months. During that time 439 were admitted, 266 babies were delivered, eight surgeries were performed, 6,157 doses of vaccine were administered, 271 X-ray exams were taken, and 4,117 lab exams were performed.

Costs to operate the hospital during the past year totaled \$89,867. United States donors contributed \$27,512.02 toward this expense.

Dan and Trula Cronk Plan Visit to India after 17 Years

Nashville, Tenn.—Dan and Trula Cronk, former missionaries to North India, are scheduled to leave Nashville on January 27 en route to India. This will be their first visit to the country of their ministry since they left the field in May of 1972.

Dan served as professor of missions at Free Will Baptist Bible College for several years after their return and has been on the Board of

Dan and Trula Cronk will visit India for the first time in 17 years.



This new church building in Bihoro on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan, was dedicated on October 10, 1989.

Foreign Missions since 1975. He and Trula went to India in 1948 and served under the board for approximately 27 years.

Dan will be covering some special photo assignments for foreign missions while on the field. He and Trula plan to return to the United States on March 29.

Friends who might wish to help defray expenses for the Cronks' trip may send gifts to Foreign Missions earmarked "Cronk Travel."

New Church Building Dedicated in Japan

Japan—A new church building was dedicated on October 10, 1989, in Bihoro, Japan. According to missionary Olena McLain, Reverend Hiroyuki Yamaji was the speaker for the special service. He was the first Japanese pastor there in 1960. Pastor Sugitani is now in charge of the work.

The new building has a basement, an underground garage, a sanctuary, church office, kitchen, and Sunday school classrooms. An office and apartment for the pastor and his family are also a part of the new structure which was built on the site of the original church building.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Indianapolis, Ind.—Lonnie and Anita Sparks returned to the United States from Spain on December 5 to begin an early furlough due to the illness of their son, Paul. Their younger son, Noel, also returned to the United States and is being tested as a possible bone marrow donor for his brother. Paul, who has leukemia, is continuing chemotherapy treatment in the hospital at Indianapolis.

Brazil—Bobby and Geneva Poole in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, have indicated an increase of attendance in children's church at their Second church. During the month of October 33 different children attended. They are studying the book of John chapter by chapter.

Panama—The Panama City Free Will Baptist Church in Panama celebrated its eighteenth anniversary on November 11.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—A hearing was scheduled on December 19 in the judge's chambers regarding a lawsuit against the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Missionary

Robert Bryan indicated a decision would not be made until January. Christians were urged to continue to pray over this matter.

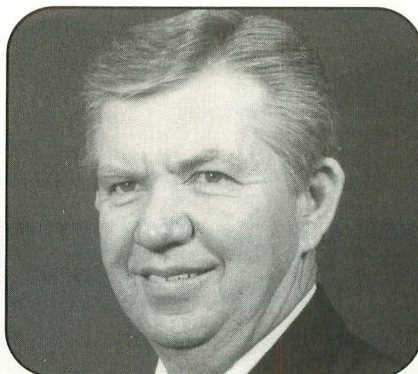
Germany—Dennis and Mary Heath, missionary affiliates, write from Konken, West Germany: "We are coming up against Satan in our efforts to bring Scotti and Joe Schneider to salvation. They have both confessed their need and belief in Jesus, but they aren't prepared to turn their lives over to Him." The Heaths requested intercessory prayer on their behalf.

Brazil—Thieves broke into the home of Tom and Nancy Hughes in Uberlandia, Brazil, recently. According to Tom, approximately \$2,000 worth of personal and mission items were taken. His mission camera was among the items stolen.

Japan—The annual Family Dinner which is sponsored by the Kita Hiroshima Chapel in Sapporo, Japan, was held in a community center recently with over 80 guests on hand. A message was brought by a well-known Sapporo evangelist, Mitsuhashi-sensei. "Almost half of our guests were hearing the gospel for the very first time," writes Judy Smith.

Brazil—Missionary Tom Hughes in Uberlandia, Brazil, recently reported the completion of another project in Jardim das Palmeiras where he has begun a new work. A one-room-wide house for caretakers has been completed. A semi-retired couple is living in it to take care of the yard and watch over the premises.

Columbia, S.C.—Missionaries Tom and Patty McCullough from France will remain in the United States for a while so Tom can take some



Fred Warner plans to visit Panama.

courses at Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions.

Moore, Okla.—According to a recent report from Oklahoma, the Oklahoma State Woman's Auxiliary project goal has been set at \$10,000 for the Easter offering. It is to go toward the Steve and Linda Reeves missionary account. Miss Lynn Midgett is also slated to receive approximately \$3,000 in her missionary account as woman's auxiliary members are to give \$2.00 each toward this effort.

Warner to Speak at Panama Association

Panama—Fred Warner, director of missionary-church relations for foreign missions, is scheduled to speak at the Panama Association of Free Will Baptist Churches which is to meet January 13-14 at the Betania church in Panama.

According to missionary Steve Lytle, this is the first time the annual meeting has not been held on January 9, a holiday in the country. Christians have been urged to pray for the works in Panama and for Mr. Warner during this time of tension in that country.

Fred is to leave the United States on January 9 and return on January 23. Milton Hollifield, pastor of Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church in Nebo, N.C., will be traveling with Warner. Hollifield was Steve Lytle's pastor and Fred was saved under Milton's ministry.

Attendance Record Set at New Ribeirão Church

Brazil—A new Sunday school attendance record of 86 was set on October 26 for the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. This is the newest FWB work in the city.

According to Bobby Poole, the church was in a special campaign which averaged 67. The average for the previous month was 29.

Bobby declared, "Everyone is working to preserve the fruit brought in during the campaign."

On October 9 the church had a picnic with 68 people in attendance.

Lee Arrives in Africa to Help Medical Work

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Sherwood Lee, who has been in the United States on extended furlough, arrived in Ivory Coast on November 24 to minister at the medical station in Doropo. Lee will assume responsibility for the medical work when Dr. Eagleton and his family return to the United States in January for furlough.

Lee urged Christians to pray for Glenda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens who were injured during their recent auto accident. They are assigned to the medical station.

Sherwood also asked people to pray for his wife, Vada, and daughter, Kathryn, who remained in the States. Lee expects to continue in Ivory Coast until mid-April.

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