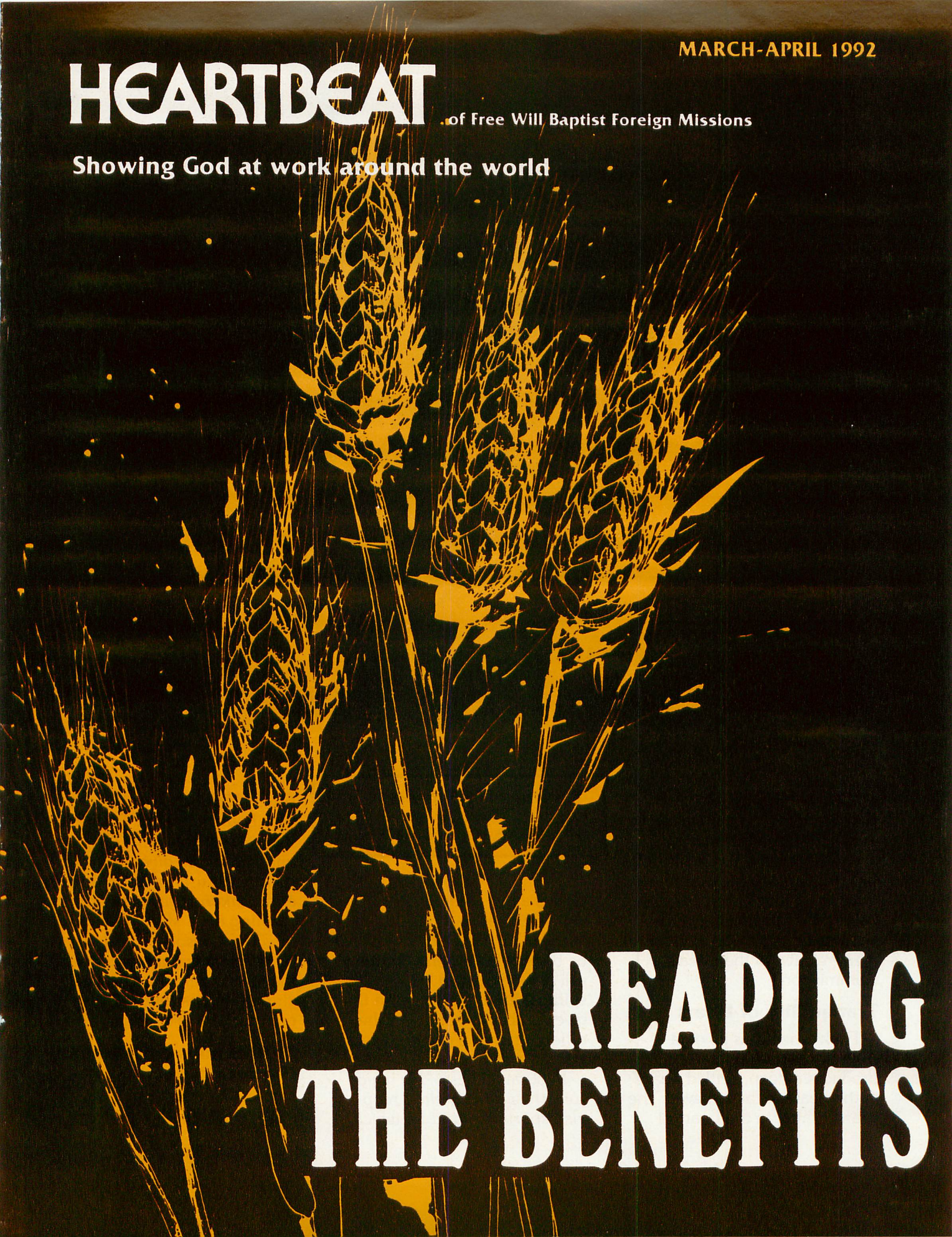


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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world



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Foreign Missions Month is a time of receiving as well as giving! Does that surprise you? It shouldn't! Jesus himself said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Giving does have its rewards and I want us to look at some of them relative to the Great Commission.

Tranquillity of Heart

Faithfulness has its own reward. Obedience always produces a deep, settled peace in the heart of the believer. The dearest thing to the heart of

by Fred Warner
Director of
Missionary-Church Relations

God is a lost world. Consequently, both the "sender" and the one "sent" will be blessed in carrying out the will of God. Giving brings spiritual fulfillment because the giver is obeying God. On the other hand, non-givers stagnate and dry up spiritually.

Paul said it best: *"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which*

soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). Jesus also said, *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom . . ."* (Luke 6:38). So it is right to conclude that giving without receiving is virtually impossible as long as our motive is pleasing to God.

Testimonies from the Harvest

Someone has said, "The greatest blessing next to getting

saved is being instrumental in leading someone else to the Savior." What a privilege to be involved with missionaries in the stewardship of the gospel and what a blessing to hear of others being saved in the "regions beyond." Both the "senders" and those "sent" have reason to rejoice.

In all nine countries where Free Will Baptist missionaries are serving we have glowing testimonies of those who have been saved. These have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. They have turned from idols to serve the true and living God. Donors can rejoice that they have a part in these experiences.

In Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) over 60 people made professions of faith in an evangelistic campaign.

In Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Dave Franks recently led two men to the Lord on the job site of the new church building.

In Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) over 60 people made professions of faith in the first two evening services of an evangelistic campaign.

The work of the Lord started in Cuba by Free Will Baptist missionaries continues to flourish even though people are deprived of many of the material blessings we take for granted.

Under the leadership of Carlisle Hanna, faithful pastors in India preach in churches with standing room only.

After much witnessing and prayer the Ron Callaways,

Dwain Crosbys, and Miss Lynn Midgett rejoice in the salvation of a young Spaniard.

Reports from France—Nantes, St. Sebastien, and St. Nazaire—tell of people being saved and following the Lord in baptism. The Lord is rewarding the years of faithfully sowing the seed of the gospel.

What a blessing it was to hear Enrique, a young converted Spaniard, sing "Thank You" to the National Association in Phoenix, Ariz., as people wept, rejoiced, and gave glory to God.

And who will ever forget hearing our brothers in Christ from Cuba—Gilberto, Roberto, Israel, and Pepe—as they brought greetings at the National Association and in many local churches. They testified to the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Kazumi, a Japanese girl who came to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, gave a glowing testimony. Now she has returned to Japan as a "light" to family and friends still sitting in spiritual darkness.

And Alvaro, who served as president of Panamanian Association of Free Will Baptists, now lives in the United States and is establishing Spanish-speaking churches in the Northeast.

Treasures in Heaven

We can literally "lay up treasures in heaven" in only one way: by winning the lost. The Apostle Paul spoke of his converts at Thessalonica as his "crown of rejoicing" (1 Thessalonians 2:19). When we stand before the Lord with the souls who have been won because we went, we gave, we prayed, etc., we will realize it

was worth it all!

The red man, the black man, the white man, and the yellow man will stand shoulder to shoulder, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Then, as never before, we will understand the importance of our involvement in the Great Commission. Then we will understand that the dividends far outweigh our investments or sacrifices to reach the lost around the globe.

What a blessing it was to hear Enrique, a young converted Spaniard, sing "Thank You" to the National Association.

The challenges before us are still great. At least 12,000 people groups on earth still have no established Christian witness in their midst. But remember, the benefits of reaching them for Christ are greater! No wonder Solomon said, ". . . he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30).

So, don't miss the blessings of being involved in Foreign Missions Month this April. And give to the World Missions Offering. The benefits are eternal!

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VALLEYS TO VICTORY!

by R. Eugene Waddell, General Director

Passing through 1991 was like driving through the Rockies. We saw some mountain peaks, but we also passed through a few valleys!

It was a year of burning and building. On June 5, our hospital in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, burned, greatly complicating the task of our medical staff. The absence of the hospital caused hundreds of sick and injured Lobis to suffer since our hospital is the only one within 50 miles.

Building marked Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and Pinar Del Rio, Cuba. In Belo Horizonte, Free Will Baptists launched construction of a church

building in a rapidly growing residential area of 400,000 people. Only one other Protestant church exists in that section of the city of three million inhabitants.

In December we received \$447,115.98, a record for monthly income.

Our brethren in Cuba have sacrificed and worked to build the "Willey Memorial Chapel" at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary. Through Advance Celebration gifts and a team of Master's Men builders, Free Will

Baptists in the United States have played a vital role.

Most important however, the Lord is building His spiritual body. He brought 312 Cubans into His fellowship through the witness of our Cuban churches last year.

Free Will Baptists were more generous than ever in giving to foreign missions. The income for our regular 1991 budget was \$3,802,887.34—a five and one-tenth percent increase and **a new record for receipts.**

We also reached another mountain top in December when we received \$447,115.98, a record for monthly income.

We are thankful for the 74.5 percent growth in foreign missions giving during the past decade. As the graph in **Figure 1** shows, general fund gifts have not kept pace with overall growth, averaging \$380,131 per year. This makes it difficult for the office to continue to provide a full range of services to missionaries and churches.

While we praise God for His abundance, our total income in 1991 still fell \$176,972 short of our approved budget.

We are grateful these states increased their support for foreign missions in 1991 over 1990 by the listed amounts and percentages:

Missouri	\$120,092	46%
Illinois	50,243	48%
Tennessee	25,980	4%
North Carolina	12,749	3%
Kansas	8,905	62%
Indiana	8,355	21%
Mississippi	6,868	13%
Ohio	6,423	6%
Maryland	6,088	39%
Idaho	1,085	192%
New Mexico	836	95%
Northeast Assn.	739	25%
Iowa	504	24%
Montana	403	35%
Virgin Islands	276	31%
Louisiana	214	35%

For some reason, giving in these faithful states fell in 1991 compared to the year before:

South Carolina	\$25,110	12%
Michigan	24,993	18%
Georgia	21,066	14%
Alabama	17,189	10%
West Virginia	12,408	16%
Arkansas	8,970	5%
Oklahoma	8,462	2%
California	5,064	7%
Texas	4,836	4%
Hawaii	2,763	61%
Northwest Assn.	1,771	28%
Virginia	1,400	1%
Kentucky	977	2%
Arizona	956	25%

Nebraska	554	45%
Colorado	329	6%
Florida	296	5%
Pennsylvania	117	15%

Many members of our missionary family passed through "deficit valley" last year.

Last year's giving records revealed 109 fewer churches supported foreign missions in 1991 than in 1990. Some of the states with diminishing numbers of supporting churches include Georgia (25), Ohio (20), West Virginia (19), Oklahoma (17), California (13), and Virginia (10). However, in Alabama nine more churches gave in 1991 and three more in Texas and Kansas contributed.

We studied the per capita foreign missions giving as based upon the membership statistics compiled by the Executive Office of the National

Association. We discovered the average Free Will Baptist gave \$18.62 to foreign missions last year. These states led in per capita giving:

Montana	\$219.86
Kansas	71.24
South Carolina	41.25
Texas	40.87
Iowa	38.50
Illinois	37.47
Hawaii	37.15
North Carolina	32.40
Tennessee	29.22
Michigan	28.80
Colorado	26.65
Nebraska	26.15
Missouri	24.90
Indiana	23.62

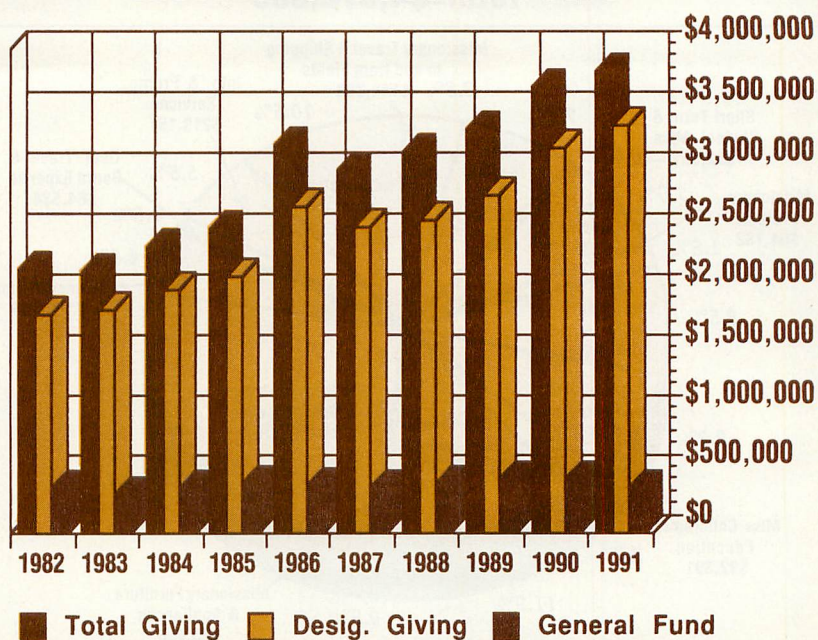
Co-operative fund gifts to foreign missions were \$31,649—down \$6,137 from 1990. Co-op gifts have averaged \$37,771 over the last ten years.

Our regular expenditures totaled \$4,012,303 in 1991. This was only \$32,444 more than our budget, but it was

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Figure 1

Income for Past 10 Years



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\$209,416 more than our income (see **Figure 2** for a detailed breakdown of expenditures). Since our Advance Celebration was in the final year, we sent \$151,100 to help our growing Free Will Baptist churches overseas.

Our faithful supporters gave so generously that four of the five dangerously deficit missionary accounts are out of the red!

Many members of our missionary family passed through "deficit valley" last year as income fell short of the budget. On December 31, 1989, we had no missionary deficits. During 1990, our average monthly deficits were \$18,838, but last year they shot up to an average of \$101,380

per month. In September, account deficits peaked at \$144,688.

Several things contributed toward these deficits: (1) the fact that our total income fell short of our projected budget, (2) a well-deserved increase in salary and benefits granted to all missionaries by our board, and (3) the weakening dollar in many places around the world which hiked ministry costs.

In Brazil, for example, a car that was purchased for less than \$10,000 in 1989 now costs \$47,000. India has experienced a shocking rise in inflation over the past year. Prices have doubled on many basic necessities. The Japanese yen dropped from .132 yen per dollar to .127 by December and is still sliding.

We have not borrowed money from an outside lending agency to cover these account deficits. A missionary account

deficit simply means that we have borrowed internally from those missionary accounts which have a balance. But the board has decided the deficit trend must be reversed. They have instructed the staff to enforce a long-standing rule: When a missionary account deficit exceeds \$8,000 he is subject to be brought home to re-establish his support base.

Five missionary families had dangerously high deficits when this action was taken. Praise the Lord, our faithful supporters gave so generously that four of the five are out of the red, and none were forced to come home! This has greatly encouraged our missionaries and the national churches where they work.

Several missionaries also passed through the valley of suffering last year. Some are still receiving treatment for serious illnesses, i.e., cancer. Health problems forced four missionaries to resign.

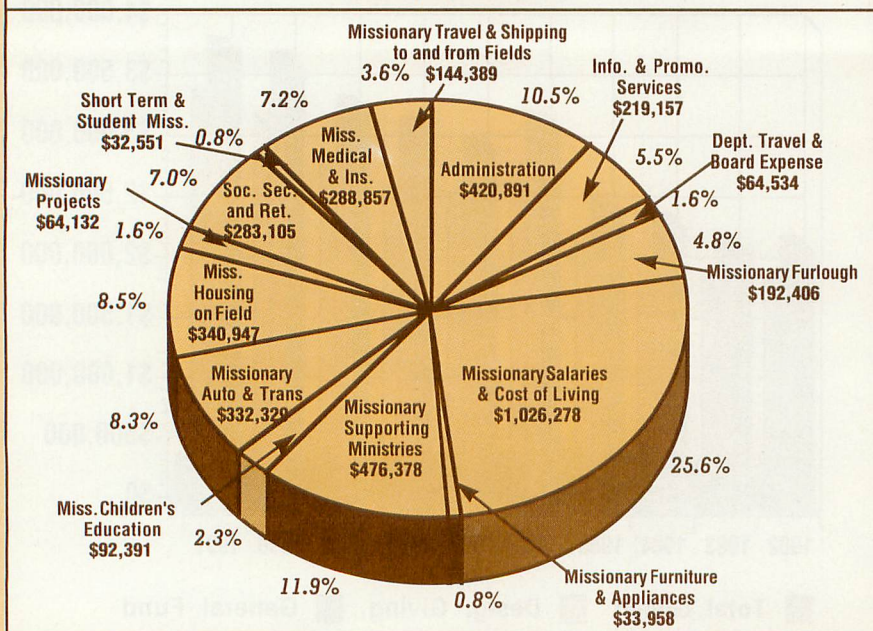
Offsetting these losses was the appointment of nine new missionaries and reinstatement of two former missionaries. This brings our total number of missionaries to 113.

Although we passed through some valleys, we thank God for the victories! In Tanda and Bondoukou, Ivory Coast, we conducted special evangelistic services in November and December. Sixty-four people prayed to receive Christ. And in Panama 128 were saved as a result of FWB witness.

We rejoice that a Bible institute was established in France last year by Free Will Baptists. Eight students are enrolled in classes which are held in Nantes and St. Nazaire.

Figure 2

Expenditures for 1991
Total=\$4,012,303



Our Central Bible College in Brazil, graduated their first two students in December.

As we look ahead, 1992 presents many challenges. We are anxious to get new appointees to the field. Our missionaries anticipate a great harvest in the nine countries where we serve. But all of us in the foreign missions family face a sizable task. Our experience last year forced our board to make a 12 percent cut in expenses for 1992. They took this action at the December session. Our revised budget is \$3,775,205. Missionaries are already making the painful adjustment to this reality.

Nine new missionaries were appointed and two former missionaries were reinstated.

We are thankful for the thousands of Christians who share a portion of their offerings with us each month. We need that kind of faithful giving and prayer support.

Recently a youthful supporter touched my heart as he wrote:

"Dear Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions:

"I am very concerned about all those missionaries in the red. I understand that they are very deep.

"I just turned twelve in October. I don't get my allowance until the end of every month. I'll try to send in some money as soon as possible.

*"Sincerely in Christ,
"Jeremy Riggs."*

This spirit will get us through many valleys and propel us to victory!

Financial Summary Through January 31 \$ubstance

Total income for January.....	\$ 357,924.08
Total income through January.....	357,924.08
Total disbursements through January.....	372,576.04
Projected income through January.....	314,600.44
Total 1992 Budget.....	\$3,775,205.00
Total income for December 1991.....	\$ 447,115.98
Total income through December 1991.....	3,802,887.34
Total disbursements through December 1991.....	4,012,303.99
Total 1991 Budget.....	\$3,979,859.00
ADVANCE gifts through December 1991.....	45,803.44
1991 ADVANCE Budget.....	\$ 150,000.00
ADVANCE gifts through January.....	8,123.74

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Barnard.....	\$ 389.26	Martens.....	\$ 2,493.49
Callaway.....	9,943.71	McCullough.....	2,462.90
Combs.....	5,792.78	Robinson.....	8,062.31
Crosby.....	7,526.69	Snow.....	485.57
Ellison.....	112.40	Wilson.....	215.09
*Franks Sr.....	15,792.05	Willey.....	1,245.17
Gibbs.....	2,424.33	Spec. Comm.....	18,882.34
Leatherbury.....	3,387.23		
Total.....			\$ 79,215.32

*Medical insurance claims pending

\$inking

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

Bailey.....	\$ 495.48	Midgett.....	\$ 1,226.19
Barker.....	1,092.42	Thompson.....	594.54
Ferguson.....	141.64		

State Goals—1992

State	Goal 1992	Goal Through January	Contributions Through January
Alabama.....	\$ 175,000	\$ 14,583	\$ 19,710.60
Arizona.....	5,500	458	793.10
Arkansas.....	207,000	17,250	19,165.96
California.....	84,000	7,000	5,403.87
Colorado.....	6,200	517	472.00
Florida.....	84,000	7,000	14,081.90
Georgia.....	164,000	13,667	14,327.54
Hawaii.....	4,500	375	94.00
Idaho.....	900	75	330.00
Illinois.....	110,000	9,167	11,992.80
Indiana.....	41,000	3,417	4,828.03
Iowa.....	2,200	183	40.00
Kansas.....	17,000	1,417	2,071.76
Kentucky.....	75,000	6,250	5,337.35
Louisiana.....	250	21	23.00
Maryland.....	20,000	1,667	2,322.42
Michigan.....	136,000	11,333	14,931.43
Mississippi.....	59,000	4,917	3,822.65
Missouri.....	275,000	22,917	26,396.27
Montana.....	1,100	92	65.00
Nevada.....	1,300	108	65.00
New Mexico.....	900	75	29.65
*Northeast Assn.....	4,500	375	330.00
**Northwest Assn.....	6,500	542	1,158.83
North Carolina.....	492,000	41,000	54,795.42
Ohio.....	114,000	9,500	10,453.83
Oklahoma.....	402,000	33,500	39,351.70
Pennsylvania.....	900	75	0.00
South Carolina.....	224,000	18,667	14,007.89
Tennessee.....	572,000	47,667	43,866.40
Texas.....	130,000	10,833	4,287.61
Virginia.....	132,000	11,000	17,587.94
Virgin Islands.....	2,200	183	100.00
West Virginia.....	81,000	6,750	6,633.19
WNAC.....	00	00	7,833.56
Miscellaneous.....	144,255	12,021	11,213.38
Totals.....	\$3,775,205	\$314,600	\$ 357,924.08

*Northeast Association

New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine,
Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

**Northwest Association

Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



AIDS and the Missionary Task

by Paul Gentuso, M.D.

Threat in the midst of opportunity! This is the scene of missionaries and Christian workers today. The ominous stage has been set by the rising number of people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)—the AIDS virus.

One million Americans are currently infected! But other areas of the world appear to be faring even worse.

In sub-Saharan Africa, nearly six million people—one in 40 adults—are infected with HIV. Less than five years after the first AIDS cases were known to be present in Côte d'Ivoire, AIDS has become the leading cause of death among men in the capital city of Abidjan. In Doropo, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton diagnoses and treats increasing numbers of people with AIDS every week. Such massive numbers of Africans are infected with the virus, that approximately 75% of all the children worldwide with AIDS are African.

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Between 500,000 and one million people are infected with HIV in Latin America. And Brazil has the highest number of cases in the region. In the cities of Uberlândia and Ribeirão Preto—where Free Will Baptists have been laboring for many years—alarming numbers of new AIDS cases are reported daily.

A dramatic increase in AIDS is also being documented in

Asia, where the disease was virtually unknown only two years ago. By 1995, it is estimated India will have more HIV infected people than any other single country.

While these are disheartening statistics, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is an organization with a worldwide outreach. As such, we must review them because we are obligated to react responsibly to the global AIDS epidemic.

By 1995, it is estimated India will have more HIV infected people than any other single country.

In light of the fact that AIDS is increasingly prevalent in many of the countries in which our foreign missionaries serve, we must determine how to minister effectively. At the same time, we have to protect the missionary staff, national Christians, and stateside supporters.

The first step is to acknowledge this problem and recognize its significance. In spite of the fact that our missionaries lead Christian lifestyles, as residents of developing countries they are at increased risk of acquiring HIV infection.

For medical workers, this increased risk of developing HIV infection is well documented. Two recent studies demonstrated that during approximately seven percent of surgical procedures, the health care worker is accidentally exposed to the patient's blood—primarily via scalpel lacerations, needle sticks, and splashes to the eyes or mouth.

In a setting where the incidence of HIV infection among patients is high, such exposures are particularly concerning.

Even general missionaries are at increased risk of developing HIV infection, largely because they will intermittently need to receive health care in settings where AIDS is common and the methods of sterilizing equipment are lacking or substandard. Motor vehicle accidents and other circumstances associated with open wounds and bleeding provide an additional setting for HIV transmission. Fortunately, the incidence of acquiring HIV infection at the scene of an accident is small. Nevertheless, at least one case has been documented whereby a tourist in Africa was infected with HIV during a bus accident.

Prevention begins with education—specifically on modes of transmission and methods of prevention. Missionary staff, national Christians, and even visitors to the developing world must be informed about measures which can be taken to minimize the likelihood of becoming infected with HIV.

Preventative measures are straightforward. They primarily focus on the need for all of us, in the course of providing or receiving health care, to avoid HIV contaminated blood and equipment. Steps to be taken include such things as the careful selection of health care facilities (e.g. dentists' offices) and the establishment of safe blood banks.

In areas where the sterility of needles and syringes cannot be verified, personnel are encouraged to carry their own supply in an emergency "first

aid" kit. Instructional materials have been prepared on these matters, and are available at the foreign missions office.

Because of the magnitude of the AIDS epidemic, the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions is formulating a comprehensive AIDS policy. Relatively simple and effective means do exist to help us protect ourselves from HIV infection. And, while the primary goal of such a policy will be to prevent HIV infection, it will also determine how we will respond if HIV infection does occur.

We must ultimately look to the Lord for protection and sustenance as we carry on His work.

Although we need to act responsibly as noted, we must ultimately look to the Lord for protection and sustenance as we carry on His work. We praise Him for the protection He has provided through the years and across the globe. *"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress . . . thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness . . ."* (Psalm 91:2, 5-6).

The AIDS epidemic challenges us in a unique way. Yet, because Christ promised to be with us always, we need not be fearful or hesitant. We must be faithful and bold as we seek to bring His name to the ends of the earth.

Dr. Paul Gentuso is a medical doctor under appointment to serve at the medical center in Côte d'Ivoire.



Missionary Fred Hersey baptizes Sarah Griffiths, an Australian exchange student saved at the Bihoro church in northern Japan.

Australian Saved and Baptized at Bihoro

Japan—A high school exchange student from Australia found Christ in the Bihoro church in Japan in November.

According to missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey, the Bihoro Rotary Club sponsored Sarah Griffiths as an exchange student. The Herseys met her about a year ago and she attended the advanced English class at the church. She attended Sunday evening English services taught by student missionary Mark Kiepke last summer and often dropped by the Hersey home for meals or a chat.

In November Evelyn asked Sarah if she had a Bible. She answered, "No." In response to her interest Evelyn gave her a new Bible.

"After the service, as she and Evelyn were talking," writes Fred, "Evelyn asked her if she knew how to become a Christian. When she said, 'No,' Evelyn asked her if she would like to know. She said, 'Yes.' So they went to the front of the church, and after reading some verses, Sarah asked the Lord Jesus to come into her heart."

Sarah wanted to be baptized before she returned to Australia on January 15, so on January 5 she was baptized at the Bihoro church. "We had a bilingual baptismal service," says Fred. "The highlight for everyone was when she gave a very moving testimony which brought not only tears but shouts of joy."

A young man, Kazuhiko Kobayashi, was also saved about the same time as Sarah. When he heard that she was being baptized, he asked Pastor Sugitani about his baptism. On January 12 he was also baptized.

Brazil Bible Institutes Merge for Effectiveness

Brazil—The association-sponsored Central Bible College in Jaboticabal, Brazil, and the Seminary and Bible Institute in Ribeirão Preto, sponsored by the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão, recently agreed to merge. Delegates, pastors, and school officials voted for the merger as Pastor Neto, president of the central college, indicated joining would provide more qualified teachers and a unified effort to train national workers.

The new school, Free Will Baptist Seminary and Bible Institute, will function in the First Church in Ribeirão under the Board of Christian Education of the Brazil Association of FWB Churches. Missionary Bobby Poole will act as director.

Owens Find Apartment; New Work Progresses

Uruguay—Missionaries Dennis and Trena Owen were able to find an apartment in Montevideo, Uruguay, and moved in during November. They are holding services in the apartment on Sunday mornings and prayer meetings on Thursdays.

"The Thursday prayer meetings have been blessed as one woman (Chiquita) made a decision for the Lord," says Dennis.

On December 20 the Owens invited all the people they had been in touch with for a Christmas gathering. The entire families were invited to spend an evening with the Owens.

"From 6:00 in the afternoon to 1:30 the next morning we visited with these, our new friends," states Owen. "We had 34 that evening."

Dennis and Trena requested prayer that they would be able to build upon that December gathering.

Nine Men Help with Youth Center Building

Côte d'Ivoire—Nine laymen traveled to Côte d'Ivoire on February 12 to help in the construction of the new youth/training center at Bondoukou.

According to missionary Jerry Pinkerton, the new building was started using African labor. "At first we couldn't get water to the building site, so we hired some women to carry it in large pans on their heads," writes Carol Pinkerton. The foundation has already been poured and the walls are scheduled to go up soon.

Those traveling to Côte d'Ivoire were Jerry Price, Keith Burden, Gary Curry, and James Presley, all of Oklahoma; Carrol Poole and Harvey Crain of Tennessee; Billy Watts and Jim Dycus of Illinois; and Howard Price of Georgia. The men were scheduled to arrive back in the United States on March 7.

Nantes Building Full; Church Seeks Property

France—In December, Steve Riggs wrote, "Last Sunday we were excited as almost every chair in our rented room was in use. Attendance has been averaging around 45 adults and 20 children. We only have two small classrooms for Sunday school and the nursery is kept in the hallway."

Riggs indicated the church had recently voted to set aside 10 percent of their offerings for a land and building fund. Then he added, "With prices the way they are here it will take nothing short of a miracle." He urged people to thank the Lord for the growth and pray about the ur-

gent need for a building.

Steve and Becky are scheduled to begin furlough in May and missionary Allan Crowson will be assuming responsibilities for the church in addition to his ministry with the Bible institute program.

Illinois Church Gives \$45,000 for Hospital

Round Lake Beach, Ill.—A December letter from Hope Chapel in Round Lake Beach, Ill., included a check for \$45,000 designated for the hospital in Côte d'Ivoire.

The accompanying letter was addressed to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and stated, "Our church has been touched by the loss of the hospital. Our prayers go out to God for you and the family. We pray that this small gift of \$45,000 will help to restore the hospital."

The money came from the sale of the parsonage.

Christmas Activities in Nopporo Involved Many

Japan—Several Christmas activities took place in conjunction with the Koinonia Free Will Baptist Church in Nopporo, Japan. The children from the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center had a special Christmas musical, "Wow, It's Christmas!" directed by missionary Ruth McDonald.

The Sunday school had a Christmas program on December 15, the church had a family dinner on December 22, and a candlelight service was held on Christmas eve.

According to short-term missionary teacher Juanita Thompson, many new people attended.

Students of the Hokkaido Christian Learning Center in Nopporo, Japan, participate in a Christmas program. The children of missionaries Dale and Sandra Bishop are Doug (second from left), Jeffrey (center), and Kevin (second from right). The others are not FWB children.



Paulo Conde and his wife, Dalila, have moved to Campinas, Brazil, and have assumed the pastorate of the First FWB Church.

Early Campinas Member Returns as Pastor

Brazil—Brazilian Paulo Conde has assumed the pastorate of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil. Conde and his wife, who moved to Campinas on December 26, were members of the congregation when it first started in the 1950's.

Conde has pastored in Brazil for 30 years. Dalila, his wife, is the oldest daughter of the first pastor of the Campinas church.

Paulo has been pastoring an Independent Presbyterian church, but recently retired. He claims he has never changed his allegiance to Free Will Baptist doctrine.

Barker Says Christmas Play Produces Fruit

Uruguay—Veteran missionary Molly Barker reported from Rivera, Uruguay, that December was a time of miracles and fruit bearing. The miracles she referred to took place during the presentation of a Christmas play in the mission work at

Melo on December 22 and in the Rivera church on Christmas night.

A storm had knocked out the lights in Melo but they started the play by candlelight. "Just when the girl said an angel appeared to the shepherds, lights came on," says Molly. "This was a real witness of God's power to all of us and especially to the unsaved visitors. Three adults came forward at the invitation to make things right with God. One was a 26-year-old man who had been demon possessed."

At the Rivera church it rained so hard during practice for the play that they could not hear. But "during the play God stopped the rain so His message could be heard." The play was presented twice in the Rivera church and in two other churches. Several decisions for Christ were reported.

Turnbough Reports Two Saved, Church Growing

Spain—In a December report from Villalba, Spain, missionary Jeff Turnbough expressed praise that a young couple had accepted Christ. The couple had studied the Gospel of John with Jeff for the past 12 weeks. Turnbough urged Christians to remember Javier and Rocio in their prayers.

The Villalba church officially elected their own council recently and voted to send out a missionary team of three (Enrique, Steve, and Linda) to establish a daughter church in a neighboring town.

Morgan Faces Lawsuit after Auto Accident

Côte d'Ivoire—A recent report from Clint and Lynette Morgan indicated they were facing a lawsuit after an auto/pedestrian accident in October.

While they were returning home from visiting their sons at the boarding school in Bouake, their car hit a three-year-old girl who ran across the road in front of them. The Morgans thought they had killed the girl but after they rushed her to a hospital an hour away, she recovered. The doctor released her the next day.

Clint and Lynette are praising the Lord for the child's restored health; however, they are concerned that

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Dr. and Mrs. Alton Loveless are pictured by a special accent piece they provided for the foreign missions office.

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the family has chosen to take them to court even though the accident was not their fault. They have urged Christians to pray that God would clear up the matter.

Loveless Contributes Office Accent Piece

Nashville, Tenn.—An accent piece for the wall at the entrance of the new foreign missions office has been provided by Dr. and Mrs. Alton Loveless of Columbus, Ohio. The specially designed piece features a map of the world, six clocks showing times in six areas of the world, and miniature flags of the countries served by Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. It was installed in December.

Alton has served on the Board of Foreign Missions since July of 1990. He is promotional secretary for Ohio Free Will Baptists.

Lafayette Finishes Interior of Church Building

Brazil—Although Brazil missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds are in the United States for furlough, the Free Will Baptist Church at Conselheiro Lafayette, Brazil, has been busy

finishing the interior of the church building.

According to Earnie, the government began returning the church's savings which had been held for 18 months. The group used it to do the finishing. Some of the labor was done by members of the church.

Three Saved at Gospel Concert in Iriso Church

Japan—A special gospel music concert by a singing duo called "Olive" was held at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Tokyo on October 27, 1991.

According to missionary Judy Bailey, the musical program by the two women singers lasted approximately 45 minutes in conjunction with special singers from the church.

A short message was given during the service by Mr. Oikawa, the seminary student presently working with the Baileys at the church. Approximately 50 people attended and three first-time decisions were reported.

The Baileys urged Christians to pray for the follow-up efforts for these new Christians.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Cuba—A report from Cuban Free Will Baptists indicated that 1991 was fruitful on the island. A total of 312 professions of faith were reported and 77 people were baptized. A total of 15 churches are operating and five missions were organized during the year.

Oxford, Ohio—Mark and Beth Hanna gave birth to their first child, Bonnie, on September 14 in Oxford. Bonnie is the fourth grandchild of missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna in India.

Japan—A Sunday school program for the children at Kita Hiroshima church in Sapporo, Japan, was held on December 15. Parents of most of the children came to see them perform in the Christmas play. On Saturday night, December 21, missionary Judy Smith took the young folks from the church carolling around town.

Côte d'Ivoire—Christians have been urged to pray for 27 people who made decisions to follow Christ during Christmas programs in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire.

Panama—Missionary Stan Bunch indicated the church in Parita is still battling over land approval. The abstract office will not approve the blueprints for the property they have purchased for a church building.

Glennville, Ga.—Laura Belle Barnard, pioneer missionary to India, has been suffering severe pain from cancer and has been hospitalized in Savannah, Ga. Christians have been urged to pray for Laura Belle and her family during this difficult time in her life.

Brazil—The Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal, Brazil, recently purchased property on which to build a new building. The church has outgrown its current facilities.

The musical group "Olive" presents a special gospel music concert at the Iriso FWB Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan.



Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Lynette Morgan resumed her women's Bible classes in January after being away for furlough. She expressed praise that 25 women and a few teenagers were present for the first class.

Moore, Okla.—Kaylee Michelle was born to Chuck and LaDonna (Deeds) Wolfes on January 12. She is the granddaughter of missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds in Brazil.

Ardmore, Okla.—Mr. R. J. Teague, father of missionary Dennis Teague in France, underwent surgery for prostate cancer December 9. Latest reports indicated he was doing well.

Côte d'Ivoire—The Bible institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, opened on January 6. Latest reports indicated nine students had enrolled.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Miss Lynn Midgett, missionary to Spain, underwent gallbladder surgery on Friday, January 24, in Oklahoma City. Surgery was considered successful and Christians were urged to pray that she would recover sufficiently to return to Móstoles, Spain, in March.

Nashville, Tenn.—Billie Sexton, missionary representative for foreign missions, underwent corrective surgery on her back on February 11 at West Side Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. She had two ruptured discs. The surgery was considered successful, but recovery will take time.

Modesto, Calif.—Flossie Robirds, 89-year-old mother of Director of Communications Don Robirds, died on January 27 in a Modesto hospital while being treated for a virus. She had been confined to a nursing home for the past six months with a weak heart.

Araras "Children's Home" Moves; Growth Continues

Brazil—The children's home sponsored by the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil recently moved to a larger, newer house near the church.

According to missionary Shirley Combs, a total of 15 children from the juvenile court, two house parents and their three children, and four adult helpers live in the chil-



Pastors and missionaries attending the first pastor's retreat in Brazil in October included (left to right) Jean Carlo, César Collares, Bobby Poole, Neto, Dave Franks and Jim Sturgill.

dren's home. With the number of children increasing, she indicated plans were being made to divide and form a second home soon.

Shirley reported six children from the home went to junior youth camp and one attended senior camp. Some of these made decisions for Christ.

Fetish Burning Sparks Several Conversions

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Robert West and Pastor Jérôme Kambou of Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, were called to the village of Noupouroudouo on November 15 to talk to a young man who wanted to burn his fetishes. According to West, the young man was demon possessed but Robert and Jérôme led him and his wife to the Lord. The next day they went to his home to watch him burn his fetishes.

As Robert and Jérôme were leaving the village another man called them back and said, "My wife and I want to become Christians." The couple accepted the Lord and promptly burned their fetishes. While the fetishes were burning, two more young men gave their lives to Christ.

West and Kambou returned to the village on Sunday afternoon to teach the six converts. Approximately 40 people showed up to listen. An old lady and her son indicated they wanted to become Christians and burn their fetishes also.

Pastors' Retreat Held in Brazil in October

Brazil—The first pastors' retreat to be held among Free Will Baptists in Brazil was conducted October 11-13, 1991, at Evangelandia in Jaboticabal.

According to missionary Vicki Sturgill, five ordained pastors were on hand as well as a lay pastor. John Poole, son of missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole, took part and was officially ordained to the gospel ministry on December 15 in the First FWB Church in Ribeirão Preto where he is serving as pastor.

Medical Ministry Still Opens Doors for Gospel

Côte d'Ivoire—An October report from Dr. Kenneth Eagleton indicates the medical ministry in Côte d'Ivoire is continuing to open doors for evangelism and gospel outreach. Eagleton writes: "We have received several invitations to start preaching points in villages in the area. In some of these villages there are already people who have made professions of faith and burned their fetishes. Our problem is a lack of personnel to followup these contacts and make disciples."

The doctor noted that an African nurse had given a gospel tract to a customs agent who had come to the clinic for treatment recently. Although the man was an animist and reacted adversely, he returned on at

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These individuals gave special gifts in November, December, and January in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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least two other occasions to discuss spiritual things with the staff.

"We have had several people saved in Doropo lately," Kenneth noted. "One of these burned his fetishes in a public service on Sunday afternoon, October 12."

Dr. Eagleton declared work at the outpatient clinic was continuing as always, but many have asked about the hospital and when it would be rebuilt. He lamented having to turn a couple away recently who had a newborn baby which had contracted tetanus. The baby died a few days later.

Construction of the hospital started in January, but promised funds from the Côte d'Ivoire government have not been received.

Cassette Tapes Provide Means for Japan Witness

Japan—Missionary Dale Bishop says Mr. Hiraga, a church member, recorded Sunday messages of the Koinonia church in northern Japan. He took them to the hospital for Mr. Togashi, an unsaved man who has attended the church. Togashi listened, then made copies of the tapes for his daughter to hear.

"We are looking for them to make public professions of faith in the near future," says Dale Bishop. "Please continue to keep them in your prayers."

Brazil's Central College Hosts Challenge Retreat

Brazil—An all-day's challenge retreat was held on November 15 at Evangelandia in Jaboticabal, site of youth camps and the Central Bible College in Brazil. Some 75 people were present for the special emphasis designed to challenge young people and couples to full-time Christian service.

Missionary Bobby Poole spoke to the group, Pastor Jean Carlo gave a sample class, and several students gave their testimony. Visitors were given a tour of the college grounds.

Nichols Reports Training Seminar, Requests Prayer

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Darrel Nichols of Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, reported a training seminar for leaders of village churches dur-



Susan Bumpus has been appointed to serve in Montevideo, Uruguay.

ing October. Darrel and co-worker Norman Richards taught five lay leaders in an effort to prepare them to lead Bible studies in their home villages.

Nichols requested prayer for Adama, a Muslim who has made a decision in his mind to become a Christian, but has not made the decision in his heart. He also requested prayer for the literacy ministry he has started in the village of Koun Fao.

Bumpus Appointed to Service in Uruguay

Nashville, Tenn.—Susan Bumpus of Wayne, Mich., was appointed in December to missionary service in Uruguay pending fulfillment of some minor requirements. She has been officially cleared and has begun deputational ministry.

Susan, a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, will be teaching music in the Sower Bible Institute in Montevideo and will help in church activities in the area. She served as a student missionary in Brazil in the summer of 1986 and in Uruguay from January to March of 1990.

Meeting Place Found in Northern Spain

Spain—A report from missionaries Lonnie and Anita Sparks indicates they have located a meeting place for the new work in Santurce (Bilbao) on the northern coast of Spain. The meeting hall is located near the city limits of Portugalete.

Mark and Juli Riggs will be working with Lonnie and Anita in this new ministry. The Riggs located an



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apartment there and moved on January 13.

Santurce has a population of 80,000 while Portugalete has a population of approximately 50,000 people. "Please pray that God will open many hearts to the gospel in these two cities," write the Sparks.

Coscias Retire Following 18 Years in Brazil

Nashville, Tenn.—Louis and Florine Coscia retired from missionary service under the Board of Foreign Missions at the beginning of 1992.

The Coscias went to Brazil in 1964. They worked in the city of Pirassununga during their first term and began a ministry in Uberaba during their second term. They have continued to labor there since that time.

The Coscias' plans were not known at press time and they had not given a date of arrival in the United States.

Help the Bookkeeper

The foreign missions bookkeeping department is requesting donors to be sure to clearly designate their gifts. People are urged to fill out the blue slip enclosed with their last receipt. They should indicate the designation of their gifts on the blue slip or on their check or envelope. The foreign missions staff wants to be sure money gets to its proper destination.

Two Graduate from El Sembrador Institute

Uruguay—Two students graduated from the 1991 class of El Sembrador Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay, on November 29.

Jose Rodriguez and Maribel Lopez received their diplomas as more than 90 people observed. According to missionary Marcia Ellison, "It was a lovely service."

Marcia indicated possibly six new students would be starting the next semester in 1992.

McDonalds Gain New Contacts as "Foreigners"

Japan—New opportunities have arisen at Ai No Sato in northern Japan for Don and Ruth McDonald from their being foreigners. "It seems we can't go to the local playground, park, or post office without meeting someone who wants to talk about our reason for being here," says Ruth.

"We've had up to ten in attendance at our Thursday morning Ladies' Hour. Several are unsaved and asking questions," she continued. Sunday school has increased from about six to around 19 attending.

Dennis Heath Extolled in Military Periodical

Germany—The *Heartbeat* staff learned recently that U.S. Air Force Technical Sergeant Dennis Heath was extolled in a military periodical in September. Heath was commended for his willingness to show a helping hand to a fellow service man who was taking his parents to the airport.

Dennis found the family stalled beside the highway and offered to help. When he understood their urgent need and realized the impossibility of getting them to the airport in time via shuttle, Heath volunteered to loan the young man his van to take them to the airport.

His only condition was, "Just put gas in the van and bring it back when you're finished," said Darrell Oprish, Jr. He did so, but wrote to the *Kaiserlautern American* commending such kindness.

Heath was presented the Communicator's Top Three Association Professionalism Award for January



Dennis Heath

to June of 1991 by the European Communications Division.

Dennis and his wife, Mary, are missionary affiliates in Germany.

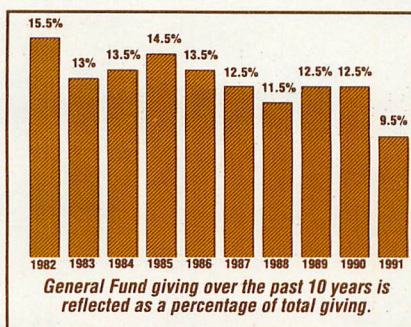
Additional 10% Sought as General Fund Shrinks

Nashville, Tenn.—Due to a persistent trend toward total designation of funds through the past several years, the foreign missions general operating fund is in need.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director, declared, "Although overall giving has increased regularly, the general fund has continued about the same. At the same time, services and activities have increased tremendously. The number of office and administrative personnel has not increased but general costs have risen significantly over the past 10 years," he declared.

"We are asking our donors to please consider adding 10 percent to their gifts to missionary accounts," Waddell continued. "This will go to cover costs for important services to missionaries and supporting churches.

"The accompanying graph indicates a serious drop in general fund giving in 1991, but we hope the response to the request for an additional 10 percent will solve this shortage," Mr. Waddell concluded.



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