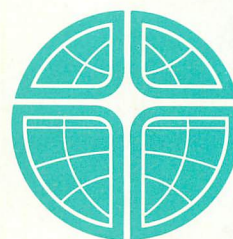


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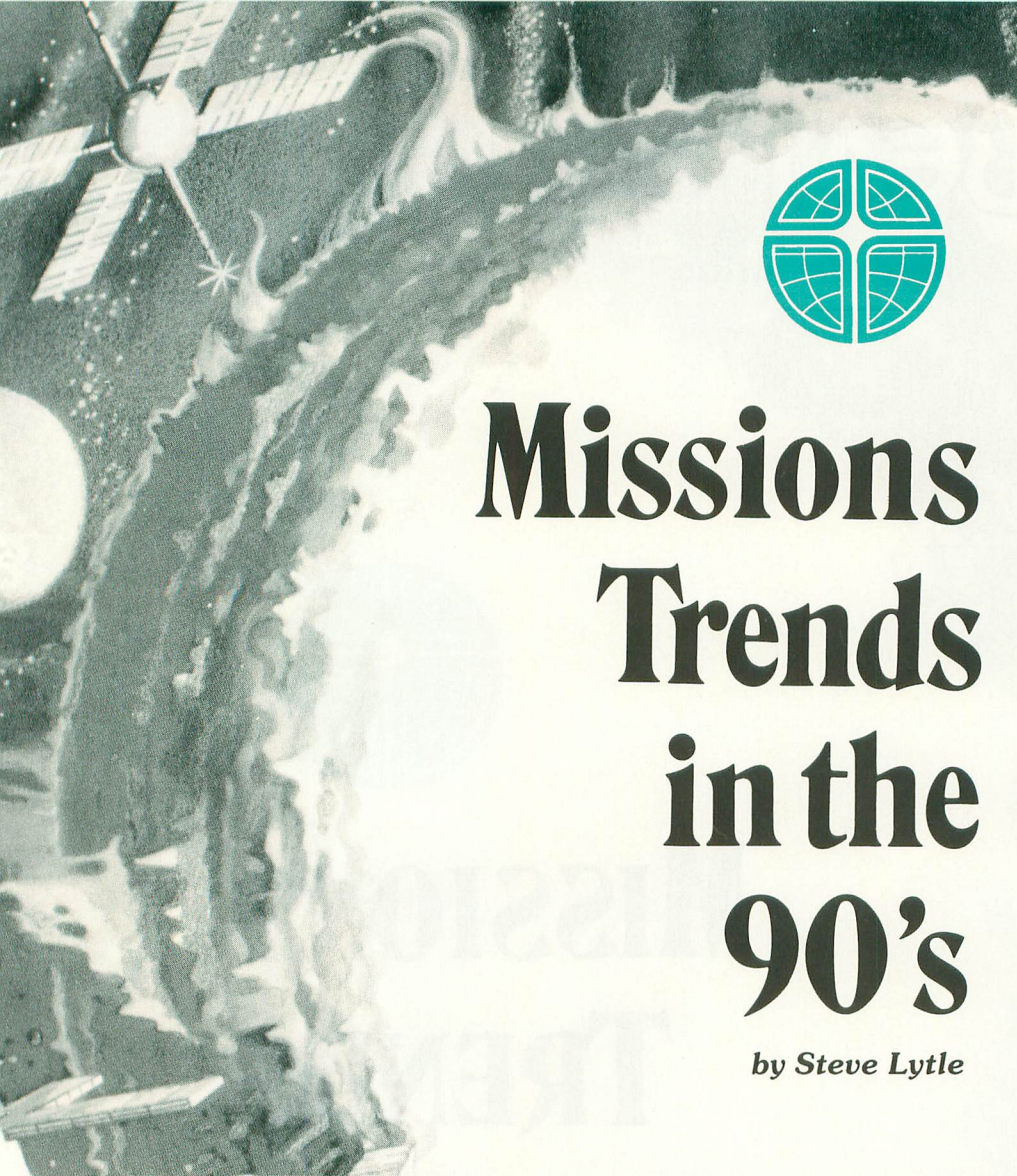
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## MISSIONS TRENDS IN THE 90's





# Missions Trends in the 90's

by Steve Lytle

**I**n world missions, the future is NOW! The cliché “rapidly changing” doesn’t adequately describe what’s happening. God is throwing doors open and hurling aside barriers to give His church unprecedented opportunities to evangelize and proclaim the name of Christ during the final decade of the twentieth century.

I feel Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions and our entire denomination need to be aware of some of the trends of today.

## **Changes in the World**

Rapid changes in the social, political, and religious structures leave us astounded, but we must

be prepared to respond. Historically, as well as psychologically, drastic change in a culture or society often threatens and even destroys traditional concepts and stability. This creates a vacuum which leaves people more open and receptive to a new message.

The church has the message they need, and we must be prepared to take it to them quickly. We can be sure that the materialistic West, the cults, and the pornographers are already pushing their way into Eastern Europe.

Some countries are now open to the gospel and to the presence of foreign

missionaries. Germany, Australia, parts of Africa, Asia, and South America are open now. Eastern Europe and Russia are opening. These should be priority target areas. We would be wise to zero in on densely populated countries such as Japan, Brazil, and France.

Other countries are closed, or soon may close their doors to foreign missionaries. China and Albania, for example, do not allow foreign missionaries at all, and India has severely restricted the missionary force there. In spite of this, many believers exist and witness where no foreign missionaries are allowed.

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Sometimes providential circumstances facilitate missionary work in a certain country. For example, the tremendous physical needs in Côte d'Ivoire have made our Free Will Baptist medical ministry a powerful tool for evangelism. Panama's increased stability due to the U.S. military presence (especially in view of recent events there) means that missionaries can now move about freely with virtually no restrictions.

When God opens doors and creates circumstances that seem to make a favorable response to the gospel more likely, it's time for the church to move. Eastern Europe and Russia are good examples of this principle.



On the other hand, political unrest, guerrilla activity, militant Islam, Catholicism, or animism often make the task more difficult. So does the economic factor: Brazil with its runaway inflation and Japan, with a strong economy which has significantly weakened the dollar. But again, we must seek to know the mind of the Lord. Hardship and hindrance alone are not sufficient reasons to abandon a work for what might appear to be greener pastures.

## Types of Missionaries

The missionary of the future will probably not fit the stereotype of the fellow in the pith helmet hacking his way through the jungle accompanied by natives who bear his possessions. In reality, few career missionaries today fit the David Livingstone or "Pop" Willey mold. Today's career missionary is likely to have an urban ministry, use a computer, and work much more closely with the national church. We will always need church planters—evangelists who go into new areas, preach, win souls, and start churches.

However, in view of the changes and diverse political and cultural situations we face in today's complex world, we also need other types of missionaries.

Some may be called to a foreign field, but only for a one-to-five-year period, to fill a particular place and need. A short-term missionary can make a tremendous contribution to the ministry of a career missionary who needs help at a specific time. Although the cost in training and preparing him for a short time of service, plus

the time it takes to learn a language and culture could be considered liabilities, I believe we're going to have to utilize such individuals.

Many countries, especially those in the Middle East, are totally closed to the traditional church-planting or professional missionary. A Christian witness is needed in such places. These countries are seeking engineers, medical personnel, teachers, and people with technical skills. We must have Christians, "tentmaking missionaries," in these countries to help build Christ's kingdom, even though the results may seem minimal.

I'm convinced that in most of the fields where Free Will Baptists work we could use missionary specialists, especially in the area of education.

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All of our fields need, or will soon need, trained people capable of teaching on the Bible institute, the Bible college, and eventually, the seminary level. Ministers of music and youth will be sought also.

## Third World Churches

We are rapidly approaching the time when our relationship with the national church will be that of partners and participants. Some fields have already reached that point, or are very close. In the future, missionaries must work closely with nationals, allowing them to assume more of a leadership

role. Nationals will begin taking the initiative in the decision-making process. This is already happening in some areas.

Superior education and technology might give Christians in Japan and some areas of Europe an advantage over Americans, just as we have had the advantage for two centuries over most of the nations of the world.

The national church in countries that have "received" the gospel from American missionaries must now be included in the planning and carrying out of a world missions strategy. We must develop closer ties with churches in the Third World in carrying out the great commission.

I am excited about the International Fellowship meeting being planned for August 24-28, 1992, in Panama. As our churches mature on the fields served by Free Will Baptist missionaries, fellowship, consultations, and well-coordinated strategies and goals must be developed through a team effort.

Since we now live in a global village, it is essential that we who make up the Body of Christ truly have God's perspective on missions trends both now and in the future. If we are to reach the unreached peoples of the world, these next few years will be critical. North American missionaries alone cannot win the world for Christ, but we can and must be vitally involved with those of other nations in reaching the untold billions with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Steve Lytle has served in Panama since 1976. He and his family are currently in the U.S. on furlough.





# The Kid with the Squid!

by David Messer

**M**y missions education started way back in 1968. We were in the old Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. Some ladies from the woman's auxiliary sought to teach a group of kindergartners about foreign missions, God's plan to gather people from around the world into His kingdom.

As a member of that group, all I remember from the class was a lady in a kimono, some fortune cookies, some nasty green tea, and a little fold-up paper umbrella. But one lesson I never forgot! God loves children

in Japan even though they do not know who He is.

It has been 23 years since the missions class met on that cold, rainy night, and the need for foreign missions education has only intensified.

According to our most recent Foreign Missions Directory, 113 people currently serve as FWB foreign missionaries. Of those, 32 are over 50 years of age. Only six are under 30 years of age. Within the next 15 years, we will need to appoint almost 40 new missionaries just to replace those who will retire at age 65.

This does not take into account those replacements

needed for attrition due to medical or personal reasons. And don't forget, it takes a new missionary on the field a full term to feel really comfortable in the new language and culture.

In addition to the graying missionary force, we need to look at the more than 10,000 people groups who still have not had an adequate gospel witness. These groups contain more than two billion people who have yet to hear of God's love as expressed in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Where will we get the missionaries to meet this need? The vast majority of those who will take Free Will Baptist foreign missions into the twenty-first century are in the junior and primary departments of our churches right now.

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Missions education is the key! Most missionaries end up on the field because missions has been a way of life for years—since their childhood.

SEND ME! Frontline Ministries' missions curriculum, was designed specifically for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. It aims to plant a seed which the Holy Spirit can water, nurture, and bring into full fruition. The fruit? A FWB young person called by God and surrendered to service on a foreign mission field.

SEND ME! is an activity-based curriculum designed to help kids learn by listening,



seeing, tasting, and especially by doing. It includes geography lessons, language studies, cultural activities, even native snacks. It consists of information about our missionaries on the field, along with prayer cards, pen-pal projects, and missions stories from our missionaries. Videos and filmstrips available from the foreign mission office are also listed.

SEND ME! was designed to be used in a variety of ways. It is adaptable for use in almost any setting. It can be used in CTS, vacation Bible school, Wednesday evening programs, church camps, and even Sunday school.

The program is divided into six modules. Each module contains materials on one or two countries. Because of the self-contained format, each module can be used alone or in combination with any or all of the others. This gives the local church and the teacher flexibility of schedule and presentation. Each module offers many options. The teacher simply picks those which suit the needs. Regardless of the format, the goal is still the same: involving children in a life-long process of missions.

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It was a hot, dusty summer evening in Oklahoma. A group of hot, sweaty boys rushed into the room, exhausted after a game of baseball in the sweltering heat. It was snack time!

A stocky nine-year old with the appetite of Paul Bunyan stepped to the table and eyed the plate in front of him. He gazed greedily at what he thought was the biggest piece of beef jerky he had ever seen. He grabbed the biggest slab and gnawed off the end. Suddenly it hit him! The foulest, most disgusting taste of dried fish the world had ever known. And it was in his mouth!

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"BLLEECCCKKKK!!!" he screamed as he made a dash for the nearest trash can. "Don't you dare spit that out. That's dried squid. It's a favorite after school treat for Japanese kids. You'd better swallow every bit of that, Mister," said the teacher. And the teacher was his dad!

"Some snack," he thought, as he bravely chewed and then swallowed the hunk of dried squid. "Japanese kids must be nuts." Then he forgot his troubles as he chased the squid with a big Hershey bar and a cold Dr. Pepper, two other favorite Japanese snacks. He was glad at least a part of Japan was civilized.

As he finished his snack, the boy listened to the story of a young girl who went every year to the graves of her ancestors to worship. She had never heard of Jesus. She did not know a single Bible story. No one had ever taken her to a church like his.

Then the story got better. She met some Free Will Baptist

missionaries, and they told her about Jesus! Soon, she gave her heart to Him, and began to tell her family and friends about the peace and joy she had because of Jesus. "Pretty good story after all," he thought. "Japan might not be such a bad place after all—even if they do eat squid."

And maybe—just maybe—20 years from now, that small boy will walk through the busy streets of Tokyo as a grown man sharing his faith in Christ with those who have never heard of God's love. Maybe he will remember his introduction to missions on that hot, dusty Wednesday evening in Oklahoma in the summer of 1991.

If he does go, I hope he'll learn to like squid!

SEND ME! curriculum is available by contacting the foreign missions office at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002, or by writing to FRONTLINE MINISTRIES, 100 North Olive, Broken Arrow, OK 74012. The cost is \$39.95 plus shipping.

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**“Go** ye therefore, and teach all nations....” There it is in a terse, easy to understand statement—the mission of the church. We call it the Great Commission or simply MISSIONS.

In recent years we have witnessed tremendous growth of the Christian church throughout the world. However, millions of people still have not heard the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many of our churches are minimally involved in the missions thrust of our denomination in spite of it being our greatest responsibility.

For the past several years at Richland Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., we

have had a purposeful and increasing emphasis on missions involvement. As a result of this consistent emphasis we have seen the Lord’s blessings upon the church in many ways. We have observed a steady increase in giving to missions.

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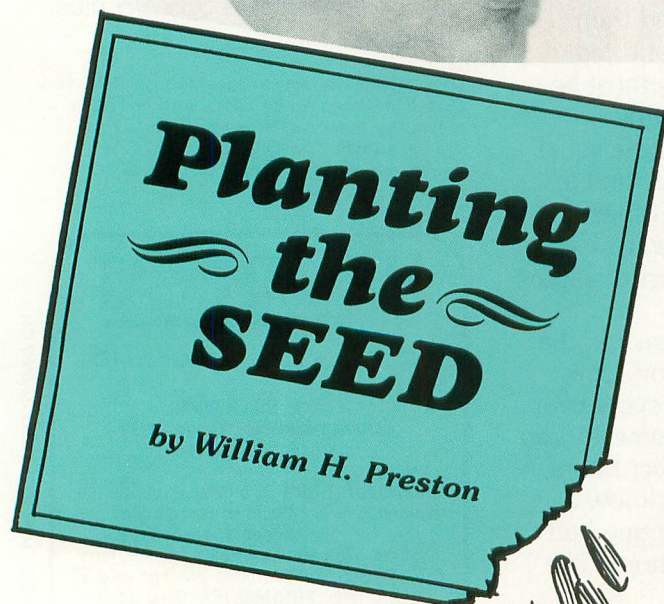
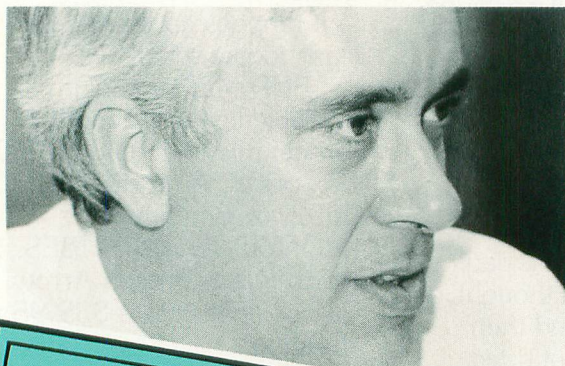
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Though we have varied emphases on missions in the church, our Sunday school superintendent, Bobby Littrell, sensed the need for greater missions involvement of the

Sunday school itself. Under his leadership, our Sunday school now designates its entire offering to missions.

Brother Littrell searched for an appropriate missions curriculum for the Sunday school and found none. So, he asked Rebecca Aycock, chairperson of our missions committee, to develop some sort of “missions program” which could be incorporated into the lesson plans of each of our Sunday school classes. After many, many months of diligent work, the missionary Sunday school study program, SEED, was developed.

The word SEED is an acronym which reveals the



*Clockwise from the left are (1) William Preston, (2) the committee—Preston, Renee Robbins, Rebecca Aycock, and David Davies, and (3) some of the materials which make up the study course.*





purpose of this Sunday school study program:

**Support Missionaries**

**Educate Students**

**Encourage Sensitivity**

**Develop Close Relationships**

Committee members Rebecca Aycock, Renee Robbins, and David Davies, were assisted by Gladys Gragg, Diane Willey, and Kimberly Stegall. Now they are thankful to be able to share the SEED program with other churches who are interested.

The objective of this program is to plant a SEED for missions growth through the ministry of the Sunday school. Students are encouraged to support the missionaries both materially and spiritually through several avenues. Through participation in SEED, students become acquainted with the missionaries and the contacts they make on the mission field.

The mission field itself is explored through a brief study of the country. This study covers geography of the country, such as its actual location, the climate, topographical features, etc. The economic system of the featured country is introduced by displaying its currency and explaining the conversion rate. The political system is briefly mentioned as well as demographic data, GNP statistics, health statistics, languages, ethnic groups and religions.

The younger age groups are given alternative exercises during this portion of the study. Various aspects of the culture of the featured country are introduced and from the missionary questionnaire the student is given examples of the language of the country. The religious customs and rituals are

discussed as well as family roles, dress and types of food eaten. A comparison of the country's educational system is made with that of the United States.

SEED seeks to encourage sensitivity toward the needs of missionary families and the development of close relationships with them. Such relationships are encouraged by involving the student in correspondence with the missionary family.

At Richland, we have exchanged pictures with one of our mission churches in Brazil. This allows the students to see those being reached by our missionaries. They see them, as people and not just as names. We also plan to videotape personal messages from our students to send to one of our mission churches.

SEED also places a strong emphasis upon each class developing a project which will benefit the missionary family.

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Many of the teaching aids to be used with SEED are provided with the curriculum. This includes such things as outline maps of the featured country, demographic information, etc. The informational brochures about the countries, profile sheets of the missionaries, and prayer cards are from the foreign missions department.

The SEED program has been

developed for a 10-15 minute class segment. It is very flexible and can easily be worked into the present Sunday school format. In addition to being graded for various age groups it is easily adaptable. It can be expanded by the individual teachers as they desire.

The program includes a lesson overview for each age group. This presents the entire 17 week program. For each week the teacher is given the topic to be presented to the class as well as suggested teaching aids. These are indicated on the class overview.

Each program comes with a completed missionary questionnaire where teachers will find the bulk of the information to be used during the study. A blank questionnaire is also included should one desire to focus on a missionary family other than the one featured in the program ordered. The questionnaires need to be studied very closely by the teacher.

Presently the SEED program is available featuring the countries of Japan and Brazil. The initial cost per class for the materials is \$10.00. A Master Copy is available for \$15.00. Each additional mission field is priced at \$5.00 for one copy of the program.

Churches using the material are free to make additional copies of the featured mission field which they have purchased. Samples of the lesson overviews are available upon request from Richland Free Will Baptist Church, 650 Westboro Dr., Nashville, TN 37209.

William H. Preston is pastor of Richland FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn.



# A MONUMENT OF PRAISE

by Don Robirds

**"I**t's incredible!" "This is really nice!" "You have so much space!"

These comments were among those expressed during the recent open house for the new Free Will Baptist National Offices Building. The new facilities, located at 5233 Mt. View Road in Antioch, Tenn., have more than doubled the space of that occupied in the old building at 1134 Murfreesboro Road in Nashville.

Occupancy of the new offices took place on August 22, but the building was not officially opened to the public until August 26. Those housed in the new structure include the Executive Office, Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, National Home Missions, Board of Retirement and Insurance, FWB Foundation, Master's Men, and the Department of Foreign Missions.

The two-story structure divides the first floor among the executive office, WNAC, and home missions. The top floor houses retirement and insurance, foundation, Master's Men, and foreign missions.

Free Will Baptist layman Wade Trimble of Nashville acted as general contractor for the construction and many Master's Men volunteers contributed hundreds of hours of labor to conserve money on the new structure.

The facilities are included for a small sound and video

production studio and the large meeting room will seat approximately 75 people. Each department also has its own conference room to accommodate board sessions, special meetings, seminars, etc. Candidate school and missionary orientation and debriefing sessions will be held in the foreign missions conference room.

Foreign missions occupies 5,388 square feet of office space compared to being squeezed into 1,980 square feet in the old building. This allows adequate room for expansion as God broadens the ministry.

Located adjacent to Hickory Hollow Mall, one of Nashville's largest, the new building graces a hillside in full view of most who would visit the shopping center.

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Extremely crowded workspace at the old offices demanded immediate expansion or relocation to be able to carry on the ministries of the various departments. The management committee, made up of directors of all national departments including Master's Men and the WNAC, and the National Association agreed on the

purchase of the new facilities to meet the demand.

In reality, the new building stands as a monument of praise to God for what He has done through Free Will Baptists since 1935 and more particularly since 1965, the date on the cornerstone of the old structure.

To pay for the new facilities, an advisory committee representing 18 state associations recommended the launching of a Capital Stewardship Campaign, "A Million More by '94."

Plans call for a speedy sale of the old facilities and the raising of approximately one million dollars through the campaign. The goal is to liquidate the \$1.475 million debt on the new facilities.

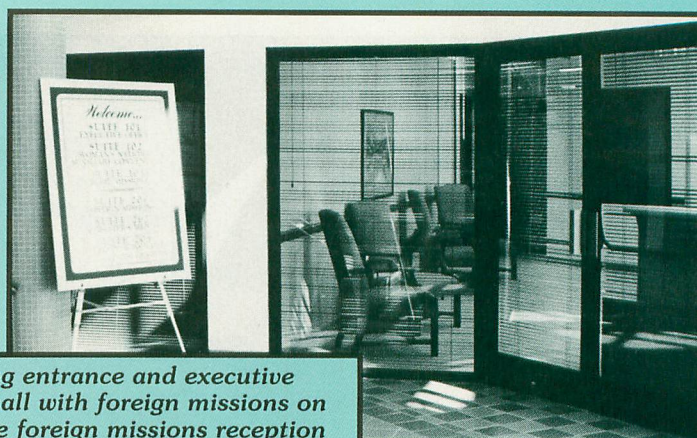
Dr. Melvin Worthington, executive secretary, will be coordinating the campaign in close association with the management committee of the office complex.

State promotional directors and moderators will coordinate the campaign in their state associations.

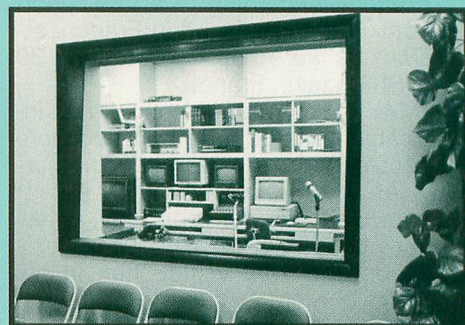
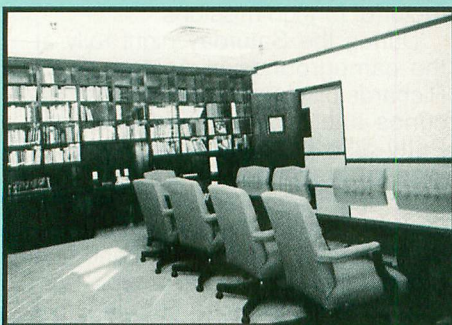
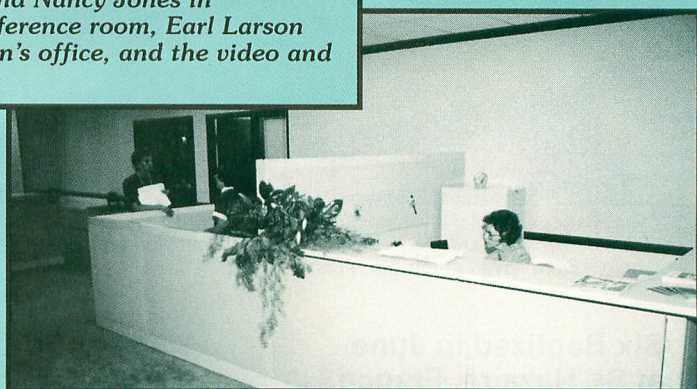
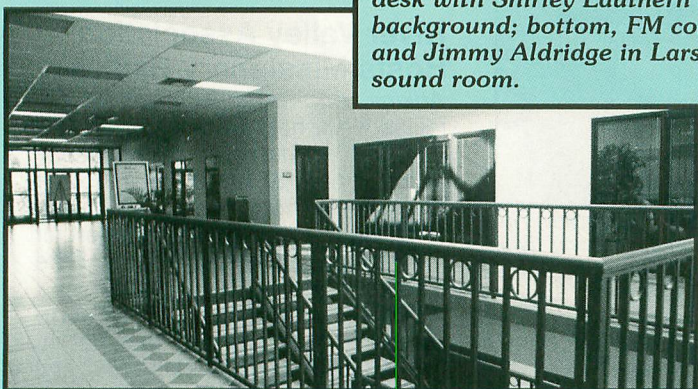
Gifts received early will help to eliminate interest costs and will significantly reduce department payments on space occupied.

Churches or individuals might wish to contribute in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one. These spaces of the foreign missions department might be considered: conference





Left to right, top row, building entrance and executive office; middle row, upstairs hall with foreign missions on right and Carole Ragan at the foreign missions reception desk with Shirley Lauthern and Nancy Jones in background; bottom, FM conference room, Earl Larson and Jimmy Aldridge in Larson's office, and the video and sound room.



room, \$17,000; general director's office, \$10,500; and four administrative staff offices, \$8,400 each.

Additional costs for foreign missions furniture totaled \$12,344, divided as follows: General Director Waddell's office, \$3,272; offices of director of missionary-church relations, overseas secretary, and treasurer/administrative assistant, \$2,408 each; and office of director of

communications, \$1,848.

The five work stations for the current secretaries and

bookkeepers cost \$4,200 each.

This includes desks, chairs, file cabinets, etc.

Clip and mail coupon

**Yes, I want to contribute toward the new office building in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one.**

Apply my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward ☐ space ☐ furnishings for . . .

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☐ Communications office ☐ Work station

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Missionary Laura McFall stands in front of the construction site of the new church building in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The walls have been completed on the first level of the building. Two workers were saved at the site recently.

## Six Baptized in June at St. Nazaire, France

*France*—According to a late report from Tom McCullough in France, six converts were baptized on June 30 in St. Nazaire, France.

Missionary Patsy Vanhook has indicated three of those baptized were people who were not attending services when she left France a year ago. One was converted just a few days before the baptism when Jerry Gibbs and Tom visited him in his home.

## Baileys Seek Extension of Term, but Need Funds

*Japan*—Ken and Judy Bailey have requested an extension of their second term of service in Japan from June of 1992 until June of 1994.

At the end of September, the Baileys' account stood at about \$10,000 in the red, and this will need to be alleviated if they are permitted to extend their stay. According to Ken, living in Tokyo costs nearly three times as much as living in the United States. The Baileys have also experienced unexpected medical bills as well as increased costs for their children's schooling.

With no prospects for a national pastor of the Iriso church by June of

1992, the Baileys have felt compelled to remain on the field.

Ken and Judy expressed praise that unsaved people were attending each service, new children are attending Sunday school each week, and a Japanese Bible college senior has joined them in the work. They also noted that church members are assuming more responsibilities in the work.

## Franks Says Two Saved at Construction Site

*Brazil*—According to a report from Dave and Pat Franks in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, two workers were saved in August at the construction site of the new church building.

As the Franks visited the site on a Sunday afternoon, the two guards showed interest in the gospel. "After Dave talked with the men," says Pat, "they prayed with tears of repentance for Christ to save them." The Franks and the Norman McFalls are currently having weekly Bible studies with the two converts.

After the two couples distributed invitations and tracts for a special service in July, Dave declared, "We made contact with several new families who live close to the church site. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of these people."

Children's Bible clubs are being held on Saturdays at an apartment complex near the new construction. Fifty children attended the first week.

Franks noted that the walls of the first floor of the new building were completed in September.

Dave and Pat directed the junior and youth camp for the Minas Gerais area of Brazil during the third week of July. Approximately 50 people were on hand, including workers. Most of the young people made decisions of consecration during the week.

## River Valley Association Hosts Missionary Rallies

*Adkins, Ark.*—Area-wide missionary rallies were held September 21 and 22, 1991, in the River Valley Association of central Arkansas. The ten churches in the association were attempting to increase their support for the Norman Richards family in Côte d'Ivoire.

Norman and Bessie were represented by their son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Patty Richards, and by R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions.

During the Saturday night rally at the campgrounds in Adkins, Gene Richards displayed a table of African curios and showed slides. He and Patty also provided special music. Waddell preached.

David Joslin, promotional director for the Arkansas Association of Free Will Baptists, was also on hand and brought greetings to the group.

The association is sending five percent of its income to the Richards' account. The Reverend Noel Jones was coordinator for the missionary rallies.

## McDonalds Find House, Structure Their Ministries

*Japan*—Missionaries Don and Ruth McDonald, who arrived in Japan in June, have finally located a house in Ai No Sato after spending three months with Debbie Griffin.

"God supplied the house," writes Don. "Just a day or two before a deadline to accept an apartment lease, we discovered this house. We're only two small blocks from Debbie Griffin's house."

Ruth and Debbie have been busy revamping the ladies' meeting of the



Ai No Sato church. They have been using various ideas to create a sustained interest. On September 19 they had a lady from the Kita Hiroshima church demonstrate the art of Kanji writing with brush and paint. She used the special Kanji and their meanings to share Bible truths during the session.

Don is continuing to study the Japanese language and is preaching at Ai No Sato once a month, as well as Kita Hiroshima Chapel once a month.

The McDonalds expressed praise that Ruth had been instrumental in getting Mrs. Ono back into a more active role in the church.

But Don and Ruth were concerned when Mrs. Ono missed a Sunday service after that. Then they discovered she had gone to a neighboring city to witness to a dying aunt. She had sought help from the pastor to be able to lead her aunt to Christ.

"Mrs. Ono feels her aunt believed in Christ," writes Ruth. "She glowed as she relayed the account. She now wants to pray that God will heal her aunt as a testimony of His power to her Buddhist family."

## Poole Reports 79 in VBS and 23 in Institute

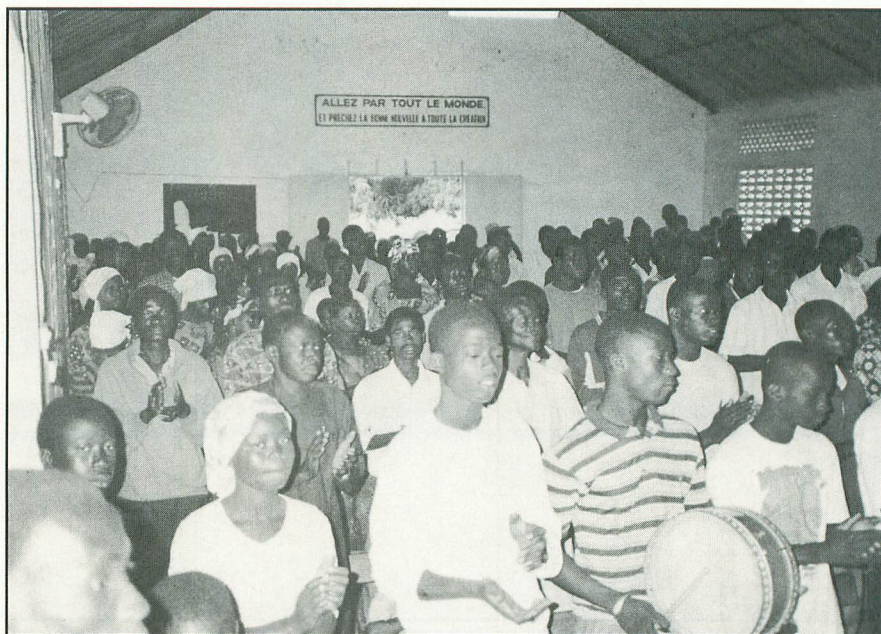
*Brazil*—An average of 79 students and workers were on hand for vacation Bible school during the second week of July at the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. Geneva Poole was in charge of the VBS.

According to missionary Bobby Poole, the new semester of the seminary and Bible institute in Ribeirão Preto was started during the first week of August with 23 students.

## Churches of Côte d'Ivoire Celebrate Their Unity

*Côte d'Ivoire*—For the first time since 1987, representatives from Free Will Baptist churches all over the northeastern part of Côte d'Ivoire gathered on August 6-9 for a "National Association" meeting. The 256 registered participants from at least 17 towns and villages met at Bouna for four days of fellowship, teaching, preaching, and singing.

Since no national church organi-



Free Will Baptists sing during a Côte d'Ivoire "National Association" meeting in August at Bouna. A total of 256 participants from 17 villages registered for the four-day event. This marked the first time for such a gathering since 1987.

zation exists in Côte d'Ivoire now, the two regional associations worked together to set up the meeting. The only real business carried on was the election of officers to organize next year's conference, which will be held at Nassian. It is anticipated that a national organization will be established then.

Three principal speakers developed the theme of the conference: The Christian's Responsibility. Robert Bryan spoke on the Christian's responsibility toward God, and Darrel Nichols presented the Christian's responsibility towards the church. Adou Koffi David, pastor of the Bondoukou church, preached on the Christian's responsibility toward man. Three graduates of the Bible institute, Kossou Jean-François, Amiézie Paul, and Houéssou Robert, completed the roster of speakers.

Many people responded to the invitations, especially after two of the services. Some came for salvation, but the majority came for rededication or to pray for a specific problem.

Groups from nearly all the churches represented enlivened the services with special songs, most of them sung in local languages.

An ordination committee of eight members was selected. Half were chosen by the southern association

and half by the northern.

The young people were divided into four groups. Each group presented a short play and some songs, and participated in games of Bible knowledge.

## Villalba Church Seeks to Purchase Property

*Spain*—The Free Will Baptist Church in Villalba, Spain, is in the process of trying to buy a lot for a church building. According to a report from missionaries, the church members have been putting aside money for this purpose and plan to combine it with Advance Celebration Funds and money from the Eunice Edwards Loan Fund.

A bank in Villalba has agreed to loan the church money for construction once they have a clear title on the land.

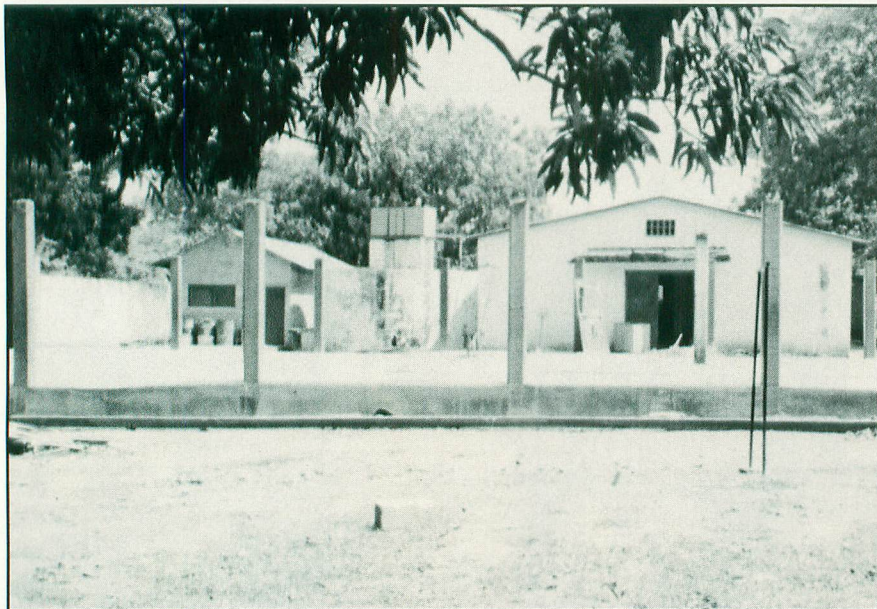
## VBS at Flat River Gives \$628 to the Pinkertons

*Flat River, Mo.*—A vacation Bible school held at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Mo., July 8-12 yielded \$628.68 to the account of missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton.

Jerry and Carol were on hand

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Supporting posts for the roof over the walkway around the hospital at Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, remain standing while the burned structure has been cleared for reconstruction. The clinic and surgical wing are seen in the background.

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during the week and participated in "The Big Bible Broadcast."

Each evening Jerry and Carol shared with the children in the main broadcasting studio, and then went to the Studio "D" where the "Good Morning World" program was presented. During this session they were interviewed more in depth.

During the closing program on Sunday night, July 14, the studio audience was asked to join in the offering which swelled the \$353.19 given by the children to over \$600. Wayne Phillips is pastor of the church and Freddie Reeves was VBS director.

## Côte d'Ivoire Government Offers Help on Hospital

*Côte d'Ivoire*—The government of Côte d'Ivoire has agreed to provide funds and a work crew to help rebuild the hospital at Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. The Board of Foreign Missions has agreed to accept the offer of the government which, according to general director R. Eugene Waddell, has no strings attached.

The offer included materials and a team of workers to total approximately \$24,000. They will help rebuild the foundation, the floor, and the walls of the building.

Plans call for the use of local workers to finish the building with

Robert West overseeing the work along with Dr. Kenneth Eagleton. The people of Doropo have even started a fund to help toward the construction.

Although the need for an additional \$50,000 is anticipated, the general director stressed the importance of not switching regular missionary support in order to meet this need.

## 17 Make Decisions in July Camps in Brazil

*Brazil*—Approximately 130 campers and workers attended the camps in Jaboticabal, Brazil, for juniors and youth during the first and second weeks of July.

Seventeen juniors made decisions for Christ during the first week. The teen camp was made up mainly of Christians but most of these dedicated themselves to the task of living pure lives.

## Attendance Up in New Location in Germany

*Germany*—The church effort in Germany which moved to a new location in May of 1991 has increased in attendance. According to a report from missionary affiliates Dennis and Mary Heath, the attendance average was 10 prior to the move and

is now averaging 22.

The church hosted a one-day vacation Bible school for the community on July 27 with 17 children attending. The day was filled with singing, crafts, games, and a short play called "Let's Make a Decision!"

The Heaths plan to enter a formal language program to learn German sometime this fall. They request people to pray for them as they begin this new effort to be more effective in their ministry to the German people.

## Eagleton Says Over 1,100 Treated After Reopening

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Since the reopening of the clinic following the hospital fire in June, 1,100 patients have been treated during July.

According to Dr. Eagleton most of the repairs have been done on the outpatient clinic but the X-ray machine has not been reinstalled. Eagleton indicated a Liberian medical equipment technician employed by a Baptist mission hospital approximately four hours away might be able to help them install the machine.

## Thompson Arrives in Japan, Begins Teaching

*Japan*—Juanita Thompson, short-term missionary to Japan, arrived in Sapporo on August 14 to begin her ministry of teaching in the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center for missionary children.

On September 15 she wrote, "We've now had one week of school and things are settling down. Ruth McDonald will teach music once a week. A Japanese lady from the Kita Hiroshima church will teach the children who already know the Japanese language how to write it."

Juanita indicated a Christian family from Nigeria had moved nearby so they could send their children to the school. A Southern Baptist family also has two children who will be studying in the Center.

## Coscias Report Three Saved in Uberaba

*Brazil*—According to a report from missionaries Louis and Florine Coscia in Uberaba, Brazil, three adults were saved there recently.



A young couple with two small boys publicly accepted Christ and have been faithful in church attendance. Another young mother made a public decision and indicated a desire to attend church, but her husband has opposed her decision. Christians were urged to pray for these new converts.

Coscia noted that a recent Sunday night service was hindered by a man who entered and interrupted the preaching by saying, "I don't agree with a word of what you're saying." They were finally able to quiet him down so they could continue service.

## Deficits Mushroom After Two Exemplary Years

*Nashville, Tenn.*—After two exemplary years of missionary accounts holding good standing, the year 1991 threatens to be one of record deficits. As of September 30, deficit accounts totaled \$166,768.34, the most since March of 1988.

"We are deeply disturbed over these mushrooming deficits," said R. Eugene Waddell, general director, as the foreign missions staff gathered for daily prayer. "An analysis of missionary support reveals 38 of the 63 missionary accounts have not received sufficient gifts to cover their ministry costs during 1991," he lamented.

The September financial report showed 16 active missionary accounts alone were over \$144,000 in the red (see Financial Summary on page 15). Five of these exceeded the \$8,000 deficit mark which makes them subject to be brought home to regain their support: the Robert Wests in Côte d'Ivoire (-\$10,555), the Dennis Teagues (-\$10,997) and the Tom McCulloughs (-\$8,114) in France, the Ken Baileys in Japan (-\$9,493), and the Dwain Crosbys in Spain (-\$8,086).

"I believe God would be dishonored for one of these missionaries, due to lack of support, to be forced to quit preaching and building a Free Will Baptist church in an area where there is little or no gospel witness," Waddell grieved. "I urge every Christian to reexamine your priorities and ask God's leadership in the use of your money."

The general director concluded by

issuing this final challenge: "Since God is our ultimate supplier, I'm asking all our friends to join us in a **day of prayer and fasting on Wednesday, December 11**, for the needs of our missionaries."

## Iriso, Adachi Churches Hold Joint Retreat

*Japan*—A joint retreat was held August 9-11 at Yamanaka, Japan (near Mt. Fuji), with the Iriso and Adachi Free Will Baptist churches participating.

According to Judy Bailey this is an annual event. The guest speaker for the retreat was Reverend Shimada, a professor of the Ochonomizu Student Christian Center in Tokyo.

Of the 31 people attending, at least three were unsaved. One of these was the 75-year-old mother of Mrs. Kawamoto, an Iriso church member.

## Bible Competes with Russian Parliament

*Russia*—Russian deputies and staff members rushed to get hold of their own copy of the Bible as the Russian parliament opened on September 19. A United Bible Societies spokesperson indicated the parliament chairman sent word to the Bible society team to stop giving out the Bibles so parliament could have a quorum.

A truckload of 6,000 Bibles and New Testaments arrived at the Russian parliament on that morning to be distributed at 2:00 p.m. By 1:15 p.m. deputies were already forming a line in the lobby.

The Bible society had received permission from parliament authorities to distribute the Scriptures and offered a choice of three editions: 2,000 Russian Bibles, 2,000 Russian Children's Bibles, and 2,000 Russian New Testaments.

"It was an exhilarating experience to see the eagerness of these people to get Bibles," said Maurice Harvey, photojournalist for the United Bible Societies. "The longer it went on, the more thrilling it became."

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Côte d'Ivoire*—While getting settled back in their house in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, Clint and Lynette Morgan discovered their yard was full of vipers and cobras. Their three guard dogs had been killed, and the yard boy had been battling the snakes.

*Spain*—Missionaries in Mostoles, Spain, began a ministry of English classes and Bible studies with adults and young people during the month of October.

*India*—According to missionary Carlisle Hanna, the monsoon rains have been hitting their area in north India but south of Kishanganj they have had no rain. He indicated that people were unable to transplant their rice. This could cause serious food shortages in an already serious economical situation.

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Missionary Darrel Nichols of Agnibilekrou has urged people to pray for Christians in the village of Kangakro who have been

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*Christians from the Iriso and Adachi Free Will Baptist churches in the Tokyo area of Japan sing during a joint retreat held in August.*







Missionary Robert West (left) and national pastor Jerome Kambou from Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, prepare to baptize a convert from the village of Tehini. They baptized seven people on July 1.

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undergoing persecution. Darrel indicated pagans are blaming the Christians for everything that has gone wrong in the village.

## Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in June and July in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

Donor	In Memory of
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Mr. & Mrs. Gayle Collins Troy, Mi.	Holbert & Anna Lee Collins
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**India**—Pastor David Das, who suffered severe burns in August of 1990, has continued to undergo treatment on his arm. Missionary Carlisle Hanna indicated plans to take him to Siliguri in August to undergo surgery at his elbow.

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Paul and Rhoda Creech became parents of a seven pound three ounce baby girl on August 13. Deborah Lynn was born at the Conservative Baptist Hospital in Ferkessedougou, a three-hour drive from Bouake, where the Creeches currently serve as house parents at the school for missionary children.

**Brazil**—Suzanne Franks, daughter of missionaries Dave and Pat Franks in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, left for Brazil on September 6. She just finished work at Southern Illinois University on her master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language. She hopes to teach English in Brazil.

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Missionaries Clint and Lynette Morgan, who went back to Ivory Coast in August, were discouraged recently when they were returning from taking their sons to Bouake for boarding school. On their trip from Bouake to Bouna they blew the engine in their car. "That

means major repairs which equals major expenses," writes Clint. "What a way to start the term!"

**Spain**—The church in Villalba has taken a new approach on Wednesday night services. After a short devotion and prayer, the group carried guitars, chorus books, and gospel tracts to sing and share with the lost in the streets and the parks in Villalba.

## West Baptizes Seven from Village of Tehini

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Seven converts from the village of Tehini in Côte d'Ivoire were baptized on July 1 by missionary Robert West. He and Dr. Kenneth Eagleton are the only two missionaries in the area and are responsible for ten churches.

## Evangelistic Campaign Held in Mostoles

**Spain**—An evangelistic campaign was held in Mostoles, Spain, during the last weekend of September. According to a report from Dwain Crosby, 147 attended the first night of services which were held outside. The second night services had to be moved inside because of heavy rains and cooler weather. At least 20 people stood outside looking in.

The Crosbys and Lynn Midgett have requested prayer for their follow-up efforts. The church in Mostoles has moved to a new location with about 1,000 square feet on the ground floor of a store front in an apartment complex. It is in the same area as the building given up over a year ago.

## Soviet Christians Seek Help from Third World

**Hungary**—A delegation of Christians from the Soviet Republics have urged Christians from Africa, Asia, and Latin America to help them evangelize the unreached people in what previously was the Soviet Union.

According to a report from the World Evangelization Information Service, eight Soviets issued the appeal during a six-day summit conference on evangelism in post-Marxist situations. The conference, held in late summer in Budapest, Hungary,



was sponsored by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

Johanes Reimer, director of the Logos mission organization in Germany, said that Christians from the Third World can be more effective than Christians from the United States and Europe in helping to evangelize the people of the Soviet Republics.

## TEAM Brazil '92 Marks Start of MAP Program

*Nashville, Tenn.*—A new program labeled Missions Awareness Project (MAP) will be launched in June of 1992 as a team of high school juniors and seniors join in TEAM Brazil '92, an intensive evangelism effort.

Coordinating the pilot project will be veteran missionary Ken Eagleton from Brazil. The team will consist of 12 dedicated Free Will Baptist young people who will spend three weeks in Brazil following six days of basic training for cross-cultural evangelism.

Team selection is expected to be made in December.

## Free Will Baptists Help on War Relief Sunday

*Wheaton, Ill.*—According to a report from the office of World Relief, an arm of the National Association of Evangelicals in Wheaton, Ill., Free Will Baptist churches helped in raising \$243,000 on War Relief Sunday, April 21, 1991. These funds were given to provide assistance to people suffering from the ravaging effects of war.

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## Financial Summary Through September 30 \$ubstance

Total income for August.....	\$ 284,383.93
Total income for September.....	272,283.34
Total income through September.....	2,596,537.61
Total disbursements through September.....	3,117,672.88
Projected income through September.....	2,984,931.00
Total 1991 Budget.....	<b>\$3,979,859.00</b>
Advance gifts through September.....	\$ 36,989.57
1991 ADVANCE Budget.....	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

## \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 9,493.96	Martens.....	\$ 645.94
Barnard.....	267.83	McCullough.....	8,114.11
Callaway.....	18,787.18	Owen.....	7,201.19
Combs.....	2,246.92	Robinson.....	10,116.17
Crosby.....	8,086.18	Teague.....	10,997.86
Deeds.....	14,903.45	Waller.....	403.81
*Franks Sr.....	33,311.13	West.....	10,555.42
Hanna.....	7,200.76	Willey.....	2,608.80
Leatherbury.....	438.45	Wilson.....	321.20
Lytle.....	2,185.64	Spec. Com.....	18,882.34
Total.....			<b>\$166,768.34</b>

\*Medical insurance claims pending

## \$inking

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

Crowson.....	\$ 0.00	Poole.....	\$ 0.00
Gibbs.....	0.00	Thompson.....	1,262.06

## State Goals—1991

State	Goal 1991	Goal Through September	Contributions Through September
Alabama.....	\$ 185,000	\$ 138,750	\$ 115,392.97
Arizona.....	6,200	4,650	2,266.52
Arkansas.....	218,000	163,500	134,502.42
California.....	85,000	63,750	49,649.81
Colorado.....	5,000	3,750	4,450.47
Florida.....	95,000	71,250	40,484.25
Georgia.....	185,000	138,750	100,249.15
Hawaii.....	4,000	3,000	1,410.00
Idaho.....	1,200	900	763.00
Illinois.....	125,000	93,750	68,451.20
Indiana.....	43,000	32,250	35,067.68
Iowa.....	2,000	1,500	1,418.00
Kansas.....	19,000	14,250	15,503.32
Kentucky.....	90,000	67,500	44,201.24
Louisiana.....	300	225	70.00
Maryland.....	23,000	17,250	15,830.14
Michigan.....	150,000	112,500	86,293.68
Mississippi.....	66,000	49,500	33,111.52
Missouri.....	308,000	231,000	250,444.38
Montana.....	1,000	750	1,044.00
Nevada.....	1,500	1,125	525.00
New Mexico.....	1,000	750	1,663.33
*Northeast Assn.....	5,200	3,900	2,704.28
**Northwest Assn.....	7,500	5,625	3,083.02
North Carolina.....	513,000	384,750	338,350.40
Ohio.....	142,000	106,500	81,231.75
Oklahoma.....	439,000	329,250	280,955.91
Pennsylvania.....	2,900	2,175	539.35
South Carolina.....	214,000	160,500	150,509.71
Tennessee.....	568,000	426,000	342,866.30
Texas.....	129,000	96,750	81,736.24
Virginia.....	155,000	116,250	86,679.80
Virgin Islands.....	3,000	2,250	825.50
West Virginia.....	85,000	63,750	51,840.68
WNAC.....	00	00	70,854.76
Miscellaneous.....	102,059	76,544	101,567.83
Totals.....	<b>\$3,979,859</b>	<b>\$2,984,894</b>	<b>\$2,596,537.61</b>

\*Northeast Association  
New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine,  
Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

\*\*Northwest Association  
Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



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