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Showing God at work around the world

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PROGRAM





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by Joe Grizzle

Line upon line, precept upon precept, conference upon conference, and year upon year. Building a missions program is a process! It is born of an unrelenting confidence that the great imperative of the church is to take Christ to the entire world. It grows out of a tenacious, rugged loyalty of the pastor to communicate his worldwide burden through preaching, teaching, and personal practice.

Pastoral Leadership

Potential denominational greatness and the challenging goal to "Double in a Decade" is directly contingent upon

pastoral leadership. Imposing but true: Preachers produce after "their kind." No more, no less. Congregations typically reflect the pastor's leadership. Serious commitment to worldwide evangelism must form the warp and woof of the preacher's perspective.

The pastor holds the keys to the success or failure of missionary funding in his church.

Missionaries must be relieved of the pressure and responsibility of fund raising. The question is not "personal

support" versus "generalized support." It is more support. The answer is simple. More money willingly poured into outreach coffers will relieve the stress so imposing on both home and foreign missionary families.

The pastor is responsible to address this problem. His leadership is pivotal. He holds the keys to the success or failure of missionary funding in his church. Making world evangelism a stepchild to be tolerated, and generally neglected, rings the death knell over the emphasis. Only methodical, tedious dedication to the holy mandate will reflect success. The message of new life will shine forth only when "men of the cloth" sense the pain of a lost world, conscientiously accept the "go ye" commission, and commit themselves to it.

A Church Missions Board

The laity will rally to the missionary enterprise when it is perceived as a crucial and credible ministry. Election of a church missions board that shares equal respect with the deacons, the trustees, and the educational committee is the first and most important step in communicating the imperative nature of this task.

The church missions board should be comprised of motivated, creative leaders who have demonstrated genuine interest in the missionary enterprise—believers who have faithfully and loyally prayed and paid for making the gospel global. The group should meet regularly, report to the church frequently, and ultimately be perceived as accomplishing one

of the most important functions of the body of Christ.

Missions Month

If reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ is our chief task, then surely the matter is worthy of several Sunday morning sermons each year. If missions is the heartthrob of the pastor, several consecutive messages on soul winning and world outreach should be quite natural. Missions month provides the most sensible occasion for such crucial preaching.

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Additionally, a month-long emphasis provides the most likely time for the annual missions conference. Please note the term "annual." Missionary vision is guaranteed when it is a consistent part of the yearly church calendar. It is preferable if the same month is used each year for the conference.

Successful annual missions conferences are assured when they are carefully planned several months in advance. Planning, promotion, and presentation should be done by the church missions board. Creative approaches to conferences are the imperative. The conference should be well advertised through bulletin inserts, well-designed programs, special music, clearly defined financial goals, fellowship

dinners, and poster contests for the children.

"Off nights" could be used constructively by offering an opportunity to meet the missionary on a casual basis. Missionary meetings in the home provide a warm, casual setting where people can experience a free interchange of information as well as develop a more intimate acquaintance with missionary personnel.

Education

Will God condemn eternally a person who has never heard the gospel? Yes, no doubt! As heartbreaking and overwhelming as that biblical fact is, the universal and unique nature of the gospel is just not clearly understood by the Free Will Baptist laity at large.

An alarming percentage of those in the pews don't believe that people who have not heard the gospel are lost. Children and adults attend our Sunday schools only to arrive at an "undeniable uncertainty" on this issue. The answer? Education, education, education! Toddlers through adults must be meticulously taught our evangelistic responsibility. If people don't believe in missions, they won't support missions—not with their prayers, their money, nor their personal involvement.

Personal Contact

People need to know the missionaries they are expected to support. Praying for a nameless face will never become a lifetime habit. There is no substitute for personal contact with missionaries.

Modern technology makes it easier than ever to become

familiar with our missions program. Cassettes, photos, and videos are available to share with local congregations at regular intervals. This allows missionary families to virtually grow along with the congregation. New members can establish an acquaintance with missionary families before they ever meet them personally.

Monthly Emphasis

Ideas abound to help churches maintain missionary commitment throughout the year. For example, a profile sheet inserted in the bulletin monthly, bulletin articles expressing missionary prayer needs, and a regular column in the church newsletter could help a great deal. A missions offering in the Sunday school once each month or a sign displayed in a conspicuous location in the sanctuary reminding people of "Missions Sunday" are also simple methods to stimulate missions awareness.

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An alert local church missions board can use these and many other ideas to generate faithful prayer and financial support. Used regularly, they will enhance the church's missions program.

The Real Issue

The real issue remains the same. The problem of missions is not how, but who and when.

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Beyond Our Dreams

by Trula Cronk

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Who will assume the sense of personal responsibility that makes "passion for people" top priority? Who will press the challenge "to go" upon the young? Will it be the pastors, teachers, woman's auxiliaries and youth leaders? Who?

When will Free Will Baptist leaders reject the idea that a generous congregation might cripple local programs by "giving it all away"? When will the mandate of Acts 1:8 to simultaneously evangelize the world become our central focus? When, indeed? The seriousness of this challenge was made clear recently in a sermon by one of our own missionaries: "If not you, then who? If not now, then when?" A strong pastoral missions emphasis will produce church members involved in world outreach.

Joe Grizzle is pastor of First FWB Church in Norman, Okla. He also serves on the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions.

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After 18 years of separation from missionary service, Dan and I returned to India in 1990 to visit the works and people we left behind in 1972. As we attended the annual Free Will Baptist conference, our minds were flooded with memories and we were excited to see what God had done in expanding our ministry.

The Story of Two Servants

Chulhai:

When we arrived at the airport on our way to Sonapur, Carlisle Hanna and Chulhai were there with the jeep to drive us the last 36 miles. We were already overwhelmed by the joy of seeing the eternal snows of the Everest Range again as we landed. But when we saw Chulhai again after so many

years, we could hardly talk for the flood of memories sweeping over us.

After the Paul Woolseys left India, Dan and I divided our time between Sonapur and Kishanganj. We needed someone who could care for the house in Sonapur when we were not there and go to the villages with Dan when we were there. One of the Christian men recommended Chulhai for the job. He was a Hindu lad about 14 years of age. We thought him far too young for the task, but Bongo persuaded us of his dependability and good character. So we hired him.

Chulhai stayed on in Sonapur after the Hannas moved there. He has been their faithful assistant through the years. He has managed the physical projects of the mission. In the

meantime he has become a member of the church and a leader in the Christian community.

As Chulhai squeezed that jeep in and out of a long line of overloaded trucks, buses, jeeps, motorcycles, scooters, freight-carrying rickshaws, and an occasional car or oxcart, I tried to relax my tightened nerves and knotted stomach by recalling the past. I was too scared to enjoy the beautiful tea gardens and pineapple gardens along the way.

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As I looked at the gray hairs of this faithful servant, I remembered him as a boy. I recalled how he always hurried to the gate to open it as soon as he heard our jeep coming. In those days our jeep was about the only one around.

One time Dan flushed a leopard and was chasing it down the road with the jeep. Too late he remembered that Chulhai would be standing in the open gate. A quick stop and an urgent prayer caused the leopard to leap over into the graveyard instead of entering the open gate where Chulhai waited.

He may never have preached a sermon nor taught a class, but Chulhai has been a pillar in the development of the mission because he has taken the responsibility of many menial details, thus freeing Carlisle and others to preach sermons and teach classes.

Just before we left I heard

Dan tell Chulhai in Hindi, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." And I said, "Amen."

Barosi:

We needed a cook. None was available in the area where we lived so we decided to hire a young Hindu boy, a relative of Chulhai whose father worked for the railway in a nearby village.

He did not know how to cook. He had never been in an American home before. But he had an interesting name, "Barosi," which meant "trust," and I was desperate. I needed someone who was willing to build fires, carry water, cut the heads off of chickens, scale fish, and a lot of other things that could be done by anyone willing to work. Gratefully, Barosi was willing.

Barosi could read and write. Thus, we were soon getting along very well. In the course of time he learned to cook some things better than I could. I could leave most meals to him and all those hateful clean-up jobs.

In the meantime he got married. He eventually brought his wife and children to live on our compound. Barosi always attended Sunday morning services but would not make a decision to become a Christian. He had been working for us 10 or 12 years and went to work for the Hannas before we left India.

Somewhere along the line he decided to become a Christian. Since he was a sharp young man and had proved his trustworthiness, Carlisle sent him for training so he could manage the cattle project. They are upgrading the cattle in the

area by developing cows that are smaller and eat less but give much more milk than the local breed. Barosi also helps the people in the community with their animal health needs. They call him "Doctor."

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Imagine my joy when I went to speak at the annual conference and Barosi introduced me. He is a conference leader and it was his day to emcee. What pleasure it gave me to respond to his introduction by saying, "Thank you, Brother Barosi."

The conversation I had with Barosi after the meeting, as I reminisced over the years we had worked together in the kitchen and as we apologized to one another, will remain one of the best memories of my trip back to India. Our efforts were not in vain!

Trula Cronk served 27 years with her husband, Dan, as missionaries to India. They visited India in January of 1990 for the first time since leaving 18 years earlier.

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GOD'S PROVISIONS

The hand of God moved on behalf of our ministries in 1990. More than 900 people on our various fields professed faith in Christ.

We began the year with no deficit missionary accounts and ended the year by exceeding our projected income by \$92,675.

God provided \$3,609,827 for regular missionary support and ministries. In addition, our people gave \$67,359 toward our Advance Celebration. The total income of \$3,684,186 broke our previous record.

Thirty-three churches gave more than \$10,000 each to foreign missions last year.

We applaud the 15 states and regional associations which met or exceeded their faith goals last year:

Tennessee, North Carolina, Missouri, South Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, West Virginia, California, Northwest Association, Colorado, Hawaii, Iowa, Nebraska, Montana, and New Mexico.

In addition, the following states gave at least 95 percent of their suggested faith quota:

Georgia, Illinois, Michigan and Oklahoma.

Special efforts in several states contributed to our success. In Tennessee Don and Billie Sexton's Walk-a-thon broke all records by raising \$110,490.89. The Pop Willey offering in South Carolina approached \$11,500 and the Laura Belle Barnard offering in Georgia totalled \$9,766.02.

by R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

God is still blessing our people as they give generously to overseas ministries. Thirty-three churches gave more than \$10,000 each to foreign missions last year (see list on page 9).

Some 1,828 churches contributed to world outreach in 1990 compared to 1,688 in 1989. This represents an increase of 140 churches over the previous year.

The goal for last year's World Missions Offering was \$75,000 for evangelism overseas. Actual gifts totaled \$66,533. The WNAC Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering for 1990 made up almost \$30,000 of this amount.

Our missionaries reported blessings on every field. For

example, more than 80 people were baptized in the Bouna area of Côte d'Ivoire last spring. A number of these were brought to Christ through the ministry of our Bible institute students. These students reported 181 people receiving Christ as Savior through their witness.

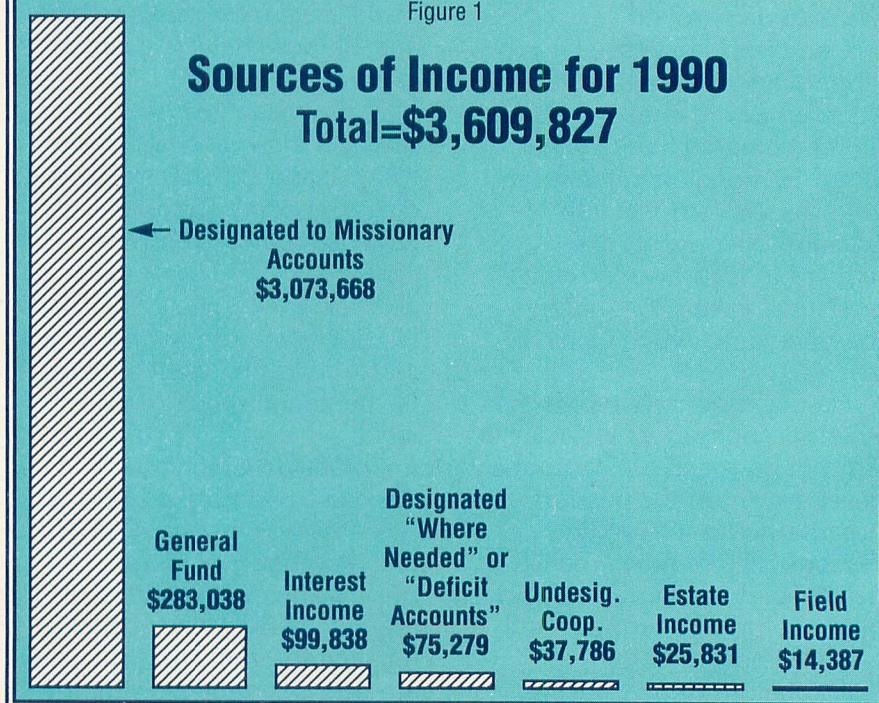
Christians in the Bondoukou/Goumère area of Ivory Coast spent three days and nights last spring evangelizing Appimadoum. God honored their efforts when 23 people prayed to receive Christ.

The young people in Agnibiekrou conducted a mini-evangelistic campaign during the Christmas holidays. More than 1,000 people heard the gospel. Forty of these prayed to receive Christ as Savior.

In France over 30 of the 160 people who attended the Christmas service at St. Nazaire,

Figure 1

Sources of Income for 1990 **Total=\$3,609,827**



IN 1990

France, were first-time visitors.

Seventy-two people participated in a junior camp in Jaboticabal, Brazil. Twenty of these made professions of faith in Christ.

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Until last year the city of Las Rozas, Spain, had no gospel witness. Free Will Baptists have now begun Bible studies with 12 interested people. We are trusting God to build His church in this city of 30,000 people.

Some unusual opportunities for witness opened to our missionaries in Bihoro, Japan, last Christmas. More than 200 people were in special services. Some of these had never heard the gospel before.

Last August Panamanian Free Will Baptists saw God move in an unusual way in Río de Jesús. This town of about 3,000 people had no gospel-preaching church before Free Will Baptists started a work there. Seizing the opportunity to minister to the needy citizens and desiring to demonstrate Christ's love, our Panamanian brothers enlisted some medical personnel and set up free clinics. At night they

held evangelistic meetings. As a result, 227 people professed to receive Christ as Savior.

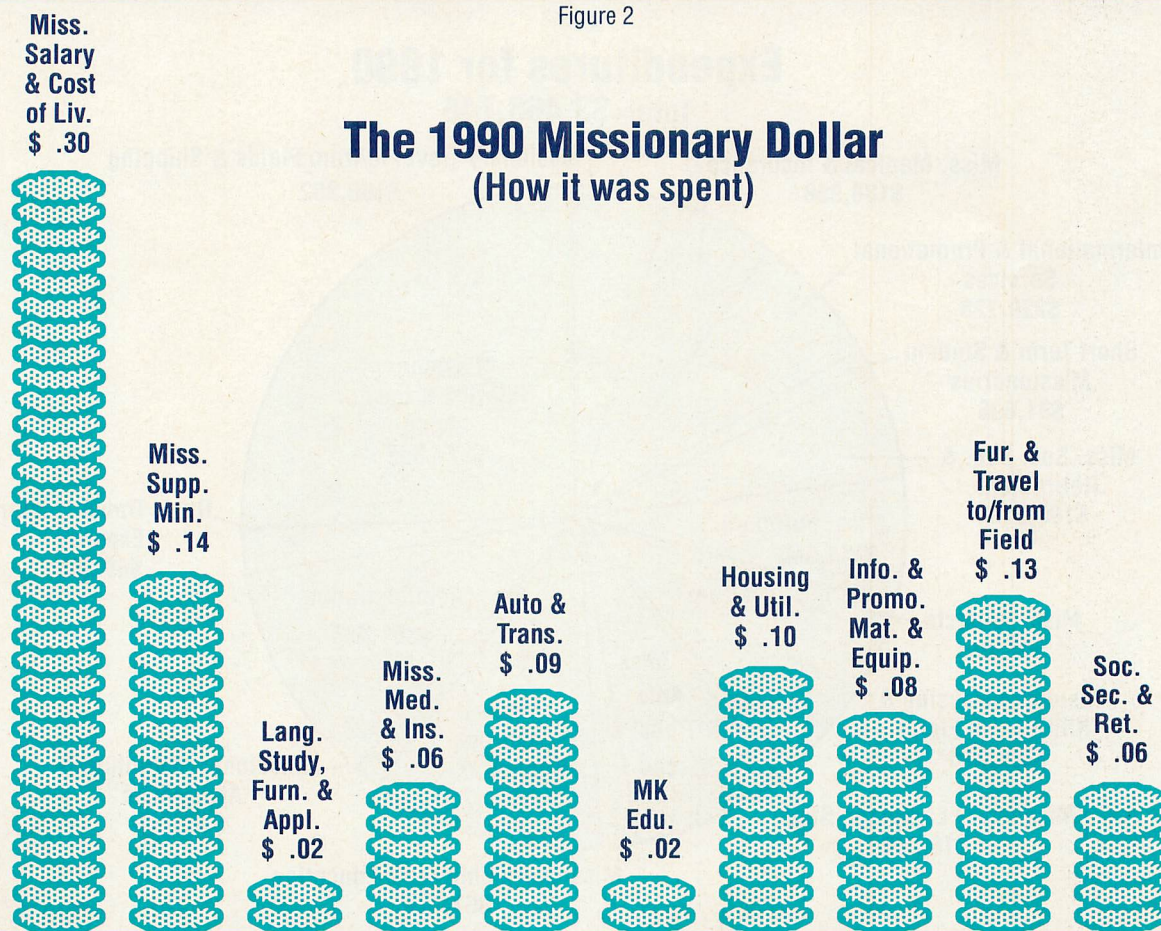
These soul-winning ventures were possible because of the generosity of men, women, and children in our churches, Sunday schools, woman's auxiliaries, etc.

Again last year our home office staff rendered valuable services to our missionaries and churches here in the U.S. I estimate we made or received at least 15,000 telephone calls, mailed nearly 10,000 personal letters, sent 12,000 letters via bulk mail, and shipped 3,876 packages of literature and materials. Approximately 2,000

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Figure 2

The 1990 Missionary Dollar (How it was spent)



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missionary services were also arranged and conducted.

We produced and mailed 10 issues of *Heartbeat* magazine (approximately 42,000 copies each) and produced seven video presentations. In addition to this our staff developed and printed all of the brochures, prayer cards, profiles, directories, etc., for information and promotion.

80.4 percent of our expenditures were for overseas missionary ministries.

These facts and figures point to a year of profitable investment by donors, both in

terms of the stateside foreign missions ministry, as well as the overseas outreach.

The expenses for our work in 1990 totaled \$3,468,746. As **Figure 3** indicates, 80.4 percent of our expenditures was for overseas missionary staff ministries. The other 19.6 percent was used for administrative expenses (11 percent), board expenses and travel (two percent) and informational and promotional services (6.6 percent). The latter expenses are paid from the informational and promotional fund to which seven percent of our missionary income is designated.

Although God's hand was especially on our ministry in

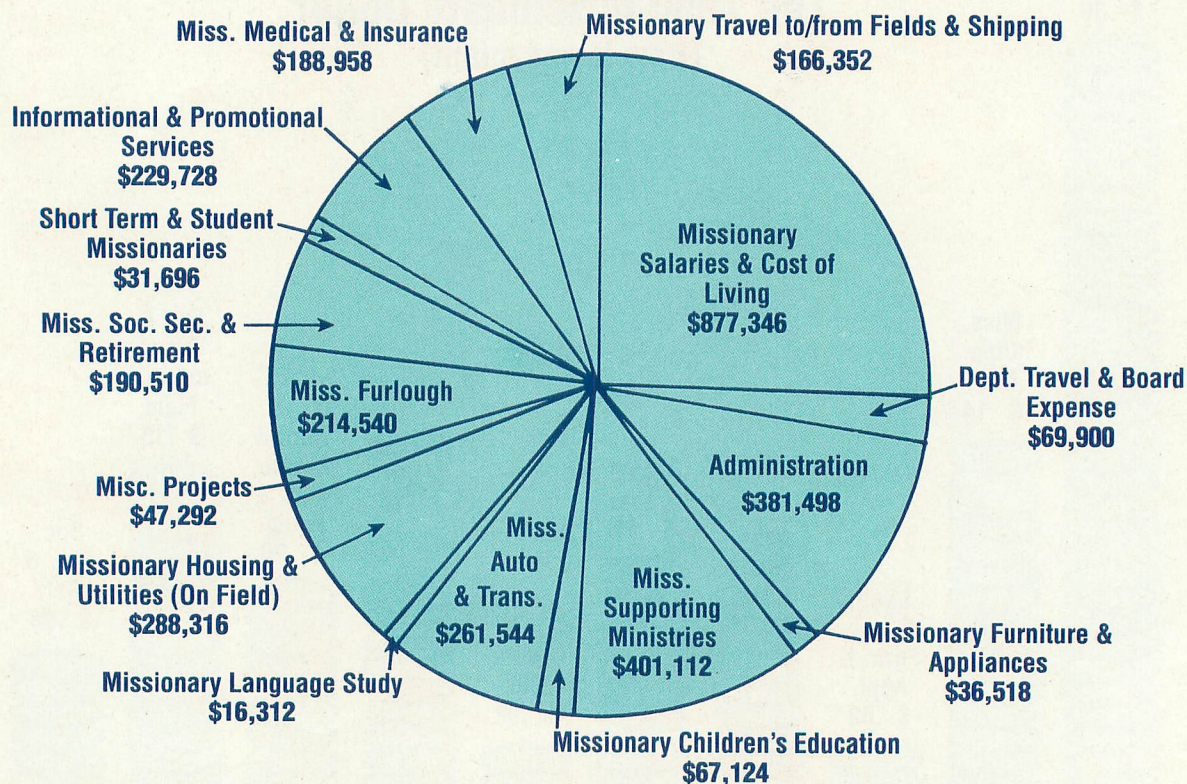
1990, we saw the deficits rise again. Two causes for rising costs were Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and another drop in the value of the dollar overseas. Overall, we must praise the Lord for the lives that were changed through our ministries around the world.

The large number of young people currently studying for Christian service encourages me. We live in a time of unprecedented opportunities. Many doors are open to us. And we are depending upon the Lord's people in our churches to join us in finishing our task. We must preach the gospel to as many of the unreached people of the world as we can before Christ returns.

Figure 3

Expenditures for 1990

Total=\$3,468,746



Honoring Giving Churches

Thirty-three churches gave over \$10,000 to foreign missions ministries in 1990:

1	Central, Royal Oak, MI	36,245.40
2	First, Norman, OK	28,488.98
3	Donelson, Nashville, TN	24,983.30
4	Fellowship, Kingsport, TN	23,906.36
5	Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, TN	22,506.50
6	Bethel, Kinston, NC	22,444.00
7	Horse Branch, Turbeville, SC	19,501.17
8	Ina, IL	19,460.00
9	First, Raleigh, NC	17,672.71
10	Randall Memorial, Memphis, TN	17,538.00
11	Heritage, Johnson City, TN	16,944.63
12	First, Locust Grove, OK	16,410.00
13	First, Monett, MO	15,900.21
14	First, Waco, TX	15,335.00
15	Gateway, Virginia Beach, VA	13,770.15
16	Garner, NC	13,661.81
17	Bethlehem, Ashland City, TN	13,380.05
18	Bethany, Broken Arrow, OK	12,482.65
19	Trinity, Greenville, NC	12,255.77
20	First, Darlington, SC	12,232.25
21	Calvary Fellowship, Fenton, MO	12,118.09
22	First, Russellville, AR	12,103.43
23	Johnston, IL	12,002.91
24	Statesboro, GA	11,876.48
25	Good Springs, Pleasant View, TN	11,740.59
26	Cross Timbers, Nashville, TN	11,717.23
27	Unity, Smithfield, NC	11,666.69
28	Sherwood Forest, New Bern, NC	11,508.75
29	Goshen, Mt. Holly, NC	11,393.55
30	Cramerton, NC	11,390.00
31	Southern Oaks, Okla. City, OK	11,197.71
32	First, Moore, OK	10,448.96
33	West Calvary, Smithfield, NC	10,289.85

Seventy-three churches were ranked by annual per capita gifts of \$25 or more per member.

(These were determined by foreign missions records and responses to a questionnaire sent out by the foreign missions office. Many churches did not respond to the questionnaire; consequently they are not listed.)

1	Randall Memorial, Memphis, TN	\$247.01
2	Faith, Windsor, VA	217.26
3	First, Darlington, SC	188.19
4	Cross Timbers, Nashville, TN	150.22
5	Fellowship, Kingsport, TN	144.89
6	Ina, IL	132.30
7	Fulton, MS	129.88
8	Richland, Nashville, TN	117.02
9	Poplar Springs, Iuka, MS	116.51
10	Second, Ashland, KY	107.29
11	Garner, NC	99.72
12	Horse Branch, Turbeville, SC	98.49
13	First, Billings, MT	98.27
14	Grace, Lake City, SC	96.49
15	West Calvary, Smithfield, NC	96.17
16	New Haven, Ernul, NC	93.38
17	Canton, Maggie Valley, NC	77.13
18	First, McMinnville, TN	76.67
19	Harper Road, Joelton, TN	70.92
20	Corinth, Midland City, AL	69.48
21	Porter, Wheelersburg, OH	68.28
22	Airport, Tulsa, OK	67.97
23	Landmark, Cary, NC	67.12
24	First, Youngstown, OH	66.95
25	Bloss Memorial, Arlington, VA	65.16
26	New Home, Tulsa, OK	64.18
27	First of Toledo, Perrysburg, OH	62.50
27	Lone Pine Chapel, Pound, VA	62.50
29	Cove City, NC	56.65
30	Haven, Benson, NC	56.34
31	Trinity, Darlington, MD	56.25
32	La Vergne, TN	56.12

33	Mt. Zion, Hindsville, AR	54.55
34	Unity, Greenville, NC	54.06
35	Doran Addition, Kingsport, TN	52.08
36	Beulah, Pamplico, SC	49.18
37	Faith, Chandler, IN	48.25
38	Salem Rd., Fayetteville, WV	48.23
39	Shady Grove, Durham, NC	47.87
40	Oak Grove, Durham, NC	47.17
41	First, Blackwell, OK	46.04
42	Living Water, Bethel, NC	45.73
43	Hanks Memorial, Birmingham, AL	45.55
44	Mine La Motte, Fredericktown, MO	44.21
45	Shiloh, Bratt, FL	43.63
46	Trinity, Greenville, NC	43.46
47	Riverview, Bettendorf, IA	42.56
48	Temple, Greenville, NC	42.11
49	Maranatha, Greenville, NC	41.27
50	Chickasha, OK	41.05
51	Lakeview, High Point, NC	40.23
52	Faith, Barberton, OH	36.26
53	Burbank, Roan Mtn., TN	34.68
54	Brown's Chapel, St. Albans, WV	34.07
55	First, Jasper, AL	32.98
56	Phipp's Bend, Surgoinsville, TN	32.13
57	Friendship, Pink Hill, NC	31.06
58	Temple, Bristol, VA	30.85
59	Mt. Olive, Plymouth, NC	30.84
60	Brian's Chapel, Appalachia, VA	30.43
61	Upper Spring Creek, Belleville, AR	30.37
62	Immanuel, Durham, NC	29.83
63	Heritage, Fredericksburg, VA	29.00
64	Victory, Goldsboro, NC	28.93
65	First, Elizabethton, TN	28.58
66	Meadowbrook, Black Mtn., NC	28.42
67	Community, Ypsilanti, MI	28.26
68	Bethel, El Dorado Spgs., MO	27.84
69	Marbleton Comm., Unicoi, TN	27.27
70	Highland Hills, Greeley, CO	26.40
71	Valley Grove, Anderson, IN	26.00
72	Jefferson Rd., Sumter, SC	25.74
73	Kendale Acres, Sanford, NC	25.19

Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in December, January, and February in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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Mr. and Mrs. Tart Lee Clinton, N. C.	Mr. George Pope
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Theresa Williams St. Louis, Mo.	Marion "Chub" Williams
First FWB Church Okmulgee, Okla.	Carmen Buchanan
Faye Howe Hartville, Mo.	Unice Stigall
Donor	In Honor of
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Mr. Hamlee Moon Rose Bud, Ark.	Lawnie and Alene Coffman
The following gave special gifts in memory of Jeff Forrest:	
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Who Are Our Donors?

by Janie Aldridge

Behind every name listed on the monthly donor sheet is a face, a person. Each of these people has chosen to become an integral part of mission work. Each becomes a sending agent of our missions program. These individuals come in different sizes, shapes, ages, and nationalities.

A bouncy little blond! She is five years old! Her eyes express delight as she hands us the filled-out quarter folder. A job well done!

And behind this young donor is the preacher-father who sets the example for her and others to follow. Although things are tight, he is convinced of the need to lead in giving.

Retirees comprise a large percentage of missions donors. Many live on fixed incomes, yet they continue to give generously.

Thousands of donors in Tennessee and Alabama participate in walk-a-thons each year, certain they can make a difference. They do! And they have lots of fun while they are doing it. This is the joy of the Lord they serve!

Having received, Christians in Panama and France freely give to the Advance Celebration so others can benefit, too.

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Realizing time was short, one donor carefully prepared her missions offering. The envelope, found in her Bible after her funeral, was a testimony of true commitment.

A successful businessman honors the Lord with his wealth and gives generously to help secure land and build churches in economically deprived countries of the world.

An MK perceives wealth as a strategic means of attacking the strongholds of Satan. Working to



excel in his profession, he will one day become a major donor.

The modest lifestyle of a single school teacher permits her to give generously and with great joy!

Many donors are even making plans to continue giving after death through wills and trust instruments.

Many donors are even making plans to continue giving after death through wills and trust instruments. This statement of faith and gratitude is powerful.

Missionaries find it easy to give. They know firsthand the great need and awesome task.

Mom- and Dad-donors support their missionary children overseas. And adult MKs support the missionary parents! What team work and love!

The South Carolina State Association proved its commitment to world outreach. The state refused to tamper with the annual missions offering when considering a much-needed building program for the State Promotional work.

Yes, donors are the working men and women of our denomination. They cope with the mundane and tiring details of life while demonstrating spiritual insight and vision. Portions of their earnings go into eternal investments every month, making life and work worthwhile.

The identity of our donors brings to mind many people: pastors, family, friends, children, young people—WONDERFUL people across our denomination. Their faces are varied, yet beautiful and vibrant. They have caught a glimpse of glory! They are working for the King and His Kingdom. Each one is doing what he can and presently receiving Heaven's commendation and approval!

Janie Aldridge served with her husband, Jimmy, as a missionary to Côte d'Ivoire. Jimmy is now overseas secretary for foreign missions.

Financial Summary

Through February 28

\$ubstance

Total income for February	\$ 299,412.96
Total income through February	546,277.58
Total disbursements through February	640,458.55
Projected income through February	663,318.00
Total 1991 Budget	\$3,979,859.00

Advance gifts through February	\$ 4,302.98
1991 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 1,734.26	Holland, C.	\$ 2,170.46
Barnard	176.75	Martens, J.	1,330.61
Callaway	5,845.91	Robinson	8,349.98
Cowart	195.67	Willey	1,096.85
Crosby	3,792.26	Wilson	115.37
Deeds	2,591.48	Spec. Com.	19,083.78
*Franks, Sr.	25,622.99	Gen. Fund	3,986.51
Total			\$76,092.88

*Approximately \$32,000 in medical insurance claims pending

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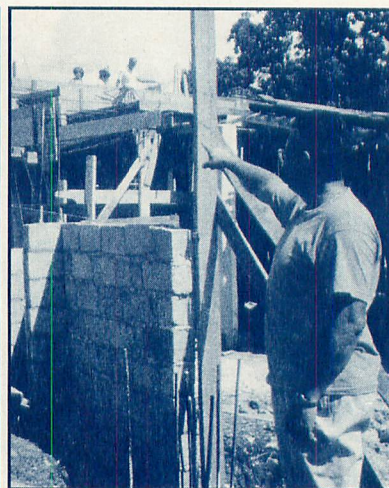
All of the following account balances are in the black but in serious need:

Crowson	\$ 347.86	Leatherbury	\$ 44.39
Cuba	738.51	Poole00
Gibbs00	Teague	659.65

State Goals—1991

State	Goal 1991	Goal Through February	Contributions Through February
Alabama	\$ 185,000	\$ 30,834	\$ 26,771.10
Arizona	6,200	1,034	535.00
Arkansas	218,000	36,334	22,922.15
California	85,000	14,166	13,774.87
Colorado	5,000	834	445.57
Florida	95,000	15,834	8,686.19
Georgia	185,000	30,834	26,152.86
Hawaii	4,000	666	423.75
Idaho	1,200	200	.00
Illinois	125,000	20,834	12,292.44
Indiana	43,000	7,166	7,191.22
Iowa	2,000	334	90.00
Kansas	19,000	3,166	2,713.42
Kentucky	90,000	15,000	11,648.15
Louisiana	300	50	30.00
Maryland	23,000	3,834	1,646.29
Michigan	150,000	25,000	17,462.41
Mississippi	66,000	11,000	6,276.74
Missouri	308,000	51,334	87,686.31
Montana	1,000	166	67.00
Nevada	1,500	250	95.00
New Mexico	1,000	166	.57
* Northeast Assn.	5,200	866	425.00
** Northwest Assn.	7,500	1,250	973.76
North Carolina	513,000	85,500	69,900.08
Ohio	142,000	23,666	15,723.10
Oklahoma	439,000	73,166	45,222.73
Pennsylvania	2,900	484	10.00
South Carolina	214,000	35,666	29,024.88
Tennessee	568,000	94,666	70,948.35
Texas	129,000	21,500	16,635.92
Virginia	155,000	25,834	19,461.31
Virgin Islands	3,000	500	400.00
West Virginia	85,000	14,166	10,992.03
Miscellaneous	102,059	17,010	19,649.38
Totals	\$3,979,859	\$ 663,310	\$ 546,277.58

* Northeast Association
Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Rhode Island
* Northwest Association
British Columbia, Canada, Oregon, and Washington



(Left) Tony Fowlkes, Terry Eagleton, Carrol Poole, and Tony Stevens—four of the 14 construction men who went to Cuba—observe as Cubans honor them during a special service. (Center, left to right) Kenny Orr, Stan Bunch, Howard Price, and Roy English work on forms for the foundation of part of the Willey Memorial Tabernacle in Cuba. (Right) Jim Vallance, general director of Master's Men, points out some of the work and the workers in the construction project.

A. Smith Resumes Ministry in Schools

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Alice Smith reports from Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire: "God has graciously heard our prayers and the political situation has stabilized. The schools are open. I am registering children for my Bible classes this week."

Alice reported registering 175 students and noted that classes began January 21.

Miss Smith also informed the missions office that she and Bessie Richards had started a class with children, mostly Baoulé, in the village of Kangakrou. Norman Richards has started a new work in that village.

14 Men Help on Cuban Willey Memorial Chapel

Cuba—Fourteen men traveled to Cuba in February, one from Panama and 13 from the United States, to help in construction of Willey Memorial Chapel (or Tabernacle) at Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute near Pinar del Rio.

The men arrived in Cuba on February 14 and began construction. They labored faithfully even in the midst of the annual convention of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists which met at the institute February 22-24.

Jim Vallance, general director of Master's Men, accompanied the men from the U.S. and missionary

Stan Bunch flew in from Panama to labor and interpret for the group.

Those participating in the "labor of love" included Gary Curry of Ada, Okla., John and Tony Fowlkes of Vilonia, Ark., Ted Henry of Russellville, Ark., Kenny Orr of Creal Springs, Ill., Howard Price of Statesboro, Ga., Roy English of Albany, Ga., and Joshua Lopez of Miami, Fla.

Assisting from the state of Tennessee were Vallance of LaVergne, Terry Eagleton of Nashville, Tony Stevens of Antioch, Carrol Poole of Clarksville, and Roger Dickerson of Limestone.

Poole, John and Tony Fowlkes, Vallance, and Henry have all participated in other similar projects.

Four other men joined the group on February 18 and participated in the convention: Tom Willey Jr., former missionary to Cuba and Panama; Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary for foreign missions; Tim Hackett, associate pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Inman, S.C.; and Charles Tapp, a deacon in the First Church.

The three preachers in the latter team spoke a total of seven times during the convention. Hackett, Aldridge, and Tapp also helped three days with the construction before the foursome returned to the U.S. on February 26.

Jimmy Aldridge met with the convention leaders and discussed the coordination of the Willey Memorial Project and the groundwork for part-

nership agreements between the National Association of Free Will Baptists and the Cuban association.

The construction team returned home on February 28.

Three Converted at Nantes FWB Church

France—According to a letter from Allan Crowson in early February, three people have been saved recently in the church at Nantes, France.

Florence, a teenager from a Christian family, was converted at a youth retreat. Soutaine, a woman from Madagascar, was saved when she and her husband went to speak with missionary Steve Riggs. They had been attending church. Spiroula, a Canadian student with Greek origin, was saved in her dorm room.

Regina Franks Improves; Family Returns to Brazil

Nashville, Tenn.—Regina Franks, daughter of missionaries Dave and Pat Franks of Brazil, has sufficiently recovered from her November surgery to give the Franks clearance to return to Brazil. They departed on March 10.

Dave went to Brazil in December to work with missionaries and Brazilian Christian leaders in planning for the Free Will Baptist work in the nineties. He arrived back in the United States on February 12.

Pat Franks, who stayed with Regina at her mother's house in West Virginia, suffered a broken bone in her right foot while Dave was gone. She had recovered sufficiently to return to Brazil.

The Franks will be working in the first phase of construction of the church building in Belo Horizonte. They will also seek to develop the ministry through personal contacts, Bible studies, etc.

Daniel Prepares for Leadership Training Plan

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—According to missionary Mark Daniel in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, preparations are being made for the implementation of an area leadership training program in Koulango.

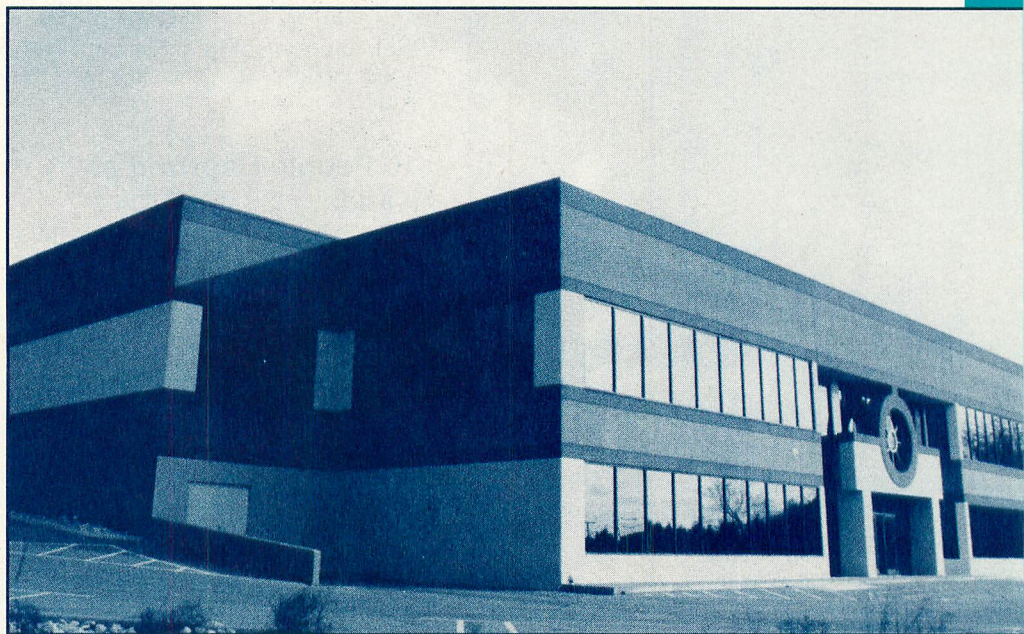
"Very soon I plan to begin a limited literacy project aimed at potential students," writes Mark. "The goal is to have them reading and writing Koulango using a common set of characters by the time classes begin. Those who excel will become members of a translation team responsible for future materials in language. These will include a Bible story primer, curriculum to train leaders, and a complete translation of the Bible into Koulango."

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—Nancy Hughes reports from Uberlandia, Brazil: "The Lord is pouring out His blessings on the Second Church. We had 85 for prayer meeting last night. We are having in the fifties for Sunday school and in the forties for Sunday night services."

France—Missionary Cathy Crawford has requested prayer for her neighbor, Evelyn, who made a decision about a year-and-a-half ago. Her struggle with life has caused her to quit attending church and to currently forget about God. Cathy requested prayer for Evelyn, her husband Gerard, and their son Jeremy.

India—Pastor David Das, who was severely burned in August of last year, was scheduled to begin physical therapy in Siliguri, India, on March 10. The treatment is expected to last at least three months.



The Free Will Baptist National Offices, currently located on Murfreesboro Road in south Nashville, will soon be moving to this building in the area of Hickory Hollow just off I-24 in south Nashville.

Missionary Carlisle Hanna urged people to pray that David would be able to regain the use of his hands and arms.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Alice Smith reported six people had been saved and seven others added to the church at Agnibekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, in January and February 1991. She indicated four people had been saved at the village of Kangakrou where Norman Richards has started a new work.

Spain—The first service was held in a new meeting hall in Móstoles, Spain, on Sunday morning, February 17. According to Ron Callaway, "It was a good service but it was cold." The radiators had not yet been installed in the building. Twenty-one people were on hand for the service.

France—Missionary Steve Riggs of Nantes, France, had requested people to pray for Francoise, a young lady who had recently begun attending services. In mid-February Allan Crowson reported her conversion.

Brazil—"We have seen three saved since our return to Brazil," writes Bobby Poole from Ribeirão Preto. The Pooles returned to Brazil in February.

Six Missionaries to Begin Furlough Soon

Nashville, Tenn.—Three missionary couples are due to begin furlough in May: Ernest and Elaine Holland of Côte d'Ivoire, Ron and Linda Callaway of Spain, and Steve and Judy Lytle of Panama.

While the Lytles are to arrive on May 25, exact dates of arrival for the others were not available at press time.

FWB National Offices to Have New Address

Nashville, Tenn.—With the recent purchase of a new building to house the Free Will Baptist National Offices in Nashville, foreign missions will have a new location address and a new mailing address. Although these new addresses should be noted by readers, the current P.O. Box 1088 address should be used until the move is actually completed:

Location: 5233 Mt. View Road
Antioch, TN 37013-2306

Mailing address: P.O. Box 5002
Antioch, TN 37011-5002

According to Dr. Melvin Worthington, the new offices will house the

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Dr. John Edwards, moderator of the Alabama state association, presents Dave Franks Jr. a check from Eastside FWB Church in Dothan, Ala.

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Executive Office, Board of Retirement, Free Will Baptist Foundation, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Woman's Auxiliary, and Master's Men. The new facilities should be occupied sometime in May or June.

The telephone number for the new offices will be 615/731-6812.

Iriso, Adachi Churches Hold Joint Service

Japan—A joint service was held recently between the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church and the Adachi Free Will Baptist Church of Tokyo, Japan. According to missionary Ken Bailey, 37 people were present for the service. Twenty-four attended from Iriso and three of those were unsaved. Bailey requested prayer for Mr. Yanagi, Mrs. Komai, and her young son, Daitsuke.

Alabama Moderator Helps Franks Jr., Urges Support

Alabama—Dr. John Edwards, moderator of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists, recently rallied his congregation to support Dave Franks Jr. and his wife, Becky, who are preparing to leave for Uruguay. The Eastside Free Will Baptist Church of Dothan, Ala., gave the Franks the offerings for the entire Sunday and presented Dave a check for \$3,139.67.

Edwards stated, "I would like to encourage all of our churches in

Alabama to have a special day in their church for the Franks. They need to be on the mission field this year."

10 People Baptized at Kendi in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Ron Moore recently finished teaching a baptismal course in the village of Kendi and 10 adults were baptized there during the last week of January.

Among those baptized were four elderly women from a nearby village and a 47-year-old man who was saved when Ron preached his first sermon in Côte d'Ivoire.

According to Linda Moore, Ron is working on some lessons to use in discipling Christians in the villages, and Jerry Pinkerton has been developing Old Testament lessons.

Hannas Remain in India; Annual Conference Held

India—In spite of a January travel advisory by the United States government requesting U.S. citizens to leave India, veteran missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna decided to remain and continue their ministry.

"We have no plans to move out," writes Carlisle. "We have lived through four wars in this land and have not left."

The annual conference of Free Will Baptists in India met February 21-24. According to Hanna, it was the largest crowd ever to attend an

annual conference. He noted the messenger had to speak through a translator. Pastor David Das, who had recently survived serious burns, did the translating during the conference. Many decisions were made for Christ during the meeting.

Carlisle reported a 100-day prayer observance started by the Evangelical Fellowship of India. Free Will Baptists in India were to have a 24-hour prayer chain on March 23 and 25 as a part of this observance.

Araras Church Holds Evangelistic Parade

Brazil—People from the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil got permission from the city officials in January and held a special parade in the city. Christians lined up cars, trucks, and motorcycles and taped the name of a book of the Bible on each one. They also decorated floats and followed a police escort from one side of the city to the other.

According to missionary Shirley Combs, the parade ended with an open-air service in a city park across from the new building for the Marabá mission work. The church was set up with loudspeakers and banners declaring the Bible as God's Word for troubled times.

During the preaching service, Christians gave out gospel tracts and personal invitations to attend the inauguration service of the new church. The dedication service was held in February.

A crowd listens as Christian workers from the First FWB Church in Araras, Brazil, hold a singing and preaching service from a truck in front of the Maraba church. The truck served as a float in a parade through Araras in an effort to introduce people to the Maraba work.





The youth group of the First FWB Church in Russellville, Ark., did babysitting chores to raise funds for the St. Nazaire FWB Church in St. Nazaire, France.

15 Leaders Attend First Dry Season Seminar

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The first Dry Season Seminar was held in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, during February with 15 leaders from nine surrounding villages on hand.

All three missionary men in Bondoukou—Jerry Pinkerton, Mark Daniel, and Ron Moore—were involved in teaching during the seminar.

At night the people from town who had jobs also attended classes. The last evening 31 people participated.

Arkansas FWB Youth Raise Money for Missions

Russellville, Ark.—The youth group of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Russellville, Ark., recently raised \$100 for the church in St. Nazaire, France, by babysitting for donations. The team provided child care for about 21 children in one evening.

The money raised will be used to help the church purchase a public address system. The Russellville church adopted St. Nazaire as a sister church in 1987.

Bondoukou Team Sets New Outreach Approach

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The Bondoukou missionary team has set a new strategy for reaching the areas around Bondoukou with the gospel.

According to Jerry Pinkerton, they

purchased five mopeds which will be used by five African men equipped with a Bible lesson. The young men, who have shown a desire to reach others with the gospel, will travel to five villages each weekend. The following week,

those involved will get together to discuss the previous weekend's services and will be taught a lesson for the coming weekend.

The team requested people to pray that God will bless this new attempted outreach of Africans reaching Africans.

Gypsy Snatches Wallet from Crosby Purse

Spain—Debbie Crosby, wife of missionary Dwain Crosby, had a scare in February when a gypsy woman snatched her billfold from her purse in Madrid, Spain, while two other gypsy friends distracted Debbie by grabbing her and shaking her.

Debbie realized the wallet was missing and followed the gypsy woman into a dark alley without sensing the apparent danger she might be facing. "When you're mad enough, you can do just about anything," she said.

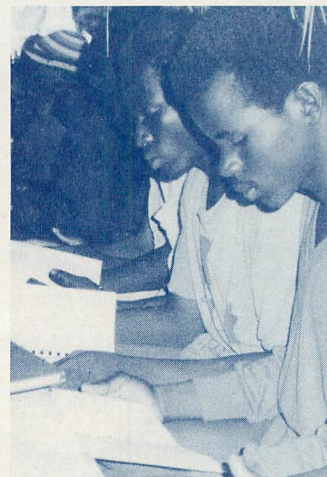
Mrs. Crosby found the lady going through her billfold and, since there was no cash in it, she gave it back.

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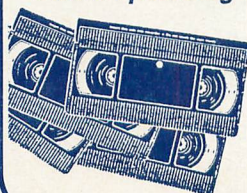
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