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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world

Answering God's Call

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15

Committed to Doing God's Will





Dwain Crosby (center) teaches a Bible study in the home of missionary Ron Callaway (right) who observes. Ron leaves the work in the hands of Dwain this month.

Crosby to Lead Work at Móstoles Church

Spain—Dwain Crosby, who is just finishing language study in Madrid, Spain, will be assuming the leadership role at the Móstoles church when Ron and Linda Callaway leave for furlough in June.

Dwain has been preaching once a month, but his role will increase to two messages a week in addition to teaching Bible study classes.

Crosby has met with church leaders and they have set tentative plans for two open-air evangelism meetings in September.

Debbie Crosby also began her ministry with small children in May. Dwain and Debbie requested Christians to pray for them as they launch out in this new ministry.

Iriso Church Plans for Japanese Pastor

Japan—The Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan, has decided to hire a Bible college student to work with the church for the next year. Oikawa, a 20-year-old student, will work with the church until the Ken Baileys return to the United States for furlough in July of 1992.

Bailey reported that Mrs. Sato, who stopped attending church about a year ago along with her husband, returned about a month ago.

"She walked into the church and in a testimony said she has decided that the best way for her husband to be saved is by her witness," says

Ken. "Since that time she has received assurance of salvation and we are making plans to baptize her."

The missionary also urged prayer for Miss Sakurai who has been attending for about a month and has been counseled twice concerning salvation.

Ellison Reports Three Baptized in Uruguay

Uruguay—According to missionary Walter "Dub" Ellison, three people were baptized in a lake near Malvin Norte in Uruguay on April 21.

Ellison reported the baptism of Gabriela, an architect who attends the Malvin Norte church, and Rossana and Alexandra, two sisters who attend the church in central Montevideo.

The Ellisons noted that a two-month long strike by postal employees has seriously hampered mail delivery. They also indicated several Socialist groups are threatening revolution because they are angry with the government for demonopolizing the alcoholic beverage industry.

Herseys Return to Japan After Evelyn's Surgery

Japan—Fred and Evelyn Hersey came to the United States in February so Evelyn could have tests and a regular checkup after having cancer surgery in 1988. Fred returned to Bihoro, Japan, on March 21 after Evelyn had undergone surgery on March 1 to remove two malignant nodules from the original incision

site. Evelyn remained for radiation therapy.

After receiving satisfactory reports from the oncologist following her radiation therapy, Evelyn left for Japan on April 29 to resume her ministry. Christians were urged to pray that God would keep the cancer from returning.

Board Meets, Appoints Couple, Approves Teacher

Nashville, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met in Nashville, Tenn., April 29-May 2 for its annual session.

Action taken by the board included the appointment of Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso as medical missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire and approval of Mrs. Juanita Thompson as a short-term teacher to Hokkaido, Japan.

The Gentusos are from the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville and have been attending Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions in Columbia, S.C. They will begin their deputational ministry in August.

Mrs. Thompson has taught in the public schools for 35 years and recently retired in Nashville. She is the daughter of the late J. P. Barrow, who taught at FWB Bible College, and is the widow of the Reverend Gus Thompson of Nashville. She plans to depart in August for Japan where she will be teaching missionary children in the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center.

Juanita Thompson



The board accepted the resignation of missionaries Jerry and Janice Banks who have served

Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso



four terms in Japan (see article in this issue).

A change in frequency of publication of *Heartbeat* was approved in light of escalating postal fees. The magazine will become a bimonthly publication rather than the current 10-issue per year periodical it has been. The new publication frequency will begin with the July-August issue of this year.

A 1992 foreign missions budget of \$4,290,006 was approved.

Officers for the coming year remain the same: Bill Jones, chairman; Norwood Gibson, vice chairman; and Galen Dunbar, secretary.

Banks Resign Due to Jerry's Health Problems

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Jerry and Janice Banks, who have served four terms in Japan, have submitted their resignation from missionary service effective August 1.

Jerry writes, "I have been having various health problems which have resulted in my departure from the field. I think the time away from stresses involved with life and ministry in Japan will result in a stabilization of my condition so I can continue in the ministry.

"We appreciate all the help, support, and encouragement we have received throughout the years. Please be assured that our burden for those who have never heard challenges us to keep missions in the foreground of our ministries."

Jerry returned to the United States on April 5 with a hypoglycemia condition that was out of control. Janice and Justin remained on the field and expect to return to the States at the end of June.

Jan has accepted a position with Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla. She will be teaching missions and Christian education.

Jerry and Janice Banks



Missionary Stan Bunch (second from right) prepares to baptize eight converts in the Parita River in Parita, Panama.

Bunch Baptizes Eight Converts in Parita River

Panama—Missionary Stan Bunch baptized eight converts on April 18 in the Parita River in Parita, Panama. According to Stan, two of the converts were from Parita and six were from Río de Jesús.

Bunch noted a new work is being opened in a neighboring town of Puerto Limón. In early April services were held there with approximately 200 people listening to the message of Christ.

Sturgill Says Church at Jaboticabal Is Full

Brazil—According to an April report from Vicki Sturgill, the church in Jaboticabal, Brazil, is full. The pastor has requested prayer that God would show them how to solve the overcrowding problem.

"Several Sundays in a row we have had over 90 in Sunday school," writes Vicki. "The building will hold 60 crowded in, but 90 is impossible. The same problem exists for the night services with more than 75 present most services."

Five-night Evangelistic Campaign Held in Parita

Panama—A five-night evangelistic campaign was held in Parita, Panama, April 3-7 according to missionary Stan Bunch. Martin Plicet, president of the Panama Association of Free Will Baptist churches, was the evangelist for the week.

Bunch says four nights of the meeting were held in the tent belonging to the church. On the final night the service moved to the public square and a film, "What Great Love," was shown. Approximately

170 people saw the film and heard the message that evening.

Attendance in the tent averaged 50 per service. On Saturday night the tent was full and overflowing, but a power failure caused the crowd to dwindle.

One conversion was recorded during the week, but this campaign was the first evangelistic campaign ever to be held in Parita by anyone.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Panama—The Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City held its missionary conference April 26, 27. The church gave \$3,800 to missions in 1990.

Japan—The Koinonia Free Will Baptist Church in Ebetsu, Hokkaido,

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Financial Summary

Through April 30, 1991

Substance

Total income for April.....	\$ 332,325.73
Total income through April.....	1,156,550.50
Total disbursements through April.....	1,357,906.03
Projected income through April.....	1,326,636.00
Total 1991 Budget.....	\$3,979,859.00

ADVANCE gifts through April.....	\$ 14,735.12
1991 ADVANCE Budget.....	150,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 2,923.01	Martens.....	\$ 2,325.86
Barnard.....	195.40	Pinkerton.....	9,535.16
Callaway.....	3,209.77	*Robinson.....	10,359.40
Crosby.....	5,639.66	Teague.....	1,152.68
Deeds.....	2,706.25	West.....	1,927.59
*Franks.....	27,358.92	Willey.....	1,905.14
Holland, C.....	4,094.22	Wilson.....	193.54
Leatherbury.....	931.88	Spec. Com.....	19,083.78
McCullough.....	226.45		
Total.....			\$79,684.93

*Medical insurance pending

Sinking

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

Crowson.....	\$ 400.47	Lytte.....	\$ 1,858.99
Gibbs.....	121.49	Poole.....	1,560.45



Left to right, overseas secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife, Janie, join the Reverend and Mrs. V. O. Price, pastor Steve Corbett, and missionary representative Don Sexton in front of flags made by ladies of Shady Grove FWB Church in Whitesburg, Tenn. The Sextons and Prices were honored for their contribution to missions over the years.

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Japan, has plans to remodel during the spring. Since the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center, the school for missionary children, will be moving to the church during the next school year, they decided they needed more rooms.

India—According to missionary Carlisle Hanna in India, students from Calcutta Bible College and North India Bible Institute returned home for a two-month vacation starting in late April and early May. "We have a full program planned for them," writes Carlisle.

Waco, Tex.—Mrs. Billie Crosby, mother of missionary Dwain Crosby, went to Spain on May 16 to visit the Crosbys. This is her first trip outside the United States.

Brazil—John and Lynne (Sturgill) Carey went to Brazil in April to visit Jim and Vicki Sturgill. John had

been in Saudi Arabia during the Middle East crisis. Lynne is the daughter of the Sturgills.

Spain—The Villalba Free Will Baptist Church in Spain held a week of prayer April 8-12. "We met every night in the church to praise God and pray for specific needs in our church," writes Steve Reeves. "An average of 20 people attended every night."

Uruguay—The Malvin Norte church celebrated its fourth anniversary on April 14. According to Walter and Marcia Ellison, the church was filled. Twenty-five adults and another 25 teens and children were on hand.

Special Service Honors Don and Billie Sexton

Whitesburg, Tenn.—Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Whitesburg, Tenn., honored missionary representatives Don and Billie Sex-

ton during its missions conference held April 6-7, 1991. Guest speakers for the Saturday and Sunday services were Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife, Janie, who are former missionaries to Ivory Coast.

The church honored the Sextons and Rev. and Mrs. V. O. Price for their contributions to missions through the years.

Ladies of the church made flags, one for each of the countries where Free Will Baptists have mission works. Shady Grove is a member of the Union Association in Tennessee. Steve Corbett is pastor.

Missionary Conference Held in Parita, Panama

Panama—A missionary conference was held April 18-20 in the tent of the Parita Free Will Baptist Church in Panama. Three speakers challenged Christians toward outreach as they acquainted listeners with the various mission works in Panama.

Those speaking during the services were Eusebio Asprilla, Martin Plicet, and Steve Lytle. Attendance averaged around 30 for the three nights.

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