

HEARTBEAT

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Showing God at work around the world

**Beyond
Our
Dreams**

Beyond Our Dreams...

. . . we witnessed the abiding fruit of our 22-year-ministry.

by Trula Cronk

As the plane neared Delhi, my excitement mounted. But when we actually walked into that Indian morning, I could scarcely believe we were there. Even when from our downtown hotel we heard the jackals call, it still seemed like a dream. After 18 years Dan and I had come back to meet once more the people with whom we had lived and worked from 1948 to 1972.

Just being in India was excitement enough, but the emotion that churned our stomachs as we saw once more the faces and places we have loved and held dear these many years cannot be described. Being with the Hannas in Sonapur felt so normal that it seemed like only yesterday since we had left. The memories that surrounded us from the time we had been young together with the children around us were as fresh as if no time had elapsed.

Of course, we missed some of the older faces—those who have gone on to be with the Lord. And we grieved over some who have lost the victory, if not the faith, and no longer cared to be

in our fellowship. But it was always a painful experience when one in whom we had invested much time and emotion failed to follow through or live up to our high expectations.

Although the government of West Bengal would allow us to stay only a week in that restricted area and jet lag was still much with us, it was a wonderful seven days. Since it was the week of the annual conference, we were able to see many of the Christians whose homes we could not visit due to lack of time.

Nearly all of the pastors had received their early training in our Christian hostels.

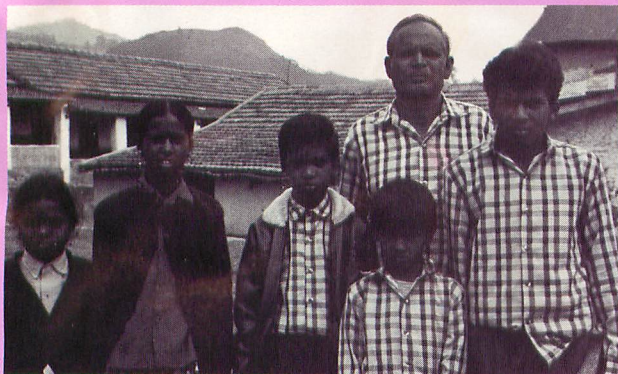
As I watched the preparations for the conference and felt the mounting excitement of the arriving guests, it was like watching a 25-year video. Each person brought to our minds a flood of memories. As we met young men and women, sons and daughters of former hostel

students, we had the weird feeling of being in a time warp. They looked exactly as we had remembered their fathers 20 years earlier.

Meeting the present group of hostel students reminded me of the first group. We always set a high priority on educating leaders for the church we expected to develop, but we had neither staff nor funds for such a school.

When the first two sons of Christians were ready for high school, no school was within reach of their homes. The older brother of one of the boys asked if the lads could come and live with us and attend school in Kishanganj. We saw it as an opportunity to give these young men a Christian home experience and train them in Bible and Christian living while they were gaining their academic education at the local government school.

We rented an extra room for the students, and Jugendra and Gopal came to the hostel to live. They did their own cooking and housekeeping in addition to attending high school. The next



(Left) Muttu and his family and the hostel boys (right) brought back fond memories.



year Surendra joined them.

I still remember the frustration of trying to teach them in Hindi which was neither their language nor mine. By using a Bible in their mother tongue and memorizing carefully selected passages, they soon knew enough to believe in the Lord and accept Him as their Savior.

As soon as the boys were saved, they wanted to change their Hindu names for Christian names. That's how they became, by their choice, Jonathan, Paul, and David. David is now the senior pastor in North India. Jonathan maintains a Christian testimony while earning his living as an employee of an Indian railway.

When the pastors all gathered with their families for a group picture, I was impressed that nearly all of them had received their early training in our Christian hostels. I thank God that the Hannas have continued this ministry along with many others they maintain.

Dan used to call the hostel ministry "God's instant preacher plan" because the young men are grounded in the Word and trained in Christian discipline during their formative student years. When God later calls one of them to preach, he already has the message and the lifestyle to deliver it effectively.

The current residents of the Paul and Nelle Woolsey Memorial Hostel are more than bright young men. They are our hope for the future of the church in India.

I recall when we first went to India to live. We had uneasy feelings about the practice of keeping household servants. It seemed undemocratic. However, it didn't take long to realize that

if I were to do any mission work, I would have to have help.

Even before we arrived in Kotagiri, Miss Barnard had hired a Hindu teenager to help us with shopping and housekeeping. We did not speak Tamil and were unable to use the primitive housekeeping equipment.

Muttu could read and write Tamil. He could also speak a little English, mostly in present participle, that is, "Me going now." "Sahib wanting me coming early?" etc. But with the help of Tamil and English Bibles we were able to have Muttu join us for daily family devotions. The three of us sat together on the living room carpet because, being a servant, Muttu would not sit on a chair in our presence.

Miss Barnard explained in Tamil what he needed to do to accept the Lord.

After a few weeks Miss Barnard suggested that we spend a day in prayer and fasting together. Dan told Muttu he wouldn't have to cook that day. He asked the boy to spend a couple of hours reading in the Gospel of John, following which he could have the rest of the day off.

We went to Miss Barnard's house for the prayer meeting. Some hours later we heard a knock at the door. When Dan opened the door, he saw Muttu standing with tears running down his face.

"Muttu, what's wrong?"

"Me sitting in kitchen reading

Bible, Me reading 'Jesus dying for me.' Me thinking, me reading Koran, nobody dying for me. Me reading Hindu Scriptures, nobody dying for me. Today reading Bible me seeing Jesus dying for me. Me wanting being a Christian."

When Muttu came in, we all knelt to pray. Miss Barnard explained in Tamil what he needed to do to accept the Lord. Muttu did as she said, and that act of faith has held him fast these many years.

When we visited the church at Gopalapuram where Muttu is a deacon, a group of women and girls surrounded me as we walked from the car to the church. At the door I looked back to see what had happened to Dan. I was taken aback to see him and an old Indian man embracing. Tears were running down both their faces.

"Trula, this is Muttu," Dan said.

Though I had not seen Muttu in many years, I had never ceased praying for him. I did not recognize him, but when he spoke I knew his voice.

After the welcoming ceremonies, the pastor said we were to have lunch at his house. When we got there, he told us Muttu had requested permission to cook the meal for us. Since his own house was some distance away, Muttu had prepared the meal at the pastor's house.

It was a banquet! I cannot express the joy we felt at this loving service performed, not by a servant, but by one whom we have long called "Brother."

(To be continued in April)

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.

A Family Who Serves...

by Marie Hanna

Devon Marendi (left) has prayerfully studied and preached the Word. His family attests to his faithfulness as his two sons are pastors.



He has led many, many people to the Lord. And he has more invitations to preach than he can fill. Yet, he's not some world-renowned evangelist. He is just a highly respected, humble village pastor.

His name is Devon Marendi.

While Devon has had no formal schooling, he reads Bengali and Hindi as well as his mother tongue, Santali. He also preaches in these languages. He has not graduated from or even

attended a Bible college, but he has prayerfully studied the Word. He has faithfully attended the training sessions and retreats taught by our missionaries and occasional guest speakers, and God's Word

is precious to him.

When he was a boy of six or seven, Devon's family moved from his birthplace near the Nepal border to a village about a mile from his present home, Junglabita. Later, he married a daughter of the head man of Junglabita and went there to live.

Some pieces of literature about Christ came into the possession of these villagers. When Devon suggested to his father-in-law that they find out more about this, he was soundly scolded. One night, when in much pain, Devon prayed, "Lord, I will follow you." The pain left, but he did not really know the plan of salvation. He did understand that he should become a Christian.

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Fearfully, Devon shared his experiences with Dhanai Hansda. Dhanai revealed it was also his desire to become a Christian. They went 60 miles to ask the Catholic priest to come and teach them. The priest gave a date on which he would come, but he did not show up. They went a second time and were given another date. But again, no one came.

Some months later, Dhanai told Devon that a missionary had come to Sonapurhat, less than 10 miles from Junglabita. The following Sunday, which was market day in Sonapurhat, they went to see him. They stood at the mission compound gate but were afraid to enter.

Having had previous contact with Bongo Lal Das, they went to his house on the other side of the Bazaar. Bongo brought them to talk with Rev. Paul Woolsey.

Mr. Woolsey said, "This is Sunday. I'll come to your village Monday."

Fearfully, wondering how Devon's father-in-law would react, they replied, "All right, a week from tomorrow."

"No, no, tomorrow I'll go," was Mr. Woolsey's ready response.

The next day when Mr. Woolsey arrived, all the people of the village gathered to hear him present the gospel. The majority of them chose to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, were baptized, and became one of our first churches in North India.

Devon ministered as a lay preacher for almost 20 years. Finally, he was ordained on February 12, 1971. Now he is pastor of Junglabita Free Will Baptist Church.

Devon and his wife, Sumi, have three children—Kolen, born in 1951; Bolen, born in 1952; and Mani, born in 1955. The children were taught Bible verses each evening by their father. They came to our Sonapurhat Free Will Baptist hostels when they reached school age.

Mani returned to Junglabita when the girls' hostel was closed in December of 1967. She married B. Simeon Murmu in December 1968. They have seven children and live next door to her parents.

Kolen and Bolen both accepted Christ as Savior and finished high school. Kolen attended one year of Hindi Bible studies at Allahabad Bible

Seminary. Bolen became our boys' hostel superintendent after high school. We asked him to delay further schooling for one year while we went for furlough. Later, on two occasions, he had the opportunity to go for further schooling. Both times, after much prayer, he responded, "The boys need me. I will stay and serve them."

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Kolen married Bharti Das on March 5, 1980. They have five children. Bolen married Asha Das on January 20, 1984. They have two daughters.

Kolen and Bolen were both ordained along with three others on March 29, 1982. Today, Bolen continues his ministry with the hostel and in the villages. He also pastors Sonapurhat Free Will Baptist Church. Kolen is pastor of Bihar Free Will Baptist Church of Puthia, Kishanganj District.

Yes, God has given us a family in India. They are faithful servants of the Lord!

Marie Hanna and her husband, Carlisle, have served 34 years as missionaries to India. They are the only FWB missionaries remaining in the country.

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Belo Horizonte, Brazil

New Methods for a New BRAZIL

by Dave Franks

A “new Brazil!” That’s what Fernando Collor de Melo promised in his campaign. And he won the election! He took office as president of Brazil on March 15, 1990.

Since assuming power, President Collor has made some big changes he hopes will help the people. He would like to transform Brazil, now a third-world country, into a first-world country. President Bush has even offered to help in developing a type of “common market” in the Americas.

We live and work in a changing world! And we often wonder just how we should modify and adapt our lives and/or methods to meet the needs of people today.

With the increase in knowledge and development,

our missionaries have entered the world of computers and modern means of communication, including international telephone systems.

Missionaries must deal with the trend of a moving or transitory population.

Fax machines will likely be used soon for communication between missionaries on the field and with support personnel in the USA. Computers and copy machines are already being used in Brazil for translation and production of Sunday school materials.

The rapid rate of change demands we research and analyze needs of the population

in areas where we plan to work. Then we must design programs to meet the needs of people we hope to reach.

In large metropolitan cities of Brazil we have seen the urgency to return to a method used by the apostle Paul. Some refer to this as the team concept. A team of missionaries with a variety of individual gifts can produce a more effective outreach. Together they provide a more united and continuing witness. While one member (or a couple) leaves for furlough, the continuity is maintained by the presence of the remaining team member or members. This also sets an example of cooperation for national leadership.

For a team to fruitfully work together, each member should

know his own personality profile. He or she should be able to work with and interact with other people who are different from himself or herself.

In addition to facing great and rapid change, missionaries must deal with the trend of a moving or transitory population.

Brazilians are rapidly migrating to the cities. Consequently, we must modify mission strategy to benefit from this shift in population. This urbanization trend requires a new approach on the missionary's part. New methods must be devised to plant churches in large cities.

For us in Belo Horizonte, we determined the new approach would be to buy land and build the first unit of a church plant so reproduction could be realized as quickly as possible. We visualized an indigenous congregation much sooner using this approach.

This urbanization trend requires a new approach on the missionary's part.

Belo Horizonte, the capital of the state of Minas Gerais, is the third largest city in Brazil. Its population stands at 2,300,000 in the metropolitan area which includes 17 towns. In 1985 this became our target area.

After demographic studies of church locations, we selected an area with several large neighborhoods on the south side of town. This area has a collective population of over 400,000 and only one church that ministers to a broad spectrum of people.

Furthermore, the middle- to upper-class people found here

(affluent by Brazilian standards) are neglected as far as gospel witness is concerned.

Rented meeting places have been used successfully to begin new churches, but this has become quite costly.

In the past, rented meeting places have been used successfully to begin new churches, but this has become quite costly. In Belo Horizonte an adequate facility would cost US\$1,200 or more monthly. In addition to this, requirements on rent contracts are difficult for us to meet. Current laws which are unfavorable to property owners have made rentals scarce.

Few properties are available for church purposes since property owners are often unwilling to rent to an evangelical church. We have been turned down several times on this basis alone. Renting also tends to lead to multiple relocations. And, frequent relocations cause us to lose some of our congregation.

Buying land to build on has often been a long struggle. This delay seems to slow down the process of transferring the work to a national pastor because most offerings go for the purchase of land and construction of a building. This leaves little or no support for national workers.

Currently we have property in Belo Horizonte. This was bought ten years ago when the area was just an open field. Today, asphalt streets, street lights, electricity, water, and

telephone lines encompass the developing area. Twenty construction sites can be seen from the church land and most of these buildings will be apartment complexes. Many houses and apartments are already inhabited.

Although the location also has bus service close by, most of the people with whom we are presently working have automobiles. They would probably drive to the services.

We plan to build a first unit on the property and encourage the new congregation to begin a second church in the city.

We see the church building as a valuable tool since unsaved Brazilians hesitate to attend meetings in people's homes. But presently, out of necessity, we meet in the missionaries' apartments. Because of this, most of our work is being done on an individual basis.

Yes, we are attempting a new strategy for Free Will Baptists in Brazil. Where will we get the money to build? We realize we cannot get a loan in Brazil, but Alabama Free Will Baptists have taken the challenge to raise the \$50,000 needed for the church building. This will be channeled through the Advance program.

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Brazilians have often asked us missionaries, "Where is your church located?" One businessman said, "When you have your church open, I will attend services two or three times a month because I believe

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in your integrity." He said he did not want to become a member because he was too much of a sinner. He is a candidate for salvation!

In the United States a nice church building is important to all of us. We especially want a spacious and beautiful building for weddings and baptisms. Brazilians are no different! They are accustomed to cathedrals with beautiful interiors, so the building becomes important in reaching Brazilians with the gospel. They identify with such a structure.

We want a multi-ministry approach in order to reach many lives for Christ.

As we build in this young, developing suburb of Belo Horizonte, we will seek to design a ministry which will meet the requisites of the people. We want a multi-ministry approach in order to reach many lives for Christ.

Multiplication of churches will form a solid foundation for Free Will Baptist work in Brazil, and a well-equipped missionary should be able to produce results more rapidly.

Although we must modify methods of reaching people and starting churches, our basic goal remains unchanged. Christ's command to teach every person the gospel and baptize those who accept Him is still binding. Trends cannot change the truth that Jesus alone can save!

Dave Franks was the first Free Will Baptist missionary to Brazil. He and his wife, Pat, have served in the cities of Campinas, Pirassununga, Jaboticabal, Conselheiro Lafaiete, Barbacena and Belo Horizonte.



LOST IN AFRICA: *A Bag of Myths*

by Genevieve Waddell

Part 2

During a month in Côte d'Ivoire many of my preconceived notions or myths about the country exploded!

A recurring prayer request among the young people reminded me of yet another myth about Africa. Because pagan Africans encourage their daughters to show proof of their fertility before any final marriage bargain is made, I assumed that very little virtue existed.

Privately, several Christian young people asked the missionaries, my husband, and me to pray for a Christian mate for them. Then they would add, "I am going to remain pure, even if it means never getting married!" That commendable commitment is a hard one to carry out in a society where infertility is a curse, where abortions are as common as

colds, and where purity is a disgrace.

God reminded me it is a myth to believe purity is impossible in an impure society! I think that is why He allowed me to be involved in Nina and Samuel's wedding at Bouna! Nina, from Abidjan, and Samuel, from Bouna, had a thoroughly Christian wedding.

Samuel, who was graduated from the Bible institute the next afternoon, and Nina were first married by the mayor in a civil ceremony. Then, the Bouna FWB Church was packed for the Christian marriage, which glorified the Lord with lovely Christian music and the Word. But the most special thing about Nina and Samuel's marriage is that, although both of them were over 25 years of age, they had chosen long ago to follow Jesus. They had committed their lives to full-time Christian service and to purity. Their



(Left to right) A church group, an African friend, and a wedding helped to wipe out the myths.

example, like that of our missionaries, will continue to make an impression on the other young people in Côte d'Ivoire.

I envisioned mostly cast-offs from missionary barrels.

Yet another myth has been created in recent years by rumors which indicated Africans don't really care for our missionaries. But I wish I could have hidden you under my hat one afternoon in Agnibilekrou! Alice Smith arrived in Africa just the day after we did. She had been in the United States to have surgery.

Naturally, we expected the Christians in the Bible class in the Agnibilekrou church to be happy to see her that day. And I predicted the Christians would greet her with excitement, especially the kids who flock after her. But I was overwhelmed to see what happened in town. People who were not expecting to see her, greeted her. Even the unsaved people acted like Alice had brought Christmas! They were thrilled to have her "home."

It did something for me to see Alice in town where she works and near the schools where she teaches the Bible. I recognized how much our missionaries are loved and appreciated by the people they minister to.

I also went to Africa with the idea that just about everyone dressed in strange garments. I envisioned mostly cast-offs from missionary barrels. Yes, some of them do show up in church at times in recycled clothes! But I have sat in churches in the States where I had to put one hand over my own mouth and pinch the child next to me to keep him from snickering at someone's peculiar hat or ridiculous outfit.

The average Africans are no stranger than we are. Their culture is different, but I've seen with my own eyes that God delivers sinners in Africa, just as He does in America. We have no monopoly on the gospel! That is a devilish myth. As a matter of fact, I believe the Free Will Baptist church in Africa has a glorious future.

The myth that we should "feel sorry" for our missionaries laboring in Africa is the final one I left behind. They do have hard times. For example, one night Jerry Pinkerton's motorcycle gave out as he returned from village evangelism. He could not leave

it. So he pushed it up and down hard, disrupted roads on a black night for seven kilometers! And Donna Daniel's cut on her leg turned into a near-death nightmare. But Jerry considered his "push" a strengthening experience, and Donna is healed and anxious to get back "home" to Bondoukou and her lovely little house.

I discovered our missionaries are fighting the powers of darkness!

Don't pity our missionaries! But pray for them. I learned one of the most valuable lessons of my life in Africa. I discovered our missionaries are fighting the powers of darkness! They are not in a battle to see if they can offer more "things" or "programs" to the Africans. They cannot compete with foreign money. They can only offer them the gospel.

I don't know all that I left in Africa. I did leave a large portion of my heart. But I know what our missionaries and my African brothers and sisters in Christ gave to me. They gave me a renewed hope that God is building His church and gathering people from all over the world, from every tribe and nation! I have recommitted my own life and possessions and dreams to being a part of God's great program.

The Lord taught me some wonderful lessons along the paths of Africa this summer as I let go of my foolish myths and beheld the marvelous things He is doing in Côte d'Ivoire!

Genevieve Waddell is the wife of General Director R. Eugene Waddell. She is also a professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College and a freelance writer.

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Missions Resolutions for the New Year

As I replaced my dirty 1990 calendar with a clean, new 1991 calendar, I did a little soul-searching. I reviewed my own involvement in world evangelism and made some resolutions. I would like to challenge you to consider making some, too.

Resolution 1:

This year, I will try harder to encourage our missionaries. I want to do more to show my appreciation for them. I can do more to recognize them on special occasions, i.e., birthdays, Christmas, etc.

Of course, in my position I have the opportunity to relate closely to all our missionaries. Most church people must settle for adopting a missionary family or two and showing special love to them.

If you have children at home, you may want to adopt a family with children about the same age as yours. Then, you might send birthday cards or gifts to every member of that missionary family. But check with our office before sending packages to avoid import taxes.

Missionaries cannot buy books and tapes on many fields. If sent by surface mail in individual packages marked "Library Materials," import taxes are usually minimal.

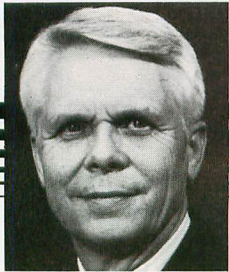
VCRs are available on most mission fields now. Missionaries enjoy getting videotapes of seasonal television specials and wholesome children's programs.

Missionaries love to get friendly letters with a lot of news from home. Sometimes it's nice to send a newsy letter and say, "You don't need to answer this letter personally. Just send me your next newsletter."

Resolution 2:

I am determined to pray more faithfully for our missionaries this year. In addition to our daily prayer meetings at the national foreign missions office, I want to be a stronger personal intercessor. Will you join me?

Prayer is one of the missionaries' greatest needs. If your church posts missionary newsletters, I encourage you to take a few minutes



R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

to copy the requests for your daily prayer time. Also be sure to call **Missions Hotline—615/361-5005**— for the latest urgent prayer needs.

Use our 1990-91 Foreign Missions Directory or a set of prayer cards as a guide to pray for the needs of the total missionary family.

If possible, involve your whole family in praying for missions. Help your children identify the missionaries by their pictures. Assist them in knowing more the happenings and needs on the various fields. Share news from *Heartbeat* and *Missiongrams*.

In view of the need for 100 missionaries this decade, I feel compelled to obey Jesus' command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). I pray that God will send my own children and grandchildren into the whitened harvest fields of the world.

Resolution 3:

I plan to give more to support our missionaries in 1991. My wife and I already support four families serving on the home and foreign fields. For many years we have given through the faith-promise plan of support. But, we must find ways to do more.

If I average putting one quarter in a quarter folder each night, I will give another \$90 within a year.

A friend of mine likes to walk a couple of miles three or four times a week. He has started taking a plastic bag and collecting aluminum cans along the road. He sells the cans and gives the proceeds—as much as \$35 to \$40 per month—to missions.

Others give special offerings from income tax refunds and interest from investments.

A pastor's wife clips coupons from the newspapers and uses these as she buys groceries. She keeps a record of the amount of money she saves through the coupons and gives this to missions.

Conclusion: 1991 may be my last year. Jesus may come. I hope so. I want to make the most of the opportunities our Lord has thrust my way. How about you?

Financial Summary Through November 30

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Total income for November.....	\$ 283,662.12
Total income through November.....	3,292,338.57
Total disbursements through November.....	3,230,481.55
Projected income through November.....	3,224,056.00
Total 1990 Budget.....	\$3,517,152.00

Advance gifts through November.....	\$ 56,283.56
1990 ADVANCE Budget.....	\$ 150,000.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Callaway.....\$ 512.31	Robinson.....\$ 4,284.85
Cowart.....614.18	Teague, D.....329.41
Ellison.....1,668.47	Cuba.....162.65
*Franks, Sr.....22,589.13	Spec. Com.....19,204.91
Morgan.....622.16	
Total.....	\$49,988.07

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

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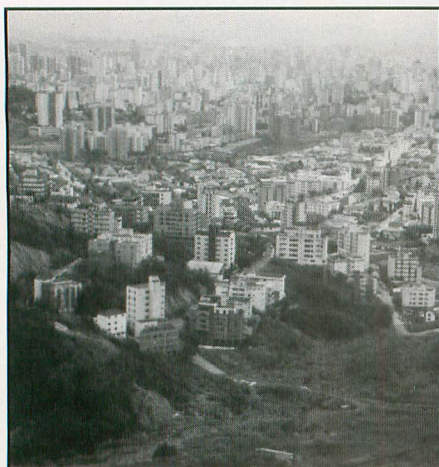
Bailey.....\$ 301.82	Lytle.....\$ 49.38
Crowson.....689.00	Martens.....848.57
Deeds.....804.69	Poole.....944.40

State Goals—1990

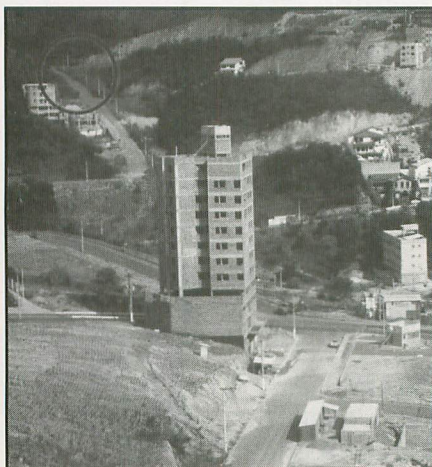
State	Goal 1990	Goal Through November	Contributions Through November
Alabama.....	\$ 180,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 154,518.26
Arizona.....	6,000	5,500	3,663.70
Arkansas.....	180,000	165,000	180,089.60
California.....	70,000	64,167	69,878.57
Colorado.....	4,000	3,667	5,198.91
Florida.....	96,000	88,000	53,689.77
Georgia.....	158,000	144,833	143,315.21
Hawaii.....	2,000	1,833	4,509.00
Idaho.....	1,000	917	565.86
Illinois.....	107,000	98,083	89,230.64
Indiana.....	43,000	39,417	34,646.94
Iowa.....	2,000	1,833	1,817.30
Kansas.....	18,000	16,500	12,078.24
Kentucky.....	87,000	79,750	60,096.33
Louisiana.....	300	275	20.00
Maryland.....	17,000	15,583	14,123.87
Michigan.....	142,000	130,167	125,775.41
Mississippi.....	66,000	60,500	49,026.35
Missouri.....	257,000	235,583	236,621.98
Montana.....	750	688	1,046.00
Nevada.....	1,000	917	1,199.00
New Mexico.....	500	458	853.06
*Northeast Assn.....	5,000	4,583	2,590.00
**Northwest Assn.....	5,000	4,583	4,203.45
North Carolina.....	445,000	407,917	424,104.09
Ohio.....	125,000	114,583	93,710.94
Oklahoma.....	394,000	361,167	348,971.92
Pennsylvania.....	2,100	1,925	658.00
South Carolina.....	195,000	178,750	201,255.85
Tennessee.....	499,000	457,417	535,085.82
Texas.....	110,000	100,833	116,587.03
Virginia.....	140,000	128,333	107,363.45
Virgin Islands.....	3,000	2,750	788.00
West Virginia.....	76,000	69,667	74,219.73
Miscellaneous.....	79,502	72,877	140,836.29
Totals.....	\$3,517,152	\$3,224,056	\$3,292,338.57

*Northeast Association
Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Rhode Island

**Northwest Association
British Columbia, Canada, Oregon, and Washington



Belo Horizonte (left), a city in Brazil of over 2,300,000 people, sprawls northward. It is rapidly spreading toward the south where Free Will Baptists have purchased a corner lot (right, circled) to build a new church. Alabama is raising funds for this Advance project.



Tennessee Walk-a-thon Renamed After Sextons

Dickson, Tenn.—While the Tennessee State Association was convened in Dickson, Tenn., November 12-14, the voting delegation heard the report of a record-breaking Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions. Don Sexton revealed \$110,490.89 already had been received by that time—over \$10,000 beyond his stated goal and \$50,000 more than any past Walk-a-thon.

In honor of Don and Billie Sexton, who promoted the effort, the delegation voted to rename the annual event The Don and Billie Sexton Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions. Don was presented a plaque and Billie was given a dozen roses in appreciation for their efforts in this cause. The crowd also gave them a standing ovation.

Forty-eight plaques were presented to churches and some individuals in honor of raising over \$1,000 in the Walk-a-thon.

Crowded Conditions in Côte d'Ivoire Reported

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton in Côte d'Ivoire reported in November that several small churches around Bondoukou were needing to expand due to crowded conditions.

Appimadoum, for example, has a small 10 ft. by 23 ft. split bamboo building. Yet, the Pinkertons reported 83 people crowded inside recently to hear God's Word.

The reading room in Bondoukou had 58 people for Bible study one night, and the following week it had 80 with many standing out on the porch. Fourteen young people "prayed" to receive Christ that day. "Attendance could be doubled, if space were available," says Jerry.

Indian Pastor, Son Improving But Slowly

India—Pastor David Das and his son, Rana, of North India continue to make progress in their recovery following an explosion in August which burned both severely. Missionary Carlisle Hanna says, "David thinks he should be able to begin to use his limbs and is discouraged that they do not work."

Hanna noted the skin on each victim is still tender in many places so they have to be very careful. Neither is able to use his right hand, but each can feed himself a little with a spoon in his left hand only.

"It will be months yet before they are well, so we need continued prayer," Carlisle concluded.

Gospel Team Preaches, Sings in Local Schools

Brazil—A group of young people from the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil has taken a music program, preaching, and testimonies into local schools, a military training center, and other local gatherings. According to a November report from missionary Shirley

Combs, The Gospel Team includes some members who have been delivered from drugs.

The testimonies of these young people caused members of the city council on drug prevention to recommend the group to the directors of the city's high schools.

Bailey Requests Prayer for Special Bible Studies

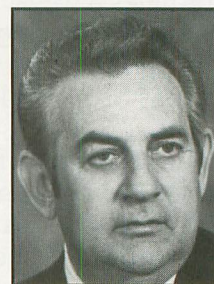
Japan—"We began a weekly Bible study in October with two Christian women who cannot attend on Sunday mornings because of their unsaved husbands," writes Ken Bailey from a Tokyo suburb in Japan. "Please pray for Mrs. Yuko Maeda and Mrs. Nobuko Saito."

Bailey noted the weekly Tuesday women's meeting had to be changed due to several of the women working outside the home. They are now meeting one Sunday a month in the afternoon. "They are discussing having a special meeting for the unsaved women in our neighborhood and the women in the English classes," Ken stated.

Bailey praised the Lord that Mr. Kazama, a high school teacher and church member for many years, returned to church recently after having dropped out due to a Sunday work schedule. Ken asked people to pray for Kazama's family.

Alabama FWB Take Belo Horizonte Church Project

Dothan, Ala.—Dr. John Edwards, moderator of the Alabama State Association, wrote regarding their



Dr. John Edwards

annual meeting held November 9-11 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence: "The highlight of the meeting was when each individual stood to make a pledge to the Belo project in Brazil."

The Alabama association unanimously agreed to adopt the project of raising \$50,000 to build the first unit at Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Alabama missionaries Dave Franks and Norman McFall are working jointly to establish this new work.

At press time over \$22,000 had already been received or committed toward this project.

Overseas Secretary/Advance Coordinator Jimmy Aldridge was on hand at the State association to present the project to the state leaders. Dave Franks had planned to be at the meeting but emergency surgery on his daughter, Regina, prevented his attendance.

Holland Cites God's Intervention for Mother

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"God performed a miracle," writes missionary Ernest Holland from Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. The event centered around a Christian from the village of Gnona who was at the hospital to have her baby. The left hand and arm of the baby preceded the rest of the body and made delivery appear impossible. As they prayed, "there was a lot of commotion at the delivery table. The baby was born," declared Ernest.

Missionaries and workers had prepared the woman for a trip to Gaoua, about an hour and a half away, so she could have a Caesarean section. But miraculously the baby was delivered even though it was stillborn. This saved the life of the mother.

Elaine Holland blurted out, "There's another baby in there." And sure enough, the woman was having twins, her second set. The second baby, a little girl, was born and was crying.

"There was a joy around the hospital that day that could not be measured in human terms," writes Holland. "But the greatest joy was yet to come. The following Saturday the unsaved father gave his life to Christ."

Agnibilekrou Church Gets Property for Building

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The Agnibilekrou Free Will Baptist Church in Côte d'Ivoire was recently granted a two-acre plot of land for the future building site of the church. They are now in the process of obtaining legal papers and the needed finances to build.

Norman Richards reported in November that a spirit of unity is existing between the African church



Adolfo Gonzales (right center), a Cuban pastor visiting the United States, speaks with Jimmy Aldridge (right), overseas secretary for foreign missions, as missionary Dennis Owen translates.

and the missionaries, and the addition of Darrel and Lila Nichols to the force in Agnibilekrou has enabled them to expand the work into more villages.

"Asare Johnson, a licensed preacher in the Agnibilekrou church, recently returned to his home country of Ghana," writes Norman. "He has begun preaching and teaching in the town of Berekum, hoping to establish the first Free Will Baptist work in Ghana."

J. Smith Asked to Teach at Hokusei University

Henderson, Tex.—"I have received a request from the Japanese university in Sapporo, where I taught for the last two years while I was in Japan, asking me to continue teaching there when I return," writes Judy Smith from Henderson, Tex.

Judy went on to say, "To be eligible to teach at Hokusei, I must be back in Japan no later than March 30 because my classes are scheduled to begin the first of April."

Judy is needing additional support before she can return.

Combs Baptizes Nine; Araras Church Growing

Brazil—Missionary Jim Combs reported baptizing nine people on November 4 following the Sunday evening service. According to Combs, nearly 200 relatives and friends stood under the stars and witnessed the public break from

past religions as these were baptized.

Another group of converts is awaiting baptism as they complete a study course for new converts.

Combs noted that the church continues to have good crowds with Sunday school attendance averaging 100 and evening services averaging 170.

Cuban Pastor Visits and Preaches in U.S. Churches

Nashville, Tenn.—Adolfo Gonzales, pastor of two Cuban Free Will Baptist churches, visited FWB churches in Illinois, Ohio, and Florida in October and November. Services in these areas were arranged by David Shores of Illinois and Alton Loveless of Ohio. Both of these men visited Cuba recently.

According to missionary Dennis Owen, who accompanied Adolfo and translated for him, Illinois services were held in two association meetings, two Christian schools, and seven churches. In Ohio, several area meetings and one association meeting were held. These brought Ohio Free Will Baptist people into a renewed fellowship with the work in Cuba.

Adolfo was greeted by family members of Miss Bessie Yeley who went from Porter FWB Church in Ohio to live and work at Cedars of Lebanon Seminary when Adolfo was a young boy. The Cuban pastor recounted how three generations of

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Cuban Christians have given testimony of a motto which Thomas H. "Pop" Willey had initiated with the churches 30 years earlier: "The just shall live by faith."

Gonzales also spoke to students in two classes at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. He expressed pleasure at addressing the students since he is teaching three classes for Cuban pastors at Cedars of Lebanon.

Adolfo's father and mother were the first people saved in Cuba under the ministry of the Willeys. Adolfo and Elizabeth were the first couple to be married by "Pop" Willey.

The Cuban pastor challenged the churches in the U.S. to help them build the Willey Memorial Tabernacle at Cedars of Lebanon. He returned to Cuba on November 15.

Ballard Steps Down as Head of World Relief

Wheaton, Ill.—Jerry Ballard, executive director and chief executive officer of World Relief, has informed the board of directors that he intends to step down from the position as soon as the best interests of the organization dictate.

During his thirteen-year tenure, Ballard led World Relief—the international relief, development, and refugee service arm of the National Association of Evangelicals—from a \$2-million-a-year ministry to a \$20-million-a-year global outreach.

Ballard helped World Relief to become the only evangelical organization recognized by the U.S. government to resettle refugees in the United States. Since 1979 the organization has helped find homes for more than 75,000 of the world's victims of war and persecution.

Ballard served as editor of *Heartbeat* and director of communications for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions from 1961 to the middle of 1970.

New Bible Study, Belo Building Plans Underway

Brazil—Norman McFall announced in late October that a Bible study with a young lady would begin on October 31. Soraia has finished university but has been disen-



Departing for their fields of service are (top to bottom) Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton, Walter (Dub) and Marcia Ellison, and Dennis and Trena Owen.

chanted with the idea of church. "She still believes in God," says Norman. "So, pray about this study."

The young lady indicated she was to bring a psychologist friend with her to the study.

In addition to the Bible studies and traveling to Barbacena two Sundays a month for services, Norman is laying the groundwork for construction of a new building in Belo Horizonte.

Three Couples to Depart After Furlough Ministry

Nashville, Tenn.—Three missionary couples were scheduled to depart in December or January for their fields of service after their regular furlough ministry.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and his wife, Rejane, were to depart on December 26 for Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, to resume their ministry at the medical center in Doropo.

Walter and Marcia Ellison plan to return to Uruguay on January 4

where they will continue their work in the city of Montevideo. They will work with The Sower Bible Institute and the Central Church.

Dennis and Trena Owen, who have served two terms in Spain, are transferring to Uruguay and plan to depart on January 5. They will be working in the area of Montevideo and will help in the Bible institute program in addition to a church ministry.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Nashville, Tenn.—Jeff Turnbough, missionary to Spain, underwent surgery on December 10 in West Side Hospital in Nashville for correction of a hernia. His son, Matthew, had surgery on December 20 at Baptist Hospital in Nashville to correct a hearing problem. At last report both Jeff and Matthew were home from the hospital and were recovering normally.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The Bondoukou missionary team, composed of the Jerry Pinkertons, the Mark Daniels, and the Ron Moores, have indicated they are responsible for 172 villages in that immediate area. This calls for a lot of travel, and gasoline is now costing \$5.50 a gallon. A new tire costs the missionaries \$185. Christians are urged to pray that God will meet these needs.

Spain—Ron Callaway writes from Móstoles, Spain: "By the end of November we hope to be in our new meeting place. We will be renting a large room which will serve as a temporary meeting place until we can put a down payment on a church building."

Japan—Mrs. Yamashita, a new convert at the Kita Hiroshima Chapel in Sapporo, Japan, was recently baptized. According to Jerry and Janice Banks, her sister-in-law and other Japanese Christians were mostly responsible in helping Mrs. Yamashita find the truth.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—A report in *USA Today* indicated many voters stayed away from the polls in Ivory Coast for their first multi-party parliamentary elections on October 28. The turnout was as low as 30 per-

cent in the capital of Abidjan. The ruling party maintained leadership after an easy victory.

Newton, Ala.—The Good Water Free Will Baptist Church in Newton, Ala., has provided housing for missionary appointees Dave Jr. and Becky Franks. The Franks are living in the church parsonage. This will save their account approximately \$250 a month.

Elizabethton, Tenn.—Billie Sexton, wife of missionary representative Don Sexton, underwent surgery twice in November and December for the removal of a small tumor in her mouth. Reports indicated the tumor was benign, and Billie was recovering normally.

Nashville, Tenn.—Regina Franks, who underwent back surgery on October 17, was readmitted to Vanderbilt Hospital in November with a rotated vertebra at the base of the skull. It was endangering the spinal cord. She had surgery on November 9 and will wear a halo apparatus for three months. Regina is the daughter of Dave and Pat Franks of Brazil.

Board Appoints Couple, 15 Student Missionaries

Nashville, Tenn.—One new missionary couple was appointed to Brazil and 15 student missionaries were approved to serve abroad during the summer of 1991 as the Board of Foreign Missions convened December 3-5 in Nashville, Tenn.

Curt and Mary Holland of Liberal, Mo., were appointed to full missionary status to serve in Brazil. The Hollands are graduates of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla., and have been pastoring in Liberal since 1985. They have two

Curt and Mary Holland of Liberal, Mo., were appointed to missionary service in Brazil.



Geneva Poole (in white Brazilian dress) receives an enlarged check for \$1,740 from the woman's auxiliary of Faith FWB Church in Darlington, S.C. Bobby (left) and Geneva will use the funds toward the purchase of land for a new church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil.

children: Amber, age four and one-half, and Kelsey, age one year. The Hollands will begin deputation in February.

These young people were appointed to serve as student missionaries during the summer of 1991:

Heather Clark will serve in Brazil with Jim and Shirley Combs, Rod Goodman will work with Jim and Vicki Sturgill, and Terry Skiles and Daniel Deeds will help Bobby and Geneva Poole.

Serving in France with Cathy Crawford will be Robyn Birdsall and Darlene Dove while Tanya Hart will be with Steve and Becky Riggs. Mark Kiepkke will be working with Fred and Evelyn Hersey in Japan, and Tammy Zegelen will be with Dale and Sandra Bishop.

Working in Panama with Stan and Brenda Bunch will be John Weaver while Ginger Harrison will labor with the Dennis Heaths in Germany. Keith Pell will serve with Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.

Serving in Spain with Steve and Linda Reeves will be Cheryl McCollough while Raymond Rivers is to work with Lonnie and Anita Sparks.

Terrie Beckham will be assigned to work with Dennis and Trena Owen in Uruguay.

Deeds, Harrison, and McCollough are from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla.; Raymond Rivers is from Southeastern FWB College; and Tanya Hart is a teacher at Trinity Christian School in Greenville, N.C. The rest are stu-

dents at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

In other action Dennis and Trena Owen were granted permission to transfer from Spain to Uruguay to meet needs on that field. They tentatively are scheduled to leave for their new field on January 5.

After 34 years of service in Brazil, Ken and Marvis Eagleton returned to the United States in November and have agreed to extend their normal deputational ministry. They hope to aid in recruiting new missionaries and expanding the support base of other missionary personnel.

The board authorized the general director to secure a teacher for missionary children in the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center in Japan.

S.C. Auxiliary Raises \$1,740 for Brazil Land

Darlington, S.C.—The woman's auxiliary of Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Darlington, S.C., presented Bobby and Geneva Poole a check for \$1,740 on October 14 while they were at the church for Sunday morning services.

The project for raising the funds was headed by Brenda Blackman, president of the local auxiliary. The funds were designated to help purchase land for the Second Free Will Baptist Church in the city of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. The land purchase will be an Advance project.

Cyrus Shoffner is pastor of the church.

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