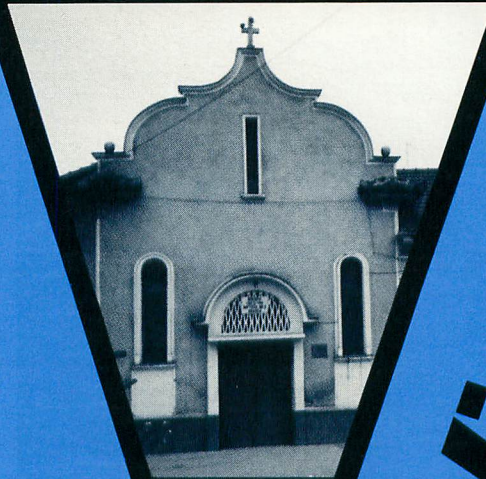


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Showing God at work around the world



The Victory Cry!

The Second Baptist Church of Oradea, Romania (right), is reaching hundreds of Romanians (below) for Christ.



The Victory Cry

by Patsy Vanhook



Baptists celebrate Easter on the same day as they do. This year it was one week later than Easter in the United States.

The podium stood above me and to my left, so I couldn't see the four pastors as they entered the room. But I knew they were there because the whole congregation rose to its feet—our signal to begin the service. Then the cry came from one of the pastors, "Hristos a inviat!" And the congregation responded as one, "Adevarat a inviat!" This three-fold jubilant cry set the tone for the nearly two-hour worship service.

From my seat facing the congregation, I had a tremendous vantage point for observing the crowd. Before me was a lady about 40 years of age with a tear-stained face. She was saved and baptized about one year ago, but she can't come to church often because her husband is of the Orthodox faith. But that day she was in church with her young daughter.

By service time the largest crowd I had ever seen in the church had filled all the aisles and the space in front of the podium.

"Hristos a inviat! Adevarat a inviat!" Christ is risen! Risen indeed!

The cry rang out three times and received a joyous response each time. It was April 26, 1992, Easter Sunday morning at the Second Baptist Church of Oradea, Romania.

I sat right below the podium facing the congregation because when I arrived at 10:05 a.m. all

the seats in the main auditorium were filled. By service time at 10:30, the largest crowd I had ever seen in the church had filled all the aisles and the space in front of the podium. People were standing three and four deep. Possibly as many as 3,000 people packed the church.

Since Romania is a traditionally Orthodox country,

Near that woman sat a gray-haired lady in a dark hat. She sits there faithfully every Sunday morning. Her husband was the first pastor of the church. He lived to see the revolution in December of 1989 and then died early the next year. I wondered if he might be rejoicing in heaven over the tremendous change that had come over Romania.

Standing not far from me was one of my English students at the Bible institute, freely worshipping God—standing for nearly two hours for the privilege of doing so.

It was truly a celebration of the resurrection of the Lord as “Christ is risen” was repeated again and again in song, prayer and the message. The choir, probably 100 strong and one of the two church choirs, thrilled my heart with some of the best singing I had heard from any church choir. The “Hallelujah Chorus” from Handel’s Messiah was part of their ministry to the church.

Who could have imagined four years ago the freedom and opportunities the Lord’s people in Romania now have?

As usual, a member of the church gave a moving recitation of a poem. The theme was the resurrection.

A man who used to sing popular songs at a spa near Oradea sang to the glory of God, tearfully greeted the congregation, and shared a word of testimony. He was saved in the United States, where he now lives. He had come back to Oradea to celebrate Easter with his parents.

From a full and warm heart, the pastor who preached spoke of our living Savior, who is seated at the right hand of the Father in glory, but who is also living in the heart of every believer.

My understanding of the Romanian language is very

limited, so I struggled to follow the message. Sometimes the effort got to be too much for my mind, so it slipped off to thoughts of what I had seen and heard since coming to Romania.

I thought, “Who could have imagined four years ago the freedom and opportunities the Lord’s people in Romania now have?”

The Second Baptist Church of Oradea is right up front, leading the way to great expansion and evangelism.

For example, the church sponsors a Christian high school of several hundred students. I teach English at their Bible institute where over 240 students are preparing to serve the Lord. A ground-breaking ceremony is scheduled for the new Christian university campus. A Christian medical clinic just opened in Oradea. It is staffed by medical personnel from the church. And several children from a church-sponsored orphanage were in the morning service.

The people are eagerly awaiting completion of their new church building which will also be home to the Christian high school.

We often hear reports of progress on the establishment of a 24-hour Christian radio station which will broadcast programs throughout Romania. And we are told that a publishing house will be printing Christian books. On top of that, the people are eagerly awaiting completion of their new church building which will also be home

to the Christian high school. As I looked around that morning, the sea of faces confirmed the need for this building.

The pastor ended his Easter message with a challenge: “Is Christ living in your heart this morning?” As the invitation went out, a number of people responded and God’s family was enlarged. I wondered if some of these people would be joining the more than 130 new Christians waiting to be baptized at the next baptismal service?

As I followed the crowd out the doors of the church, my heart was full and singing praises to God for His greatness and power. Just a few years ago Christians in Romania were persecuted and harassed. Now, children from a state school of the arts come to give a concert in the Baptist church; a Bible institute is housed on a state university campus; and a city official participates in the ground-breaking ceremony of a Christian university campus.

I certainly must echo the triumphant cry: “Christ is risen! Risen indeed!”

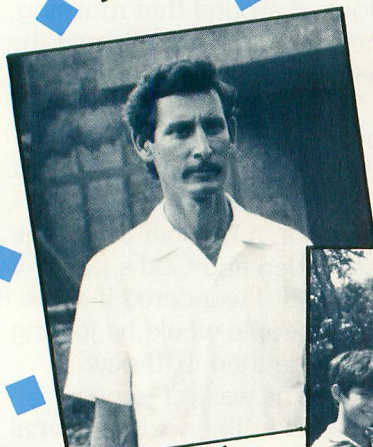
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Cuban Association



*David gives Pat
a rose in the
home of a
Cuban family.*



*Cuban youth
gather around
David.*

Cuba's Jubilee

by David and Pat Shores

The trip to Cuba began to take on a different perspective when we drove up to a small house on the outskirts of Havana. A nice little bus was being loaded by some young people. As some of them took our luggage, others were placing a banner across the rear window which read, "Cuba Para Cristo!" We loaded quickly and started on the long road which would take us to Pinar del Rio. As the young passengers sang and laughed, my mind went back a few days.

We had arrived in Miami on Wednesday, August 12, with plans to depart on Friday for Cuba to participate in the Jubilee celebration of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists. Some 37 other Free

Will Baptists, including denominational and foreign missions leaders from the United States, were to accompany us. But on Thursday afternoon we received news the trip had been cancelled due to several visas being denied.

Some 350 people registered for the celebration and between 150 and 170 others walked in each day.

What a let down! Weeks of anticipation began to evaporate into despair. Then another call came. Possibly we could go but there would be no translator or

other travel companions. Permits and plane space were available but we still had not received approval from Havana.

Finally we received word on Friday night that permits had been issued and visas had been granted but the airline hadn't received the needed message. We were assured it would probably be received and passage would be available on Monday, the day of the next flight. But visas would only be issued on arrival in Cuba.

We were up at 4:00 a.m. Monday and Pastor Larry Montgomery of Hollywood Free Will Baptist Church in Hollywood, Fla., drove us to the airport. We got our tickets at 8:30 a.m. and we were on our way!

We arrived at José Martí Airport in Havana at 9:50 a.m. but soon learned there would be no visas until 11:45 a.m. We didn't get through the long customs line until 2:45 p.m. And, though we took T-shirts and ball point pens for the 50-year celebration, these were held in customs for three days so someone else had to pick them up later.

Ramón Sánchez, president of the Cuban association, drove us across Havana, then on to the home of his mother, where we ate our first meal on the island: rice, black beans, and a glass of water. Then we boarded a bus for Pinar del Río and arrived at the Cedars of Lebanon seminary at 7:20 p.m. This was our Free Will Baptist haven in Cuba.

Services were scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., but the electricity was off, so they started at 9:15 p.m. and lasted until 11:15. At midnight we finally got to bed.

On Saturday evening 16 people were baptized in the outdoor baptistry.

We were excited at being there, and while enthusiasm was evident among the group, I sensed a disappointment because the Willey Memorial Chapel was not yet completed and because the other representatives from the U.S. had been unable to attend.

Some 350 people registered for the celebration and between 150 and 170 others walked in each day. Sleeping space was not adequate for the total number attending.

We sensed a special

excitement in the music during the meeting, and they had a loud speaker hook-up so that each morning we would awaken to Christian music. This was made up largely of songs of praise.

Daily activities for the Jubilee celebration included four services with singing and preaching. Three "extra" services were held during the week: a baptismal service, a graduation ceremony, and a special tribute to Mom and Pop Willey.

A highlight for me, David, was the graduation service for the seminary. Four men and two young women graduated. I was the main speaker during the graduation and some of the other Jubilee services. When asked who would make a commitment to study in the seminary, 19 or 20 young people responded. Since no translators were able to enter Cuba, Iraida Mantilla, who had been a bilingual secretary before the revolution, translated when I preached.

The tribute to the Willeys included videotaped greetings from Mom Willey and Tom Willey Jr. Then a video of some 8mm film footage was shown of the Willeys and the work when Tom and Mabel were still quite young. Tom Willey Jr. was seen as just a small boy riding a little burro. Several older Christians gave testimonies and shared memories of the Willeys. Other similar testimonies were interspersed with activities throughout the week.

On Saturday evening 16 people were baptized by pastors Ramón Sánchez and Vidal Hernández in the outdoor baptistry which Pop Willey had

built between the new building and the house where the Willeys used to live.

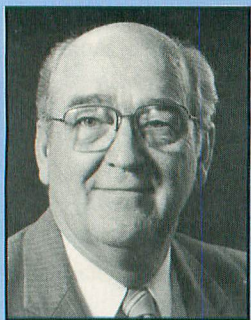
Our visit and the fellowship in Cuba were outstanding but we were deeply concerned with the welfare of the people. Due to the collapse of the communist nations, etc., trade has dropped off greatly in the country. Because of that, practically everything is rationed. We didn't eat any meat during our stay at Cedars of Lebanon. Cubans are allowed only one pound of rice and a pound of beans each week. Yet the Christians maintain a tremendous attitude and display an outstanding dedication.

The young people would get their Bibles out and show us verses that really meant something to them. They have asked that we send them more tracts and Bibles. They really don't have literature to use or distribute. They don't have fresh Bible commentaries, Christian programs to watch or literature to read in order to keep up with world events, so they requested us to send people to the island to teach seminars at the seminary and in the churches.

We were moved by the needs of our Cuban brothers and sisters and we were challenged by the degree of commitment evident among them. We both left Cuba crying. We wanted to stay. Cubans are a loving people and they are so open. A person can stop and talk to people on the street and they will listen.

We left Cuba with a strong desire in our hearts to return soon.

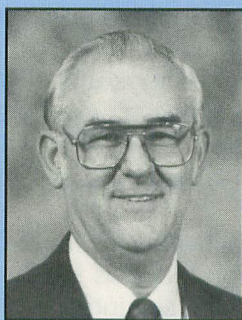
David Shores and his wife, Pat, are from Ina, Ill., where David pastors the Ina FWB Church. David is the newest member of the Board of Foreign Missions.



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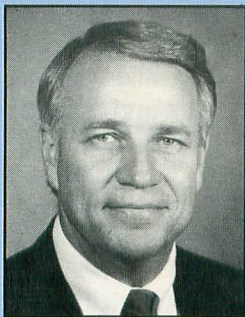
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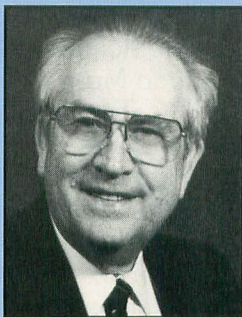
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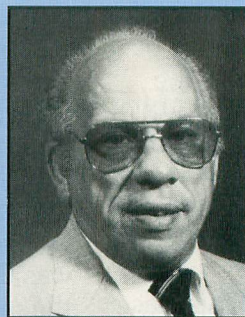
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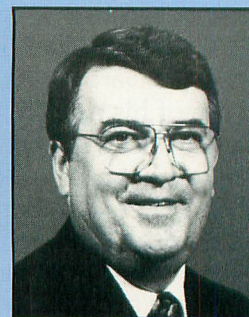
Joe Grizzle



Alton Loveless



William Reagan Sr.



David Shores

Meet the Board of Foreign Missions

by Don Robirds

Board chairman **Norwood Gibson** hails from Florence, S.C., where he serves as promotional director for the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists. Norwood was elected to the board in July of 1982 and became chairman in May of this year. He had served as vice-chairman since April of 1985.

Although he joined a Baptist church at age 21, Norwood was not actually converted until November of 1959 at the age of 31. His wife, Molly, was saved in the same month, and their marriage was salvaged as God changed their lives.

Norwood has actively

promoted missions for many years, but he says his involvement on the board "has enlarged my scope of a lost world, and challenged me to do more individually and as a collective body to get the gospel to the ends of the earth."

He adds, "It is the greatest and most serious responsibility I have encountered in my ministry. It requires decision-making that affects the lives and ministry of so many people."

Vice-chairman **Bob Trimble** pastors Mount Calvary FWB Church in Perryman, Md. He joined the board in July of 1979 and was elected vice-chairman in April of 1982. He served in

that capacity until April of 1985 and was re-elected in May of this year.

Bob and his wife, Nancy, were saved in the same revival meeting in Woodstock, Ohio, in July of 1954. They were married in February of 1956. They have three children.

Bob was ordained as a deacon at the age of 20 in Urbana, Ohio, in a church he helped to start. He enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College the same year.

According to Bob, "Involvement on the board has made me more aware of the needs and the problems we face and the great task before us in

reaching people for Christ around the world." He actively urges his church toward missions involvement and challenges the youth to answer God's call to service.

Secretary **Galen Dunbar** was saved at 16 years of age in Kilsyth, W.Va. He answered God's call to preach a little over one year later after entering Free Will Baptist Bible College. He married Barbara Hancock in 1955, and they have three children, two girls and a boy.

The Dunbars have been actively involved in denominational ministries and have pastored in West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Michigan, Virginia, Kansas, and Georgia. Galen currently pastors Ebenezer FWB Church in Glennville, Ga.

Galen was elected to the board in July of 1984. He has served as secretary to the board since May of 1988. He has consistently led the churches he pastored to give liberally to world outreach.

Archie Mayhew, former missionary to Ivory Coast, also joined the board in July of 1984. Shortly after being elected, he and his wife, Sarah, were asked to spend one year on special assignment in Ivory Coast starting in April of 1986. This was cut short due to medical problems which Archie developed. The problem was later diagnosed as a coronary condition.

Although he continued to serve on the board, Mayhew was considered disabled. Through answered prayer and coronary bypass surgery, Archie has been able to resume a pastoral ministry in Modesto, Calif., the city where he and

Sarah were converted. He has actively sought to build missions interest in the Modesto FWB Church and has helped to stimulate missions interest among Free Will Baptists of California.

Since he served 18 years on the mission field, Archie has been able to provide valuable insights for board decisions.

Dean Dobbs pastors Pleasant Acres FWB Church in New Bern, N.C., where he has labored since 1979. Dean was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions in July of 1986. He says his involvement on the board has given him a greater burden for the missionaries, and seeing the whitened fields has challenged him for worldwide missions.

Dean was converted in 1953 during a revival meeting in Kirksville, Mo. Two weeks later he answered the call to preach. He married Rubenia Coley in 1957 and graduated from FWBBC in 1961.

Dobbs has played an important role in the nine-man policy-making body, traveling to the mission fields on behalf of the board and serving on numerous planning committees.

Joe Grizzle pastors the First FWB Church in Norman, Okla., where he has served for the past 16 years. He was placed on the board in July of 1986 and has been greatly involved in missions promotion.

Joe was converted at around 10 years of age. He sensed the ministerial call while only 12 years of age, but actually responded to the call eight years later after the Holy Spirit confirmed this in his heart. He and his wife, Billie Jo, were married in January of 1963,

and Joe attended both Hillsdale (Oklahoma Bible College) and FWBBC.

Although he was already active in supporting missions, since joining the board Joe has greatly increased his missions involvement and promotion. His church was ranked number seven in giving to foreign missions in 1991. According to Grizzle, "The greatest challenge has been a growing awareness of the complexity of cross-cultural communications . . . I also have . . . an increased awareness of the personal frustration experienced by missionary families."

Alton Loveless, executive secretary for Ohio Free Will Baptists, was elected to the board in July of 1990. He has been instrumental in promoting missions across the state of Ohio through *The Ambassador*, official publication of the state association.

Loveless and his wife, Delois, have two sons. They have both been actively involved in denominational service. Alton has spent 38 years as a FWB minister and has pastored churches in Arkansas and Missouri. He served several years with Scripture Press and has been executive secretary for Ohio Free Will Baptists since 1974.

Alton has preached in 68 different denominations, in 44 states and 32 countries. He has conducted over 700 seminars and has had over 400 articles published. Though relatively new to the board, his vast experience and understanding of interpersonal relations make him a valuable member.

When **William Reagan Sr.**

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was elected to the board in July of 1988, he was already serving as a missionary. Working under home missions, he currently ministers in the Windsor FWB Church, Windsor, Ontario. This is his second missions project in Canada, and he has been there since September 1982.

Bill was saved at a youth camp at 12 years of age. He answered the call to preach at 16 years of age and preached three times a week at a local rescue mission. He and his wife, Lois, were married in August of 1961. They have two children.

Reagan says his burden for missions has increased since becoming a member of the board and he has been able to change his church's concept of missions. "Missionaries were people that you read about. Now they are real. And though they had seen the missionary as a person cutting through the jungle, they now see them ministering in a modern world."

David Shores is the newest member of the board, having joined the group in July of this year. David currently serves as pastor of the Ina FWB Church in Ina, Ill., and acts as promotional secretary for Free Will Baptists in the state of Illinois.

David was converted in January of 1956 and preached his first sermon in August of the same year. He and his wife, Patricia (Pat), have been greatly involved with missions for years. They have made two trips to Cuba in the last few years (see their article in this issue).

The Ina FWB Church ranked number eight in giving to foreign missions in 1991.

In my senior year at the University of California, Berkeley, I was pulled in two directions. I knew God was directing me to apply for the staff of a worldwide missions organization. But my Christian boyfriend of four years, Craig, proposed just as I had my application ready to mail. I wanted to obey God, but I wanted to marry Craig, too. I knew I couldn't do both at that point in my life. In the end, the thought of raising support scared me to death. And so, I opted for what seemed easier: marriage.

Godly obedience is deferring or giving way to Him.

As I walked down the aisle nine months later, my inner voice was still nagging me. I knew as I said I would love, honor and obey Craig, I was disobeying God and His call.

Those wedding day doubts persisted for over 12 years until four years ago when I was finally able to pray: "God, I just want to do what you want me to do. Use me, Lord, in whatever way you now can."

And I should not have been surprised that my Heavenly Father had been waiting for me all along—to let me know that marrying Craig was in His will after all, just ill-timed. He also was waiting to call me to serve him again, through my writing.

The word "obedience" can come across as something severe, something scary, to Christians. We are afraid that complete submission of our life's plans to God would soon have us on our way to Africa or

a remote Pacific island.

But when we don't obey God, we live with regret and uncertainty. We'll never know during our lifetime how God could have used us, what blessings we could have received or how His kingdom could have been furthered. Godly obedience is deferring or giving way to Him. It is acknowledging our inferiority and His superiority. My favorite definition of "obey" is "yield," because "yield" not only means to submit but also implies that something is being produced or returned. As the farmer who yields his seed to the ground and receives the wheat in return, I receive countless blessings when I yield myself to my Lord.

Many characteristics come together when we are obedient: willingness, availability, communication, excellence, commitment, sacrifice. But I believe the primary characteristic is trust. When I trust God to have the best possible option for me, obeying comes naturally.

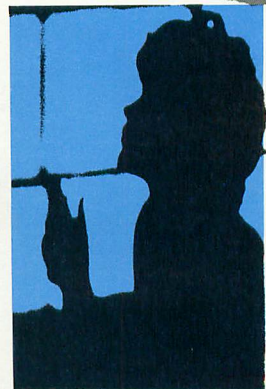
How can I know that God has the best plan? Because He is trustworthy.

And how can I know that God has the best plan? Because He is trustworthy. He is up-to-date on all He has promised. Two verses have helped me put my trust in Him:

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11, KJV).

OBEDIENCE IS NOT A SCARY THING!

by Janet Holm McHenry



The NIV puts it this way: "For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

The second verse reads, "Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant" (1 Kings 8:56, KJV).

God promises to prosper, not harm me. And I know His word is good because all that He has promised His faithful servants, like Moses, has come to pass.

Only when I was finally able to yield to Christ's lordship in my life was I fully able also to

love my husband. For years I resented working in Craig's law office. But when I told God, "use me," I realized God had me just where He wanted me, with all the facilities a Christian writer could ever want.

Only when I was finally able to yield to Christ's lordship in my life was I fully able also to love my husband.

Even so, I still felt guilty over missing the opportunity to work in missions. So one day I asked Craig, "If I had told you 'no,' when you proposed and gone into missions service instead, what would you have done?"

Craig smiled, put his arms

around me, and said, "Janet, I waited for you for over four years. I would have waited another year, or another, until you were ready . . . and it was the right timing."

"We kind of rushed things, didn't we?" I asked.

"Probably," he said. "But we can't change the past. What is important now is that you do and I do what God wants us doing now."

"You're right," I said. "And I'm not sure why I thought fully obeying God was a scary thing. Because it's not at all."

"In fact," I joked, "we're 'having fun yet,' aren't we?"

And as Craig looked over our three kids wrestling on the floor, he answered, "We sure are."

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Left, Paul Robinson translates into Spanish what Fred Hersey puts into English as Pastor Kenichiro Sugitani of Japan speaks to the International Consultation in Panama. Above, official representatives to the consultation were (left to right) Nicholas Valdez of Panama, Fred Hanson of Canada, Jean Carlo Achê of Brazil, Dr. Melvin Wothington of the United States, Mario da Conceição of Uruguay, Kenichiro Sugitani of Japan and Lazaro de la Rosa of Mexico.

Cowarts to Begin New Work in Limeira, Brazil

Brazil—Missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart, who returned to Brazil in June of this year, have decided to open a new work for Free Will Baptists in the city of Limeira, which has a population of approximately 600 thousand people.

The Cowarts had originally planned to work in the Campinas area, but since the First Free Will Baptist Church there now has a capable Brazilian pastor, they have decided to launch a new ministry in this needy area in the state of São Paulo.

Jim and Karen requested prayer for wisdom and direction to know exactly where to start their work in Limeira.

Bryan Heads Committee for TEE Conference

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Robert Bryan was scheduled to direct a special international Theological Education by Extension conference November 2-7 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. More than 125 individuals from eight countries with French-speaking people were expected to participate. The conference was designed to acquaint people with the TEE program and provide them with the tools to train leaders to produce strong churches in West Africa.

Robert was also chairman of the organizing committee for the event. He requested prayer that God would

supply the financial needs for this conference and would give the participants the ability to use the tools afforded them at the gathering.

Deadline Extended for TEAM Panama/Uruguay '93

Antioch, Tenn.—Two high-school-age evangelistic teams, one for Panama and the other for Uruguay, are being formed now for the summer of 1993, and the deadline for applications has been extended to February 1, 1993.

TEAM Panama/Uruguay '93 coordinator Ken Eagleton announced the extension in October. The original deadline had been set for October 1.

Eagleton noted that a video challenge for the TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) program is soon to be released and will be available upon request from the foreign missions office.

Hersey Returns to Japan to Pack and Store Effects

Japan—Fred Hersey returned to Bihoro, Japan, on September 21 to tie up loose ends and store belongings in light of the sudden medical furlough brought on by the rediscovery of cancer in his wife, Evelyn. Fred was scheduled to return to the United States around Thanksgiving.

Latest reports indicated doctors are pleased with Evelyn's condition. The chemotherapy treatments appear to be breaking up the cancer spots, and she is able to walk better now.

International Delegates Seek "Fellowship" Body

Panama—Free Will Baptists from seven countries met in Panama August 24-28 for the first International Consultation. Representatives voted to work toward organizing an international fellowship of Free Will Baptists in 1995.

The special consultation was convened at the request of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States. Representatives were sent from Brazil, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Panama, the United States, and Uruguay.

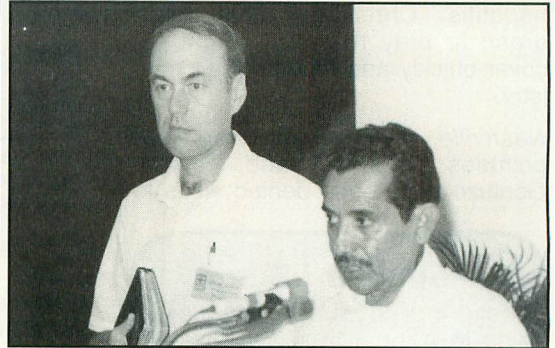
Alex Mercado, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama, brought the keynote message on the theme of the consultation: "Free Will Baptists: United in Worship, Fellowship, and Witness."

Other speakers in the evening worship services included Kenichiro Sugitani of Japan, Lazaro de la Rosa of Mexico, and Jean Carlo Achê of Brazil. Special presentation papers were given during the plenary sessions.

The delegates approved the "Panama Declaration of 1992" affirming their commitment to fundamental beliefs of orthodox Christianity, distinctive beliefs and practices characterizing Free Will Baptists, the necessity of holy living, the dangers of the ecumenical movement and the priority of evangelism. They also adopted a statement of cautions, concerns and out-



Above, representatives and observers at the International Consultation stand outside the chapel in Santa Clara, Panama, where they held services. Top, right, the group votes on the "Panama Declaration of 1992" and bottom, right, Steve Lytle translates for Lazaro de la Rosa of Mexico as he speaks to the group.



right rejection of many doctrines and practices of the charismatic movement.

Fred Hanson of Canada presided over the business sessions and Jean Carlo of Brazil served as secretary.

Although four different language groups were represented, no serious communication problems arose.

Dr. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists in the United States, arrived at the meeting late after being caught in Hurricane Andrew in Miami, Fla. He was elected chairman of the committee for organizing and developing the new fellowship group.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director, and Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary, represented the Department of Foreign Missions. Missionaries Steve Lytle, Stan Bunch, Walter Ellison, Dave Franks, Fred Hersey, and retired missionary Paul Robinson were also at the meeting.

The consultation closed with a communion and feet washing service on Thursday night.

Aycocks Cite Conversion in Barbacena, Brazil

Brazil—"We led a retired public school teacher to the Lord in her home last Friday," writes Bobby Aycock from Barbacena, Brazil. The letter, dated August 18, indicated the Aycocks had been working with Heloisa since March. She was a

Catholic and had many friends who were spiritists.

Bobby requested prayer for Heloisa as she has started taking a home Bible study course.

23 Students Enrolled in Panama Bible Institute

Panama—According to missionary Steve Lytle, the Bible institute in Panama resumed classes on September 3 for its final semester of the year. Twenty-three students are enrolled in at least one of the three courses offered.

Lytle, who is launching an extension course ministry from the institute, has requested prayer as he travels to the different areas of Panama where Free Will Baptists have ministries.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Alice Smith reports from Agnibilekrou that she has been having weekly Bible studies with two new converts. One is a lady named Helene and the other is a teenage girl named Odete. Alice requested Christians to pray that she would be able to teach these two effectively.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Norman and Bessie Richards received word from Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, that the Ivorian government has finally granted official papers for the church property there. They

have waited almost three years for these papers. Norman and Bessie are on furlough and hope to return to Ivory Coast in January.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Lilly Tallent, mother of missionary Charolette Tallent, suffered a mild heart attack in early September. Mrs. Tallent is currently being treated at home with medication and cardiotherapy. According to latest reports, she is doing well.

Spain—The Bible institute/seminary in Spain got under way in September. Missionaries are teaching three main courses: Bible Basis of Missions by Steve Reeves, History of the Christian Church by Dwain Crosby and Greek by Jeff Turnbough. None of these courses has been offered before in the seminary in Spain.

Morehead City, N.C.—Missionary Molly Barker of Uruguay reported leading a Mexican lady to the Lord in North Carolina recently. Molly was home due to health problems and returned to Uruguay on September 30. Molly met the lady due to the language barrier. She had four children who were riding the church bus.

Moore, Okla.—James and Cristi Deeds of Moore, Okla., became the proud parents of a baby girl, Alyssa Michelle, on October 2. Alyssa weighed in at seven pounds seven ounces. She is the fifth grandchild of

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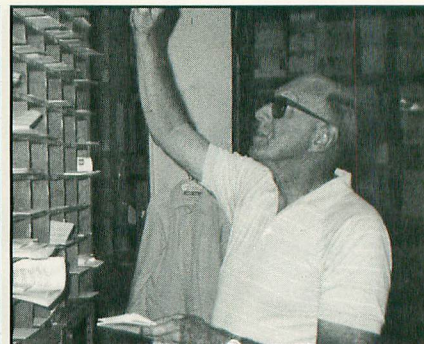
Earnie and Jean Deeds of Brazil. She has an older sister, Ashley.

Côte d'Ivoire—Robert and Pam West, maintenance missionaries at the Doropo medical station in Côte d'Ivoire, have been diagnosed with hepatitis. Christians have been urged to pray that they might recover quickly and resume their ministry.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary appointees Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso have been denied visas to



Mrs. Nancy Jones, left, receives a certificate of appreciation from R. Eugene Waddell for her volunteer services to foreign missions. Volunteer Charles Hingst, right, puts up mail for missionaries. He was also honored recently.



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France where they were to be enrolled in French language study. They requested prayer as they seek an alternate plan for language study. They enrolled in a seven-week intensive course at Berlitz Language School in St. Louis, Mo., during October and November.

Panama—Pastor Uri Gonzales, of Panama, conducts a 50-minute radio broadcast twice a week. The format includes music, a devotional, and discussion. It concludes with telephone call-ins. Christians have been urged to pray for this national leader and his special effort for outreach.

France—Joe and Tanya Dudley, short-term missionaries to France, were granted student visas through the French consulate in Chicago on September 3. They departed for France on September 15.

Japan—Ruth McDonald in Sapporo, Japan, reported recently that three women had been saved at the Ai No Sato church in the month of September.

Brazil—Curt and Mary Holland arrived in Brazil on August 20 and began Portuguese language study near the end of September. They reported having located a house, and they bought a used car for trans-

portation. They are living in Campinas, Brazil.

Uruguay—Dave Jr. and Becky Franks have arrived in Uruguay and settled into their apartment on the ninth floor in Montevideo. They have begun language study and latest reports indicate they are doing well.

Brazil—New missionaries Curt and Mary Holland were initiated to lack of security for material possessions on the mission field recently. Thieves broke into their home in Campinas, Brazil, and stole a number of items, including a camera and electronic flash, a video camera, and jewelry. They even took the wedding rings which had belonged to Mary's parents.

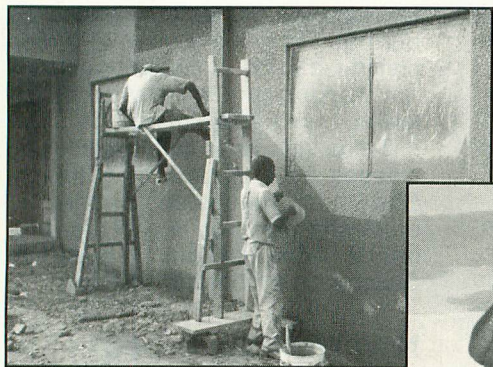
Jones, Hingst Honored for Volunteer Service

Antioch, Tenn.—Two special volunteer workers at the foreign missions office in Antioch, Tenn., were honored in September and October in their Nashville area churches: Nancy Jones of Calvary Free Will Baptist and Charles Hingst of Donelson Free Will Baptist.

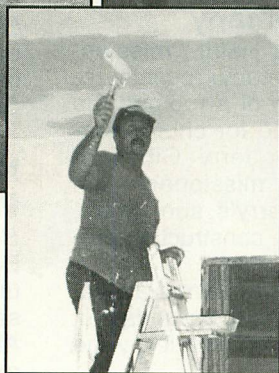
R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, presented Mrs. Jones a framed certificate on Sunday, September 6, and Hingst

November is Home Missions Month!

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Above, workers plaster the outside of the new Youth/Training Center in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire. Far right, the building stands nearly complete and ready for use. Jerry Pinkerton (inset) puts some finishing touches on the ceiling of the new center.



was presented a similar certificate on October 11.

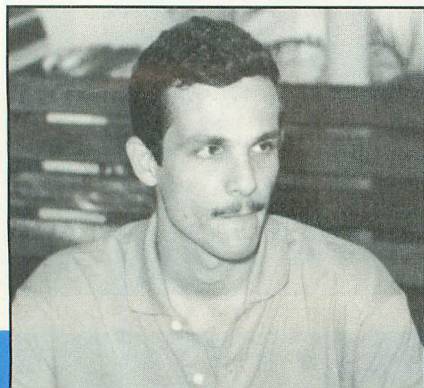
Waddell stated, "These two self-sacrificing individuals have contributed hundreds of hours of volunteer service on behalf of our missionaries and the foreign missions staff. This has saved the department thousands of dollars. We have been extremely blessed to have them working in our office."

Brazilian Leader Speaks in Churches and at FWBBC

Nashville, Tenn.—Jean Carlo Achê, pastor of the Jaboticabal Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil and president of the Brazil Association of FWB Churches, visited the United States in August. He spoke in two Nashville area churches and at FWB Bible College where he also taught four missions classes.

Achê had been in Panama for the International Consultation and took the opportunity to visit the National Offices in Antioch, Tenn., some of the churches and the Bible college.

Jean Carlo Achê



Bailey Reports Conversion at Iriso in September

Japan—"Mr. Yanagi, who has been attending Iriso for the past three years, became a Christian two weeks ago!" writes Ken Bailey in September from a suburb of Tokyo, Japan. Ken noted that Mr. Yanagi and two others were scheduled to be baptized on the second Sunday of October.

Bailey also reported good news concerning his health status. Doctors have gradually decreased the insulin he has been taking until they finally took him off all medication for 10 days to see if he could handle it. At last report he was doing well and had been re-classified as a Type II diabetic. But doctors indicated this could be a temporary status and he may have to resume his insulin injections.

Youth/Training Center Nears Completion

Côte d'Ivoire—According to a September report from missionary Carol Pinkerton, the new Youth/Training Center in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, is nearing completion. "Everything is in place. We're just waiting for the inspectors to come, look things over, and give their official approval," writes Carol.

Mrs. Pinkerton noted that books had been listed and placed in racks, new tables were being covered with plastic, and metal tables and chairs had been given new coats of paint.

Carol also indicated she and Jerry were excited about the transfer of a young Christian couple to the Bondoukou area. Yeboua, who was saved under the ministry of Archie and Sarah Mayhew, married a young lady from Agnibilekrou, where Norman and Bessie Richards minister. They have been faithful workers for the Lord wherever they have gone. Yeboua works for the government as a director of youth/cultural activities. The Pinkertons expect the couple to be a big help in working with the youth.

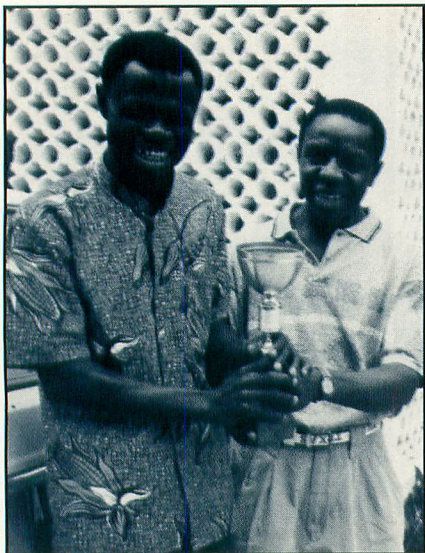
Hughes Resigns Post at Uberlandia Church

Brazil—Tom and Nancy Hughes returned to Brazil on September 13 after 10 months of deputational ministry in the United States. On September 20 Tom preached his last sermon as pastor to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Uberlandia. He resigned to devote his efforts to the Second church in Uberlandia and to the local Bible institute ministry.

Tom and Nancy founded the First church and celebrated its fifteenth anniversary on the day of his final message. The couple urged Christians to pray for the churches in Uberlandia during this time of transition.

The Hughes expressed praise for the work done in their absence under the leadership of lay pastor Célio Pavarine. Eleven people were saved during those ten months.

News Update



Silas (left), president of the youth in the Bondoukou church, and John, also from the church, display the Tic-Tac-Toe trophy won by their youth at the National Youth Camp.

150 Attend Youth Camp in Bondoukou

Côte d'Ivoire—The National Youth Camp for Free Will Baptist young people in Côte d'Ivoire was held July 13-17 at Bondoukou. A total of 150 people were on hand for the four and two-thirds days of camp.

According to missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Yeboua, a young African saved under the ministry of Archie and Sarah Mayhew, was the speaker for two days of the camp. He taught about the Christian's responsibilities toward politics and Christian engagements.

Missionary Robert Bryan spoke on the return of Christ and Jerry Pinkerton addressed Christian ethics.

Tic-Tac-Toe teams from Tanda, Agnibilekrou and Bondoukou competed during the youth camp. Bouna's team had been chosen but did not participate. The three participating teams "were fierce," according to Carol Pinkerton. She says, "They had literally memorized the book of Mark in order to answer the 200 questions Jerry had prepared. Troubles came not from answering the questions, but from the strategy of placing the X's and O's in the proper place on the Tic-Tac-Toe board." Bondoukou took home the trophy. It had been at Agnibilekrou for the past two years.

The Pinkertons noted that much of the credit for the success of the camp was due to the work of Bondoukou's youth president, Silas.

New Room Added to Church in Germany

Germany—Dennis Heath, missionary affiliate in Germany, recently reported the addition of a room in the building being used for church services. Missionary Jerry Gibbs of France, student missionary Jim Wilkinson, and Jerry's son, Marc, joined Heath in the construction project.

Completion of the room was dependent upon the needed funds, but the Heaths hoped to finish it by the end of September.

Dennis noted that a television set and video cassette recorder had been acquired for use in the area which is planned for a youth meeting place. Youth activities were expected to begin in mid-November.

Kim Zegelien, missionary affiliate and team member with the Heaths, returned to Germany in August after a short vacation in the United States.

Owens Use Bible Study, Cooking for Evangelism

Uruguay—"I continue to have studies with Jorge Abella," writes Dennis Owen from Montevideo, Uruguay. "It would not be correct to say that I

feel satisfied he has truly placed the Lord as his guiding priority," Owen continued in his September letter. "I am working through Navigator follow-up books with him now."

Trena has been holding cooking classes as a means of outreach. She has requested people to earnestly pray for two of her students, Andrea and Suzanna. Suzanna is a Christian scientist.

New Work Launched in Marincek, Ribeirão Preto

Brazil—According to missionary Bobby Poole, a new church got under way in July in the Marincek section of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. After property had been purchased, existing buildings were remodeled and special services were conducted July 3-5.

Poole declared attendance to be 86, 46, and 41 for the three services. Special speakers and a chalk drawing were featured each night.

The Second Free Will Baptist Church in town sponsored a vacation Bible school July 20-24 in the new church. Attendance averaged 48 for the week.

On the Sunday following the VBS program, Sunday school attendance reached 24. The new work is being led by a Brazilian couple, Carlos and Valeria. This is the fourth church to be started in Ribeirão Preto under the leadership of Bobby and Geneva Poole.

Missionary affiliate Dennis Heath, left, and Jerry Gibbs, missionary to France, work on the construction of a room in the church at Kusel, Germany.





Dr. Paul Smith challenges participants during Reach Out '92 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

Reach Out '92 Program Proves Effective at FWBBC

Nashville, Tenn.—Reach Out '92, a conference on world missions and evangelism, was held October 6-9 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Featured speakers were Dr. Paul Smith, senior pastor of The People's Church in Toronto, Canada, and Don Richardson, missionary statesman and author.

Directors of the departments of home and foreign missions as well as 24 workshop presenters challenged visitors and students to find their place in God's global purpose. According to college coordinators, reaction to such a varied and comprehensive format appeared to be positive.

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Total income for August	\$ 281,034.79
Total income for September	291,630.54
Total income through September	3,048,381.04
Total disbursements through September	3,210,475.17
Projected income through September	2,831,403.75
Total 1992 Budget	\$3,775,205.00
ADVANCE gifts through September	\$ 36,517.49

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Barker	\$ 2,725.47	Nichols	\$ 3,802.28
Bishop	6,409.16	Owen	158.66
Bryan	1,498.08	Plunkett	1,970.25
Callaway	9,748.70	Riggs, S.	1,427.55
Combs	4,789.13	Robinson	5,511.09
Crosby	1,548.70	Sturgill	4,154.67
Franks Sr.	3,228.88	Teague	5,691.61
Gibbs	3,138.69	Willey	2,260.87
McFall	8,524.92	Wilson	341.64
Midgett	10,447.87	General Fund	30,504.70
Moore	5,318.70	Spec. Comm.	18,882.34
Morgan	6,774.58		
Total			\$138,858.54

\$inking

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

Crowson	\$ 20.00	Poole	\$ 20.00
Ellison	20.00	Sparks	423.60
Hanna	530.71		

State Goals—1992

State	Goal 1992	Goal Through September	Contributions Through September
Alabama	\$ 175,000	\$131,250	\$ 131,022.82
Arizona	5,500	4,125	6,818.63
Arkansas	207,000	155,250	179,381.44
California	84,000	63,000	64,993.58
Colorado	6,200	4,650	4,466.10
Florida	84,000	63,000	52,068.56
Georgia	164,000	123,000	103,189.06
Hawaii	4,500	3,375	1,501.22
Idaho	900	675	559.00
Illinois	110,000	82,500	67,841.22
Indiana	41,000	30,750	32,313.53
Iowa	2,200	1,650	1,893.00
Kansas	17,000	12,750	12,184.24
Kentucky	75,000	56,250	54,200.98
Louisiana	250	188	295.46
Maryland	20,000	15,000	13,618.73
Michigan	136,000	102,000	113,370.32
Mississippi	59,000	44,250	32,818.38
Missouri	275,000	206,250	237,194.99
Montana	1,100	825	1,146.00
Nebraska	1,300	975	578.00
New Mexico	900	675	718.28
*Northeast Assn.	4,500	3,375	3,550.00
**Northwest Assn.	6,500	4,875	2,895.67
North Carolina	492,000	369,000	383,748.70
Ohio	114,000	85,500	108,406.85
Oklahoma	402,000	301,500	295,230.72
Pennsylvania	900	675	345.00
South Carolina	224,000	168,000	164,466.35
Tennessee	572,000	429,000	382,711.24
Texas	130,000	97,500	71,302.77
Virginia	132,000	99,000	86,908.84
Virgin Islands	2,200	1,650	2,410.67
West Virginia	81,000	60,750	84,800.22
WNAC	00	00	89,205.79
Miscellaneous	144,255	108,191	260,224.68
Totals	\$3,775,205	\$2,831,404	\$3,048,381.04

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