

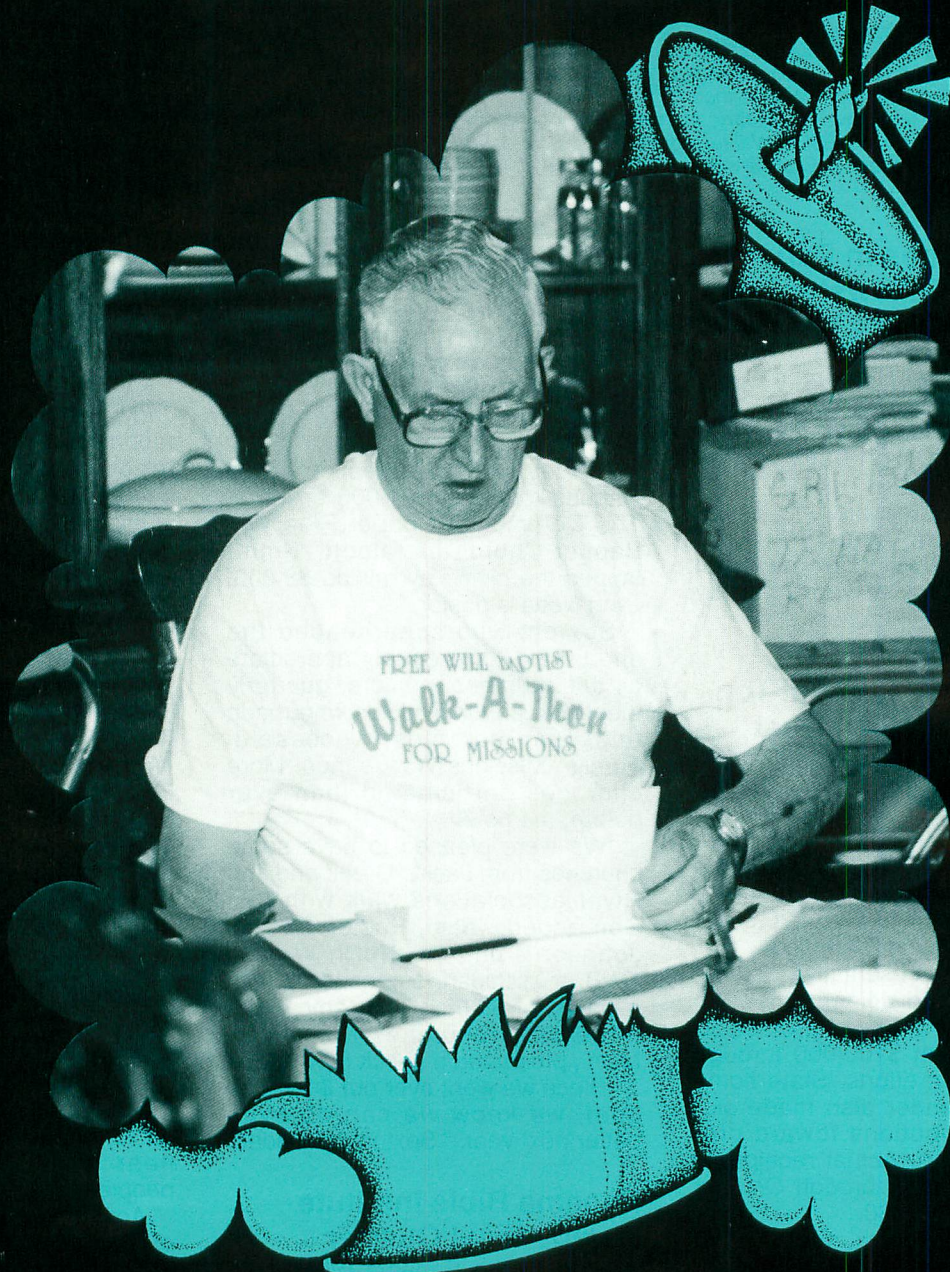
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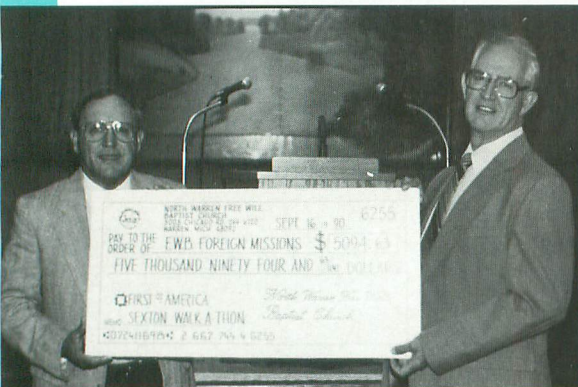
Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world

## ***1990 Foreign Missions Walk-a-thon Proves Successful!***



*Don Sexton, missionary representative and member of the Tennessee Board of Foreign Missions, tallies up some of the receipts from the 1990 Walk-a-thon for foreign missions.*





Left to right, Michigan pastor George Johnson presents a \$5,094 check to Don Sexton for the September Walk-a-thon for foreign missions. Dr. Melvin Worthington, FWB executive secretary, stands with Don Sexton (in the wheel chair) and his wife, Billie. Walkers gather at an East Tennessee church and (insert) leaders in East Tennessee Walk-a-thon stand with Sexton and Worthington.

## Four Churches in Panama Gather for Fellowship

**Panama**—Four Free Will Baptist churches in the Panama City area met in a park on September 2 for joint Sunday school, worship services, food, and fellowship. Over 250 people were on hand for the special event.

According to missionary Steve Lytle, each congregation brought gifts for the three Panamanian national missionaries sponsored by the Panamanian churches.

## 1990 Walk-a-thon Will Top Sexton's \$100,000 Goal

**Elizabethton, Tenn.**—As the end of October drew near so did the projected goal for the 1990 Walk-a-thon for missions. The annual event was initiated by the Tennessee Board of Foreign Missions, currently made up of Don Sexton, Gerald Fender, and Clayton Hampton.

Missionary representative Sexton, who has labored diligently though afflicted with Parkinson's disease, set his sights on \$100,000 through the Walk-a-thon efforts. State home missionary Fender also made significant contributions toward promoting the effort. Actual receipts in the missions office through October 23 totaled \$95,076.80.

According to Sexton, money is still coming in from various areas. Reports of money raised, yet not received in Nashville, will make the total well over \$105,000.

Walkers all across the State of

Tennessee donned their Walk-a-thon T-shirts and caps as a testimony to their objective: raising funds for Tennessee foreign missionaries. A few churches in Michigan joined in the effort as did some in Virginia, Alabama, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

At least 42 churches received plaques for raising \$1,000 or more. The Community Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Talbott, Tenn., topped the giving by raising \$8,000. Lynn Neas is pastor.

Sexton, who spearheaded the effort, said, "We deeply appreciate all the churches, pastors, quarterly meetings, and individuals who made this year our most successful Foreign Missions Walk-a-thon. More churches participated than ever before," he noted.

"We were pleased to have some churches from Jack's Creek and Toe River associations walk with us," Don added. "Also, Pastor George Johnson's church, North Warren FWB in Michigan, surprised us with a check for \$5,094. The same night, three other churches from Flint, Mich., presented a check for \$1,525.

"Since we went over our \$100,000 goal, we know we can do even better next year," Sexton concluded.

## Panama Bible Institute Begins Final Quarter

**Panama**—The Panama Bible Institute began classes on August 21 as the final quarter of studies in 1990 got under way in the Panama City area.

According to missionary Steve Lytle, 23 students are studying Revelation on Tuesdays, while 11 are taking Doctrine and Free Will Baptist Distinctives on Thursdays.

Lytle also noted that his wife, Judy, has begun a class on teaching techniques for the Sunday school teachers of the San Miguelito church. Eight students are enrolled in this class.

## Steve Reeves Conducts First Wedding in Spain

**Spain**—Missionary Steve Reeves conducted his first Spanish wedding in Alcalá de Henares on October 6 as Juan Ignacio (Nacho) Rubio and Patricia Garcia were joined in marriage. The wedding was held in a church in Madrid since the Alcalá church was too small for the number attending.

Nacho has been preaching for about two years.

## 11 Missionaries Take Part in WNAC Retreat

**Asheville, N.C.**—The sixth retreat for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention was held September 20-22 at Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, N.C., with 824 people registering for the event.

According to Lorene Miley, editor of *The Co-Laborer*, 11 foreign missionaries and four home missionaries took part in the event. Former missionaries June Wilkinson of Brazil and Trula Cronk of India were also on the program.



The theme for the retreat was "The Great Invitation—Personally Yours." A special program entitled "It's a Small World" involved missionaries and 43 flag-bearers. The flags were waved to the tune of "It's a Small World," while slides were shown on the various mission fields.

A record offering of \$4,912.50 went to the missionaries who participated in the retreat.

## Brazilian Women Form New National Auxiliary

**Brazil**—Free Will Baptist women in Brazil met on September 8 in Ribeirão Preto to organize a Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Six local auxiliaries were represented as over 40 women joined for the historical meeting.

According to missionary Nancy Hughes, "It was a wonderful time of sharing, planning, and rejoicing together."

## Heaths Come to U.S. for Vacation and Services

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Dennis and Mary Heath, missionary affiliates in Germany, plan to spend part of December and January in the United States visiting their families and speaking in churches regarding their work in Germany.

The Heaths have been ministering in the Ramstein and Konkin areas of Germany, southwest of Frankfurt. Dennis is a Technical Sergeant in the United States Air Force.

The couple has requested prayer for the salvation of several unsaved acquaintances in the area: Hugo and Gertrud Mueller, Erika Gerlach, the Franke family, the Dick family, the Schneider family, the Rome family, and the Gilbreath family.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—According to Robert Bryan at the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, November 16 has been set for the judge's ruling on the appeal of the man who had sued the center for having fired him. He lost in the first court appearance as the judge ruled the firing was "justified." Bryan urged Christians to

pray for the judge's upcoming decision.

**Brazil**—Jim and Vicki Sturgill have moved from Campinas, Brazil, to Jaboticabal where Jim will assume a role as professor at the Central Bible College and administrator of Evangelandia, the camp and institute property. Jim will also be working with students in evangelism efforts as well as helping with youth camps.

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—Dorm parents Paul and Rhoda Creech, who arrived in Côte d'Ivoire in August, write, "So far, no malaria, hepatitis, or amoeba—just exhaustion! There's so much to do and only 24 hours a day." Eighteen students are currently living in the dormitory.

**India**—A message from Carlisle Hanna in early October indicated plans to move North Indian Pastor David Das and his son, Rana, to the Sonapur area and then on to Islampur during the second week in October. They were expecting to travel by train since the burns on their bodies would not allow them to ride seated.

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—Missionary Ron Moore reported the conversion of a 50-year-old man in a village after he had preached his first message in Côte d'Ivoire. "I'm up to my ears in work," writes Ron. "I am preparing follow-up lessons for new converts and preaching in the villages four days a week."

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Regina Franks, 16-year-old daughter of missionaries Dave and Pat Franks of Brazil, underwent corrective surgery on Wednesday morning, October 17, in Nashville. The surgery was performed to help correct a problem with scoliosis. Doctors indicated surgery went well, and the Franks hope to be able to return to Brazil by the end of December.

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—Dr. Mark Paschall and his family returned from Côte d'Ivoire on August 22 after spending a little over a month working in the medical



These women were chosen as officers and chairmen of various committees for the newly organized Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in Brazil. Missionaries Sue Aycock, Vicki Sturgill, and Shirley Combs (center, back row) and Marvis Eagleton (front, right) were among those selected.

center in Doropo. Dr. Priscilla Welch, of Turbeville, S.C., labored in the hospital from August 19 to September 22. Currently, no resident doctor is at the medical center.

**France**—Classes with university students in the Nantes area were scheduled to resume October 15. According to Charollette Tallent, "We are planning two studies this year: a French study on Monday evenings and an English study on Tuesdays. The English study was set to begin October 16."

## Bible Conference Held for Church Anniversary

**Brazil**—A two-day Bible conference was held September 29-30 in the Araras Free Will Baptist Church as a part of their anniversary program. Approximately 200 people were on hand for the special services.

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## Financial Summary Through September 30

### Substance

Total income for September.....	\$ 243,053.09
Total income through September.....	2,607,307.89
Total disbursements through September.....	2,624,460.32
Projected income through September.....	2,526,840.00
Total 1990 Budget.....	\$3,517,152.00
ADVANCE gifts through September.....	\$ 41,549.44
1990 ADVANCE Budget.....	\$ 150,000.00

### Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Callaway.....	\$ 632.98	Robinson.....	\$ 3,179.80
Cowart.....	3,207.13	Teague, D.....	378.98
Ellison.....	1,722.96	Turnbough.....	12,876.89
Franks, Jr.....	933.33	Cuba.....	593.24
Morgan.....	1,377.21	Spec. Com.....	19,204.91
Poole.....	2,770.52		
Total.....			<b>\$46,877.95</b>





Don and Ruth McDonald (left) look on as youth from First FWB Church of Jonesboro, Ark., display a large check for \$300, their part of the \$850 cash offering given to the McDonalds' missions account on the church's Foreign Missions Sunday, October 7.

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Founding missionaries Bobby and Sue Aycock participated in the weekend activities along with former members and leaders. At least two people made professions of faith during the services, and several other decisions of rededication were recorded.

Missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs are currently ministering in the Araras church.

## Jonesboro Church Rallies to Help McDonalds

Jonesboro, Ark.—Foreign Missions Sunday at First Free Will Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ark., was held October 7. Don and Ruth McDonald, missionaries to Japan, and their children were on hand for the day, and the church extended a welcome along with financial support for their ministry.

The McDonalds ministered to the church during the morning and evening services. When the day

ended, the church had responded with \$850 in cash and \$80 per month in faith promises. The church also committed Wednesday night offerings to their account for several months.

Of the cash given, \$300 came from the Junior Youth Group in the church. The group—aged 6 to 12—raised the funds through a Memorize-a-thon. They memorized Scripture, books of the Bible, etc. Sheldon and Julie Adamson are leaders of the group. Fred Scott is pastor.

## World Missions Offering Tops \$62,000 Mark

Nashville, Tenn.—According to the bookkeeping department of foreign missions, \$62,000.76 had been received through September for the 1990 World Missions Offering. Included in this is the Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering received by the WNAC.

Over 73 churches were involved

in this year's World Missions Offering. Close to \$30,000 of the total came through the WNAC offerings.

This year's total offering was approximately \$18,000 more than that received in 1989. Money this year was designated toward the evangelism projects budgeted on every field. The goal was \$75,000.

The foreign missions staff has set a tentative goal for 1991 of \$140,000 to meet evangelism and church-planting budgets around the globe.

## Hersey Reopens Work in Koshimizu Church

Japan—Missionary Fred Hersey, who is working in Bihoro on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan, recently reported holding services in the old Koshimizu church building. According to Fred, the building has not been used much in recent years, so he and a layman from Abashiri church held a children's meeting there on a Saturday afternoon in early October.

The day before the service they passed out invitations at the elementary school as children went home from classes. "The next afternoon," says Fred, "we had a service at 1:30 p.m. with four children in attendance. And a Christian man who lives in the area brought his wife as he wanted her to hear the gospel."

Fred is planning to have services every Saturday afternoon in the church and requested that people pray for more people to come.

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