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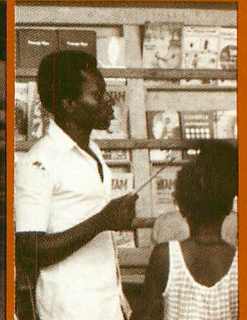
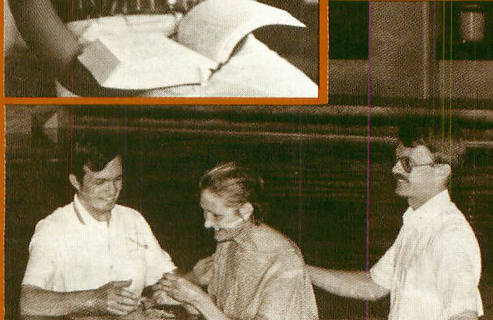
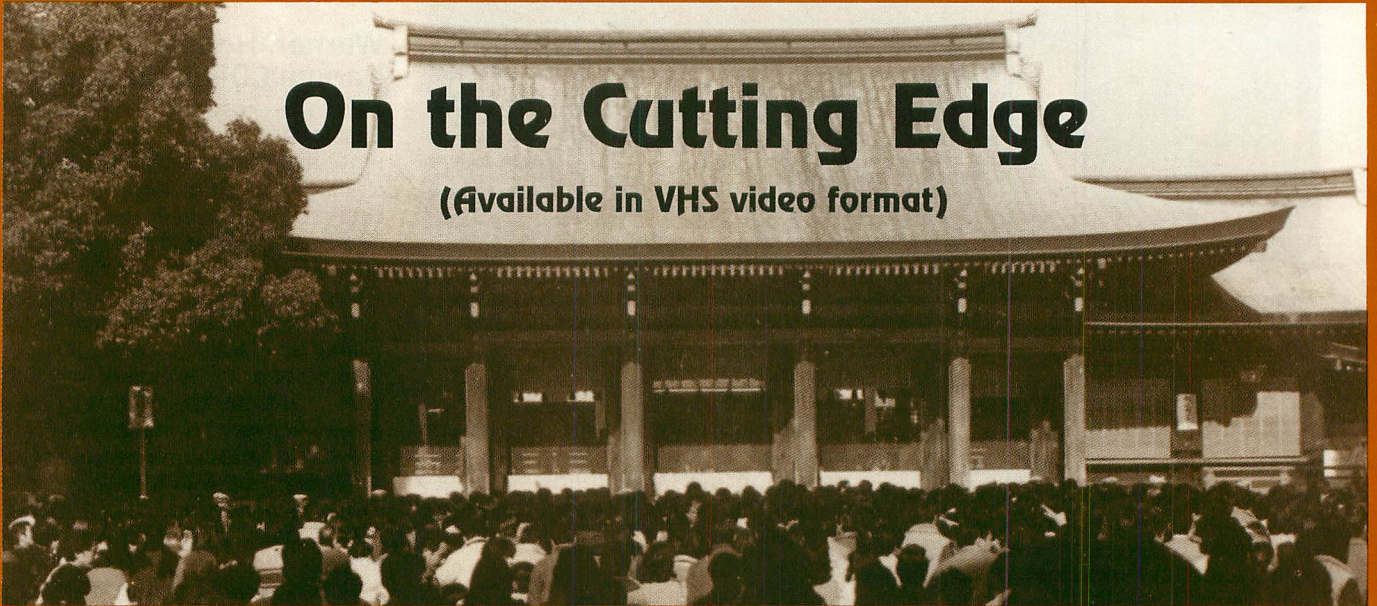
HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world

On the Cutting Edge

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EVANGELISM

"The Heart of Foreign Missions"



This team of international students will participate in an evangelism conference in Alabama. Pictured left to right (top row) Mark Inscoe, Benedito Vicente, Carlos Rubio, John Inscoe, and Gene Richards; (bottom row) Erica Diaz, Kazumi Nabeno, Kathryn Lee, Carolyn McKinney, and Randal Richards.

Conference to Feature International Students

Northport, Ala.—The Mt. Moriah Association of Free Will Baptists will feature international Free Will Baptist students during its evangelism conference in Northport, Ala., on April 6 and 7, 1990. The conference will be held in Phillip's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church where Terrell Jones is pastor.

The international students will be involved on Friday evening while Saturday's services will feature foreign missions personnel. With evangelism around the world as the theme for Foreign Missions Month, Fred Warner, director of missionary-church relations, and Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary, will be speaking from "the heart of foreign missions."

The international students group includes foreign students Erica Diaz of Panama, Carlos Rubio of Mexico, and Kazumi Nabeno of Japan. Also included are missionary kids John Inscoe, Mark Inscoe, Gene Richards, Randal Richards, Kathryn Lee, and Carolyn McKinney. All are presently enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Heaths Report Special Communion Service

Germany—Missionary affiliates Dennis and Mary Jo Heath, who have started a new work in Ramstein Village in Germany, reported having special Thanksgiving and Christmas services which were "especially

memorable."

The Christmas service was devoted to dealing with the incarnation of Christ followed by a communion and feet washing service.

Plans, Progress Reported for St. Sebastien Work

France—Missionaries Dennis and Carol Teague reported recently that their weekly services have had eight to 11 people attending since they initiated their work in St. Sebastien, France.

The group was able to buy a piano recently to add to their worship services. They have been hampered by street noise and have sought to discover a way to divide their rented building for children's classes.

Plans for the work included a big day early in the year to try to get

non-Christian friends to come together so the Teagues could explain more fully the purpose of their ministry in St. Sebastien. They will also be seeking to reach out to more non-believers in the community.

Warner, Hollifield See Panama Disaster Area

Panama—Fred Warner, director of missionary-church relations for foreign missions, and Pastor Milton Hollifield of Rocky Pass Free Will Baptist Church in Nebo, N.C., visited Panama from January 8 to January 24. This was shortly after the invasion by U.S. military forces.

"I'm glad I was permitted to go to Panama. Without a doubt, it was the high point of my 30 years in the ministry," writes Mr. Warner. "But I would not have wanted to be there without the presence of our troops."

Warner noted that most people in Panama were grateful for "Operation Just Cause" and for Noriega's removal.

"I had never been in a war zone before and the smell of dead bodies from a few days before was gone, but the air was still rank with the smell of garbage, etc.," Fred continued. Both men happened to be in front of Noriega's headquarters when the first vice president of Panama, Arias Calderón, and President Endara appeared.

The Lytle family remained in their home for six full days during the turmoil since it was unsafe for them to travel. (A more extensive report will be included in the next issue of *Heartbeat*.)

Warner and Hollifield were on hand for the annual convention of

Reporters and curious Panamanians flock around President Endara and Vice President Arias Calderón in front of Noriega's bombed-out headquarters. The Steve Lytles, Fred Warner, and Pastor Milton Hollifield happened to be there at the time.



Free Will Baptist churches in Panama which met January 12 and 13 at the Betania Free Will Baptist Church. Over 200 people attended the event in spite of the circumstances.

According to Warner, services on Sunday, January 14, began at 8:00 a.m. and went non-stop until 3:30 p.m. Dinner was served for 200 people that day. Both Warner and Hollifield preached in the services.

In spite of the turmoil, the men were able to travel to the interior and visit several Free Will Baptist works. They returned to the United States on January 24.

McFalls Settle in Belo Horizonte, Have New Son

Brazil—Missionaries Norman and Laura McFall have settled in Belo Horizonte in the state of Minas Gerais where they hope to be able to open a new work along with the Dave Franks family.

"The Lord has opened many doors of opportunity to witness and to make friends," writes Norman. "There are several people we are working with and praying for to make decisions for Christ."

The McFalls became parents for the first time on January 11 when Samuel Aaron was born. He weighed six pounds 15 ounces.

Auto of Leatherbury and Martens Being Repaired

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The automobile accident in Côte d'Ivoire reported in the January-February issue of *Heartbeat*, which involved Glennda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens, left the girls temporarily

without an automobile. Reports indicate their injuries, which were not severe, have pretty much healed.

The accident occurred on a one-lane dirt road with tall elephant grass on each side. As the duo rounded a curve, they met a bridge. Mechanics are now repairing the auto in spite of its being demolished (by U.S. standards).

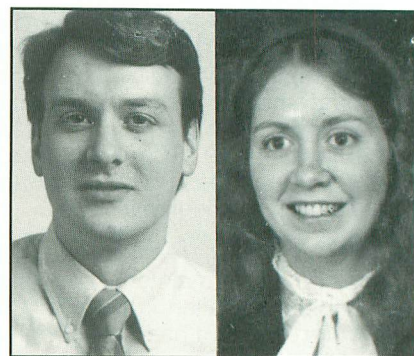
Three Churches Join for Christmas Program

Brazil—All three Free Will Baptist congregations in Campinas, Brazil, met on December 23 to present their plays and Christmas programs. According to missionary Vicki Sturgill, more than 20 unsaved neighbors and friends were on hand for the special events.

This was the first service to be held in the new building of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas. Although the new building is not completed, Vicki noted it is now usable. Many visitors have been attending since they started using the new structure. Sturgill requested prayer that these might be reached for Christ.

A New Year's Eve service was also held at the First Church with Dr. Kenneth Eagleton on hand from Ivory Coast to show his slides of the work there. In addition to this, the program consisted of songs, testimonies, the Lord's Supper and feet washing, etc. The woman's auxiliary of the church prepared a meal for the group.

In a final note, the Sturgills indicated that one person had been saved each Sunday during the month of December.



Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall will go to Ivory Coast in May for a short assignment.

Dr. Mark Paschall to Help in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Dr. Mark Paschall and his wife, Kathy, are scheduled to go to Côte d'Ivoire sometime in May to relieve Sherwood Lee and Dr. Kenneth Eagleton in the medical ministry for a short period of time.

The Paschalls had been scheduled to depart in April, however Ethan, their son, had to undergo surgery on his right heel prior to departure. The surgery had to be postponed a number of times due to congestion in Ethan's throat and chest.

The Paschalls, of Central Free Will Baptist Church in Royal Oak, Mich., will be working under difficult circumstances without another resident physician and will be limited in communication skills.

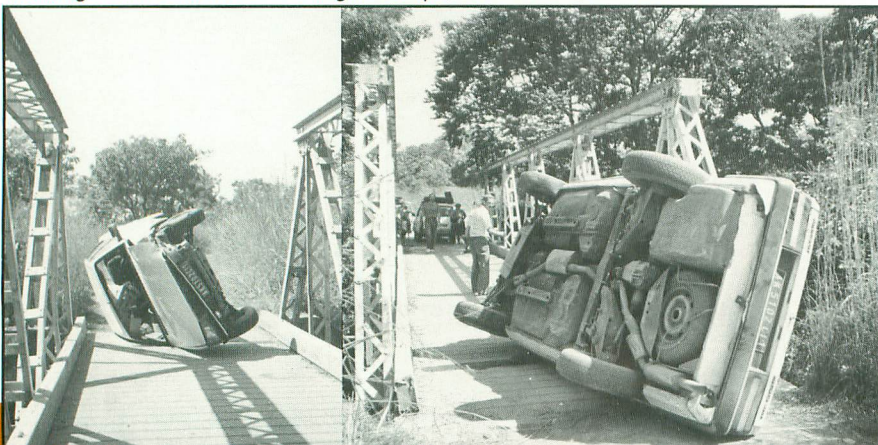
Crosbys Find House, Begin Language Study

Spain—Dwain and Debbie Crosby, who arrived in Spain in December, were praising the Lord recently when they were able to rent a furnished house in the Madrid area for \$640 per month when houses were going for approximately \$1,500 at the time. The owners of the house were leaving for Chile for several years and were willing to rent the house to them fully furnished, including major appliances.

The Crosbys are involved in Spanish language study. Dwain goes into Madrid by train to study at the university while Debbie is doing her studies by private tutor at home.

The couple urged Christians to pray for their complete adjustment and ability to learn the language.

The car of Jalayn Martens and Glennda Leatherbury is shown as it landed after impact with the bridge as the duo were returning to Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, from Bouake.





Missionary Jerry Gibbs stands behind a variety of flags as he conducts services at St. Nazaire during the church's November Missions Month emphasis.

Maranatha Christmas Gift Provides \$1,521 for India

Florence, S.C.—A special Christmas project of Maranatha Christian School in Florence, S.C., raised \$1,521.41 to be used by Carlisle and Marie Hanna for building needs in North India.

Norwood Gibson, South Carolina promotional director, was presented the check on January 12 by Josh Poston, a student at the school.

The offering surpassed the \$1,100 goal the group had set. Miss Jan Baxley's fourth grade raised \$635.42 of this money through a Wake-a-thon while teenagers had a Walk-a-thon netting over \$300. All age groups participated in raising the funds.

Maranatha Christian School is a part of the ministry of First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence. Danny Howell is pastor.

Publishing Center Is Exonerated of Charges

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—A recent report from missionary Robert Bryan indicated that the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan has been cleared of all charges which were brought against it by a former employee.

"The court found the accusations were 'without foundation' and that his firing was 'justified,'" says Robert. "It rejected all his claims to awards for damages and interest."

Bryan stated that the publishing center plans to print more than 45 titles in 1990. Nineteen of these are

new. Of the 45, eight will be theological education by extension books which are used to train pastors and lay church leaders.

The Bryans urged people to pray for them as they have a heavy work schedule and are planning a 10-week furlough during the summer of this year.

Brazilian Church Helps Hospital in Côte d'Ivoire

Brazil—The Baptist Church of Sao Luiz de Montes Belo in the state of Goias, Brazil, recently gave \$2,215.25 toward the hospital in Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast).

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton had served the hospital in Sao Luiz and worked with the church there prior to going to Ivory Coast. The Eagleton family recently went by Brazil en route to the United States for furlough and visited the church.

Dr. Jose Rodriguez dos Santos, the owner of the Christian hospital in Sao Luiz, visited the Doropo work in Ivory Coast last year.

Mini-Concert, Film Used for Contacts in Japan

Japan—In October the Ai No Sato Free Will Baptist Church on the island of Hokkaido, Japan, held its second mini-concert with over 70 people in attendance.

"Most were first-timers and we've been praying for some signs of further interest," writes Don McDonald. "A few Sundays ago, we showed a gospel film and had over 30 people. "Several first-time

contacts were made."

The university English Bible study at Ai No Sato continues with three students.

111 Churches Top \$5,000 in Gifts During 1989

Nashville, Tenn.—According to the foreign missions finance department, 111 churches topped the \$5,000 mark in foreign missions giving during 1989. This is an increase of 16 churches in that category over the 1988 total.

Six of these giving churches contributed over \$20,000. Another five gave over \$15,000, and yet another 23 were above the \$10,000 mark.

Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Mich., was number one in giving for the year with \$29,357.54

November Missions Month Observed at St. Nazaire

France—The month of November was set aside for missions emphasis in the St. Nazaire Free Will Baptist Church in France. According to missionary Jerry Gibbs, the entire month was given over to special missions emphases.

The entire church got involved in the program and on the last Sunday of November the group tallied their monthly faith-promise commitment which totaled almost \$300 for missions. Approximately \$90 of this total was directed toward the medical ministry in Ivory Coast.

An international lunch was served following the special service.

Financial Summary

Through January 31, 1990

Substance

Total income for January.....	\$ 293,018.70
Total disbursements through January.....	288,269.65
Projected income through January.....	293,097.00
Total 1990 Budget.....	\$3,517,152.00

Total income for December 1989.....	\$ 325,618.68
Total income through December.....	3,516,590.49
Total disbursements through December.....	3,202,458.78
Total 1989 Budget.....	\$3,279,414.00

ADVANCE gifts through December 1989\$	111,694.06
1989 ADVANCE budget.....	150,000.00

ADVANCE gifts through January.....\$	4,960.24
1990 ADVANCE Budget.....	150,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Smith, J.....\$	755.22	Cuba.....\$	2,294.79
Teague, J.....	684.81	Spec. Com.....	19,187.87
*Turnbough... ..	2,384.36		
Total.....			\$25,307.05

*Medical insurance pending for \$1,875.

Lee Reports Conversion in Tchantifiduo Work

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Sherwood Lee preached in the village of Tchantifiduo early in January and reported the conversion of Hinjirana, a woman who says her sons are Christians. "She wanted to be a follower of the Lord, too," says Sherwood. "She wants her idols burned. Pray that she will have the victory to destroy them without fear."

Sherwood noted that he and Vada had worked with this group years ago when they started meeting under a tree. Today they have a small cement plaster building, and it was packed with 54 people on the morning that Lee was there.

Alcalá Christian School Reluctantly Closed

Spain—A recent report from missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks revealed that the Christian school at the Alcalá Free Will Baptist Church in Alcalá de Henares, Spain, has been closed. The school opened in September of 1987.

The closing was apparently precipitated by a complaint lodged against the school by an unbelieving parent. When the government made an inspection of the classrooms, they were found to be lacking in space and height of ceiling. The school was also short of personnel.

Since other questions regarding legality were involved and requirements for a permit would need to be met, the group decided to close the school until a later date rather than jeopardize the church. Christians were urged to pray that

God would intervene since many of the families were anxious to have the school.

Holland Baptizes 13 in Work Outside Doropo

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Ernest Holland has been working with some of the new Christians at a small village approximately four miles from Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, and baptized 13 converts from that group on Saturday, November 12.

"It was a real joy to see them follow Christ in an outward profession of faith," writes Elaine. "It was special for Ernest because it was his first time to baptize someone over here."

Ernest and Elaine, who are living on the Doropo medical station in Côte d'Ivoire, have been involved in learning the local dialect but have been somewhat hindered due to the workload they have been carrying in the area.

Elaine has been busy with a ladies' Bible class in addition to her work at the hospital and caring for her children.

Two Villalba Converts Joined in Marriage

Spain—According to missionary Jeff Turnbough, Ruben did not necessarily believe in the institution of marriage at the time of his conversion in August of 1987. "Two years and three months later, he cried more than anyone at his wedding as they repeated what to him were very sacred vows," says Jeff.

Turnbough declared this wedding

to be one of the most exciting things to happen at the Villalba work in the last few months. Ruben and Maria Jesús were married on November 18 in the home of the bridegroom in a town called Tomelloso.

The Turnboughs led Ruben to the Lord during the evangelistic campaign in 1987. Ruben later led his girlfriend to Christ. Turnbough baptized both.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

France—Steve Riggs has begun leading an English Bible study for university students in Nantes, France, on Tuesday evenings. A group of eight to ten students attends regularly. They meet in the home of missionary Charolette Tallent.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton write from Bondoukou that over 5,000 students are attending high school in that area. "Pray with us that we will be able to reach many of these students with the gospel this year," write the Pinkertons. "Many come into the reading room just for a smile and a handshake. We want to share more than that with them."

France—Ron and Linda Moore have reported finding five French people who speak very well and are able to help them with their language, sometimes twice a week. The couple will be spending 15-20 hours a week in one-on-one conversation and private tutoring.

Noble, Okla.—Jim Combs, furloughing missionary from Brazil, had surgery on February 21 to correct a massive rupture of a disk. The surgery is to be followed by six weeks of rest.

Charleston, W.Va.—Alice Smith, who recently returned to the United States from Côte d'Ivoire for a short furlough, underwent gallbladder surgery on Wednesday, February 21. She hopes to be able to return to Côte d'Ivoire in April.

Japan—Missionaries Don and Ruth McDonald in Japan have reported the birth of their new baby boy, Evan Benjamin, who arrived on January 10. The lad weighed in at

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Missionary Jeff Turnbough, left, performs the wedding ceremony of Ruben and Maria Jesús, converts from the Villalba work in Spain. Ruben was converted during an evangelistic campaign in August of 1987.



seven pounds eight ounces. Sue Larson, Ruth's sister, went to Japan on January 12 to help with the new arrival and the recovering mother. She returned to the United States on February 19. Sue is the wife of Earl Larson, treasurer/administrative assistant for foreign missions.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—In addition to the maintenance work at the medical station in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Lord has given Dan and Nina Huddleston a ministry with children on the station.

Florence, Ala.—Michael Waddell, son of General Director R. Eugene Waddell, married Mary Ann Malone on January 6, 1990, at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, Ala. Mary's father, Tom Malone, is pastor. The couple is residing in Franklin, Tenn.

Nashville, Tenn.—Byron and Malinda (Ellison) Ross became parents for the first time when Seth Russell was born on November 24, 1989, in Nashville. The baby weighed seven pounds three ounces. He is the third grandchild of missionaries Walter and Marcia Ellison of Uruguay.

Spain—Luis Cabrejas and Maria Luisa Bolaño were united in marriage on December 2, 1989, in the Alcalá de Henares Free Will Baptist Church. Maria is the sister of Juli Riggs, associate missionary appointee to Spain.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary representative Don Sexton underwent surgery for hernia repair on Feb-



Walk-a-thon participants from the Shady Grove FWB Church in Whitesburg, Tenn., gather around the sign of their church as they reminisce over the \$15,333 they have raised through walk-a-thons over the past four years.

ruary 2 in Nashville. He experienced some complications but at last report was making recovery.

France—Natalie Crowson, eight-year-old daughter of missionaries Allan and LaRue Crowson in France, fell during gym class in January and broke both bones above the wrist on one arm.

Brazil—Earnie Deeds baptized eight people on December 31 in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. Those eight and one other joined the church that day.

Donna Daniel Home for Emergency Surgery

Asheville, N.C.—Mark and Donna Daniel arrived in the United States from Côte d'Ivoire on February 17, and Donna was expecting to undergo surgery within a week after her arrival. Donna cut a six-inch gash in her leg all the way to the bone recently when she fell on the blade of a food processor. Evidently

the ligaments were also severed or damaged, and doctors in Côte d'Ivoire were unable to repair the damage.

Christians were urged to pray that surgeons would be successful in treating Donna's injury.

Over \$15,000 Raised by Church in Walk-a-thons

Whitesburg, Tenn.—Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Whitesburg, Tenn., has been active in the annual Tennessee Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions for the past four years. In these four years the church has raised \$15,333 for foreign missions.

The church has won the state award three of those four years and had winners in the youth and adult divisions. Irene Burkhart won the adult division in 1989 raising \$1,050 through her effort. Justin Quinn raised \$501 in the youth division.

Gerald Fender is pastor of the church.

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