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## Will Free Will Baptists Reach Out to the Nations of the Eastern Bloc?



*Free Will Baptist layman Chuck Snow of Decatur, Ga., gives a Russian New Testament to a Muslim resident of a remote Alpine village in Soviet Georgia.*

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Jim and Karen Cowart will return to Brazil after three years in the United States and closed doors for aviation ministry.

## Board Meets, Reinstates Cowarts, Okays Doctor

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Board of Foreign Missions held its annual session April 30-May 2 at the National Offices building in Nashville, Tenn.

The board reinstated Jim and Karen Cowart as missionaries to Brazil. The Cowarts had resigned in 1987 to pursue further training and to seek a ministry through aviation.



Dr. Priscilla Welch

That door has closed and they have expressed a genuine desire to return to Brazil.

Dr. Priscilla Welch of Turberville, S.C., was approved for a short term as a member of the medical staff at the clinic and hospital in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire.

Tanya Hart, a teacher at Trinity Christian School in Greenville, N.C., was approved to serve during the summer with Jim and Vicki Sturgill in Brazil.

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe of Panama and Sherwood and Vada Lee of Ivory Coast were both granted a leave of absence for one year. The Inscoes—who made their request due to medical, emotional, and educational needs—began their leave on April 15. The Lees have asked for leave due to health needs and are scheduled to begin their inactive status following the foreign missions retreat in August.

The Japan field council was authorized to set up a school to educate their children. Miss Vivian Waller is scheduled to be the teacher.

The board adopted a budget for 1991 of \$3,979,859 and an additional \$150,000 for Advance.

Several prospective missionary candidates were interviewed.

Joe Grizzle, who visited Ivory Coast in April, shared with the board and staff a videotape of his trip, and Dan Cronk showed slides of his trip to India and Spain.

Meeting dates were set for December 3-6, 1990; April 29-May 1, 1991; and retreat—July 29-August 2, 1991.

Board officers were retained for the coming year: chairman, Bill Jones; vice chairman, Norwood Gibson; and clerk, Galen Dunbar.

## Christians in Ribeirão Present Drama at Easter

**Brazil**—Twelve people from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, presented an hour-long drama, "Before Nightfall," in three FWB churches in the area on Easter weekend. The production was based on the parable of the Good Samaritan.

According to Bobby and Geneva Poole, the group received two other invitations to present the drama.

## Grizzlies Visit Mission Works in Côte d'Ivoire

**Norman, Okla.**—Joe Grizzle, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Norman, Okla., and his wife, Billie, left for Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) on March 26. The couple was accompanied by Betty Wood, a member of the church. They returned to the United States on April 13.

Although they visited other areas, the three spent much of the time in the area of Bouna with Mike and Deleen Cousineau who are members of the Norman church.

The church raised the money for the Grizzlies' trip as a love gift.

Joe is a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

## Missionary Conference Held by Betania Church

**Panama**—"We celebrated our missionary conference April 25-29," write Steve and Judy Lytle from Panama City, Panama. "We were a bit disappointed that we had not met

our faith-promise goal set last April, but we were thankful that in the midst of the worst economic crisis in Panama's history, Betania FWB Church gave \$1,734 to world missions."

The Lytles indicated that the Bible institute classes were going full force by the end of January. They have 35 students and five teachers this quarter. Steve also taught an intensive course in the interior for some 10 students from Las Tablas and Parita.

## Five Depart for Student Missionary Service

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Four student missionaries left in May for their fields of service during the summer months and another left in June.



Traci Epps



Kim Zegelian



Nancy Thomas



Elizabeth Stancill



Tanya Hart

Traci Epps of Locust Grove, Okla., and Kim Zegelian of Jacksonville, N.C., are serving with Dennis and Mary Heath in Germany. Traci left the United States on May 15 and

Kim departed on May 22.

Nancy Thomas of Knoxville, Tenn., left on May 20 for Japan where she is helping Jim and Olena McLain.

Elizabeth Stancill of Durham, N.C., departed on May 31 for Brazil where she is working with Bobby and Sue Aycock.





The pilot of a Russian airliner looks at a Bible presented to him by Chuck Snow when he and his wife, Fleda, of Decatur, Ga., went to Russia in April as a part of the Friendship Force exchange.

Tanya Hart of Greenville, N.C., is scheduled to leave on June 20 for Brazil where she is to labor with Jim and Vicki Sturgill.

Zegelien and Thomas are students of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville; Traci Epps is from Hillsdale FWB College; Elizabeth Stancill is a student at Southeastern FWB College; and Tanya Hart is a teacher at Trinity Christian School in Greenville, N.C.

Each is to serve between eight and ten weeks.

## 23 Baptized in Bouna, Flakiedougou Areas

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—Ten young people from the Bouna church were baptized in March by missionaries Clint Morgan and Mike Cousineau.

One week later on April 1 at Flakiedougou, a village 100 kilometers south of Bouna, 13 more converts were baptized.

Jerome, a Bible institute student, has been working in this area. He is conducting two more classes of 18 and 35 who are preparing for baptism. He hopes to see all 53 baptized before the Morgans and Cousineaus depart for furlough this summer.

## Candidate School Held in April for Two Couples

*Nashville, Tenn.*—A one-week Candidate School program was conducted April 16-20 in Nashville, Tenn., for two couples already appointed to missionary service. Associate missionaries Paul and Rhoda Creech and Mark and Juli Riggs were the student participants.

Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary, planned and coordinated the program of the school. Administrative staff members and missionaries conducted the classes.

## Paschalls to Leave for Côte d'Ivoire on July 2

*Detroit, Mich.*—Dr. Mark Paschall and his wife, Kathy, are scheduled to leave July 2 for Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, where the doctor will serve at the medical center.

Mark and Kathy originally planned to leave in April or May but were delayed due to pending surgery on their son, Ethan, 14 months old. Surgery was performed on the child's heel on April 30 and a long cast was placed on the leg. He was scheduled to wear the cast four weeks, then he was expected to have a shorter cast for another two weeks.

The Paschalls also have a three-year-old daughter, Emily. Mark and Kathy plan to return to the United States on August 22.

## Georgia Couple Visits Russia, Carries Bibles

*Decatur, Ga.*—Chuck and Fleda Snow of Decatur, Ga., visited the Soviet Union from April 17 to May 1 as part of a Friendship Force exchange between the Russian state of Georgia and the state of Georgia in the U.S. While they were in Russia, 250 Soviet Georgians were visiting in the Atlanta area.

The Snows, parents of missionary appointee Rhoda Creech, carried 100 New Testaments in Russian which included a study guide. They experienced no difficulty in giving

the Bibles to people who wanted them. Chuck gave one to the airline pilot and another to a Muslim and said it was the first time a Bible had ever been seen in the man's village.

Chuck and Fleda were hosted by a couple with a 14-year-old son. The husband is an engineer while the wife is a school teacher.

The chairman of the Soviet television station in the area came to see the Snows in the home of their hosts and thanked them for bringing the New Testaments. He indicated he was planning to give a public "thank-you" on television.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Japan*—A recent report from Fred and Evelyn Hersey in Japan indicated Evelyn had another small malignant lump removed in May. Christians were urged to pray for the couple. They will remain on the field, and Evelyn will continue to receive special hormone treatment to combat any future reoccurrences.

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Foreign missions board members Bob Trimble and Galen Dunbar are scheduled to visit the fields of France and Spain during June and July. Bob's wife, Nancy, and Galen's wife, Barbara, will accompany the duo as they look over the work and encourage the missionaries. The Trimbles plan to depart on June 15 and the Dunbars will depart on June 18. Both couples plan to return on July 6.

*France*—Twenty-nine students from seven different countries attended a

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## Financial Summary

Through April 30

### Substance

Total income for April .....	\$ 317,639.06
Total income through April .....	1,163,218.24
Total disbursements through April .....	1,154,144.56
Projected income through April .....	1,123,040.00
Total 1990 Budget .....	<b>\$3,517,152.00</b>
ADVANCE gifts through April .....	\$ 26,122.52
1990 ADVANCE Budget .....	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

### Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey .....	\$ 717.55	Teague, D. ....	\$ 2,240.54
Combs .....	3,997.05	Teague, J. ....	1,625.51
Cousineau .....	1,545.69	Turnbough .....	2,034.74
Cowart .....	1,168.00	Wiley .....	521.65
Martens .....	102.73	Cuba .....	2,351.45
Morgan .....	840.98	Spec. Com. ....	19,187.87
Total .....			<b>\$36,333.76</b>



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pizza party on Friday evening, March 23, at the apartment of Charolette Tallent in Nantes, France. Several of these were friends of those who have been studying with Charolette and Steve and Becky Riggs. This afforded several new contacts for evangelism.

**Uruguay**—The Sower Bible Institute in Montevideo resumed studies during the week of April 17 with seven full-time students. Five men and two women make up the student body.

**Morehead City, N.C.**—Ruby Barker, mother of missionary Molly Barker, underwent open-heart bypass surgery on May 23 at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C. Latest reports indicated Mrs. Barker was in critical condition.

**Uruguay**—For several weeks missionary Marcia Ellison has been suffering from digestive problems. Doctors have tested for gallstones, gastritis, and duodenal irritation. At last report they had not pinpointed her problem.

**Brazil**—The Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil held its anniversary celebration May 25-27 with missionaries Norman McFall, Earnie Deeds, and Dave Franks doing the preaching for the event.

**Comanche, Tex.**—James and Barbara Holland, parents of missionary Ernest Holland, left the United States on April 4 to visit Ernest and Elaine in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. They returned on May 5.

**Ste. Genevieve, Mo.**—On April 9 Jeffrey Deeds, son of missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds, graduated from Parks College with an Airframe and Powerplant Certificate. On April 16 he assumed a position with Sabreliner Corporation in Perryville, Mo., as an airplane mechanic.

## **Eight to Graduate from Bible Institute Program**

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—Eight students are scheduled to graduate from the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, on June 3. General Director R. Eugene Waddell and his wife, Genevieve, were scheduled to be on hand for this historical event for Free Will Baptists in Ivory Coast.

"We believe these young men will play a key role in bringing about unity on the field," writes missionary Clint Morgan. "They have been together for three years now and have drawn very close."

## **Moore's Return to Visit Terminally Ill Father**

**Mountain Grove, Mo.**—Missionaries Ron and Linda Moore returned to the United States on April 19 for a short vacation prior to proceeding to Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) to begin their ministry. Linda's father, Mr. Charley Rich, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. The Moores spent most of their vacation visiting with the ailing Christian father.

Ron and Linda left for Ivory Coast on May 16 and are tentatively scheduled to serve in the area of

Bondoukou. They finished their language study in France the first week in April.

## **Second Burglary in Six Months Hits Hughes Home**

**Brazil**—According to missionaries Tom and Nancy Hughes in Uberlandia, Brazil, robbers broke into their home in March and stole around \$1,000 worth of mission and personal items. This was the second burglary in the past six months.

"We are in the process of installing heavier bars on the windows and reinforced steel doors," writes Tom. "In this time of economic crisis, robbery has been an increasing problem."

## **Morgan Auto Hits Child on Bouake Street**

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—While in Bouake to pick up his boys from school during the last week of March, missionary Clint Morgan was involved in an auto accident in which his car struck a four-year-old girl.

According to Lynette, "The Lord's hand was on him because at the same time he hit the child on the right bumper he hit a car on the left. This lessened the blow to the child. She was thrown four and one-half meters but was not seriously injured."

When Morgan took the boys back to school, he visited the police who indicated all was over except for the insurance payment on repairs to the auto and the child's medical bills.

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