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Showing God at work around the world



TEAM BRAZIL '92

① Counterclockwise below:

(1) The TEAM checks in at the Nashville airport, (2) Ken and Marvis Eagleton sit with them in the Brazil airport, (3) youth from Barbacena teach them songs in Portuguese, and (4) the group—(left to right) Sherri Howell, Carla Huff, Stephanie Sadler, Charles Brown, Jason Jacobs, Chad Burton, Cory Ferguson, Diana Wilson, Felicia Sasser, and Angel Mertz—sings in the Uberlandia church.



TEAM BRAZIL '92

by Ken Eagleton

The Lord has shown me more about missions in the past month than I ever hoped to learn in a year's time. Now I feel God is wanting to use me in a cross-cultural situation."

These words from a member of TEAM Brazil '92 expressed

the feelings of several in this special group of young gospel heralds. They had just returned after three weeks of evangelistic ministry in Brazil, the largest country in South America.

Singing, laughter, and excitement were running high as some 75 people, including

the 1992 Truth and Peace youth team, eagerly awaited the traveling teenagers. The welcoming crowd erupted in songs of praise as the 10 youngsters emerged from the accordion-like gateway at Nashville's International Airport.

"This opportunity has by far been the best experience of my life."

This was the culmination of an effort that started in the fall of 1991. Although TEAM members were selected in February, activities actually started on June 18, 1992, when they arrived on the campus of Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. There they endured and enjoyed six nights and five days of intensive training and orientation. Prayer time, training sessions and cultural studies knitted the team together.

"God has given me many new friends and taught me humbling lessons through this trip," reflected one girl. "I have had the privilege of making friends I will keep for eternity."

On June 24, the gang disappeared into the boarding gate at the Nashville airport clutching handbags and waving goodbye. They boarded American Airlines flight 1747 for Miami and then on to Brazil.

Culture shock began for some while still in the Miami airport terminal. It seemed like everyone else was speaking a foreign language. The teenagers began to sense the helplessness of being unable to communicate without the help of an interpreter. They were learning!

The flight to Brazil zapped the team from summer to winter literally overnight. Public transportation (a bus) carried them to the mission apartment in Campinas, some 75 miles away. The next day they boarded another bus and made their way about an hour northward to Araras.

"This bread is really good," said one member of the party as he ripped apart a piece of pão de água (water bread). The youth gorged themselves on their first Brazilian meal of rice and beans and "churrasco" (barbecue) hosted by the Jim Combs family in Araras. This initiation reception set the young people at ease before their first service back in Campinas.

Before the night was over, Brazilians and Americans were exchanging addresses so they could stay in touch.

As a launching pad for the team's three-week evangelistic effort, the Campinas church planned the first service as a part of their 34th anniversary celebration. Over 300 people were present to hear TEAM members sing "People Need the Lord," "Can You Reach My Friend," and other songs. Three members gave their testimony and Chad Burton brought the Bible message.

Traveling northwest some 384 miles, the team was welcomed by Christians in Barbacena. A private English school in town spread the word that a group of Americans would be in church services on

Sunday night. Thirteen English students appeared and several raised their hands for prayer during the closing invitation.

The next night, during an informal get-together at the Barbacena church, other English students joined them. This gave team members another opportunity to share their faith as well as their friendship and fellowship. Before the night was over, Brazilians and Americans were exchanging addresses so they could stay in touch.

Winding westward, the group arrived in Uberlandia where team members played basketball with some of the young people of the church. Over 100 people, mostly youth, were in the services that evening and shared a fellowship meal afterwards.

Motoring south approximately 175 miles, the crew arrived in Jaboticabal. The church was full for that Sunday night service and had scheduled an open air meeting for the following night. In spite of very high winds and blowing sand, approximately 50 people gathered in a plaza to hear the team present the gospel. Others listened from the street and from open doorways. It was the first time for most of the team members to participate in open-air evangelism.

Perhaps this unique experience triggered these words of one TEAM member: "This trip has made me a lot more aware of missions and has made me realize that I haven't been doing enough to reach people for Him."

Touched by the simplistic lifestyles that were evident, another member of the group

commented, "The Brazilian Christians here are not wealthy, but they all seem to be happy because they have the Lord. This really challenged my life." Yet another added, "This opportunity has by far been the best experience of my life."

"Good-byes" echoed through the unit as they ascended the steps to the bus at the Ribeirão Preto terminal. Hugs were tight and tears flowed freely as team members bid farewell to the Brazilian young people who had come to see them off. The youth were nearing the end of their three weeks of witness.

Approximately 50 people gathered in a plaza to hear the team present the gospel.

From Ribeirão the travelers headed south for their last services in Pirassununga and Araras. Saturday night in Araras, they joined about 500 other people to observe as missionary Jim Combs and I performed a wedding ceremony. A unique cross-cultural experience.

The next morning, the young evangelists held services in the Marabá mission church across town from the main church in Araras.

The group's final service that same night made its mark on the Araras central church as an overflow crowd sat spellbound while each team member gave his or her testimony. Some spoke with difficulty due to the emotion of the occasion.

One member summed up the group's sentiments as she expressed her own feelings:

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"Spreading the gospel is now more important to me than ever before, and I want God to use me wherever and however He can."

These emotional highs continued as the group waited in the São Paulo airport terminal the next night. With bags already checked in and boarding passes in hand, two members asked, "Do we really have to go tonight?"

"Spreading the gospel is now more important to me than ever before."

Although these ten young members of TEAM Brazil '92 returned to their homes in July, they will never be the same! They will continue to feel the impact of their three-week experience. One participant put it this way: "I think this missions trip has made us all aware of missions and wanting to reach people for the Lord."

Mission accomplished!

High teens who will have completed either grade 10, 11 or 12 by June 1993 and are interested in TEAM Panama '93 or TEAM Uruguay '93 should contact Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tenn. 37011-5002 for details.

Ken Eagleton and his wife, Marvis, are veteran missionaries to Brazil. They acted as coordinators for TEAM Brazil '92.

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When walk-a-thons really work!

by Don Robirds

Kids zipped in and out the door to the church basement, adults donned special T-shirts, and the laughter of fellowship permeated the air. The Tennessee Walk-a-thon for Missions was about to get under way. Excitement bounced from person to person like a ping pong ball careening off multiple objects in a room full of furniture.

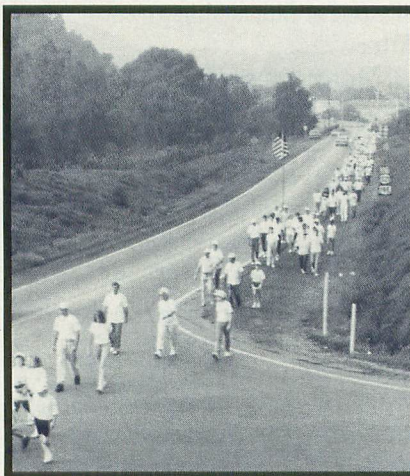
That was my first encounter with walk-a-thon enthusiasts in eastern Tennessee. And I got excited too!

Teddy Webb, coordinator of

that part of the state-wide effort, said, "This is the best fund raiser that we have. It doesn't hurt anybody and everyone has good fellowship. I could encourage every pastor to try to get a sister church to walk with them, if for no other reason than to have fellowship. Sometimes we think we are the only ones, but a day like today gives us encouragement to go on."

A walk-a-thon opens doors to witness which may not be opened in any other way.

A walk-a-thon may not be the way God planned to finance missions, but it certainly can be used by Him to get His gospel to the regions beyond. As a matter of fact, it is one of the most cost-effective means of raising missions funds today. It



Walk-a-thon participants in eastern Tennessee pray (below) before they walk, then (left) they fan out for miles.



is a way to raise funds "without costing the missionary an arm and a leg in the process."

On top of all that, a walk-a-thon opens doors to witness which may not be opened in any other way. As walkers seek to enlist sponsors from the work place, from among relatives, from professional people, from the grocery store, etc., opportunity to share Christ is natural.

Some have been saved through the walk-a-thon effort. Pastor Carl Callahan, now pastor of Centerview Free Will Baptist Church in Newport, Tenn., says one man strolled along with the group of walkers from his church, came to services on Sunday and gave his heart to the Lord. He testified that evening to God's saving grace. The next year he joined the walk-a-thon as a new creature interested in sharing Christ around the globe.

Even churches which are strapped financially can participate in a walk-a-thon without having to worry about hurting the church budget. This is true because a large portion of the sponsors come from outside the church. Many pastors can testify that God does bless churches and individuals who participate in this effort to reach out to a lost world.

Many missionaries have been kept on the field, while others have had their departure schedule advanced through state and local walk-a-thon programs.

But none of these just happen! Someone has to plan, promote, schedule, coordinate and follow through with these efforts to make them effective. And nobody has done this more

zealously or effectively than Don and Billie Sexton in Tennessee.

Although handicapped with Parkinson's disease, Don's efforts have been relentless: calling pastors, visiting churches, encouraging workers, praying for missionaries, etc. Billie has labored for years through almost continuous pain. She even underwent back surgery earlier this year. But when asked if she thought their efforts were worthwhile, Billie declared, "I wouldn't trade it if I could. It is a ministry and nothing compares to it. All these people have walked to help missionaries who are on the field for four years and can't come home."

The Tennessee Walk-a-thon has put well over \$100,000 annually into missionary accounts.

Don and Billie added, "Of all the churches we have been in, not a one has come to us and said they would never walk again."

Carl Callahan, whom the Lord has used to help get the east Tennessee Northern Quarterly churches involved, stated, "The pastor is the key. He needs to be out front. Whatever he promotes will be supported by 99 percent of the people."

While the churches of the Northern Quarterly had given approximately \$1,000 annually to missions over the previous 10 years, that figure doubled the first year of walk-a-thon participation. It doubled again each of the next two years. In 1990 their gifts topped \$17,000 and their participation

is still growing.

For the past two years, the Tennessee Walk-a-thon has put well over \$100,000 annually into missionary accounts. That picture could be multiplied across the country if a few dedicated individuals would accept the challenge.

The sacrifice of the Sextons, as well as that of many of the walkers, should stimulate others to take up their sneakers and hit the trail on behalf of servants to the regions beyond. One fellow pulled his baby in a wagon the entire 10 miles. Some ladies have pushed babies in their strollers the total distance. A one-legged boy walked with his artificial limb until he had developed sores. Another man with one leg walked the 10 miles on crutches. He wore the tips off his crutches and had blisters under his arms.

Yes, people with determination and drive can be used by God to provide the needed finances for world missions. And one reason a walk-a-thon is one of the most cost-effective means of raising funds is that it saves missionary travel. He or she does not have to drive hundreds or even thousands of miles to receive an offering. The fund-raising responsibility is lifted from his or her shoulders by people who care enough to get involved.

So the challenge is ours. The method is clear. Instructions and materials are available for the asking. And a short video to challenge folks has been prepared (using Tennessee as an example). It is available for viewing upon request. Just write to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tenn. 37011-5002.

First impressions are important! But often they are only superficial. At first glimpse a new missionary sees Japan as a beautiful land with a quaint culture and polite people. But, in reality, it is a country of contrasts and seeming contradictions. I see it as a "westernized" Asian country.

Perhaps the first of the great shocks a new missionary experiences is his encounter with the Japanese language. Never before has he faced such a thing. The seeming impossibility of mastering this language almost immediately causes discouragement in the new cross-cultural witness.

Added to this, the people who were so polite at first are often seen later as most rude. The missionary is shoved aside on buses or trains by people grabbing empty seats. The window at the post office or bank may be unreachable because of people crowding to it in a manner which seems to have no order. The foreigner is stared at and hears the word "gaijin." It soon becomes apparent that this word is applied to him.

Maintaining a positive attitude during the first few

months in Japan is very critical to a new missionary. Some never fully recover from the shock of this period, and a few build up a wall of resentment that renders much of their ministry ineffective. But most missionaries weather the storm and learn the lessons God wants to teach them.

Many cultural practices spring out of Buddhist or Shinto beliefs.

Missionaries everywhere must learn this truth: Culture and society are not going to change for them. They must fit into that culture and society. But it is sometimes difficult to know how far one should go to fit into another culture and society.

While outwardly Japan is becoming Western and international, inwardly the language, culture, and religion are closely interrelated. Many cultural practices spring out of Buddhist or Shinto beliefs. The missionary must determine how many, if any, of these he

can adopt without violating biblical principles. If he cannot accept them, he must find a way to reject them without alienating the Japanese and therefore limiting the ministry he came to perform.

Free Will Baptists endeavor to show people the religious meaning behind these practices and teach the Biblical principles regarding them. But it is difficult to know what to tell a young believer whose Buddhist and/or Shinto parents have altars and godshelves in their homes. He loves his parents and wants to see them saved. Should the missionary tell him to get out of that heathen atmosphere or should he seek to maintain a relationship? He may be the only Christian those parents will ever know.

A missionary must have a good working grasp of the Japanese language to have an effective ministry. How much a person must master depends upon the situation he is working in. But mastering the language does not mean a person understands



Missions in Japan!

by
Jim McLain

the Japanese people. This comes only from living among them.

Some missionaries try living as a foreigner, completely separated from the people. The word "gaijin" (gai = outside; jin = person) means foreigner. The person who lives completely apart is literally a "gaijin."

Others try to fit in by adopting everything and imitating the Japanese in every way. These become "hen na gaijin," which means "strange foreigner." This can be almost as bad as one who lives to himself.

The missionary is sent out to preach and teach the gospel in order to establish a body of believers and form a church. But in practice this may take years of toil, sweat, and tears.

In the years following World War II, Japan was mostly a rural nation. All mission groups made a great effort in the rural districts. But today most all mission endeavors are aimed at the large urban centers since most Japanese have moved toward these centers.

Ideally, the missionary should build a congregation which in turn would call its own pastor and grow from there. But some churches would have the missionary stay forever; however, that is not his calling!

Developing pastors has been a problem in Japan. What pastor wants to work in a struggling mission church and live in poverty while raising a family?

Although we haven't had our own Bible institute, we do train

our young men. But some need more training than we can give. Institutions are graduating young men, but these are not Free Will Baptist. As a consequence, Free Will Baptists have lost most all the young men who went away to training institutions in Japan.

Sending students to Free Will Baptist colleges in the United States is not ideal either, but at least they are trained and taught Free Will Baptist doctrine. Until Free Will Baptists in Japan are able to have their own Bible institute, this seems to be the best of the two choices.

While Japan is one of the world's richest nations, the population abides in abject spiritual poverty.

Today evangelistic methods in Japan have changed. When missionaries entered Japan after World War II, open-air meetings were effective. Like early America, this was a happening in a community where little or nothing was going on. Huge crowds assembled and churches were started out of this method.

Over the years a new and startling aspect of the Japanese character surfaced and frustrated missionaries. They discovered people were responding to an invitation, not for salvation, but because it was impolite not to do what the missionary asked. Although large campaigns still have a place as churches and missions

organizations cooperate, the day for that is gone for the individual missionary effort.

Door-to-door visitation used to be a way of meeting and reaching people. But cults have used and abused this method until it is no longer effective.

Several Free Will Baptist missionaries are teachers. Some of us teach conversational English, or help in kindergartens and other places in order to meet people and introduce them to Christ. But crossing the cultural barrier is difficult at best.

Although the Japanese people appear westernized and international, they remain among the most nationalistic in the world. Contrasts and contradictions are evident as millions of people seek to live modern yet medieval lives. While Japan is one of the world's richest nations, the population abides in abject spiritual poverty.

Monetarily the cost of living is one of the highest in the world. The cost is so great that some missions and individual missionaries have been forced to leave Japan.

Free Will Baptists have remained because the door is wide open. Missionaries have no restrictions. We are free to preach, teach, establish churches, or do anything that concerns the work of the Lord.

Since Japan's influence is felt worldwide, a strong church established here could be the means of a great work being done in Asia and around the entire world. That is our desire!

Jim McLain and his wife, Olena, minister on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan.

Be a fellow helper!

by R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

Our account must not be more than \$8,000 in the red by February or we must come home!"

Robert West sent this urgent message to his faith partners in December of 1991. Then, with anguish he added, "There is so much work to be done, the hospital to rebuild and now a new church to bring into existence. New converts need much teaching. They are counting on us."

Four other missionary couples faced the same crisis last

winter: the Baileys in Japan, the Crosbys in Spain, the Owens in Uruguay, and the Teagues in France. These five missionary couples had watched their deficits increase to a combined total of \$51,217.

That dilemma ultimately sparked the founding of the new **Fellow Helper's Fund**. "We therefore ought to receive such (missionaries) that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth" (3 John 8). This fund is designed to avoid such a crisis in the future.

If a missionary's deficit exceeds \$8,000, he or she is subject to be called home.

The crisis actually arose from complying with a board decision made seven years ago when deficits had risen to dangerous levels. At that time the board set a limit of \$8,000 for a missionary account deficit. Now, if a missionary's deficit exceeds \$8,000, he or she is subject to be called home to reestablish the support base. The five missionary families mentioned felt very insecure as they passed through the Christmas season of 1991.

But thank God, Free Will Baptists do respond to crises!

When word circulated that some

missionaries might be forced to leave their ministry to raise funds, many churches and individuals responded. The average monthly income to the missionaries' accounts in question rose from \$4,403 in the period of July through October to \$9,669 in the months of November through February. As a result, four of the five deficits were wiped out.

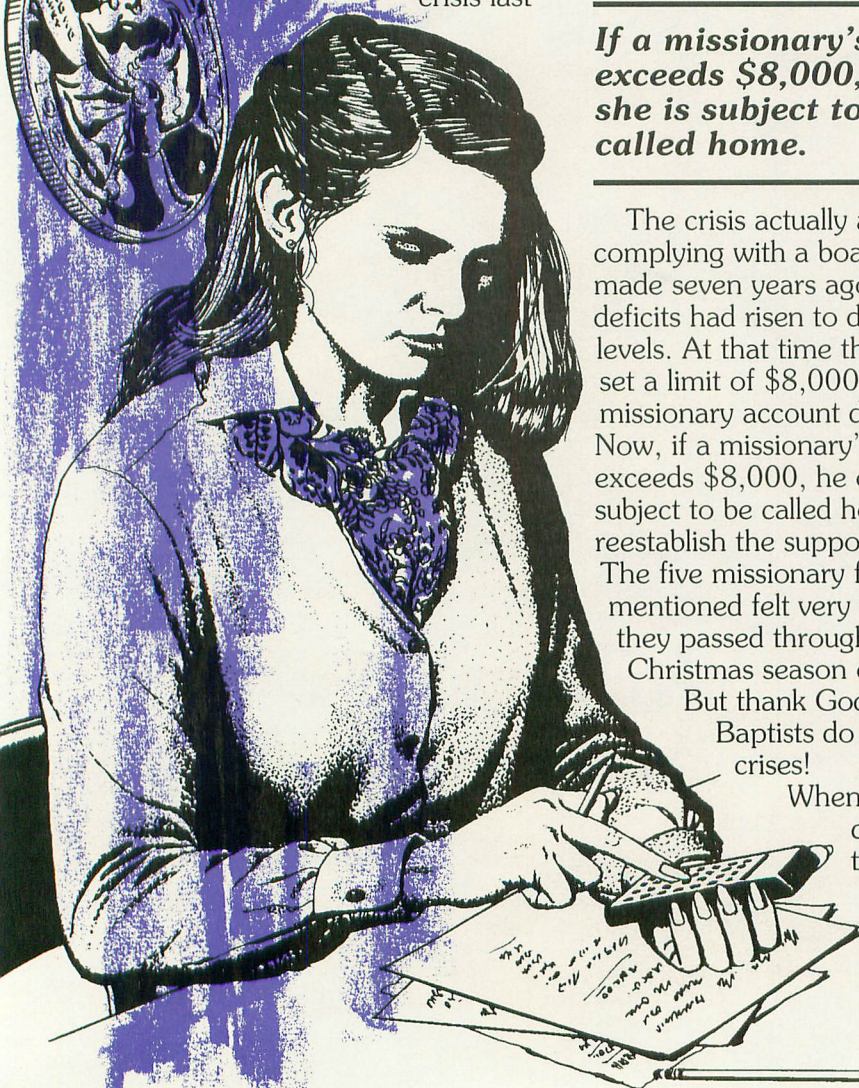
Dennis Owen wrote: "We wish to thank you for your tremendous support for us during Christmas '91. Our account has now moved from 'red' to a \$10,000 'black' figure! Thank you for answering the questions and doubts as to whether we would continue working in Montevideo."

Many fund-raising consultants advocate planned "crisis appeals" to bring in more dollars. A few trips to your mailbox probably confirms this. However, the foreign missions department has never manufactured a crisis to raise money. And we believe the detriment to be greater than the ultimate benefit.

While we praise God for meeting our needs in the December crisis (Free Will Baptists sent \$438,441.11), I believe the emotional price paid by those five families was too high to make the crisis appeal worthwhile.

Dennis Teague wrote at that time, "Doors are opening, God's Word is being shared, people are responding to our witness . . . It (leaving the field) would be a catastrophe for our ministry."

Naturally, this uncertainty impacted national Christians also. The people in Iriso, Japan, felt especially uneasy about the



Baileys leaving since they are our only missionaries in the Tokyo area.

When national leaders are given a schedule for the missionary's service, the credibility or integrity of Free Will Baptists in the United States is taxed if that missionary has to leave abruptly due to lack of funds.

The missionaries' children probably suffer the most when the family is brought home suddenly.

Such an interruption in a missionary's service also causes his/her co-workers to suffer because they are forced to assume additional responsibilities. For example, if Robert West had been brought home last winter, Dr. Eagleton would have faced a serious dilemma. In addition to treating hundreds of patients and preaching on Sundays, he would have been responsible for supervising the reconstruction of the hospital which was destroyed by fire in June 1991.

But the missionaries' children probably suffer the most when the family is brought home suddenly. Last February, nine children would have been uprooted from their schools and forced to transfer to stateside schools if our friends had not helped with the excessive deficits. One of these MKs, a high school senior, already had begun her last semester.

One missionary dad wrote in December that switching schools in mid-year would be so devastating on his children that, if it became necessary, he would

be forced to leave them and their mother overseas while he came to the U.S. for extended deputation.

That's why the Fellow Helper's Fund promises to be so important. Through this fund we intend to accumulate enough reserves to avoid any interruption in a missionary's term of service. Here's how it will work: When a missionary account deficit exceeds \$8,000 and all other sources (i.e., "where needed most," Tennessee Walk-a-thon, etc.) have been used, his/her account will be brought back to that level by drawing from this fund.

The Fellow Helper's Fund offers numerous benefits:

1. Missionary mothers, fathers, and children will have a greater degree of stability.
2. Missionaries can plan their work with more confidence.
3. Better relations with national Christians can be maintained.
4. The number of crisis appeals can be diminished.

Dennis Owen urged people to focus on "giving which is NOT crisis oriented. The prevalent attitude has been, 'The squeaking wheel gets the grease.' But every wheel that fell apart did not squeak. Every wheel needs grease!"

The Fellow Helper's Fund does not change our basic support system. Missionaries' ministries will still need to be fully underwritten, and

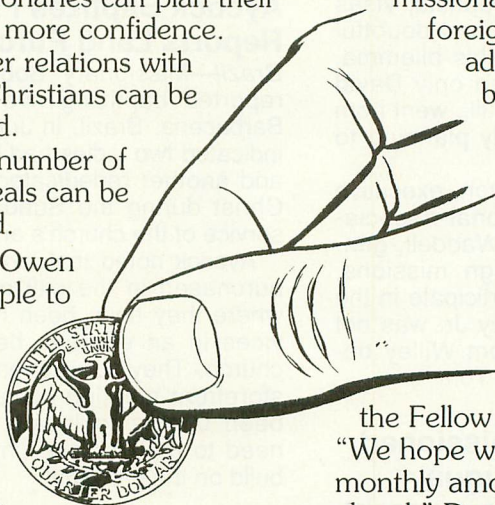
supporters will need to be informed of the status of missionary accounts.

The money for the Fellow Helper's Fund will come from two sources: first, from donors who see the benefit of the program, and second, if additional funds are needed, one percent of gifts for missionary support will be set aside for this purpose. However, missionary accounts with less than \$1,000 will be exempted. And, if a donor objects to participation in this program, on request we shall exempt his gift from this one percent contribution.

David Shores, pastor of Ina Free Will Baptist Church in Ina, Ill., says, "It has always bothered me to see missionary accounts dip to alarming deficits because it puts undue pressure on the missionary family and the administrative staff. I believe this fund can end that dilemma."

The Ina church has maintained a similar fund of their own for years. Now they have budgeted an additional \$62 per month for the Fellow Helper's Fund. "We hope we can increase this monthly amount in the years ahead," David concluded.

If only 50 other churches will accept the Ina challenge, the Fellow Helper's Fund will be maintained without any burden on missionary accounts and all missionaries can rest assured they will never be brought home in the middle of a term due to deficit accounts. That is our goal!



News Update



R. Eugene Waddell (right) hands Dave Jr. and Becky Franks their commissioning papers during their special commissioning service on August 2 in Dothan, Ala.

U.S. Leaders Unable to Attend Cuban Jubilee

Antioch, Tenn.—Although a Free Will Baptist entourage of 39 leaders and representatives from the United States had planned to attend the Jubilee celebration of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, visas were denied on most and doubtful on others. In light of this dilemma, latest reports indicated only David and Pat Shores of Ina, Ill., went from among those originally planning to attend.

Dr. Melvin Worthington, executive secretary of the National Association, and R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, were to attend and participate in the celebration. Tom Willey Jr. was not issued a visa and Mom Willey decided not to go without Tom.

Franks Jr. Commissioned for Service in Uruguay

Dothan, Ala.—Missionary appointees Dave Jr. and Becky Franks were commissioned on August 2, 1992, for service in Uruguay. The service was held at the Eastside Free Will Baptist Church in Dothan, Ala.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, was on hand to give the commissioning charge and witness the signing of the Franks' commitment. Both fathers of the couple—Dave Franks Sr. and Thomas Coxwell—spoke concerning their children and their commitment to the Lord. Since Dave

Franks Sr. was in Brazil and unable to be on hand, his comments were made through video tape.

Dave Jr., Becky and their two children departed for Uruguay on August 11.

Aycock Baptizes Five, Reports Land Purchase

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Aycock reported baptizing five people at Barbacena, Brazil, in June. He also indicated two ladies had been saved and another rededicated her life to Christ during the Sunday evening service of the church's anniversary.

Aycock noted that land had been purchased in the city of Carandaí where they have been holding services in an effort to begin a new church. They have been seeking a storefront meeting place, but have been unable to locate one. They need to rent a place until they can build on the property.

Cancer Forces Herseys into Medical Furlough

Nashville, Tenn.—Veteran missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on July 16 from Bihoro, Japan, after Evelyn had been severely weakened by what had been diagnosed as hepatitis. Following tests, the doctors in Nashville diagnosed the symptoms as cancer which had metastasized and had affected the liver.

Mrs. Hersey has undergone special chemotherapy treatments which

New Appointees



Mark and Kathy Paschall (top) and Lloyd and Betty Plunkett have been appointed to serve in Côte d'Ivoire.

have helped her to regain some of her strength. Due to Evelyn's physical needs, the couple has begun a medical furlough. They have requested people to pray that the treatments will be effective. They also urge people to pray that God will give them wisdom and guidance concerning their future ministry.

Missionaries Encouraged at Annual FM Retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—Furloughing and new missionaries, along with staff and board members, met August 3-6 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. for the annual Foreign Missions Retreat.

Under the theme "Serving Victoriously in a Troubled World," Dr. Charles Shepson of Fairhaven Ministries in East Tennessee encouraged the group by sharing ways of bringing redemption and restoration to hurting people, especially others in ministry.

Larry Powell, pastor of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, challenged and exhorted the group with three powerful messages from God's Word.

The Board of Foreign Missions also met and appointed two new missionary couples to service abroad: Dr. Mark and Kathy

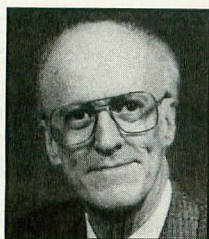
Paschall of Royal Oak, Mich., will go to Côte d'Ivoire to work at the medical station and Lloyd and Betty Plunkett of Kent, Wash., will serve as dorm parent replacements at the school for MKs in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire.

FWBBC to Hold Missions Reach Out '92 Program

Nashville, Tenn.—Reach Out '92, a missions and evangelism conference, is scheduled for October 6-9



Don Richardson



Dr. Paul Smith

at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Special missions speakers for the conference include former missionary and well-known author, Don Richardson, as well as Dr. Paul Smith, pastor of the People's Church in Toronto, Canada.

According to Dr. Robert Woodard, chairman of the planning committee, the conference will include nine general sessions, 24 workshop sessions, and two special sessions for pastors, missionaries, and denominational leaders. A missions banquet is scheduled for Friday night, October 9.

Foreign missionaries to be on hand include Tom McCullough, Steve Riggs, Ken Eagleton Sr., and Ron Moore. Foreign missions administrative staff members R. Eugene Waddell, Don Robirds and Jimmy Aldridge will also participate. A number of former missionaries and several home missionary personnel will be involved too.

Moore's Home Early Due to Health Needs

Anderson, Calif.—Missionaries Ron and Linda Moore arrived in California from Côte d'Ivoire on July 28 to begin their furlough. They had originally planned to come to the United States in September, however Ron was having severe problems due to parasites.

Latest reports indicated medical



General Director R. Eugene Waddell (left) greets Samuel Appia and his wife, Jeanne, of Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, in the foreign missions office. Pastor Kenichiro Sugitani (right) of Bihoro, Japan, is greeted by Waddell as Fred Hersey (left) interprets.



treatment was being effective and Ron's condition was improving. The couple has been visiting Ron's mother and stepfather in California. They will be participating in the missionary conferences in that state during September.

Bailey Says Iriso Work Doing Best in Four Years

Japan—According to a recent report from missionary Ken Bailey in the Tokyo area of Japan, "The past few weeks have brought greater results than we've seen in the last four years of our ministry here!"

Ken says eight elementary children made decisions to follow Christ on June 13. A young woman, Miss Okuyama, rededicated her life to Christ on June 21 after being out of church approximately 10 years.

Another woman in her early twenties, Miss Seki, made a first-time decision for Christ on July 5. "There is a sweet spirit in our services and a new zeal among our people," says Ken.

The Baileys have extended their term of service two years due to special needs in the church.

Leaders from Africa and Japan Visit U.S.

Antioch, Tenn.—An African lay leader and his wife as well as a Japanese pastor recently honored Free Will Baptists in the United States with a visit and expressions of gratitude. Businessman Samuel Appia and his wife, Jeanne, arrived in the States from Côte d'Ivoire on July 9, while Pastor Kenichiro Sugitani of Bihoro, Japan, landed in Nashville on August 17.

The Appias went to Indianapolis, Ind., in July and participated in the National Association. They also spent some time in the foreign missions office before returning to Africa

on August 17. They were hosted by Jimmy and Janie Aldridge, former missionaries to Côte d'Ivoire.

Pastor Sugitani visited with the Fred Herseys and toured the National Offices. He spoke during the office prayer meeting on August 19 and proceeded to Panama on August 23 for the International Consultation held August 24-27.

Sugitani and the Appias expressed gratitude for the witness of missionaries who helped them find Christ and made a way for them to effectively serve Him.

VBS Raises \$855 for Callaway Account

Durham, N.C.—Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, N.C., featured the Ron Callaway family in their vacation Bible school held June 22-26.

According to Pastor Virgil Nolen, the children raised \$855 for the Callaway account. The money was raised through personal donations, yard sales, and gifts by individual classes during the week. Other monies came in later to make the entire gift \$935 in addition to faith promises received.

Vacation Bible school director Reggie Riley presented the Callaways a check for \$855.

VBS Director Reggie Riley of Calvary FWB Church in Durham, N.C., presents a check for \$855 and shakes hands with missionary Ron Callaway (right, center) as Rachel and Linda Callaway look on.



News Update



Three fathers are pictured along with children, missionaries Don McDonald (center) and Debbie Griffin (right), and one mother who were present for a special Father's Day Sunday school program at Ai No Sato church in northern Japan.

More Missionaries to Depart for Their Fields

Antioch, Tenn.—Although the July-August issue of Heartbeat reported many missionaries departing in June, July and August for their fields of service, several others have left since that report or are scheduled to leave in September.

Curt and Mary Holland, appointees to Brazil, left the United States on August 19 to begin their first term of service.

Dave Jr. and Becky Franks departed for Uruguay on August 11 to begin their first term as missionaries.

Dennis and Carol Teague, who arrived in the United States on June 18 for a short furlough, were scheduled to depart on September 2 to resume their ministry in St. Sebastien, France.

Tom and Nancy Hughes, who have been home on regular furlough, plan to return to Brazil on September 13.

Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso

Departing missionaries include (below) Dennis and Carol Teague and (right, top to bottom) Curt and Mary Holland, Dave Jr. and Becky Franks, and Tom and Nancy Hughes.



were scheduled to go to France in August to begin language study but at press time they still had not been issued visas.

Father's Day Program Provides Gospel Witness

Japan—A special Sunday school program was held on Father's Day, June 21, at the Ai No Sato Free Will Baptist Church in Sapporo, Japan. According to missionary Don McDonald, the objective of those in charge was to get the children to



bring their dads to Sunday school. Missionary Debbie Griffin headed up the special program.

Three fathers came to a service for the first time on that day. Through a slide/cassette program, these men heard the gospel for the very first time. Pictures were taken of each father with his child or children. The pictures were given to the children to give to their dads the next week as a reminder of their visit on Father's Day.

Richards Baptizes Nine Converts at Agnibilekrou

Côte d'Ivoire—Nine converts from the Free Will Baptist Church in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, were baptized on June 5, 1992. Norman Richards, assisted by Kouassi Danso, baptized three young ladies and six young men.

Norman indicated the group ranged in ages from 10 to 20 years. They had all faithfully attended baptismal classes prior to baptism.

Women at Bouna Hold Evangelistic Program

Côte d'Ivoire—Free Will Baptist women in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, held a special program on Saturday, June 20, in an effort to reach unsaved friends and neighbors. A five-hour program included singing, testimonies, a play, a meal, a film and a message.

Approximately 50 women and many children were present for the special effort to evangelize the lost.

101 Missionaries Gather at National Association

Indianapolis, Ind.—Some 27 foreign missionaries and 74 home missionaries were on hand for the fifty-sixth session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as it convened July 19-23 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Missionary participation included a message by Steve Riggs of France during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Tuesday. He challenged those at the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention service to pray earnestly.

Jean Deeds of Brazil opened the WNAC session with practical points on being teachers of good things. And affiliates Sarah Malone (China)

and Kim Zegelien (Germany) joined missionary Nancy Hughes of Brazil and home missionaries David and Pam Potete on Tuesday afternoon in a public interview session with Pam Wood.

Former missionary to India Trula Cronk amazed those attending the WNAC banquet as she exhorted the group to show Christian love and quoted the entire book of I John.

The proposed 1993 foreign missions budget of \$4,012,303 was adopted and two new funding programs were set forth: the VISION fund to provide for overseas building projects, etc. and the Fellow Helper's Fund (see page 8, this issue) to help accounts which exceed an \$8,000 deficit.

Pastor David Shores of Ina, Ill., was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions to replace Bill Jones who was ineligible for reelection.

Both home and foreign missionaries were introduced on Wednesday evening and a record missions offering of \$38,400 was recorded. Samuel Appia, a businessman from Côte d'Ivoire, gave his testimony and thanked the denomination for sending missionaries to preach the gospel. Jimmy Aldridge interpreted for him.

Five members of TEAM Brazil '92 were honored at the National Youth Conference.

Morgan Released from Liability in Accident

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Clint Morgan, who hit a child with his automobile as he went through a village last fall, was released from liability in June after appearing before a judge in Bondoukou. Clint was sentenced to one month in jail but the sentence was suspended.

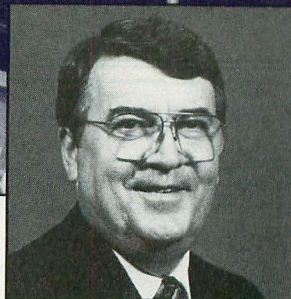
Although no fine was assessed and no lawsuit filed, Morgan had to pay \$250 in court costs. Should he be involved in another accident within five years, he was told he could have to spend up to seven months in prison.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McDonald, parents of missionary Don McDonald, left the United States on July 14 to visit Don and Ruth in



Missionary Jean Deeds (above) of Brazil speaks to the WNAC at Indianapolis. David Shores (right inset) is a new member of the Board of Foreign Missions.



northern Japan. They returned to the United States on August 11.

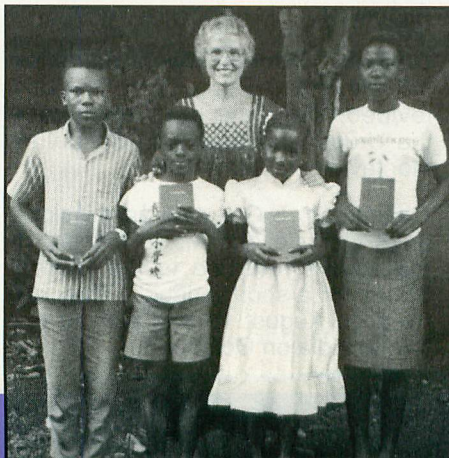
Brazil—Vacation Bible school was held at Barbacena July 13-17 with an average attendance of 95. According to missionary Bobby Aycock, one teenager and some children were saved during the week.

Panama—Amy Mainus, student missionary to Chitre, Panama, says she has relieved Brenda Bunch in her household duties and has been able to do some English tutoring in an effort to open doors for evangelism. She has also been able to work with the ladies' auxiliary making pillows and different food stuffs to sell.

Côte d'Ivoire—Alice Smith recently awarded Bibles to four children at Agnibilekrou who had memorized a series of Bible verses and were able to recite the 66 books of the Bible in order. All four are Christians, ages 10-13.

France—Missionary Patsy Vanhook recently completed her practice teaching toward her degree in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. She taught in Romania, and

Alice Smith stands with four children who received Bibles recently for their Bible memorization efforts.



her Master of Arts degree has been granted. She is currently working in St. Sebastien, France, along with Cathy Crawford to maintain church services until missionaries Dennis and Carol Teague return from a short furlough.

Brazil—Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole recently reported five people had made decisions for Christ in the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. This ministry was started by the Pooles in 1988.

Royal Oak, Mich.—Missionaries Steve and Becky Riggs have announced the birth of a seven pound, 13 ounce girl on July 24 in Royal Oak, Mich. Laura Chantal is the third child of the Riggs.

Côte d'Ivoire—Student missionary Eddie Bowerman has been laboring at the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, during the summer. He has set up computer programs to help missionaries keep up with inventory, donors, finances, etc.

Spain—According to missionary Jeff Turnbough in Villalba, Spain, eight adults finished a year-long discipleship program this summer in Spain and are continuing in discipleship projects.

France—The fourth year of outreach to the University of Nantes is scheduled to begin in October. Miss Charolette Tallent, who recently returned to the field, will again be involved in this program. While Joe and Tanya Dudley, short-term missionary appointees, were scheduled to work in this ministry, at press time their visas had not been issued. Christians have been urged to pray that visas will be issued soon or that

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News Update

"Give according to your income
lest God make your income ac-
cording to your giving."

—Peter Marshall

Special Gifts

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

Donor	In Memory of
Arthur and Ara Chavis Pine Bluff, Ark.	Paul Sloan Chavis
Clyde and Betty Settle Lebanon, Va.	Rev. John Hall, Jr.
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Rev. and Mrs. William Morris Statesboro, Ga.	Valrie Price Laura Belle Barnard Katherine Livesay

The following gave special gifts in memory of Valrie Price:

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Jawana Wigley and Genell Phillips Savannah, Ga.	Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mallard Brooklet, Ga.
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Mr. and Mrs. Caltry Harris
Savannah, Ga.

The following gave special gifts in memory of Joe Crozier:

Olivet FWB Church Clarksville, Tenn.	Helen Forbecker Daytona Beach, Fla.
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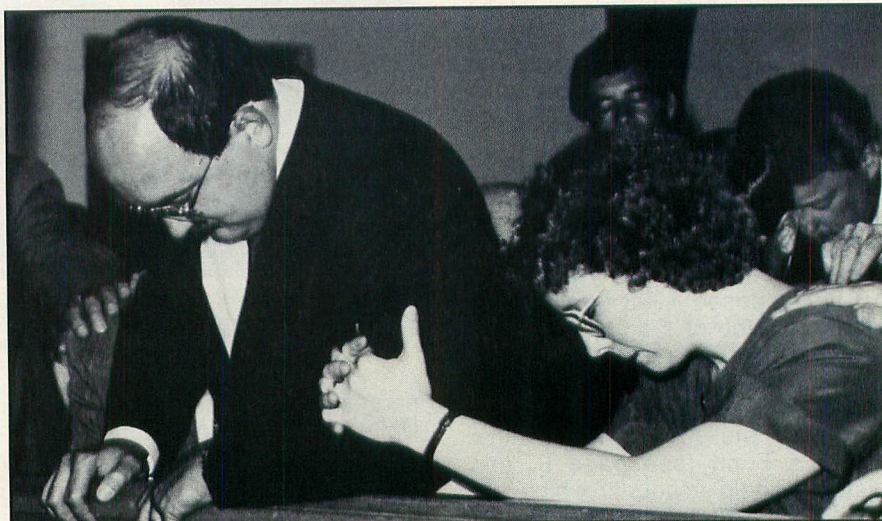
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Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso bow in prayer as ordained deacons and ministers lay hands on them in their commissioning and ordination service.

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another door of opportunity will open for the Dudleys.

Elizabethton, Tenn.—Don and Billie Sexton, missionary representatives, have requested people to note their new address: Route 8, Box 1925, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643-8916.

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Clint Morgan says 13 converts were baptized at Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, on June 28.

Nashville, Tenn.—On July 21 Clint Morgan accompanied his oldest sons, Trey and Adam, to the United States. The three Morgans attended a reentry assessment program in Winston Salem, N.C. The program is designed to help MKs evaluate and adjust to difficulties faced through family separation and reentry to U.S. culture. Trey, who graduated from International Christian Academy in July, is enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College for the fall. Clint and Adam returned to Côte d'Ivoire on August 21.

Uruguay—Miranda Owen, daughter of Dennis and Trena Owen in Montevideo, Uruguay, graduated from the Uruguayan American School in Montevideo on June 19.

Charleston, S.C.—Veteran missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna of India have returned to the United States for a short furlough. They arrived on August 10 and plan to return to India on October 30.

Gentuso Commissioned, Ordained in One Service

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso were officially commissioned to missionary service in Côte d'Ivoire on July 5, 1992, in the Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in a Nashville suburb. Paul was also ordained to the gospel ministry during the same service.

Robert Morgan, pastor of the church, delivered the message during the service and R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, gave the charge for both the commissioning and ordination services. Eddie Payne, former missionary to Côte d'Ivoire and current professor of missions at Free Will Baptist Bible College, offered some insights concerning the medical ministry.

Hospital Construction Slow but Progressing

Côte d'Ivoire—Reconstruction of the hospital wards in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, started in late January and at the end of June most of the A-frames were up. The roof is now on and the building is being finished on the inside. Materials, fixtures and finishing the inside are expected to cost approximately \$10,000.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton noted the hospital ministry needs several medicines: antibiotics (injectable, tablets, caplets, or cream), non-aspirin pain relievers (acetaminophen, Tylenol,

lbuprofen, Advil, Nuprin, etc.), decongestants, and cold medicines.

They also need sterile surgical gloves, syringes (5cc, 2cc, and insulin), hypodermic needles (20g, 22g, 25g), IV placement catheters, and empty plastic film containers.

The doctor and those working at the hospital have requested people not to send unneeded materials to the field or to the National Offices in Antioch, Tenn. But they ask those concerned to mail small packets of needed supplies to Centre Medical de Doropo, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, B.P. 20, Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa.

Campinas Church Marks 34th Anniversary in July

Brazil—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas (the first FWB church to be started in Brazil) celebrated its thirty-fourth anniversary on June 27, 1992.

On hand for the birthday meeting were many of those who made up the church at its founding as well as some of the missionaries who were involved at that time. TEAM Brazil '92 teenagers from the United States also participated in the program of the day.

Relief Fund Needs

Relief funds are urgently needed in North India and in northeast Côte d'Ivoire due to famine conditions.

North India—Oil fires in Kuwait have apparently limited the monsoon rains in North India so that crops expected to be harvested in October, November and December have already failed. Missionary Carlisle Hanna has requested help to purchase food for hungry people and to buy seed so they can plant crops for the next harvest.

Côte d'Ivoire—Crops have also failed in Côte d'Ivoire, and missionary Mike Cousineau says many are going hungry.

Send gifts to **RELIEF FUND**, Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

Financial Summary Through July 31

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Total income for May	\$ 443,588.41
Total income for June	340,564.34
Total income for July	351,195.08
Total income through July	2,475,715.71
Total disbursements through July	2,490,993.43
Projected income through July	2,202,202.92
Total 1992 Budget	\$3,775,205.00
ADVANCE gifts through July	\$ 35,672.24

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Barker	\$ 3,304.08	*Midgett	\$ 13,020.29
Bishop	4,561.25	Moore	1,194.27
Combs	4,466.81	Morgan	510.14
Crowson	671.40	Nichols	1,056.51
Deeds	1,028.12	Robinson	6,126.24
Ellison	1,294.74	Sturgill	2,698.20
*Franks Sr.	1,317.14	Teague	7,715.57
Gibbs	1,345.46	Willey	1,946.87
Hanna	257.13	Wilson	253.64
McFall	3,640.76	Spec. Comm.	18,882.34
Total			\$75,290.96

*Medical insurance claims pending

\$inking

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

Creech	\$ 449.47	Riggs, S.	\$ 158.72
Poole	511.79		

State Goals—1992

State	Goal 1992	Goal Through July	Contributions Through July
Alabama	\$ 175,000	\$102,083	\$ 107,800.00
Arizona	5,500	3,208	6,092.91
Arkansas	207,000	120,750	146,744.80
California	84,000	49,000	50,596.51
Colorado	6,200	3,617	3,398.10
Florida	84,000	49,000	45,747.39
Georgia	164,000	95,667	90,126.68
Hawaii	4,500	2,625	1,301.22
Idaho	900	525	539.00
Illinois	110,000	64,167	56,143.78
Indiana	41,000	23,917	24,856.74
Iowa	2,200	1,283	1,397.00
Kansas	17,000	9,917	9,197.02
Kentucky	75,000	43,750	40,085.91
Louisiana	250	146	295.46
Maryland	20,000	11,667	11,263.42
Michigan	136,000	79,333	88,245.07
Mississippi	59,000	34,417	25,690.83
Missouri	275,000	160,417	196,778.35
Montana	1,100	642	896.00
Nebraska	1,300	758	446.00
New Mexico	900	525	672.28
*Northeast Assn.	4,500	2,625	2,935.00
**Northwest Assn.	6,500	3,792	2,680.67
North Carolina	492,000	287,000	300,762.70
Ohio	114,000	66,500	89,058.91
Oklahoma	402,000	234,500	237,633.52
Pennsylvania	900	525	200.00
South Carolina	224,000	130,667	129,190.86
Tennessee	572,000	333,667	304,909.06
Texas	130,000	75,833	62,670.76
Virginia	132,000	77,000	74,093.60
Virgin Islands	2,200	1,283	2,255.67
West Virginia	81,000	47,250	72,788.20
WNAC	00	00	71,829.61
Miscellaneous	144,255	84,147	24,589.71
Totals	\$3,775,205	\$2,202,203	\$2,283,912.74

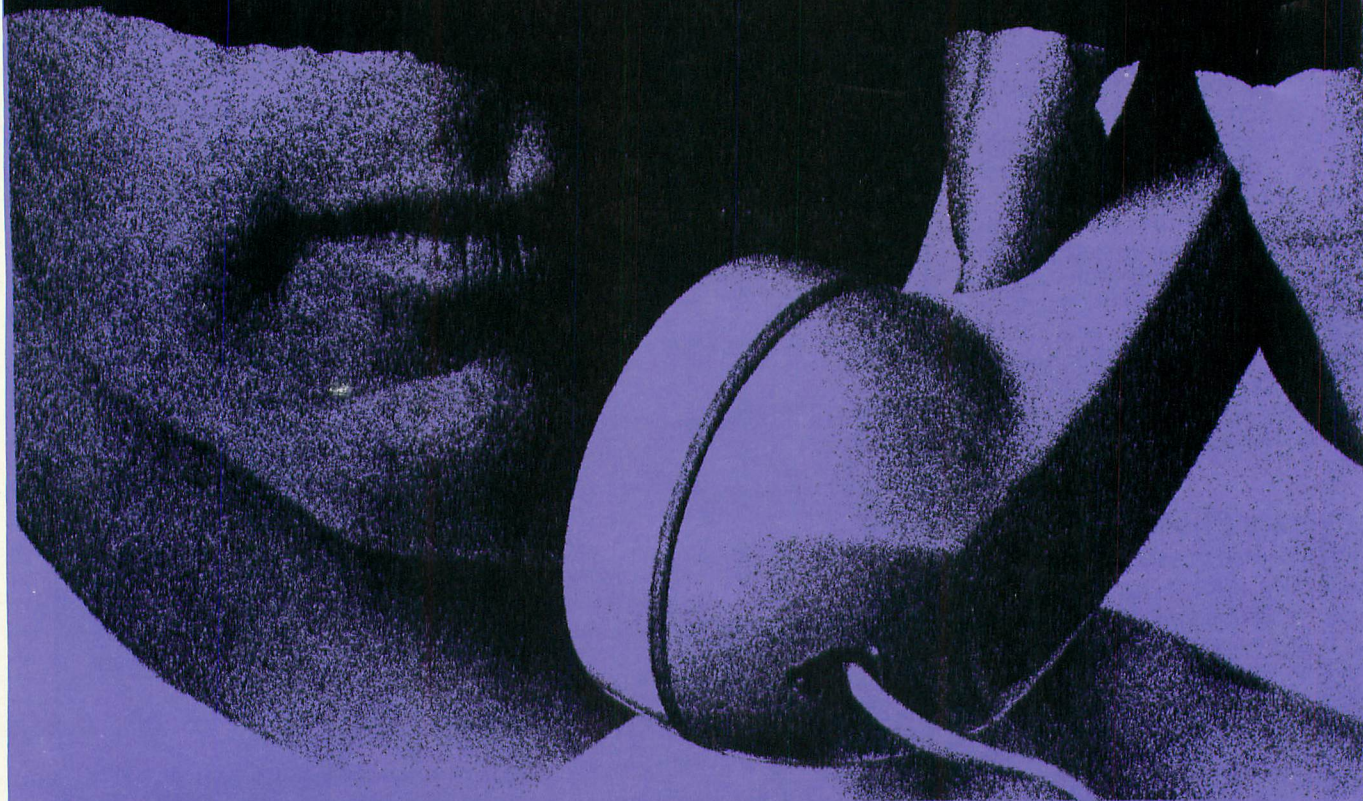
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Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

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Alaska, Oregon, and Washington

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