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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world



Steps to the Field!



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by **Jimmy Aldridge**
Overseas Secretary

As we minister among our Free Will Baptist constituency, we are often asked, "How does a person really know if he is called to missionary service?" Or they may query, "What do I have to do to become a missionary?"

To answer these questions, I have listed the necessary steps one must take to get to the mission field.

Step 1—

Becoming Acquainted

A person feeling an interest in missions and wondering if this interest constitutes a call should contact foreign missions personnel and enter into dialogue with them.

Someone from the missions office will correspond with these prospective candidates. He will request basic information such as the candidate's testimony of conversion and Christian growth, educational background, Christian service, etc.

The foreign missions staff will provide counsel regarding the call to missionary service. Guidance will be given concerning the genuine burden which all disciples of Christ should have for overseas ministries.

If through this exchange the person making the inquiry demonstrates an abiding conviction that he or she should be in missionary service, then that person will be invited to enroll in the foreign missions internship program.

Step 2—

Internship

In order to become a part of the internship program, the prospective candidate must formally apply. As soon as possible after the application is received, a member of the foreign missions administrative staff will interview the prospective candidate. Later, the general director will interview

the prospect. At that time a copy of the official Handbook of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions will be given to the candidate for his or her study.

Several tests will be administered to the prospective candidate. These will include a temperament test, a Bible test, and a missions test. The candidate will also complete a form giving his or her personal medical history.

So educational needs can be evaluated, the candidate will send to the candidate department transcripts of all his or her college work. A male or single candidate making application to the board is required to hold a four-year degree from a Free Will Baptist college or other acceptable institution. The candidate should have during his course of study a good course in evangelism, church history, and cultural anthropology, or other socio-cultural studies.

Wives of qualifying candidates are required to have two years of college, including a minimum of 30 hours of biblical/theological studies plus 18 hours of missions. Some wives are unable to get the required college preparation themselves while their husbands are enrolled. These wives may still meet the requirements through some of the following ways: approved extension courses, correspondence courses, seminars, short quarters, and other self-teaching means (example, CLEP—College Level Examination Program).

The missions staff will evaluate each candidate in the light of basic requirements and will make recommendations

according to his or her needs. Persons holding an undergraduate degree from a secular school must also meet the minimum requirements of Bible and missions courses.

If a candidate shows promise, his or her pastor, teachers, etc., will be contacted for references. If the evaluation by the staff and the references are favorable, the internship will formally begin. The candidate will report regularly on his or her progress toward meeting full missions requirements. He or she will also continue preparation through reading the required books and making proper written reports.

When the prospective candidate has made significant progress in his or her internship program, a psychological test, including a marital evaluation, will be administered, and an interview will be scheduled with a Christian psychologist specializing in working with missionaries.

Step 3—

Preliminary Application

When the prospective candidate has successfully completed steps one and two,

he or she will be invited to make a formal preliminary application for missionary service. Upon receipt of the preliminary application, reference forms will be sent to the persons suggested by the applicant. When these tests, reports, and reference forms are satisfactory, the applicant will meet with the candidate committee of the Board of Foreign Missions for preliminary approval.

The candidate committee will exercise one of three options: (1) approval of the candidacy; (2) conditional continuance of the candidacy with instruction to continue preparation and to reapply later; or (3) rejection of the candidacy.

Step 4—

Final Application

After approval of the preliminary application, the applicant will be instructed to proceed with the filing of his or her final application. This will include a thorough medical examination by a doctor (medical forms will be furnished by foreign missions). A temperament test will also be administered.

As soon as requirements for

preparation and internship activities are satisfactorily completed (including an area study and completion of required reading), the candidate will be interviewed again by the candidate committee. If the committee is sufficiently satisfied on the candidate's status, they will recommend him or her to the Board of Foreign Missions for appointment. At the board interview three options are possible: (1) appointment; (2) conditional continuance; or (3) rejection.

Step 5—

Orientation and Deputation

As soon as the candidate is officially appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions, he or she will go through a formal orientation session by the foreign missions staff. This is designed to prepare the appointee for his or her deputational ministry.

Deputation of the new appointee is under the supervision of the foreign missions administrative staff—primarily the director of missionary-church relations. This ministry among many local churches is the means of securing necessary funds and adequate prayer support for the missionary ministry overseas.

Step 6—

Candidate School

As soon as the appointee's support is underwritten, he or she will participate in a pre-departure candidate school. This provides new missionaries a basis to successfully learn a foreign language, to adapt to a new culture, and to become a

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Request for Information

I am interested in serving on a foreign field. Please send me information on the following areas regarding foreign missions candidates:

- ☐ Internship Program ☐ Educational Requirements ☐ CLEP
☐ Deputation ☐ Marital Requirements ☐ Health Requirements
☐ Spiritual and Doctrinal Qualifications ☐ Other _____

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____

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part of the witnessing team of
Free Will Baptist missionaries in
his or her host country.

Step 7—

Commissioning

When the six preceding steps have been successfully completed, the candidate will be commissioned to missionary service under Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. When personal details of the new missionary have been taken care of, he or she will depart for the country where God has directed him or her. He or she will become a part of a Free Will Baptist soul-winning and church-planting effort abroad. He or she will also be expected to work in harmony with fellow missionaries and counterparts in the national church in that field.

The goal of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is to bring into fellowship with fellow believers those who have been won and discipled. These would form a local church which would ultimately be led into full fellowship with sister churches within that country.

As a member of the administrative staff, vitally interested in prospective missionaries, I want to ask readers this question: Is God speaking to you about a cross-cultural ministry in an overseas country? If so, please contact the foreign missions office at P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202 or phone (615) 361-1010 so we may serve you. We want you to fulfill God's calling in your life. We believe God wants you to be a part of our collective witness to make up the bride of Christ around the world.



Bringing in the Little Ones

by Alice Smith

One day Jesus' disciples asked Him which of them would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus called a little child to himself. Setting the child in the middle of the disciples, Jesus said, "... Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

When He walked on earth, Jesus attracted children to himself. He recognized them as sinners (both by birth and by actions) and in need of salvation. He knew he could meet their need and specifically invited them to himself for salvation.

Jesus gave stern warnings to those who might hinder children from coming to Him. "Suffer

little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Referring to those who might offend the little ones, Jesus said it would be better for them to have a rock tied to their neck and be thrown into the sea!

Jesus continues to attract children to himself today. He has instructed us to bring them to Him. I believe it is primarily the responsibility of parents to make disciples of their children. In Deuteronomy 6 God told the Israelites to teach His commandments diligently unto their children—at home, on a walk, at bedtime, and the first thing in the morning.

Sadly, many Christian parents neglect the spiritual education of

their offspring. And what about children whose parents are not Christians? Who will bring them to Christ? In response to this need the local church now assumes most of this responsibility.

I began working in children's ministries shortly after becoming a Christian. Teaching a junior girls' Sunday school class was my first challenge. Since then I've taught kids of varying faces, ages, and races. These have included neighborhood kids, church kids, white kids, black kids, well-behaved kids, and not-so-well-behaved kids. Classes have been conducted in churches, (Sunday school and vacation Bible school), in homes (Bible clubs), and even under trees (open-air Good News clubs). Since I've been a missionary in Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), I've had the privilege of teaching Bible classes in the Ivorian public schools.

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The public schools of Côte d'Ivoire have been open to Free Will Baptist missionaries since we first began working in the country in the early 1960s. Many children, ranging from ages six to 15 years, have been brought to Christ through this opportune ministry.

The latest statistics available (1987) indicate 76 percent of school enrollment (754,190) is at the primary school level. Almost half of Côte d'Ivoire's population of 12 million people is younger than 15 years of age.

What a mission field!

Since 1982 I have been teaching Bible courses in four primary schools at Agnibilekrou. Previously, I had conducted three courses in the Doropo/Nakala area.

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The children come to these classes on a volunteer basis. Usually about 250 register for the classes each school year. At least one-third of this number receive Christ as their Savior. Perhaps Ivorian children are more receptive to the gospel than American children. They seem to be more aware of their sinful nature and actions. And, because of their background in idol worship, they are familiar with the system of a sacrificial blood offering for sin.

We normally have our classes during the last 30 to 45 minutes of the school day. We sometimes have to sit on the porch because darkness begins to fall between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. Most classrooms do not have electricity.

The students enjoy praying, singing, reciting memory verses, and listening to a Bible story. At times we have special coloring and handcraft projects. Those who complete the Scripture memorization program are rewarded with their very own French New Testament.

I begin classes with the Creation account. At least two months are set aside for the study of major Old Testament

stories. We then proceed to the birth, ministry, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We conclude our series on the triumphant note of Christ's ascension and promised return.

I often fight back tears as I look into the eager faces of these beautiful children. How thrilling to tell them of the true and living God who loves them. What good news! They only know a fear relationship between the African and his idols.

Results are not always immediately evident in children's ministries. One is often tempted to ask, "Am I getting through to any of them? Is it really worth it?" Surely the theme verse for most child evangelism workers is Galatians 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Yes, it's worth it! In Côte d'Ivoire today we have young pastors and Sunday school teachers who first learned of Jesus through the public school ministry.

Thank God for this open door. Let us continue to walk through it while we have the freedom to do so!

Alice Smith serves at Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, with the Norman Richards and the Darrel Nichols.

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LANGUAGE STUDY

the stress express.

by Ron Moore

As we were leaving the United States for Albertville, France, several missionaries jokingly said, "If your marriage survives language school, it will survive anything." For some reason, however, their smiles could not hide the sincerity in their voices or the seriousness in their eyes. Even though our marriage relationship has remained strong, I must admit that their admonition was well founded.

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I believe every missionary would agree that language school is an intensely stressful period. This raises a logical question: Why? What is it about language school that creates such a stressful environment? Though many factors are involved, our experience has revealed the following to be among the main causes of the missionary's stress.

Separation—For most missionaries their departure for language study is the beginning of their first prolonged period of separation from family and close personal friends. Most people realize these important relationships provide essential emotional and spiritual support. They also furnish a critical outlet for dealing with stress. Yet,

overnight these relationships are interrupted. Distance makes it impossible for family and friends to provide the needed support. Eventually, new relationships will be established, but they will take time to develop. In the meantime, stress seems to sense this void in relationships and uses it for its depressive purposes.

Guilt—No Christian, much less a missionary, should carry around a load of guilt. Nonetheless, guilt has a way of packing itself in the missionary's suitcases when he leaves the United States. Because others are paying the bills and his future ministry depends on his success in language school, he has a tendency to feel guilty if he is not tops in his class or if he takes a much-needed break from studies. This guilt makes him study longer and harder than he should. It produces mental, emotional, and physical fatigue and thereby creates a fertile environment to intensify stress.

Culture—To say there is a difference in cultures is an obvious understatement. Even in France, a well-developed and highly civilized country, more striking differences exist than similarities. To begin with, a language barrier looms heavy. But this is only part of the problem. The people think differently, cook and eat differently, dress differently,

shop differently, and drive differently. To be precise, Frenchmen approach almost every activity of life in a manner different to our approach. Adapting to these differences is more often than not frustrating and is, therefore, stressful.

Role reversal—No, I'm not referring to a house-husband and a working wife. What I mean is that most missionaries leave leadership positions. They have had preaching and teaching ministries. Suddenly, he or she is no longer the one who leads but the one who is led. He or she is no longer the one who teaches but the one who is taught. This is not difficult at first because a missionary welcomes a sabbatical from these demanding responsibilities. But due to the basic nature of most missionaries, a prolonged absence from active duty generates restlessness, frustration, and a degree of guilt, as well.

Guilt makes him study longer and harder than he should.

My frustration came because I have not been able to do what God has called me to do. That is, I cannot pray with those needing comfort, witness to those needing Christ, or teach those needing instruction in the faith. Why? Because I cannot

speaking the language. Although this is a temporary situation lasting one to two years, this short period of time seems to be an eternity to those of us who have been active in ministry. These frustrations become an open door for the discouraging powers of stress.

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Yes, the grace of God is more than sufficient to meet our needs and give us victory over the stress we missionaries feel while in language school. I share these things with you for these reasons:

(1) I want you to sense the magnitude of this problem. Language school is probably the most stressful time in the missionary's career.

(2) I want you to understand some of the forces at work to make this such a stressful period for the missionary.

(3) I want to incite within you a commitment to struggle with the missionary through prayer against these depressing and defeating forces.

(4) I want to emphasize the sincerity of our gratitude for your diligence in praying for us to conquer our most destructive enemy.

Remember, the next time you read a missionary's request for prayer while he is in language study, fall to your knees immediately. He definitely needs it!

Ron Moore and his wife, Linda, finished language study in France in April and are now serving in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.

Dear Supporter:

Hi. Do you have a minute? I'd really like to "talk" with you about my job.

I'm the bookkeeper for foreign missions. One of my duties involves counting all the money received by the missions department (last year I counted over \$3 million), but I really don't mind. You see, I know every gift I process will help in spreading the gospel.

Each check or money order that arrives in my office is a silent tribute to the faithfulness of Free Will Baptists.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of time and effort to count so much money and credit it to the proper missionary's account. With a little help from you, the donors, I can do my job more efficiently. Here's how:

- 1** Be sure to make your check or money order payable to **Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions**. Please don't send cash gifts. It really isn't safe to send money through the mail!
- 2** Please **return the blue slip with your gift**. The donor identification number on your blue slip will insure proper credit for your donation. If you do not return your blue slip, I have to fill out one for you. This extra step greatly increases my workload. I sometimes receive dozens of gifts in a day without a blue slip, so you can see how it would help me if you would diligently return your blue slip. This will also shorten the time for your receipt to get to you.
- 3** By all means, **indicate which missionary's account is to receive your gift**. That's the only way to properly credit your donation. Write this information on the blue slip but *not on the check* (IRS likes it better that way).
- 4** **Each time you send a gift, please use the same name in the same way**. If you send one contribution from John and Mary Smith, and then the next one from John R. Smith, and another one from Mrs. Mary Smith, I get confused. Each different name you use could be added to the *Heartbeat* mailing list. I'm sure you don't want us to use the Lord's money to send you extra copies of the missions magazine. So, remember to be consistent in the way you sign your name!
- 5** **If you move, please let me know your new address**. A box is provided on the bottom left corner of the blue slip for you to check if your address is to be changed. And I really do want to keep in touch.

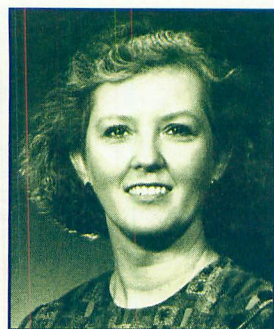
I look forward to your next letter. Your contributions make an eternal difference, and I thank God for you.

Your co-worker,

Kay Hampton

Kay Hampton, Bookkeeper

P.S. Remember, please **enclose your blue slip** with each gift.



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111 Churches Topped the \$5,000 Mark

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| 1 | Central, Royal Oak, MI..... | 29,357.54 | 36 | Cramerton, NC..... | 9,675.00 | 75 | Grant Avenue, Springfield, MO..... | 6,382.93 |
| 2 | Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, TN..... | 24,994.17 | 37 | Airport, Tulsa, OK..... | 9,410.88 | 76 | Porter, Sciotoville, OH..... | 6,318.50 |
| 3 | Bethel, Kinston, NC..... | 23,644.00 | 38 | Calvary Fellowship, Fenton, MO..... | 9,322.05 | 77 | First, Charleston, SC..... | 6,270.00 |
| 4 | Fellowship, Kingsport, TN..... | 22,950.25 | 39 | Kirby, Taylor, MI..... | 9,064.45 | 78 | Sand Hill, Coward, SC..... | 6,064.20 |
| 5 | Donelson, Nashville, TN..... | 22,141.46 | 40 | Goshen, Mt. Holly, NC..... | 8,955.37 | 79 | Grace, Greenville, NC..... | 6,020.00 |
| 6 | Tippetts Chapel, Clayton, NC..... | 20,331.95 | 41 | Oak Park, Pine Bluff, AR..... | 8,922.43 | 80 | First, Winter Haven, FL..... | 6,006.19 |
| 7 | Ina, IL..... | 19,369.00 | 42 | Midfields, Kingsport, TN..... | 8,890.80 | 81 | Butterfield, Aurora, IL..... | 5,992.27 |
| 8 | First, Norman, OK..... | 18,427.00 | 43 | Mt. Olive, Guin, AL..... | 8,795.80 | 82 | New Hope, Ina, IL..... | 5,983.88 |
| 9 | Southern Oaks, Okla. City, OK..... | 17,828.16 | 44 | Bethany, Broken Arrow, OK..... | 8,590.00 | 83 | First, Houston, TX..... | 5,908.17 |
| 10 | Faith, Windsor, VA..... | 15,688.45 | 45 | Beacon, Raytown, MO..... | 8,580.00 | 84 | Forest Grove, Knoxville, TN..... | 5,871.00 |
| 11 | First, Raleigh, NC..... | 15,424.85 | 46 | Unity, Smithfield, NC..... | 8,380.65 | 85 | Shiloh, Bratt, FL..... | 5,821.96 |
| 12 | Bethlehem, Ashland City, TN..... | 14,923.08 | 47 | Garner, NC..... | 8,373.00 | 86 | Maranatha, Ardmore, OK..... | 5,786.50 |
| 13 | First, Henderson, TX..... | 14,569.91 | 48 | Limestone, TN..... | 8,284.90 | 87 | First, Florence, AL..... | 5,785.50 |
| 14 | Good Springs, Pleasant View, TN..... | 14,040.28 | 49 | Ruth's Chapel, New Bern, NC..... | 8,061.14 | 88 | Bethel, S. Roxana, IL..... | 5,775.77 |
| 15 | Sherwood Forest, New Bern, NC..... | 14,010.89 | 50 | Calvary, Norman, OK..... | 8,057.27 | 89 | First, Washington, NC..... | 5,768.34 |
| 16 | First, Locust Grove, OK..... | 13,377.00 | 51 | Friendship, Flint, MI..... | 7,949.62 | 90 | Community Chapel, Talbott, TN..... | 5,707.31 |
| 17 | Cross Timbers, Nashville, TN..... | 13,149.37 | 52 | Temple, Greenville, NC..... | 7,794.10 | 91 | Fellowship, Antioch, TN..... | 5,673.84 |
| 18 | First, Russellville, AR..... | 12,779.93 | 53 | Heritage Baptist, Johnson City, TN..... | 7,700.00 | 92 | Bear Point, Sesser, IL..... | 5,541.28 |
| 19 | Statesboro, GA..... | 12,462.55 | 54 | First, Newport News, VA..... | 7,610.42 | 93 | Woodhaven, MI..... | 5,500.00 |
| 20 | First, Moore, OK..... | 12,155.25 | 55 | First, Albany, GA..... | 7,555.34 | 94 | Sophia, WV..... | 5,499.27 |
| 21 | First, Northport, AL..... | 12,151.75 | 56 | Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA..... | 7,473.61 | 95 | First, Deerfield Beach, FL..... | 5,463.00 |
| 22 | Johnston City, IL..... | 12,033.37 | 57 | Bellview, Colquitt, GA..... | 7,459.54 | 96 | Shady Grove, Clarksville, TN..... | 5,456.60 |
| 23 | First, Savannah, GA..... | 12,020.64 | 58 | Liberty, Mannford, OK..... | 7,444.00 | 97 | Forest Valley, Springfield, OH..... | 5,420.00 |
| 24 | Horse Branch, Turbeville, SC..... | 11,823.95 | 59 | Philadelphia, Mt. Clemens, MI..... | 7,265.81 | 98 | Ashland City, TN..... | 5,317.00 |
| 25 | Gateway, Virginia Beach, VA..... | 11,669.81 | 60 | East Nashville, Nashville, TN..... | 7,264.51 | 99 | Swannanoa, NC..... | 5,273.00 |
| 26 | Prospect, Dunn, NC..... | 11,602.91 | 61 | Owasso, OK..... | 7,152.00 | 100 | Old Fashioned, Warren, MI..... | 5,272.85 |
| 27 | Trinity, Greenville, NC..... | 11,369.93 | 62 | First, Duncanville, TX..... | 7,150.60 | 101 | Piney Grove, Chipley, FL..... | 5,251.80 |
| 28 | Horton Heights, Nashville, TN..... | 11,357.89 | 63 | Unity, Greenville, NC..... | 7,101.03 | 102 | Parker Chapel, Kingsport, TN..... | 5,215.00 |
| 29 | Tupelo, MS..... | 11,246.60 | 64 | Pleasant Acres, New Bern, NC..... | 7,079.00 | 103 | Valley Forge, Elizabethton, TN..... | 5,190.81 |
| 30 | First, Monett, MO..... | 11,235.76 | 65 | Fulton, MS..... | 7,037.00 | 104 | First, Beaufort, NC..... | 5,189.36 |
| 31 | Liberty, Durham, NC..... | 10,788.43 | 66 | Canah Chapel, Erwin, TN..... | 6,962.69 | 105 | Pleasant Mound, Bellevue, TX..... | 5,184.29 |
| 32 | First, Darlington, SC..... | 10,760.30 | 67 | New Home, Tulsa, OK..... | 6,843.57 | 106 | Calvary, Swannanoa, NC..... | 5,160.57 |
| 33 | Sherwood Forest, El Sobrante, CA..... | 10,328.85 | 68 | First, Guin, AL..... | 6,828.55 | 107 | Winfield, AL..... | 5,148.18 |
| 34 | Peace, Wilson, NC..... | 10,093.39 | 69 | Glamorgan, Wise, VA..... | 6,646.01 | 108 | Southwest, Okla. City, OK..... | 5,114.79 |
| 35 | West Calvary, Smithfield, NC..... | 9,779.15 | 70 | Mt. Calvary, Hookerton, NC..... | 6,560.17 | 109 | Tecumseh, OK..... | 5,112.69 |
| | | | 71 | Harrison, Minford, OH..... | 6,527.14 | 110 | Hannan, Liberal, MO..... | 5,083.24 |
| | | | 72 | First, Florence, SC..... | 6,468.88 | 111 | First, Newport, TN..... | 5,019.21 |
| | | | 73 | Poplar Springs, Iuka, MS..... | 6,430.41 | | | |
| | | | 74 | First, Morehead City, NC..... | 6,405.55 | | | |

136 Churches Were Ranked by Annual Per Capita Gifts of \$10 or More Per Member

These were determined by foreign missions records and responses to a questionnaire sent out by the foreign missions office. Many churches did not respond to the questionnaire, consequently they are not listed.

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| 1 | Statesboro, GA | \$449.89 |
| 2 | Liberty, Mannford, OK | 248.13 |
| 3 | Tippetts Chapel, Clayton, NC | 216.30 |
| 4 | Sherwood Forest, New Bern, NC | 197.34 |
| 5 | Horton Heights, Nashville, TN | 189.30 |
| 6 | Faith, Carrollton, VA | 165.13 |
| 7 | Fulton, MS | 156.37 |
| 8 | New Hope, Ina, IL | 149.57 |
| 9 | Cross Timbers, Nashville, TN | 146.10 |
| 10 | First, Darlington, SC | 134.50 |
| 11 | Poplar Springs, Iuka, MS | 119.07 |
| 12 | Prospect, Dunn, NC | 116.03 |
| 13 | East Nashville, Nashville, TN | 111.75 |
| 14 | Grace, Memphis, TN | 106.77 |
| 15 | New Harmony, Greentop, MO | 104.31 |
| 16 | Good Springs, Pleasant View, TN | 98.87 |
| 17 | Butterfield, Aurora, IL | 96.46 |
| 18 | New Home, Hartville, MO | 93.16 |
| 19 | Faith, Lubbock, TX | 91.83 |
| 20 | Unity, Smithfield, NC | 89.88 |
| 21 | Friendship, Flint, MI | 87.35 |
| 22 | First, Toledo, OH | 84.57 |
| 23 | First, Duncanville, TX | 84.12 |
| 24 | Airport, Tulsa, OK | 81.13 |
| 25 | Garner, NC | 80.76 |
| 26 | Canton, NC | 80.71 |
| 27 | Second, Ashland, KY | 79.08 |
| 28 | Suwannee Springs, Live Oak, FL | 77.14 |
| 29 | First, Winter Haven, FL | 73.25 |
| 30 | Peace, Morristown, TN | 72.52 |
| 31 | Bloss Memorial, Arlington, VA (Md. Assoc.) | 72.36 |
| 32 | Harris Memorial, Greeneville, TN | 72.05 |
| 33 | New Home, Tulsa, OK | 70.55 |
| 34 | Piney Grove, Chipley, FL | 70.02 |
| 35 | Shiloh, Bratt, FL | 68.05 |
| 36 | Porter, Sciotoville, OH | 66.82 |
| 37 | First, Grand Junction, CO | 65.71 |
| 38 | Richland, Nashville, TN | 63.74 |

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| 39 | Doran Addition, Kingsport, TN | 63.50 |
| 40 | Faith, Corning, AR | 62.55 |
| 41 | Horse Branch, Turbeville, SC | 62.23 |
| 42 | Hannon, Liberal, MO | 60.51 |
| 43 | Waipahu, HI | 59.52 |
| 44 | Oak Park, Pine Bluff, AR | 54.33 |
| 45 | Limestone, TN | 53.80 |
| 46 | Stacy, NC | 49.66 |
| 47 | Mine La Motte, Fredricktown, MO | 47.30 |
| 48 | Bethany, Norfolk, VA | 46.06 |
| 49 | First, Norfolk, VA | 46.04 |
| 50 | Faith, Morganton, NC | 45.29 |
| 51 | First, Deerfield Beach, FL | 45.12 |
| 52 | Living Water, Bethel, NC | 45.00 |
| 53 | First, Chesterfield, IN | 44.78 |
| 54 | West Ridge, Fayetteville, AR | 43.24 |
| 55 | Trinity, Greenville, NC | 42.90 |
| 56 | Surprise, AZ | 41.90 |
| 57 | Sulphur Springs, Berry, AL | 41.80 |
| 58 | Riverview, Bettendorf, IA | 41.77 |
| 59 | Elnora, Pocahontas, AR | 41.64 |
| 60 | Eastern Gate, Springfield, MO | 41.51 |
| 61 | First, Billings, MT | 41.34 |
| 62 | Phipps Bend, Surgoinville, TN | 41.31 |
| 63 | Harper Road, Joelton, TN | 41.24 |
| 64 | Salem Road, Fayetteville, WV | 40.93 |
| 65 | Wooddale, Knoxville, TN | 40.70 |
| 66 | Trinity, Nashville, TN | 37.43 |
| 67 | Maranatha, Greenville, NC | 36.52 |
| 68 | Truth, New Oxford, PA (Md. Assoc.) | 35.98 |
| 69 | Good Hope, Elyria, OH | 35.04 |
| 70 | Sprague, Prosperity, WV | 34.88 |
| 71 | Howard Grove, Cottonwood, AL | 33.00 |
| 72 | Faith, Chandler, IN | 31.09 |
| 73 | Head's, Cedar Hill, TN | 30.12 |
| 74 | Fairview, Marion, NC | 29.98 |
| 75 | Temple, Greenville, NC | 29.95 |
| 76 | Shady Grove, Durham, NC | 29.17 |
| 77 | Grace, Trevilians, VA | 29.08 |
| 78 | First, DeSoto, MO | 28.02 |
| 79 | Friendship, Pink Hill, NC | 27.95 |
| 80 | Temple, Bristol, VA | 27.69 |
| 81 | Unity, Cleveland, OH | 27.62 |
| 82 | Sulphur Springs, Hazelwood, NC | 27.27 |
| 83 | Trinity, Ypsilanti, MI | 27.08 |
| 84 | First, Jacksonville, NC | 26.24 |
| 85 | Meadowbrook, Black Mountain, NC | 26.01 |
| 86 | Immanuel, Durham, NC | 25.93 |
| 87 | Valley View, Loudon, TN | 25.67 |
| 88 | First, Ypsilanti, MI | 25.45 |

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| 89 | Warm Springs, Pocahontas, AR | 25.21 |
| 90 | Macedonia, Millport, AL | 24.77 |
| 91 | First, Marion, NC | 24.68 |
| 92 | Immanuel, Winterville, NC | 24.16 |
| 93 | Maranatha, Omaha, NE | 23.95 |
| 94 | Clifty Chapel, Rogers, AR | 23.57 |
| 95 | Catcher, Van Buren, AR | 23.31 |
| 96 | Heritage, Spotsylvania, VA | 23.07 |
| 97 | First, Paintsville, KY | 22.92 |
| 98 | Mt. Calvary, Perryman, MD (Md. Assoc.) | 22.56 |
| 99 | Tick Ridge, Wheelersburg, OH | 22.53 |
| 100 | Union, Success, MO | 21.59 |
| 101 | Shelby, NC | 20.61 |
| 102 | Victory, Springdale, AR | 20.23 |
| 103 | Macedonia, Kingsport, TN | 20.06 |
| 104 | Grace, Greenville, NC | 19.74 |
| 105 | First, Erwin, TN | 19.52 |
| 106 | Kilsyth, WV | 19.44 |
| 107 | Martin Hill, Booneville, MS | 18.39 |
| 108 | Nowlings Chapel, Morganton, NC | 18.31 |
| 109 | Island Road, Blountville, TN | 18.36 |
| 110 | First, Pontiac, MI | 17.58 |
| 111 | Wyandotte, Mansfield, OH | 17.56 |
| 112 | Christian, Amory, MS | 17.12 |
| 113 | Calvary, Union, SC | 16.77 |
| 114 | Brian's Chapel, Appalachia, VA | 16.67 |
| 115 | Mt. Calvary, Marion, NC | 15.61 |
| 116 | Faith, West Plains, MO | 14.67 |
| 117 | Keensburg, Elizabethton, TN | 14.56 |
| 118 | First, Florence, AL | 14.11 |
| 119 | New Buckley Road, Ashland, KY | 13.69 |
| 120 | Justice, WV | 13.50 |
| 121 | First, North Judson, IN | 13.33 |
| 122 | Macedonia, Piney Creek, NC (Va. Assoc.) | 12.70 |
| 123 | Sheraton Park, Greensboro, NC | 12.65 |
| 124 | Carlisle, Dover, TN | 12.55 |
| 125 | First, Church Hill, TN | 12.19 |
| 126 | Harvest, Colorado Springs, CO | 12.16 |
| 127 | First, Greeneville, TN | 11.83 |
| 128 | Willow Springs, Mountain Grove, MO | 11.55 |
| 129 | First, Gastonia, NC | 11.35 |
| 130 | Lees' Chapel, Waynesboro, MS | 11.16 |
| 131 | Friendly, Morganton, NC | 11.00 |
| 132 | Faith, Fairgrove, MO | 10.28 |
| 133 | Springwood, Belmont, NC | 10.27 |
| 134 | Mavity, Ashland, KY | 10.20 |
| 135 | Lockhart, SC | 10.18 |
| 136 | The Morning Star, Chapmanville, WV | 10.00 |

Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in April and May in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

| Donor | In Memory of |
|---|-----------------------|
| Russell and Tina Ray Norman, Okla. | Mike Willson |
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The following individuals gave special gifts in memory of Barbara DeWitt:

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| Keri DeWitt Liberal, Mo. | Orlyn and Daphne Lockard Raytown, Mo. |
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| Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stober Marshall, Mo. | |

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Update
by
Jimmy Aldridge

The Dream Is Being Fulfilled

We are approaching the end of our fourth year of overseas investments from the sacrificial gifts we have made to the Advance Celebration.

It is simply wonderful what God has permitted to happen on our fields.

Already Advance has helped put 17 new missionaries on four different fields and four others hope to leave this year.

Advance monies have helped national churches buy or build new church buildings in at least seven different countries. In addition, the Thomas H. Willey Memorial Chapel in Cuba is being built.

Advance paid for the buildings and basic equipment of two Bible institute properties and contributed strongly in the equipping of another. These institutes are located in three different countries. People have already been trained and are presently ministering as a result.

We have now completed nine other projects

The church in Campinas, Brazil, is being completed through funds from Advance.



for direct evangelism in five countries. These are assisting both missionaries and national brethren in direct evangelistic outreach. Look over the report below and express praise to God for the Advance Celebration blessings it portrays:

Fourth Annual Statistical Report March 30, 1990

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Alabama | \$ 35,648.73 |
| Arizona | 208.00 |
| Arkansas | 35,477.71 |
| California | 2,695.32 |
| Florida | 33,304.98 |
| Georgia | 46,463.35 |
| Illinois | 37,226.94 |
| Indiana | 4,791.22 |
| Kansas | 120.00 |
| Kentucky | 5,557.33 |
| Maryland | 18,540.88 |
| Michigan | 28,120.42 |
| Mississippi | 22,228.71 |
| Missouri | 40,322.85 |
| Ohio | 38,046.51 |
| Oklahoma | 49,506.84 |
| North Carolina | 60,404.09 |
| South Carolina | 16,809.61 |
| Tennessee | 108,628.72 |
| Texas | 28,706.85 |
| Virginia | 21,442.18 |
| Washington | 100.00 |
| West Virginia | 8,371.35 |
| Miscellaneous | 6,961.25 |
| Total Projects | \$649,683.84 |
| Disbursements | 336,089.62 |
| Total Advance Expenses | 135,248.86 |
| *Total Advance Balance | \$178,345.11 |
| *Reserved for new missionaries | 76,874.68 |
| Restricted for projects | 9,608.03 |
| Unrestricted Advance Balance | \$ 91,862.40 |

Included in the unrestricted balance are commitments to two projects. We also have several other requests on hold and trust the Lord to provide the means.

We will take advantage of these opportunities as the Lord provides through the sacrificial giving of God's people.

Financial Summary Through May 31

\$ Substance

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Total income for May | \$ 315,355.38 |
| Total income through May | 1,478,573.62 |
| Total disbursements through May | 1,420,780.19 |
| Projected income through May | 1,403,800.00 |
| Total 1990 Budget | \$3,517,152.00 |
| Advance gifts through May | \$ 32,524.80 |
| 1990 ADVANCE Budget | \$ 150,000.00 |

\$ Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Combs | \$ 6,066.03 | Teague, J. | \$ 587.49 |
| Cowart | 935.95 | Turnbough | 5,665.65 |
| Leatherbury | 431.23 | Cuba | 2,345.87 |
| Martens | 353.16 | Spec. Com. | 19,182.41 |
| Teague, D. | 791.89 | | |
| Total | | | \$36,359.68 |

State Goals—1990

| State | Goal 1990 | Goal Through May | Contributions Through May |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alabama | \$ 180,000 | \$ 75,000 | \$ 71,039.77 |
| Arizona | 6,000 | 2,500 | 2,118.97 |
| Arkansas | 180,000 | 75,000 | 71,803.50 |
| California | 70,000 | 29,167 | 30,699.21 |
| Colorado | 4,000 | 1,667 | 2,255.10 |
| Florida | 96,000 | 40,000 | 29,486.87 |
| Georgia | 158,000 | 65,833 | 74,822.09 |
| Hawaii | 2,000 | 833 | 2,183.00 |
| Idaho | 1,000 | 417 | 254.91 |
| Illinois | 107,000 | 44,583 | 45,176.35 |
| Indiana | 43,000 | 17,917 | 14,822.58 |
| Iowa | 2,000 | 833 | 831.30 |
| Kansas | 18,000 | 7,500 | 4,784.29 |
| Kentucky | 87,000 | 36,250 | 26,223.15 |
| Louisiana | 300 | 125 | .00 |
| Maryland | 17,000 | 7,083 | 6,757.06 |
| Michigan | 142,000 | 59,167 | 62,246.16 |
| Mississippi | 66,000 | 27,500 | 18,898.31 |
| Missouri | 257,000 | 107,083 | 113,097.01 |
| Montana | 750 | 313 | 462.00 |
| Nevada | 1,000 | 417 | 350.00 |
| New Mexico | 500 | 208 | 420.54 |
| *Northeast Assn. | 5,000 | 2,083 | 1,195.00 |
| **Northwest Assn. | 5,000 | 2,083 | 2,129.81 |
| North Carolina | 445,000 | 185,417 | 203,525.06 |
| Ohio | 125,000 | 52,083 | 49,150.99 |
| Oklahoma | 394,000 | 164,167 | 169,638.06 |
| Pennsylvania | 2,100 | 875 | 450.00 |
| South Carolina | 195,000 | 81,250 | 78,117.25 |
| Tennessee | 499,000 | 207,917 | 199,330.25 |
| Texas | 110,000 | 45,833 | 52,068.85 |
| Virginia | 140,000 | 58,333 | 50,902.72 |
| Virgin Islands | 3,000 | 1,250 | 470.00 |
| West Virginia | 76,000 | 31,667 | 31,526.82 |
| Miscellaneous | 79,502 | 33,126 | 61,336.64 |
| Totals | \$3,517,152 | \$1,465,480 | \$1,478,573.62 |

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

**Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

Evangelistic Campaign Reaps 23 Conversions

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—An evangelistic campaign was held in the village of Appimadoum near Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, June 11-13 with 23 people making professions of faith.

According to missionary Robert Bryan, 60 people from Bondoukou and other churches in that area went to the village and stayed the full three days doing door-to-door visitation and witnessing. Robert declared, "There was a good interest from the older people in the village."

Christians and leaders plan several months of follow-up so the fruit can be preserved. They hope to organize a new church in this village as a result of the campaign.

Missionaries Jerry Pinkerton and Ron Moore also participated in the special evangelistic effort.

Herseys Start English Classes for Outreach

Japan—Missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey have started teaching English conversation classes in the Bihoro and Abashiri churches in northern Japan as a means of outreach with the gospel. According to the Herseys, classes at Bihoro started in May with 26 enrolled and the Abashiri classes started June 4 with 31 people registered.

"After every class we have a five-to-ten-minute message," writes Fred. "We let them know that our purpose is to introduce them to the Bible and Jesus."

Evelyn has also started cooking classes at Bihoro.

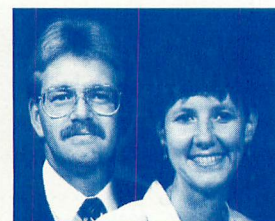
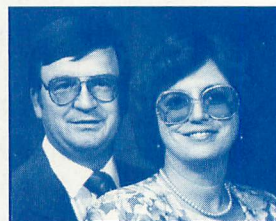
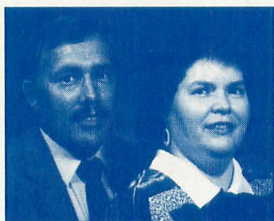
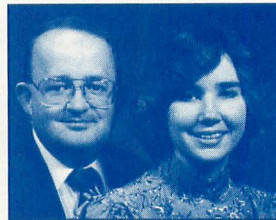
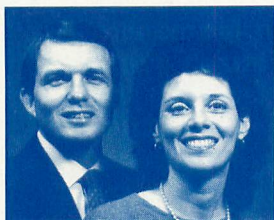
Six Couples Ready to Leave for Their Fields

Nashville, Tenn.—Six missionary couples are scheduled to leave for their fields of service during July and August:

Tom and Patty McCullough are scheduled to depart on July 29 to resume their work in St. Nazaire, France.

Paul and Rhoda Creech hope to leave on July 30 to begin their ministry at the school in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, working with missionary children, etc.

Norman and Bessie Richards and Robert and Pam West are tenta-



Leaving for their fields of service are (top, left to right) Tom and Patty McCullough, Paul and Rhoda Creech, Norman and Bessie Richards, (bottom) Robert and Pam West, Dale and Sandra Bishop, and Stan and Brenda Bunch.

tively scheduled to leave on August 9 for Côte d'Ivoire where the Wests will resume their ministry at Doropo and the Richards will return to Agnibilekrou.

Dale and Sandra Bishop and their family are set to depart on August 13 to resume their ministry in the Koinonia church in Nopporo, Japan.

Stan and Brenda Bunch hope to leave shortly after the foreign missions retreat in August to resume their work in Parita, Panama.

Heaths to Continue in Germany; Students Help

Germany—Missionary affiliates Dennis and Mary Heath were expecting to leave Germany sometime this year due to a disability which Dennis suffered from an errant surgery in 1987. But they will be remaining!

After an Air Force board examined the Heath case, they decided to keep Dennis on active duty because he is employed in a "critical specialty," his commander considers him one of his greatest assets, he has nearly 12 years of experience in his field, and the disability would have been only about 10 percent.

Student missionaries Traci Epps and Kim Zegelen were to join the Heaths in May. They were scheduled to assist in building up the work in Germany while also helping in a vacation Bible school for MKs at the European missionary retreat late in June.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

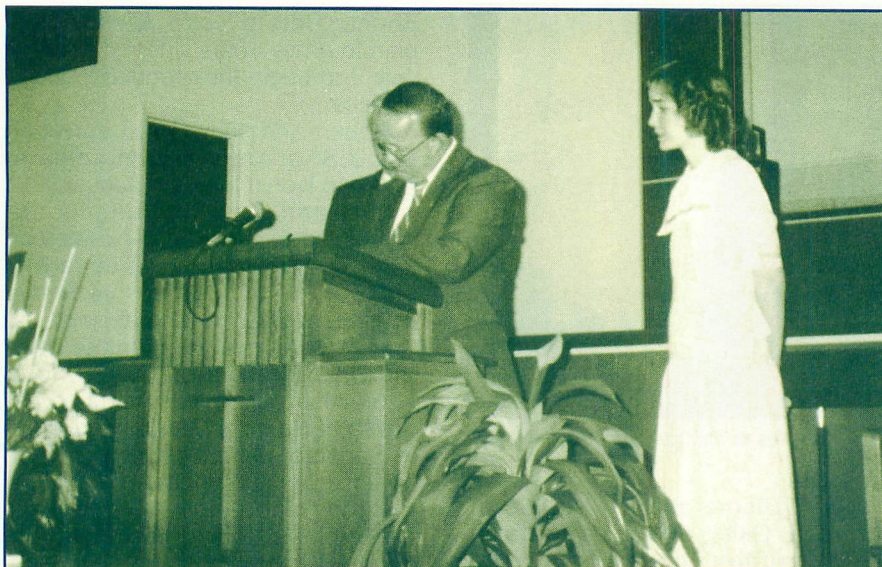
Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Robert Bryan, who is currently home for a short furlough, indicated a new court hearing for the lawsuit against the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan had been set for July 6. Although the former judgment went against the plaintiff, he has appealed the case.

Walnut Ridge, Ark.—A record vacation Bible school offering was reported by the children of the First FWB Church in Walnut Ridge, Ark. The children raised \$670.39 for the Norman Richards account. Larry Hughes is pastor of the church.

Brazil—Commenting on conditions of construction in the Campinas church in Brazil, missionary Jim Sturgill writes: "Now that most of the work is finished, we are entering a new phase of ministry—that of reaching new contacts. Many are visiting our church now that we are in the new building."

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton report the naming of a new pastor by the Bondoukou FWB Church. The majority of the church chose Pastor Koffi David.

Russia—According to a report from Campus Crusade for Christ, the Soviet government has given the organization permission to print 1,000,000 Bibles in the Russian language. They will also be able to include the four spiritual laws and



Paul and Rhoda Creech, associate missionary appointees, sign their commitment papers during the commissioning service at Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn.

other evangelism helps in the appendix, including "answers for atheists."

Panama—Missionary Steve Lytle reported that he went to the Las Tablas area of Panama recently and taught part of one of the Bible institute courses in three long sessions. The Las Tablas area is where the Larry Inscoes had been laboring. No resident missionary is in that area at the present time.

Brazil—Valerie Sturgill, 14-year-old daughter of missionaries Jim and Vicki Sturgill, dislocated her knee in mid-February and has been in a cast for some time. Latest reports indicate the cast is off and she is undergoing physical therapy.

Japan—Pastor Kawasaki of the Ai No Sato church in northern Japan has been left with sole responsibility for outreach of the new congregation. Missionaries Don and Ruth McDonald returned to the United States on furlough in May and the assistant pastor of the church recently went to a neighboring city to begin a new church. Christians were urged to pray for Kawasaki since he has had a struggle with ill health.

Brazil—Ken and Marvis Eagleton, who are currently working with the Central Bible College in Jaboticabal, Brazil, are also laboring with the Pirassununga FWB Church on the

weekends. "We leave home at 7:00 a.m. and drive one and one-half hours there and have Sunday school," says Ken. "We visit in the afternoon and, after conducting evening services, we drive back to Jaboticabal arriving around 10:30 p.m. We have made some new contacts and have two invitations to visit in homes of unsaved people."

Creeches Commissioned for Service on May 20

Nashville, Tenn.—Paul and Rhoda Creech, associate missionary appointees to the Christian academy at Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, were commissioned on May 20 in the Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville. Ronald Creech, Paul's father, delivered the message and General Director R. Eugene Waddell gave the commissioning charge.

Fleda Snow, Rhoda's mother, gave her thoughts as a mother sending her daughter to Ivory Coast. Mary Belle Creech, Paul's mother, added her thoughts as well. Charles (Chuck) Snow, Rhoda's father, prayed the dedicatory prayer. Eddie Hodges gave the scripture reading and Jim Mullen prayed the benediction. Both are brothers-in-law to Paul. Family members presented the special music for the occasion.

The Creeches are scheduled to depart for Côte d'Ivoire by the first of August.

New Convert Attacked by Thugs; Prayer Requested

Uruguay—Gustavo, a new convert in the Montevideo church in Uruguay, was recently attacked by four thugs who left him for dead. They caught him at night as he was returning from the bank where he had withdrawn about \$50.

According to Walter and Marcia Ellison, Gustavo managed to make it to prayer meeting a couple of nights later. The church group had prayer for him and gave him and his wife, Mariel, an offering of about \$20. The Ellisons noted that Gustavo had been an alcoholic but "the Lord is giving him strength."

The Ellisons also reported the conversion of a lady in the Montevideo church on a Sunday night near the end of May.

Book Table, Bible Clubs Used in Mostoles Work

Spain—According to Lynn Midgett, missionary to Mostoles, Spain, the church has set up a book table in a street one Saturday per month since April.

Lynn works with missionaries Ron and Linda Callaway who are trying to reestablish the Mostoles work after giving up their rented building. Currently the group is meeting in the Callaways' apartment.

Other plans for June and July included one-week Bible clubs and distribution of tracts and pamphlets to make new contacts in the area. They urged people to pray for these activities.

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Don Robirds, director of communications (right), congratulates former general director J. Reford Wilson on his retirement from active pastoral ministry.

Former Missions Head Honored at Retirement

Aurora, Ill.—Pastor J. Reford Wilson, a former general director of foreign missions, was honored Sunday, June 17, as he preached his farewell sermon at Butterfield Community Church in Aurora, Ill. Wilson, who had pastored the church for 11 years, decided to retire.

Melvin Worthington, executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, shared in the special afternoon session citing Wilson's faithfulness in the Lord's work in the denomination.

Don Robirds, director of communications for foreign missions, represented the Department of Foreign Missions and commended Reford's faithfulness to world evangelism. In addition to serving as missions executive, he spent 16 years on the Board of Foreign Missions besides teaching missions at Hillsdale FWB College for four years.

David Shores, Illinois state promotional secretary, praised Wilson's contribution to the work of Free Will Baptists in the state.

The church prepared a special book of letters from friends which was presented to Reford and his wife, Jean, along with a check for nearly \$4,000 to help them in their retirement. The church also provided a lunch and fellowship time for the Wilsons and their friends.

Billy Melvin, executive secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, served as master of ceremonies for the afternoon program. Darrell Fulton coordinated the event.

The Wilsons plan to reside in Norman, Okla., and hope to travel some in their recently acquired motor home.

Mozambique Opens the Door to Missionaries

Mozambique—The government of Mozambique is now allowing church planting and construction of missions schools, according to *The Church Around the World*. The country had been under Marxist-Leninist control since 1975 but was liberated last year by the Congress of Mozambique Liberation.

Reports indicate the government has officially registered The Evangelical Alliance Mission, thus giving TEAM missionaries easier access to work in the country.

The United Nations lists Mozambique as one of the poorest countries in the world.

Six Couples, Two Single Missionaries to Arrive

Nashville, Tenn.—Six missionary couples and two single ladies were scheduled to arrive in the United States from their fields in June and July. Some will be visiting, some will spend short furloughs, and others will be on regular deputational schedules.

Miss Vivian Waller, associate missionary teacher from Japan, was scheduled to arrive on June 26 for a short visit.

Carlisle and Marie Hanna are tentatively scheduled to arrive in the United States on July 4 to begin a three-month furlough from India.

Clint and Lynette Morgan from

Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, plan to arrive in the United States on July 9 to begin their regular furlough ministry.

Robert and Judy Bryan arrived in the U.S. on June 15 and plan to return to Ivory Coast on August 22.

Jim and Evelyn Teague are scheduled to arrive in the States on July 14 as they end their three-year hitch at the school for missionary children at Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire.

Miss Mirial Gainer plans to be in the United States on July 15 for a short visit before returning to her duties at Hokusei Gakuen University in Sapporo, Japan. Mirial serves as an associate missionary.

Bobby and Geneva Poole have made plans to land in the U.S. on June 29 to begin a short furlough. They have expressed an urgent need to be back in Brazil in early January.

Walter and Marcia Ellison were scheduled to begin a short furlough on July 1 after completing four and one-half terms in Uruguay.

Educational Help Is Requested by China

China—According to a report in *The Church Around the World*, the People's Republic of China is requesting experienced and qualified Christian professionals to teach at universities and industrial settings in the country.

The report indicated teachers are needed in science, business, law, and English. A Master's degree with teaching experience is required for all positions except English.

For information, a person may contact Educational Resources and Referrals—China, 2606 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Calif., 94794. For telephone communication, dial 415 548-7519.

Opportunity Opens Up for Crosbys in Spain

Spain—"Since moving into our house, the Lord has opened new doors of opportunity for witnessing," writes Dwain Crosby from Madrid, Spain.

"Our neighbors are exceptionally friendly and helpful. They had us over for coffee once and have had us in their home on more than one occasion," Crosby continued.

"The husband is an executive with Alcatel (the European branch of ITT). The wife is a full-time mother and housewife. Their names are Juan Antonio, Maria Carmen, and their daughter, Laura. Please remember them in prayer," Dwain concluded.

Côte d'Ivoire Experiences Serious Political Unrest

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionaries in Côte d'Ivoire report political unrest has been evident in the country over the past few months. Teachers have been striking and students have been rioting in the streets of several cities.

According to reports, the government has closed all high schools for the rest of the school year. The economy has slumped badly and many government employees have taken a cut in pay.

Hindu "Hit List" Marks Indian Christian Workers

India—According to a report in the June issue of *The Church Around the World*, the lives of several Christians working in southern India with Gospel for Asia have received letters indicating they are on the "hit list" of a radical Hindu group.

The report indicated threats came following the ambush and killing of Brother Abraham, a Gospel for Asia affiliate pastor in the southern state of Tamil Nadu.

One mission worker is continuing his literature distribution in the southern city of Bangalore despite a confrontation with members of the radical group who threatened to burn him to death.

Aldridges Return After Visit to S. America

Nashville, Tenn.—Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife, Janie, returned to the United States on June 16 after a five-week trip to Uruguay and Brazil.

While in South America, the Aldridges visited Free Will Baptist works, met with missionaries in the field council, and with national leaders in sharing sessions.

"One of the highlights of our trip was a meeting with the executive committee of the Brazilian As-



Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary (center), teaches the missions class at the central Bible college in Jaboticabal, Brazil. He dealt with the preparation process for new missionaries.

sociation of Free Will Baptists and the executive committee of the Brazil field council," says Jimmy. "The meeting was held at Jaboticabal on June 2."

Aldridge said 22 people—18 Brazilians and four missionaries—participated in the historical meeting. They discussed relationships between the national church and the mission, joint projects, and plans for future development.

"It was a thrill for me to be a part of this meeting," Jimmy said. "Our Brazilian brethren openly shared with us problems that needed solving and their dreams for the development of the Free Will Baptist denomination for that land."

One of the immediate results of that meeting was the scheduling of a planning session to be held shortly. This will involve all the missionaries and the ordained Brazilian pastors.

Seminar Teachers Needed for Eastern Europe

Seattle, Wash.—Storehouse Ministries in Seattle, Wash., recently launched "Project Macedonian Call," a program to conduct teaching seminars in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. This is designed to meet the needs of the thousands who are coming to faith in Christ in those countries.

Project coordinator Don Hawkinson indicated the seminars would be conducted on topics such as "Marriage and the Family," "Discipleship," "How to Share Your Faith," "Spiritual Gifts," and "Prayer." Due to the shortage of Christian teachers and pastors in the Eastern

Bloc nations, some pastors oversee six to ten congregations.

Hawkinson urged interested pastors and teachers to contact Storehouse Ministries at P.O. Box 77044, Seattle, Wash. 98177 or call 206 353-0334. Orientation programs for teaching teams will be held July 22 and September 17.

140 Attend Youth Camp in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Over 140 people showed up in Bouna recently for a youth camp which lasted three days and three nights.

According to Clint Morgan, Robert, Bouna's student pastor and the director of the youth camp, suffered a broken arm during the camp. Unfortunately, Dr. Eagleton was on furlough so missionaries had to take the young man to the Conservative Baptist Hospital in Ferkessedougou. This is four hours away from Bouna. It took doctors 20 minutes to set the bone and the travelers were on their way back home.

New Rights Granted Non-Catholics in Spain

Spain—The Spanish government has signed an accord granting first-ever legal recognition and rights to non-Roman Catholics, according to a report in *The Church Around the World*.

The new agreement provides legal recognition to Jewish and evangelical mixed marriages. It also allows religious instruction in different faiths in the public schools.

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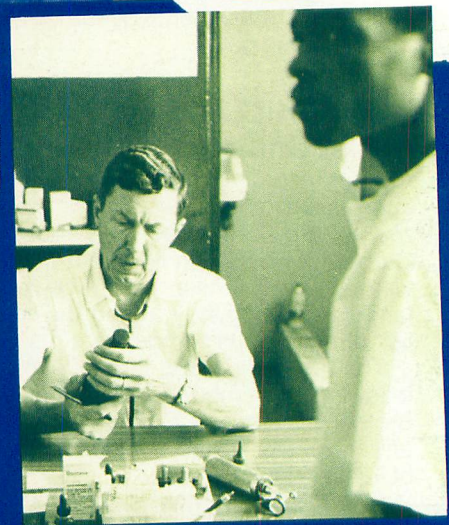
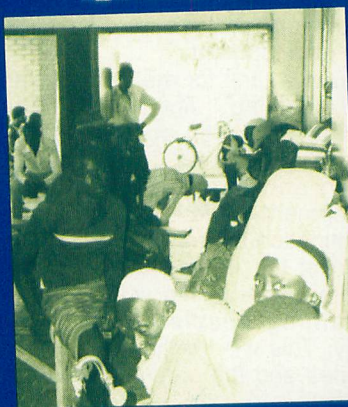
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