

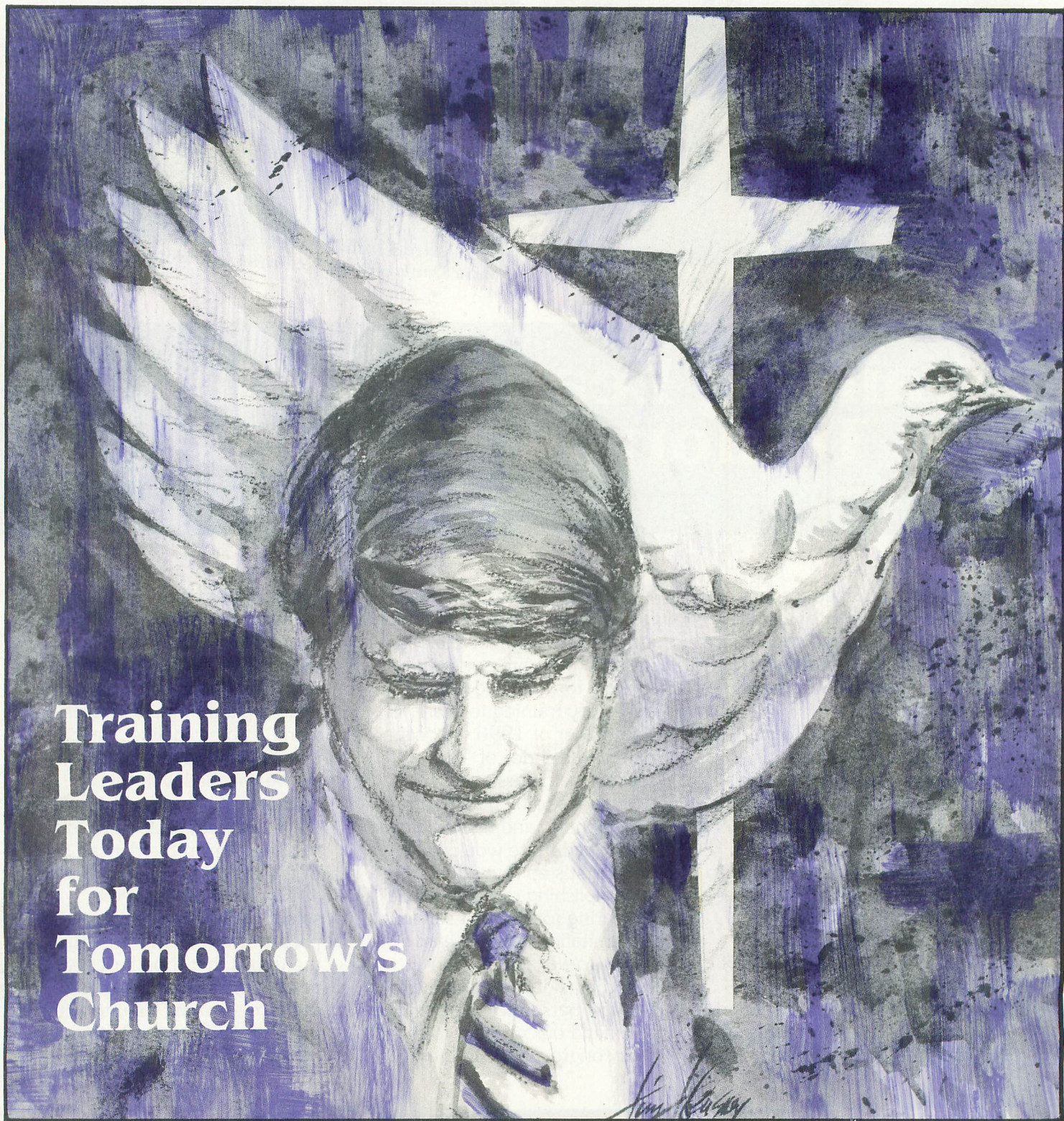
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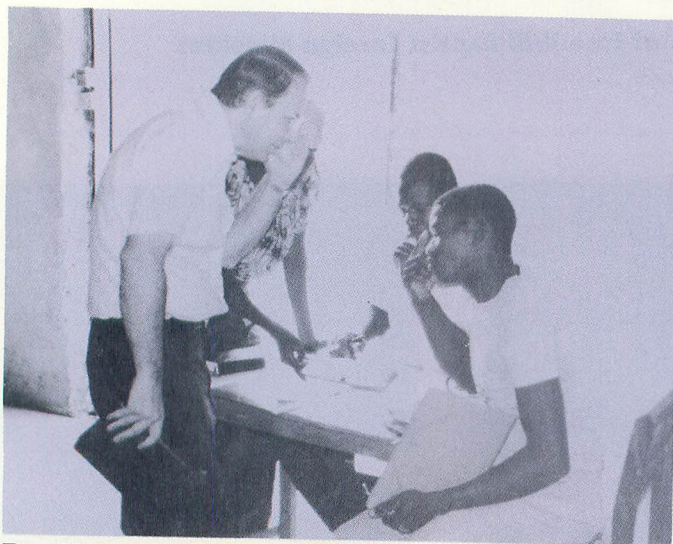
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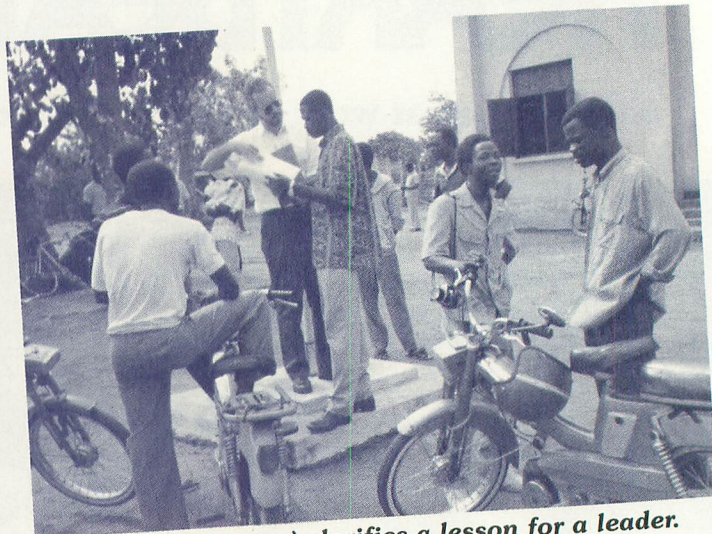
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*Ron Moore instructs a small group of leaders.*



*Mark Daniel (center) clarifies a lesson for a leader.*

# Training Leaders Today for Tomorrow's Church

by Ron Moore

**W**hat untrained leaders decide today could chart an unalterable course for the church of tomorrow! In light of this, their education becomes imperative.

The "Bondoukou Team"—consisting of the Jerry Pinkertons, the Mark Daniels, and the Ron Moores—had only been together a month in 1990 when we realized just how crucial this training would be to the future success of the Free Will Baptist Church in the Bondoukou region of Côte d'Ivoire. Even though most of our existing churches have mature leaders, they are poorly grounded in the Scriptures and untrained for the ministry.

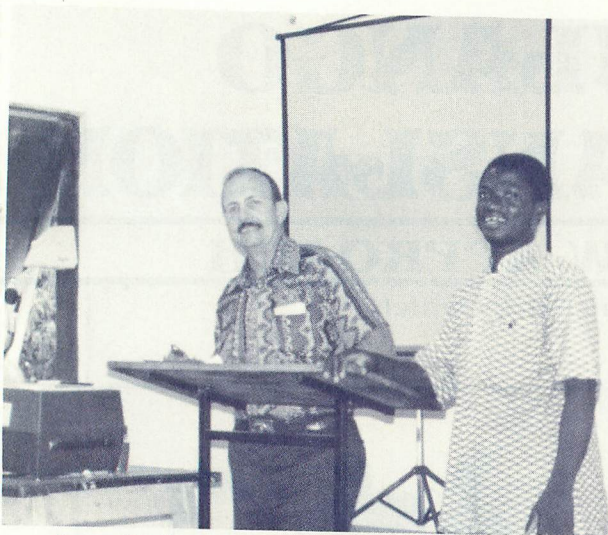
Since these men are older family men and unable to attend a multi-year resident Bible institute program, we began looking for a way to bring this necessary training to them. In September of 1990 we began planning a series of "dry season" seminars and workshops to be held during non-planting and harvest times. We hoped these would be a good first step toward accomplishing our goal. While preparing for the first seminar, the limitations of our team began to surface. It soon became evident that we neither had the personnel nor the time to extend our ministry to the 20 plus congregations in the

Bondoukou region.

If we were to meet the need for regular biblical teaching and evangelistic outreach, something had to be done. But what? No church planting missionaries were "in-the-pipeline," much less destined to join our team. As we wrestled with this dilemma, it became obvious that our resources would have to be multiplied from the African side of the ocean.

The Lord provided the solution with an important precept from His Word: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" 2 Timothy 2:2.





***Jerry Pinkerton teaches.***



***Leaders stand with Mopeds they use in their ministries.***

Based on this precept, the Lord challenged us to use the \$6,000 our team had set aside to purchase a badly needed truck. Instead, we could buy five mopeds (motorized bicycles) so these national leaders could get to the villages in need.

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Initially we planned to teach several “lay preachers” a biblical-based lesson during the week, and then send them out to minister in the village congregations each weekend. Through “teaching faithful men to teach others” we envisioned multiplying our resources. We could provide these congregations the regular, consistent, Bible-based ministry we would not otherwise be able to furnish.

During the more detailed

planning that followed, however, another major obstacle emerged: without more help, our team would not be able to prepare all the French study materials needed for the “dry season seminars” and the “weekly sessions.” These also would need to be translated into Koulango.

Once more the Lord provided the solution: “Use the resources I have given you in Africa!” So, we decided to use the “lay preachers” as a translation team. We would prepare and teach the lessons in French. Then, the lay preachers would translate them into Koulango, and we would coordinate and edit their work. Finally we would print the finished product.

At this point, we became more sensitive to the Lord’s divine guidance toward meeting the Bondoukou region’s leadership training and ministry needs. We were isolating and developing three programs to address three separate areas of concern: leadership training,

inadequate personnel, and translation. Instead, the Lord was putting together one plan designed to meet simultaneously all three needs.

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God’s divine influence in bringing all this into a unified program was evidenced by two ensuing events: the overwhelming success of the first “dry season” seminar and the enthusiastic participation of present church leaders in our weekly leadership training sessions.

During the week-long seminar, 15 of our key church leaders received teaching, participated in lesson translation, and interacted with us in a time of candid

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discussion. The words of Kouami Paul, one of the patriarchs of the church, best sums up the enthusiasm of the participants when he asked, "Why couldn't we have done something like this a long time ago?"

The enthusiasm of these leaders extended beyond the seminar, however. The one translation team has now been expanded to six. When we began conducting training sessions at the four decentralized study sites, 27 church leaders enrolled! Nine serve our churches as pastors and/or evangelists, two as deacons, and 16 as teachers. Between them, they have over 150 years of ministry experience. They are presently ministering to over 600 people on a weekly basis in about 20 congregations.

God's blessing upon our simple first steps toward meeting critical ministry needs has resulted in a multi-faceted Leadership Training Program. We believe this program will play a key role in training today's leaders for shaping tomorrow's church.

Ron Moore and his wife, Linda, arrived in Côte d'Ivoire in 1990.

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# KOULANGO TRANSLATION

## A NEW APPROACH

by Mark Daniel



*Mark helps African leaders work on translation.*



*Leaders discuss their translation as Mark listens and observes.*



**T**hey began arriving on Sunday morning and by the end of the day almost all the seminar participants were accounted for. Fifteen, including some of the Bondoukou area's most outstanding leaders would be attending all the sessions of the five-day gathering. Several others would make it for the evening presentations.

The seminar aimed at preparing a new regional leadership training program and translating it into the Koulango language. It was organized by missionaries composing the "Bondoukou Team"—Jerry Pinkerton, Ron Moore and me.

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The schedule for the week involved the presentation of the first four lessons in the initial course of study, translation workshops for putting the material into Koulango, and group discussions on how best to implement the area-wide program.

Anticipation was running high by Monday morning when the classes got underway. The first part in the 28-lesson discipleship series was well-received. Participation on the discussion questions was enthusiastic.

The real work began after a study of the changes between the old way of writing Koulango and the new orthography. The group was divided into four translation teams, each

responsible for part of the day's lesson. Only a few of the participants had ever done any formal translation work. But when they were reminded that almost all of them did spontaneous translations of Bible messages on a regular basis, they threw themselves into the task with vigor.

By the end of the day each team had completed their "first pass." This was typed up and returned to them the next morning for proofing before beginning the next day's material. Each day's activities included a brief explanation of problem areas as well as principles of translation.

The group successfully prepared a Koulango version of the lessons by the end of the week. Their satisfaction was both seen and felt as they were able to return home with a quality ministry tool they had produced themselves!

Since the seminar, subsequent lessons are being taught on a weekly basis at three strategic centers: Bondoukou, Goumère-Tanda, and Appimadoum. A one-day seminar is held monthly at a fourth center, Nassian.

The validity of this approach to leadership training seems evident in the results. In the Appimadoum area, for example, the lessons are being presented by the four students from the village in four other surrounding villages where we have small congregations.

According to recent testimonies, Christians in these villages are finding the lessons to be very valuable. They are gaining the needed instruction in the elementary doctrines of the faith. On the other hand, in

the village of Kanasse, the teaching is serving as a discipleship tool for a new convert who has a tremendous testimony and a burning desire to learn more about God's Word.

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The study groups at Bondoukou and Goumère-Tanda are responsible for the translation of the remaining lessons in this series. The groups at Nassian and Appimadoum are preparing the Koulango versions of future studies which include an upcoming seminar and a new evangelism and church-planting course. With the coordination of the Bondoukou missionaries, participants are finding themselves increasingly capable of performing their task.

We hope to produce a comprehensive Bible curriculum in both French and Koulango over the next three to five years. We want a curriculum which can be taught by our national leadership as the training program continues.

The cooperation between the African church and the missionaries of the region in this translation effort marks the beginning of a new working relationship. And we hope it results in the equipping of many leaders as well as the founding of many new churches.

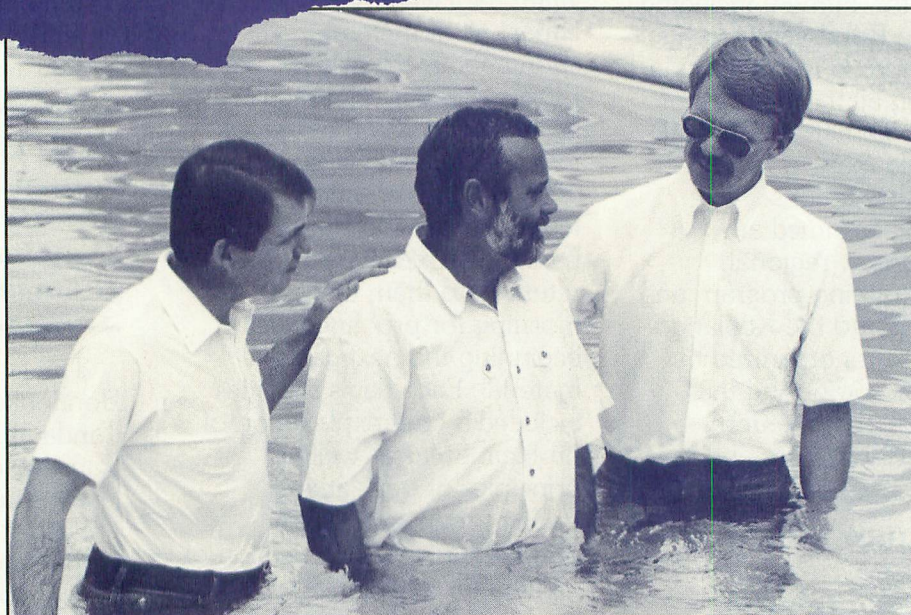
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Mark Daniel and his wife, Donna, are serving their second term as missionaries in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.



# Teams in Missions

by Jerry Gibbs and Tom McCullough



**Tom McCullough (left) and Jerry Gibbs (right) prepare to baptize a convert in a pool in St. Nazaire.**

**T**eam ministry" means two or more missionaries are working in the same city or area, combining their efforts in order to plant a single church.

For centuries the individual pioneer missionary has provided the accepted model for deploying laborers in the regions beyond. Solitary figures like William Cary, Hudson Taylor, David Livingstone, Adoniram Judson, Amy Carmichael, and C. T. Studd stand out like giants on the horizon of missions history.

Considering such imposing individuals, it could be tantamount to heresy to suggest an alternative form of missionary activity. In spite of this, we believe the Bible, as well as practical reasoning, supports team ministry as a

viable missions method in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

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## ***When Jesus appointed 70 missionaries, He sent them forth in teams of two .***

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A close look at God's Word reveals team ministry as the rule rather than the exception. When Jesus appointed 70 missionaries, He sent them forth in teams of two (Luke 10:1). Although it is possible the apostles labored individually when Jesus commissioned them earlier for a similar task (Luke 9:1-10), it can also be argued that the journey was a joint effort.

Paul is often esteemed as the ultimate lone-wolf, missionary

pioneer. The New Testament does not support that opinion. Paul's first missionary journey was shared by Barnabas (Acts 13:2). On his second journey, Silas was his partner (Acts 15:40). On numerous other occasions, Paul was aided by other missionary team members who were intimately involved in the same task as he and in the same place (Acts 17:14-15; 19:22).

God seems to place His hand on **individuals** when He has new frontiers to open. These people are usually strong-willed visionaries willing to buck the status quo. We frequently forget that they often inspire others to plow new terrain with them. Many missionary heroes had associates working closely with them to fulfill their God-given vision.



If, however, an individual missionary toughs it out on a lonely outpost, it must be realized that he is indeed a very uncommon individual. Only a very special person—someone with a unique personality and psychological make-up—can work successfully in such a situation. It is dangerously limiting to suggest that only those who fit this mold are suited for missionary service.

In France we have allowed individuals to minister alone. At the same time, a number of us have opted for the team approach to ministry because we believe it is biblical. In addition, such an approach has a number of practical advantages.

First, a team approach to ministry allows the Spirit of God to use to His advantage the complementary spiritual gifts of all the team members. Each missionary can devote himself to a narrower range of activities. This is in contrast to giving himself to a dozen different tasks and doing none of them satisfactorily.

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***A wisely constituted team can take advantage of the strengths of everyone.***

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The ministry team the Lord has assembled in St. Nazaire demonstrates the advantage of tapping the strength of each missionary. Even though all the members of our team are called to and involved in soul winning, not everyone has the same spiritual gifts. The Holy Spirit has equipped some with the gift of pastor-teacher, some with the gift of exhortation, others with

the gift of organization, and still others with musical gifts. The team endeavors to allow each one to exercise his ministry to the fullest in his God-given area of expertise.

Second, a team approach assures a continual missionary presence on the field during the critical early stages of a church's development. Imagine the pastor of a church in the United States having to worry about who is going to care for his flock for a year while he is off in a different country. The logistical problems related to finding a suitable replacement for a year or more are enough to boggle the mind.

Third, having more than one missionary or missionary couple helps local believers have a more well-rounded idea of what a Christian should be. In observing diversity within the missionary team, they will see firsthand that being a Christian does not mean stamping out one's own personality. This should prompt a more willing acceptance of responsibility on the part of emerging national leaders.

Fourth, a team serves as a mini-model of the body of Christ. Baby Christians and the world will be able to judge whether or not the ideals of love, fellowship, and compassion really work, by observing the team in operation. Unfortunately, in this regard, a team could be as much an instrument for bad as for good.

Fifth, a team ministry affords mutual support and encouragement. It is uncanny how team members rarely seem to be discouraged at the same time. When one is down, the others can lift him up. By the

same token, those working in a team are obligated to be mutually accountable. Although answering to an equal in the ministry can be aggravating, it can only be helpful to the objective of the church-planting team.

Last, although not to be minimized, a young church enjoys financial stability when two or more missionaries contribute their tithes to the new work. Until new Christians become mature enough to obey the Lord in the area of stewardship, this can make a great difference in what a young church can afford. It might mean the difference between renting a suitable building or meeting in the missionary's home, or between purchasing its own Sunday school literature or charging the cost to the missionary's account.

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The advantages of team ministry are more numerous than can be outlined in this brief article. It should be noted, however, that certain dangers are inherent to the team ministry approach if the members are not equally yoked together.

In order for team ministry to be effective, or even to exist, a spirit of openness and honesty must reign within the team. Failure to cultivate such an attitude can allow a climate of resentment to develop.

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Understanding and accepting one another's temperaments is part of this honesty.

A second possible danger is the conscious or unconscious effort of church members to play one team member against another. If mutual trust and frankness are not practiced in the ministry team, the devil will have an open door to sow seeds of discord. Therefore, it is essential that the lines of communication remain open in a team relationship.

A third pitfall could be a difference in philosophy. Serious slowdowns in the advance of the ministry may develop if team members share different philosophies of ministry. These differences must be resolved. We must answer some people's objection that team ministry ties up too many people in one task. Some argue these could be deployed to build two or more churches instead of one. While this is a legitimate concern, we must point out that by concentrating personnel in team ministry, the church-planting effort will produce fruit more quickly. This generally will allow team members to move on to another area and start another work sooner than a lone missionary could.

Starting new churches is the desire of everyone concerned. We all want to plant as many local congregations in as many communities of the world as possible before Christ returns. In France we have found the team approach to ministry to be one of the most effective ways to accomplish this goal.

Jerry Gibbs and his wife, Barbara, have served as missionaries to France since 1972. Tom and Patty McCullough have served since 1979. The team was formed in 1981.



# Little Angels in Japan!

by Olena McLain

**A**lthough the kindergarten ministry has been used successfully by many groups working in Japan, we did not plan to have one. It just seemed to grow from a small plan to reach mothers in the community. We feel that the Lord has led us over the years. First, by sending children the first year. Next by providing buildings and personnel.

When we returned to Japan after furlough in 1983, we resumed our ministry with Higashi Tsukisamu Church where we had been working from its inception. The following April, I was asked to teach some English conversation classes at a university established by the United Church of Japan. I had taught there before and had enjoyed the atmosphere as well as the contact with young people. Still, I did not feel this was the ministry the Lord had for me. I wanted to be more involved in the church and the area around it.

One day I expressed my feelings to a Japanese co-worker. Our church had an evening school which helped to meet some of the Japanese demands for extra study. This was a combination cram school and English school. I asked if I

could start a class during the day for pre-school children and have their mothers come with them. I thought this would be a good source of home contacts in the church area.

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Before the evening was over we were making plans for a small kindergarten to meet in the church during the day. Thus, Little Angels kindergarten was born. We advertised it in the newspaper just as we did our evening school. We emphasized that this school would be Christian and was not in any way connected with Mormons or Jehovah's Witnesses. We expected to have around 20 students. Applications started coming in and by the start of the first year we had enrolled 60 students. This meant hiring more teachers, providing transportation and a whole host of new problems.

Somehow we got through the first year of Little Angels kindergarten by trial and error. We must have done something right because the parents of the children told their friends about the school and we started the





***Pre-kindergarten children participate in a Christmas program as parents observe and hear the message of Christ.***

next school year with 120 children. We had to locate another building and adapt it for kindergarten use. Finishing touches were made on it just before school started. After that year it was evident that larger, less expensive facilities were needed. Rent was too high to make it feasible to use the same building for another year.

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The Lord led in a marvelous way. He provided land in a good area and a contractor to construct a new building. The mortgage interest rate was also very low. We began the third year with over 200 students. No mission funds have ever been used in this ministry. It has been self-supporting from the beginning.

We also started a small branch kindergarten downtown

with about 60 students. This branch kindergarten now meets in a building designed for kindergarten use. It is located near the edge of the city on the side of a mountain with wonderful facilities for children.

This year the two kindergartens have a total of 370 students. This includes an afternoon nursery school program for pre-kindergarten children.

How many have we seen come to Christ through this kindergarten ministry? We haven't seen such immediate results. Here in Japan it takes a lot of patient teaching and working to get people to understand the gospel. They have to be brought from complete ignorance about the One True God to the place that they see themselves as sinners in need of redemption.

After they understand these truths, teaching can begin. The children and their parents know we do not worship idols. They

understand we believe and will teach the children about the Living God and His Son. We feel that in teaching the children Bible stories, choruses, and to pray before meals, we are beginning to bring them out of ignorance to a knowledge of the gospel.

How do we know this works? Because in our years here we have met many Japanese who attended a Christian kindergarten or Sunday school as children. We see that they have a knowledge of the gospel which makes it easier for them to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The value of the seed that has been sown cannot be measured. We do not expect to see the harvest in our lifetime, but we believe we have an important task in tilling the soil and planting the seed.

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Through this ministry the gospel is being proclaimed to many in the area where we work, and we believe His Spirit is drawing some to himself through the Word.

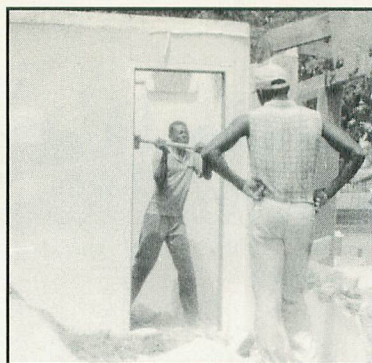
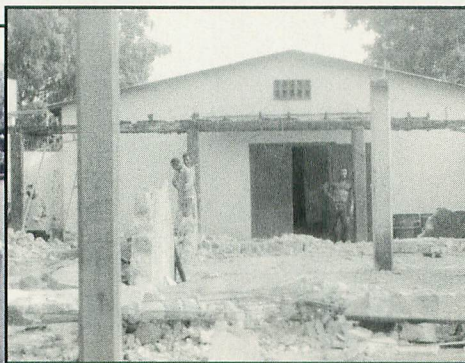
After several years of work, we are beginning to see the seed germinate. Some mothers bring their children to Sunday school and stay for worship. Some appear very close to giving their hearts to the Lord. It takes time and patience, but we believe the Lord is moving. Our part is to obey His leading and continue to be faithful in the ministry He has given us.

Olena McLain serves with her husband, Jim, on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan. They have served as missionaries to Japan since 1966.





Workers tear down the walls (right) and clean up the debris (above, left) to get the hospital foundation in shape for reconstruction. The clinic remains intact (above, right) as the slab for the hospital is almost clear of the broken block walls, etc.



## Sparks, Riggs May Open New Work in North Spain

*Spain*—Lonnie and Anita Sparks indicated they have made two trips to Santurce, a city on the north coast of Spain, where a family of four and two young men have been saved as a result of Free Will Baptist ministry there.

"We feel this is the moment if God is to use our missionaries to establish a work in that area," writes Lonnie. "Santurce is in the greater Bilbao area where there are around one million people. In Santurce alone, there are 80,000. Right next to it is a city of 50,000 with no sound gospel-preaching church."

The Sparks, along with Mark and Juli Riggs, have expressed a concern for this area of Spain. They urged people to pray for God to give them wisdom and direction.

## Hospital Walls Removed; Reconstruction Planned

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—The cleanup has started at Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, following the fire in June which destroyed the hospital building at the Free Will Baptist medical center. According to missionary Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, local workers have knocked down the remaining walls and cleaned up the debris in

preparation for rebuilding. Many volunteers from the area came to help in the cleanup.

Kenneth writes, "The population has been shocked by what has happened. Many have come to pay their respects and mourn the fact that this area doesn't have a hospital now. Several women cried openly as they gazed at the burnt building."

## Judy Smith Excited About Student Ministry

*Japan*—"My classes at Hokusai University are going well," writes Judy Smith from Sapporo, Japan. "I spoke in chapel a couple of weeks ago using my little vent figure, Ken-chan. We've been asked to do a repeat performance in the fall."

Judy indicated she has been able to spend more time with the students this term and expressed excitement about the ministry on campus with different possibilities for outreach. She urged Christians to pray that she will have many opportunities to witness to students and Japanese teachers.

## 42 People Attend Villalba Church Retreat

*Spain*—The annual retreat of the Villalba Free Will Baptist Church in Villalba, Spain, was held June 7-9 at

the camp "Pena de Horeb" in Sacedon. The theme for the event was "Go and Make Disciples."

Some 42 people attended the retreat, including two unsaved visitors.

## Lafayette Church Marks Ninth Anniversary

*Brazil*—A three-night meeting was held July 5-7 at the Lafayette Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the church building.

Missionary Dave Franks spoke on Friday night, July 5, Norman McFall preached on Saturday night, and local lay preacher Estenio de Souza delivered the message on Sunday evening. Approximately 60 people were on hand for the Sunday evening service.

Missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds have been ministering at Lafayette since the church's beginning. They returned home on August 1 of this year to begin their regular furlough. A three-man leadership council is in charge of the church. Estenio is one of those leaders.

## Richards Says Funeral Opens Door for Witness

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—An elderly man, Mr. Koffi, died on July 11, the day after he had assured missionary Norman Richards that he had committed everything to the Lord. Two members of the family requested Norman to conduct the funeral. This gave an opportunity for witness to the family and friends.

"Our main request was that no alcoholic beverages were to be served while we were present," writes Norman. "They agreed to our request."

According to Richards, a group of about 30 people from the church went to an all-night vigil to comfort the family. This gave an opportunity to sing, testify, and preach to all present.

The church people felt they had not been able to express their sympathy to the family, so on Thursday, August 1, a delegation from the church went to convey sympathy to the family and give a small love gift. The family responded by promising to come to the church on the following Sunday morning, August 4. Approximately 35 of them filed in that morning and sat down.



"At the invitation, 12 of the women and one man from the family came forward to commit their lives to the Lord," declares Norman. Bessie said, "All of the ladies wanted to receive Christ as personal Savior." The man and three others from the church came for rededication.

## Callaway Efforts Bear Fruit after Departure

*Spain*—Missionary Ron Callaway, who returned to the United States for furlough on June 16, was gratefully surprised when Dwain Crosby reported the conversion of Miguel only six days after the Callaways arrived in the States. "Needless to say, we rejoiced in the Lord," says Ron.

"Ron had two Bible studies with him (Miguel) the last week we were in Spain, and we were praying he would accept the Lord then," writes Linda. "He didn't. Please pray for Paloma and David, Miguel's wife and son."

## Lee Helps Pastor Das with Therapy Program

*India*—According to missionary Carlisle Hanna in North India, "The therapy that Sherwood Lee was able to do with David Das was a help. That has been worth their trip to India. David can now do most things for himself. He was doing little before this therapy."

Missionaries Sherwood and Vada Lee are currently serving on special assignment in India. They moved to the South India work in late July, but while in North India, Sherwood was able to administer physical therapy to Pastor David Das, who was severely burned in an accident last October.

Hanna indicated that Das would still need surgery on his right arm at the elbow. He urged Christians to pray about this special and expensive treatment.

## Dedication Service Held at New Church Site

*Brazil*—A special dedication service was held on Saturday, July 27, at the site of the new church building in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. The service started at 2:00 p.m. and was partially aimed at introducing the



Curt and Mary Holland receive a gigantic check from Pastor Steve Burton of Mt. Bethel FWB Church in Rose Bud, Ark. The church raised \$5,224 for the Holland account.

church to people in the community.

According to missionary Norman McFall, a special invitation was distributed in the neighborhood so people could come and see where a new church was to be built. The foundation for the new building was already completed.

Reports indicated eight people from the area came to the special service. Missionary Bobby Aycock spoke and Dave Franks led the singing. Norman read a passage from the Scriptures.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the house of a woman who runs a day-care center in the community.

The Franks and McFalls hope to be in the new building by the end of 1991.

Alabama Free Will Baptists have committed themselves to raise \$50,000 toward the building project but recent projections indicate costs will go far beyond that.

## Sandra Bishop's Cooking Class Bears Fruit

*Japan*—According to a July report from missionary Dale Bishop in Nopporo, Japan, "Mrs. Suzuki prayed with us in her home one afternoon for assurance of salvation and is now praying for her husband."

It all started when the woman came to one of Sandra's cooking

classes and asked if there was a Bible study she could join. Since then "she has been attending weekly Bible study faithfully," Bishop continued. "She has even come to worship services when possible. Pray for her growth in the Lord and that she will soon request baptism."

Dale indicated that Kenjii Hosokawa, who traveled with the family on furlough, has still not been baptized. He urged people to pray for Kenjii to take this final step of commitment.

The Bishops expressed regret that associate missionary Vivian Waller had returned to the United States but were thankful that Juanita Thompson of Nashville, Tenn., had accepted the challenge to teach at the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center in her place.

## Rose Bud Church Gives the Curt Hollands \$5,224

*Rose Bud, Ark.*—Missionary appointees to Brazil Curt and Mary Holland ministered to the Mt. Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Rose Bud, Ark., on Sunday, July 14. During the evening service Pastor Steve Burton presented Curt and Mary with a check for \$5,224 for their account.

According to Pastor Burton, \$692 of the amount given came from vacation Bible school offerings in June.

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Jose Prieto Reyes (left), treasurer of the Cuban Association of FWB, speaks to Howard Price of Georgia (second from left) during the National Association in Charleston, W.Va. Missionary Ron Callaway (right) interprets. Israel Suarez Cruz (second from right), president of the Cuban Association, looks on.

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Another \$160 was given by the woman's auxiliary, \$1,862 came from two special offerings over the past two months, and \$102 came through faith promises. A final offering of \$2,160 was received on Sunday night after Curt ministered to the people through a slide presentation.

## Martens and Leatherbury Home from Côte d'Ivoire

*Locust Grove, Okla.*—Missionaries Glenda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens arrived in the United States on August 10 to begin a special nine-month furlough from Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa. The pair were scheduled to come home in 1992, but early furlough was requested by the field council due to the burning of the hospital building at the medical center in Doropo.

The duo expressed praise that the children's class they started in May in the village of Tchantifidouo, near Doropo, had 34 children in it on their last Sunday of ministry in the country. They started with 25 present for their first class. The class was taught through an interpreter since none of those present spoke French.

Martens and Leatherbury have been provided furlough housing by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Locust Grove, Okla. Randy Wilson is pastor.

## Heaths Rejoice as New Families Attend Church

*Germany*—Dennis and Mary Heath, missionary affiliates in Germany, expressed praise recently as two new families joined their group for worship. According to Dennis, Charles and Doris Pacheko and their two daughters along with Kip and Irene Curry and their four children have attended services.

The Heaths were also rejoicing over the location of a new church facility. They were able to secure a meeting place for only \$200 a month at least through November.

"We will be spending several months working in our spare time to put up wall coverings, purchasing chairs and other furnishings, and doing electrical work to transform it into a place to worship," writes Dennis.

## Cuban Free Will Baptists Visit U.S. Churches

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Two officers of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists visited the United States from July 16 to August 13.

The two men spoke in churches in Florida, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Illinois. Israel Suarez Cruz, president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, preached and Jose Prieto Reyes, treasurer of the Cuban Association, gave his testi-

mony and shared information about the work in Cuba.

Both men were on hand for the National Association in Charleston, W.Va., and attended one day of the foreign missions retreat in Nashville, Tenn. Acting as interpreters during their stay were missionaries Ron Callaway and Steve Lytle as well as MK Mark Inscoe.

## Hughes Cites Youth Efforts, Answered Prayers

*Brazil*—A youth ministry has developed in the Free Will Baptist Church at Uberlandia, Brazil, as 25-year-old Juninho has assumed the job as coach for two soccer teams of boys aged 12 to 15 years.

According to Tom and Nancy Hughes, Juninho felt a burden for these street soccer players and has touched their lives through his ministry. "Every Sunday Juninho has a group of the fellows in his Sunday school class," writes Nancy. "Sunday nights, on the second and third rows, you will find Juninho, his assistant teacher, and his girl friend sitting among the athletes."

Hughes also reported answered prayer. "Salvation for Carlos' wife was the first on the prayer list that was answered on Sunday night, June 23," writes Nancy. A second answer was noted as God provided a job for Wanderley, a lay preacher in the church.

## Agnibilekrou Youth Have Three Days of Events

*Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)*—The youth of Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, participated in three days of special activities July 5, 6, and 13. According to missionary Darrel Nichols, the activities began with a public forum in the community center of Agnibilekrou on July 5. The theme for the forum was, "The Young Christian and AIDS."

Special speakers for the event were Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, Jr., who gave a medical aspect of AIDS, and missionary Norman Richards who pointed out the moral-spiritual outlook on the disease.

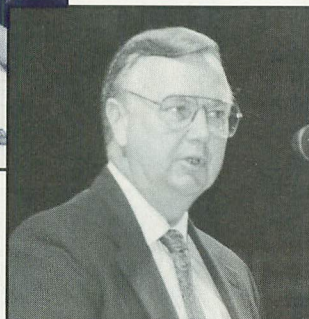
On July 5, the Agnibilekrou youth also had an open-air evangelistic meeting featuring two films and personal witnessing.

On July 6, the youth traveled to





(Clockwise, above) Workers from home and foreign missions count the record Wednesday night offering at the National Association in Charleston, West Va., Miss Charolette Tallent speaks to the WNAC, people line the altar as the Holy Spirit moves them, and Bob Trlmbie, foreign missions board member, leads the historical service.



Bondoukou for a day of Bible study and fellowship with the Bondoukou youth.

The following Saturday, the Agnibekrou youth held their own day of fellowship and activities in their area. Along with Bible games and activities, missionaries Darrel Nichols and Norman Richards spoke to the group.

## Revival, Record Missions Offering Mark National

*Charleston, W.Va.*—Revival surged in Charleston, W.Va., as more than 6,000 delegates and visitors attended the National Association of Free Will Baptists July 21-25. An hour-long altar service on Wednesday evening resulted in at least 10 calls to the mission field, two calls to preach, 23 rededications, and three conversions.

Some 25 foreign missionaries and 56 home missionaries were on hand for the special Wednesday night missions service. A record missions offering of \$34,040 was received.

One highlight of the Wednesday evening service was a report and challenge from two officers from the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists: Israel Suarez Cruz, president, and Jose Prieto Reyes, treasurer. They reported 12 new mission works opened on the island.

In his report to the National Association during the business session, General Director R. Eugene Waddell reported field councils have called for 85 new missionaries immediately. He noted that 25 Free Will Baptist missionaries will retire within the next 10 years.

Among others who participated at

the convention were Charolette Tallent of France and Steve Lytle of Panama. Miss Tallent gave a devotional challenge to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and Steve spoke during the 11 o'clock service.

## National Offices Move to New Facilities in August

*Nashville, Tenn.*—The National Offices for the National Association of Free Will Baptists finally made the move to the new facilities at 5233 Mt. View Road in Antioch, Tenn., on August 20, 1991. Antioch is a south Nashville suburb.

While the old post office box will be maintained for a time, people have been urged to make note of the new mailing address of P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. The new telephone number is 615/731-6812. The new MISSIONS HOTLINE is 615/731-3839.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Clayton, N.C.*—Tippett's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Clayton, N.C., welcomed Ron and Linda Callaway back to the United States by holding their annual "Callaway Day" and presenting them with \$5,300 for their missionary account. Tippett's Chapel is Ron and Linda's home church. The Callaways arrived in the States on June 16 to begin their regular furlough.

*Japan*—Judy Smith in Sapporo, Japan, has requested prayer for the ladies in her afternoon English classes and for Mr. Kazama and Mrs. Kawata in her Thursday guitar

class. She also asked people to pray for Mrs. Ishida, a Christian lady from the Kita Hiroshima church, who has started a patchwork quilting class as a means of witnessing to neighborhood ladies.

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Missionary Judy Bailey, who works with her husband, Ken, in the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in the Tokyo area of Japan, returned to the United States on June 25 for medical treatment on her back. Doctors diagnosed an arthritic condition which is being treated by medication. She appeared to be greatly improved when she returned to Japan on July 18.

*Hutchinson, Kans.*—David Leatherbury, 66-year-old father of missionary Glennda Leatherbury of Côte d'Ivoire, entered the hospital in June and was diagnosed as having inoperable pancreatic cancer. He did have surgery to correct a bowel problem and has been taking chemotherapy since August 9.

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Earnie and Jean Deeds arrived in the United States on August 1 to begin their regular furlough from service in Conselheiro Lafaite, Brazil.

*India*—Missionary Carlisle Hanna says the thing that has caused the most stress in India has been the attacks of Satan on almost all of the churches. He requested people to pray for Satan to be bound.

*Washington, N.C.*—First Free Will Baptist Church of Washington, N.C., responded to the financial needs of the Clint Morgan account by raising \$2,169 on July 14 when Clint was

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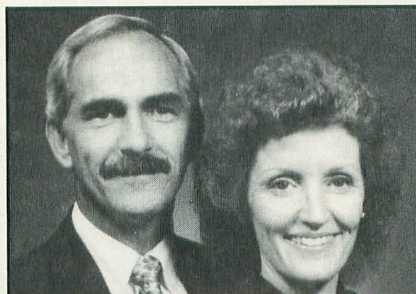
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on hand for a special service. According to Pastor Jack Lassiter, a good portion of the money was raised through quarter folders.

**Blountville, Tenn.**—Children of the Doran Addition Free Will Baptist Church in Blountville, Tenn., worked diligently during a week-long Bible school recently and contributed \$514.06 to the account of Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire.

## Morgans and Cousineaus Return to Côte d'Ivoire

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The Clint Morgan and Mike Cousineau families departed for Côte d'Ivoire in August after a year of furlough. Clint and



Clint and Lynette Morgan (top) and Mike and Deleen Cousineau (bottom) returned to Côte d'Ivoire in August.

Lynette Morgan left from Nashville, Tenn., on August 13 while Mike and Deleen Cousineau departed from Oklahoma City, Okla., on August 14.

The Morgans and Cousineaus worked together in the Bible institute program in Bouna for the past missionary term and are planning to resume their ministry of training Africans for Christian service within the framework of field strategy.

## Bouna Youth Hold Rally; Eagleton Speaks

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—A youth rally was held in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, on June 29 and 30 with 115 young people present. Dr. Kenneth Eagleton from Doropo spoke to the group on Saturday afternoon, June 29, following the theme, "The Christian Youth Faced with the World: Friends, Sexuality, and Leisure."

A film was shown in a crowded church building on Saturday evening.

## Barbacena Resumes Construction on Church

**Brazil**—"One month after we arrived, we had a special financial drive to raise money to finish the upper story of the building behind the auditorium," writes Bobby Aycock from Barbacena, Brazil. "The

construction work was begun the first of June. We hope to dedicate the building in late October."

Aycock also reported three days of revival services were held in July with his son David Aycock preaching. "We had good attendance with about 120 present for the last service on Sunday night," Bobby stated. "The regular attendance is up nearly 50 percent. We've seen a few rededications and only two conversions thus far," he concluded.

A 12-hour prayer chain was scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on August 13. Twenty-four people were to be responsible for a 30-minute segment each.

## Eagleton Reports Seven Baptized in Tehini

**Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)**—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton reports seven people were baptized on July 7 in the village of Tehini near Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. Eagleton noted that associate missionary Robert West and Pastor Jerome of Doropo helped with the Sunday afternoon baptismal.

"About 16 people had completed the eight-week baptismal preparation course which I had taught," writes Dr. Kenneth. "But we only approved seven for baptism."

Eagleton said they are now working on organizing a membership roll for the church since they now have 38 baptized believers in the group.

## Board Appoints Three During Annual Retreat

**Nashville, Tenn.**—The annual foreign missions retreat was held August 5-8 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. The theme of this year's retreat centered around national leaders: their training, subsidizing their ministry, and missionary relationship to them.

Among action taken by the board as it met during the retreat were the appointments of three people to missionary service: Joe and Tanya Dudley of Nashville as short-term missionaries to work in France and Miss Kim Zegelian as a missionary affiliate to work with Dennis and Mary Heath in Germany.

The Dudleys will work with Steve and Becky Riggs and Charolette Tallent. They will be working mainly

## Special Gifts to Missions

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

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Joe and Tanya Dudley (above) will serve in France as short-term missionaries. Kim Zegelian (right) will serve in Germany as a missionary affiliate.



with university students. They plan to leave during the summer of 1992. Kim will be teaching school on the military base in Germany. She was scheduled to depart on August 19.

Garnett Reid, professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the Bible speaker for the week, and missionary representative Don Sexton spoke on Monday night. Cuban leaders Israel Suarez Cruz and Jose Prieto Reyes were on hand for the Tuesday afternoon session and shared their testimonies with missionaries and board members.

The board accepted the resignation of Vivian Waller who returned to the States from Japan after serving since 1985 as an associate missionary.

## 79 Delegates Form New Ukrainian Bible Society

**New York, N.Y.**—The Ukrainian Bible Society was formed on June 22 as 79 delegates from a broad range of churches unanimously adopted statutes during a meeting in Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine.

"Under a bust of Lenin," writes Mr. Terje Hartberg, "we walked into the main hall of the palace for scientific and technical propagation where delegates were arriving to establish an organization for the propagation of the gospel." Hartberg is UBS coordinator for USSR and Central and Eastern Europe.

A 15-member board of directors was elected representing a broad range of churches.

## Financial Summary Through July 31 Substance

Total income for June .....	\$ 284,096.91
Total income for July .....	295,571.88
Total income through July .....	2,039,870.34
Total disbursements through July .....	2,442,305.37
Projected income through July .....	2,321,613.00
Total 1991 Budget .....	<b>\$3,979,859.00</b>
Advance gifts through July .....	\$ 22,376.12
1991 ADVANCE Budget .....	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>

## \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey .....	\$14,295.42	Martens .....	1,832.10
Barnard .....	204.54	McCullough .....	\$ 5,120.74
Callaway .....	16,207.50	Pinkerton .....	6,075.15
Crosby .....	5,667.70	Robinson .....	9,507.23
Cuba .....	119.14	Teague .....	8,441.80
Deeds .....	9,172.25	Thompson .....	275.62
*Franks Sr. ....	31,486.71	Waller .....	345.75
Gibbs .....	5,917.38	West .....	4,565.61
Hanna .....	63.01	Willey .....	2,306.35
Leatherbury .....	2,078.74	Wilson .....	214.20
Lytle .....	2,173.16	Spec. Com. ....	18,882.34
Total .....			<b>\$144,952.44</b>

\*Medical insurance claims pending

## \$inking

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

Combs .....	\$ 73.06	Poole .....	\$ 620.78
Owen .....	301.94		

## State Goals—1991

State	Goal 1991	Goal Through July	Contributions Through July
Alabama .....	\$ 185,000	\$ 107,917	\$ 88,676.61
Arizona .....	6,200	3,617	1,742.03
Arkansas .....	218,000	127,167	103,833.72
California .....	85,000	49,583	41,932.94
Colorado .....	5,000	2,917	3,190.33
Florida .....	95,000	55,417	32,415.57
Georgia .....	185,000	107,917	80,506.65
Hawaii .....	4,000	2,333	1,025.00
Idaho .....	1,200	700	525.00
Illinois .....	125,000	72,917	56,067.28
Indiana .....	43,000	25,083	26,711.62
Iowa .....	2,000	1,167	1,071.00
Kansas .....	19,000	11,083	12,750.50
Kentucky .....	90,000	52,500	33,827.20
Louisiana .....	300	175	70.00
Maryland .....	23,000	13,417	13,225.38
Michigan .....	150,000	87,500	64,335.71
Mississippi .....	66,000	38,500	25,956.14
Missouri .....	308,000	179,667	198,244.10
Montana .....	1,000	583	839.00
Nevada .....	1,500	875	405.00
New Mexico .....	1,000	583	1,598.83
*Northeast Assn. ....	5,200	3,033	2,104.28
**Northwest Assn. ....	7,500	4,375	2,686.20
North Carolina .....	513,000	299,250	267,129.00
Ohio .....	142,000	82,833	63,474.18
Oklahoma .....	439,000	256,083	217,585.91
Pennsylvania .....	2,900	1,692	456.35
South Carolina .....	214,000	124,833	124,372.16
Tennessee .....	568,000	331,333	269,401.94
Texas .....	129,000	72,250	67,330.04
Virginia .....	155,000	90,417	69,608.08
Virgin Islands .....	3,000	1,750	750.00
West Virginia .....	85,000	49,583	39,833.22
WNAC .....	00	00	58,484.71
Miscellaneous .....	102,059	59,534	67,704.66
Totals .....	<b>\$3,979,859</b>	<b>\$2,321,584</b>	<b>\$2,039,870.34</b>

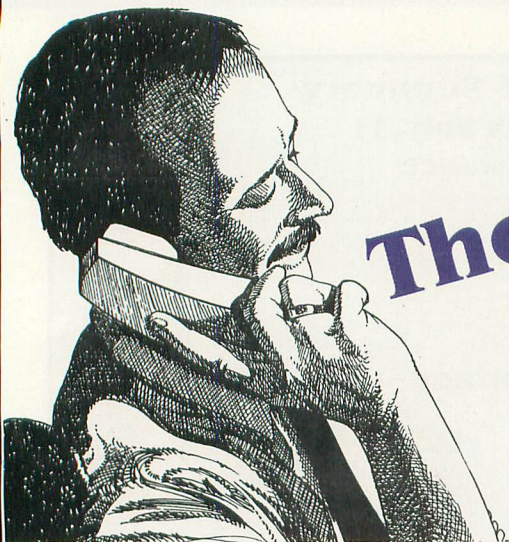
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