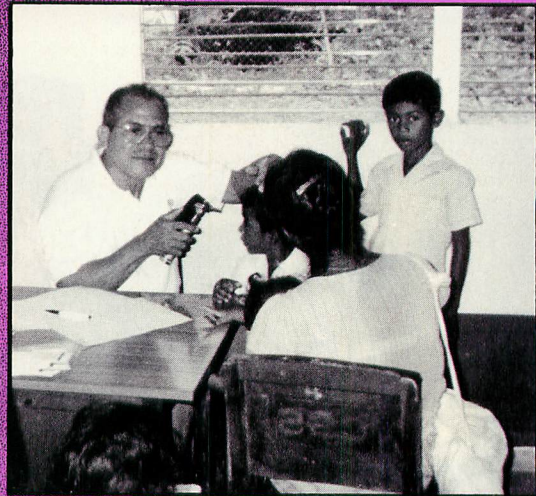



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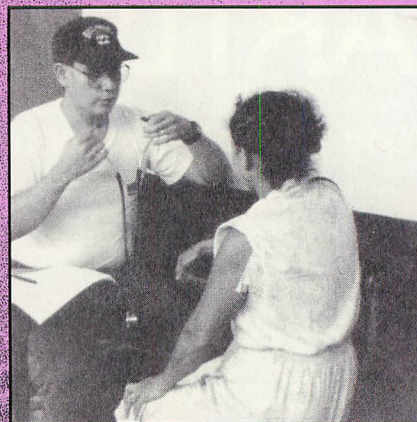
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hrist's Love





Left, a worker gets basic information so a man can get treatment. Above, a doctor talks with a patient.

Demonstrating Christ's Love

by Steve Lytle

How can we best demonstrate Christ's love to people who are physically afflicted or impoverished?

When Panamanian national home missionary Eusebio (Chebo) Asprilla approached us in April of 1990 about a medical evangelism project, we were not surprised. The Betania Free Will Baptist Church, where Judy and I work, had carried out two small-scale medical evangelistic outreaches to Buenos Aires and Nuevo San Juan back in 1984 and 1985.

Medical evangelism seemed like a logical way for a young

church to minister. Since two doctors and a nurse are part of our congregation, it appeared even more practical. The need for medical attention in the interior has been so great that it looked almost essential that we do something there.

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The target of this larger effort envisioned by Asprilla was to be Río de Jesús in the Veraguas Province. It is located about five

and one-half hours from the capital city. So, after heartily approving the request, the missions committee of the Betania church went to work.

They asked Martin Plicet, the national missions coordinator for Free Will Baptists in Panama, and his committee to take over and organize the entire effort. This meant involving as many of our Free Will Baptist churches as possible.

The first planning sessions were held in June of 1990. The actual outreach was scheduled for August 10-12.

By July a number of people

had volunteered to participate in the evangelistic outreach. Most of these were in the Betanija church. One was from San Miguelito, one from San Vicente Number Two, and three volunteered from the First church in Panama City.

Dr. Alberto Díaz, a pediatrician and a veteran of the two previous efforts, joined Estela Sanjur, a registered nurse, to represent Betania. Another nurse, a friend of Estela's from an Independent Baptist church, volunteered to go. A Christian doctor who works for a relief organization also offered his services.

Church members invited two other doctors to help with the campaign. Although they are not yet believers, the medical outreach and the outpouring of Christian love they saw made a great impact on them.

By late in the afternoon, they had seen more than 1,250 patients.

Just a few days before the group of 36 was to leave for Río de Jesús for the "gira-medica," the doctors were somewhat alarmed that they had only a small amount of medicine. The recent economic crisis in Panama had devastated the country, and all but the largest private hospitals are still experiencing a shortage of medical supplies.

Dr. Díaz relates: "We realized we did not have the necessary amount of medicines, so we went before the throne of grace, asking God to provide what we needed. And God worked a miracle! Yes, our doctors

contacted their colleagues, and God worked in their hearts to respond generously with large donations.

"In addition," continues Díaz, "a Christian foundation in Panama City which specializes in this type of ministry also made a large donation. So wonderfully did the Lord provide that at least 10 medium-sized boxes full of medicines were brought back. Amazing!"

While our people were preparing in Panama City, Chebo was working tirelessly out in Río de Jesús to have everything ready for the team's arrival. Two doctors from the nearby city of Santiago also volunteered to lend a hand.

The mayor of Río de Jesús supported our effort as did other city officials. Chebo had been witnessing to the mayor for over a year and found him to be very open to the gospel.

Early in the morning on Saturday, August 11, the medical work began in the small town's only clinic. Throughout the day a steady stream of people poured through the doors. Many were from town but most came from outlying areas. The medics worked steadily. By the time the seven doctors and three nurses finished late in the afternoon, they had seen more than 1,250 patients and had dispensed 3,150 medicines.

Arrangements were made to have people come from several surrounding "pueblos" for medical attention. Pilar Gordon, a young lady from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, commented that a large number of those who came for medical attention had not seen a doctor for several months, or

even years. This is typical of those who live in the interior.

The more serious cases were referred to a regional hospital in Santiago, an hour away. Many of the people in the area around Río de Jesús suffer from malnutrition and parasites. According to Dr. Díaz, each patient went in to see a doctor or nurse. He also received a gospel witness, a tract, and an invitation to attend a free showing of the film "Jesus."

One of the believers in Río de Jesús left her sick children at home to help prepare food for the group.

While the doctors worked at the clinic, other believers went door-to-door passing out tracts and inviting people to watch the film that night. Several people responded positively to the gospel that day. A few prayed to receive Christ in their homes. Christians were surprised with the openness of the people and their willingness to listen to the gospel in spite of the efforts of local Catholics to hinder the ministry.

Although fewer than 30 believers reside in Río de Jesús, they provided food and shelter for the outreach team. Many from Panama City experienced staying in a home of dire poverty for the first time.

Pilar later testified: "I could not get over the kindness and attention shown us by the brothers and sisters in Río de Jesús. It really left a big impression on me."

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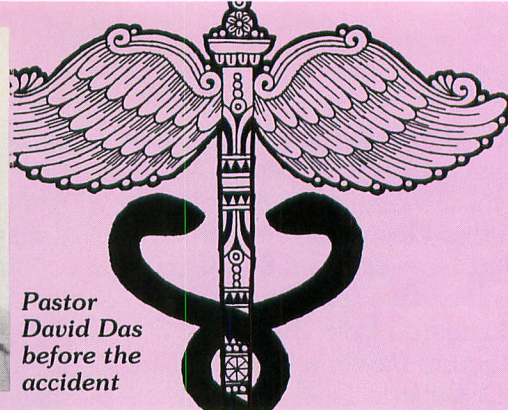
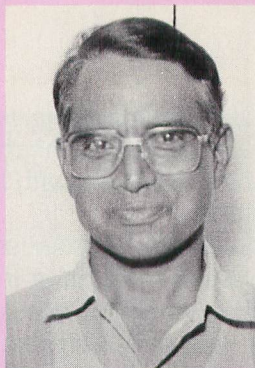
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home to help prepare food for the group. Later, one of the doctors was able to treat her children.

Isabel de Olivares, a 70-year-old widow from the Betania church, was determined to go with the group even though she suffers from chronic leg problems. She asked permission to take her daughter who was in Panama on a visit. The daughter was not a believer, but during the trip, Julianne López, the wife of one of our deacons in Betania, led her to the Lord.

In spite of the tremendous amount of work involved in doing something of this nature, all of the team members came home rejoicing and praising God for what they had seen and experienced. Another pastor has requested missions director Martin Plicet to conduct a medical and evangelistic outreach in Cañitas in 1991. Preparations are already underway.

The entire campaign was planned, organized, and carried out largely by Panamanians. We praise God for their labor of love!

Steve Lytle and his wife, Judy, have served as missionaries to Panama since 1975.



Pastor David Das before the accident



Pastor David (right) and his son, Rana (far left) experienced extreme suffering, but God has given them life and returned them to their family.

Doctors Said They Could Not Live

by Carlisle Hanna

An explosion on August 16, 1990, shook Free Will Baptists in India and around the world. One of God's men, Pastor David Das of Islampur, India, experienced pain and agony which few have known and lived to tell about it.

Pastor David and several of the men in the Islampur Free Will Baptist Church had spent the day of August 15, a holiday (India's Independence Day), in prayer and fasting. They believed God was going to do something special for them and

for our Free Will Baptist work in India.

On August 16 Das visited Sonapurhat and had a time of fellowship with three pastors. After returning home he and his son, Rana (age 14), were in the small kitchen putting some fuel in a gas stove. David had just begun to pour the fuel into the cylinder when it exploded. He ran out of the kitchen without being burned, but Rana ran the other way into a small pantry with no outlet except through the fire. When David realized his

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son was inside, he ran back through the fire to reach him. They were both trapped!

The pastor's older son threw a mattress down on the fire and searched until he found David and Rana in the dark room. Then he carried them outside. Both were unconscious.

Two vehicles were engaged to take them to a hospital about 60 miles away. The hospital staff there declared they could not do anything for the two victims. They determined the father and son should be taken to Calcutta.

David had just begun to pour the fuel into the cylinder when it exploded.

The people faced the problem of how to move two critically ill people a distance of 450 miles. Indian Airlines has a daily flight but none of the people had ever been on an airplane. In spite of that, arrangements were made and David and Rana were flown to Calcutta.

When they arrived, they had to arrange for ambulances to take the patients from the airport to the city. First, they went to a Christian hospital which refused to take them. No one believed the two could live, so no hospital would admit them. Finally the ambulance drivers said they would take the victims no further. They put the two out of the ambulances and the hospital was forced to take them. The medical staff began treatment but warned that the duo could not live. Sixty-five percent of David's body and 45 percent of Rana's body was

burned.

Faced with staggering medical bills in a strange hospital, in a strange city, Christian friends made a frantic call to us in the United States. Our churches in North India, those in the city of Calcutta, and many in America prayed. And God answered!

On October 4, 1990, I visited David and Rana in the hospital. They had not been out of bed since August 16.

In spite of sacrificial giving on the part of our church folk in the States, the bills seemed impossible to pay. I told the doctor I had to take the pastor and his son home. We could not afford to keep them in the hospital another day.

On October 6 (Rana's fifteenth birthday) we placed the two patients in two small cars which had been contracted and began the trip to Islampur. We drove all night.

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When we arrived at 6 a.m. on October 7, streams of people—Christians, Hindus, and Muslims—hundreds of them, came exclaiming, "They are alive!" Pastor Bolen's four-year-old daughter, with tears in her eyes, told David how she had prayed for him.

By January of 1991 Rana was almost well but he still did not have full use of his right hand.

The doctor says David will have to have further surgery on both arms at the elbow and on the right shoulder if he is to regain the use of them. He

began physical therapy at Siliguri, India, in March.

Pastor Das has days of discouragement and then again he is encouraged. He has even been able to preach a little in recent weeks.

Our churches in North India and many in America prayed. And God answered!

The Islampur church recently held a thanksgiving service and heard testimonies of those who have followed Christ and have been blessed by David's life. David preached and people were visibly moved.

Our God is great. He has heard and answered the prayers of His people!

Carlisle Hanna is a veteran missionary of 38 years in India. He and Marie are the only Free Will Baptist missionaries remaining in India.

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"It's so hard here in the States," my first-grader sobbed inconsolably. "Piano is hard. School is hard. And everybody is better than me." Being an MK, or "Missionary Kid," is not always easy. He or she is almost a man or woman without a country. A part of two cultures, the MK cannot fully claim either—the American culture which gave him birth or

the foreign culture which nourished him. Consequently he becomes a "third culture" kid (TCK).

Another culture helped shape and develop his personality, ideas, and reactions which often prove shockingly different from those of his American counterpart. The TCK is unique, yet normal, with great potential to succeed. But, he is also

vulnerable to failure.

Most MKs are thankful for the experience of growing up overseas. They are proud of their heritage. They would not change places with anyone, even if they could.

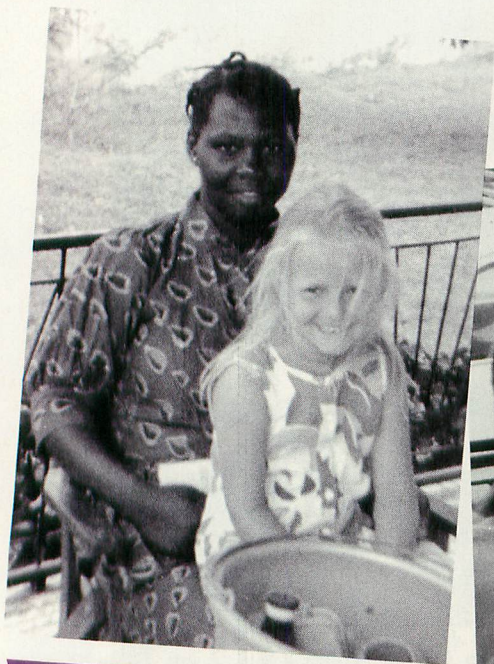
In spite of this gratitude, people must realize an MK is not a "little missionary." He is not the one called. Neither is he automatically super-spiritual. He

MKs'n' Missions!

by Lynette Morgan



Right, Aaron Morgan enjoys his African friends.



Top, Autumn Morgan sits with an African lady. Right, Trey and Adam Morgan eat with friends.



doesn't want to be put on a pedestal. He battles with his own spiritual struggles. He doesn't want to be forced to live up to higher expectations than his classmates, or be made the exception. He just wants to be accepted as he is. Like most of us, he wants friends and security and the sense of belonging.

Where then, does the MK fit into the missions picture? People seem to automatically identify MKs with their parents' work. While that is not the case with most children or young people, most MKs do respect the calling of their parents and believe in what they are doing.

Whether he wants to or not, the MK does—directly or indirectly—affect his parents' ministry. Sometimes the effect is negative, but most times it is positive. One MK acknowledged the people to whom her family ministered looked to them as examples. Another said the people observed their family as the model of a Christian family.

Some MKs naturally become more involved than others. Their mere presence attracts attention, especially if they are fair-skinned children. Kids often open doors of opportunity for the parents. The children's friends lead to valuable contacts.

Many MKs participate in the work on the field by teaching classes, playing an instrument, leading singing, or carrying out a special ministry, such as puppet shows or drama. One MK from Côte d'Ivoire expressed how she saw her role: "Obviously it was God's will that I be there since I was with them. God knew what family I would be in, so He must have had a role for me as well as for them."

Even stateside the MK is

identified with his parents' ministry. But people should remember the MK is not a Bible scholar and must not be expected to know all the answers. Though some MKs delight in giving their testimony and singing in the second language, others would rather die! People might ask themselves how their own three-year-old would react to being asked to stand in front of a strange congregation and quote the twenty-third Psalm?

So, how has growing up on the mission field affected the feelings of MKs about missions? One from Côte d'Ivoire feels he now has a personal stake in missions. He sees faces. He knows the people. They are his friends.

One MK from Japan, though living stateside, will always see the world beyond. This is contrasted with the many people whose vision stops at their home town or state line.

Mission boards consider MKs potentially to be some of the best equipped future missionaries.

One young MK from Spain questions, "How can people grow up in America and not see the millions dying in sin overseas?"

The MK develops positive attitudes from being exposed to another culture. Race barriers most likely have never been built because of the close relationships with the nationals. He experiences genuine love for the people and a sensitivity to their lostness. He personally witnesses the chains of Satan

broken by the power of the gospel.

The average MK seems to be more sensitive, more aware of needs. One MK testified that growing up on the field taught her to meet people in any culture and help them at whatever point of development or knowledge she might find them.

Mission boards consider MKs potentially to be some of the best equipped future missionaries. They are already fluent in another language and have adapted to the culture of that country. Many have learned from a young age how to witness comfortably and naturally. They have insight into the difficulties and problems and are realistic as to what might and might not work. In fact, they fit more closely into the role of a national pastor than a missionary pastor.

Of course, an MK would most likely encounter problems unique to his situation. These must be faced by him and the missions staff. They must be dealt with before he could go to a mission field as a missionary.

Yes, even in the area of fulfilling the Great Commission, the MK is unique. His or hers is not a book knowledge of missions, but a living knowledge. He or she has lived missions. But, just like any young person, God has a will for the MK's life and he/she must find it.

MKs are different, but all of them are special. Some have problems. Others have it all together. But on one point most agree—it's great to be an MK!

Lynette Morgan serves in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, with her husband, Clint. They have four children.

It had been about an hour since we had last seen Stephen, our firstborn. We had just moved into our little house in Campinas, Brazil.

Walter and I looked all through the house, then we looked out in the yard and around. We didn't know a word of Portuguese, but we searched for him up and down the streets.

Finally we spotted him as he was coming home. On close observation we noticed black bean juice still on the corners of his mouth. He proceeded to tell us he had a boyfriend down the street. He claimed the boy's family had invited him to eat lunch. He assured us they were very, very nice people. But the daddy wasn't a Christian, he was sure, because he drank beer at lunch.

Dazed by this experience, Walter and I asked him, "How did you know how to talk to them since they speak Portuguese? Did they speak English?"

"Oh, no," he replied. "They don't know English."

"Well, how did you know they were inviting you to lunch and how did you make friends?" we asked.

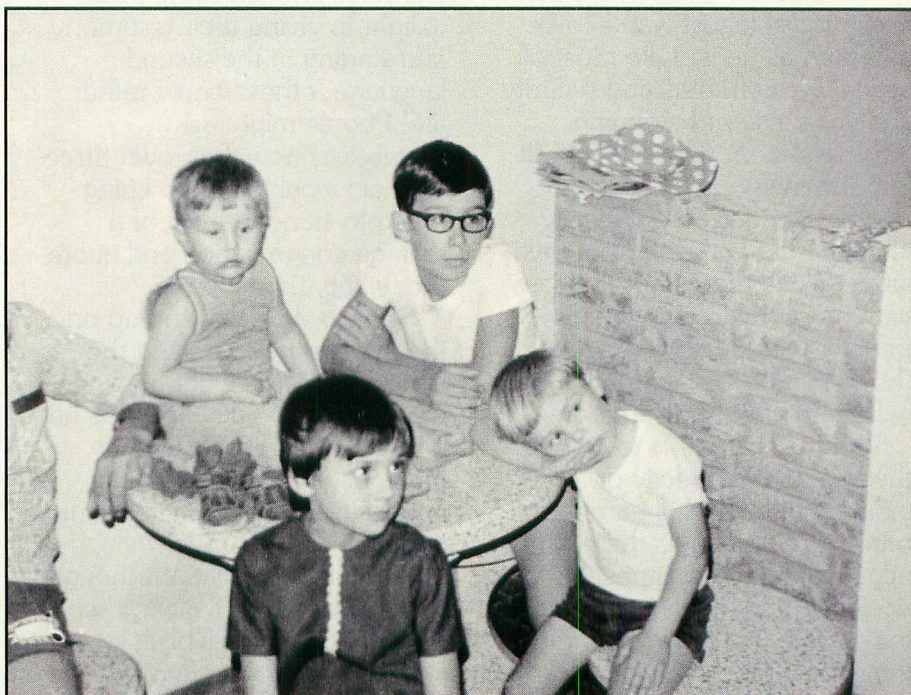
"It's really easy," said Stephen. "They're really, really sweet people."

So from that day on, he and our other four children continued to be one of the major factors in our meeting people, forming friendships, and getting people to attend our Bible classes. Later, in Brazil and Uruguay, the people would come to our churches and take part in the work.

The children have noticeably influenced both adults and

It's A Family Effort

by Marcia Ellison



Ellison children watch TV with some friends.

children by their natural Christian testimony. They just lived a Christian life among unbelievers. Many of those unbelievers were atheists and spiritists.

Our children were one of the major factors in our meeting people, forming friendships, and getting people to attend our Bible classes.

In a social science class attended by one of our sons, the professor had finished a presentation on the theory of evolution. At the conclusion of

the lecture, our son asked the professor if he could ask a question. Granted permission to speak, he stood by his desk and asked, "Sir, I'm just wondering, do you believe that junk you've just taught us?"

The professor was aghast at the question. I doubt anyone had ever dared to ask him a question quite as blatant as that in the classroom. But he stopped, thought for a moment, and as the bell rang to dismiss class he told our son, "I really don't believe I do, come to think of it."

Out of that class a young woman's interest was sparked and she attended Bible study at our home. Later she joined our church congregation in



As a little girl, Malinda Ellison (holding flash card) helped in teaching other children.

Montevideo.

On another occasion our daughter, Malinda, was part of a class which was asked by the teacher to bring a Bible the next time they met. They were to take a look at the Bible as a piece of literature. When the professor asked who had a Bible, Malinda was the only one in the entire class who had a Bible in her home. She offered to bring Bibles for everyone in the class. Of course the professor wanted to know if she had one for everyone. She responded, "Oh, yes, we have lots of Bibles in our home." He smiled and batted his eyes in disbelief. But when the class met again, she had Bibles for everyone.

The teacher asked, "Does anyone in the class know how the Bible is divided?"

After no one answered, Malinda raised her hand and

said, "Into the Old and New Testaments."

He proceeded to ask, "Does anyone know how many books are in the Bible?"

When no one seemed to know that either, Malinda said, "66."

Next he asked, "Does anyone know the names of any of the books?"

No one answered.

I believe the single most important factor in our getting a work going has been our children's love for the Lord.

Malinda declared, "Sir, I know them all." That brought a roar from the class. Thinking her answer was a little far-fetched, the teacher allowed her to stand by her desk and name the 66 books of the Bible in order. That

served as a testimony to her class. Some of them came to our Bible studies and church services in our home in Montevideo.

Throughout our ministry our children have brought in friends and neighbors, and they've been influential in our meeting parents of other children. They have actually given us the opportunity to witness to some dignitaries and to some very wealthy American business people. I believe the single most important factor in our getting a work going and maintaining it, humanly speaking, has been our children's love for the Lord and their lives as Christians.

Today our children regularly support our work with their finances and through prayer. I believe each one of them feels he is in his own mission field.

Stephen and Vivian serve in the Marine Corps and are ministering through daily living and witnessing to other Marines and their wives.

John and Marisol are living out their lives before others in the U.S. Air Force and before friends and family members in California.

Malinda and Byron live in Nashville, Tenn. Byron is a witness to fellow workers on the job for the city government and Malinda has been an influence in the medical profession.

David and Paul are Christians on the university campus.

I'm really grateful for our children and for the contribution they have made in the countries of Brazil and Uruguay as well as in the U.S. I thank God that He allowed us to have them all those years.

Marcia Ellison is the wife of missionary Walter Ellison. They serve in Montevideo, Uruguay.



Missionary Dave Franks, center, discusses the excavation procedures with the builder and a worker as the groundbreaking for the new church building gets underway at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Ground Broken for Belo Horizonte Church

Brazil—Ground was broken on May 27, 1991, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, to begin the construction of the new church building in Belo.

According to missionaries Dave Franks and Norman McFall, the building has been delayed due to the rise of building costs in Brazil. They had a difficult time locating a builder and now face a problem of insufficient funds.

The Alabama State Association accepted a challenge to raise \$50,000 for this project in 1991. "We need to have part of the building ready for use before the end of the year," Franks and McFall noted. "But due to inflation the \$50,000 probably will not be sufficient."

The missionaries are holding services in three homes in an effort to build the church spiritually and numerically while the building is under construction.

Regional Conference Meets in Agnibilekrou

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionary Alice Smith reported recently that the regional conference of Free Will Baptists for their area in Ivory Coast met in Agnibilekrou on May 1.

"Norman Richards and Darrell Nichols have been presenting studies on the Holy Spirit during these meetings," writes Alice. "The people are finding them very helpful."

Miss Smith indicated she was scheduled to help Norman and Darrell in a seminar for village church leaders during the early part of May. She was scheduled to teach them how to set up a Sunday school and how to teach children.

Northwest Missouri Helps McDonalds to Japan

St. Joseph, Mo.—The Northwest Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists sponsored a missionary conference March 22-24 and featured Don and Ruth McDonald. The association, made up of only two rural churches, raised \$3,237 for the couple to return to Japan.

Vernon Maggart is pastor of both Freeman Chapel and Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist churches. He had challenged 30 individuals to give \$100 to send Don and Ruth back to their ministry.

Don and Ruth McDonald and son, Evan, receive a check from Vernon Maggart, pastor of Freeman Chapel and Mt. Zion FWB churches of the Northwest Missouri Association.



The McDonalds returned to Japan on June 10 to start their second term of service.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Panama—The first national Free Will Baptist youth camp in Panama was held March 28-30 at Camp El Amanecer in Chorrera, Panama. Approximately 85 young people were on hand for the camp. The youth planned all of the activities and conducted the classes.

Japan—Debbie Griffin writes, "There was a new lady, Yamaguchi-san, in English class last week. It was a real joy to see her open the Bible and read for the first time. I'm praying that she will find it addictive."

Uruguay—"We had the first service here in our home yesterday, June 9," writes Dennis Owen from Montevideo, Uruguay. "The basis of contact so far has been a Bible study we have had Thursdays in the home of a lady from Central church in Montevideo." The Owens live in an area of Montevideo called Pocitos.

France—Barbara Gibbs underwent surgery on June 3 in St. Nazaire, France, to remove a fibroid tumor. Latest reports indicate surgery went well and she was healing normally.

Brazil—Tom Hughes reported in a recent newsletter that four people had been baptized in the second church at Uberlandia, Brazil.

Japan—Jim and Olena McLain recently reported from Higashi Tsukisamu, Japan, that 100 new students had entered the kindergartens there in April. These took the place of the 100 who graduated in March. The

McLains are also teaching a new English class on Tuesday evenings to a group of doctors and nurses in one of the hospitals near them.

Germany—Missionary affiliate Dennis Heath has been diagnosed with "winged scapula," a condition caused by deteriorated muscles in the shoulder. Christians were urged to pray for his recovery.

Brazil—A special Mother's Day program was presented by the children at the church in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, during the evening service. Ninety people were present. Earnie Deeds indicated that April was a record month financially for the church with offerings totaling over \$1,100 without any special drive or campaign.

Japan—Missionary Fred Hersey reports that four new adults are attending the English classes at Abashiri and about 10 new children are attending. He urged Christians to pray that God would use these classes to reach these children and adults for Christ.

Arnold, Mo.—Furloughing missionaries Steve and Judy Lytle of Panama were honored during the Wednesday evening service of the Missouri State Association on June 5. A quilt was presented along with the announcement that \$700 had been raised through the quilt project toward the Lytles' ticket home from Panama.

Japan—Dale Bishop reports having started work on the new room for the Christian Learning Center in the Koinonia Free Will Baptist Church. He noted some of the parents are helping on the carpentry work when they can.

Creech Participates in Student Outreach Effort

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Short-term missionary Paul Creech reported in May that he had participated in a special outreach effort as part of a group including 52 students and staff members from the International Christian Academy in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire. Paul is laboring as a dorm parent at the school.

"Some of us helped to put a roof on a church building and to make benches. Others went out in a mass



The hospital wing (left, with sign, "Maternite") of the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, was completely destroyed by fire.

evangelism effort," says Creech. "It was exciting to see people come to the 'Jesus' film, a two-hour film about the life of Christ. Over 1,000 people gathered at 9:30 p.m. They had only 100-125 seats, so the rest stood."

Paul declared it was midnight when the service was over and nobody had left.

Owen Reports Two Conversions in Uruguay

Uruguay—Missionary Dennis Owen reported in June that two people were saved recently in their ministry. The Owens transferred from Spain to Uruguay in December.

"Sitting in busy Montevideo, in the home of elderly Jewish believers, we walked down the Romans Road with Mary," writes Dennis. "Mary accepted the Lord as her Savior."

Owen continues, "Last Saturday night, David, a retired gentleman we had met that night for the first time, made public his profession of faith in Christ."

Hospital in Côte d'Ivoire Burns, Clinic Wrecked

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Fire engulfed the hospital building on the Free Will Baptist medical station in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, on June 5. The blaze was apparently caused by an electrical short in the attic over a supply room. The building was a total loss.

According to associate missionary Robert West, all patients (two at the time) in the 30-bed facility were safely evacuated so that no one was injured. In addition, they were able to drag two mattresses from the 23-year-old building before it was totally overwhelmed.

The fire was discovered by Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and an African maintenance worker. No other buildings were damaged by the fire; however, the threat to the clinic next door caused Eagleton and the staff to remove medicines, supplies, and whatever they could in great haste.

West indicated that African volunteers, in an effort to help, literally jerked out equipment, cabinets, plumbing, light fixtures, and the X-ray machine. The damages combined with the loss due to looting of medicines, etc., make replacement costs extensive.

Eagleton reopened the clinic on Monday, June 10, on a limited basis although he had to work without water or electricity. He also had a very limited supply of medicine. Since 1963, the medical center has been meeting the medical needs of seven ethnic groups which live in the area. The nearest facilities in Côte d'Ivoire offering emergency surgical service are 150 miles away in Ferkessedougou or Bondoukou.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, estimated the loss at approximately \$75,000. He said the mission plans to rebuild the facility as soon as funds are available.

The foreign missions office wired \$15,000 to the medical station so some supplies can be replaced and some repairs on the clinic can be made.

Lytle, Bunch Preach Revival at Betania

Panama—Missionary Steve Lytle reports special revival services were held May 12-18 at Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama.

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Arkansas State Woman's Auxiliary	Nina Huddleston

The following gave special gifts in memory of Mrs. Lucy Postlewaite:

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Molly Barker teaches a children's class at the church in Melo, Uruguay.

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Steve preached three services and Stan Bunch preached five times. Several rededications and one first-time decision for Christ were recorded during the meeting.

Steve indicated four people joined the church and six people came for baptism on the Sunday following the revival.

With the Lytles returning to the United States for furlough, the Betania church elected Daniel as pastor through 1992. Daniel has served as associate pastor of the church since 1987.

Melo Church Celebrates First Anniversary

Uruguay—In May, missionary Molly Barker reported recently that the church in Melo, Uruguay, had celebrated its first anniversary with 36 people present. Several decisions were made during the meeting.

Molly travels to Melo on weekends to teach a class, prepare teachers for Sunday school, hold woman's auxiliary meetings, play the organ for Sunday school and worship services, and teach children in Sunday school.

Barker indicated the group held its first play on Mother's Day. "The devil tried to beat us because the girl with the main part didn't show up," says Molly. "But God provided another girl willing and able to learn her part in four hours. A woman was saved at the close."

Two Saved in Poole Home After Meditation

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Poole reported two young people saved following a meditation in their home recently.

The Pooles had a supper in their home for young people and three first-timers attended. Following the Bible meditation, Bobby left the room and two of the three followed him. One of the two girls, in tears, said, "You will have to help us. That meditation touched us and we need to do something about our life." That night Jorgiana and Luciana accepted the Lord.

Eagleton Teaches 16 to Prepare Them for Baptism

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—"I've been going to Tehini on Sundays," writes Dr. Kenneth Eagleton from Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. "There are several people needing to be baptized in Tehini, so I started a baptismal class. We have 16 people attending."

According to Kenneth, Tehini is one of ten different villages covered as outreach ministries from the Doropo church.

New Missions Education Courses Now Available

Nashville, Tenn.—The Richland Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., and Frontline Ministries of Tulsa, Okla., are cooperating with the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions in preparing missions courses of study for use in the local church.

MK Rebecca Aycock (daughter of Bobby and Sue Aycock in Brazil), Renee Robins, David Davies, and Gladys Gragg of the Richland church have worked over six months to develop the basic guide for short, 15-20 minute studies on six levels: beginners, primaries, juniors, intermediates, young adults (and teens), and adults. The lessons are designed to cover 17 weeks (or sessions), but they are adaptable.

Frontline Ministries has announced the release of "Send Me! Adventures in Missions." This 13-week missions education program is prepared for children in two age groups, grades one to three and

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four through six. It is based on six modules: France, Ivory Coast, Japan, Spain, India/Panama, and Brazil/Uruguay. Each of these can be used alone or in conjunction with the others.

Free Will Baptist missionaries have developed songs, games, recipes, missions stories, and language activities for the program.

According to David M. Messer, spokesman for Frontline Ministries, the cost of these materials is \$8.95 per module or \$39.95 for the entire set. The set includes enough material for three months in grades one through six.

Pastor Bill Preston of Richland FWB said parties interested in the materials from his church may call 615-356-4977 or 615-646-4594 or they may write to the church at 640 Westboro Drive, Nashville, TN 37209.

"Send Me!" materials may be ordered by calling 1-800-344-6186 or by writing to Frontline Ministries, 100 North Olive, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Griffin Locates House by Church and University

Japan—Miss Debbie Griffin who returned to Japan in March had been unable to locate a house or apartment in Ai No Sato, Japan, until recently. "Then," she declared, "suddenly there was a house available located between the church and university, exactly where I wanted to be."

Pastor Bill Preston, left, of Richland FWB Church in Nashville, shows missions study materials to Don Robirds, director of communications. The church developed the materials and is making them available to other churches at a nominal price.



Missionary Ron Moore, right, teaches a leadership class in a village church outside of Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire.

Griffin said, "I have been praying that God would open the doors for some kind of ministry at the university. I have made friends with a couple of exchange students."

Debbie is teaching the young people's Sunday school class at church, and she expressed praise for the salvation of a high school student during a recent youth rally.

27 Africans Participate in Leadership Training

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—According to a late April report from missionary Ron Moore, 27 national leaders are participating in a leadership program in the Bondoukou area of Côte d'Ivoire. Ron noted that the average age of the leaders was 27 years.

Moore declared 50 percent of those participating are married. Nine are serving as pastors and/or evangelists and are ministering in about 20 congregations each week. This includes over 600 people.

Ron stated, "We have four centers of instruction: Bondoukou, Apimadougou, Goumère/Tanda, and Nassian/Talahini."

The Bondoukou team of Mark Daniel, Jerry Pinkerton, and Ron are collaborating in this effort. Daniel and Moore are presently working on a Koulango study program and are planning a seminar on "the church" and a course on evangelism.

Baileys Report Another Conversion at Iriso

Japan—According to a May report from Ken and Judy Bailey in Japan, Miss Sakurai was converted near the end of April at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church. Ken said, "We had asked you to pray for her in our last newsletter. She has been close to salvation for the past four or five weeks."

The young lady responded to the invitation on Sunday morning and stood before the church to pray the sinner's prayer. She is currently going through follow-up studies.

Bailey noted that Mr. Oikawa, the young Bible college student who is doing his practical work at the church, has brought new life to the group.

Institute Holds First Graduation on May 10

Panama—The first graduation from the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Panama was held on Friday, May 10, with three graduates: Noris Cano and Fressia and Alberto Diaz.

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Ernest Holland and Jerome Kambou baptize converts in a pond near Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. A crowd observes the special event.

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Steve Lytle has been in charge of this ministry.

The commencement address was delivered by Alberto Moke, director of Manna Bible Institute in Panama City. Moke also works on the university campus with Ministry to the Student World.

New class and course schedules were announced and Alex Mercado, pastor of First FWB Church in Panama City, assumed the role as interim director of the institute while Steve and Judy Lytle are on furlough. Carlos Benis of the Betania church was named as assistant director.

Nine People Baptized at Doropo During May

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Ernest Holland and national pastor Jerome Kambou baptized nine people in Doropo on Sunday, May 5.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton indicated the church is doing well but is struggling financially.

Four Profess Faith at Nantes, France

France—According to a report from missionaries Steve and Becky Riggs, four people recently came to faith in Christ in Nantes, France.

"Many of you have been praying for Francoise," writes Steve. "It is now a joy to see her grow in the Lord."

Riggs noted that Florence trusted Christ at a youth retreat. Two out of the four who made decisions had

been attending student Bible studies.

Steve urged Christians to pray for a campaign with Operation Mobilization which is planned for this summer. A three-week program of evangelism utilizing 200 students is scheduled for the Nantes area.

First Nepal Christian Leaders' Conference Held

Nepal—A recent interview with Alfred Yeo, general secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of Asia, centered around his April 10-22 visit to the Nepal Christian Fellowship's first-ever Christian Leaders' Conference. He noted that the conference was strategic because up until last

year pastoral training could be conducted only secretly.

By Nepali standards, the religious freedom allowed since last April in this Hindu kingdom has been unparalleled. Last Christmas believers held their first public celebration.

Prior to 1990, Christian evangelistic meetings were illegal, and baptisms were sometimes held at midnight.

Aldridges Visit Japan, Meet with Church Leaders

Nashville, Tenn.—Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary for foreign missions, and wife Janie visited missionaries in Japan in May and June. They left the United States on May 24 and returned home on June 24.

According to Jimmy, one highlight of their trip was their stop in Singapore for a few days en route to Japan. They talked with one of the leaders of a Baptist church there. They were impressed with what the churches in Singapore are doing and they saw the evidence of God's power as a result of prayer.

Jimmy met with pastors and missionaries June 2-4 at the Adachi Free Will Baptist Church in Tokyo. Pastor Matsumoto hosted the biennial session with four Japanese pastors and three missionaries present. They began working on a plan to fund national workers to help start new churches.

Charolette Tallent, left, teaches English to two French girls in Nantes, France, as a means of witness and outreach.



ЖИЗНЬ ИИСУСА ХРИСТА и ИСТОРИЯ ПЕРВОЙ ЦЕРКВИ



This children's illustrated New Testament is to be part of a Bible League distribution program in the remote areas of Russia.

The Aldridges visited all FWB churches on the islands and met with missionaries during the annual field council session June 18-21. The meeting was held at a retreat center in the mountains out from Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido. They began working on a field strategy for evangelism and growth.

Testaments, Gospels, and Bibles Sent to Russia

South Holland, Ill.—The Bible League has sent 590,000 New Testaments to Russia in the last 18 months. According to Andrew Rietveld, a regional director for The Bible League, the group plans more shipments in the near future: "We are planning to ship approximately 135,000 New Testaments and 50,000 Gospels of John to a group of Baptists in Frunze, and 20,000 New Testaments to Baptists in Khabarovsk in Eastern Siberia."

Rietveld says the organization has set a goal to work in the more remote areas of the U.S.S.R. since the needs in Moscow, Leningrad, and a few other large cities seem to have been met. The group plans to include a Russian children's illustrated New Testament also.

Notice

Due to construction delays, the move to the new facilities of the Free Will Baptist National offices has been delayed until after the National Association meeting.

Financial Summary

Through May 31

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Total income for May	\$ 303,651.05
Total income through May	1,460,201.55
Total disbursements through May	1,681,689.63
Projected income through May	1,658,295.00
Total 1991 Budget	\$3,979,859.00
Advance gifts through May	\$ 17,146.19
1991 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 150,000.00

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 2,653.73	McCullough.....	\$ 730.49
Barnard.....	252.62	Pinkerton.....	9,785.85
Callaway.....	14,984.67	Robinson.....	8,915.33
Crosby.....	5,494.67	Thompson.....	39.13
Deeds.....	3,740.06	Waller.....	104.92
*Franks Sr.	26,638.81	West.....	1,598.56
Holland, C.....	3,488.77	Willey.....	2,160.99
Leatherbury.....	1,143.58	Wilson.....	274.94
Martens.....	2,125.57	Spec. Com.....	18,929.60
Total			\$103,062.29

*Medical insurance claims pending

\$inking

All of the following accounts are in the black but in serious need:

Crowson.....	\$ 60.83	Poole.....	\$ 891.41
Gibbs.....	75.84	Teague.....	447.03
Lytle.....	4.41		

State Goals—1991

State	Goal 1991	Goal Through May	Contributions Through May
Alabama.....	\$ 185,000	\$ 77,083	\$ 68,785.64
Arizona.....	6,200	2,583	1,227.50
Arkansas.....	218,000	90,833	60,504.89
California.....	85,000	35,417	32,525.46
Colorado.....	5,000	2,083	1,898.27
Florida.....	95,000	39,583	23,708.44
Georgia.....	185,000	77,083	64,287.81
Hawaii.....	4,000	1,667	1,025.00
Idaho.....	1,200	500	525.00
Illinois.....	125,000	52,083	38,404.33
Indiana.....	43,000	17,917	20,740.59
Iowa.....	2,000	833	749.00
Kansas.....	19,000	7,917	10,659.56
Kentucky.....	90,000	37,500	26,188.74
Louisiana.....	300	125	70.00
Maryland.....	23,000	9,583	8,771.24
Michigan.....	150,000	62,500	50,573.31
Mississippi.....	66,000	27,500	16,729.22
Missouri.....	308,000	128,333	152,603.01
Montana.....	1,000	417	429.00
Nevada.....	1,500	625	325.00
New Mexico.....	1,000	417	392.91
*Northeast Assn.....	5,200	2,167	1,504.28
**Northwest Assn.....	7,500	3,125	1,947.34
North Carolina.....	513,000	213,750	191,087.56
Ohio.....	142,000	59,167	48,720.20
Oklahoma.....	439,000	182,917	154,767.99
Pennsylvania.....	2,900	1,208	26.00
South Carolina.....	214,000	89,167	85,782.15
Tennessee.....	568,000	236,667	192,252.21
Texas.....	129,000	53,750	49,473.08
Virginia.....	155,000	64,583	50,679.45
Virgin Islands.....	3,000	1,250	600.00
West Virginia.....	85,000	35,417	29,498.84
**WNAC.....	00	00	27,114.66
Miscellaneous.....	102,059	42,525	45,623.87
Totals	\$3,979,859	\$1,658,275	\$1,460,201.55

*Northeast Association

New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut,
Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

**Northwest Association

Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

**Beginning with May 1991, WNAC has requested their contributions to be indicated separately

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