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of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

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Student Missionaries

They Could Be the Career Missionaries of the Future



Student missionaries from Free Will Baptist Bible College receive fund-raising orientation from Fred Warner (left), director of missionary-church relations for foreign missions. Fred also makes them aware of some of their duties and what they should and should not do.

13 Student Missionaries Begin Summer Ministry

Nashville, Tenn.—Thirteen student missionaries depart in May for special assignments on various mission fields during the summer.

Serving in Brazil will be Heather Clark of Butler, Ga.; Daniel Deeds of Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil; Rod Goodman of Walnut Hill, Ill.; and Terry Skiles of Festus, Mo.

Going to France will be Robyn Birdsall of Nashville, Tenn.; Darleen Love of Cleveland, Oh.; and Tanya Hart, Greenville, N.C.

Mark Kiepke of Hampton, Va., will be working in Japan. Ministering in Spain will be Raymond Rivers of Birmingham, Ala., and Cheryl McCollough of Neosho, Mo.

Terri Beckham of Ina, Ill., will be working in Uruguay, Ginger Harrison of Flat River, Mo., will be working in Germany, and John Weaver of Dunn, N.C., will be ministering in Panama.

Three of the students are from Hillsdale FWB College in Oklahoma, one is from Southeastern FWB College in North Carolina, one is a teacher in North Carolina, and eight are students from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Burglars Hit Poole Home in Brazil

Brazil—Burglars entered the home of Bobby and Geneva Poole in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, in mid-March. "Geneva and I were in Araraquara

signing for the selling of a mission telephone," writes Bobby. "When we returned, the police were already here at the house."

The assailants stole a video recorder, a five-inch black and white television set, a desk calculator, a camera, a radio tape player, some clothes, etc.

Ironically, "they stole a VCR that we had bought to replace the one that was stolen from the church while we were on furlough," says Bobby.

Poole rejoiced that the thieves did not bother the computer, printers, or typewriters, etc.

With the economic problems of Brazil today, robbery and burglary are on the increase. Christians were urged to pray for missionaries as they face this economic problem.

N. Association in I.C. Holds First Meeting

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—The first annual conference of the Northern Association of Free Will Baptists in Côte d'Ivoire was held March 28-31, 1991, at Bouna. The national church organization was divided into associations in 1990.

According to missionary Elaine Holland, approximately 170 people attended from 14 different villages. The conference consisted of Christian fellowship, singing, Bible teaching and preaching, and questions and answers. The session concluded on Easter Sunday with a special Easter message and commu-

nion and feet washing.

Those who attended the meeting came by bus, moped, bicycle, or by foot. Some rode their bicycles 50 miles in order to attend.

65 Students Enroll in Brazil Central College

Brazil—The Central Bible College in Jaboticabal, Brazil, opened for the new year on February 18 with five dormitory students and 27 off-campus students. An extension school also started on February 24 in Araras, Brazil, with 20 students enrolled.

According to missionary Jim Sturgill, seven of the 11 teachers instructing in the college are Brazilians. He indicated the two most popular courses are Evangelism and Missions.



Sherwood and Vada Lee

Lees to Minister in India this Summer

Nashville, Tenn.—Sherwood and Vada Lee, who have served in Côte d'Ivoire for four terms, have been asked by the Board of Foreign Missions to work with Free Will Baptist pastors and churches in India this summer. They plan to leave for India around the third week of June.

According to R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, the Lees will be encouraging Christians and especially youth during their stay in the country.

Sherwood and Vada have been on leave of absence for the past year.

Martens, Leatherbury Teach African Girls

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Missionaries Jalayn Martens and Glenda Leatherbury reported in March they are teaching from 14 to 16 girls crochet and knitting as well as sharing the gospel. "They are making

knit baby bonnets to be used in the hospital with our newborns," writes Jalayn. "In our January meeting we began Scripture memorization."

Martens and Leatherbury are also involved in the hospital ministry. Jalayn is in charge of stocking the pharmacy and continues to keep statistics for the clinic. Leatherbury helps with consultations on a part-time basis and teaches bedside nursing skills in addition to being responsible for the prenatal clinic.

Jalayn has requested to be trained as a midwife and has already started working with the two midwives who help at the hospital. She will also be working some with Dr. Eagleton.

Texas Church Holds Judy Smith Day

Henderson, Tex.—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Henderson, Tex., observed "Judy Smith Day" on March 3, 1991. This was a special effort by Judy's home church to honor her and to help her raise the final money needed to get her back to her mission station.

On hand for the special effort were Ken and Marvis Eagleton who recently returned to the United States to begin a special deputational ministry. This is also their home church.

The total cash offerings for the day came to \$1,361 to go toward Judy's cash needs.

During the morning service Judy shared her heart, her hopes, and plans for the mission work in Japan. Slides were shown along with a video of Japanese Christians giving their testimony for Christ and thanking Free Will Baptists for sending missionaries.

The morning service was followed by a covered dish lunch in the church fellowship hall.

Judy left for Japan on March 27.

Medical Ministry Reaps Converts, Faces AIDS

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton returned to Côte d'Ivoire in January and have been very busy at the medical station in Doropo. Kenneth has been preaching in the village of Tehini on Sundays and reported a man prayed to accept the Lord in

that village on March 10. Two other people rededicated their lives.

Although God has blessed with conversions, Eagleton indicated they had experienced a constant surge of emergency cases and had treated eight cases of AIDS in March and April. Several other people tested positive for the AIDS virus.

The doctor expressed praise that a patient who was saved at the hospital in December has been attending church in Bouna ever since.

Judy Bailey Suffers with Ruptured Disk

Japan—Judy Bailey, wife of missionary Ken Bailey in a Tokyo suburb of Japan, has been diagnosed as having a ruptured disk in her spine.

Judy underwent special X-rays and myelogram exams recently and suffered some bad side effects from the dye entering her nervous system. She continues to have quite a lot of pain in her back.

Concerning the Iriso church, where the Baileys are laboring, Ken says the people have agreed to have a Bible college student work with the church on Sundays. The young man's father once pastored with Free Will Baptists.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

India—The Indian Parliament has been dissolved after serving only 15 months of a five-year term and new elections are scheduled to be held in India the last part of May. Christians have been urged to pray for political stability in the country.

Spain—Ron and Linda Callaway are to begin their regular furlough and stateside ministry June 16.

Japan—Miss Judy Smith resumed her teaching ministry at Hokusei University on April 6. She requested prayer for her witness and ministry on campus.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Lonnie and Anita Sparks left Indianapolis on April 11 to return to their field of service in Spain. The Sparks have been on furlough since December of 1989.

Nashville, Tenn.—Jeff and Susan Turnbough, who have been on fur-



Lonnie and Anita Sparks (top) and Jeff and Susan Turnbough (bottom) are resuming their ministries in Spain.

lough from Spain since April of 1990, are scheduled to return to their field on May 16. They will be resuming their ministry in Villalba, Spain.

Cuba—Missionary Ron Callaway of Spain was in Cuba during April to teach at the Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute. Ron went to Cuba on April 7 and remained until April 26.

Nashville, Tenn.—Paul and Amy Robinson, who are in the United States recuperating from health

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Financial Summary Through March 31, 1991

Substance

Total income for March	\$ 277,947.19
Total income through March	824,224.77
Total disbursements through March	949,437.76
Projected income through March	994,977.00
Total 1991 Budget	\$3,979,859.00
ADVANCE gifts through March	\$ 7,665.21
1991 ADVANCE Budget	150,000.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey	\$ 3,004.22	Leatherbury	22.86
Barnard	141.90	Martens	1,407.32
Callaway	9,066.36	Pinkerton	4,667.79
Cowart	939.61	Robinson	10,754.45
Crosby	4,397.56	Teague	764.18
Deeds	1,675.52	Wiley	1,352.70
*Franks	27,254.68	Wilson	178.17
Gibbs	1,856.54	Spec. Com.	19,083.78
Holland, C.	3,796.89	Gen. Fund	16,601.79
Total			\$ 106,966.32

*Medical insurance pending

Sinking

All of the following accounts are in the black but in serious need:			
Crowson	\$ 55.25	Poole	\$ 12.57
Hanna	465.39	West	1,325.03
McCullough	1,995.79		

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problems, are hoping to return to Uruguay this month. Amy underwent an implantation of a pacemaker on March 22 to correct cardiac arrhythmia. Prior to her hospitalization Paul fell and broke his ankle.

Spain—Reverend and Mrs. Eustice Riggs, parents of associate missionary Mark Riggs, were scheduled to visit Spain April 30 through May 17. Mark's father is to speak during six special services at the Alcalá church. Mark urged people to pray for a spirit of revival during this time.

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—Ernest and Elaine Holland are scheduled to arrive in the United States for furlough on May 18.

Joplin, Mo.—A seven pound five ounce girl, Brooklyn Rachelle, was born on April 22 to missionary appointees Curt and Mary Holland. The Hollands, who will be serving in Brazil, have two other daughters: Amber, age four, and Kelsey, age one and one-half.

Panama—Steve and Judy Lytle plan to return to the United States from Panama on May 24 to begin furlough.

Three Churches Join in Easter Celebration

France—Three French churches gathered together at a park on April 1 for a special Easter Monday celebration. According to missionaries Tom and Patty McCullough, the churches of Nantes, St. Sebastien,



This new church building at Tanda, Côte d'Ivoire, has been finished under the leadership of Pastor Amiezi Paul.

and St. Nazaire joined for a meal, singing, testimonies, devotion, and lots of games.

Between 80 and 100 people were present for the event and a number of unsaved people were among them. It was considered a non-threatening atmosphere.

Tom reported 87 people present at St. Nazaire for their Easter Sunday service.

Uberlandia Church Holds Carnival Revival

Brazil—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia, Brazil, held special revival services during the Carnival season (like Mardi Gras) with Pastor Neto, director of the Central Free Will Baptist Bible College, as the speaker.

According to Tom Hughes, this special revival effort during the "last fling" with sin before the Lenten season was an effort to counteract the evil of the holidays.

Hughes also noted that 32 ladies from the First and Second churches held a joint service on Monday afternoon during the week with Cidneia,

Pastor Neto's wife, doing the speaking.

Tom reported 17 people had made decisions at the Second church already this year.

New Church Building Completed in Tanda

Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)—According to Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, just home from Côte d'Ivoire, the new church building in Tanda has been completed under the direction of Pastor Amiezi Paul.

The church was started by Archie and Sarah Mayhew. Robert Bryan and Jerry Pinkerton helped in getting the building started.

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