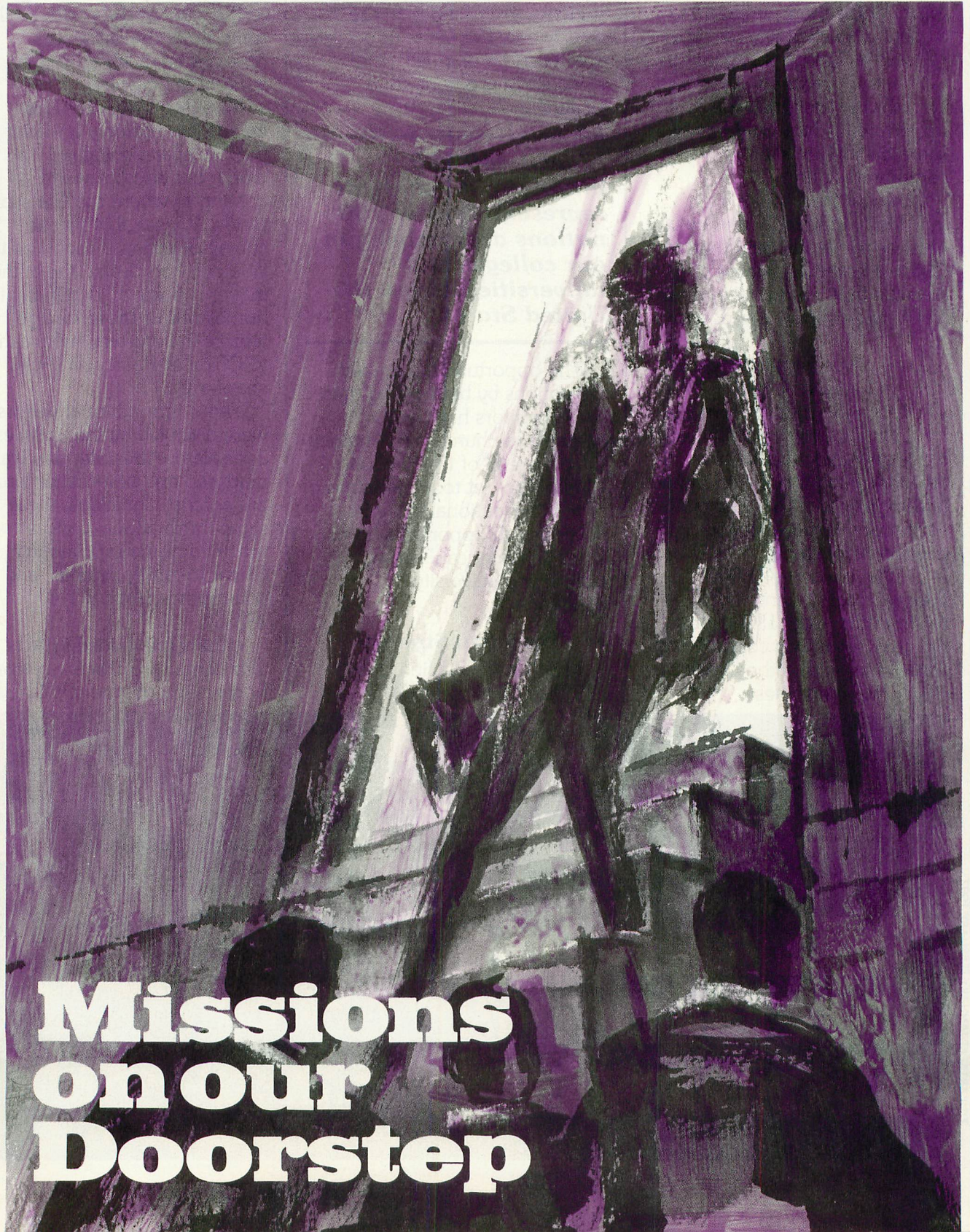


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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world



**Missions
on our
Doorstep**

Several years ago I spoke at a university Christian fellowship on the campus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. While there, I met a student who excitedly told the fellowship that he was going to China for a summer to teach English. He described the opportunities he would have to share his faith in that communist nation.

During a brief break, I innocently inquired, "I know you must be excited about going to China. Have the Chinese students that you know here at M.I.T. been supportive of your trip?"

I will never forget that empty look on his face. Close to 300 students and scholars from the Peoples Republic of China were at his university, yet he had failed to recognize that God had already placed him in the center of one of the more strategic mission fields of our day.

Today, almost 440,000 international students representing over 190 nations are studying in our colleges and universities across the United States. Who are these

international visitors? Lawson Lau, author of *The World At Your Doorstep* states, "The majority of international visitors in the United States, including students, are destined in the next twenty five years to occupy one-fourth to one-half of the world's top positions of leadership."¹

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The opportunity to impact the nations by befriending these special visitors has been available to churches in America since the end of the Second World War. Yet today, seven out of ten international students never get an opportunity to enter an American's home outside the university community.

The Forgotten Strategy

Most Christians find their mandate for cross-cultural

missions from the familiar "go passages" of Jesus (Matthew 28:19,20, 24:14; Mark 13:10, 16:15; Acts 1:8), where He commands us to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. At the same time, the Bible sees missions as much more than an issue of geography.

Missions is people. This means it is not only a matter of the Christians going out into the world, but also the world coming to where the Christians reside. We see this second course of action throughout the Book of Acts. Luke, the author, makes a point of identifying the homelands of those foreign visitors in Jerusalem who came to Christ at Pentecost (Acts, chapter 2).

These international visitors were disciples by the apostles in Jerusalem. After Stephen was martyred and persecution broke out against Christians, these same international visitors returned home proclaiming Christ to family, friends, and countrymen (Acts 8:1-4, 11:19).

Others mentioned in Acts also came to Christ away from home: the government official



Missions on our Doorstep

by John Eaves

from Ethiopia, the military officer Cornelius, the graduate student from Tarsus named Saul, the businesswoman Lydia. All came to Christ while away from those social, religious, and family pressures that would keep them from considering Christianity in an open manner.

The same is true of international students currently studying in our community. Many of these students are living lonely lives, separated from family, friends, and home culture. The food is different. The customs and educational systems are different. But more important, the American "hosts" are less than anxious to befriend them.

More than one international student has confided that most Americans are friendly, but make poor friends because we are so superficial in our friendship. Is it any wonder that some students have returned home embittered against Americans and indifferent toward Christianity?

Where To Begin

The title of Karen Main's book on hospitality *Open Heart, Open Home*² holds particular significance for international student ministry, because it captures the essence of an effective ministry strategy.

First, any effective international ministry must address some of the major felt needs of international students in our community. These would include such things as acceptance, friendship, and the continuing development of their language skills in English. This is best done by opening our homes in friendship to international students currently residing in our community.

Simple things like an invitation to dinner, watching your child's soccer game, or attending a play or church picnic are meaningful opportunities for an international to learn about our culture, our family, and our faith in God.

Several churches across the country are currently involved in Friendship Partner Programs through the local university or community organizations involved in international educational exchange. In some cases, individuals from local churches have helped start these programs as a community service to the university. International students and American Friendship Partners are matched, and meet together at least once a month. Christian organizations like International Students, Inc. are providing training and orientation for these developing church-based ministries.

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The second component of an effective ministry to internationals is an open heart. It is fatal to assume that all international students have received the same level of exposure to Christianity as Americans. Consequently, many of the strategies we employ in winning Americans to Christ frequently backfire when crossing cultural and religious boundaries.

The key to sharing Christ cross culturally is to develop an unconditional trust friendship.

And trust takes time. If we are going to dismantle the ideological and religious walls that may exist between us and our international friend, those walls must be dismantled brick by brick and not with one mighty blow. Several helpful booklets like *Becoming A Friend With An International Student* and *How To Share the Good News With Your International Friend* provide helpful information to insure a lasting cross-cultural friendship. These are available from International Students, Inc.

Starting any new ministry outreach is always risky business, but some people and churches in the Free Will Baptist denomination are helping to lead the way in this unique ministry opportunity. In Nashville, Eddie Payne, Professor of Missions at Free Will Baptist Bible College, has mobilized five students for an internship to work with Arab Muslim students from the Middle East.

Cross Timbers Free Will Baptist Church in Bellevue, Tenn., is hosting a Coffee Hour for international students at a local university to meet new students. Other families are participating in university sponsored Friendship Partner Programs.

The world has indeed come to our doorstep. Perhaps it is time we opened our doors too.

(For more information on how you or your church can get involved in international student ministry, contact International Students, Inc., P.O. Box C, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.)

John Eaves is City Director of International Students, Inc., in Nashville, Tenn.

¹The World At Your Doorstep, Downers Grove, IVP, 1984, p.13

²Open Heart, Open Home, Elgin, Ill., David C. Cook, 1980



Russia pleads for Bibles!

by Andrew Rietveld

Lenin's statue comes down (left), and (top) Christians pass out New Testaments in front of his tomb in Red Square.

The Russian people's dream of an ideal Communist society has been shattered. People are frustrated and very insecure and are searching for new meaning. The statues are coming down, and almost everyone wants a copy of the Bible! Many now experience a vacuum in their lives and want desperately to have that vacuum filled.

My wife and I, along with three other staff people from The Bible League, visited the Soviet Union in September of 1991. When we landed in Moscow, we were struck immediately with the long lines. The average housewife waits in

lines at least four hours a day to buy what she needs due to shortages of everything.

"We must put God back into our country, and we must begin with our children."

We also noticed a lack of color. Everything seems to be sort of a drab gray. The cheeriest, cleanest place in Moscow was the McDonald's. That McDonald's is 16 times larger than the average McDonald's in the United States. People are met with the

same friendly smile, and get the same delicious, greasy hamburgers that we have in this country, but the price is different. Two Big Macs, two large Cokes, and an order of fries costs \$.80. That is a bargain for an American, but for the average Russian that meal would cost two days' wages.

Unless a person were extremely wealthy or a member of the Communist party, he wouldn't even think of owning a car in the Soviet Union. Their system simply does not work!

We met with a number of church leaders and pastors. Churches are filled to capacity and are now renting auditoriums

to reach the overflow who cannot get into a church. Thousands of house churches are forming simply because no other place is available to meet.

A shortage of Bibles still exists in what has been known as the Soviet Union. However, the one request that most of the church leaders and pastors had was for children's material. They said, "We can now educate our children, but we have no materials. Please help!"

The Bible League already has been sending a Children's Illustrated New Testament into Russia. A children's story Bible will also be printed in both the Russian and the Ukrainian languages.

But we are not the only ones seeking to reach these people. A number of non-Christian ideologies are clamoring to be heard. The Muslims are sending copies of the Koran, we saw Hare Krishnas preaching in the Moscow subway, and the Mormans and Jehovah's Witnesses have sent numerous missionaries to various cities in the Soviet Union. Indeed, the door is open to darkness as well as light.

In Moscow we worshipped with a Baptist congregation. The pastor told us that members of his congregation, as well as other Christians in Moscow, passed out New Testaments to the troops who had surrounded the Russian Parliament building during the coup. Some 700-800 tanks had taken up position, so they passed out five New Testaments to the crew of each tank.

One church leader, the head of 2,300 churches across the Soviet Union, told us that humanly speaking, this coup

should not have failed. He said they had all the power and all the military might. But, in his words, "God performed a miracle." He reached down and changed the natural course of events.

The doors are now wide open. Since the time of St. Paul, I don't know if we have had such an opportunity to reach so many people who are receptive to the gospel.

A recent article in the Chicago Tribune told of a crucial debate in the Russian Parliament which was halted when news arrived that Bibles were being passed out in the hall. The article declared, "As stocks ran low, the orderly line crumbled into chaos, with Parliamentary staff trading insults and scrambling to get to the front."

The Bible League has been requested to send 12 million Bibles and New Testaments into Russia.

We experienced the same hunger for the Bible wherever we went. People in the Soviet Union are searching for something that will give them hope for the future.

Evgeniy Kurkin is head of the Youth Communist program in Russia. Children belong to clubs called "The Young Pioneers." Until recently, Mr. Kurkin's main priority was teaching these children what it meant to be a good Communist. He is now asking for New Testaments for each of the 21 million Young Pioneers.

In April of this year Kurkin made the following statement:

"It is true that our country has many problems; however, the greatest problem we have is that God does not live in our land any longer; 70 years ago we closed Him out of our country, and it has caused so many problems in our society we cannot count them. We must put God back into our country, and we must begin with our children."

Our young children sing the song, "I Will Make You Fishers of Men." In the Soviet Union we really don't have to go fishing—we only need to put our boat in the water, because the fish are jumping into the boat.

When we asked the pastors in Russia what we could do for them, they said three things. First, just tell our story and let the Christians in the United States know that we have remained faithful. Nothing is going to stop us! Second, please pray for us. Third, please help. The church in the Soviet Union is coming out of a long hibernation. More pastors and teachers are needed as well as more scriptures, Christian radio, Christian television, and seminaries. But, believers are

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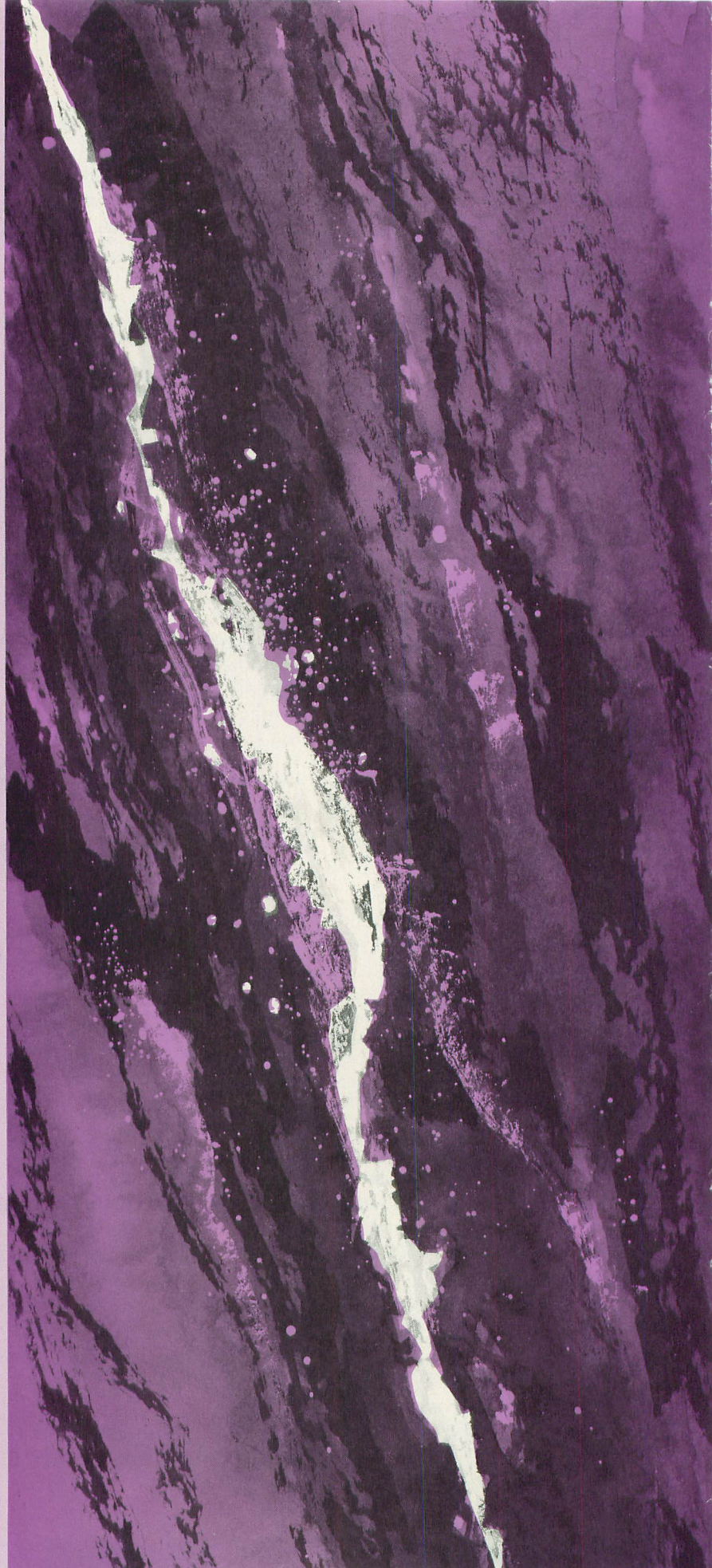
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determined to share the Word of God all over the Soviet Union.

The Bible League has been requested to send 12 million Bibles and New Testaments into Russia. The League is working with the local churches in Russia, both registered and unregistered. The churches are handling distribution of the Scriptures. These people know who need the Bibles within their own circles, and they also know who are the true seekers in the communities around them. They can teach the Word of God to these seekers and can follow up as the Word does its work in hearts.

In Russia, at the present time, a tremendous openness to the gospel is evident. Within just a few months, God has broken open the world's largest country—running through 11 time zones. The Iron Curtain is being dissolved because of a mighty internal groundswell. In some respects it can be classified as a spiritual revolution.

We, at the Bible League, want to do everything we can to take advantage of this opportunity. We have formed partnerships with many individuals and churches to help send in Bibles. The Soviet people desperately need to hear that God loves them, that Jesus died for them, and that they can have eternal life through Him. Right now people are eager to listen, and we have the opportunity to share the Good News with them.

Andrew Rietveld is a regional director with The Bible League. People interested in helping to send Bibles to Russia can write or send donations to The Bible League, 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, Ill., 60473 or call 708/331-2094.



The War continues... by Tom McCullough

In a day when peace seems to be on everybody's mind, it seems strange to be speaking of war. This is an era when totalitarian regimes all over our globe are crumbling. The very threat of international conflict should be diminishing, not increasing.

In Eastern Europe the Iron Curtain has rusted away. Central American and Caribbean republics are choosing democratic leaders in free elections. Even the Soviet Union has broken up and many areas are adopting capitalistic tendencies that were unheard of only a few months ago.

As a result of these unexpected events, the new buzzword in government circles is "peace dividend." This phrase suggests that funds once used to protect us from now nonexistent enemies may be reappropriated to more needy areas.

Lawmakers are scurrying to redirect government spending toward education, medical research, the drug war, etc.

Despite such good news in the political arena, another war still rages as fiercely as ever. No peace treaty has been signed. No end to the fighting is in sight.

The apostle Paul wrote about this conflict almost 2,000 years ago: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

To be sure, every Christian occasionally senses the

adversary's attempts to thwart his spiritual progress. But the fiery darts are felt the keenest by those who seek to persuade men to come to Christ.

According to Peter Wagner in his book, "Strategies for Church Growth," this war is so intense because the Father "sends us out as ambassadors of His kingdom into a world yet dominated by the evil one . . . each person who becomes a disciple of Jesus Christ is another person lost to the dominion of Satan. That is why the enemy strenuously resists outreach and evangelism in church growth."

The missionary returns to the front line because he sees more important things in life than money and family.

The battle is even more intense when played out on territory occupied and dominated for so long by the enemy. The missionary, seemingly outnumbered, faces such terrific opposition because the devil is not willing to give up his trophies.

If this scenario were played out in a physical world we might ask: Why would a soldier intentionally submit himself to such danger? He knows the pay is not that good. He recognizes the odds appear to be stacked against him. He is aware he could easily become a casualty. Like the committed soldier, the missionary returns to the front line because he sees more

important things in life than money and family. The honor and glory of the Captain for whom he is fighting takes priority. He knows that his own liberty was bought with the blood of another and losing one's life is, in reality, finding it.

The missionary knows the easy way out is usually the least satisfying. He understands eternal gain is worth much more than temporal profit. So, he returns to the fray with few by his side. Perhaps he understands what others have yet to grasp—he is on the winning side.

Today the call for an all-voluntary missionary army seems to be falling on deaf ears. The clarion call for workers is not being heard in our churches. Where is the passionate plea from our pulpits to "give up your small ambitions"?

Hidden peoples are yet to be reached. Men's hearts remain to be sensitized to the gospel. Churches must be planted!

If we are to fulfill the command of our Captain, many more sacrificing, selfless parents must dedicate their children to God's service, wherever He may lead. Bands of prayer warriors must unite in intercession for workers to be thrust into the harvest.

Yes, the war for men's souls is still raging. There will be no peace dividend until the Prince of Peace himself returns and declares an end to the war.

Where are the volunteers for active duty in God's army?

Tom McCullough serves with his wife, Patty, in St. Nazaire, France.

Where are the Others?

by Judy Lytle

“Missionaries should not have children!” The words rang in my ears. They also left many questions in my mind, since at that time my husband and I were preparing to leave for foreign missions service. On top of that, I was expecting our first child. Now, some 17 years and three sons

later, I can understand this reasoning to a degree, but more than ever I am convinced it does not reflect God’s plan.

I must admit, the advantages of missionaries remaining childless seem to be many. By not having children, both husband and wife would be able to devote more time to

missionary service. It would cost less to send them and their personal expenses would be much lower. Money could be saved on housing, education, and medical care. Remaining childless would also eliminate the emotional problems that children of missionaries often go through.

On the surface these “advantages” seem to be valid. But I’m afraid we would be losing much more than we would gain.

Can you imagine the void in our Free Will Baptist missions family if no one had children? Aside from the obvious fact that the Word of God declares children to be a blessing, God has also made procreation and child rearing a priority for married couples.

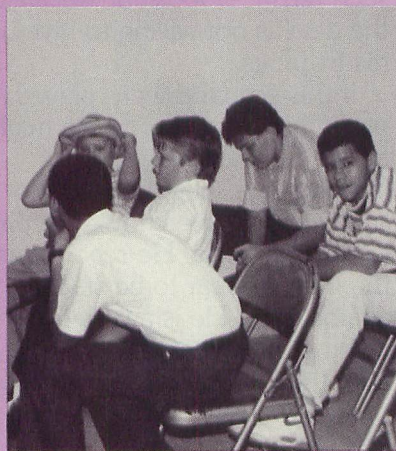
Parents—missionary and otherwise—can testify to the great joy children bring to a home. I believe our missionary kids make a vital contribution to our worldwide outreach.

The missionary is called of God. He makes a choice as to his ministry. His children inherit a way of life, a ministry, and even a nickname—MK. The way he accepts this inheritance has a tremendous bearing upon his parents’ ministry and also upon his own life and future ministry.

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Even as infants and children, the MKs unknowingly have an impact on missions outreach. Children are natural icebreakers.

Clockwise from the top: David Lytle dawns Mexican garb in a Christmas program, the Lytle boys sit with two friends, and “little” David has a birthday.



Almost everyone loves a baby or small child.

When we arrived in Costa Rica for language school, our oldest son, Michael, was 17 months old. People would stop us on the street just to talk to him and pat his blond hair. A conversation would result, giving us an open door to witness in the few words of Spanish we had learned. A child's presence opens hearts and tears down barriers so the gospel seed can be planted.

As the missionary children grow and mature, the missionary parents have a responsibility to help them develop spiritually. We must share with them the missionary vision and motivation for serving the Lord in a foreign land. We are missionaries because we love the Lord and have compassion for the lost world. We want all people everywhere to know Christ as Savior. That is our motivation, and we want our children to begin to understand and share it with us early in life.

When our children know and perceive why we do what we do, they feel a part of our ministry. It's not just "Dad and Mom's" work, it's "our" work. They feel involved, and they are involved!

MKs can reach their peers much better than adults can. In the mission church our MKs win others to Christ and disciple them. Yes, they receive on-the-job training early in life. Our task would be much harder without them.

On furlough the MKs go through a wide gamut of emotions. But even the quietest MK can be an asset in the deputational ministry. When approached in a friendly, non-

threatening way, most MKs are happy to share about life in a foreign country.

After hearing an inspiring missionary message, an MK we know went to the altar to rededicate his life. His mother went to pray with him. Tears rolled down his cheeks as he looked around at those who had also gone forward. Several older people were at the altar, but he was the only young person. He turned to his mother and sadly questioned, "Where are the others?" "The others?" she asked, not understanding his question. "Yes, where are the other young people? Am I the only one? They should all be down here. God is not just speaking to me. He is speaking to us all." This MK shares God's missionary vision, and God is using him to reach others.

I think the devil has known all along that he can remove soldiers from the front lines by wounding their children.

As MKs grow up and start life on their own, in one way or another the majority of them stay involved in world missions outreach. They are not all called to be missionaries, but some are. Several former MKs are serving today as Free Will Baptist foreign missionaries. Other MKs are involved in various types of full-time Christian work. Still others have secular jobs, but continue to uphold the cause of missions with their faithful prayers and financial support.

God recognizes the potential in our MKs, but Satan

recognizes it as well. As missionaries, we tread on Satan's territory every day, and he deploys all his weapons against us. One very vulnerable area for us is our children. Satan may try to strike in the area of their health, education, emotional stability, or their spiritual life.

Many resignations are submitted to mission boards every year because of problems or needs parents face with their children.

I think the devil has known all along that he can remove soldiers from the front lines by wounding their children. He may also discourage and influence our MKs to such a degree that they lose their desire to serve the Lord. By using this tactic, Satan damages the missions program. This hinders not only the present work from marching forward as God desires, but also removes a future soldier from the ranks.

So, what can be done to protect and nurture this precious and irreplaceable resource? Pray, pray, pray for our MKs. Pray for their physical and mental well being. Pray for their spiritual growth. Pray for their adjustment. Pray for their parents. We continually need wisdom and guidance from above. Pray for our Board of Foreign Missions as they make decisions concerning missionaries and their families.

Our MKs have a lot to offer our denomination and the world. Let's kindle and keep alive their missionary vision, so they will grow, develop, and produce fruit wherever God chooses to place them.

Judy Lytle serves with her husband, Steve, in Panama.



Paul Sparks Undergoes Bone Marrow Transplant

Indianapolis, Ind.—Paul Sparks, son of missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks of Spain, underwent a bone marrow transplant on Friday, November 15, in Indianapolis. Lonnie and Anita were able to be on hand for the surgery.

Latest reports indicated Paul was making progress and his blood count was improving. Christians have been urged to pray that God would intervene in Paul's bout with leukemia.

16 Enroll in Weekly Discipleship Classes

Spain—A year-long group discipleship program was launched on the first Saturday in October in Vilalba, Spain.

According to missionary Jeff Turnbough, this is a spiritual boot camp of sorts for people who are willing to pay the price of following Christ's commands for discipleship. Those enrolled were asked to attend a two-hour session each week and dedicate from 30 minutes to an hour daily on assignments.

Bible Club in Belo Has Good Response

Brazil—A neighborhood Bible club was conducted August 31-September 28 in an apartment complex near the new church building being constructed in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. According to missionary Dave Franks, attendance averaged approximately 30 children and 10 adults.

"Several raised their hands and prayed to receive the Lord as Savior," says Dave. "Twelve memorized five Bible verses, one for each day's lesson. Twenty-five children learned to tell the simple story of the plan of salvation using the wordless book."

Walk-a-thon Tops \$120,000 for Tennessee Accounts

Antioch, Tenn.—The 1991 Tennessee Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions was held in September with receipts of \$124,011.67 through November. Undesignated funds go to Tennessee foreign missionaries.

Some 47 churches received plaques for raising over \$1,000 and



31 others were given certificates for giving over \$500.

Limestone Free Will Baptist Church in Limestone, Tenn., raised the most with \$7,300. Alfred Cutshall is pastor.

Members of Forest Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., set a goal of \$2,000 to be raised during the Walk-a-thon. They did this in honor of Mrs. Margaret Perry, a long-time member of the congregation. Mrs. Perry suffered a stroke during the past year and was unable to participate.

In Mrs. Perry's absence, the church went all out to reach the goal and wound up with a total of \$3,450—a new Walk-a-thon record for the Forest Grove church. Jack Taylor is pastor.

Answered Prayer Opens Door for Gospel Message

Japan—According to missionary Ken Bailey, the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan, prayed for a hospitalized woman to be able to attend a church retreat in August. Mrs. Takazawa miraculously recovered and was enabled to attend the retreat. She heard the gospel of Christ preached several times.

Shortly after returning to Tokyo Mrs. Takazawa was hospitalized again. Some of the church members visited and shared the gospel with her once again. They asked if she had accepted Christ. She managed to nod her head that she did believe.

"None of us knows for sure where Mrs. Takazawa is spending eternity," writes Ken Bailey. "But one thing is for certain: she was able to hear the gospel."



(Left) Walk-a-thon participants gather in East Tennessee. Forest Grove FWB Church raised \$3,450 in honor of Mrs. Margaret Perry (above).

Eagletons Return to Brazil for Short Ministry

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton left Nashville, Tenn., on November 26 to return to Brazil for a short ministry assignment.

"After four years, our Brazil Central Bible College will be graduating its first students," noted Ken prior to their departure. "I have been invited to be the commencement speaker. A married couple will be the first two graduates." The graduation was scheduled for December 13.

Ken said Gilberto was saved in the Araras church where the Eagletons were working at the time. He met his wife, Sonia, at one of the Free Will Baptist camps in Brazil.

Gilberto has had a burden to teach and preach God's Word for a long time and will assume the pastorate of the Pirassununga FWB church after his graduation.

The Eagletons will continue in Brazil through January to fulfill some special videotaping assignments. They will also be holding some special services. They plan to return to the United States around February 1, 1992.

Herseys Report New Contacts from Cooking

Japan—According to missionary Fred Hersey, a Christian young woman from the Abashiri church in northern Japan brought two friends to the Hersey house for a cooking lesson recently. The young lady really wanted Fred to bring a short message before Evelyn taught the cooking class.

After the ladies ate with the Herseys, Evelyn invited them to the

cooking class at the Bihoro church. The next day one of the women brought two other friends to that class.

Fred was thrilled as he had the opportunity to give five women the plan of salvation for the first time.

Master's Men Help on Belo Church Building

Brazil—Three of the Master's Men went to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, November 11-29 to help with the construction of the new church building. Those involved were W. G. "Ted" Henry of Russellville, Ark.; Buddy Henry of Black Mountain, N.C.; and Carrol Poole of Clarksville, Tenn.

The men did all of the electrical wiring for downstairs, roughed in all of the plumbing, laid some block, and did plaster work.

Latest reports from missionary Dave Franks indicated that the ceiling for the upper floor had been poured and a roof was being laid. Plans call for finishing the lower floor enough to use for church services while continuing construction on the upper level.

West Cites Opportunity, Expresses Dilemma

Côte d'Ivoire—Associate maintenance missionary Robert West recently reported from Doropo having received a challenge during a Sunday morning service in the village of Varlé.

"At the beginning of the service a young man present for the first time said, 'I am tired of my fetishes. I have come today to follow God. I have killed all my chickens and goats as sacrifices, and my baby



Steve Reeves (left) and Jeff Turnbough baptize one of nine converts from the church in Villalba, Spain, on October 6.

still died. Now I want to try God." Robert concluded, "This does not mean he is a Christian. In his thinking he wants to try God as another fetish. But it does open the door to teaching and to God changing his life."

West expressed discouragement at the dilemma he is facing if his missionary account does not recover. He and his family are facing the possibility of returning to the United States to raise funds if their account doesn't recover from the \$11,532 deficit at the end of October.

In light of the rebuilding project at the hospital, their presence on the mission station is critical.

Nine Converts Baptized at Villalba in October

Spain—Nine people were baptized in Villalba on October 6 following the Sunday service.

According to missionary Steve Reeves, approximately 80 people were in the morning service at Villalba and about that many went to the lake for lunch and the baptismal service.

"It was a good day," says Steve. "We probably had 30-40 lost people in the services."

Board Reinstates Couple, Appoints Short Termers

Antioch, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met December 2-5, 1991, in the new National Offices building in Antioch, Tenn.

Board action included the reinstatement of Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson of Blaine, Ky., appointment of Nathan and Linda Snow of Nashville, Tenn., as short-term missionaries, and approving 13 student missionaries for service next summer.

The Board instructed General Director R. Eugene Waddell to enforce the policy requiring a missionary with an account deficit of \$8,000 or more to return to the United States to reestablish support. They especially expressed concern regarding the accounts of Robert and Pam West, Ken and Judy Bailey, Dennis and Trena Owen, and Dennis and Carol Teague.

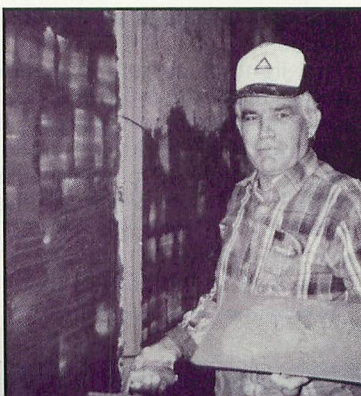
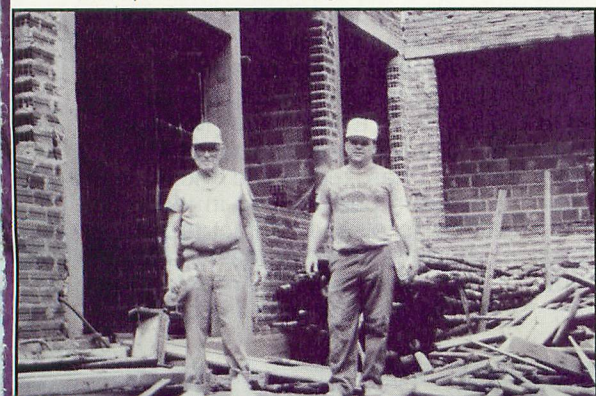
The Fergusons had resigned from service in 1989 after 12 years in Côte d'Ivoire. They are scheduled to begin deputational services shortly.

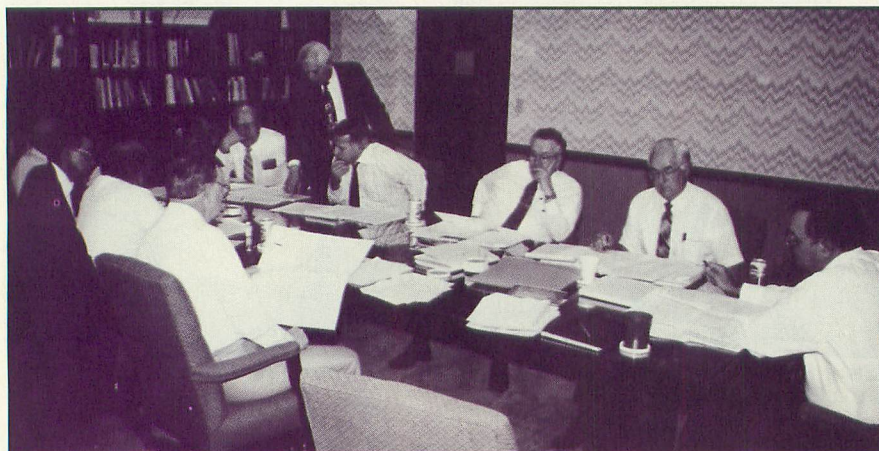
Nathan and Linda Snow are to serve at the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center in Nopporo, Japan. The couple plans to take over teaching ministries now being performed by Mrs. Juanita Thompson. They will go to Japan in the summer of 1992 for two years.

Thirteen student missionaries were appointed to serve during the summer of 1992. Working in Brazil will be Kyle Baker of Thayer, Mo., with Bobby and Sue Aycock in Bar-

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Ted Henry (left) and Norman McFall stand before the construction of the lower level of the church in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Carrol Poole (right) did most of the plastering for the downstairs portion of the building.





The Board of Foreign Missions deliberates during the December session, the first in the new conference room.

In addition to their activities in the joint meeting of the national boards, the board took part in the dedication of the new office complex on December 3.

Pinkertons Return To Ministry in Côte d'Ivoire

Nashville, Tenn.—Jerry and Carol Pinkerton left Nashville, Tenn., on November 20 to return to their ministry in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire. They are a part of the Bondoukou team, which is involved in developing a training program for church leaders.

The Pinkertons arrived in the



Jerry and Carol Pinkerton

United States in April for a short furlough. Since Jerry is field chairman of the field council in Côte d'Ivoire, his presence in the country is considered very important. With the loss of the Mark Daniels to the Bondoukou team effort, Jerry and Carol were needed even more.

Master's Men Teams Gear up for Overseas

Antioch, Tenn.—One team of builders from Master's Men groups across the United States is scheduled to go to Côte d'Ivoire in February to help construct the new reading room in Bondoukou.

The group of approximately ten men is expected to travel to Bondoukou around February 12 and return about March 3.

Another group of men will possibly go to Spain during the spring to help build a new church in Villalba.

Jim Vallance, director of Master's Men, has requested those interested in participating in these projects to please contact the foreign missions office or Master's Men at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tenn. 37011-5002 as soon as possible.

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bacena; Tanya Hart of Ayden, N.C. and Jennifer Huckaba of Batesville, Ark., with Jim and Vicki Sturgill in Jaboticabal; and Sheila Clagg of McAllister, Okla., with Jim and Shirley Combs in Araras.

Going to Côte d'Ivoire will be Eddie Bowerman of Fayetteville, Ark., to serve with Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton in Doropo; Timothy Johnson of Warren, Mich., to work with Darrel and Lila Nichols in Agnibilekrou; Kelly Cope of Canton, N.C., to Bouna to labor with Clint

and Lynette Morgan, and Sherry Keener of Moore, Okla., to serve with Alice Smith in Agnibilekrou.

Going to Japan will be Mark Kiepeke of Garfield Heights, Ohio, to work with Dale and Sandra Bishop in Nopporo; and Steve Sevits of Kirksville, Mo., to labor with Fred and Evelyn Hersey in Bihoro.

Pamela Roehl of Nashville, Tenn., and Amy Mainus of Sallisaw, Okla., will go to Panama to work with Stan and Brenda Bunch in Parita. James Wilkinson of Glennville, Ga., will travel to St. Nazaire, France, to work with Jerry and Barbara Gibbs.

The Board accepted the resignations of missionaries Mark and Donna Daniel and Arilla Wode of Ivory Coast. Judy Smith submitted her resignation from service in Japan effective in April of 1992.

Special appreciation was expressed to the WNAC and Master's Men for their assistance over the past year. Board members were especially grateful for the Eunice Edwards Fund which helped the congregation in Villalba, Spain, buy property. They also extended thanks to Jim Vallance and the Master's Helpers who have helped to build churches overseas as well as in the States.

In light of current expenditures and average income, the board instructed the foreign missions staff to cut the 1992 approved budget by approximately 12 percent or a total of \$514,801. This will make the new 1992 budget total \$3,775,205. This will be effective for all field budgets as well as in the area of administration.

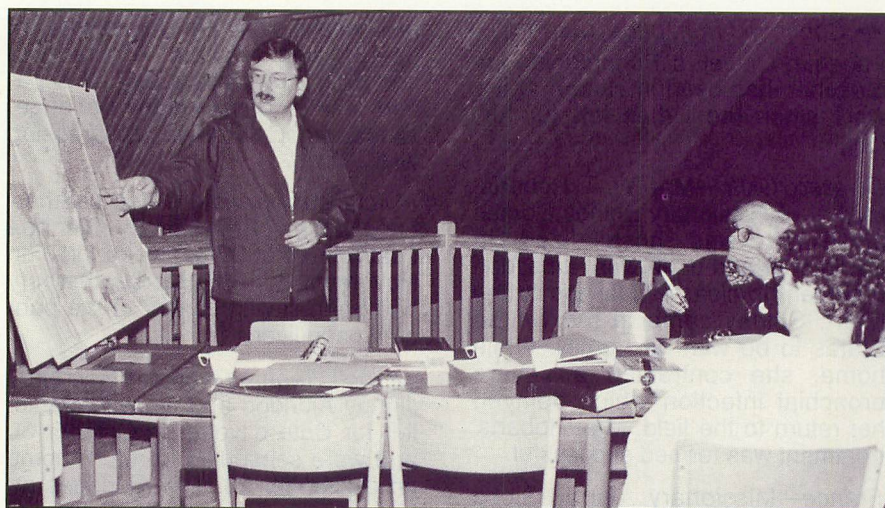
Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson (top) were reinstated as missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire. Nathan and Linda Snow (bottom) will serve as short termers in Japan.



92 Attend Family Dinner at Kita Hiroshima

Japan—Missionary Judy Smith rejoiced recently as she reported 92 people attended a Family Dinner sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Kita Hiroshima Chapel in Sapporo, Japan. The dinner was held on Saturday, October 5, in the largest room of the community center.

According to Judy, this is an annual effort for special outreach to families in the area. Tables were arranged with wild flower settings and Judy's guitar class members played for the service. The church choir sang the Hallelujah Chorus. A message was delivered by a missionary speaker.



Allan Crowson teaches a class in the newly formed Bible institute in France.

Patty McCullough Returns Home for Surgery

Detroit, Mich.—Missionary Patty McCullough of St. Nazaire, France, underwent surgery on December 11 in Detroit, Mich., for the removal of two internal tumors. According to a report from her husband, Tom, neither tumor was in the intestines, but one did test malignant.

One enlarged lymph node was also removed but it tested negative. Patty will be undergoing radiation treatments for a period of time.

Tom and Patty came to the United States on November 28 after doctors in France had located the tumors and expressed concern.

The McCulloughs' mission account stood at \$4,757.18 in the deficit at the end of November. This trend might have forced them to come home soon to shore up support. Unless they have adequate underwriting, they might be unable to return as planned.



Paul and Amy Robinson

Robinsons Retire After 30 Years in Uruguay

Smithville, Tenn.—Paul and Amy Robinson arrived in the United States on November 9 after serving 30 years as missionaries to Uruguay. They will not be returning to their ministry since they have chosen to retire.

The Robinsons have been involved in a reconstruction project of the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Rivera. They had come to the States in March of 1991 due to

health needs, but felt compelled to return to help with the construction project.

Paul and Amy will reside in Smithville, Tenn., approximately one hour from Nashville.

Floods Hit North India, Many Homeless

India—A report from missionary Carlisle Hanna indicated severe flooding had hit north India during the month of September.

"The road in front of our house is washed away," writes Carlisle. "The national highway has been cut in many places."

Hanna indicated some lives were lost as well as some animals. Many people lost their houses and were without food.

On a positive note, Carlisle declared the Family Life Retreat held in October had more than 300 people in attendance. Reverend and Mrs. Sekhar Mandal from Calcutta were speakers for the retreat.

Mini Reports from Around the World

France—According to missionary Allan Crowson, four students have been enrolled in each of the areas of Nantes and St. Nazaire, France, for the new Bible institute program being offered by the French missionary teams.

Ardmore, Okla.—Mrs. Iva Teague, mother of missionary Dennis Teague, died suddenly of a heart attack on Sunday night, October 20, in Ardmore, Okla. Dennis, Carol, and their two boys returned to the States to be with his father, Mr. R. J. Teague. The funeral was held on October 23 in Ardmore.

Ormond Beach, Fla.—Missionaries Tommy and Nancy Hughes arrived in the United States from Brazil on November 1 to begin their regular furlough. The two churches they started in Uberlandia are being led on a rotating basis by two lay leaders: Wanderley Oliveira and Célio Pavarine.

Tulsa, Okla.—Missionaries Ernest and Elaine Holland became parents of a new baby girl, Elissa Morgan, born November 19 in Tulsa, Okla. The baby weighed seven pounds three ounces and measured 19 and one-half inches long. The Hollands have two other children.

Panama—Four people were saved during a recent evangelistic campaign at the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City,

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Panama. Daniel, a Panamanian lay preacher, has been in charge of the work since the Lytles left for furlough.

Owasso, Okla.—Mrs. W. T. Roberts, mother of missionary Shirley Combs of Brazil, was hospitalized in September and underwent a balloon treatment to clear a blockage to the heart. Shirley came to the United States to be with her family. While home, she contracted a severe bronchial infection which delayed her return to the field. Mrs. Roberts' treatment was termed successful.

France—Missionary Jerry Gibbs had surgery to remove a pilenodal cyst on September 24 in St. Nazaire, France. Doctors said recuperation would take approximately

nine weeks since the wound was left open to heal naturally. A nurse visited the home twice a day for a period of time to change the bandage. At last report Jerry was progressing well.

Hutchinson, Kans.—David Leatherbury, father of missionary Glenda Leatherbury of Côte d'Ivoire, died on November 3, 1991. Mr. Leatherbury had been ill with cancer of the pancreas and liver.

Antioch, Tenn.—Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife, Janie, left for Côte d'Ivoire on October 30 and were scheduled to return home on December 28. The Aldridges attended the annual field council meeting and have been involved in teaching seminars.

Marion, N.C.—Miss Volena Wilson, former missionary to India, had a melanoma removed from above her left eye on November 6. She was scheduled to have cataract surgery but this had to be delayed until December. Doctors believe they were able to remove all the cancer cells. Christians have been urged to pray for her health.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Stephen and Carolyn Eagleton presented missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton a new granddaughter on September 19, 1991. Stefani Annette weighed six pounds eight and one-half ounces.

Two Single Missionaries and One Couple Resign

Antioch, Tenn.—Two single missionaries and one missionary couple submitted their resignation to the board of foreign missions in December.

Miss Arilla Wode, who has been on medical furlough since April of 1989 due to an African strain of tuberculosis, has decided to resign and reapply later if her health improves. Currently she is suffering from what doctors have labelled chronic fatigue syndrome. Her resignation is effective March 1.

Miss Judy Smith, who has served since 1976 as a missionary to Japan, has submitted her resignation to become effective April 30. Judy said her decision does not involve any problems with the work, people, or missionaries. "The decision has not been an easy one,"



Mark and Donna Daniel (above), Arilla Wode (bottom, left), and Judy Smith (bottom, right) have resigned from missionary service.

writes Judy. "However, I no longer have the peace and satisfaction nor the conviction that this is where God wants me to be. To the contrary, I feel He has opened other doors and is leading in another direction." Judy indicated she plans to be involved in a children's ministry.

Mark and Donna Daniel have also submitted their resignation from service in Côte d'Ivoire. They left Africa on December 13. Their resignation will become effective February 1. The Daniels have served in Côte d'Ivoire since 1984 and have worked in Nassian and most recently in Bondoukou. Mark indicated he has felt a growing uneasiness with Free Will Baptist doctrine although he maintains he has never taught anything contrary to that position. He has adopted traditional, historic Calvinism and feels it would be unethical to continue under the board.

Agnibilekrou Has VBS; Attendance Averages 105

Côte d'Ivoire—Vacation Bible school was held September 23-27 in Agnibilekrou with an average attendance of 105 for the week.

Smith, the theme was "Jesus, the Master, and His Teachings." They studied five of Jesus' parables. The youth of the church did the teaching. Alice was the overseer and organizer.

Special Gifts to Missions

These individuals gave special gifts in October in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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The week following the VBS, three boys from the Sunday school and Bible club came to Alice's house and asked her if she could help them "receive Jesus in their heart."

Villalba Church Buys Property for Building

Spain—The Villalba Free Will Baptist Church in Villalba, Spain, was able to purchase property there recently after years of prayer and searching.

According to a report from the Jeff Turnboughs and the Steve Reeves, the church was able to buy one-fourth of an acre in a growing part of town.

The WNAC's Eunice Edwards Fund and funds from the Advance program of foreign missions were added to church savings to make the purchase possible. The property cost \$120,000.

Jeff and Susan Turnbough founded the work in Villalba.

Vanhook to Teach in Romania Four Months

Antioch, Tenn.—Miss Patsy Vanhook, missionary to St. Nazaire, France, will be departing for France on January 21 and will go to Romania about the end of the month. She plans to spend approximately four



and one-half months in Oradea, Romania, where she will be teaching English to students of the Oradea Bible Institute.

Patsy will be able to use this experience as a part of her degree program of Teaching English as a Foreign Language. One stipulation to her being allowed to participate in this special ministry was obtaining adequate financial support for her ministry in France. While this had not been reached at press time, the administrative staff had received verbal commitments by enough supporting churches to allow her to book passage.

Patsy will resume her ministry in St. Nazaire following the tenure in Romania.

Financial Summary Through November 30 \$ubstance

Total income for October.....	\$ 343,419.63
Total income for November.....	415,751.26
Total income through November.....	3,355,708.50
Total disbursements through November.....	3,707,909.53
Projected income through November.....	3,648,249.00
Total 1991 Budget.....	\$3,979,859.00
Advance gifts through November.....	\$ 42,331.11
1991 ADVANCE Budget.....	\$ 150,000.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 6,839.24	McCullough.....	\$ 4,757.18
Barnard.....	226.46	Owen.....	10,053.21
Callaway.....	13,703.05	Robinson.....	12,312.63
Combs.....	3,954.13	Teague.....	8,135.04
Crosby.....	7,929.40	Thompson.....	654.76
Deeds.....	15,438.20	Waller.....	404.79
Ferguson.....	1,502.30	West.....	10,120.06
*Franks Sr.....	33,582.34	Willey.....	3,068.70
Leatherbury.....	2,408.79	Wilson.....	152.73
Lytle.....	590.50	Spec. Com.....	18,882.34
Martens.....	2,847.19		
Total.....			\$157,563.04

* Medical insurance claims pending

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

Barker.....	\$ 1,178.08	Gibbs.....	\$ 1,735.53
Daniel.....	1,767.54	Poole.....	1,311.34

State Goals—1991

State	Goal 1991	Goal Through November	Contributions Through November
Alabama.....	\$ 185,000	\$ 169,583	\$ 137,616.52
Arizona.....	6,200	5,683	2,738.97
Arkansas.....	218,000	199,833	168,367.02
California.....	85,000	77,917	65,142.60
Colorado.....	5,000	4,583	5,221.47
Florida.....	95,000	87,083	51,812.43
Georgia.....	185,000	169,583	120,981.64
Hawaii.....	4,000	3,667	1,746.05
Idaho.....	1,200	1,100	975.50
Illinois.....	125,000	114,583	87,588.18
Indiana.....	43,000	39,417	43,444.35
Iowa.....	2,000	1,833	2,246.00
Kansas.....	19,000	17,417	20,983.20
Kentucky.....	90,000	82,500	59,451.69
Louisiana.....	300	275	225.00
Maryland.....	23,000	21,083	20,488.02
Michigan.....	150,000	137,500	102,343.25
Mississippi.....	66,000	60,500	55,236.53
Missouri.....	308,000	282,333	314,561.64
Montana.....	1,000	917	1,424.00
Nevada.....	1,500	1,375	635.00
New Mexico.....	1,000	917	1,718.57
*Northeast Assn.....	5,200	4,767	3,204.28
**Northwest Assn.....	7,500	6,875	3,878.32
North Carolina.....	513,000	470,250	414,605.21
Ohio.....	142,000	130,167	101,183.85
Oklahoma.....	439,000	402,417	351,379.40
Pennsylvania.....	2,900	2,658	539.35
South Carolina.....	214,000	196,167	177,591.45
Tennessee.....	568,000	520,667	527,369.32
Texas.....	129,000	118,250	102,914.48
Virginia.....	155,000	142,083	110,866.07
Virgin Islands.....	3,000	2,750	1,163.50
West Virginia.....	85,000	77,917	63,406.88
WNAC.....	00	00	116,254.55
Miscellaneous.....	102,059	93,554	116,780.21
Totals.....	\$3,979,859	\$3,648,204	\$3,356,084.50

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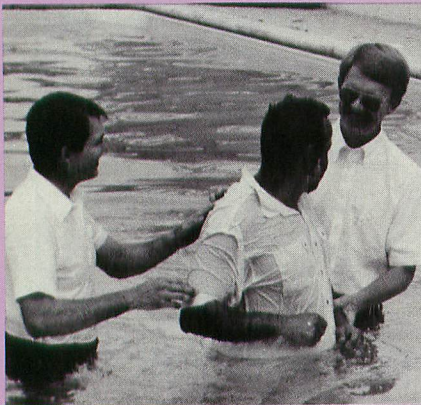
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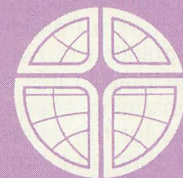
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