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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world

Missionaries Were Prominent in Phoenix



Left to right, Ruth McDonald, Debbie Griffin, and Judy Smith, missionaries to Japan, sing during WNAC activities at the National Association in Phoenix, Ariz.

news update



General Director R. Eugene Waddell (left) stands with Clint Morgan, the eight graduates of the Bible Institute of Côte d'Ivoire, and institute director Mike Cousineau on graduation day.

Waddells Attend First Institute Graduation

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The first graduating class of the Bible Institute of Côte d'Ivoire received their diplomas and certificates on June 3 after a vigorous three-year training program. R. Eugene Waddell, general director, and his wife, Genevieve, were on hand for the historic occasion.

Eight students finished their studies and at least five of these have been placed in leadership of local churches.

According to missionary Mike Cousineau, director of the institute, "Although the institute was started under adverse circumstances and though times were difficult, the results at the end of this first three years are tremendously rewarding."

The Waddells went to Côte d'Ivoire on May 21 and returned to the United States on June 23.

Randall Memorial Church Gives \$10,280 to Sparks

Memphis, Tenn.—Missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks (Spain) were surprised when they were honored on July 7 and 8 by Randall Memorial FWB Church in Memphis, Tenn. The church had the Sparks for special services and gave \$10,280 to their missions account.

According to Pastor Eddie Vincent, the church had eliminated a long-standing indebtedness and wanted to give a gift of thanksgiving

to a needy missionary. They chose the Sparks.

On Saturday the woman's auxiliary honored Anita with a "Christmas in July" shower, and some of the men took Lonnie bowling.

Pastor Vincent presented the large check from the church to Lonnie on Sunday, July 8.

Dave Franks Jr. and Wife Appointed to Uruguay

Nashville, Tenn.—Dave Franks Jr. and his wife, Becky, were appointed to missionary service in Uruguay during the annual foreign missions retreat held July 29-August 2 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Dave Jr., the son of missionaries Dave and Pat Franks in Brazil, and Becky have been ministering in Faith FWB Church, Corning, Ark. They are to begin their deputational ministry immediately.

Dave Jr. and Becky Franks



Araras VBS Averages 80, Practices Reaching Out

Brazil—A five-day vacation Bible school was held beginning July 9 at the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil. Attendance averaged 80 for the week and 95 people were present for the closing program.

According to missionary Shirley Combs, the theme for the VBS was "Reaching My World for Christ." On Thursday during the program, the children put into practice what they had learned by marching through the city singing and passing out gospel tracts. They ended the evangelism march in the city park where 60 children presented singing, Bible recitation, and a puppet program.

The children passed out 90 balloons with John 3:16 painted on them and gave gospel tracts to over 100 children and adults.

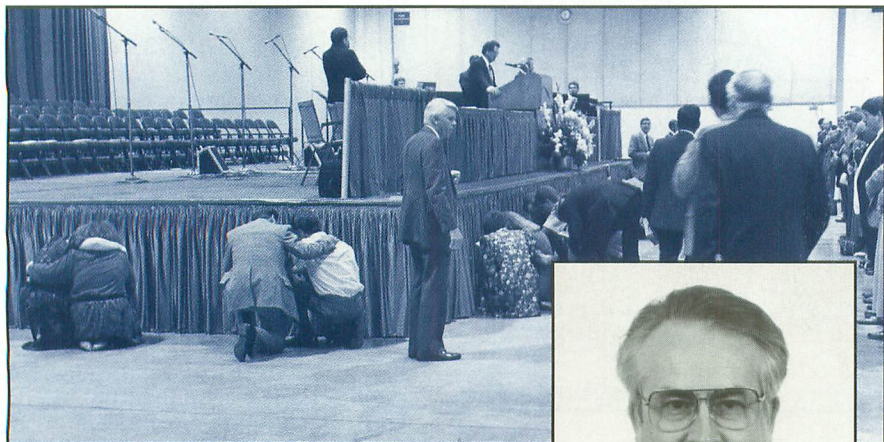
26 Decisions, Record Offering Mark National

Phoenix, Ariz.—Missions highlights of the National Association of Free Will Baptists which convened in Phoenix, Ariz., July 15-19 included 26 missions-related decisions and a record missions offering. The Wednesday night offering totaled \$24,373.12, topping last year's record of \$23,501.76.

Some 27 foreign missionaries registered for the meeting and were introduced, along with 69 home missionaries, during the Wednesday night missions service. Pastor Larry Powell of Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., challenged the crowd to be "salt" that God can use in world evangelism. A large number of people responded to the invitation. Twenty-six of these made missions-related commitments.

Other highlights of the annual event included a message by Dr. Kenneth Eagleton of Côte d'Ivoire on Tuesday morning during the WNAC program. He challenged the group with "The Great Invitation," the WNAC theme for the year.

Former missionary Janie Aldridge led a seminar entitled "Will You Carry the Invitation?" Bessie Richards, Deleen Cousineau, and Lynette Morgan of Côte d'Ivoire; Debbie Griffin, Ruth McDonald, and Judy Smith of Japan; Rejane



Top—Missionaries pray with those who responded to the invitation given by Larry Powell on Wednesday evening at the National Association. Right—Alton Loveless of Ohio was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions.



Eagleton of Brazil and Ivory Coast; Patsy Vanhook of France; Susan Turnbough of Spain; and Amy Robinson of Uruguay all had a part in a program called "God's Hand Extended Around the World."

Judy Smith, Ruth McDonald, and Debbie Griffin sang during the WNAC program and Enrique Jimenez Soler of Villalba, Spain, sang a solo on Wednesday evening. Enrique is fruit of missions in Spain.

R. Eugene Waddell gave the foreign missions report during the Wednesday session. He noted that more than 700 people had come to Christ in 1989 through the foreign missions ministries. More than 7,000 people were worshipping in overseas churches on Roll Call Sunday this year.

Alton Loveless, executive secretary for Ohio Free Will Baptists, was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions to succeed Dan Cronk who was ineligible for re-election. Archie Mayhew of California and Galen Dunbar of Georgia were retained.

A 1991 foreign missions budget of \$4,129,859 was adopted.

VBS Group "Buries the Devil" for Combs

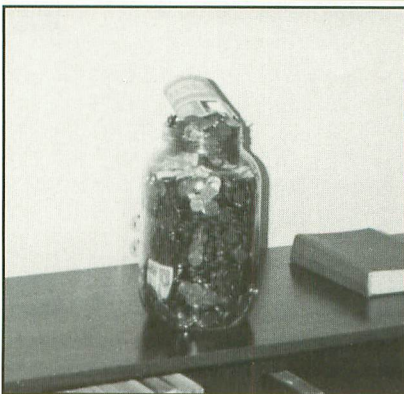
Huntington, W.Va.—The Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Huntington, W.Va., conducted a vacation Bible school July 9-13. As a project for the week, the children worked to "Bury the Devil" in money for Jim and Shirley Combs in Brazil.

A total of \$145.54 filled the jar by

week's end, burying the devil so the Combs could work for the Lord in Brazil. Director of the VBS Charlene Herrell said the children "sure did enjoy doing this each evening and looked forward to it."

Roger Wrend is pastor of Thomas Memorial.

Top—The little devil replica is placed in a jar as a challenge to the VBS children. Below—Money covers the devil on behalf of missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs.



Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—On June 17, six children were dedicated to the Lord in the First Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia, Brazil. The same night a young mother committed her life to the Lord. Missionary Tom Hughes noted that over the past 13 years 16 weddings had been performed for those in the congregation. From these couples have come 17 children under the age of three.

Florence, S.C.—David and Annette Aycock have announced the birth of their second daughter, Breeana Summer, born July 20 in Florence, S.C. The baby weighed eight pounds four ounces. She is the granddaughter of missionaries Bobby and Sue Aycock in Brazil.

France—Missionary Steve Riggs in Nantes, France, reports he just finished a 13-week study on the Christian life with André and Martine Belliot. "What a joy to hear them pray," says Steve. "Last Saturday evening André led his sister to faith in Christ."

Brazil—Cindy Combs, daughter of missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs in Brazil, married José Augusto de Aquino on July 7 in Araras, Brazil. Approximately 250 people were present for the wedding feast.

Spain—Ron Callaway has requested prayer for Miguel and Paloma and says, "We are convinced that Miguel will soon be saved. He knows and believes all the facts, but something is holding him back. In June he told me, 'Every time I get ready to accept Christ into my life, I think of the 33 years I have prayed to Mary and I cannot bring myself to leave her. Mary has my heart in her grasp! Will you continue to pray for this precious family?'"

France—Classes for a new Free Will Baptist training program in France are scheduled to start sometime in September. According to Allan Crowson who has been developing the training program, "We can see the Lord's hand at work."

Brazil—Twenty-eight people are awaiting baptism in the area of Araras, Brazil, according to mis-

sionaries Jim and Shirley Combs. They reported baptism preparation classes are being held for these new converts.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Elaine Holland wrote at the end of June: "Last Sunday a lady rode her bike 15 miles one way to church. The amazing thing is she isn't Lobi and doesn't speak French, so she couldn't even understand the message. She has asked us to go to her village so she and others can worship. We are making plans to go twice a month."

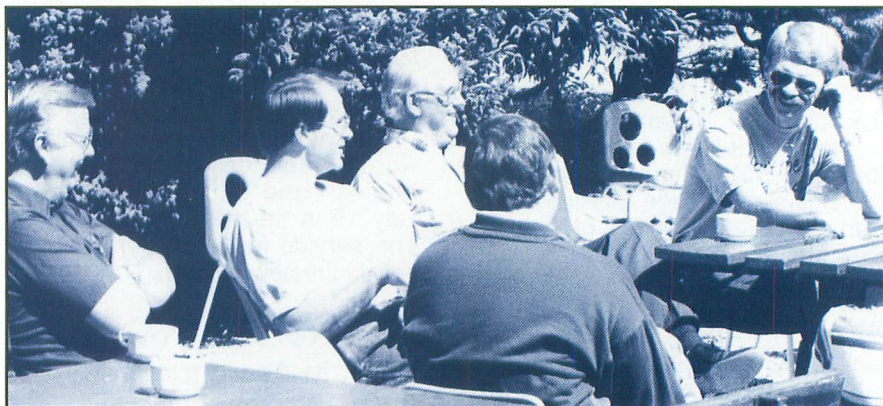
Sophia, W.Va.—Mrs. W. C. Combs, mother of missionary Jim Combs in Brazil, died on August 16 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at Sophia FWB Church, Sophia, W.Va., on Saturday, August 18, at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Combs was 73 years of age. Jim was unable to return to the States for the funeral.

Charleston, S.C.—Missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna arrived in the United States on July 4 for a 90-day furlough. They are scheduled to return to India in September.

Brazil—The Araras FWB Church in Brazil has felt the need to reach out to the 30,000 people on the opposite side of town from the church. The area has no gospel witness, so the church people are sacrificially trying to construct a small building to start a work in that area. Missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs are working in Araras.

Nashville, Tenn.—Gene Richards, son of Côte d'Ivoire missionaries Norman and Bessie Richards, married Miss Patti Bumpus of Wayne, Mich., on June 16, 1990, in the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. Gene graduated from FWB Bible College in May.

Waco, Tex.—The Reverend M. L. Crosby, father of new missionary Dwain Crosby (Spain), died in Waco, Tex., on July 1 after sustaining an aneurysm on June 29. He had suffered from heart disease for several years. He was 57 years of age. Dwain arrived with his family in Texas just a few hours before his father's death. They returned to Spain on July 21.



Board members Bob Trimble (left) and Galen Dunbar (third from left) fellowship with missionaries from France and Spain during the recent French/Spanish missionary retreat.

French/Spanish Retreat Features Trimble, Dunbar

France—The annual French/Spanish missionary field retreat was held June 30-July 6 in Villa Emanuel, AnneMase, France, for Free Will Baptist missionaries in France and Spain.

Special participants in the events were Galen Dunbar and Bob Trimble, members of the Board of Foreign Missions, as well as missionary affiliate in Germany, Sgt. Dennis Heath.

Student missionaries Traci Epps and Kim Zegelian taught missionary children each morning in a VBS program.

Thurman and Ann Pate and their daughter, Amy, from Nashville, Tenn., as well as Nancy Trimble and Barbara Dunbar, were also on hand for the event. A total of 34 people attended.

Good News Club Held in June by Iriso Church

Japan—According to missionary Ken Bailey, a Good News Bible Club was held during the month of June at the Iriso church in a Tokyo suburb. The club met each Saturday afternoon since the Japanese school children were still attending school.

"We averaged 15 kids at each meeting and recorded 15 first-time decisions for Christ!" writes Ken. "Beginning in September we are planning a special Saturday service for these elementary kids. Pray for them and their spiritual growth!"

Bailey also noted laying plans for

new types of ministries for the youth in the area beginning in September. He envisions having a "coffee house" once or twice a month for high school and college-age kids affiliated with the church. This will most likely involve a film ministry and special speakers and singers.

Four Baptized During Church Camp in Spain

Spain—Approximately 60 people attended the Free Will Baptist church camp June 15-17 at Camp Peña de Horeb near Sacedón (Guadalajara), Spain.

Members of the Free Will Baptist churches of Alcalá de Henares and Móstoles as well as young people from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Alcorcón were on hand

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Financial Summary Through July 31, 1990

Substance

Total income for June	\$ 293,321.53
Total income for July	281,144.37
Total income through July	2,053,175.69
Total disbursements through July	1,984,385.75
Projected income through July	1,965,320.00
Total 1990 Budget	\$3,517,152.00

ADVANCE gifts through July	\$ 37,438.26
1990 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Callaway	\$ 897.74	Teague, D.	\$ 652.78
Cousineau	636.05	Turnbough	12,548.09
Cowart	827.36	Cuba	2,187.60
Morgan	967.66	Spec. Com.	19,182.41
Robinson	1,685.11		
Total			\$39,584.80

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for the camp. Visitors from the United States included Bob and Nancy Trimble, Les Strickland, and the Thurman Pate family.

Special speakers for the services included Bob Trimble, member of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Pamela Saletri, fiancée of Antonio Parrón. Pamela lost her legs approximately two years ago through an illness. According to missionary Ron Callaway, "Pam gave a tremendous testimony to the young people during one of the afternoon sessions."

On Sunday afternoon, after the morning service, four members of the Free Will Baptist church of Alcalá de Henares were baptized by Ron Callaway and Pastor José Manuel Parrón of the Alcalá church.

The theme for the camp was, "What Jehovah Your God Requires of You."

Children's Camp Held by Three Hokkaido Churches

Japan—The Abashiri and Bihoro Free Will Baptist churches and a church from Kitami on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan, held a joint children's camp July 29-31. Fifty-seven people attended the camp.

According to missionary Fred Hersey who spoke on Monday night, July 30, seven children made decisions for salvation and one

other 12-year-old girl, Yumi Morinaga, made her profession of faith public.

"Pray that these new converts will follow on with the Lord," writes Fred.

Hersey also noted a combined worship service was held by the Abashiri and Bihoro churches on July 15 in the new Bihoro church. The service featured the first baptism in the new building.

Aycocks Report on New Work in Araraquara

Brazil—Since Bobby and Sue Aycock moved to the city of Araraquara, Brazil, they have made numerous contacts: "We have made several friends and hope to be able to win them to the Lord," write Bobby and Sue.

"The Lord gave us a contact with a young married lady who was eating at a fast-food restaurant at the time we had our lunch one day. This contact has resulted in a weekly Bible study in her home. Four Brazilian adults participated in our first study," the Aycocks continued. "Pray for Roberto, Alice, Leila, Paulo, and Walter. We anticipate their conversion in the very near future," the couple concluded.

Araraquara is a very strong spiritist city, according to Bobby and Sue. They indicated 200 spiritist centers are located in the city while only 19 legitimate evangelical churches can be found. Four of the



Rick and Linda Bowling have resigned from missionary service in Uruguay.

five radio stations and two of the three local newspapers are owned by spiritists.

Bobby and Sue will be working some in the Central Bible College in Jaboticabal in addition to their ministry in Araraquara.

Bowlings Resign Due to Health Problems

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Rick and Linda Bowling, who served one term in Uruguay, have submitted their resignation from missionary service due to medical needs.

"After much prayer and consultations with Linda's doctor, we have concluded that we will not be able to return to the field of Uruguay due to Linda's asthma problem contracted in Texas while we were in language school. Therefore, we submit this resignation from foreign missions service," the Bowlings stated.

Rick and Linda were active in starting a new work in the Montevideo suburb of Malvin Norte. That work is currently under the direction of Walter Ellison and Gerardo Rodriguez.

The Bowlings have accepted the call to pastor the Martin Hill FWB Church in Booneville, Miss.

Sherwood Lee Visits India, Speaks at Conference

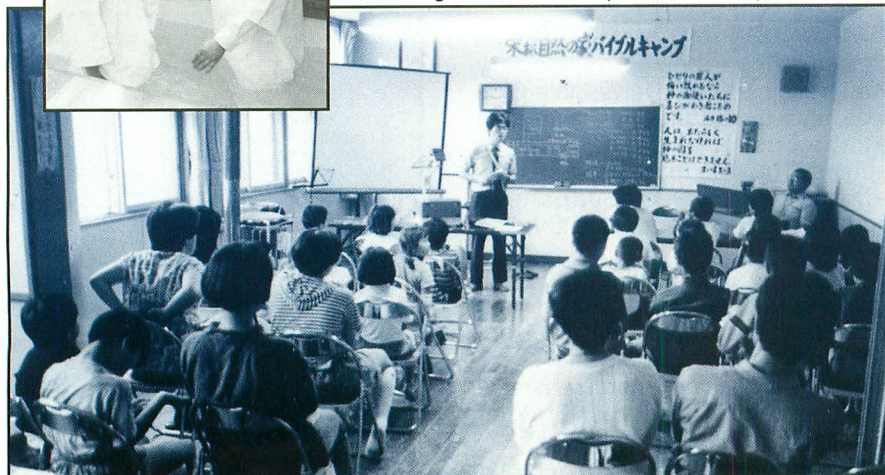
India—Missionary Sherwood Lee of Côte d'Ivoire visited fellow South Carolina missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna in India during May and June. He visited both North India and South India works and spoke at a Bible conference in North India June 1-3.

Approximately 700 people attended the Bible conference. Five men who planned to go to Bible

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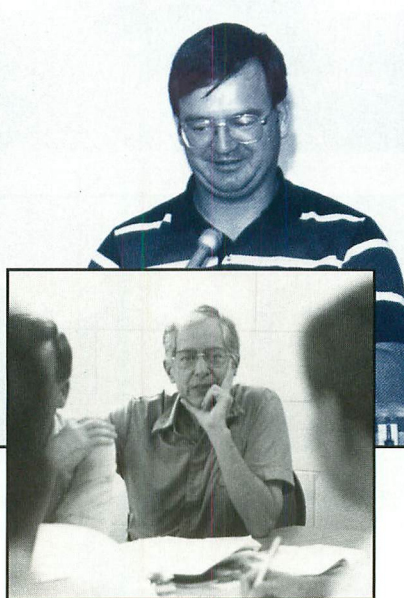


Left—The first baptism in the new Bihoro church building took place on July 15 during a joint worship service of the Bihoro and Abashiri churches on the island of Hokkaido, Japan. Below—Children receive Bible instruction during a children's camp in northern Japan.





Top—Miss Rie Abe (left) from the Ai No Sato church in Japan, gives her testimony during the foreign missions retreat while missionary Dale Bishop translates. Right—Dr. W. Harold Fuller of SIM International observes as missionaries discuss mission-church relationships on their fields.



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school were dedicated during the conference. Three of these planned to go to Calcutta and study in English while the other two planned to attend a Hindi Bible school.

According to Sherwood, he arrived on May 16, preached in two South India churches, and met with the pastors in that area. He also conducted a Bible study while in the area.

Lee was given a 15-day permit to go to North India and spent 14 days with the Hannas. He said, "I was impressed by the churches being full and by the number of couples and young people in the churches."

Sherwood returned to the United States on June 9.

F.M. Retreat Features Dr. W. Harold Fuller

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual foreign missions retreat was held July 29-August 2 at Free Will Baptist

Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Featured during the week was Dr. W. Harold Fuller of SIM International, who conducted sessions based on his book, *Mission-Church Dynamics*.

Forty-five missionaries plus the board, staff, and numerous visitors gathered to hear the field reports each evening. Pastor Larry Powell of Cofer's Chapel in Nashville brought a Bible message Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings.

An overwhelming majority of missionaries present rated Larry Powell's messages and Dr. Fuller's presentations as excellent. They also put a high priority on prayer time.

The Board of Foreign Missions also met during the retreat. They appointed Dave Jr. and Becky Franks as missionaries to Uruguay and accepted the resignation of Rick and Linda Bowling who had to leave Uruguay due to health needs.

N.C. Church Missed; High Point Ranks No. 76

Nashville, Tenn.—In gathering the statistics on giving for the per capita listing, the foreign missions staff inadvertently overlooked the report from Lakeview Free Will Baptist Church in High Point, N.C. According to foreign missions records and the returned questionnaire, the church ranked number 76 with a giving record of \$74.86 per member for 1989.

Other churches may have returned a questionnaire but did not find their names on the list in the July-August *Heartbeat*. Churches giving less than \$10 per capita were not listed due to space; however, their support is appreciated.

Recent Address Changes Noted for Missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—Recent moves and relocations have made the Foreign Missions Directory outdated in some parts. Below are address changes that should be noted in the directory:

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Mark and Donna Daniel
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Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire
West Africa

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