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A Way to their Hearts...



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by Evelyn Hersey



Almost 20 years ago I was asked by two Christian Japanese women if I would teach cooking. Believing this could be a means of reaching women for Christ, I accepted their invitation. Yet, I did not consider myself to be a qualified cooking teacher. After all of these years I do not regret that decision.

Typically, cooking class begins with the singing of about

two hymns, followed by a short Bible message by Fred. After this, we have the cooking demonstration. As the dish is cooking, the women talk in a relaxed atmosphere. The Christians make use of this opportunity to witness for Christ.

When the dish is ready to eat, we have prayer and then eat together. Most of the time it is just a sample for each person. I

never know how many are coming, but we just divide the dish accordingly. As we eat, the women continue to talk and visit. Sometimes unbelievers ask questions about spiritual matters. They are free to leave when they need to or want to.

Over the years the class continued to grow. It was evident God was blessing. Then one of our pastors asked me to have a monthly cooking class

for his church for evangelism purposes. I went to the women's homes for this and many more came under the sound of the gospel as the pastor brought a Bible message.

After a few years I decided to have a ladies' luncheon and invite a special speaker. The first luncheon was held in our home with about 25 women in attendance. Although we did not see any decisions that day, tears were in many eyes. We knew hearts were touched.

About that time Mrs. Asano, who was also my English student, started coming to cooking class. The speaker touched her heart. She wanted to know more. She started coming to church and, some time later, received Christ as her Savior. She is still continuing in the faith today.

The Christians were excited about the luncheon, so we decided to have one at the church. This led to many more luncheons and gave the Christian women an opportunity for service. They worked hard and invited friends. Women will come to something like this when they will not come to church otherwise.

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At one luncheon several ladies made decisions for Christ. We have had as many as 50 in attendance. But the luncheons would never have taken place had they not been preceded by the cooking classes.

My heart rejoiced upon returning to Japan in February of 1990. A 74-year-old lady

came to church to see us the first Sunday we were back in the country. She had faithfully come to cooking classes for a little over two years before we left for furlough. During that time, she had let it be plainly known that she was a Buddhist and not a Christian.

As the lady and I were talking, I gave credit and praise to God for physical blessings and for bringing me back to Japan. As I did this, she agreed and made her own comments of praise to God. But I wasn't sure what god she was referring to.

She remembered the Bible lessons Mr. Hersey had given at cooking class.

As the conversation continued she indicated she believed in Jesus. She said she remembered the Bible lessons Mr. Hersey had given at cooking class. She had thought about them many times while we were in America. Then she said as she thought upon the messages a good feeling filled her. Sometime later when I was in the area again I called this lady and talked a short time by phone. She told me again about how she remembered and thought on the Bible messages she had heard at cooking class.

Recently, I was talking with Mrs. Murooka, who accepted Christ a few years ago. She is a strong advocate for the cooking classes. In her case, she asked me to give her a cooking lesson while her children took English conversation from our son Paul. During this time she asked many questions concerning the Bible and Christianity. I invited her to

the regular monthly cooking class. She came, heard a gospel message, and bought a Bible.

Mrs. Murooka started coming to church some months later and brought her two children and husband. One day when she brought her children for English, instead of my giving a cooking lesson, she and I just talked. She received assurance of salvation that day, and the next day at church she gave a public testimony of being born again. She soon followed Christ in baptism.

Later, while we were on furlough, Mrs. Murooka wrote that her two children had been saved. She continues to live for Christ today and is actively witnessing to her husband. He comes to church but has not yet confessed Christ as his Savior.

My heart rejoices as I think of the opportunity God has given me to reach women through cooking. And, in the case of those who have not yet believed, I expect God will continue to give increase as the sown seed is watered. So, after almost 20 years, I am still excited about cooking classes. They are a way to the heart!

Evelyn Hersey is the wife of veteran missionary Fred Hersey in Bihoro, Japan.

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Tom McCullough (left) and Jerry Gibbs (second from left) stand with four members of the Briquet family who were baptized in August.

A Market Miracle!

by Jerry Gibbs

It was a beautiful August Sunday afternoon. Some 60 people stood beside the swimming pool watching with excitement as the six of us stepped down the ladder into the water. We had waited and prayed for this moment for a long time. We were to baptize four of the seven members of the Briquet family. As they gave their testimonies, my mind went back to the first time we had met this family. It was six years before, at the market.

For some time we had wanted to have a market ministry, and had even tried from time to time. But we were just not equipped to withstand the Brittany winds. Then, the Lord provided our French missionary team with a "bibliobus," a bookmobile.

The open-air market is an interesting place to be, but when it comes to selling Christian books and Bibles, it can be a very discouraging place. For over a year the McCulloughs and we were present on the market square, to the scowls of some and the bewildered looks of others. We sold very little and seldom had good opportunities to witness. If someone approached the bus to look, and if we dared say even hello, the person would often leave without saying a word.

As the year went on, we prayed for the Lord to lead us to key people. At the same time we asked ourselves if the market were the place to be. We wondered if we had missed the will of God and were just wasting our time.

One day a young woman and her cousin put up their clothing stand just a few yards from the bookmobile. That day our student missionaries were passing out literature and the man at the clothing stand wanted Craig, one of the students, to run an errand for him.

Evelyne has been responsible for 43 people coming to church.

Later on, the lady came by the bibliobus and wanted to know who we were. When she found out we were Protestants, she said she also had a Protestant background and would like her children to come

to our Bible club. When our club resumed a month later, not only did Evelyne's three children come, but also her sister's three children and her cousin's daughter.

For over a year the McCulloughs and we were present on the market square.

Since that time she has brought to church her husband, her mother, her grandmother, her two sisters and their families, her aunt and uncle, her mother-in-law and father-in-law, several of her neighbors, and several of her friends. In all she has been responsible for 43 people coming to church. Twenty-five of these come on a regular basis.

At least 27 of the 85 present at church were there because Evelyne and Lionel had invited them.

As strange as it may seem, at least five of these people were saved and baptized before Evelyne was. Only this past year have she and her husband really listened to the Lord's call for them to surrender their lives and hearts to Him. Since then, family members have noticed the difference in their daily behavior. Meanwhile, two of their sons, Guillerme and Erwann, were saved in our Bible club.

My mind snapped back to the present—Sunday, August 12, 1990, the day of their baptism. For those being emersed, baptism was a symbol, but a

very important public symbol. Through baptism they showed to everyone that they realized their own personal need of a Savior and Lord, and that they intended to follow Him.

True to form, the Briquets had invited family and friends, Christian and non-Christian, to share this special day with them. At least 27 of the 85 present at church that morning were there because, at one time or another, Evelyne and Lionel had invited

them to worship with them.

Back when we were shivering in the drizzly November chill of the market place, we wondered if we would ever see any results from the hours spent there. But God was leading us to one key family. We didn't know it then, but through that family doors of witness were about to open for years to come.

Jerry Gibbs and his wife, Barbara, are missionaries serving in St. Nazaire, France.

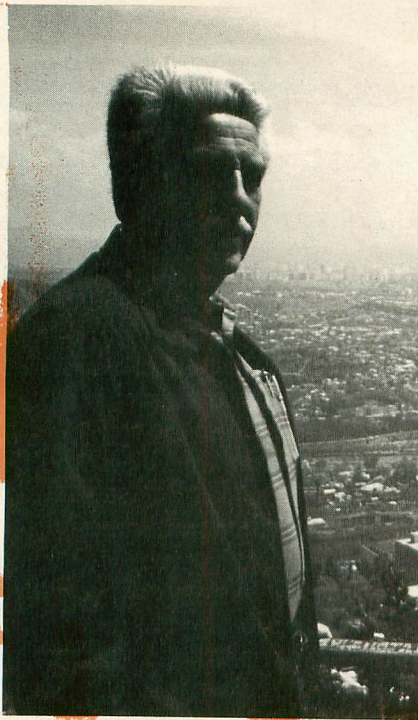


Words of a Two-year-old

On Sunday morning, July 8, two-year-old Seth McAdams of Nashville, Tenn., found a nickel as his mother was teaching him how to straighten up his bed. As Seth picked up the nickel in his small hand, he looked at his mother and said, "Let's give it to missions!" Seth had just concluded a week of vacation Bible school a few weeks before.

It does pay to begin teaching missions at an early age!

Seth is the son of Mike and Cheryl McAdams who attend Donelson FWB Church in Nashville.



Chuck looks over Tbilisi, a city of 1,300,000 in Soviet Georgia.

Chuck and Fleda Snow wait in the airport in Shannon, Ireland.



RUSSIA! Thirsty for the Word...

by Chuck and Fleda Snow



Chuck and Fleda visit a typical Orthodox Church in Russia.



Chuck Snow presents a New Testament to a Muslim in Soviet Georgia.



The pilot of a Russian airliner looks at his copy of the New Testament.

Listen, follow my instructions, and I will give each of you one thousand dollars!"

A snow job? True. However, those were not our words, but a rhetorical campaign promise from the lips of presidential candidate George McGovern some years ago. You may recall that his legal tender vow, contingent upon Oval Office occupancy, slid out from under him with a landslide defeat as he was "Nixed" by Richard.

But we had something more valuable than a thousand dollars to extend to the citizens of the Soviet Union.

Soviet Georgia is an anti-communist bastion against repression.

We had the opportunity to hand out Russian New Testaments, God's Word, for two weeks in April of 1990. Each had an appropriate study guide. God gave us this opening as we participated in a Friendship Force trek from Georgia in the United States to Georgia in the Soviet Union.

To our offer we added this statement, in essence: "If you'll accept it, you'll have Bread, you'll never thirst again, and you will have an eternal Sword with which to battle and defend yourself."

Soviet Georgia, the breadbasket of the 15 Soviet republics, is an anti-communist bastion against repression and is a cultural and topographical charmer. But it is also an area thirsting for the Word of God, as is the entire Soviet Union.

Our most congenial Soviet Georgian hosts (and one doesn't

refer to them as Russians) were Temu and Medico Kunchulia and their 14-year-old son, Georgi ("call me George"). We lodged with them during our entire jaunt. They showed us church after church, one dating back as far as the sixth century.

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The Georgian people are of the Orthodox persuasion. They quickly add, not Greek Orthodox, not Russian Orthodox, but Orthodox. The fractional difference seems to be more territorial or nationalistic than theological, however.

It has only been about a year or so since the Kremlin allowed the re-opening of churches after a moratorium on worship which lasted for decades. Many of their houses of worship, churches and cathedrals alike, had even been converted to libraries or museums by the revolution-spawned anti-Christian Red government.

We were able to plant a few score copies of God's Word in a few scattered areas in the space of a few days.

But now, through pressures brought to bear by various means, Moscow has reluctantly had to reverse its closed-doors policy. The unrelenting intercessory prayers of Christians for those whose hearts have craved the right to public worship have played an important part.

The fact that we were able to plant a few score copies of God's Word in a few scattered areas in the space of a few days is not the major focus. The critical item that we must address as a missions-minded people is this: Are we going to rally at this time to flood Eastern Europe with the Word of God? We must especially consider the God-starved Russian and Georgian peoples (and the other 13 Soviet republics).

The minister of television for all of Soviet Georgia came to the Kunchulia house the night before we returned to the States. He gave us each gifts—one, a religious icon of St. George, their dragon-slaying patron saint. He told us his teenaged son had begged him to "go see those Americans" he had been touring the country with—the ones with the Bibles. And, with Moscow all eyes and ears, TV Minister Acheko on television boldly and graciously thanked "those Americans who have brought the Bibles to us."

Communist Europe is ready for the printed Word of God. Are we ready to oblige them?

Chuck and Fleda Snow are Free Will Baptist layworkers from Decatur, Ga.

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LOST IN AFRICA:

A Bag of Myths

by Genevieve Waddell

Part 1

Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, was nothing like I thought it would be! On May 21, along with all of the cotton clothing and anti-malaria drugs and sun protectors I had, I also carried a gigantic bundle of preconceived notions about Côte d'Ivoire. But through my

contacts with both missionaries and Africans during my month there, many of the myths of Africa exploded!

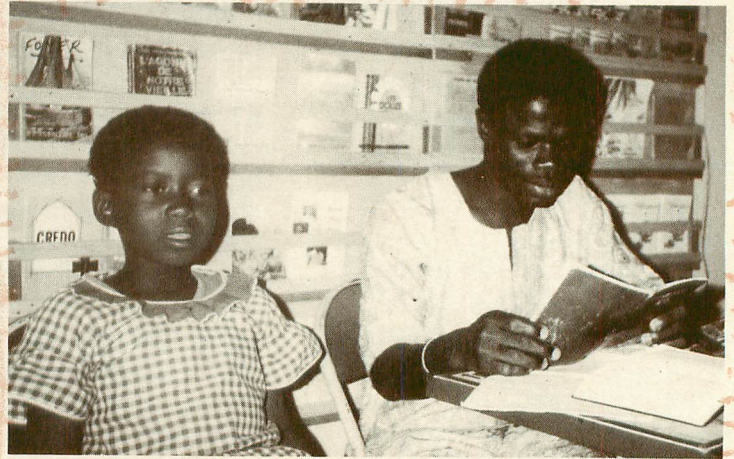
The first of my myths about Africa just fizzled out, for I saw only one dead snake on the road and another one that would have died had Jerry

Pinkerton hit him. Yes, people really do die of snake bites, but the creatures are not everywhere at all times, interfering with daily life, as I had imagined.

The second myth that exploded was one I had created for myself. Having been overly impressed by pictures and stories of the ill patients being treated by the caring staff at Doropo, I imagined that most Africans were sickly, stooped-over people who were less healthy and articulate than we Americans are. What a shock to discover that Ivorians have made



Lynette Morgan (left) discusses some of the wives' ministries with Genevieve.



Sewa (left) recites memorized scripture verses while Silas checks them against the Bible.



Elaine Holland holds a newborn baby delivered at the hospital in Doropo.



Mrs. Waddell (left) sits in on a children's session.

much progress in the 30 years since their independence, and those who have come to Christ have left the bondages of paganism behind them.

Africans have a unique relationship with their extended family.

One night Glennnda Leatherbury let Nina Huddleston and me attend the birth of a baby at the clinic. I imagined that people who had babies born in their villages almost around the clock would find another birth a weary trial. Not so! I had already begun to realize that Africans have a unique relationship with their extended family; then I saw that familial love in action as the two old Lobi grandmamas hollered for that young woman to hurry with that baby! And when I, the privileged visitor, got to say to them in Lobi, "Koun biri!" "It's a boy!", those old ladies were ecstatic!

I realized that night that all Africans do not want everything we Americans want. That young mother, for example, preferred the familiar hard floor to the hospital bed. But she loved bright red toenail polish! And she wore a fetish made of cowrie shells around her belly to ensure the birth of a live baby this time.

We are fooling ourselves if we believe every African is eagerly waiting for the gospel! They want to pick and choose what Americans can offer them.

Seeing that girl's lucky charm dissipated another myth. Before Africa, I frankly had trouble admitting that people really believed such "weird things."

"Surely, our missionaries aren't up against as much paganism as the textbooks say," I reasoned.

One day we met some young people beside Tanda's sacred catfish pond (off limits to all fishermen). As we fed bread to the monstrous fish, one young man said, "The really big fish will come closer on Friday. That is the most sacred day." Carol Pinkerton promptly said, "Fish can't tell the days of the week." He walked away, saying, "Those foolish white folks." The man was not a stupid person, but he really believes those fish are sacred.

Just a mile down the road from the pond we met with about 12 ladies for a marvelous Bible study! Praise the Lord, He does deliver sinners out of heathenism!

Later on Carol Pinkerton, Linda Moore, and I went to Soko to see the famous sacred monkeys. According to African tradition, centuries ago the village elder "turned all the people into these green monkeys" to keep an army from killing them. But the elder died, so Africans believe these people are still monkeys. They run the village, for everyone there is "kin" to them.

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Like many American Christians, I had another myth, too. We want to believe we have a monopoly on bright young people who memorize scripture verses for competition. I wish you could go down country with me, sit in one of the multi-sized

chairs on the Pinkerton veranda, and listen to Carol's kids. They descend on that porch like CIA agents when the missionaries arrive home. The kids love to memorize scripture at the house as well as in Carol's Sunday school class. I listened with awe as those primaries and juniors zipped through the Ten Commandments, the Romans Road, the Wordless Book, and scripture after scripture like expert marksmen.

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I was even more amazed when Carol brought Sewa, age 11, home with her one day. She came to the Foyer (reading room) often to copy scripture on scraps of paper because she had no Bible at home. Mrs. Agnes Frazier from Donelson FWB Church, Nashville, Tenn., sent money for a Bible for Sewa. The girl cherishes it! Besides passages in Isaiah, she recites John 1-7 without missing a verse!

One Saturday, about 60 young people presented a program in the Foyer at Bondoukou. These young people thrilled our hearts with original songs, poems, and dramatizations drawn deeply from the Word.

And what of virtue? Can it exist in such a pagan society?

(To be continued in Jan.-Feb. Heartbeat)

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It Takes Partnership

Reverend Doug Little is a pastor with a genuine interest in missions. For several years he has expressed his burden for France. His concern deepened after he visited St. Nazaire, France, in 1987.

Except for one small Pentecostal group, our Free Will Baptist missionaries are the only witnesses to more than 100,000 people in that area. When Doug discovered this, he was very burdened.

Pastor Little discussed the possibility of closer ties between the St. Nazaire church and his congregation in Russellville, Ark. As a result, the following document was drafted:

"We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville, Arkansas, United States of America, do extend a pledge of care and communication to the First Free Will Baptist Church of St. Nazaire, France. By this we enter a relationship of mutual concern, through which we may share as sister churches in love and prayer for the other's ministries in building the Kingdom of God."

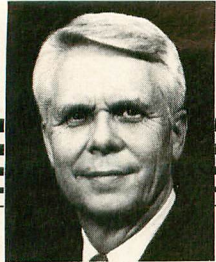
A similar declaration of "jumelage," the French expression for "twinship," was signed by the missionary pastor and the clerk of the Free Will Baptist Church at St. Nazaire.

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This sister church relationship has resulted in mutual communication, prayer support, and encouragement. The First Church has also made significant financial contributions toward the ministry in St. Nazaire.

Pastor Little keeps his people informed of God's work in France through prayer request sheets distributed on Wednesday nights and telephone calls from missionary Jerry Gibbs two or three times a year. Doug also invites the members of the St. Nazaire team of missionaries to visit the church in Russellville when they are on furlough.

Recently, the Woman's Auxiliary of the First



R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

Church prepared a video for their sister church in France. They videotaped the church facilities, gave greetings, and included a church service.

This sister church concept is an extension of the "fellowship (partnership) of the gospel" (Philippians 1:5). Paul expressed warm appreciation for the encouragement and support the Philippian church sent him as he planted churches in other areas.

I believe God wants us to establish a witness in several strategic cities in our generation. Belo Horizonte, Brazil, is one example. The Dave Franks and the Norman McFalls are attempting to establish a Free Will Baptist church in this city of approximately four million people. On the south side of the city only three gospel-preaching churches seek to reach 400,000 people.

We need churches and even district associations to say, "We'll accept the challenge of helping to build a Free Will Baptist church in a strategic city."

God has blessed our missionaries with a lot on which to build. Now they need \$50,000 to put up their building.

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The principle of partnership in missions is also vital in other aspects of a missionary's ministry. Many churches have adopted a missionary as their own personal representative overseas. They pray for that missionary family. They correspond with them. They remember the members of their missionary family on special occasions—birthdays, Christmas, etc. And, most important, they share a significant portion of their missionary's support.

Some Christian business people have even shared a percentage of the company's profits with a missionary partner.

Although your church may not be as missionary-minded as you wish it were, you can personally be a partner to some missionary who is seeking to reach the unreached overseas.

Financial Summary Through August 31

\$ubstance

Total income for August	\$ 302,390.73
Total income through August	2,355,566.42
Total disbursements through August	2,290,993.72
Projected income through August	2,246,080.00
Total 1990 Budget	\$3,517,152.00

Advance gifts through August	\$ 40,865.02
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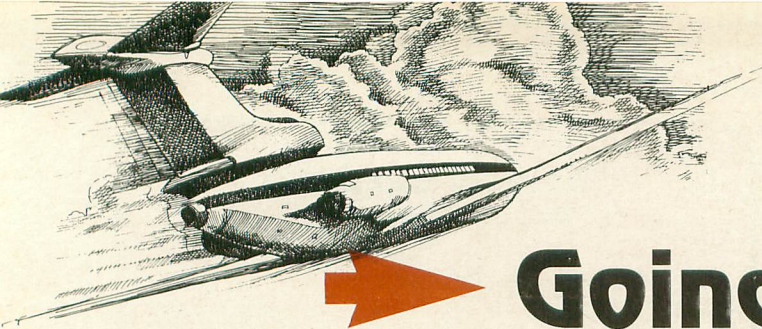
Callaway	\$ 3,151.30	Teague, D.	\$ 1,113.59
Cowart	1,827.21	Turnbough	12,010.31
Franks Jr.	1,478.01	Cuba	760.64
Poole	405.79	Spec. Com.	19,204.91
Robinson	1,815.43		
Total			\$41,767.19

State Goals—1990

State	Goal 1990	Goal Through August	Contributions Through August
Alabama	\$ 180,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 109,882.42
Arizona	6,000	4,000	2,853.70
Arkansas	180,000	120,000	137,206.56
California	70,000	46,667	48,914.99
Colorado	4,000	2,667	3,685.56
Florida	96,000	64,000	43,559.53
Georgia	158,000	105,333	109,886.27
Hawaii	2,000	1,333	3,259.00
Idaho	1,000	667	520.69
Illinois	107,000	71,333	68,333.98
Indiana	43,000	28,667	26,181.96
Iowa	2,000	1,333	1,193.30
Kansas	18,000	12,000	10,221.31
Kentucky	87,000	58,000	43,187.87
Louisiana	300	200	.00
Maryland	17,000	11,333	9,965.85
Michigan	142,000	94,667	90,534.45
Mississippi	66,000	44,000	30,997.36
Missouri	257,000	171,333	183,552.70
Montana	750	500	806.00
Nebraska	1,000	667	505.00
New Mexico	500	333	672.63
* Northeast Assn.	5,000	3,333	1,845.00
** Northwest Assn.	5,000	3,333	3,053.69
North Carolina	445,000	296,667	322,836.56
Ohio	125,000	83,333	74,017.45
Oklahoma	394,000	262,667	247,003.38
Pennsylvania	2,100	1,400	508.00
South Carolina	195,000	130,000	140,916.53
Tennessee	499,000	332,667	314,519.39
Texas	110,000	73,333	87,905.89
Virginia	140,000	93,333	79,415.97
Virgin Islands	3,000	2,000	470.00
West Virginia	76,000	50,667	55,711.32
Miscellaneous	79,502	53,001	101,442.11
Totals	\$3,517,152	\$2,344,767	\$2,355,566.42

* Northeast Association
New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island

** Northwest Association
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



Going Home

by Alton Loveless



Freedom becomes more significant with its loss.

He raised his head and slowly lifted his tear-filled eyes after a brief but sincere prayer. I had never met this man before, but his first words to me were, "I'm going home."

So was I. After an enjoyable ministry to the Brazilian field council, I was heading for Ohio. But I had only been away from home for three weeks. He had been gone from home for more than 30 years.

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Little did I realize that this small oriental man had suffered so much for so long. The Brazilian airliner was not far into its flight from São Paulo to Rio de Janeiro before we knew we shared the same destination although we were going in different directions. Once my new-found friend learned that I was a fellow believer, he unburdened his heart.

I was thrilled to learn that he was a missionary pastor from

Korea. Nothing about his conversation seemed unusual until he said, "I wish I could see your homeland. But I can't. I'm a North Korean. I have to change planes in Rio."

"Brazil was open to some of us after the war, and for all these years I have served the Lord here in Brazil. But now I'm going home."

Further conversation revealed the man had been led to Christ by the pastor of a large church during the conflict between North and South Korea. His conversion took place in a refugee camp where he had sought safety after escaping from his own detachment.

In time, the new Christian left his divided homeland in search of freedom. He settled in South America. Steadily his love for Christ grew and his desire to share the unsearchable riches of Christ prevailed.

As I thought of our common calling—both of us were preachers—I reflected on our differences. He was born in an oppressive society. I was born in a democracy. He came to Christ as he knelt in the mud in a smelly, crowded village. I was saved in a lovely little church.

He sought freedom from captivity in order to preach. I have always had freedom to preach about the One to whom I am bound—a slave of love.

As I thought of our common calling—both of us were preachers—I reflected on our differences.

This foreigner longed for home but until now dared not go. I am free to return home anytime. Nothing but my own cares or desires keep me away.

We were two different men from two different worlds. Yet, because we had met the same Savior, we shared the same hope.

Now, both of us long to enter that place where differences of government, ideology, and race will not matter. We dream of the day when people from the four corners of the earth will come together as the sea and graves give up their dead. You see, we're ready to go home!

Alton Loveless is promotional secretary for the Ohio Association of Free Will Baptists and a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.



Tom McCullough (left) and Jerry Gibbs (right) prepare to baptize Evelyne Briquet, one of the four family members baptized on August 12.

Gibbs Reports Baptism of Four on August 12

France—Missionary Jerry Gibbs baptized four converts on August 12 following the church service. "The church was full," says Jerry. "We had 85 people!"

The service featured testimonies from Evelyne Briquet and her son, Erwann. After church, Lionel, her husband, and their other son, Guillerme, also gave their testimonies, and the four were baptized in a swimming pool. Approximately 60 people were at the Briquets' for the baptismal service and meal which followed.

"It was such an exciting time because we have been working with the Briquets for over six years," says Jerry. "The two children were saved in Bible club." A baby dedication was scheduled for sometime in September for the Briquets' last child.

Death Sentence Given to Judy Robirds' Husband

Nashville, Tenn.—On July 25, in Nashville, Tenn., Oscar Frank Smith, estranged husband of Judy Robirds Smith, was found guilty on three counts of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to death by electrocution on each count for the murders of Judy and her two sons, Chad and Jason.

Judy and the two boys, aged 16 and 13, were found brutally murdered in their Woodbine home on

October 2, 1989. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of Don and Carol Robirds, former missionaries to Brazil. Don is current editor of *Heartbeat* and serves as director of communications for foreign missions.

"I am glad this phase of our nightmare is past," said Don recently. "I thank God for His grace and His help in bringing this case to justice. Christians were praying everywhere that concrete evidence would be discovered. It was, in spite of extreme efforts to conceal the truth. I want to thank our Christian friends around the world for their prayers and gifts, and I want to urge everyone to continue praying for our family. We experienced a traumatic and painful time in court and shortly after the trial."

Subsidy Fund Started for Spanish Literature

Nashville, Tenn.—Randall House Publications in Nashville, Tenn., has announced the establishment of a Spanish Literature Subsidy Fund. This fund has been created to assist foreign Free Will Baptist churches.

Due to weak foreign currency and poverty conditions, many churches in Uruguay, Panama, Cuba, and Mexico have not been able to participate in the Free Will Baptist Spanish Sunday school curriculum ministry. The financial burden of literature is greater than the churches can bear.

MK Terry Eagleton, who is spear-

heading the program for Randall House, says, "We encourage all of our churches to consider this program as a part of their outreach ministry. An appropriate designation for your donation has been included on the Sunday school curriculum order form, beginning with the winter quarter of 1990."

Donations can also be sent directly to Randall House Publications, P.O. Box 17306, Nashville, TN 37217. Gifts should be earmarked "Spanish Literature Subsidy Fund."

Teague Asks Prayer for President of Ball Club

France—Missionary Dennis Teague recently requested people to pray for Mrs. Nicole Brochaud (pronounced Broshow), the president of the Professional Ball Club, who has recently begun opening up and talking with him about the Lord and the Bible.

The woman is a widow with grown children and claims she lost her faith in God seven years ago when her husband died of cancer.

Dennis has been playing basketball at the club in an effort to contact young people and share the gospel. He has been able to share his witness with some of the players and is hoping to be a personal counselor to the team members.

Mrs. Brochaud has asked Dennis to talk with her 20-year-old son.

Ranking Sought for Per Capita Missions Giving

Nashville, Tenn.—The Department of Foreign Missions has announced a plan to recognize churches on a per capita giving basis again in 1990. One hundred thirty-seven churches who gave \$10 or more per member were recognized during 1989 for their per capita giving.

A report is to be included with receipt letters. It will ask for Sunday school average attendance for August, September, and October. Receipt totals will be calculated from foreign missions records.

Churches which do not receive a per capita giving form should call 615/361-1010 or write to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202. Pastors are urged to return the form as quickly as possible so the record might be compiled in January or February of 1991.

Kindergartens Pave Way to Evangelize Parents

Japan—Kindergartens are being used in northern Japan as a means of reaching children and their parents with the gospel. Missionaries Jim and Olena McLain work with the Higashi Tsukisamu church which sponsors the kindergartens. Olena McLain writes: "Two young mothers are studying in a new convert class and we are hoping to see them baptized in the near future. Another older lady who has been in our woman's Bible class on Tuesdays called after one meeting so excited because her husband's attitude toward Christianity is changing. She said that perhaps they could become Christians together."

Aycocks Report First Converts in Araraquara

Brazil—A young couple was recently converted under the ministry of Bobby and Sue Aycock in the city of Araraquara, Brazil, where the Aycocks are attempting to begin a new church.

The Aycocks had written earlier that they were having Bible studies in the home of this young couple on a weekly basis. They had requested prayer for the Catholic couple and have been expecting their conversion.

According to Bobby, the wife's mother had died recently and she had been very upset. "Since her conversion," Aycock related, "she has had a changed attitude and her father has noticed it to the extent that he wants to meet with us."

Bobby indicated there were eight brothers and sisters in the family.

The Aycocks have urged people to pray that they will be able to launch a radio broadcast in the city. So far, they have not been able to arrange a slot for the program.

Holland Expresses Needs Evident in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"Last Sunday, 25 people had to sit outside because the church was full," writes Ernest Holland from Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. "We need a larger building. The church lacks the funds, so pray that something can be arranged."

Holland expressed praise that



Youth from First Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlandia, Brazil, present a special drama on Father's Day in Brazil.

changes are being seen in believers who have rededicated their lives. He also rejoiced that Jerome Kambou, one of the Bible institute graduates, has assumed the leadership role at Doropo.

Ernest requested special prayer on behalf of the government in Côte d'Ivoire. The country's debts and a poor economy have caused a lot of unrest in the once stable country.

Panamanians Conduct Medical Outreach Effort

Panama—Thirty-six people from the Free Will Baptist churches in the Panama City area participated in a weekend medical and evangelistic outreach on August 10-12 in Río de Jesús, Panama. This is the area where Eusebio Asprilla (Chebo) is working.

Missionary Steve Lytle reported that seven doctors and two or three nurses saw between 1,200 and 1,700 patients on Saturday, August 11. Evangelistic teams were going house to house, witnessing and passing out tracts, while the doctors and nurses were seeing patients. A number of Christians were evangelizing in the clinic waiting room.

That night a presentation of the film "Jesus" was viewed by a large crowd. Although Steve was not sure of the number, many people made professions of faith in Christ, and the Christians were surprised and pleased by the openness and re-

ceptivity in such a strongly Catholic area.

Lytle noted that Chebo had been working for weeks with the mayor and other local officials and had everything highly organized.

"Those who went came back with glowing testimonies," says Lytle. "A week before they went, they had almost no medicines; to show how the Lord worked, when they came back on Sunday night, there were enough medicines left over to have another such medical outreach."

The entire effort was planned, coordinated, and carried out by Panamanian Christians. Several churches were involved, and even the new believers in Río de Jesús participated even though they are extremely poor.

"One lady even left her sick children at home to go help with the medical evangelistic outreach," Lytle noted. "Later, the doctors were able to see her children."

Uberlandia Youth Give Drama for Father's Day

Brazil—The young people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia, Brazil, presented a drama, "The Prodigal Son," on Saturday night, August 11, in the Second Free Will Baptist Church and again on Sunday, Father's Day in Brazil, at the First Church. A total of 30 fathers were honored at the close of the services.

According to missionaries Tom



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and Nancy Hughes, a vacation Bible school was conducted in July by both churches in Uberlandia with four conversions registered.

The Second Church celebrated its first anniversary on July 15 with a special program presented by the adolescents. This was followed by testimonies.

Indian Pastor, Son Suffer Severe Burns

India—Indian pastor David Das, who has been in charge of the Dhantola Free Will Baptist Church as well as the FWB church in Islampur, was severely burned in mid-August in a gas stove explosion in Islampur. David's 15-year-old son, Rana, was also burned in the accident.

According to reports, Pastor Das was burned over 60 percent of his body, even beyond recognition. He has been listed in critical condition in a Calcutta hospital.

Rana's condition was reported to be improved and he was expecting to be released from the hospital in late September. Christians were urged to continue to pray for this faithful pastor and his family.

Carlisle and Marie Hanna were in the United States on a short furlough when the accident occurred.

Franks' Daughter to Have Extensive Surgery

Nashville, Tenn.—Regina Franks, 15-year-old daughter of missionaries Dave and Pat Franks, is scheduled to undergo extensive corrective back surgery in early October. The Franks returned to the

United States in September and surgery will be performed in a Nashville hospital.

Dave and Pat have been working in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, along with the Norman McFalls in an effort to develop a new work. Since they have been unable to locate a building to rent for services, they have been given approval to build on a lot which was purchased several years earlier.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionaries Mark and Donna Daniel returned to Côte d'Ivoire on August 29 after coming to the States for corrective surgery on Donna's foot in February. Donna's doctor examined her foot and indicated it was 100 percent healed. The Daniels are praising the Lord since earlier the doctor had expressed doubts that she would fully recover.

Panama—Bible institute classes in Panama began on August 21. Steve Lytle indicated he is teaching Revelation, Bible Doctrine, and Free Will Baptist Distinctives. Alex Mercado is also teaching in the institute. Classes will continue through mid-November.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The youth group at the church in Goumère, Côte d'Ivoire, has chosen the last Friday of each month to spend the night in singing, praying, and giving of testimonies. They also chose the first Sunday of each month for fasting and prayer. Nearly 10 young teenagers walk four miles (one way) from their village to Goumère to attend each service.

Panama—According to a report from missionary Stan Bunch in Panama, a pastor's retreat is scheduled for October 11-14 for missionaries and national pastors to plan a year of strategy and work for the churches in Panama.

India—Following a three-month furlough from India, Carlisle and Marie Hanna left the United States on September 26 to resume their ministry in North India.

Mountain Grove, Mo.—Mr. Charley Rich, 70-year-old father of missionary Linda Moore in Côte d'Ivoire,



Mark and Donna Daniel (top) returned to Côte d'Ivoire in August. Carlisle and Marie Hanna (bottom) returned to India in September.

died on Friday, September 14, in Houston, Mo. He had been hospitalized since September 11. He had been diagnosed with terminal cancer earlier this year. Funeral services were held at the Free Will Baptist church in Cabool, Mo. Linda did not return for the funeral.

Japan—Missionary Jerry Banks came to the United States on August 28 for medical diagnosis and treatment due to severe chest pains which he was suffering. Doctors in Japan were unable to determine the problem. He has been diagnosed as having hypoglycemia and has been put on a strict diet eliminating sugars, breads, starches, etc. He also has problems with his esophagus, causing pains similar to a heart attack. Jerry returned to Japan on September 26.

Spain—A recent report from the work in Villalba, Spain, indicated a 13-year-old girl has been converted. Her name is Rosita. Christians were urged to pray for her growth and stability.

Cuba—Christians in Cuba have been going through some very difficult times lately due to tension, hunger, and gasoline rationing. According to former missionary Tom Willey Jr., Russia has cut off help to Cuba, making conditions serious.

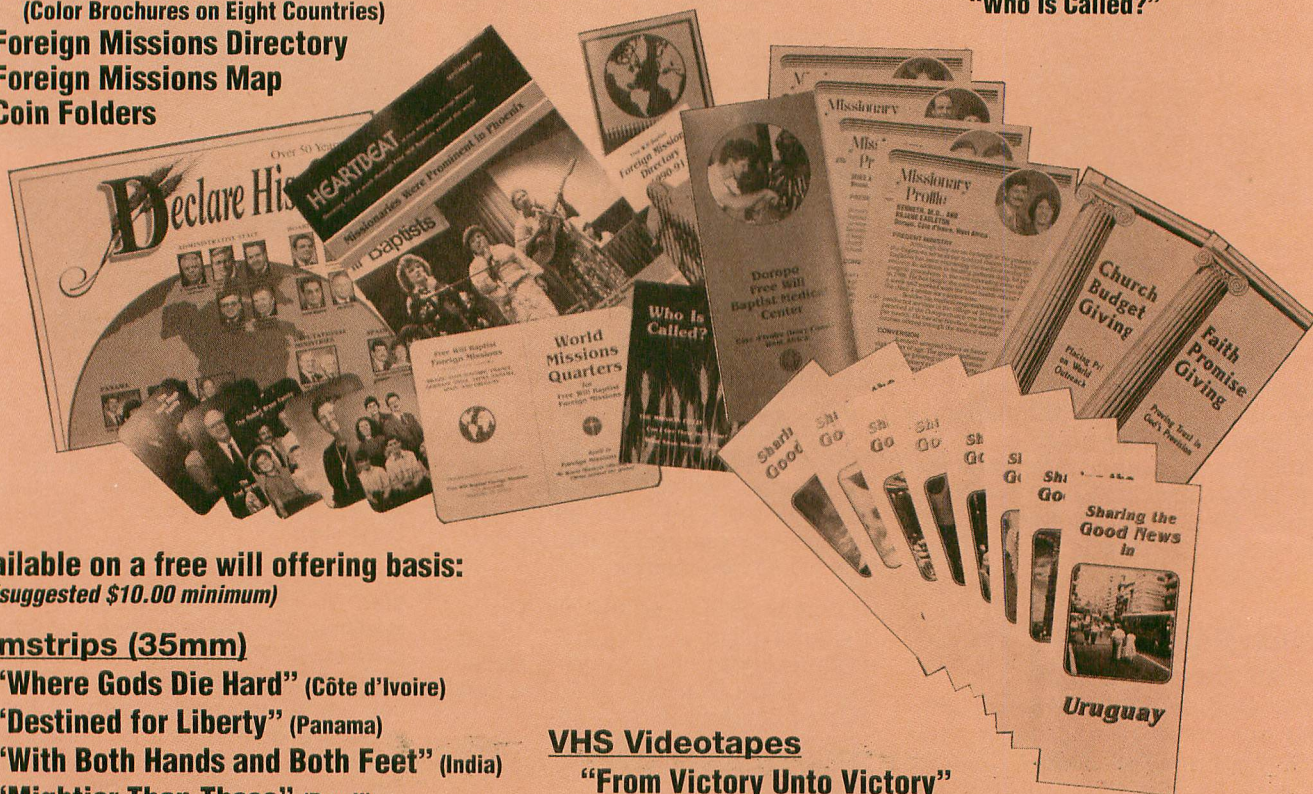
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