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# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world

## ***The World Missions Offering*** *Plays a Vital Role in Church Planting*

## ***Securing the Harvest***



WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING  
*April 28, 1991*





Tom McCullough presents a missions challenge to the St. Nazaire Church in France during their annual missions emphasis in November.

## St. Nazaire Church Holds Second Missions Program

**France**—The Free Will Baptist church in St. Nazaire, France, held its second annual missions emphasis during November of 1990. More than 80 people were on hand for the special service. An international dinner was served after the services with approximately 70 people participating.

Monthly faith-promise commitments increased approximately two percent over the 1989 commitment. The total pledged in 1989 came to about \$300 per month and actual receipts averaged approximately \$249.

During 1990 the church gave \$4,160 to missions outreach, and the group has adopted a policy of giving 10 percent to outside missionary endeavors in addition to another 10 percent set aside for a local needy individual or family.

## Aycocks to Return to Barbacena Ministry

**Brazil**—Bobby and Sue Aycock, who went back to Brazil in February of 1990 after several years of stateside ministry, have announced their return to the Barbacena area in the state of Minas Gerais.

The Aycocks had moved to Araraquara in the state of São Paulo to begin a new work. At least three people were saved in this ministry, and the couple was looking for facilities to rent.

Since the church established by the Aycocks in Barbacena has been without a pastor for nearly three years and no national pastor or missionary appears to be available, Bobby and Sue have agreed to return to stabilize that work.

Jeancarlo, a Free Will Baptist minister in Jaboticabal, plans to meet weekly with the converts and contacts made in Araraquara.

## Inscoes, Sweeney Resign from Missionary Service

**Nashville, Tenn.**—One couple and a single missionary submitted their resignations from missionary service in December and January.

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe, who served as missionaries to Panama since August of 1971, submitted their resignation in December effective January 1, 1991. They had been on leave of absence due to medical, emotional, and educational needs. They stated, "We have come to the place that it is imperative we submit to you this letter of resignation. We thank God for the ministry we have

Larry and Priscilla Inscoe



been able to have with Free Will Baptists in the country of Panama.

"We are not certain what the future holds for us. Our difficulties have no quick and easy solutions. We do ask your prayers for our family during this time."

Miss Dawn Sweeney, who served one term in France and was under appointment to go to Ivory Coast, submitted her letter of resignation in January. She had been on leave of absence due to an arthritic condition which continued to worsen.



Dawn Sweeney

Dawn declared, "The arthritis that first appeared in my back is basically all over my body now, with my lower back, hips, and knees giving me the most problems."

"Considering the chronic pain, the stiffness, the lack of physical stamina that accompanies this arthritis, I must resign. I simply could not function as a full-time missionary and carry my share of the field responsibilities."

The board and foreign missions staff expressed appreciation for the years of missionary service given by the Inscoes and Miss Sweeney. They urged Christians to remember these servants in prayer.

## A. Smith Resumes Ministry in Schools

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

Alice reported registering 175 students and noted that classes were to begin January 21.

## Five Missionaries Leave for Fields of Service

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Five missionaries either recently departed or are soon scheduled to return to their fields of service:

Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole left for Brazil on February 23 to resume their ministry in Ribeirão Preto.





Top left to right, Bobby and Geneva Poole, Molly Barker, Debbie Griffin, and Judy Smith will resume or have already resumed ministries on their fields.

Missionary Molly Barker returned to Uruguay on February 14 to continue her ministry in the area of Rivera.

Miss Debbie Griffin is scheduled to depart for Japan on March 12 to begin her second term of service. She will work in the Ai No Sato church on the northern island of Hokkaido. Miss Judy Smith will also be returning to Japan to continue her ministry with the Kita Hiroshima Chapel in a suburb of Sapporo.

### Three Converted at Nantes FWB Church

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

Florence, a teen-ager from a

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

### Spanish Couple Ministers in Many U.S. Churches

*Nashville, Tenn.*—A Spanish couple, Nacho and Patricia, from the Villalba Free Will Baptist Church in Villalba, Spain, visited in the United States from January 11 through February 5.

Nacho, one of the young pastors working in the Villalba church, ministered with Jeff Turnbough in 22 churches within 18 days.

Patricia accompanied Susan Turnbough to the Ohio area and challenged churches to support the Spanish ministry.

### Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*France*—"Our Christmas program was a tremendous success," writes Jerry Gibbs from St. Nazaire, France. "We had 160 people in attendance with over 30 of those there for the first time."

*Spain*—Services in the new rented meeting hall in Móstoles, Spain, began in December. The missionary team of Ron and Linda Callaway, Miss Lynn Midgett, and Dwain and Debbie Crosby requested prayer for this ministry.

*Brazil*—Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole recently reported the resignation of Pastor Antonio from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto. They expressed sadness when indicating Antonio had left the ministry. John Poole, the Pooles' son, has assumed the role



Jeff Turnbough, left, translates for Nacho during a service at Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, Tenn.

of pastor and is soon to be ordained.

*Japan*—On Christmas Day, Fred Hersey went to the Abashiri prison for a special service. Of the 700 inmates, around 120 attended the service.

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—A report from missionary Robert Bryan indicated the cash flow situation at the Evangelical Publishing Center in Abidjan is in critical condition. He urged people to pray for this need.

*Spain*—On December 7 Dwain and Debbie Crosby moved to the Móstoles area of Spain where they will begin their ministry following language study.

*Glennville, Ga.*—Pioneer missionary Laura Belle Barnard, who underwent surgery for cancer in April of 1990 in Savannah, Ga., has been

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### Financial Summary

Through January 31

#### Substance

Total income for January .....	\$ 246,864.62
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Total disbursements through January .....	370,424.79
Projected income through January .....	331,655.00
Total 1990 Budget .....	<b>\$3,979,859.00</b>

Total income for December 1990 .....	\$ 333,510.76
Total income through December .....	3,609,827.20
Total disbursements through December .....	3,468,746.73
Total 1990 Budget .....	<b>\$3,517,152.00</b>

ADVANCE gifts through December 1990 .....	\$ 67,359.39
1990 ADVANCE Budget .....	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>
ADVANCE gifts through January .....	\$ 1,113.29
1991 ADVANCE Budget .....	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

#### Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey .....	\$ 4,425.33	Holland, C. ....	\$ 2,733.77
Barnard .....	100.00	Robinson .....	6,687.62
Callaway .....	4,077.56	Willey .....	64.25
Cowart .....	286.50	Wilson .....	100.00
Crosby .....	848.12	Spec. Com. ....	19,083.78
Deeds .....	2,345.99	Gen. Fund .....	5,252.50
Gibbs .....	1,523.78		
Total .....			<b>\$47,529.20</b>

#### Sinking

All of the following account balances are in the black but in serious need:			
Crowson .....	\$ 881.84	Pinkerton .....	\$ 1,285.80
Leatherbury .....	1,592.03	Poole .....	683.83
Martens .....	154.70	Teague, D. ....	29.84

### Names Are Important!

The first name is important! Gifts must be clearly designated to either

**Steve or Mark Riggs**

**Ernest or Curt Holland**

**Ken or Dr. Kenneth Eagleton**

**Judy or Alice Smith**

**Dave or Dave Jr. Franks**

Cooperation in this area will enable the finance personnel to put offerings in the correct account.



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having severe pain and has been receiving radiation treatments for a new mass discovered in her hip area. The treatments began in mid-January. Christians were urged to continue praying for her.

*France*—Miss Charolette Tallent is scheduled to begin furlough from France sometime in April.

*Paris, Tex.*—Paul and Jill Sparks became parents of a baby girl, Aimee Dominique, on January 24 in Paris, Tex. The baby weighed seven pounds five and one-half ounces. This is their first child. Paul is pastoring in Antlers, Okla., just across the line from Paris. He is the son of missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks.

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton are due to arrive from Côte d'Ivoire about April 1.

### **Christmas Service Held by Bihoro FWB Church**

*Japan*—The Bihoro Free Will Baptist Church requested the Fred Herseys to plan and conduct a special service for Christmas Eve. They called it Family Christmas and families were encouraged to attend.

Of the 71 people who attended, approximately seven were unsaved men. According to Fred, most of these men are respected in the community.

The Bihoro church usually has between 15 and 20 in attendance for Sunday services.

The Herseys left Japan on February 20 to return to the United States for about a month so Evelyn could have a medical check-up. She had cancer surgery last year.

### **Earnie Deeds Reports Conversions in Lafaiete**

*Brazil*—A sister and brother made decisions for Christ recently following a drama in the Free Will Baptist church of Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. Rosenei, their sister, had the principal part in the play which told the story of Christ's birth with an emphasis on evangelism.

Missionary Earnie Deeds also reported the salvation of Aida, a young woman. She made a decision for Christ in January in her home.

Deeds requested prayer for these new converts.

### **Agnibilekrou Youth Lead Christmas Evangelism**

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—Christmas activities of the Agnibilekrou Free Will Baptist Church in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, were sponsored by the youth group of the church. The young people presented a play, written by Robert, a Bible institute graduate. It dealt with the real meaning of Christmas.

On December 27 and 28 the youth were in charge of a two-night evangelistic campaign. Two films were shown to crowds estimated to be between 600 and 800 people. Approximately 40 decisions for Christ were reported.

### **Brazil Youth Camps Held; 20 Converted**

*Brazil*—Two youth camps were held during January at Evangelandia Campgrounds in Jaboticabal, Brazil.

The junior camp started January 14 and continued through January 19 with 53 campers for the week. According to missionary Vicki Sturgill, who co-directed the camp with Shirley Combs, 20 first-time decisions for Christ were registered. Campers contributed \$100 to a missionary couple working among the Indians in Brazil. National pastor Jose Laurito served as the evangelist for the camp.

The teen camp started Thursday, January 24, using the theme "The Youth and His Thoughts." Approximately 30 campers were on hand for this short week which ended on January 27. Brazilian pastors Neto, Jeancarlo, Abelardo, and John Poole were speakers.

### **Special Services Held at Bondoukou Church**

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—According to missionary Mark Daniel the Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church in Côte d'Ivoire held a special Christmas Eve service which lasted all night. Approximately 300 people were present.

The service consisted of singing, a message, and a two- to three-hour program put on by the youth. It was a drama on the return of Christ. At the invitation several students asked Christ into their hearts.

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