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CHINA... An Opening Door!



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by Shelly Dettmer

China! What is it really like?
Can Christian
professionals really go there?

Sarah Malone, a dedicated
Free Will Baptist from East
Alton, Ill., is there now!

"It's hard to believe I've been
in Beijing for a month," writes
Sarah who is teaching English
in Beijing Institute of
Technology. "Adjustment to
daily life has been a challenge,
but a lot of fun, too. I'm settling
in fine and getting used to the
rules for living in China."

Describing some of the "rules
for living," Sarah says, "There is
no such thing as a line; you just
push your way to the front. A
bus can always hold another
person; it just takes a push here
and a shove there. When
crossing a street, never wait
until all the lanes are clear. That
never happens. Just step out
and cross a little at a time as the
bikes, buses, and cars whiz by.
It's perfectly okay to spit at
anytime, anywhere, inside or
outside. It doesn't matter, unless
there's carpeting on the floor.
Everything is subject to
change."

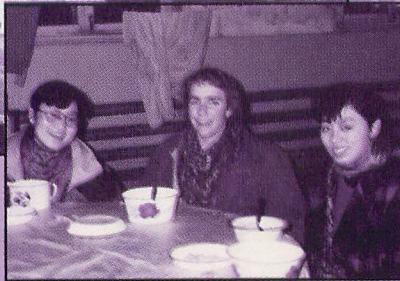
***Malone has found
several opportunities to
share the hope she
possesses.***

Miss Malone, a Free Will
Baptist Bible College graduate,
is a FWBFM affiliate serving
with the English Language
Institute. ELI is an educational
organization dedicated to
sending Christian professionals
to teach in schools across China
and Mongolia.

Expressing some of her
anxieties as a teacher, Sarah
confided, "I'm enjoying my



Sarah Malone (center, above) stands with one of her PhD classes in China and eats lunch (right) in the lunch room with two students.



classes, but I feel a little overwhelmed at times. There seems to be no end of papers to grade or lesson materials to write. Some of my students suggested that I could cut back on my assignments so I wouldn't have as much to grade!" In spite of the load, she says, "Our Chinese co-workers have been so helpful and kind, which has made things so much easier. The students are so eager and open; it's a real joy to work with them."

Sarah's students have given her a Chinese name: Su Wan Ting. She has noted this means something like "pure, kind, graceful one."

Sarah and her ELIC* teammate, who provides a support system for the year, have had "several student groups over for an evening of fun and games." According to her teammate, "In the past months I've played more UNO games than in my entire stateside life. Students come over about three times a week in groups of 10. We happily give them a taste of American culture—UNO. They love it and we all have a great time filled with laughter. This is a good way to build rapport, helps us

memorize their names, and they get to practice English. There have been questions more of amazement than seeking. Sarah gets the most. I get, 'Why did you come to China to teach English?'"

Speaking of her designated co-worker, Sarah reports, "We've been able to spend quite a bit of time with our students. Several have taken us to see the sights of Beijing or had us over for a traditional Chinese meal."

China and Mongolia are asking for as many teachers as ELI can send.

Both time in class and time out of class help to build relationships with the students. Malone has found several opportunities to share the hope she possesses with teachers and students. She even discovered that the very textbook she expected to be useless has led to many meaningful discussions.

To Christian friends in the United States Malone declares, "Although I'm not allowed to push it, the seeds are being planted. Please continue to pray for open doors and that my life

would be a consistent light of hope."

Grateful for the opportunity to serve, Sarah concluded by saying, "Thanks so much for your continued support through letters, prayers, and gifts. Thanks for taking an active part in God's work in China."

The English Language Institute would like to encourage qualified Christians to consider joining Sarah Malone and others like her in meeting this East Asia challenge. China and Mongolia are asking for as many teachers as ELI can send. Currently teachers are needed to fill positions in the eight-week summer program as well as for the full-year program. This is a tremendous opportunity in 1993!

Those interested in receiving Sarah Malone's monthly newsletters, getting her address or knowing how they can be involved in her work in China, should contact the English Language Institute at 1-800-366-3542. Information about how a person can teach English in China and Mongolia as an affiliate with Free Will Baptists is available at the same number.

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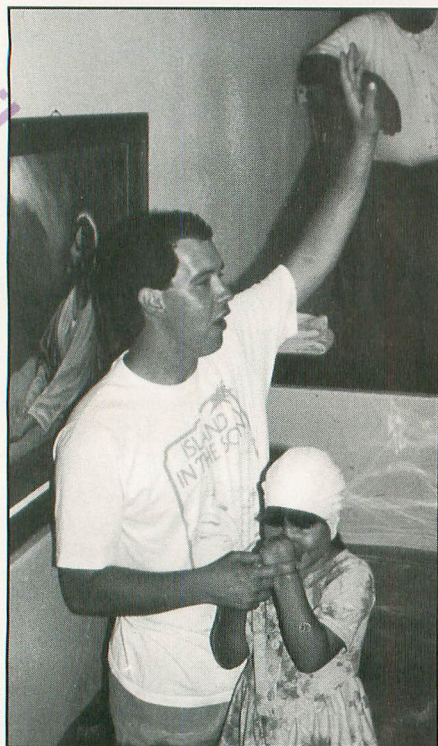
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Curt baptizes Amber.

WAITING!

by Mary Holland



Curt and Mary Holland and their family are currently serving in Campinas, Brazil.

Waiting! I don't know anyone who enjoys it. But my husband certainly doesn't. Still, we often find ourselves "on hold" for one reason or another.

As a new missionary, I am discovering delay is part of missionary life. When we sent in our final application we went through a long period of anxiety. Then, when we were approved as missionaries, we faced another phase of waiting called "deputation."

During deputation we were busy working and waiting to build up prayer and financial support. Finally, in June of 1992, after many months of travel, General Director Eugene

Waddell told us we could leave for the field. I couldn't wait to return home and start packing.

We were headed for Brazil, where God had been leading us since we served as student missionaries in 1985. Our pastoring, education and preparation had been centered around our hopes of returning to the mission field as career missionaries. But we still faced one small problem. We had no visas! We thought these would be issued promptly. But we were wrong! At the end of July we were still waiting in Missouri. Boxes were packed to the ceiling, and most of our good-byes had been said, but we waited.

I reminded the Lord that people were perishing in Brazil without the gospel: "Lord, this just makes the day further away when we can see someone saved, baptized and disciplined for You." I thought this prayer would surely cause God to speed up the mailing process, order an angel to intervene and hand deliver our visas from Brazil to the Consulate in New Orleans.

I had told my home church I would not be able to teach in VBS because I was sure we would be in Brazil by July 6. But due to the delay, I had the opportunity to share with the children during the mission time at VBS. I poured my heart into

each lesson.

On the next to last night I wanted to make sure everyone understood the gospel and had a chance to be saved. I couldn't wait to teach the great lesson for that night. I knew most of the children attending, and I prayed for many of them by name as I waited.

I felt I had everyone's attention during the lesson. As I finished, I gave the children an opportunity to come to Christ and be on His team. I knew some juniors and teenagers were struggling and needed to give their hearts to Jesus. But they did not respond! Of course many of the three- and four-year-olds raised their hands, just as they had done each night of VBS. I smiled, then I prayed they would be just as eager when they fully understood. But my heart remained heavy for the older ones who needed to respond but didn't. I was very disappointed and really felt like a failure.

When we were approved as missionaries, we faced another phase of waiting called "deputation."

After the prayer to close VBS that night, I noticed a pretty little girl with long brown hair and brown eyes waiting to talk to the pastor. I had missed her small hand in the crowd that evening, but she was determined to find some answers.

Since the pastor was busy with other children, I called her by name and asked if she wanted to talk. She began to cry and said she had asked Jesus

into her heart, but sometimes she did some naughty things. She wondered if she should ask Him into her heart again. I asked her if it would be all right to answer her questions later. She said yes and I gave her a hug. This made me feel a little better about the whole evening.

Later, my husband and I sat down with the five-year-old girl. Curt asked her what she thought it meant to be saved. In her simple words she replied, "Jesus died on the cross for my sins and has kept me from hell." Curt asked her if she had ever been saved. She said she had when she was four, but she still did naughty things. Curt told her even Christians sometimes sin, or as she had put it, "do naughty things." He said, "We need to ask God to forgive us and help us do better." Then he told her God had promised, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us . . ." (1 John 1:9).

The girl said she knew she was saved, and she wanted everyone to know she was on God's team. She asked Curt if he would baptize her. Wow! She surely was moving quickly. We had gone from assurance to baptism. Curt told her he would love to baptize her, but he would like to talk with her more to make sure she completely understood.

When asked if she knew what baptism meant, she responded, "I go into the water as my old self, but I come up as my new self." Then she added, "It doesn't wash your sins away because Jesus was baptized and He was never bad. He did it so He could show us how to do it." I was amazed at her

understanding of the Scriptures. With tears in her eyes, she asked once more, "Will you baptize me?" I looked at Curt and shrugged my shoulders. She was excited when Curt agreed he would baptize her.

Later that night as I lay in bed, I cried tears of joy. That little girl had responded. We had been commissioned on June 14 as "official" missionaries. And on July 9 we were reaping our first missionary harvest—in the United States! I thanked God for His faithfulness, and I prayed for this very special little girl.

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Two weeks later on July 19, Curt stood in the baptismal water with that same little girl. One hand was raised in the air and the other was on the girl. Through tears of joy he said, "I baptize this my daughter, who will now be my sister, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost." Tears ran down my face, too, as I watched my husband baptize Amber, our firstborn daughter.

Waiting!

"... they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Yes, God's things are always worth waiting for!

Mary Holland and her husband, Curt, finally reached their destination in August of 1992. They are currently studying the Portuguese language in Campinas, Brazil.



Nancy Jones (left) and Charles Hingst (right) are interviewed by Don Robirds, HEARTBEAT Editor.

A VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE

Volunteers are sparse in today's "what's-in-it-for-me?" society. Most people have been programmed to think primarily of "good old number one."

Charles Hingst and Nancy Jones are two exceptions—outstanding exceptions—who give their time freely in the foreign missions office. And they do it with joy and gratitude for God's grace.

The following interview conducted by **Heartbeat Editor Don Robirds** focuses on the motivation for volunteer service and the blessings received from it. It also brings into perspective some of the services rendered to missionaries and Free Will Baptists in general by the office staff.

Robirds: *Where are you from and how long have you been affiliated with Free Will Baptists?*

Hingst: My dad was born in Germany. Later, as a young man in the United States, he

began working with the U.S. Public Health Service; consequently, we moved around regularly. I was born in Mississippi, reared in South Carolina, and spent 20 years in Georgia before we came to Tennessee. Originally my background was Methodist. I think I have been a member of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church for 10 or 11 years.

Jones: I came from Virginia and moved to Tennessee over 30 years ago. I have been a Free Will Baptist around 28 or 29 years. I was a member of the Oakwood FWB Church in Woodlawn, Tenn., before coming to Nashville a little more than a year ago. Now I am affiliated with the Calvary FWB Church here.

Robirds: *What led you to volunteer and how long have you been doing this?*

Hingst: I came to work for foreign missions in January of 1986. I had been a branch manager for Otis Elevator

Company in Middle Tennessee and decided to retire. I was already wondering what I was going to do when you (Don) and Rolla Smith came to me after Sunday school one Sunday and asked me to consider coming to work at foreign missions. This was a blessing. It gave me an opportunity to help fulfill the great commission. It also gave me a chance to get acquainted on a first-name basis with FWB missionaries. I have always been missions minded, even with the Methodists. This ministry has given me first-hand experience with foreign missionaries on furlough. I also have corresponded with them on the field. I continue to volunteer because of the people I've had the opportunity to work with day in and day out.

Jones: I had the time and I didn't have a whole lot of money. So I thought it would be a good way to use my time and help in some small way in the Lord's work.

Robirds: *What has been*

your role here in the office?

Jones: I started right at the time the offices were moving from the old building to the new facilities. In those days I helped with packing for the move. After the move, I started working with the bookkeeping section entering receipts in the donors' accounts and actually mailing out the receipts.

Hingst: When I came, I wasn't looking for a decision-making job. I've worked in the warehouse and as a "go-fer," running errands, etc. I have thoroughly enjoyed taking orders from four or five women. Primarily I have worked stocking the warehouse, sending out materials for missionary conferences, mail to the missionaries, etc.

Robirds: *How much time do you usually give each week?*

Jones: I usually spend around three days each week in the missions office.

Hingst: I started off working for some income and worked for a couple of years that way. Since then I have been on a volunteer basis. I have been working Tuesdays and Thursdays. Now, since I moved north and the new offices have moved south of Nashville, I drive almost 50 miles one way to the office.

Robirds: *What has been your impression of the functions of the foreign missions office?*

Jones: It's a lot more complicated than I had ever imagined. I didn't really know what went on in this office or

any of the National Offices. But it's such a change from working in the secular world. It's wonderful! The people here are absolutely great.

Hingst: The office functions primarily to support the missionaries in whatever way it can. I don't believe a missionary anywhere would have undertaken his or her current task without the kind of back-up provided by the department.

Robirds: *Do you feel the work done here is being done adequately and in the right spirit?*

Hingst: The atmosphere here at the foreign missions office is totally different. There is a feeling for one another which is often absent in the secular world. We're not faced with having to make moral decisions such as lying which is common in the business world.

Jones: I think everyone here more than earns his or her pay. Workers all go the extra mile and no one seems to mind spending extra time even without pay. I really don't see how the missionaries could get along without the department. Take the director's secretary. She doesn't just type letters. She is more of a trouble-shooter for all the missionaries. She also has to fill out papers and get all the passports and visas ready. The amount of work done by the office staff amazes me. People in the churches have no idea how much goes on behind the scenes such as keeping up with the faith-promise commitments, accounting for money that comes in, paying the bills, and making sure the missionaries have their

paychecks. And your work on **Heartbeat** magazine lets people know what's going on in the field.

Robirds: *Do you think the general fund is worthy of support in light of your experience here?*

Jones: I doubt that most people know what the general fund covers. They most likely don't realize how vital these administrative functions are to keeping the missionaries on the field.

Hingst: Missionaries would literally be lost without the support of the department. The men and women here give the missionaries indispensable back-up. It is extremely worthwhile.

Robirds: *Would you recommend that other Free Will Baptists get involved in some type of volunteer service for the denomination and/or foreign missions?*

Hingst: If there were any way, I would have anybody who joined a Free Will Baptist church work a certain number of days not only for foreign missions but for other departments as well. I don't believe many people in the denomination have any grasp of all that goes on in the National Offices, particularly foreign missions.

Jones: Whether it's foreign missions or home missions, people should get involved to find out what goes on and learn more about where their dollars are going. Maybe some can pray and give. But even if they don't have money, putting in some time will help to send people to the field.

Open Letter to Free Will Baptist Supporters of Foreign Missions

December 31, 1992

Dear Concerned Friend:

Our missionaries deeply appreciate your partnership in spreading the gospel. Thank you for the confidence you show in them. You prove this by your generous support and faithful prayers.

Like you and I, our missionaries consider their good names more valuable than great riches. Unfortunately, they are especially helpless to defend their good reputations when they are thousands of miles from home. It would be tragic if misinformation were allowed to destroy the reputation of some of God's faithful servants. I want you to know the truth.

Some have evidently heard a wedding and reception were held in a Free Will Baptist church in Spain at which wine was served to the guests.

Here are the facts: A couple from the Alcalá de Henares Free Will Baptist work were married in a church of another denomination last May. The wedding was not held in a Free Will Baptist church! A Spaniard, not a missionary, performed the ceremony. Following the Spanish custom, the wedding party had a banquet at a local restaurant. Although some of the guests drank wine, no missionary drank any wine. In fact, believers sat at separate tables from the other guests and were served cokes and water.

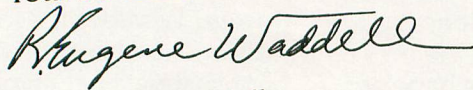
I rejoice to report that every Free Will Baptist foreign missionary holds to the fundamentals of the faith and believes in, practices, preaches and teaches total abstinence.

It grieves me deeply that so soon after damaging rumors against missionaries in Ivory Coast were proven untrue, our Spanish missionaries are now under similar attack. It is apparent to me that Satan resents the victories God is giving Free Will Baptists overseas. Unfortunately, the big losers in this situation will be the 40 million lost people in Spain. In this Satan will be delighted.

I implore you, fellow Free Will Baptists, to pray for your missionaries, your home office staff, and your foreign missions board. Please stand with us for the sake of lost souls.

Let me know if we can help.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,



R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

Public Statement of the Board of Foreign Missions Regarding the Treatise and Church Covenant*

In July the Board of Foreign Missions became aware of a serious division among the missionaries in Spain. As a result, three board members accompanied by the General Director went to Spain for the purpose of effecting a reconciliation. The committee reported to the board during the semi-annual meeting that they were unable to bring about a reconciliation.

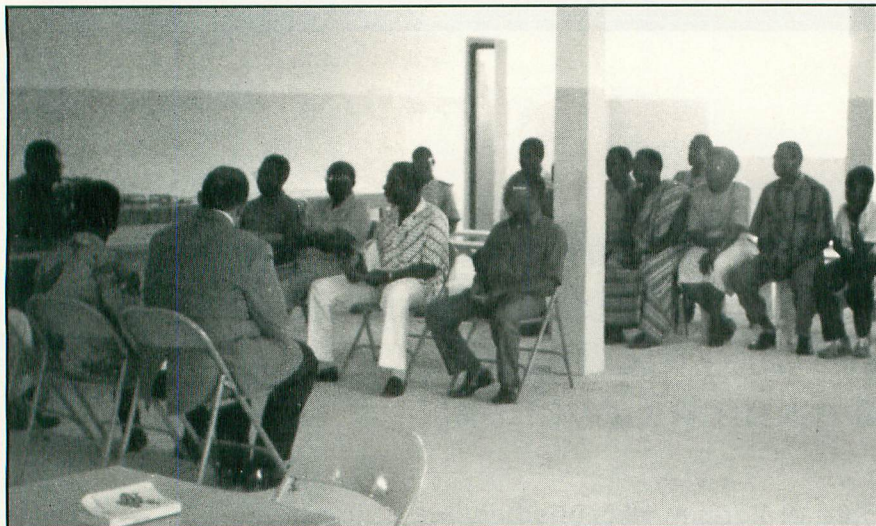
The board considered the question of the use of the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. They concluded that:

1. All of our missionaries personally believe in and practice the Church Covenant. We commend them for the work they are doing among the Spanish people and are grateful for the efforts, evangelism and discipling being done by our missionaries in Spain.
2. None of the works in this country are yet fully organized as indigenous, self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating churches.

This board expects the "Faith of Free Will Baptists" (doctrinal section of the Treatise) and the Church Covenant to be presented to a church for adoption when it is formally organized as an indigenous, self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating church (as set forth under Section III, B, 2, b in Chapter I of the Practices section of the Treatise).

*This statement was actually finalized in a telephone conference on December 19 (see "Board Meets" on Page 11).

News Update



District officials in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, meet with Christians in the new Youth/Training Center. After seeing the facilities, the county judge promised to give the center two more lots of land.

More Land Promised for Bondoukou Center

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Jerry Pinkerton recently went to district officials in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, seeking more property for the Youth/Training Center, and he got more than he expected. The county judge said he wanted to see the center, but when Jerry went to pick him up, six other top district officials were present. All proceeded to the center in a six-car convoy with sirens screaming.

After touring the center and speaking to the people present, the judge said no more land was available but promised to give them (free) two more lots and make sure water got to the center.

"It was most definitely of the Lord," writes Carol Pinkerton.

Christian Funeral Opens Heart of Doctor's Wife

Brazil—According to missionaries Bobby and Sue Aycock in Barbacena, Brazil, the wife of a well-known doctor in that city was saved recently in the Aycocks' home.

"She had been deeply moved some months ago at the funeral service of a dear lady, a member of our church," the Aycocks noted. "Soon afterward she discovered that our neighbor, her close friend, was studying the Bible with us. Her friend gave her a Bible. After about three

Bible studies in our home, we invited her to accept Christ. She was anxious to do so and was overwhelmed by her encounter with the Lord. During the following Sunday evening service she gave a glowing testimony of her experience with Christ and praised Him for her salvation."

Heloisa, a retired school teacher, was also saved recently in Barbacena. "She is facing pressures from her family and friends to give up her faith," declared Bobby and Sue.

Study Bibles Go to Chinese Church Leaders

China—A study Bible, translated into simplified Chinese language script, has been prepared by The Bible League and is being placed in the hands of key church leaders in Mainland China.

According to Andrew Rietveld, regional director for The Bible League, the study Bible is being supplied to approximately 200,000 evangelists who are in full-time ministry, traveling from town to town in China to plant churches. "We are supplying them the study Bible that will give them the tool to preach five to fifteen sermons per week, as well as to instruct new converts," stated Rietveld.

Reports from China indicate the church there is growing at an incredible rate. Some say at least 40 million Chinese Christians do not have

their own Bible. The Bible League has placed more than three million Scriptures in China since 1979.

The cost for the 2,110-page study Bible is \$6 per copy. A gift of \$600 would supply 100 Chinese pastors and evangelists with a Bible.

Those interested in helping with this project may send their gifts to The Bible League, 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, IL 60473.

Over 80 Women Attend Retreat in Brazil

Brazil—The first retreat for Free Will Baptist women and girls in Brazil was held November 1 and 2 at Evangelandia camp in Jaboticabal. Approximately 80 women and girls plus children and workers were on hand for the event.

Every Free Will Baptist work in the state of São Paulo except one was represented: Campinas, 13; Araras, 15; Pirassununga, 2; Jaboticabal, 15; and Ribeirão Preto, 31. Uberlandia, in the state of Minas Gerais, sent four representatives.

Four studies were given by different speakers. Lessons were presented through chalk drawing, skits, monologues, a short drama, puppet programs, group discussions and self examination.

Missionary Vicki Sturgill is president of the Brazil woman's auxiliary which sponsored the retreat. Geneva Poole was program director for this special event.

A survey of those attending indicated a 100 percent agreement that they should have another retreat next year.

Eight-Year-Old Leads Bible Club to Give

Whitesburg, Tenn.—A children's Bible club, directed by eight-year-old Steven Corbett, raised \$170 for foreign missions recently by working and hosting a yard sale. The group in Whitesburg, Tenn., designated the money toward the account of Don and Ruth McDonald in Japan.

The children are part of the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Whitesburg. Ten members make up the club: Sarah, Bradley, Patrick and Renee Dotson; Steven, Elisabeth, Rebekah and Daniel Corbett; Josh Holder; and Lisha Eidson.

Special Services Pack Church at Villalba

Spain—Two special services were held during the last two weekends of October in the church at Villalba, Spain. According to Jeff Turnbough, the first service featured a highly respected Spanish Baptist preacher. The building was full and unbelievers in attendance said they were interested in coming back.

The second special service included the Lord's Supper and feet washing along with a very simple love feast.

"We try to imitate the upper room—the Lord's last supper with His disciples—as much as we possibly can," writes Jeff. "We follow the Scriptures as the events are narrated. Since it is so different, it seems to attract a crowd. Sure enough, our little building was packed out."

Turnbough noted that two African ladies who fled from Liberia and two ladies from Peru are now attending services.

Sturgill Cleared after October Auto Accident

Brazil—Missionary Jim Sturgill was involved in a freak automobile accident on October 27 in Jaboticabal, Brazil. In November Jim appeared before the chief of police and was verbally cleared of fault.

The accident occurred as a result of two brothers fighting in their house. One brother hit the other in the head with a glass and chased him out into the street and in front of Jim's car. Jim could not avoid the accident.

Pastor Jean Carlo Ache and his wife, Flavia, were in the Sturgill vehicle when the accident took place. Jim took the man to the hospital emergency room where an examination revealed no injuries other than that sustained by the glass thrown by his brother.

Gentusos and Fergusons Begin Language Study

Antioch, Tenn.—Two missionary couples left the United States recently to begin language study.

Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso have enrolled in French language study in Quebec, Canada, and will



Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso (top) and Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson (bottom) have entered language study.

begin studying in early January.

Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson left for Albertville, France, on December 30 and have started a six-month refresher course in French. They will then proceed to Côte d'Ivoire.

The Gentusos had been enrolled in language school in Albertville, France, but they were denied entry visas. They subsequently enrolled in an intensive French course in St. Louis, Mo. This study ended in December.

Paul and Tammy will spend between six and eight months in Quebec before going on to their ministry at the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire.

Soccer Player Is Key to Conversion Experience

Spain—Baltazar, the soccer player from Brazil who worked in the Villalba church while playing for a soccer team in Madrid, was responsible for the recent conversion of a young lady from the city of Las Rozas. Baltazar and his wife, Myrna, were on their way back to Brazil from France and stopped for a visit. They brought Marisol to the Villalba church and she indicated she would like to attend Bible studies.

Marisol has now accepted Christ and says her sister, Rosi, is manifesting interest in doing the same. Susan Turnbough had already es-



Randal and Karolyn Richards will go to Côte d'Ivoire for one year.

established a friendship with Rosi prior to their encounter with Marisol.

Marisol's husband plays soccer for the Madrid team.

Board Meets, Approves 34 for Overseas Service

Antioch, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions gathered in Nashville, Tenn., on December 7 to participate in the All-Boards Conference, followed by the semi-annual session of the board. The board concluded its deliberations on Thursday night, December 10.

Action of the nine-man body included the adoption of a statement regarding the Free Will Baptist Treatise and Church Covenant (see page 9*), the approval of a record 34 young people for special service overseas, and the adoption of a partially self-funded health insurance program for missionaries.

The board honored missionaries Fred and Evelyn Hersey for 37 years of missionary service in Japan.

These were approved for overseas service in 1993:

Randal and Karolyn Richards of Nashville, Tenn., will serve one year as short-term missionaries in Ivory Coast.

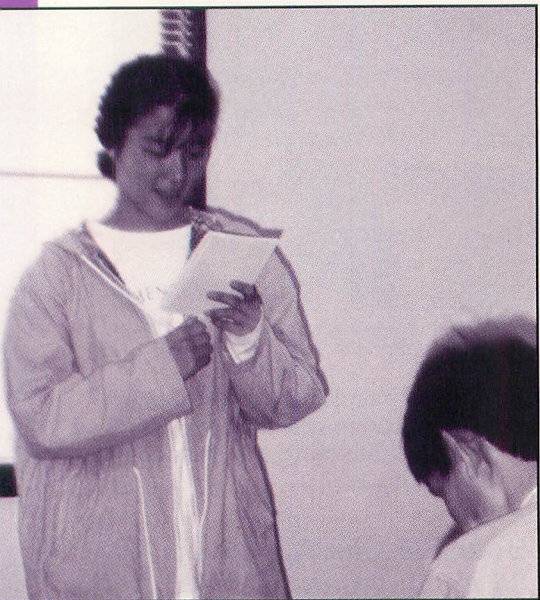
Paul and Tanya Dean of College Station, Tex., were approved as affiliates in China with the English Language Institute, subject to approval by ELIC.

Ten students will go to Côte d'Ivoire as a team in the summer of 1993. These include Lisa Edgmon, Dennison, Tex.; Scott Gailey, Nashville, Tenn.; Christopher Hamm, New Castle, Ind.; Jonathan Miley, Cottonwood, Ala.; Craig Portell, Wood River, Ill.; Shannon Eads of

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News Update



At her baptism, 16-year-old Kumiko Tanaka gave her testimony (left), then missionary Ken Bailey baptized her at the Iriso church in Japan.



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Guin, Ala.; Rebecca Simmons, Jacksonville, N.C.; Lea Southwell, Arlington, Va.; John Waddell, Nashville, Tenn.; and Monica White, Cordova, Ala.

These will serve as student missionaries for the summer of 1993: *Brazil*—Christy Edmonds of Goldsboro, N.C., and Carol Malone of Nashville, Tenn., with the Bobby Pooles, and Tanya Hart of Ayden, N.C., with the Bobby Aycocks; *Côte d'Ivoire*—Michael Steele of Rose, Okla., with the Dr. Kenneth Eagles; *France*—Michael Fulcher of Carrollton, Va., with the Dennis Teagues, and Charity Van Winkle of Fulton, Miss., with Patsy Vanhook.

Others will be serving this summer also: *Panama*—Catalina Barquero of Lincolnton, N.C., and Pamela Still of Pearl, Miss., with the Steve Lytles; *Germany*—Daren Alvis of Chandler, Ind., and Randy Hill of Modesto, Calif., with the Dennis Heaths; and *Japan*—Michelle Braswell of Goldsboro, N.C., and Jill Goodfellow of Nashville, Tenn., with Debbie Griffin, and Kevin and Sheila Williford of Moore, Okla., with the Ken Baileys.

Daniel Bowen of Raleigh, N.C., Bryan Pate of Nashville, Tenn., and Kevin Stacy of Columbus, Miss., were approved for summer work in China pending acceptance by the English Language Institute.

Three People Baptized at Iriso Church in October

Japan—Kumiko Tanaka, a 16-year-old girl, and Benjamin Bailey, 11-year-old son of Ken and Judy Bailey, were baptized on October 11 at the Iriso church in Japan. Then on October 18 missionary Fred Hersey was on hand to baptize Mr. Hedeki Hayashi, a 25-year-old college student. He had been a neighbor of the Herseys.

Ken Bailey noted that two more converts, Mr. Yanagi and Sayoko Suzuki, are in follow-up classes and are to be baptized soon. Mr. Yanagi accepted Christ in September.

The Baileys requested prayer for Mr. Kawatsu, husband of a Christian woman who attends their Bible study. He attended worship service for the first time on November 8.

Agnibilekrou Gains Permission to Build

Côte d'Ivoire—Final authorization to begin construction of the church building in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, was received in September, according to missionary Alice Smith. "We've been wading through red tape for over two years. We praise and thank the Lord that we can finally proceed."

Missionary Norman Richards, founder of the Agnibilekrou church,

is now in the United States trying to raise funds for the building project.

Miss Smith also reported a vacation Bible school held in September with a high attendance of 118 during the five-day school. The women of the church served as teachers and helpers.

"Know Your Neighbor" Night Held by Pooles

Brazil—A "Know Your Neighbor" night was held on Friday night, October 30, in the home of Bobby and Geneva Poole in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil.

"We invited about 40 people who live right in the proximity of our house," writes Geneva. "It was a pleasant surprise that 32 came. Another family was to come but was hindered at the last minute."

The Pooles asked those who came to bring a salad and soft drinks while Bobby and Geneva furnished pizza.

"The neighbors liked it so well that they elected a committee of three to plan another one," Geneva noted. "We desire to use these opportunities to open doors to win some of our neighbors to the Lord."

Bunch Reports Several Saved at Parita, Panama

Panama—"We have seen several people saved recently," writes missionary Stan Bunch from Parita, Panama. "One is a young female college student and another is a brother to one of our members. We are working on follow-up with them."

Bunch has been conducting weekly classes with some who were converted in April when the "Jesus" film was presented.

According to Stan, a monthly family day has been initiated at the church. After a Sunday morning service they have lunch together and spend the afternoon visiting, and playing basketball, volleyball, or soccer.

Crosbys to Work in Majadahonda Area

Spain—Missionaries Dwain and Debbie Crosby will be seeking to start a new work in the area of Majadahonda, Spain, and have already moved to that area. They

have been working with the Mostoles church while the Callaways were on furlough.

"Between Madrid and Villalba lies a vast population of more than a half million," writes Dwain. "According to 1991 surveys, this is the fastest growing population in the entire province. Majadahonda rests in the center of this area.

"We grow more excited each day about the prospects of our future ministry here. The place, people and circumstances all seem to be 'ripe' for a harvest," Crosby concluded.

22 Uruguayans Attend Leadership Conference

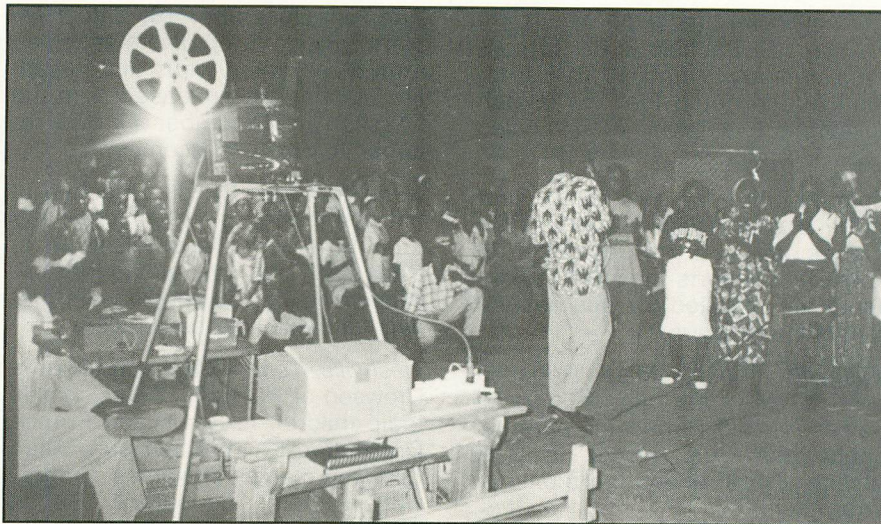
Uruguay—A special leadership conference was held in Rivera, Uruguay, November 27-28, for Free Will Baptist leaders in that country. Reports indicated 22 Uruguayans were involved in the meeting. Seven missionaries were also on hand for the special event.

Deeds and Richards Return to Their Fields

Antioch, Tenn.—Missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds and Norman and Bessie Richards will return soon to their respective fields of service.

The Deeds are scheduled to depart on January 7 for Brazil to begin their seventh term of service. They will resume their ministry in Conselheiro Lafaiete.

Earnie and Jean Deeds (top) and Norman and Bessie Richards (bottom) are to depart soon for their respective fields.



The Bouna Free Will Baptist Church in Côte d'Ivoire conducted an evangelistic campaign in October and had 60 conversions. A 16mm film effectively touched hearts.

Norman and Bessie Richards are scheduled to depart sometime in February for Côte d'Ivoire where they will continue their ministry in Agnibilekrou. They hope to construct a church building during this, their fourth term on the field.

60 Converted in Bouna Evangelistic Campaign

Côte d'Ivoire—A special evangelistic campaign was held October 5-9 in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, as an outreach of the Bouna church. The campaign was organized totally by the African pastor, Jean Francois.

According to missionary Clint Morgan, over 60 decisions for Christ were recorded and the church has reaped the benefits.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Uruguay—The Central church in Montevideo, Uruguay, celebrated its ninth anniversary in October.

Brazil—Pastor Cezar Moura baptized nine converts at Ipiranga, a suburb of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, on December 6.

India—Indian Pastor David Rajkumar broke his right shoulder recently in an accident. Christians have been urged to pray for his swift recovery.

Nashville, Tenn.—Robert Morgan,

pastor of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., and his wife, Katrina, went to Côte d'Ivoire on November 23. Pastor Morgan ministered to the missionaries during their field council meeting. The couple returned on December 5.

Brazil—The Fifth Annual Workers' Congress was held December 26-30 in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. Jim McAllister, president of California Christian College, was the main speaker.

Côte d'Ivoire—A three-day evangelistic campaign was held at the village of Amanvi near Goumère. The services were well attended and 18 decisions for Christ were recorded.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Lillian Hovis, mother of missionary Judy Lytle of Panama, was hospitalized in November. She is currently being treated for cancer.

Brazil—According to missionaries Tom and Nancy Hughes, five people were baptized in Uberlandia, Brazil, during November.

Antioch, Tenn.—Dennis Heath, missionary affiliate from Germany, was in the United States during November and early December. Dennis was on hand at Antioch, Tenn., to give a report to the Board of Foreign Missions during its semi-annual meeting.

Panama—The Panama Association
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News Update

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of Free Will Baptists is set to convene January 9 and 10 in Parita. Stan Bunch noted that the church building in Las Tablas is scheduled to be dedicated on January 10.

Côte d'Ivoire—The new school year at the Bible institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, opened on December 8. The latest reports indicate 10 students are enrolled for this second year of the program.

Nashville, Tenn.—Miss Rebecca Aycock and her fiancé, David Davies, visited Rebecca's parents, Bobby and Sue Aycock in Barbacena, Brazil, during the month of November.

France—Missionary Patsy Vanhook urged people to pray that the Lord would bless a new children's Bible club which she will be teaching in Le Temple de Bretagne. She also requested prayer for a Bible study for women in the St. Sebastien church in France.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Stephen Eagleton, youngest son of missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton, was hospitalized with high fever in Phoenix,

Ariz., on December 10. Latest reports indicate the problem stemmed from a respiratory virus and hepatitis. Stephen was released from the hospital on December 17 and returned to work on December 30.

Panama—Stan Bunch preached at the twenty-first anniversary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City on November 7. Approximately 150 people were present for the special celebration.

Nashville, Tenn.—Milton and Martha Crowson of Nashville, Tenn., visited their children in Spain and France December 13-31. Their son, Allan Crowson, serves in Nantes, France, while their daughter, Susan Turnbough, serves in Villalba, Spain.

Brazil—Work on a new classroom building at Marabá, a suburb of Araras, Brazil, is being completed. Missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs have reported several cases of demon possession and deliverance from Satan's power in that work.

Côte d'Ivoire—Ernest and Elaine Holland have moved from the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, to Bondoukou where they will work with the youth center ministry.

Special Gifts

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

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Holland Baptizes 13 from Varale Church

Côte d'Ivoire—Ernest Holland baptized 13 people from the church in the village of Varale, Côte d'Ivoire, on September 27.

"We loaded up the truck and Dr. Kenneth's car with Christians from Doropo and made the 25-minute trip to the creek at Varale," writes Ernest. "Everyone stood on the wooden bridge to witness the baptism of these new believers."

Koinonia Church Hears Hersey in November

Japan—Missionary Fred Hersey preached in the Koinonia Free Will Baptist Church in Noporo, Japan, on November 22, prior to returning to the United States. According to missionary Dale Bishop, several unsaved people expressed an interest in the condition of their souls by requesting prayer after the message. Three first-time visitors were present for the service.

Marcia Ellison Shares Word in High School

Uruguay—Marcia Ellison has been teaching English literature classes at the Uruguayan-American High School in Montevideo and has repeatedly been given the opportunity to share God's Word with the students and faculty.

In an October report, Marcia indicated she is teaching the ninth grade class Introduction to the Old and New Testaments and the tenth and eleventh grades are studying Puritan Writings (even Jonathan Edwards' sermons).

The Ellisons urged Christians to pray for the students in these classes. They come from Brazil, Egypt, South Africa, Israel, USA, Uruguay, Austria, Canada, Greece, Romania, Japan, Italy, and Taiwan. For most of the students, this has been their only contact with the Scriptures.

Poole Says 14 Baptized in Ribeirão Preto

Brazil—A joint baptismal service was held on October 18 in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. According to missionary Bobby Poole, five people from the First Free Will Baptist Church were baptized and nine from the Second church followed the Lord.

"We praise the Lord for these," says Poole. "Others should be baptized before the end of the year."

Five Converted, Two Baptized at Ai No Sato

Japan—According to missionary Don McDonald, five people have been converted in the past few months at Ai No Sato in northern Japan and two people were baptized in October.

Mrs. Matsuzaka prayed in the McDonald living room after a women's meeting in late August. She was baptized on October 25. Mrs. Amano gave her heart to the Lord on September 24. She started attending church after her husband's funeral in the church.

Mrs. Sato was saved on September 17, and 58-year-old Mr. Yachi made a profession of faith on October 10 after suffering a major heart attack.

On October 25, Eri Takahashi, a

high school girl, accepted Christ as her Savior. She has just recently begun attending the church with her mother who is a Christian.

In addition to the baptism of Mrs. Matsuzaka, Mrs. Nagao was baptized on October 1. She had been saved two years earlier but postponed her baptism until her unsaved husband gave his consent.

Don indicated the average attendance of the church has gone from 10 to 25 in the past year.

Robbery and Hijacking Endanger Missionaries

Côte d'Ivoire—Reports from missionaries Mike Cousineau and Clint Morgan in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, indicate groups of gangsters have been barricading roads in the Bouna area. Numerous people have been robbed, and some of those who resisted have been killed. Some of the attacks have even taken place in the daytime.

Christians have been urged to pray for the safety of the missionaries and their families.

Building Being Prepared in Araraquara, Brazil

Brazil—A building has been rented for services in Araraquara, Brazil, and Christians from the Jaboticabal Free Will Baptist Church are helping out. Seventeen people from the church went to Araraquara on November 14 to help eight people from that congregation clean the building for services.

The Jim Sturgills are in charge of the Araraquara work until their furlough this summer, then the Jaboticabal church will assume that responsibility. Bobby and Sue Aycock started the ministry in Araraquara.

Financial Summary Through November 30

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Total income for October	\$ 379,170.24
Total income for November	314,226.57
Total income through November	3,741,777.85
Total disbursements through November	3,807,309.50
Projected income through November	3,460,604.58
Total 1992 Budget	\$3,775,205.00
VISION gifts through November	\$ 37,772.40

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 599.42	Morgan	\$ 5,768.32
Barker	538.92	Nichols	6,759.58
Bishop	7,266.48	Plunkett	757.85
Bryan	5,315.87	Poole	1,300.22
Callaway	3,955.41	Reeves	3,211.38
Combs	3,987.15	Robinson	4,532.52
Creech	2,911.74	Sparks	3,384.40
Crosby	8,060.49	Sturgill	4,169.86
Crowson	1,082.82	Teague	1,841.51
Ellison	971.11	Turnbough	1,982.95
Franks Sr.	3,522.58	Willey	2,455.37
Gibbs	5,110.77	Wilson	378.64
Hanna	6,870.52	General Fund	29,769.90
McFall	3,150.87	Spec. Comm.	18,882.34
Midgett	10,036.92		
Total			\$148,575.91

\$inking

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

Moore	\$ 455.18	Owen	\$ 412.29
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State Goals—1992

State	Goal 1992	Goal Through November	Contributions Through November
Alabama	\$ 175,000	\$160,417	\$ 166,288.96
Arizona	5,500	5,042	7,743.63
Arkansas	207,000	189,750	218,811.00
California	84,000	77,000	79,291.16
Colorado	6,200	5,683	5,425.10
Florida	84,000	77,000	61,913.20
Georgia	164,000	150,333	126,238.95
Hawaii	4,500	4,125	2,569.22
Idaho	900	825	764.00
Illinois	110,000	100,833	92,594.58
Indiana	41,000	37,583	37,409.59
Iowa	2,200	2,017	2,266.00
Kansas	17,000	15,583	14,162.69
Kentucky	75,000	68,750	68,498.59
Louisiana	250	229	345.46
Maryland	20,000	18,333	16,558.97
Michigan	136,000	124,667	132,977.77
Mississippi	59,000	54,083	43,699.04
Missouri	275,000	252,083	290,390.57
Montana	1,100	1,008	1,316.00
Nebraska	1,300	1,192	660.00
New Mexico	900	825	799.28
*Northeast Assn.	4,500	4,125	4,110.00
**Northwest Assn.	6,500	5,958	4,197.76
North Carolina	492,000	451,000	456,061.61
Ohio	114,000	104,500	126,368.12
Oklahoma	402,000	368,500	362,286.82
Pennsylvania	900	825	365.00
South Carolina	224,000	205,333	196,621.33
Tennessee	572,000	524,333	567,641.59
Texas	130,000	119,167	80,755.92
Virginia	132,000	121,000	105,015.85
Virgin Islands	2,200	2,017	2,610.67
West Virginia	81,000	74,250	98,949.05
WNAC	00	00	100,629.04
Miscellaneous	144,255	132,236	265,441.33
Totals	\$3,775,205	\$3,460,605	\$3,741,777.85

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