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AROUND THE WORLD





# Free Will Baptists Around the World

Where Our Missionaries Serve—Part 1

## Panama

**Stan and Brenda Bunch** live in Chitre, Panama, in the province of Herrera and serve in the area of Parita. The mission church which they started in Parita has purchased land but has been unable to get clearance to build a place of worship. God has blessed the work with several people coming to know Christ in spite of opposition. Stan oversees

outreach in the region, including giving counsel and support to the Las Tablas church.

**Steve and Judy Lytle** reside in the area of El Dorado, a suburb of Panama City, and have worked faithfully to develop the Betania Free Will

## Brazil

**Tom and Nancy Hughes** have the northernmost Free Will Baptist work in Brazil, laboring in the city of Uberlandia in the state of Minas Gerais. The Hughes have started a second church in the city and have already built a nice facility for services and Sunday school classes. The mission church continues to grow through Bible teaching and conversions.

**Jim and Karen Cowart** moved to Uberlandia in May of 1993. The First FWB Church in Uberlandia was being maintained by lay preachers until the Jim Cowarts were called by the church to assume the pastorate. Jim and Karen had been working in the state of São Paulo. They had planned to open a new work in the city of



## Panama



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Jim and Karen Cowart



Norman and Laura McFall



Limeira when it became evident they were needed at Uberlandia. Latest reports indicate the church is experiencing renewed enthusiasm since the Cowarts began their ministry there.

**Norman and Laura McFall** moved to the metropolitan area of Belo Horizonte in the state of Minas Gerais in April of 1989 and **Dave and Pat Franks** joined them in January of 1990. They began having Bible studies in their homes and later were able to see a building erected through the help of Master's Men from the U.S. God has given gradual growth as the Franks have continued to work while the McFalls went on furlough. This thriving area of over 400,000 people has very little other gospel witness.

In 1974, when **Earnie and Jean Deeds** went to the city of Conselheiro Lafaiete, south of Belo Horizonte, Free Will Baptists had only one other ministry within 300 miles. The Bobby Aycocks had started a work in the neighboring town of Barbacena. Now a beautiful church building graces Lafaiete and a stable group of believers carries on an effective program of evangelism and Bible training.

**Bobby and Sue Aycock** moved to Barbacena, Minas Gerais, in 1971 and started witnessing and winning people to Christ. A vibrant church was established and soon built a sanctuary and Sunday school classrooms. Although the Aycocks left the work to labor in the U.S. for approximately eight years, the church has continued. In 1991 they returned to Barbacena after the church experienced some discouragement due to inadequate leadership. The church is now reaching out to neighboring towns in an effort to start satellite churches.

Traveling southwest some 440 miles from Barbacena and Lafaiete, a person will encounter Ribeirão Preto in the northern part of the state of São Paulo. **Bobby and Geneva Poole** moved there in 1961 and have continued to minister there ever since. At least four FWB works have been started in the city through the Pooles' efforts. While Bobby and Geneva are developing a new church in the Alto da Boa Vista area of town, their youngest son, John, pastors the First FWB Church in Ribeirão. The central Bible institute is also

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*Dave and Pat Franks*



*Earnie and Jean Deeds*



*Bobby and Sue Aycock*



*Bobby and Geneva Poole*





Araras. Jim and Shirley maintain an effective ministry at the First FWB Church and are involved in a new ministry of the church to reach orphans and homeless children. A number of these children have accepted Christ as their Savior, and the church has gained a good standing with the city as a result of this special ministry.

**Curt and Mary Holland**, the newest missionaries on the field, are laboring about 40 miles south of Araras in the city of Campinas, São Paulo. They have been studying the Portuguese language and are helping in the First FWB Church in Campinas (the first church started in Brazil by Free Will Baptists). The Hollands are praying for guidance concerning their location and ministry following language study.

Although **Ken and Marvis Eagleton** were in Brazil for some 32 years, they are currently in the States working with the development of the TEAM ministry among high school students. They have labored in the areas of Campinas, Araras, Monte Alto, and Jaboticabal.

## Brazil



Jim and Vicki Sturgill



Jim and Shirley Combs



Curt and Mary Holland



Ken and Marvis Eagleton

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At Jaboticabal, the Free Will Baptist camp has proven to be a blessing for outreach and spiritual growth, often doubling as facilities to house the Bible institute. Until recently **Jim and Vicki Sturgill** lived at the camp and worked in Jaboticabal

and Araraquara. They are currently on furlough but when they return, they plan to join the church-planting team in Belo Horizonte, a city of 3.5 million population.

Approximately two and one-half hours to the southeast one will encounter **Jim and Shirley Combs** in the city of





## Uruguay



Walter and Marcia Ellison



Molly Barker



Dennis and Trena Owen



Susan Bumpus



Dave Jr. and Becky Franks

## Uruguay

**Molly Barker** has labored faithfully for over 28 years in Uruguay, working mainly on the border between Uruguay and Brazil—the area known as Rivera. She served there with Bill and Glenda Fulcher, Paul and Amy Robinson and Walter and Marcia Ellison. Today she is the only resident missionary in that area. She works with national lay preachers and helps in DVBS programs, youth and children's ministries, and as and RN she helps meet some practical medical needs. Molly has recently been helping to develop a new work in the city of Melo, Uruguay.

**Walter (Dub) and Marcia Ellison** first went to Uruguay in 1965 and labored for many years in the frontier area of Rivera, Uruguay, and Livramento, Brazil. They moved to the capital city of Montevideo in 1982 to help in developing a Bible institute program and to launch an urban ministry. God

blessed their efforts and a church was started. The Sower Bible Institute also has become a key to greater outreach in Uruguay.

**Dennis and Trena Owen** transferred to Uruguay from Spain in December of 1990. They are vitally involved in the ministry in and around Montevideo where 1.5 million people—half of the country's population—reside. The Owens assumed a ministry outreach in the area of Pocitos, a suburb of Montevideo, and have seen some converts in recent months. Dennis also teaches classes at the Bible institute and does some extension institute training.

**Dave Jr. and Becky Franks** joined the Uruguay team in August of 1992. They have been studying Spanish in Montevideo and recently assumed the pastoral role for the Malvin Alto congregation in a Montevideo suburb.

**Susan Bumpus** hopes to go to Uruguay in 1994 and plans to work in the Montevideo area. She will be teaching music at The Sower Bible Institute and developing children's ministries.

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**Spain**

**Ron and Linda Callaway** are busy seeking to establish a new church in Móstoles, a suburb of Madrid, where approximately four million people reside. Móstoles has proven to be one of the most difficult areas to penetrate with the gospel. Although some inroads have been made, the work has progressed slowly. Ron and all of the other missionaries are teaching in the Logos Bible Seminary which is being developed to train national leaders.

**Lynn Midgett** also works in the church-planting effort at Móstoles, ministering to children and youth. A special youth outreach ministry has been started in the church facilities. Approximately 50 young people attended a ping pong tournament there recently and many of those heard the gospel for the first time.

**Dwain and Debbie Crosby** have moved to the area of Majadahonda between Madrid and Villalba. This area of more than half a million people has the fastest growing population in that entire province. The Crosbys hope to establish a church in this very needy area

following furlough.

**Jeff and Susan Turnbough** went to Spain in 1982. Early in their first term they moved to Villalba, an area of nearly one million people. They successfully launched the only Bible-believing work to date between Madrid and Segovia. Today they have a good group of Christians who are developing leadership skills. The congregation has outgrown its facilities and has purchased property but has faced difficulty in getting clearance to build a church. Financing for construction of the church has been difficult to arrange, but the group hopes to be able to begin construction in 1994.

**Steve and Linda Reeves** have been laboring in the area of Villalba with the Turnboughs and assumed responsibility for the ministry while Jeff and Susan were home for furlough. Steve has also been involved in teaching in the Bible institute program as well as working with children and youth. The Reeves plan to continue working in the Villalba area following furlough.

## France

**Steve and Becky Riggs** have been working with the mission church at Nantes,

France, since August of 1989. Steve assumed the leadership role when John and Pansy Murray left the field. Steve has also assisted in an outreach ministry to university students. The Riggs have been in the United States since May of 1992 fulfilling their deputational ministry and hope to return to Nantes in July.

**Allan and LaRue Crowson** are in charge of the Nantes FWB mission church while the Riggs are on furlough. Allan is busy developing and teaching a Bible institute curriculum aimed at training national leaders. He also writes and translates materials into French for publication.

**Charolette Tallent** also labors in Nantes. Working with the mission church, she is particularly involved in counseling and leads the university outreach program aimed at approximately 30,000 students. She has successfully channeled a number of students into the church and some have been saved and baptized.



Allan and LaRue Crowson



Cathy Crawford

## France



Jerry and Barbara Gibbs

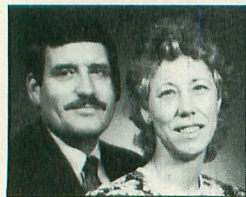


Tom and Patty McCullough



Charolette Tallent

## Spain



Ron and Linda Callaway



Dwain and Debbie Crosby



Steve and Linda Reeves



Jeff and Susan Turnbough



Lynn Midgett



Steve and Becky Riggs



Dennis and Carol Teague



Patsy Vanhook



**Dennis and Carol Teague** returned to France in November of 1983 after taking time out for special training in 1979. They are seeking to establish a new work in the Nantes suburb of St. Sebastien. They are gradually seeing doors open and are witnessing some conversions. They have made many contacts with influential people in the area and are praying that God will penetrate their hearts with the message of salvation.

**Cathy Crawford** is assisting in trying to establish a new church in St. Sebastien. She maintains a very active role in personal evangelism, counseling, working with youth and children, and teaching Bible classes.

**Jerry and Barbara Gibbs** are serving in the mission church at St. Nazaire, France. They have labored faithfully in starting this congregation and building it into a growing, flourishing mission church. They also are active in seeking to develop leaders through special training efforts.

**Tom and Patty McCullough** make up

part of the team in St. Nazaire, but they have been in the United States on furlough since April of 1992. Patty had undergone surgery in the U.S. for cancer in December of 1991. Since beginning furlough, Patty had more extensive surgery and chemotherapy, so the couple has delayed returning to France until sometime in 1994.

**Patsy Vanhook** also is laboring in St. Nazaire and is

## Germany



Dennis and Mary Heath



Kim Zegelian

especially involved in ministering to women and children in the St. Nazaire area.

## Germany

**Dennis and Mary Heath** are serving in the area of Kusel, Germany, under the missionary affiliate program. Dennis is a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force stationed at the Air Force Telecommunications Certificate Office, Kapaum Air Station, Germany. They are seeking to establish a church among the



military personnel and are reaching out to the German community with the gospel.

**Kim Zegelian** is also serving under the missionary affiliate program and is working with the Heaths in seeking to develop a church in Kusel. Kim teaches physical education at Ramstein Recreation Center as a means of supporting herself while working to reach people for Christ.

**(Côte d'Ivoire, India and Japan will be presented next time in Part 2.)**





# FINALLY HOME

by Tokuko Amano

Translated by Ruth McDonald

**B**efore I met Christ, whenever I faced problems my heart cried, "Somebody, please help!" But no matter how much I searched and pleaded, I could find no savior. So I concluded that unless I could somehow become a stronger, more self-sufficient person, I would be completely overcome by pain and despair. From childhood I remember thinking what I wanted more than anything was the emotional strength to overcome my suffering and pain.

For some reason—maybe our poverty, maybe my very brief encounter with a Christian Sunday school, or maybe my interest in Western stories—I had a curiosity about Christianity from childhood. But my curiosity stemmed from thinking that having faith was the coward's way of escape when he couldn't face life's difficulties. I rejected the whole idea, feeling I wanted to work hard at solving my own problems.

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## ***My earliest memories of home are of my drunken grandmother.***

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My earliest memories of home are of my drunken grandmother. My father was very ill with tuberculosis, and we all lived together in the shadow of poverty and illness. My grandmother coped with my father's condition by drinking—so much so that she became a completely different person. She always compared me to my younger brother, whom she favored. She showed me no affection, only hatred. We were very poor and seldom had



anything but rice to eat. If we had a little fish, my grandmother ate it herself instead of feeding it to the children. She would go from house to house in her drunken fits of rage, and I was deeply ashamed to be from such a home. I hated to go to school and feared the thought of my classmates coming to my home.

As I grew to junior high age, I realized my meek and soft-hearted parents, who couldn't stand up to my grandmother, were also to be pitied. And I realized above all, my grandmother was to be pitied because she was loved by literally no one. I came to see her as a lonely, pitiful old lady. Both the giver and receiver of suffering are truly equal tragedies.

I remember thinking the human life is only grief and suffering. I felt no love for my family, and I knew no way out of life's sorrow. When I remember my childhood, I recall nothing but a deep sadness which felt like someone had put a lead weight in the depths of my heart. Gradually, like a small sea animal crawls into its shell, I withdrew into my own sorrow. By high school age, I had dropped out of school and developed such emotional problems that I lost large amounts of hair and had patches of baldness. I was caught in a vicious cycle: I hated my home, yet I was afraid to venture out into the world.

I became an adult and got married. At 21 years of age, I learned I was pregnant. But we were very poor and my husband was upset. He did not want the baby. So I decided to have an abortion. I am now 42, so that

was more than 20 years ago. But until I met Christ, I could not forgive myself for this horrible act. Though I never voiced it, deep in my heart I blamed my husband for the guilt I felt. Our relationship became stormy as a result, and I'm sure my husband suffered the consequences of the abortion as much as I.

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***In giving my life over to Christ last August, I discovered Him as my true Helper and Savior.***

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In August of 1992, after a prolonged struggle with lung cancer, my husband passed away. Though not a Christian, he had no special regard for Buddhism and the exorbitant fee the priests charge for funerals. So he requested his funeral to be held in a Christian church. We didn't have a relationship with any Christian church, so I looked for one in the phone book and called the Ai No Sato Free Will Baptist Church.

At the funeral, a verse at the front of the sanctuary caught my eye and afterward I could not get it out of my head. It was Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free." At that time of special grief, I felt I could not go on living. I had such a weight of sin and pain. More than anything, I wanted to be free! I decided if Christ could truly make me free, I wanted to become a Christian. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of

God" (1 Cor. 1:18).

I began attending Sunday morning worship and weekday Bible study and learned about the cross. For the first time, I understood my lifelong desire to be emotionally self-sufficient was a goal born of pride. I had been unable to see just how weak I really was. I was convicted for my failure to seek God's help and my great sin of unbelief.

In giving my life over to Christ last August, I discovered Him as my true Helper and Savior, the only one who can really solve all my problems. I received assurance of salvation in Christ and accepted His love. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16).

In all my human relationships, I've never experienced a love that even begins to compare to the perfect love I now know in Christ. In Him, I know I've finally found a home.

Mrs. Amano was baptized and became a member of the Ai No Sato Free Will Baptist Church on December 13, 1992. This is her testimony as she gave it on the day of her baptism. She is currently taking an active role in the Sunday school and women's group, and her countenance truly radiates the joy of the Lord.

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**A** local church can be a blessing to a missionary during furlough! Many of the specifics depend on the size and location of the church, but the possibilities are great. It is thrilling to see how many congregations, both large and small, urban and rural, are becoming aware of the needs of missionaries on furlough and are striving to meet those needs.

The missionary always seeks to spend as little money as possible stateside so he will not deplete his missionary account. At the same time he wants to minister to his stateside supporters.

One of the major ways to aid a missionary is to provide a house for him. A good example would be Donelson Free Will

Baptist Church in Nashville or Fellowship FWB in Kingsport, Tenn. Sometimes it may be a parsonage that is not being used, or it could be a house that the church would buy for that particular purpose.

Another way to help is to pay the missionary's utilities. This will save the missionary's account many dollars a month.

It is essential that the missionary stay in contact with his supporters by mail. If the church has a bulk mailing permit, the congregation can offer to send out the prayer letters for him.

With missionary families, the husband is on the road much of the time. Sometimes repairs around the house are left undone because the husband isn't home for several weeks at

a time. Individuals in the church could provide maintenance to help in this case.

The local church could also provide car maintenance for the missionary, and possibly even provide a second car for the missionary wife if it is needed. Or members might simply offer to take the family somewhere when actually providing a second car isn't feasible.

A church, or several churches, can purchase equipment that the missionary will need to take back to the field for his next term of service. This might include such things as tools, literature, a computer, a camera, projector, etc.

Making the missionary and his family feel at home in the local church is very important. The family needs a church

# Helping Furloughing Missionaries!

*by Winston Sweeney*





home where each person is not thought of as "the missionary," but just a regular church member like everyone else.

Invite the missionary's children to participate in the activities for the children and youth, i.e., youth meetings, recreational activities, etc.

The ladies of the church can invite the missionary wife to meals, social events and church functions.

Most missionaries enjoy reading and listening to Christian music. Find out what their musical tastes are, whether classical, Southern Gospel, or contemporary, and give them cassette tapes of Christian music. Buy Christian novels by Janette Oke, Bodie Thoene, Frank Peretti, and others. Purchase commentaries and/or study books for the missionary. Subscribe to some Christian magazines for them, or maybe *Reader's Digest*.

Find out more about the field where they work and any special prayer requests they may have. Pray for them! Someone once said, "Most Christians know the importance of prayer, but missionaries survive by it."

Let other churches in your area know that the missionary is home so they, too, can minister to the family's needs. Maybe the missionary has a special project to raise money for a certain need. Local churches can band together and promote this project.

Get to know the missionaries in your area. If they live in another area, write to them. Tell them about yourself and your family, and ask about their family, as well as about their work.

## Things to Remember

Missionaries are human! They are real people, just like other church members. They have all the same needs as the rest of us: physical, mental, financial and spiritual.

The local church can be used by God to meet those needs. We must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as He leads us to minister to the missionary.

When a missionary arrives at the airport to begin furlough, he and his whole family are in the middle of a tremendous adjustment from one culture to another. The adjustment will take time as they gain strength, both spiritual and physical, to meet the task ahead. The local church must demonstrate concern, patience, and a willingness to serve.

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## ***The family needs a church home where each person is not thought of as "the missionary."***

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For simplification, we have referred to the missionary as "he." But we realize our Free Will Baptist missionaries consist of single women, man and wife teams, and families. They are all missionaries, and we can be used by the Lord to meet their needs.

## Things not to do:

Do not give the missionary items which serve no useful purpose.

Do not have endless large meals. Work out menus in such a way that the missionary can be fed sensibly.

Do not ask the missionary to

give out more than he is emotionally, spiritually, or physically able. He needs to be replenished himself so he can take in, as well as give out.

Do not project an air of being better in your pursuits than he is in his. After all, we are all servants of Christ.

In entertaining, check with the missionary as to the type of recreation he is comfortable with. Certain places or events may be in conflict with his personal convictions.

In exchange of ideas, do not argue about the politics of the mission board or the politics of the country where the missionary serves.

Do not be a burden to your missionary.

Do not transfer any bitterness you may have in your personal life or ministry to the missionary or his family.

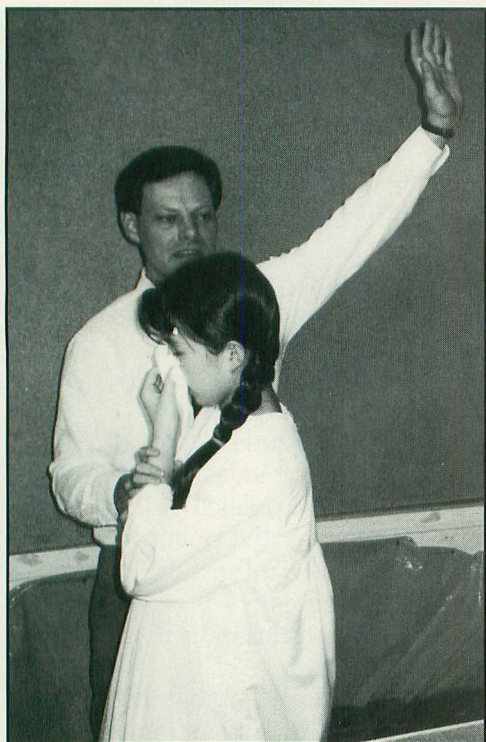
We are all servants of Christ. We are all in this together. The missionary wants no special favors or special treatment. What he does need is spiritual encouragement and edification to build him up in his service for the Lord.

The ideal situation in a ministry to missionaries is for one or more churches to assume the entire support of a missionary couple or a single missionary. This relieves the missionary of the burden of extensive traveling. Furloughs will, then, be true furloughs. Quality home life for the missionary can be maintained. Recuperation can really take place. Each can be refreshed and rejuvenated. When the time comes to go back to the field, he and his family will be ready.

Winston Sweeney is pastor of Fellowship FWB Church in Kingsport, Tenn.



# News Update



Missionary Don McDonald baptizes Yoko Fukumoto from Kita Hiroshima Chapel in northern Japan on Easter Sunday.

## McDonald Baptizes Girl from Kita Hiroshima

*Japan*—Yoko Fukumoto, a 17-year-old girl from the Kita Hiroshima Chapel church, approached missionary Don McDonald about being baptized on Easter Sunday.

McDonald says he felt "she wasn't sure about her salvation and sensing her uneasiness, I simply asked her, 'Yoko, have you ever asked Jesus into your heart as personal Savior?' Her reply was, 'No.' I asked, 'Would you like to ask Him into your heart right now?' She answered, 'Yes.' She prayed the sinner's prayer and beamed an unmistakable smile of joy. On Easter Sunday I had the privilege of baptizing her."

## Four MKs Graduate from High School

*Antioch, Tenn.*—Four MKs were among the graduates who finished their high school training this summer.

Mark Cowart, son of Jim and Karen Cowart in Uberlandia, Brazil, completed his high school training and plans to enter Free Will Baptist

Bible College this fall.

Valerie Sturgill, daughter of Jim and Vicki Sturgill in Brazil, graduated from United Christian School of Campinas and plans to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College this September.

Michael Lytle, son of Steve and Judy Lytle, graduated from Maranatha Christian Academy in Panama on May 28 and plans to enroll at Free Will Baptist Bible College in the fall of 1994.

Marie West, daughter of Robert and Pam West in Côte d'Ivoire, graduated from International Christian School in Bouaké in July.

## Dr. Eagleton Cites Rise in Measles Vaccinations

*Côte d'Ivoire*—"During the months of March and April several cases of measles were reported in our area," writes Dr. Kenneth Eagleton from Doropo in Côte d'Ivoire. "We saw several cases in the clinic and even hospitalized four patients. One baby died from respiratory complications from measles."

In 1986, prior to the availability of the measles vaccine in the area, the doctor saw over 300 cases of measles. "We started promoting vaccination and many came to get their children vaccinated," says Kenneth. "In the years since then, measles has been rare. In April we gave 651 doses of vaccine, up from 233 doses a year ago."

## Franks Jr. Assumes Malvin Alto Post

*Uruguay*—Dave Jr. and Becky Franks finished Spanish language study in May and have assumed leadership responsibility for the Malvin Alto work in a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay.

Walter and Marcia Ellison have been in charge of the work since the young national leader became discouraged.

## Alice Smith Requests Prayer for Convert

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Alice Smith reported leading a young woman to Christ on May 18. Alice says, "Marie's parents claimed to be Christians; however, they chose to 'give' her to Moslem relatives when she was a little girl."

Miss Smith requested prayer for the young lady who has been taught the Moslem religion and forced to bow to Allah.

"She wept as she told me her tragic story," Alice continued. "She is determined to serve Christ in spite of expected opposition. Please intercede to God on her behalf."

## McCullough to Fill in at St. Nazaire in July

*France*—Although Tom and Patty McCullough are in the United States for extended medical furlough, Tom is scheduled to spend the month of July in France filling in while the Jerry Gibbs family is in the United States for vacation.

Jerry and Barbara Gibbs were scheduled for regular furlough this summer but have extended their term due to the medical needs of Patty McCullough who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

## 400 Attend "Easter Conference" at Bouna

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Nearly 400 people from the Free Will Baptist works in the northern sector of Côte d'Ivoire met at Bouna in April for their annual "Easter Conference." The meeting involved three days of fellowship and edification.

Statistics indicated over 1,500 believers are included in the Free Will Baptist works of the area. According to missionary Clint Morgan, church attendance has nearly doubled in the last ten years.

## Ellisons Host Seniors, Give Gospel Witness

*Uruguay*—On Friday, May 14, Walter and Marcia Ellison hosted a group of high school seniors from the Uruguayan American School in Montevideo. Some 28 people were on hand, including seven out of the nine seniors. Other guests included the faculty and Pastor Gerardo and his wife, Alba, from the Central church in Montevideo.

Marta Laino, an actress whom Dennis and Trena Owen led to the Lord, and Teresa Puglia, a poet and musician, were featured in the program. "It was a cultural event with several Christians from our work present," writes Marcia.



This gathering led to a luncheon engagement with the school counselor and a young Canadian literature teacher. "It turned into a wonderful opportunity for me to witness to both of them as to the resurrection of Jesus and what that event means to me," Marcia continued. "They both left weeping and want to meet again."

## Volleyball Becomes Tool for Evangelism

**Brazil**—Tom and Nancy Hughes in Brazil expressed praise over four people who were converted at the Second church in Uberlandia, Brazil, as a result of a volleyball program. Joaquim, the brick mason who built the First Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlandia, was largely responsible.

Tom writes, "Joaquim . . . never felt qualified to accept a position of leadership in the church. He longed to serve the Lord in a greater way, but there seemed to be no opportunities for him. In October (1992), the young people of the Second church decided to start a volleyball team. Joaquim volunteered to help them."

The group decided to use the volleyball team as a means of outreach. Church attendance was not required, but all were invited and encouraged to attend. Proper conduct and observation of dress codes were required during the games. As a result, a good number of the players have attended church and four of them have found Christ.

## "Go and Be" Team Helps Institute, Begins Study

**Côte d'Ivoire**—The "Go and Be In '93" team from Free Will Baptist Bible College has taken on projects at the Bible institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, and has begun studying the African culture and missions principles.

According to Lynette Morgan, the group sang in the Bondoukou church on Saturday, May 29, on their way to Bouna and presented a song to a packed church in Bouna (over 300 people) the next day.

Team members are studying in the institute five mornings a week and are spending the afternoons in villages to become familiar with different areas of African culture. On Fridays and Saturdays they help



Herman Hersey (left), general director of the Board of Retirement, receives a check for \$10,109.25 from missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton to be placed in their retirement account. The check was a gift of the Texas State Woman's Auxiliary.

with projects such as re-doing the basketball court, painting the church, cleaning the institute and its grounds, etc. Every weekend they are to visit and minister in different churches.

The group is accompanied by former missionary Eddie Payne, who is currently their missions professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

## Texas Women Supplement Eagleton Retirement

**McAllen, Tex.**—Missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton were honored on June 10 by the Texas State Woman's Auxiliary with a check for \$10,109.25 toward their retirement. The check was presented to Marvis by Everyl Getz, president of the Texas Woman's Auxiliary, during their annual session at McAllen, Tex.

The Texas women had set a goal to raise \$4,000 in 1992 and \$6,000 in 1993, but completed the project in the first five and one-half months of 1993. Most of the money was raised through offerings by the 242 auxiliary members in the state.

Ken and Marvis, who have served 36 years with the Department of Foreign Missions ministering in Brazil, are eligible for retirement in July of this year. On their return to Nashville, they presented the Texas check to Herman Hersey, general director of the Board of Retirement, to be placed in their retirement account.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

**Uruguay**—Walter and Marcia Ellison were in Rivera, Uruguay, for special Easter services, and Marcia was able to lead Mildred, a 22-year-old lady, to the Lord.

**Brazil**—Dave Franks, the first Free Will Baptist missionary to go to Brazil, preached at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas when the church celebrated its 35th anniversary at the end of May. This was the first church established in Brazil by Free Will Baptists. Some 200 people were present for the Saturday service and over 60 people were on hand for the Sunday services.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—John Waddell, youngest son of General Director R. Eugene and Genevieve Waddell, graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College in May. He also went to Ivory Coast with the "Go and Be In '93" team from the college.

**Brazil**—Missionary Jean Deeds in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, underwent surgery on May 13 to correct sinus problems. She was released from the hospital the same day, and according to latest reports, the surgery was successful.

**Japan**—Missionary Ken Bailey, who is ministering in the Iriso church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan, says the church has lost some of its long-time

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# News Update

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members, but nine new people have become members in the past year. "There are unsaved people in every service—an opportunity to witness for Christ!" says Ken. "However, if we are asked to leave the field at the present time, there is no one to assume the leadership of the church." The Baileys' account is currently over \$15,000 in the deficit.

**Brazil**—"God is blessing the work in the Second church," writes Tom Hughes from Uberlandia, Brazil. "We are averaging in the fifties for Sunday school, the forties for Sunday night and around 60 for Thursday night prayer meeting."

**Uruguay**—A special joint service was held on Easter Sunday evening at the Malvin Alto church as the other two churches in Montevideo met with them. A choir of 11 people, composed of folks from the three works, sang à cappella. Pastor Gerardo Acevedo preached.

**Côte d'Ivoire**—A children's choir provided special music at the Agni-

bilekrou Free Will Baptist Church in Côte d'Ivoire on Easter Sunday. The church was packed with 117 people.

**Brazil**—"We have a number of folks who have been going out to make a religious survey and are having opportunities to present the gospel," writes missionary Bobby Poole in May regarding the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. "We baptized four the first Sunday of this month."

**France**—Bridgette, a school teacher in the St. Sebastien area of France, has been attending worship services at St. Sebastien for some time. She is a widow with three sons and has openly confessed confusion about her interest in spiritual things. Missionary Patsy Vanhook has urged people to pray for her salvation.

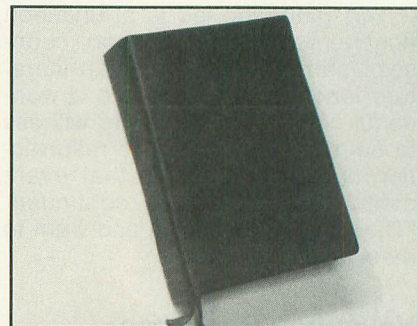
**Côte d'Ivoire**—Missionaries Darrel and Lila Nichols have requested prayer for two converts in the village of Kangakro. They are undergoing continual persecution. Darrel urged people to pray that these two will be able to withstand all the pressure while the missionaries seek to ground them in the faith.

**Brazil**—Missionary Bobby Aycok noted that the Barbacena church gathered for a day of fellowship during the Mardi Gras or Carnival season. They had a Bible study, a Bible message, and a film on Hudson Taylor.

## Infant Son of Uruguayan Pastor Survives Illness

**Uruguay**—The 22-month-old son of Uruguayan Pastor Gerardo Acevedo in Montevideo was hospitalized on Easter Sunday night with fluid around the lungs. The boy's condition became critical since public health workers were on strike.

Doctors gave the boy a fifty-fifty chance for survival, but God intervened and latest information indicated little David was home and doing well. Alba, the boy's mother, says, "Your prayers, united with ours, stopped the illness in David's lung in such a way that it was not necessary to drain off the fluid . . . . The answer from our Father was clear, and David is at home under medical care but playing, enjoying life, eating and breathing!"



The Chinese Study Bible is being produced by The Bible League and distributed in China.

## Chinese Study Bible Being Sent to China

**South Holland, Ill.**—The Bible League, based in South Holland, Ill., has responded to the need for Bibles in mainland China by producing the Chinese Study Bible and is seeking to place these in China.

In some areas of China, one Bible exists for every 1,000 Christians. These Christians share their Bible with each other, passing it from house to house and giving each household a few days to read it and study it. Family members take turns copying, even working late into the night.

According to spokesmen from The Bible League, the Study Bible includes the Old and New Testaments with column cross-references, introductions to each book of the Bible, historical charts, a detailed topical index, a 400-page Bible encyclopedia index, 52 sermon outlines, etc.

The Chinese Study Bible can be printed and placed with Christians in China for \$6 each. This means that \$1,500 will provide 250 Bibles. Those interested in helping to place Bibles in this land of opportunity may send their gifts designated for the Chinese Study Bible, to The Bible League, 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, IL 60473.

## Flat Tire Leads to Witness and Conversion

**Brazil**—According to missionary Dave Franks, a man was saved recently in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, as the result of a flat tire.

Following a Sunday morning service, Dave was made aware of a flat tire on his car. He noted, "In the area where our church is located, there is

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

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a lot of construction. It is not hard to pick up a nail. But this was the second time in two weeks, and both times the nail was in the wall of the tire. Apparently someone had driven it in on purpose."

When Dave went to get the tire fixed, the first repair shop was closed, so he went to another station.

"A man named Almeida began fixing the flat," says Dave. "I noticed that he was disturbed and worried. As I talked, I found out he was trying to decide if the Catholics, Spiritists, or Evangelicals were right. I told him he would have to study and decide for himself. He agreed.

"After I explained the plan of salvation to him, he said he wanted to be saved," Dave continued. "I prayed with him. He said he had assurance that he was saved and that God had sent me there. That was the first time I could wholeheartedly thank God for a flat tire. Someone 'thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good . . .' Genesis 50:20."

## 38 Youth Attend Joint Retreat in France

*France*—According to missionary Patsy Vanhook, 38 young people from the churches of Nantes, St. Nazaire, and St. Sebastien participated in a four-day retreat beginning March 1. The retreat was held about an hour's drive from St. Nazaire.

The group studied, played, and fellowshiped. They learned the importance of making, being, and keeping friends—especially friends who can help one grow in Christian maturity.

## FWB Leaders in Uruguay Have Third Conference

*Uruguay*—Free Will Baptist leaders and their wives met April 5-6 in Livramento, Brazil, for the third Leader's Conference with 19 people present.

"We had a productive meeting," writes Marcia Ellison. "Walter presented materials on the call and ordination of ministers and deacons. Dennis (Owen) also gave classes pertinent to leadership."

Casildo Trindade, a long-time lay leader, announced his desire to be ordained.

## Financial Summary Through May 31

### \$ubstance

Total income for April .....	\$ 389,006.06
Total income for May .....	316,089.24
Total income through May .....	1,637,784.87
Total disbursements through May .....	1,738,817.60
Projected income through May .....	1,824,722.00
Total 1993 Budget .....	\$ 4,379,332.00
VISION gifts through May .....	5,165.26

### \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:	
Bailey .....	\$14,791.02
Bryan .....	8,185.83
Combs .....	5,897.24
Creech .....	1,969.61
Crosby .....	13,848.14
Crowson .....	2,230.53
Ellison .....	1,417.32
Franks Sr. ....	9,992.89
Gibbs .....	789.59
Gonzalez .....	349.44
Midgett .....	587.72
Nichols .....	13,370.73
Total .....	\$214,727.30
Owen .....	\$ 10,132.34
Reeves .....	4,530.33
Riggs, M. ....	4,214.74
Robinson .....	3,979.29
Sparks .....	8,518.20
Sturgill .....	15,943.90
Turnbough .....	16,714.66
Teague .....	2,738.13
Willey .....	4,071.38
General Fund .....	51,571.93
Spec. Committee .....	18,882.34

### \$inking

All of the following accounts are in the black but in serious need:	
Barker .....	\$ 610.22
Poole .....	1,021.24
West .....	\$ 62.53
Wilson .....	110.36

## State Goals—1993

State	Goal 1993	Goal Through May	Contributions Through May
Alabama .....	\$ 186,000	\$77,500	\$85,057.08
Arizona .....	6,200	2,583	2,490.61
Arkansas .....	218,000	90,833	108,192.70
California .....	89,000	37,083	33,124.75
Colorado .....	6,800	2,833	2,701.50
Florida .....	92,000	38,333	35,055.02
Georgia .....	179,000	74,583	57,574.39
Hawaii .....	4,000	1,667	1,650.00
Idaho .....	2,000	833	1,235.13
Illinois .....	125,000	52,083	41,017.22
Indiana .....	55,000	22,917	13,218.84
Iowa .....	3,000	1,250	1,371.00
Kansas .....	27,000	11,250	6,622.72
Kentucky .....	82,000	34,167	32,617.18
Louisiana .....	300	125	420.00
Maryland .....	30,000	12,500	5,113.57
Michigan .....	155,000	64,583	76,888.05
Mississippi .....	72,000	30,000	30,570.71
Missouri .....	413,000	172,083	129,490.52
Montana .....	2,000	833	705.00
Nebraska .....	1,500	625	360.00
New Mexico .....	2,000	833	1,406.65
* Northeast Assn. ....	6,000	2,500	1,580.00
** Northwest Assn. ....	8,000	3,333	3,616.18
North Carolina .....	535,000	222,917	212,707.22
Ohio .....	133,000	55,417	54,110.36
Oklahoma .....	432,000	180,000	159,007.94
Pennsylvania .....	00	00	30.00
South Carolina .....	227,000	94,583	104,112.06
Tennessee .....	650,000	270,833	232,256.42
Texas .....	138,000	57,500	44,731.17
Virginia .....	144,000	60,000	50,095.91
Virgin Islands .....	2,500	1,042	615.70
West Virginia .....	87,000	36,250	34,387.42
WNAC .....	120,000	50,000	51,905.30
Miscellaneous .....	146,032	60,850	21,746.55
Totals .....	\$4,379,332	\$1,824,722	\$1,637,784.87

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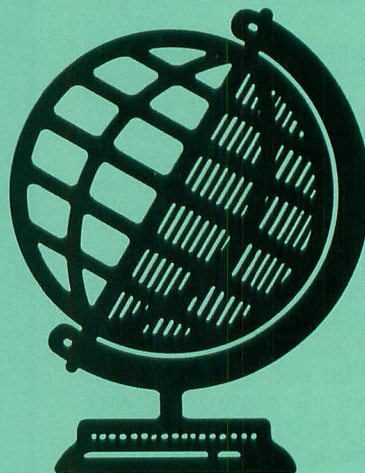
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