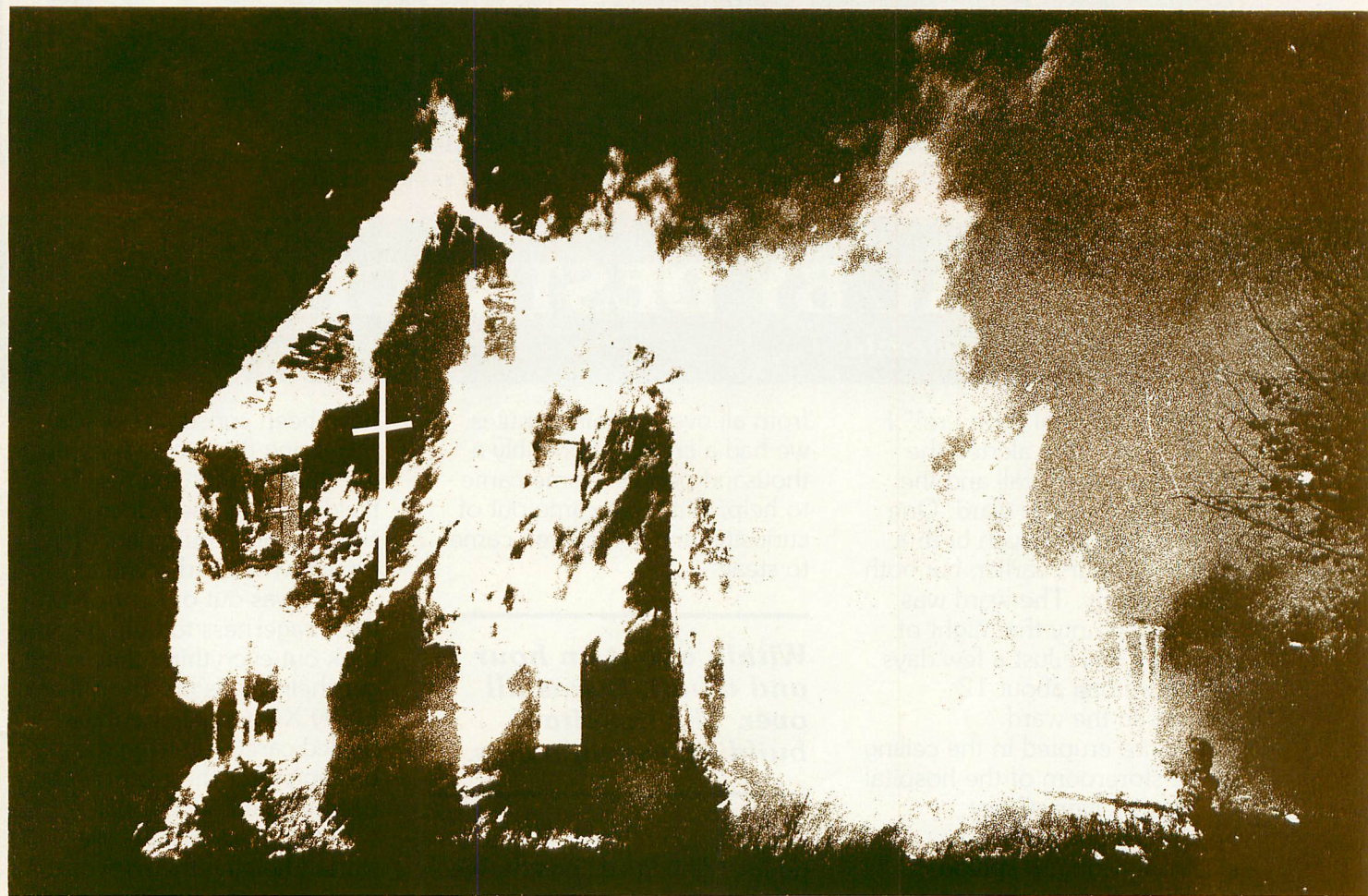


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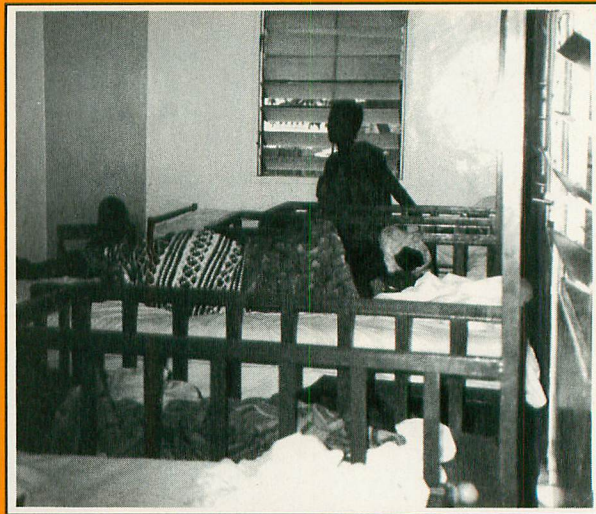


## RENEWAL BY DESTRUCTION





*The new hospital in Doropo is finally open and functioning.*



*Patients receive resident care after 18 months.*

## RENEWAL BY DESTRUCTION

by Dr. Kenneth Eagleton Jr.

**"T**he hospital is on fire!" I cried. This alerted the African nurse on call and the two patients in the ward. One of them had just given birth a couple of hours earlier, but both got out safely. The ward was unusually empty that night of June 5, 1991. Just a few days before we had about 12 patients in the ward.

The fire erupted in the ceiling of the storeroom of the hospital in Doropo, Ivory Coast, apparently due to faulty electrical wiring. It spread quickly to flammable medical supplies, a small oxygen tank, and a 55-gallon barrel of kerosene. Gathering momentum in the storeroom, the blaze scattered rapidly to the rest of the hospital building.

The wood in the ceiling and roof fed the fire, causing the tin roof to twist and melt away. Flames reached at least 20 feet into the air and could be seen from a great distance. People started running to the hospital

from all over. Within minutes, we had a crowd of possibly a thousand people. Some came to help. But most came out of curiosity, and some even came to steal!

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Confusion reigned. We had no fire-fighting equipment. We didn't even have a small fire extinguisher. We did manage to get a garden hose attached to a water faucet, but it didn't even make a dent in the blaze. Fortunately it did help to keep the adjacent outpatient building from burning. At the height of the roaring inferno, it looked certain the flames would jump across the mere three feet separating the two buildings. Had the fire bridged that gap, the outpatient building would

have been consumed as well.

Fearing this would happen, we started emptying the building of its medicines, supplies and equipment. The crowd which had come to "help" was out of control. In their eagerness to help, people took out everything they could get their hands on. Even the heavy X-ray equipment was hauled carelessly from the building after the controls had been yanked off the wall.

Outside, several people started helping themselves to medicines and supplies as they were hauled out of the clinic. Etienne, one of the hospital employees, quickly organized a human chain of Christians to protect everything from thieves.

Within about an hour and a half, it was all over. The hospital building was in ashes. But the Lord had graciously spared the outpatient building.

The Doropo medical ministry was started over 30 years ago by Dr. LaVerne Miley to touch



the unreached Lobi people in northeast Côte d'Ivoire. The nearest medical facility of any kind was at least 50 miles away. So, Dr. Miley and his family set up a dispensary in Doropo and sought to plant a church.

The dispensary served to care for the people's medical needs and provided a beachhead for evangelism. The church in Doropo was started from contacts made in the dispensary. Throughout the years, this dual function has continued to characterize the Doropo medical ministry.

When the hospital burned, the population was grief-stricken. We regularly heard statements like "Doropo has died," and "We are all doomed." Pagans, Muslims and Christians all came by to greet us like they would at a funeral. They came to encourage us not to give up and leave.

After we cleaned up the outpatient clinic and replaced some of the furnishings, we started seeing patients again. Many seriously ill patients had to be sent to other hospitals quite a distance away at great expense. The pressure to care for patients who could not afford to go to another hospital caused us to start treating some in small rooms and mud huts located behind the hospital. Conditions were not good.

Then, Free Will Baptists in America rallied to provide for the rebuilding of the hospital. It was estimated that \$75,000 would be needed to rebuild the facility and another \$10,000 would be needed to furnish it.

Some gifts were large and some were small, but the full amount was finally obtained. One church sold their

parsonage and gave the proceeds to help rebuild the hospital. At least two widows gave part of their inheritance. VBS groups raised money for the project. Benefit golf tournaments were organized. And, of course, scores of churches and individuals also gave generously.

We were greatly touched by letters we received from donors. One stated, "I'm afraid my hopes to go to Africa are on hold . . . . The money I had saved, I sent for the hospital." One widow wrote, "When I heard about the fire, I sent \$1,000 from my (now depleted) money market funds to start the building fund . . . ."

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### ***Free Will Baptists in America rallied to provide for the rebuilding of the hospital.***

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Reconstruction of the hospital finally started in late January of 1992. Robert West supervised the whole project. First, we finished removing the floor and foundation of the old structure and hauled off the rubbish. Then we started making cement blocks. All the work was done by hand: making cement blocks, mixing cement and mortar, foundation digging and everything else. Because of this, the work moved slowly. Finally, in November, the building was finished. It was dedicated December 23, 1992.

The new hospital has a capacity of 18 beds for general medicine and 12 beds for a maternity/nursery ward. It also includes a nursing station, a

delivery room, nurses' quarters, a laboratory, a classroom, administrative office, and storage space.

The people here are amazed to see this new building and realize the generosity of Christians in America made it possible. They are extremely grateful. So are we! God truly has been good to us.

The fruits of the medical ministry continue to be reaped. The sick are being cared for and nursed back to health, victims condemned by the AIDS epidemic are given hope through the Lord Jesus Christ, and people receive a gospel witness as they come to the hospital. On a regular basis we see people come to know the Lord as Savior as a result of the Christian witness at the hospital. The church in Varalé was started in 1989 because one man from there was saved at the hospital.

We hope to continue to witness and glorify God through the new facilities. Our commitment and our ministry have been renewed along with this new building.

Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and his wife, Rejane, serve as associate medical missionaries in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. Kenneth is the only resident doctor at the medical center.

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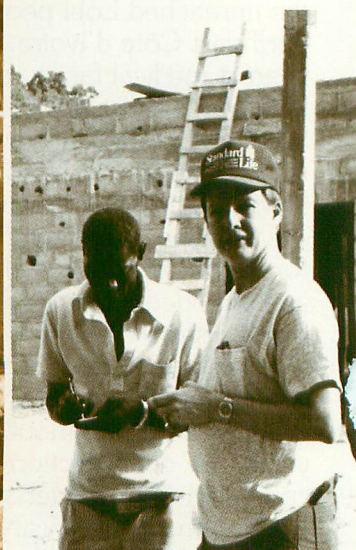
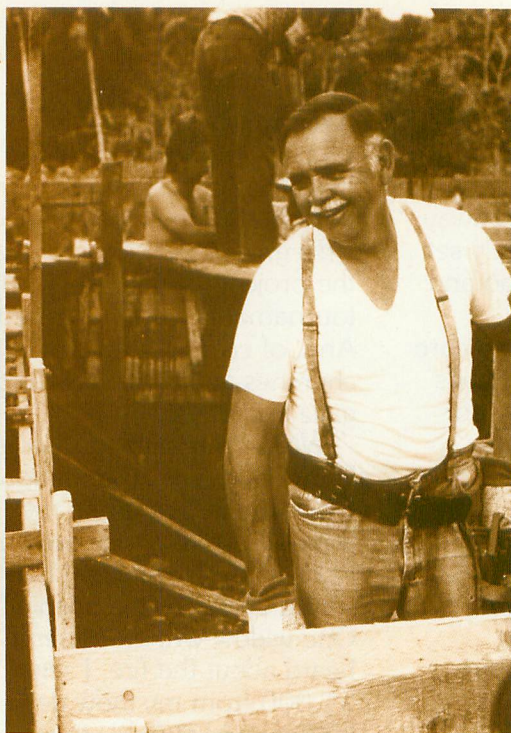
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*Carroll Poole (left, above) works in Brazil and Howard Price (right) builds in Cuba.*



*Gary Curry (above) helps in Côte d'Ivoire.*

# BUILDERS FOR THE MASTER . . .

**S**ervants! These builders for the Master are servants indeed. They labor without pay and most of them even contribute their own travel expenses to construct churches and other buildings overseas.

Master's Men, in coordination with the Department of Foreign Missions, have fulfilled building projects over the past several years in Brazil, Japan, France, Côte d'Ivoire and Cuba. And other projects are in the planning stages.

Three of the men who have dedicated their lives, time, talent and energy in some of these projects were asked to share some personal reflections from their experiences overseas. Howard Price of Statesboro, Ga., Carroll Poole of Clarksville, Tenn., and Gary Curry of Ada, Okla., have each participated in at least two projects abroad. Here are some of their thoughts.

## **Howard Price:**

God is so good! He is faithful to His promises. I am thankful He has allowed me to go to Cuba and Africa in succeeding years to help in building projects. As I reflect on those two trips, I am reminded of the many ways He has shown Himself faithful to His promises.

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***That experience and my service to Christ are of far greater personal value than the physical work I did.***

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God promised in Isaiah 55:11 that His Word would not return unto Him void, but would accomplish what it was sent to do. Approximately 30 years after the Thomas H. Willeys had been forced to leave the country of Cuba, the work of God was still continuing. We found the

Free Will Baptist church in Cuba alive and well! As we labored on the construction of the Willey Memorial Chapel in Cuba, we witnessed a faith and faithfulness which put us to shame.

In Cuba, transportation is limited, so most Christians must walk to services. Some walk several miles. Cubans seem to really enjoy worshipping God in lengthy services. In contrast, we sometimes only endure such a service. People there look at serving the Lord as a joy rather than a job. And they demonstrate their love for fellow Christians in many ways.

I recall how Amado brought his own refrigerator over to our building so we could have cold soft drinks while we were there. He and his family did without a refrigerator during that time.

On my first weekend in Cuba, I had a touch of food poisoning and was confined to bed.



During that same time I received a telegram that my mother had gone to be with the Lord. As I lay in that bed, time after time some Cuban Christian came in to pray with me and offer some words of consolation. Most could speak no English and I could speak no Spanish. Many came alone and sat quietly by my bed. No one had to say anything. I was reminded of the words in Romans 8:16 that tells us it is that spirit that bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

Building the worship center at Cedars of Lebanon in Cuba was of value to the cause of Christ. However, that experience and my service to Christ are of far greater personal value than the physical work I did.

I found my trip to Africa to be "the same only different."

While food, gas, clothing, etc. are very scarce in Cuba, people in Côte d'Ivoire grow their own food. Not much gas is even needed there since most people do not have cars. But the willingness to worship is just as apparent in Africa as it is in Cuba. Most people walk to services there, too! People are friendly, but much of the interest appears to come from curiosity about the strange-looking visitors.

I was amazed at the hunger for the gospel in Ivory Coast. At nearly all of the police checkpoints, we were asked for Bibles or gospel literature.

When I learned that my wife, Valrie, had an aneurysm on the brain, my African brothers and sisters prayed her. Just as in Cuba, I did not understand the words, but by that same spirit, I was able to understand. God used His people to minister to

my need.

I returned from Côte d'Ivoire in early March 1992 and Valrie had surgery on March 27. God took her to be with Him the next day. These same African friends prayed for me in my grief and sorrow. God is still God, and He is still good! He has answered prayer and He is bringing healing and comfort in my life.

### **Carroll Poole:**

I appreciate and love all our national ministries and the people involved, but I guess I have always felt a little closer to foreign missions because my brother, Bobby, and his wife, Geneva, serve in Brazil. Bobby told me long ago only a few could go to the foreign field, but all could send. I have tried to be a faithful sender.

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### ***In the past eight years I've had the pleasure to meet, live with and work with over 20 of our missionary families.***

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But in 1984 something happened to change my life! I had the opportunity to go to Jaboticabal, Brazil, to help build a camp dormitory. From that time I realized I hadn't been as faithful in sending as I could be.

God has helped me to see the needs of people we are trying to reach with the gospel as well as the needs of those beloved missionaries we send.

The young people in Cuba, Brazil, and Ivory Coast really touched my heart. A Cuban asked me to send him a study Bible and I did. A soldier in Ivory Coast stopped our car and asked for a Bible, but we didn't

have one he could read.

I'll never forget the worship services of these beloved Christians. They came to church to worship God, and they did.

In the past eight years I've had the pleasure to meet, live with and work with over 20 of our missionary families. I wish every Free Will Baptist pastor could spend a two-week working vacation on the mission field. Then our pastors could lead our churches back to God's plan, as Jesus stated, "Go ye into all the world." Only the pastors can lead people into a deeper commitment to the Great Commission.

### **Gary Curry:**

I'm an independent insurance agent and I mostly help out in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ada, Okla. I have participated in two Master's Men projects: one in Cuba and the other in Ivory Coast.

Since I don't have any really good labor skills, I was a good "go-fer"—"go for this, go for that." I am certainly more limited than most of the guys, but in Cuba and in Ivory Coast I mixed a lot of concrete. We mixed it with a shovel and hoe, hauled it over and poured it out.

Any first trip a person takes makes the biggest impression, especially a trip to a foreign country or a mission field. I went to Cuba first, so that experience was very special. Since we had a lot more contact with the people in Cuba than in Côte d'Ivoire, the African trip was different.

In Cuba we stayed in the homes of Cubans because we don't have any missionaries there. We interacted with the

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people, ate with them, prayed with them, worked with them and cried with them. Everything was done together. In Africa, we stayed in the homes of missionaries. We didn't have as much interaction with the people, so it was a different type of experience.

To me, the Cuban trip was more rewarding because of the friends we made. I just recently had Ruben and Aibram here in Ada for a week. Our folks here really fell in love with these two guys.

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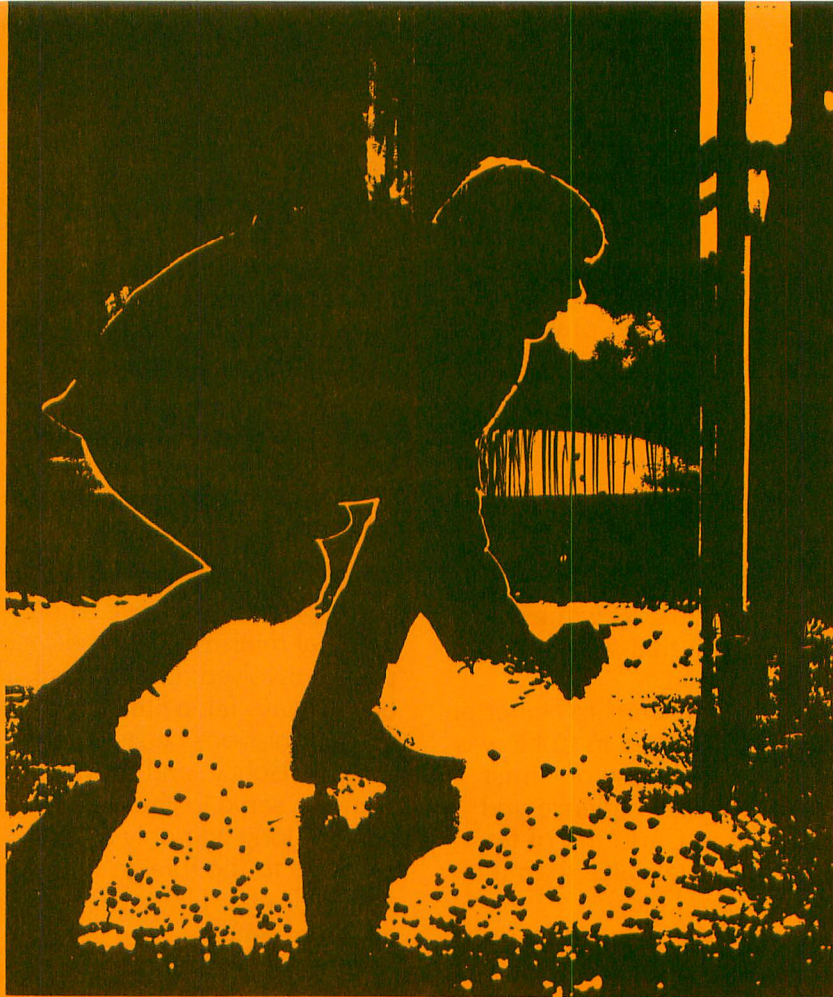
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The dedication of Christians impressed me in both countries, but especially in Cuba because of what they have experienced for the last 30 years. That taught me a lot about faith, especially how much faith I don't have.

Ivory Coast impressed me as far as the diversity of the work is concerned. We can go to five particular areas and find five almost completely different types of work. These include publishing with Robert Bryan in Abidjan, the strictly mission work in Agnibilekrou, the youth center in Bondoukou, the Bible institute in Bouna and the medical facility in Doropo.

Reflecting on my opportunities to go abroad, I have "absolument" (absolutely) no regrets over having gone. If anyone is contemplating participating in some project in the future, I would just say, "Go for it!"



## ***Knock, Knock! Who's There?***

*by Bobby Poole*

**D**o you remember the first time you heard about AIDS? It was considered the disease of homosexuals and drug users. It was so distant from any of us "respectable Christians and church-going folks" that we had to be careful of our attitudes. It was difficult to keep from condemning the sinner along with his sin, by saying, "Why, he was just receiving what he deserved!"

That was just a few years ago. Now AIDS victims may live next door, or be one of your best

friends or even a member of your family or church. If readers have been among those who thought AIDS victims all ought to be in hell, I hope they have changed their attitudes toward them.

I don't remember being one of those who did not feel compassion for the AIDS victims, but I must confess I remember thinking, "How tragic! A lot of people are going to die! But they have chosen their lifestyle and they will have to pay the consequences."



San Francisco and parts of Africa seemed so far away at that time. I felt sure we would not be faced with this problem for a long time.

It hasn't been that long, yet within the past 10 days of writing this article we buried two young men. Both were AIDS victims! Let me tell you about them.

Rogério lived across the street from us when he was four or five years old. He and John, our youngest son, were about the same age, and they played together. Twenty-three years later, this same "little" John helped preach Rogério's funeral.

Rogério went to our Sunday school. His mother was and still is a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. His dad, a dentist, was a Spiritist. Our family moved to another area of town, but for a number of years Rogério continued faithfully to attend church with his mother. Then he began to miss and after a while stopped attending altogether.

We heard stories that Rogério was using drugs and running around with the wrong crowd. It was true! His mother constantly requested prayer on his behalf. Then, Rogério moved to Brasília, the national capital. Being away from home allowed him to have more liberty, more drugs and more sex. He was living it up!

Suddenly, the bomb fell! "Rogério has AIDS," his mother told us. I had never dealt with this before. This was someone I had known for about 23 years, and he was going to die of AIDS!

Rogério came back to Ribeirão Preto, and since John

had become pastor of the First church, he visited and worked with Rogério's family. The things the young victim studied in Sunday school and the visits of his pastor brought forth fruit. Rogério made things right with God.

On the night before Rogério died, John talked with him for the last time. His mind was clear even though he was suffering greatly. He gave a clear-cut testimony of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As the former pastor and as one who had also visited with Rogério during his illness, I was asked to assist John with the funeral service. What a consolation to know that Rogério accepted the gospel we were sent to Brazil to preach! It was a joy to know he was ready to meet the Lord.

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The second AIDS victim was Paulo. He died about 10 days after Rogério. Paulo was saved through the ministry of one of our sons in the faith, Dr. Cesar Moura, who is leading the ministry of the FWB church in Ipiranga, a suburb of Ribeirão Preto.

Paulo, a new convert, wanted to study in the seminary-Bible institute. He had tested HIV positive and wanted me to know this before he started his studies. He believed that God had a plan for his life. All who knew Paulo have been touched by his faith and love for the Lord. He was Cesar's right-hand man. He worked with the

music, made visits, cut grass, led studies, etc. In short, he was the kind of Christian any pastor would like to have in his church.

Paulo and Sônia had dated for almost ten years before they were married on July 6, 1991. I performed the ceremony. Sônia knew Paulo had tested HIV positive. He had contracted the virus while using drugs before he was converted.

Sônia was, and still is, a school teacher and active in the Ipiranga church. Paulo was continuing to work at his job. He had bought an apartment and was actively serving His Lord along with his dear wife. Then, in late summer of 1992, I heard that Paulo was not doing too well. He appeared to have tuberculosis. The day I was to go with Cesar to visit him, he had to be rushed to the hospital and that very afternoon he went to meet His Master whom he had so faithfully served.

Rogério was 28 years of age. Paulo turned 30 the week before his death.

Who will be next? I don't know. The people who get AIDS today are not necessarily the same type as a few years ago. Victims can be the most clean-living, upright Christians one might know.

Regardless of how the individuals may have contracted the disease, AIDS victims need the same Lord Jesus we know and love. Missionaries and Christians everywhere must be prepared to minister to them. I urge Christians to pray earnestly for missionaries and pastors as we work among the needy of the world.

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Bobby Poole and his wife, Geneva, have served as missionaries in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, since 1961.



## Public Statement

# Board Confirms Missionaries' Stand on FWB Church Covenant

We, the Board of Foreign Missions, met with nine missionaries from Spain and France, April 27, 28, 1993, and upon hearing each missionary we confirm the following:

Every missionary affirmed and reaffirmed his belief in the Free Will Baptist Treatise, our Articles of Faith, and the FWB Covenant. Each pledged to this board that he would make every effort to practice, preach, teach, and wholeheartedly endeavor to implement all of the above as he seeks to bring his church to a self-governing, self-propagating, and self-supporting status.

Furthermore, these all firmly acknowledged their commitment to practice, preach, and teach total abstinence. They expressed the genuine desire to bring every church attendee to that same biblical conclusion.

We further direct the staff to instruct and strongly emphasize to all missionaries during the orientation and prefield training the need to preach, teach, and model the Treatise, Articles of Faith and the FWB Church Covenant. The missionaries must acknowledge that this board expects them to endeavor to implement all of these Free Will Baptist distinctives from the beginning of a mission church.

Furthermore, honest misunderstandings of the board's 1989 communiqué to the entire missionary staff which addressed the use and translation of the Church Covenant were clarified. (1989 statement: "Motion carried that if the Church Covenant is translated into another language, the full content be accurately translated in meaning. If any changes or deletions are considered, it must be by board approval.") The intent of the board's 1989 decision was to reaffirm that the covenant be taught and preached and that every endeavor be made to implement it in all our mission churches. This misunderstanding was due, in fact, to poor wording used by the board to communicate this intent.

In the recent meeting, each missionary affirmed that he now understands the board's intent and stated: "We regret any misunderstanding or offense which may have occurred. We want to assure you of our reaffirmation of all denominational beliefs and practices."

Furthermore, be it known that from the inception of our work in Europe, our missionary efforts to firmly convince the European converts to believe and practice total abstinence have been frustrating. Every missionary currently serving in Europe has clearly affirmed that he models, teaches, preaches, and makes every reasonable effort to produce godly people, who



are genuine Free Will Baptists in doctrine and lifestyle. This positively includes the practice of total abstinence. This has also been true of every missionary who has ever labored in Europe.

This process has been challenging, difficult, and slow. This board once again affirms that every missionary is laboring to produce total abstiners who adhere to the Church Covenant, but realizes that this process will in fact require substantially more time. It is encouraging that through the instruction and life testimony of our missionaries many, though not all, European converts have adopted, truly believe and practice total abstinence.

Once again, our European staff has affirmed their absolute commitment to preach, teach, and model total abstinence. They have also promised that they will faithfully endeavor to implement the Church Covenant.

Furthermore, every board member and the entire administrative staff join our missionaries in mutual affirmation to model, teach, preach and implement total abstinence and the Church Covenant.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and commendation to our missionary staff for their faithful service, life sacrifice, and visible commitment to bring Europeans to Christ. We further commend them for their stated loyalty and uncompromising commitment to produce bonafide Free Will Baptist churches in Europe.

We also wish to express our absolute confidence in and appreciation for our general director, R. Eugene Waddell, and the administrative staff for their wisdom, patience, and transparent spirit. We believe they have honestly endeavored to promote the worldwide spread of the gospel, demonstrate loyalty to our entire missionary staff, and uphold the precepts and standards set forth in our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

### **Missionaries' Affirmation**

April 29, 1993

*We the missionaries of Spain and France, while meeting with the Board of Foreign Missions April 27-28, 1993, with complete and full conviction, reaffirm our belief in all FWB Doctrine and our commitment to the Church Covenant, and will endeavor to practice and teach them, always continuing to make every effort to implement them. We regret any misunderstanding or offense which may have occurred. We want to assure you of our reaffirmation of all denominational beliefs and practices.*

*Faithfully in His Service,  
FWB Missionaries of France and Spain*





Christians from the village of Appimadoum in Côte d'Ivoire stand in front of their new church building under construction. The work is being led by an African lay preacher.

## New Church Being Built at Appimadoum

*Côte d'Ivoire*—The Free Will Baptist group at Appimadoum, Côte d'Ivoire, is involved in building a new church. The little bamboo structure which has been housing the group is bursting at the seams, according to missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton. Now the new building is almost completed.

"This group has gone through much persecution for the Lord," writes Carol. "Their first bamboo building was burned by angry village people."

The church is being led by George, a lay preacher who has desired to attend the Bible institute at Bouna but, due to the need at the church in Appimadoum, he has remained and enrolled in the leadership training program at Bondoukou.

Thirteen young men in Appimadoum between the ages of 15 and 20 asked Jerry Pinkerton to lead them in praying to receive Christ on February 14.

## Record Crowd Attends Annual FWB Conference

*India*—The Annual Conference of Free Will Baptists in Northern India was held in March with over 700 people in attendance. Missionary Carlisle Hanna reported this was the largest number of people to ever participate in their annual conference. The theme for the conference was taken from 1 John 2:5, 6: "Walk

as Jesus Walked."

"We borrowed tents from the Air Force besides the ones we have," writes Carlisle. "Twelve tents plus every building, nook and cranny on the compound were filled for the four days. Our church building, porch and a platform built beyond the porch were filled. We had more seats beyond this and yet people were standing."

## Ping-Pong Tournament Attracts 55 for Witness

*Spain*—More than 55 young people came to the Free Will Baptist church in Móstoles, Spain, on March 13 to see the finals of a month-long ping-pong tournament. This outreach to the area youth was started in February.

"Opening the doors of the church for two hours every Saturday evening has brought an average of 15-25 unsaved teenagers into the church meeting place for recreation and informal conversation," writes Dwain Crosby. Twenty-seven teenagers and children participated in the tournament.

Following the final competitions, Donato Gama (a Christian professional soccer player) gave his personal testimony before the packed house. Dwain followed the presentation with a message from the Word of God. More than 25 young people heard a clear presentation of the gospel message for the first time. Several adults were also on hand as first-time attenders.

## Bondoukou Area Ministry Shows Growth

*Côte d'Ivoire*—According to missionaries Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, two churches in the Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, area are in the finishing stages of their building programs. Five people "prayed" in one area village during an evangelistic effort in March, and a female witch doctor was converted recently in another village.

The Pinkertons noted that over 35 people were enrolled in the Leadership Training Program held each week in the Youth/Training Center in Bondoukou.

Carol declared the Bondoukou church has been having first-time visitors every Sunday morning and one man was converted in the church recently.

## Board Meets, Adopts Confirmation Statement

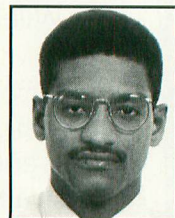
*Antioch, Tenn.*—The Board of Foreign Missions met in Antioch, Tenn., April 26-29 for its annual session.

Actions of the board included the appointment of Dr. Misael Gonzales of Cuba to go to the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, for a period of three months. They also approved associate missionary Mirial Gainer to serve under full support so she can help in the work at Bihoro and Abashiri, Japan.

They agreed to allow short-term missionaries Nathan and Linda Snow in Japan to teach at the Hokkaido International School during the balance of their two-year term.

During parts of two days the board met with nine missionaries from Europe regarding accusations levied by a group claiming the missionaries were setting aside our church covenant on our mission fields. After hearing the missionaries, they adopted a statement of confirmation regarding the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant, Treatise, and Articles of Faith (see pages 8 and 9).

The board also adopted a budget



Dr. Misael Gonzales



of \$4,485,676 for approval by the National Association.

These officers were elected for next year: Bob Trimble, chairman; Joe Grizzle, vice-chairman; and Galen Dunbar, secretary.

## Bondoukou Youth Plan Evangelistic Service

*Côte d'Ivoire*—The youth of the Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church in Côte d'Ivoire planned and prayed about an evangelistic meeting which they held on March 20 in the Youth/Training Center. According to Carol Pinkerton, "They invited many of their school friends to come and lots did! They had special songs, poems, a film, and a gospel appeal was made. Thirteen raised their hands indicating they were interested."

Carol declared a number of the youth stayed after the meeting to talk on a one-to-one basis. Three of those attended church the following morning.

## 25 College Students to Serve Abroad in Summer

*Antioch, Tenn.*—A total of 25 college students will be serving abroad this summer in student missionary programs.

These will go as regular student missionaries: France—Charity Van Winkle with Patsy Vanhook and Michael Fulcher with the Dennis Teagues; Japan—Michelle Braswell and Jill Goodfellow with Debbie Griffin; Panama—Catalina Barquero with the Steve Lytles; Brazil—Christy Edmonds with the Bobby Pooles and Tanya Hart with the Bobby Aycocks; Côte d'Ivoire—Michael Steele with the Dr. Kenneth Eagletons; and Germany—Darin Alvis with the Dennis Heaths.

Six students from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College will accompany missions instructor Jan Banks to Spain, France and Germany May 17-June 7. These include Traci Epps of Locust Grove, Okla.; Mary Bodine of Bonne Terre, Mo.; Bobbie Boren of Ada, Okla.; Chuck Brown of Denison, Tex.; Michelle



Jan Banks



A VBS class is taught by Dave Franks Jr. (left) and Marcia Ellison (center, above) helps Nathan Franks with his handwork as his sister, Elisabeth, smiles for her daddy to snap the picture.

Cropper of Springfield, Mo.; and Randy Hill of Greenwood, Ark.

Ten students from Free Will Baptist Bible College will join missions professor Eddie Payne May 27-July 10 as part of the "Go and Be in '93" team which is headed for Ivory Coast. Their program is designed to include village evangelism, missions training sessions, and a variety of cultural experiences.



Eddie Payne

Students going to Africa include Shannon Eads of Guin, Ala; Lisa Edgmon of Denison, Tex.; Jonathan Miley of Cottonwood, Ala.; Craig Portell of Wood River, Ill.; Rebecca Simmons of Jacksonville, N.C.; Lea Southwell of Arlington, Va.; John Waddell of Nashville, Tenn.; and Monica White of Cordova, Ala.

## 10-Night Film Program Held in Panama

*Panama*—A ten-night program of presenting the film "Jesus" was held during April by Stan Bunch and those working with him in the district of Parita, Panama. They presented the film in different cities each night and reported good attendance.

Bunch expressed praise that five new members were baptized on March 28 in Parita.

## West Says Hospital Is Meeting Special Needs

*Côte d'Ivoire*—In a March report from missionary Robert West in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, he indicated the new hospital was full and meeting needs of those who were suffer-

ing. He expressed thanks to people who made the new construction possible.

"You have blessed me because you allowed me to build this hospital to help ease suffering in a very difficult and hard world," writes Robert. "One man cut his foot with an ax. His brother paddled down the Black Volta River sixteen miles and waited eight hours for a bush taxi to take the man 32 kilometers to another hospital. Then they did not have the personnel to help him. We do supply a very important service here."

## 36 Attend VBS Program at Malvin Alto Work

*Uruguay*—A vacation Bible school was held February 10-14 at the Malvin Alto church in a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay. Average attendance for the VBS was 22 children, and 36 people attended the final program on Sunday night.

The vacation Bible school was organized by missionary Marcia Ellison. Dave Jr. and Becky Franks also helped in the VBS activities. Walter Ellison is pastoring this work.

## 12 Missionaries Arrive in U.S. in May and June

*Antioch, Tenn.*—Latest information received by the missions office indicated 12 missionaries were scheduled to arrive in the United States in May or June to begin furlough or to conclude their ministry assignment.

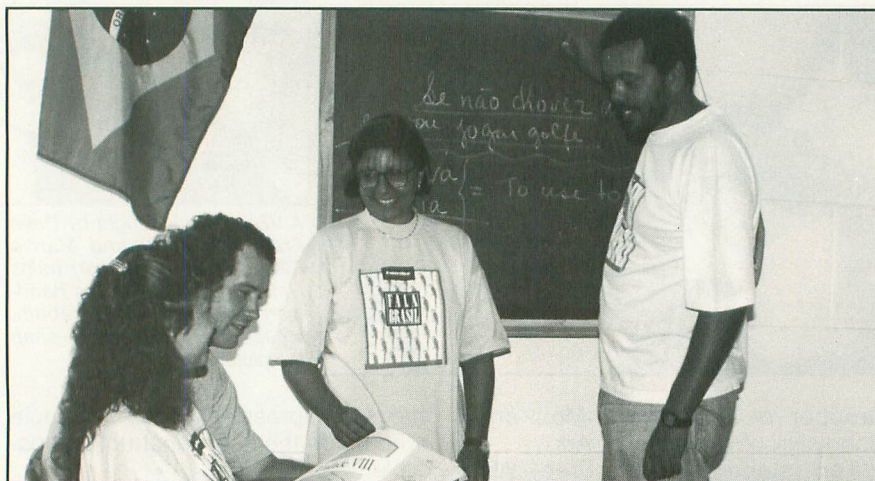
Jim and Vicki Sturgill and their family arrived from Brazil on May 4 to begin their regular furlough ministry.

Miss Lynn Midgett is scheduled to arrive from Spain on May 31 to begin her furlough schedule.

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Mary and Curt Holland (left) study Portuguese with instructors Pierre Coudry (right) and his wife, Marina (center). Pierre is the author of one of the textbooks used in language study.

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Those expected to arrive in June include Dwain and Debbie Crosby of Majadahonda, Spain; Darrel and Lila Nichols and Miss Alice Smith of Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire; Joe and Tanya Dudley of Nantes, France; and Jeff and Susan Turnbough of Villalba, Spain.

The Dudleys completed their ministry assignment among students in France and the Turnboughs will be in the United States for only three months before returning to their ministry in Spain.

## 120 Attend Family Retreat in Brazil

*Brazil*—Some 120 Free Will Baptists gathered at "Evangelandia," the campground in Jaboticabal, Brazil, for four days of spiritual refreshment February 20-24 during the time of Carnival or Mardi Gras.

Pastor Jean Carlo of Jaboticabal spoke to the group on Spiritual Warfare and Jim Combs spoke on Ethics.

John Poole, son of missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole, served as retreat director.

## Owens Hold Services in Home; Seek Nucleus

*Uruguay*—Dennis and Trena Owen are holding Bible studies in private homes during the week and Sunday services in their apartment in a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay. High costs for rental property have made

meeting in homes a necessity.

Marta Laino, an actress, recently spoke to Trena privately about praying and following Christ as her Savior. They met on a Saturday night and Marta accepted the Lord. Jorge Abella also told Dennis in a recent Bible study that he had prayed a prayer of commitment the night before.

## Hollands Continue Study, Begin Helping Church

*Brazil*—While still in their sixth month of language study in Campinas, Brazil, Curt and Mary Holland began working in the church in Campinas. Mary was asked to begin teaching a Sunday school class to children who are five years old and under. Curt also has preached several times.

The Hollands will complete one year of language study in September.

## Sower Institute Opens New Term on April 11

*Uruguay*—The Sower Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay, started its new term on April 11 with 10 students enrolled. Missionaries indicated two others possibly will be attending.

The institute courses are being offered in the interior also for the first time this year. Dennis Owen is teaching one course in Melo, Molly Barker is teaching one course in Melo and one in Rivera, and Walter Ellison is teaching two courses in

Rivera.

Missionaries urged people to pray for these students as they are being prepared for leadership roles.

## Combs Reports Two Teenagers Baptized

*Brazil*—Two teenagers, Samuel and Reginaldo, were baptized in March at Araras, Brazil. According to missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs, two more were scheduled to be baptized the next week.

The Combs report having sent 12 campers from the children's home in Araras to youth camps in February. Some of those made decisions for Christ.

Jim and Shirley requested prayer for Eduardo, a declared Buddhist who has been attending church weekly for several months. He said, "It is possible that one day I may be a believer."

## TEAM '93 Involves 29 High Schoolers

*Antioch, Tenn.*—Twenty-four high school students from 10 states and five from three foreign countries will be involved in TEAM '93 efforts in Uruguay and Panama during the summer of 1993. Teens Equipped and Active in Missions is a program designed by Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions to help teenagers experience the great commission.

Two specific groups will be going to the fields with special programs and planned involvement in evangelism and outreach. Accompanied by missionary coordinators Ken and Marvis Eagleton, 10 high-teens will travel to Uruguay June 24-July 7.

Three boys will serve in Uruguay: Philip Day of Conway, Mo.; Tom Hollis of Salina, Kans.; and Brian

Ken and Marvis Eagleton are coordinators for the TEAM program.







Terry and Jamie Eagleton of Nashville are directors of the TEAM Panama group.



Carlisle Hanna prepares to cut the ribbon at the dedication of the new church at Kishanganj, India. It stands where the Hannas lived when they first went to India. The church is pastored by Phillip Das (center, right inset) who was ordained in January along with Benoy De (right).

Kesterson of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Seven girls will go: Bethann Bowman of Batesville, Ark.; Joanna Davis of Thomaston, Tex.; Heather Hasty of Ridgeway, Tenn.; Sherri Howell of Florence, S.C.; Misty Jones of Greenville, N.C.; Megan McDonald of Bryan, Tex.; and Heather Smith of Liberal, Mo.

The group will minister in Montevideo from June 25-29 and travel to the area of Melo on June 30. They will go to Rivera July 1-4 and return to Montevideo July 5-7.

Terry and Jamie Eagleton will act as TEAM directors for 19 students going to Panama. This will include 13 girls and six boys. Five MKs will participate in this special ministry: Michael and Phillip Lytle and Jonathan Bunch of Panama, Rachel Callaway of Spain and Valerie Sturgill of Brazil.

Other male Panama TEAM members include Timothy Aldridge of Brandon, Fla.; Fred Beck of Kirksville, Mo.; and Christopher Sass of Nashville, Tenn.

The other girls going are Elizabeth Dycus of Bonnie, Ill.; Cortney Eden of Springfield, Mo.; Jennifer Harter of Nashville, Tenn.; Crystal Hayes of Iuka, Ill.; Angel Mertz of O'Fallon, Mo.; Carmen Montgomery of Hollywood, Fla.; Kemet North of Jacksonville, N.C.; Megan O'Donnell of Twin Falls, Idaho; Candace Shelley of Newport, Tenn.; Gayla Smith of Millersville, Mo.; and Andrea Woodfin of Inman, S.C.

The Panama TEAM will leave the U.S. on June 25, will be involved in a city-wide youth rally in Panama City on July 3 and will take part in camp ministry on July 6. They will be having services in Las Tablas, Chitre, Parita, and Rio de Jesus in addition to the areas around Panama City. The group is scheduled to return July 13.

## New Church Dedicated in Kishanganj, India

*India*—A new church building was dedicated earlier this year in Kishanganj, India, and "it is built on the very spot where we lived when we first came to India," says missionary Carlisle Hanna.

"It was a dark place where there was not one person in Christ Jesus," continued Carlisle. "We had services in our small room with three village boys. We rejoice to see this lovely church building and the believers there today." Phillip Das, who was ordained to the gospel ministry in January, is pastor.

Carlisle indicated they are praying for a hundred churches in India by the year 2000.

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Moore, Okla.*—Daniel Deeds, the youngest son of missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds in Brazil, graduated from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in May and was recently licensed to preach by the First Oklahoma District Association. Daniel is scheduled to marry his Brazilian fiancée, Eni, on June 12 in Conselheiro Lafaiete. They will return to the United States on June 13 and be married in Oklahoma to fulfill the U.S. requirements for Brazilians who marry American citizens.

*Pine Bluff, Ark.*—The Central Association of Free Will Baptists in Arkansas recently voted to be responsible for half of the monthly support for missionaries Norman and Laura McFall. The McFalls are

hoping to return to Brazil in July or August.

*Tulsa, Okla.*—Missionaries Steve and Linda Reeves became the proud parents of a baby girl, Hannah Blaine, on March 3 in Tulsa, Okla. Little Hannah weighed eight pounds nine ounces and measured just over 21 inches.

*Côte d'Ivoire*—According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, the dry season has just ended. It had brought on many respiratory infections. Kenneth also reported many cases of measles, which are very dangerous in the bush.

*Brazil*—Free Will Baptist churches in the central part of the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, met for a day of fellowship on April 9 with 102 people participating.

*Japan*—Responding to a challenge by General Director R. Eugene Waddell, Pastor Sugitani of Bihoro challenged Japanese Christians to help the Christians in India. In October, the women in the Hokkaido area took up an offering and in February the ladies sent another \$200 they had collected.

*China*—Sarah Malone, who is serving with the English Language Institute in Beijing, China, has expressed an interest to return to China in the fall to continue teaching. She is scheduled to be in the United States in July.

*France*—A retreat was held near the end of March in the area of Nantes,

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France, for 15 students. Charolette Tallent and Joe and Tanya Dudley have been working with these university students for some time. Only one unsaved student was able to attend the retreat, but she remarked that many of her questions had been answered during the event.

**Panama**—A vacation Bible school was held March 1-5 at Betania Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Panama City, Panama. Average attendance for the week was 63, with a high of 73. According to missionary Steve Lytle, 12 or 13 made professions of faith during the week.

**Brazil**—The annual FWB women's meeting was held in Uberlandia, Brazil, on March 20. Christians from the churches in Ribeirão Preto presented a play on missions for the group.

**Spain**—Missionary Ron Callaway recently reported they had officially re-



These African women and children from 19 different towns and villages gathered with missionary women in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, for the National Women's Retreat.

ceived papers from the city of Móstoles, Spain, to have their meeting place open. They have been using it but did not have official approval.

**Côte d'Ivoire**—A three-day evangelistic campaign was held in late March in a very strong Muslim village about two hours from Bondoukou. Jerry and Carol Pinkerton urged people to pray for the five to six hundred people who were given a witness through the preaching of the Word, singing, personal contacts, and the viewing of the "Jesus" film.

**Brazil**—John Poole, son of missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole underwent surgery recently on his knee, which was injured in a soccer game. Latest reports indicate surgery went well, but John was recuperating slowly.

**Antioch, Tenn.**—Missionaries Norman and Bessie Richards have finally returned to their field of service in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, after being delayed due to inadequate financial support. They departed from Nashville on May 4 and have reported a safe arrival with no problems going through customs.

sented and the messages were translated from French into three other tribal languages.

According to Clint and Lynette Morgan, the main speaker was Madame Zahie, the wife of an evangelical pastor in Abidjan. She exhorted the group from God's Word on the subjects of child rearing, getting along with others, and sharing the gospel. She expanded the theme, "Bloom Where You are Planted."

Two African Christian ladies and two missionaries also held seminars on these subjects: Getting Along with My In-laws, Being Content in My Situation, A Righteous Woman, and How to Respond to the Charismatics.

Women from each village presented two songs during the retreat and two villages—Doropo and Bouna—presented plays.

## Snow Hospitalized for Wisdom Tooth Surgery

**Japan**—Short-term missionary Nathan Snow was hospitalized in February in Sapporo, Japan, for removal of his wisdom teeth. Snow remained in the hospital for 11 days while he received antibiotics intravenously.

While questioning the procedure as opposed to the common outpatient surgery in the United States, Nathan did admit that God could use this method to glorify himself.

"For wisdom tooth surgery while in Japan, you're looking at a bare minimum hospital stay of ten days!" writes the short-termer. "Therefore,

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These individuals gave special gifts in February and March in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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## Women from 19 Towns and Villages Attend Retreat

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Over 130 women from 19 different towns and villages gathered in Bouna for the National Women's Retreat in February. Over 12 language groups were repre-



you make contact with the following people: four doctors, ten nurses, three assistants, two room cleaners, two food personnel, two medical students, two secretaries, five room-mates—not to mention any others on the floor you decide (or are able) to talk with.”

Nathan urged people to pray that the gospel witness given will be fruitful.

## Aycocks Report Three Saved Since February

*Brazil*—Missionary Bobby Aycock in Barbacena, Brazil, reported three people had been saved there since February. Isaura, a daily listener to Aycock's radio program, came to church and was converted. In March, Marcio, a young man, made public his decision to get his life right with the Lord.

“Last year we requested prayer for the salvation of the unsaved family of a dear sister who passed away,” writes Bobby. “God has done His work in the heart of Jaime, her 42-year-old son, who came to Christ for salvation recently. Thank you for praying.”

## Annual Women's Retreat in Panama Hosts 73

*Panama*—According to missionaries Steve and Judy Lytle, 73 women from the churches and missions in Panama participated in the annual retreat for Free Will Baptist women March 12-14.

The meeting was held at the Southern Baptist camp in Santa Clara, Panama. The theme was “Woman: Discover Your Worth and Serve with Gladness.”

## Brazil Association Holds Annual Fellowship Day

*Brazil*—The Brazil Association of Free Will Baptists met on April 9 at the First FWB Church in Ribeirão Preto for its annual fellowship day. Approximately 125 people were on hand.

Pastor Neto of Araras spoke to the group on the practical aspects of the coming of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts, chapter two.

Activities were held simultaneously for adults, teenagers and children.

## Financial Summary Through March 31

### \$ubstance

Total income for February .....	\$ 303,496.37
Total income for March .....	310,350.42
Total income through March .....	932,689.57
Total disbursements through March .....	1,131,315.34
Projected income through March .....	1,094,833.00
Total 1993 Budget .....	<b>\$ 4,379,332.00</b>
VISION gifts through March .....	2,505.01

### \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey .....	\$15,099.74	Riggs, M. ....	\$ 2,649.80
Bryan .....	6,329.23	Robinson .....	4,202.99
Combs .....	9,637.01	Sparks .....	12,551.27
Crosby .....	19,644.73	Sturgill .....	13,402.86
Ellison .....	4,766.98	Teague .....	4,662.71
Franks Sr. ....	9,440.64	Turnbough .....	12,671.44
Hanna .....	11,527.03	West .....	1,471.76
Midgett .....	1,141.42	Willey .....	4,301.78
Nichols .....	14,011.10	Wilson .....	62.64
Owen .....	6,135.18	General Fund .....	43,469.21
Poole .....	219.88	Spec. Committee .....	18,882.34
Reeves .....	10,110.52		
Total .....			<b>\$226,392.26</b>

### \$inking

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

Barker .....	\$ 233.26	Crowson .....	\$ 20.00
Callaway .....	48.83	Gibbs .....	20.00
Creech .....	20.00	Morgan .....	20.00

## State Goals—1993

State	Goal 1993	Goal Through March	Contributions Through March
Alabama .....	\$ 186,000	\$46,500	\$51,536.09
Arizona .....	6,200	1,550	1,785.61
Arkansas .....	218,000	54,500	56,175.31
California .....	89,000	22,250	17,392.64
Colorado .....	6,800	1,700	1,207.00
Florida .....	92,000	23,000	19,593.86
Georgia .....	179,000	44,750	33,428.04
Hawaii .....	4,000	1,000	800.00
Idaho .....	2,000	500	25.00
Illinois .....	125,000	31,250	19,285.06
Indiana .....	55,000	13,750	7,787.01
Iowa .....	3,000	750	905.00
Kansas .....	27,000	6,750	3,414.99
Kentucky .....	82,000	20,500	22,815.76
Louisiana .....	300	75	275.00
Maryland .....	30,000	7,500	2,897.23
Michigan .....	155,000	38,750	48,228.25
Mississippi .....	72,000	18,000	18,240.42
Missouri .....	413,000	103,250	74,506.95
Montana .....	2,000	500	340.00
Nebraska .....	1,500	375	233.00
New Mexico .....	2,000	500	1,119.72
* Northeast Assn. ....	6,000	1,500	1,100.00
** Northwest Assn. ....	8,000	2,000	2,045.71
North Carolina .....	535,000	133,750	121,680.75
Ohio .....	133,000	33,250	28,100.52
Oklahoma .....	432,000	108,000	96,052.79
Pennsylvania .....	00	00	30.00
South Carolina .....	227,000	56,750	54,349.99
Tennessee .....	650,000	162,500	134,743.81
Texas .....	138,000	34,500	20,776.47
Virginia .....	144,000	36,000	27,024.92
Virgin Islands .....	2,500	625	310.00
West Virginia .....	87,000	21,750	18,211.62
WNAC .....	120,000	30,000	23,399.37
Miscellaneous .....	146,032	36,508	22,871.68
Totals .....	<b>\$4,379,332</b>	<b>\$1,094,833</b>	<b>\$932,689.57</b>

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An open letter to all Free Will Baptists,

We, your missionaries working in the Côte d'Ivoire, send you greetings in the name of our Lord. The Lord is blessing in many ways. We thank you for the support of prayers and gifts that help us stay here.

You have shown that you care about His work here. It is for that reason that we share a serious problem with you ASKING YOUR CONTINUED HELP. A very difficult situation has arisen. We must work together to find the solution.

Paul and Rhoda Creech, our dorm parents, are due for furlough this July. Replacement dorm parents have been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions. However, Lloyd and Betty Plunkett have not been able to raise the support needed. The Plunketts have continued to work—NOT TAKING ANY SALARY FROM THE MISSION—in an effort to help decrease expenses from their account, but their mission account is still lacking the needed funds. If their support is not raised, they will not be able to come to the field as scheduled. We need them here NOW—as soon as possible.

Dorm parents are an essential part of our ministry in the Côte d'Ivoire. Without this ministry, our missionaries would have to teach their children at home. This not only reduces the amount of ministry time with the Africans, but deprives the children of interaction with children their own age and culture. Ivory Coast Academy is a Christian school that offers our children many benefits and opportunities that cannot be given in home studies.

We, as Free Will Baptists, are under contract with the school to provide dorm parents. If dorm parents are not provided our children are put on an uncertain waiting list with higher rates being required. In effect, this means that if the Plunketts are not able to come, WE WILL HAVE TO REMOVE A MISSIONARY ON THE FIELD FROM THEIR PLACE OF SERVICE AND SEND THEM TO BE DORM PARENTS.

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