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Theological training is now available in Cuba.



Many young people have surrendered to follow Christ.

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by R. Eugene Waddell, general director

Cuba! It's good news and bad news! In a word, the bad news is "shortages." The good news is "salvation."

For over 30 years Castro's government has been heavily subsidized by Russia. The Communists have tried to control things by rationing everything. Everyone was guaranteed an education, a job, a place to live, free medical care and rationing coupons for food and clothing. Prices were strictly controlled. And those who played by the Communist rules fared okay.

But the winds of change in Russia are making waves in Cuba. Mr. Yeltsin is so busy trying to save Russia from civil war that he has no time to rescue Comrade Castro. So the Cuban dictatorship is left to survive on its own.

Many of the 10.5 million inhabitants of this Caribbean

island are suffering malnutrition. An eye disease which is caused by a vitamin deficiency has afflicted thousands of people. A number of Free Will Baptists in the Pinar Del Rio area have lost their eyesight as a result. Many of the people haven't eaten any meat or anything with high protein in the last two or three years.

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An American who recently returned from Cuba stated that a chicken on the black market would cost a month's wages. Black market rice reportedly costs \$20 per pound. Food is scarce, very scarce.

Soap is so scarce that only children under seven years of age can have a bar. A bath size bar of soap now costs \$80 on the black market.

The situation has become so desperate that President Fidel Castro announced in July that Cubans can now legally possess American dollars. But this has not eased Cuba's problems. In fact, it may have even complicated the situation for the masses who have no way of getting dollars.

But the Lord has used these tough times to sift His Church and create a spiritual hunger in the people. Most Cubans no longer believe the promises of their government. And their quest for material possessions has proven vain. Now they are turning to God. People are coming to the church for answers to the needs of their souls. Consequently, the



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churches are packed.

A Cuban pastor baptized 20 people (including three medical doctors) last Easter. He said, "It's a good time to preach the gospel. Every Sunday people are coming forward to profess their faith in Christ."

Another Free Will Baptist pastor told of visiting the local headquarters of the Communist party. He asked if anyone would like to have a Bible. Every person there reached out his hand to receive a copy of God's Word.

The Cuban government has adjusted its posture relative to organized religion. A couple of years ago the head of the National Assembly stated that, "People in Cuba are free to choose religion if they wish." A young girl whose Communist parents had prohibited her from going to the local Free Will Baptist church heard this report

on the news and ran to her parents announcing that she should now be free to go to church. They gave their permission and now she attends faithfully.

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The most significant change in Cuban law relative to the church occurred February 2, 1990. The government repealed the law which had banned the assembly of Christians in homes and other places for worship. As a result, Free Will Baptists and other denominations have numerous mission works now meeting in homes, shelters and wherever they can. Some estimate that

the size of the Christian community has tripled since 1990.

Although the times are hard, Mom Willey says, "Our people are not complaining. In the midst of their suffering they are rejoicing." Although their pocket books, gas tanks and stomachs may be empty, the hearts of Cuban Christians are filled with joy. Praise the Lord!

But what about Cuba's future? Of course, only God knows, but He has said, "The King's heart is in the hand of the Lord...." I believe we will soon see free access between the U.S. and Cuba again. When that time comes I hope we can avoid some of the mistakes which North American preachers have made in Eastern Europe and Russia.

Evangelist Tim York, who has made two trips to Romania,

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says some North American preachers have made serious mistakes there. One Romanian pastor received a delegation of American religious leaders into his church, and York declares, "These men promised him (the pastor) money. They told him to get his kids out of that apartment and buy a house and they would help him. It was going to cost \$5,000 to buy a home. Acting in good faith the Romanian pastor sunk his life's savings into a house only to receive a \$1,000 check and the bad news that the Americans could not come up with the other \$4,000. It put this family in real hardship."

Other American preachers evidently promised to raise money to help build church buildings. The gifts were never sent.

Tim also warned against bringing Third World people to the U.S. "Sometimes we make them wards of our churches and

wards of our states."

According to Peter Lascau, with the Romanian Missionary Society, visitors from the West have also hurt the church by giving certain ministers too much money. "Many ministers in Romania were able to get rich over night. It created a big gap between themselves and the flock. It is better to give money to organizations than to individuals."

Only those invited by the Cuban church should plan to minister in the churches.

Dr. Joseph Tson, president of the Romanian Missionary Society, laments some of the unfortunate evangelistic efforts in Romania. "People are able to return to the West and say they recorded so many conversions in Romania. I see a lot of that desire to show good results in conversions."

In the East-West Church and Ministry Report, spring of 1993, Tson states this problem: "If you ask most people, they will gladly accept Jesus, but they don't know what that means, so you will not see those people returning to the church after that Western evangelist leaves."

We must seek to avoid these difficulties when the doors to Cuba open to American preachers.

I asked former missionary Tom Willey how we could avoid some of these problems. He

answered, "It will be very important for all Free Will Baptist efforts to be coordinated through both the Cuban Free Will Baptist Convention and the Board of Foreign Missions."

Tom warned that some North Americans may try to take personal advantage of the situation, and some Cubans may try to exploit generous visitors.

Our department has talked with Cuban leaders, and we are agreed that only those invited by the Cuban church should plan to minister in the churches. We have promised to coordinate several ministry tours to Cuba each year, if and when the opportunity presents itself.

Until the door of opportunity swings open, we must continue to pray for our Cuban brethren. They certainly are going through a hard time right now.

The foreign missions department is grateful to have been able to send several shipments of medicine and vitamins into Cuba. In so doing, we have depleted all of our relief funds. We cannot send additional shipments until we receive more funds.

We also are very anxious to help new mission groups in Cuba secure property and buildings before the prices escalate. I want to urge Christians to pray with us that God will provide \$30,000 to purchase nine church buildings when that door of opportunity opens. Cuban leaders already have selected some possible sites.

It is truly exciting to see God giving a harvest in Cuba today. We must pray and labor conscientiously to see the harvest continue without hindrance from us.

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Tribute to a Missionary Mother

by Stephen Hersey



Evelyn Hersey, my mother, had a strong sense of God's hand on her life. While she had made a firm commitment to work as a missionary in Japan, her primary commitment was as a wife and mother, a homemaker.

We rarely had a babysitter because Mother felt her children were her responsibility. And with five children, the task was not small. Housework was not just a chore. She enjoyed cooking and caring for her family. She viewed her daily routine—cooking, cleaning, devotions and tucking us into bed—as spiritual activity.

As she reared us, Mother often talked fondly about her youth in rural Illinois. We were fascinated by her stories of coping without electricity until 1948, milking cows every morning and studying in a one-room school house.

Somehow the glitter and sophistication of Tokyo never seduced Mom, and she retained a love for the farm life of southern Illinois. She was not aesthetic, though her life always

had traces of this characteristic.

Mother's diligent study of the Scriptures and her interaction with believers often challenged her to reexamine her convictions and beliefs. Hers was a life of spiritual growth until the end.

Evelyn Lawrence Hersey ended her earthly service on October 4, 1993. God called her to His promised rest, but fruit from her efforts continue.

As a wife, Mother encouraged her husband and often participated in church activities by playing the pump organ, explaining her faith to non-believers, training and encouraging believers. But her first duties were at home. She never accepted responsibilities that would take her from home for long periods of time.

Her skill in the kitchen won Mother many friends, especially the neighborhood children who would drop in when the smell of

baking cookies wafted outside the house. Serving gave her joy and she often invited friends over for meals.

When her children were older and she had more time, Mom started inviting people over for cooking classes. Many were interested in Western-style cuisine and Mother used that interest as an opportunity to spread the gospel. Every class was accompanied with a Bible lesson or a testimony, and often the Bible lessons were longer than the cooking instructions. Many women were influenced by this ministry and several decided to follow Christ.

The Kingdom of God consists of many stable, simple believers like Evelyn Hersey. A few months before she died, I told her that soon she would know more clearly the contribution she had made for the Kingdom. She weakly smiled and said she hoped she had done some good. She has! "Blessed is the memory of the righteous" (Proverbs 10:7).

Stephen Hersey is the third son of Fred and Evelyn Hersey. He is currently teaching in a school for missionary children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. See the news item on page 10.



STUDENT MISSIONARY IMPACT!

by Jimmy Aldridge,
overseas secretary

God uses many different methods to speak to people and reveal His plan for their lives.

One effective means of helping young people gain insight to God's direction is the summer student missionary program. This lets them see firsthand what it is like to be a missionary.

For several weeks during the summer, student missionaries live in the home of the missionaries. They observe the lives and ministry of these overseas servants. While there, they not only have an opportunity to teach, preach and witness for Christ, but many also "get their hands dirty" by doing scores of manual tasks. These range from

babysitting to construction of buildings.

Many of those who went to the field as student missionaries are presently serving overseas as career missionaries. Forty-five of our present staff served as student or short-term missionaries.

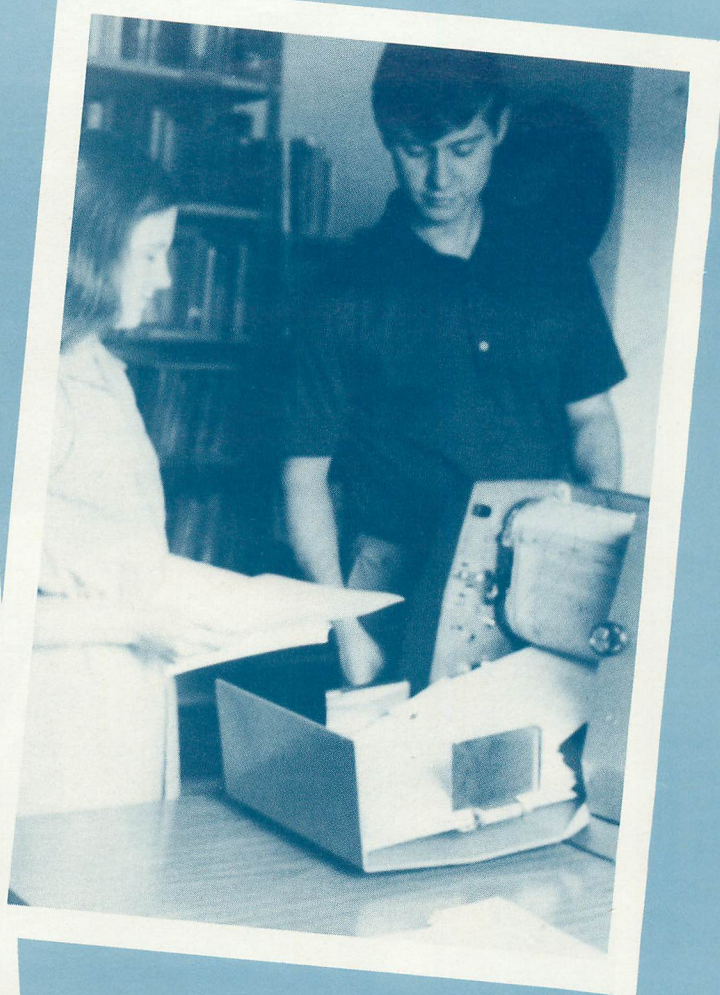
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Tom McCullough saw the need for missionaries while serving as a summer missionary in France. He returned as a short-termer and in a moment of "deep reflection concerning

the purpose of my life, God's Word led me to a distinct response to a distinct call from a distinct position of the Scriptures" (Romans 10:14,15).

Tom recalls God spoke to him through rubbing shoulders with people in the marketplace of a city of 300,000. He learned that only two small churches were located in that city. Tom drove through towns, villages and cities and saw only old, dark, damp Catholic churches. And God touched his heart.

Curt and Mary Holland went to Brazil as summer missionaries in 1985. They labored in Campinas with Jim and Vicki Sturgill. In 1988 Curt made another trip to Brazil with a Youth for Christ group and ministered in Niteroi near Rio



de Janeiro. He says, "The desire of the Christians in Brazil to seek the Lord's will and their willingness to serve Him challenged us to give our lives for His service, too."

When Steve and Linda Reeves made their trip to Spain in 1980, they had no idea they would return as missionaries. Even after their return to the States, they felt no compulsion to go to the mission field.

Steve recalls going with former missionary Dock Caton in 1980. They went through town after town which had no evangelical work. That touched his heart. He also remembers being moved by the Lord as he sat in the last service before returning to the U.S. He thought to himself: "I don't

know how, but somehow we will be back in Spain someday."

Five years later they were appointed to missionary service. They thought only of ministering in Spain.

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While living in a university dormitory in France, Tom McCullough saw the excitement of the cleaning lady when she noticed his Bible—the first one she had ever seen. Once more God spoke to him.

Then, Tom observed the tireless efforts of a veteran missionary couple pouring

themselves out for a resistant, hardened people and it changed Tom forever.

God used these experiences to direct the lives of Tom McCullough, the Hollands, and the Reeves. Now, through them and others, God is building His church in France, Brazil, Spain and other countries around the globe.

Scores of other Free Will Baptist missionaries are serving God overseas because His call became clear through their summer or short-term experience on a foreign field. The value of such a program can only be measured in terms of changed lives and destinies which have stemmed from its impact. But its value is significant!



Frank Gregory (right) joins missionary Steve Lytle (left) for a baptismal service in Panama.

Are Summer Programs Only For The Called?

by Frank Gregory

"Are you going to be a career missionary?"

I was asked this question during a telephone conversation with a pastor. At the time I was a student at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College and was attempting to schedule services to raise funds. My wife, Becky, and I were planning to go to Panama as summer missionaries (now referred to as "student missionaries") in 1983.

We needed to raise over \$3,000 for a two-month stay.

"No," I replied to the pastor's question, "but we are open to the Lord's direction."

"Then I do not believe I am interested," came the curt reply.

I was taken back by the response of this man, since he had previously served several years on the Board of Foreign Missions. It took a while for me to gather the courage to call

another pastor.

I am glad to say that the responses I received from every pastor before and after that one phone call were very favorable. Consequently, Becky and I did go to Panama that summer and served with missionaries Steve and Judy Lytle.

Now, some ten years later, I am in my second pastorate. Some people may question the value of our two months in

Panama. Just what purpose does this summer program serve?

As Becky and I were preparing to go to Panama, several people told us to enjoy our vacation. We did not take them seriously and I am glad. The romance of the journey was quickly lost the night we arrived in Panama City and walked into a wall of heat. Anyone who thinks a student missionary is on vacation has surely never been one.

The host family we stayed with required us to work. I am glad! I was involved in mowing lawns, chopping down trees and other physical labor. Becky helped with household chores and also helped take care of the Lytle children, Michael, Phillip and David.

We had one misconception: We thought we could be more actively involved in ministry than we really were. This was due mostly to the language barrier. It was frustrating to be unable to speak Spanish. Many times it left us on the outside looking in.

Although we were frustrated trying to speak Spanish, our experiences as summer missionaries built new relationships. One day I got brave and thought I would try out a little Spanish; so, I attempted to tell the two Panamanian girls who lived with Steve and Judy that I was married. Instead, I told them I was a hunter. It really broke the ice with them when they saw my vulnerability. They began to laugh and say "boom, boom"! Although my face was turning red, I could feel my heart warming up as I realized the significance of my blunder in

opening the door to a friendship.

The greatest asset of the summer missions program was an enlarged vision. Nothing is quite like actually being on the field and seeing the need. My whole perspective changed after being in Panama.

We were humbled by the dedication of the Panamanian Christians. Some would walk several miles just to attend a worship service, while others rode a bus for more than an hour down hot, dusty roads. They would meet in block buildings with openings for windows and sit on unpadded benches to praise God. They had no air conditioning!

This program may help some people realize they are not cut out to be career missionaries.

The cross-cultural experience was of enormous value. We have a tendency to stay isolated in our own world. This only promotes prejudice. It is refreshing to see people of a different race, a different language, a different country and a different economic status and realize they can love Jesus just as much as we do.

In spite of the culture shock, we discovered many people in Panama do speak English. I was able to witness to some of them. Accompanying Steve on visitation proved extremely beneficial even though I mostly just smiled and nodded my head. I even learned to smile and look thankful when I found bugs in my punch and flies on my toast!

I was privileged to preach

several times with Steve serving as an interpreter. Becky and I also learned several songs in Spanish so we would sometimes minister along with Judy in a special song.

All of these experiences have been beneficial for both of us. But some people still wonder if only potential career missionaries should be sent as summer missionaries. In my opinion, every Christian might do well to serve as a summer missionary no matter what vocation he or she may later choose.

Free Will Baptists invested about \$5,000 in a newly married couple to be sent to Panama. The two churches I have pastored in the past nine years have given over \$50,000 to foreign missions. I would say the investment was well worthwhile.

I believe summer or student missionary service also may provide some "preventive maintenance." In other words, this program may help some people realize they are not cut out to be career missionaries. That assurance alone could save lots of money and heartache later down the road.

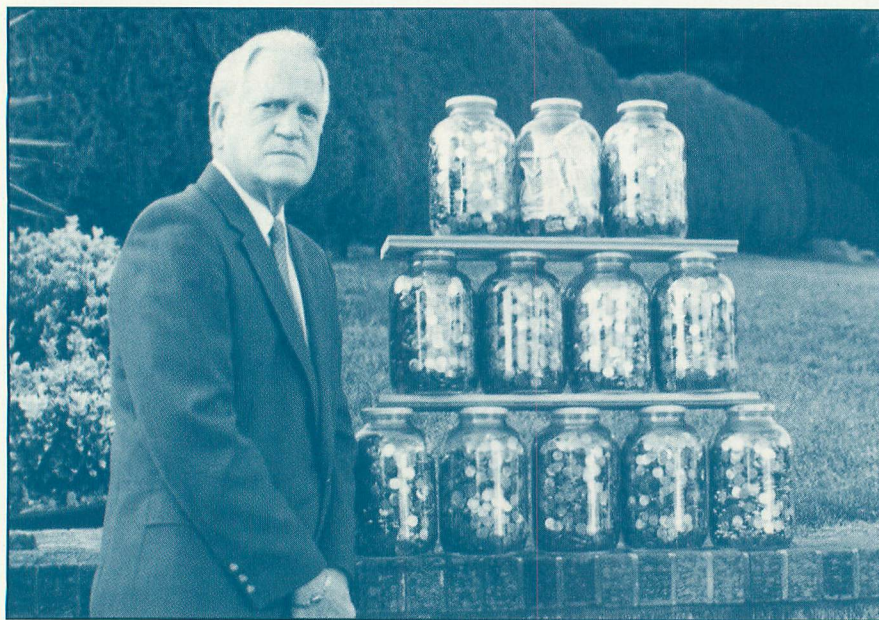
It has now been ten years since Becky and I were in Panama. I am ready to go to another field and let God sharpen my vision again.

I still recall those touching moments when we said "Good-bye" to our brothers and sisters in Panama. They assured us we would see one another in heaven if we never met again on earth.

Would I go to Panama if I had it to do over again? You bet I would, heat and all!

Frank Gregory is pastor of First FWB Church, Poteau, Okla.

News Update



Mr. Harold Hamby of Johnson City, Tenn., stands with 12 one-gallon jars full of pennies collected for the 1993 Don and Billie Sexton Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions in Tennessee. Mr. Hamby raised \$3,179 in the Walk-a-thon.

Hanna Says Special Training Is Going Well

India—Missionary Carlisle Hanna recently reported that the partnership training program in India is in progress and seems to be doing well.

"We are now in the process of training 30 of our men to go out in teams of two in an effort to reach every family in this area with the message of salvation," writes Carlisle. The group was to be sent out on October 1.

Hanna reported having 232 for morning worship on September 5.

While expressing praise for these blessings, Carlisle urged Christians to pray for victims of floods in their area and for pastor Samuel Devanesan in South India, who has been in the hospital due to his heart condition.

12 Gallons of Pennies Aid Sexton Walk-a-thon

Johnson City, Tenn.—Twelve one-gallon jars of pennies played a significant part in the fund-raising efforts of Mr. Harold Hamby of First Free Will Baptist Church in Johnson City, Tenn. Hamby personally raised \$3,179 through pledges and pennies toward the Don and Billie Sexton Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions

held in Tennessee in September.

According to Gene Deaton, pastor of the church, Mr. Hamby spawned the idea of placing gallon jars around the church on Sundays and Wednesdays to collect pennies. They did this for two months prior to the Walk-a-thon and collected 53,000 pennies.

Pastor Deaton noted that 12 people from the church participated in the Walk-a-thon and raised a total of \$4,000 to help Tennessee foreign missionary accounts.

As of October 29, a total of \$82,364.66 had been raised across the state through this year's Don and Billie Sexton Walk-a-thon.

Judge Declares Panama Church Property Legal

Panama—A judge in the first circuit court of Herrera Province, Panama, ruled recently in favor of the Free Will Baptist Association of Evangelical Churches in Panama. The ruling concerned property purchased in the town of Parita where Stan and Brenda Bunch have been laboring. The Bunches have faced opposition from residents since purchasing the property.

The findings of the judge have been published in the newspaper and Christians have posted the

newspaper article where people in the area can see it.

Although the Bunches are on furlough, missionary Judy Lytle gave this report relative to the newspaper article and the action of the Christians: "Many have been in opposition to the church because they have believed rumors that the neighbors have spread. We are praying that this will help clarify the problem."



Evelyn Hersey

Evelyn Hersey Loses Bout with Cancer

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary Evelyn Hersey died in Nashville on October 4, 1993, at the age of 63 after a losing bout with cancer.

Evelyn had undergone surgery for cancer in 1988. She and Fred returned to Japan in February of 1990, then she came to the United States for follow-up surgery later that year. She returned to the States periodically for checkups. Finally, the Herseys returned to the United States in 1992 after Evelyn became severely ill. She began extensive chemotherapy treatments at that time. Her condition worsened in August of this year after she had attended the National Association in Louisville, Ky.

Fred and Evelyn had served as missionaries in Japan since 1956.

Survivors include her husband, Fred, four sons: Philip of Berkley, Mich.; Samuel of Knoxville, Tenn.; Stephen (see "Tribute to a Missionary Mother" on page 5) of Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and Paul of Paris, France; and one daughter: Vivian of Nashville, Tenn. Evelyn also leaves five grandchildren, three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held at Woodlawn Funeral Home in Nashville on Wednesday, October 6. Interment was held at Zion Cemetery near Ozark, Ill.

Donations may be made to the Evelyn Hersey Memorial Endowment Fund at the Free Will Baptist Foundation, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011. These funds will be used for ministries in Japan.

Sturgills Say Work in Araraquara Doing Well

Brazil—According to missionaries Jim and Vicki Sturgill, the work in Araraquara, Brazil, has done well under national lay ministers since they left for furlough in May. Six people were converted shortly after their departure.

Jeancarlo, pastor of the Jaboticabal church, is guiding the lay leaders in the work, and the young people from his church also have held special services in Araraquara.

Special Services Focus on Needs of the Poor

Brazil—A long weekend of services was held Saturday night, August 28, through Tuesday night, August 31, in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlandia, Brazil. Jim and Shirley Combs spoke Saturday and Sunday and addressed the theme, "The People of God Against Hunger and Misery."

According to missionary Jim Cowart, "The idea is to get our people involved in some evangelistic activities that will also involve them in being sensitive to the needs of the poor."

Cowart indicated the people were excited about the prospects. They went out into one of the shanty towns and distributed a hot meal and preached a gospel message.

Griffin Says English Camp Proves Effective

Japan—The Free Will Baptist churches on the northern island of Hokkaido, Japan, held an English Bible camp this summer with 13 students attending. According to missionary Debbie Griffin who directed the camp, this year's effort has been fruitful.

Rie Honma, one of the students

who attended the camp, says she had never read the Bible before taking the English classes. She had not held a very good impression of Christians. Through English classes which were taught by two summer missionaries, Jill Goodfellow and Michelle Braswell, Rie found the Bible interesting and now is reading it almost daily.

Debbie urged people to pray for the English ministry. "Each week I teach forty-five people," she says. "There is a 10-minute Bible lesson in each class but the challenge is trying to find ways of deepening my relationship with the students and earning an opportunity to share Christ with them."

Gratitude Expressed for Relief Funds Sent

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Carol Pinkerton reported recently that relief funds have been used to help three families in the church in Bondoukou, Cote d'Ivoire. She took them powdered milk, rice, sugar, peanuts, dried beans, fish, oranges, beef, oatmeal and eggs.

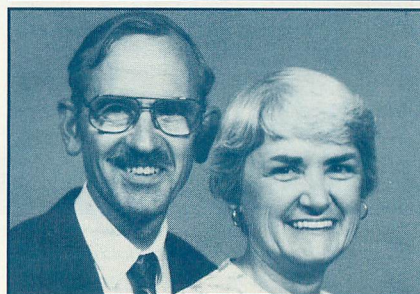
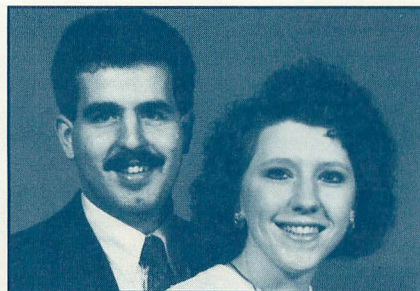
"Each family was most grateful," writes Carol. "I told them that the food did not come from me or the other missionaries, but from Christian friends in the U.S. One man asked, 'But how can we thank them?' I told him that I'd be sending a letter and would include his thanks. I added that if he would just remain faithful to the Lord, that would be thanks enough to the people who helped him."

Three Children Saved in German Ministry

Germany—Three Yugoslavian children were saved recently in the work at Kusel, Germany. Missionary affiliate Dennis Heath noted that the "Jesus" film had been borrowed by the family for viewing just prior to the children making their decisions for Christ.

According to Dennis, the three children of the Idrizi family started attending services due to contacts made through the use of Nintendo games, Ping-Pong, and Sunday school efforts.

The Yugoslavian family had come to Germany when they fled their country which was undergoing serious problems.



Randal and Karolyn Richards (top) and Lloyd and Betty Plunkett (bottom) are scheduled to leave for Côte d'Ivoire.

Two Couples Scheduled to Depart for Field

Antioch, Tenn.—Two short-term missionary couples are scheduled to depart for Côte d'Ivoire in November and December.

Randal and Karolyn Richards, who are scheduled to serve approximately one year in the area of Agnibilekrou, are scheduled to depart November 8 to begin their ministry with Norman and Bessie Richards in Côte d'Ivoire.

Lloyd and Betty Plunkett, appointees as short-term dorm parents at the International Christian Academy in Bouake, are scheduled to leave in December for the Ivory Coast.

Dr. Paschall Says Two Obstacles Removed

Royal Oak, Mich.—According to missionary appointee Dr. Mark Paschall, two obstacles to his and Kathy's departure for language school were recently removed: their four-year old son, Ethan, was given complete clearance from his orthopedic doctor and a generous monetary gift cleared the balance of Mark's medical school loan.

Dr. Paschall noted that young Ethan has undergone five surgeries to correct congenital club feet.

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Dennis, Jonathan and Trena Owen (back left side) are shown with some of the people who have been attending services in the Pocitos work in a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay.

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Mark's parents, Sue and Van Paschall, made the special gift from the estate of Mark's grandmother, Ovie Hughes, who died in July of 1992.

The only remaining hurdle between the Paschalls' departure for language school seems to be the raising of their needed financial support base.

Owen Cites Conversion, Gains New Helper

Uruguay—Missionary Dennis Owen reported finally surpassing 20 in attendance on August 22 in the Pocitos work in Montevideo, Uruguay, and noted that Heber, son of Jewish parents, prayed for salvation the previous week.

Owen revealed that Gerardo Rodriguez and his new wife, Mari Amelia, have joined the work. Dennis expressed hope that their presence would give consistency to the ministry when he and Trena have to leave for furlough in July of 1994.

Uberlandia Women Pray, Experience Growth

Brazil—"Our ladies decided to meet every Wednesday afternoon in homes for prayer, Bible study, fellowship and especially to win friends and neighbors who don't attend church," writes Nancy Hughes from Uberlandia, Brazil. "We have not had a meeting without visitors, our

love and concern for one another is growing and we are seeing growth in our lives!"

Some results from the prayer meetings include the first-time church attendance by unsaved husbands of two of the ladies. Two other unsaved husbands also have started attending services regularly.



Jerry Presley, who served an interim term on the Board of Foreign Missions in 1986-87, died on September 28.

Jerry Presley, Former Board Member, Dies

Memphis, Tenn.—Jerry Franklin Presley, former member of the Board of Foreign Missions and well-known pastor in Tennessee and Illinois, died on September 28 in Memphis, Tenn. Death was attributed to an infection stemming from a toe amputation earlier this year.

Presley, who received a heart transplant in November of 1990, had since been actively involved in preaching. He held 95 services on

behalf of foreign missions and preached 47 other services in 1991 and 1992.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Beatrice, two daughters, one son, two sisters, three brothers and six grandchildren. He was buried on October 2 in Sweetwater, Tenn.

Two services were held: Thursday, September 30, at the Brantley Funeral Home in Olive Branch, Miss., and Saturday, October 2, at the Kiker Funeral Home in Sweetwater, Tenn.

First Baptism Held in St. Sebastien Work

France—A 15-year-old girl, Stephanie, was baptized recently at St. Sebastien, according to missionary Dennis Teague. This is the first baptism held in the new work.

Teague noted that the adult crowd has not changed much but the 10- to 15-year-old group has grown. Cathy Crawford has divided the class into two groups since space is limited. She teaches the same lesson twice.

Dennis indicated the proprietor of their rented meeting place has rented them some extra space next door at a very reasonable price.

Teague expressed special appreciation for the help of student missionary Michael Fulcher from Virginia who spent six weeks with them during the summer.

TWR Guam Radio Station Survives Major Earthquake

Cary, N.C.—On Sunday, August 8, at 6:35 p.m. Guam time, an earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale struck the Pacific island of Guam, location of Trans World Radio's major shortwave broadcasting station in the Pacific region.

TWR, international religious broadcaster, broadcasts daily into China and India. Although major damage and power outages occurred throughout the island due to the quake, TWR was still able to continue broadcasting with limited power.

Glen Sink, Assistant Vice President of International Operations, says, "We are on the air full power with our AM station and are still broadcasting, although at reduced capacity, at our shortwave facilities. The Word of God continues to go

from TWR-Guam despite the physical damage and the emotional stress as a result of the quake. We praise the Lord for His protection of our staff and for the opportunity we continue to have to broadcast the good news of Christ from our facilities on Guam."

Marincek Work Marks First Anniversary

Brazil—The first anniversary of the Marincek congregation in a suburb of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, was celebrated on July 3.

Missionary Geneva Poole did a chalk drawing on "The Two Ways" followed by a message on the same theme by John Poole. Over 100 people were present for the service.



Geneva Poole (left) teaches a group of children from the Marincek work in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. The congregation, which meets in the building at the right, celebrated the first anniversary of the church on July 3.



Cousineau Says Grads Perform Duties Well

Côte d'Ivoire—"It has been a little over three years since they graduated," writes Mike Cousineau concerning the first group of graduates from the Bible institute program in Côte d'Ivoire. "Six of the eight are presently in full-time ministry."

Cousineau noted that the church in Flakiedougou had increased from 300 to 500 adults since Ernest first went there. Under the leadership of Jean François, the church in Bouna has doubled, reaching 300 each Sunday morning. The church at Tanda, where Paul is ministering, has quadrupled to an average of 100.

Christian Network Via Satellite to Be Launched

Carey, N.C.—Trans World Radio, headquartered in Carey, N.C., has announced plans for a Christian satellite radio network to be launched in Latin America in November of this year.

After more than two years of research and negotiations, Trans World Radio (TWR) and HCJB World Radio in Quito, Ecuador, have agreed to establish a 24-hour satellite service that will be available to all stations in Spanish-speaking Latin America. This will stretch from the U.S.-Mexican border to the southern tip of Chile.

"This is the first time that digital satellite technology will be used to

provide high quality, Christ-honoring radio programming to stations throughout Latin America on a regular basis," says James Monger, TWR's satellite coordinator for Latin America.

HCJB Broadcasting Director Glen Volkhardt declares, "We are eager to join forces with Latin America's evangelical churches. More than half the population of Latin America is under 25 years of age, and many of these young people are not touched by the local church."

Surgery, Wedding Plans Redirect Bumpus Path

Antioch, Tenn.—Susan Bumpus, missionary appointee to Uruguay, has submitted her resignation from service with the Department of Foreign Missions effective December 31, 1993. Susan indicated she has felt the Lord redirecting her life after surgery delayed her departure.



Susan Bumpus, missionary appointee to Uruguay, has resigned to get married.

She also became engaged to be married.

Susan has approximately nine months of recovery left following her surgery of August 3. She and her fiancé, Clint Lewis, plan to be married in early summer of 1994. Clint is minister of music at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Beaufort, N.C.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Brazil—Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole recently expressed gratitude for the help of student missionary Christy Edmonds who spent two months with them this summer. "She had a music ministry, playing for services and DVBS, planning and practicing special music and giving almost daily lessons to one of the young ladies of the church," write the Pooles.

Spain—Jeff and Susan Turnbough have requested special prayer regarding the building permit for the church in Villalba, Spain. According to Jeff, city officials have said they will grant the permit if a few changes are made in the architect's plans.

France—Missionary Jerry Gibbs in St. Nazaire, France, recently sent these statistics regarding France: 90 percent of the French people do not own a Bible, 35,000 towns and villages have no evangelical witness, only 30 percent of the population believe God exists, and more Moslems

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News Update

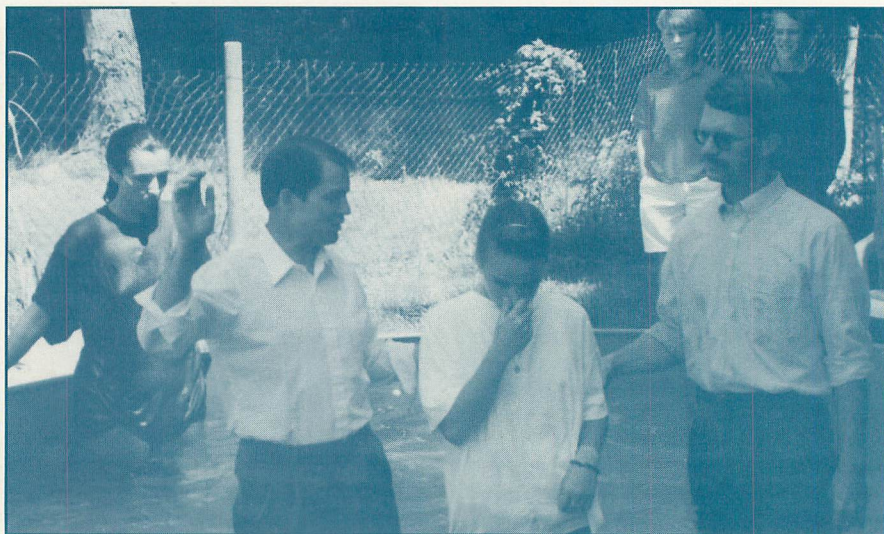
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are in France than evangelical Christians.

Côte d'Ivoire—Joshua Holland, eight-year-old son of Ernest and Elaine Holland, broke his left arm recently while playing with neighbor children.

Sapulpa, Okla.—Joy Banks, daughter of Jerry and Janice Banks—former missionaries to Japan—went to Guatemala July 27-August 17 in conjunction with Feed the Children International.

France—Missionary Patsy Vanhook and Charity Van Winkle, student missionary from Mississippi, participated in a three-day camping trip in mid-July with the young people from the church in St. Sebastien, France.

Brazil—According to an August report from missionary Bobby Poole, 25 students are enrolled for the sec-



Tom McCullough (left) and Jerry Gibbs (right) prepare to baptize one of four converts who followed the Lord in Christian baptism on July 4 in St. Nazaire, France.

ond semester in the seminary and Bible institute in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, another 20 are enrolled in Jaboticabal and eight to ten are studying in Araras.

Wilson, N.C.—Mr. Albert Proctor, father of missionary Vicki Sturgill, died on September 16 in Wilson, N.C. Mr. Proctor had been in a nursing home for the past eight years due to Alzheimer's disease. He was 81 years of age.

Brazil—A thief broke into the house of missionaries Dave and Pat Franks in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, on a Sunday morning in August. Dave writes, "Our granddaughter prayed that we would get the things back. The police recovered part of the stolen goods, which is very unusual here."

Uruguay—The Free Will Baptist churches in the area of Montevideo, Uruguay, joined each other on Sunday, July 25, for a special fellowship meal and service.

Morehead City, N.C.—Mrs. Ruby Barker, mother of missionary Molly Barker, underwent surgery on September 28 in Morehead City, N.C. Latest reports indicated Mrs. Barker was recovering normally.

Côte d'Ivoire—Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson, who arrived back on the field of Ivory Coast in June, rented an old house which needed a roof and new ceiling. They got the new ceiling but the landlord refused to re-

place the roof . . . until rain ruined the new ceiling. Now they have both!

Uruguay—In October, missionary Walter Ellison in Montevideo, Uruguay, was diagnosed with a severe case of pneumonia. He was under doctor's care at home.

Winifred, W.Va.—Alice Smith, missionary to Côte d'Ivoire, has been under treatment for pre-malignant skin lesions. She urged Christians to pray that treatment will be effective.

Japan—Chuck and Fleda Snow, parents of Nathan Snow, visited Nathan and Linda, short-termers in Japan, from August 12 through August 24.

Spain—In a late report from Spain missionary Ron Callaway writes: "In June I had the privilege of baptizing a lawyer and his wife. The couple is from Venezuela and he is studying on his doctorate at the University of Alcalá." The pastor of the church at Alcalá, Jose Manuel Parron, led them both to the Lord. "Because Jose is not yet ordained, he asked me to baptize the couple," Callaway concluded.

Tom McCullough Baptizes Four Converts in France

France—Missionary Tom McCullough baptized four converts—one adult and three teenagers—on July 4 in St. Nazaire, France. According to Tom, each convert gave her testi-

Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in August and September in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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mony to the Sunday morning crowd of 110 people. The church had a picnic that afternoon.

Those baptized were Marie-Christine, mother of three teenagers; Noemie and Caroline, daughters of Marie-Christine; and Julie, who first came to church with her aunt and got involved with the youth group.

"Project City Block" Pays Off in Brazil

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Poole reported that "Project City Block" is continuing to grow in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. The project started with a group going out in pairs to put tracts in mailboxes in the area around the Second church in Ribeirão. First efforts placed 400 copies of a specially prepared tract and each month the number has increased until recently they distributed 2,000 copies.

"Praise the Lord!" writes Bobby. "These little monthly visitors are becoming welcomed guests and have begun to get results. This past month a family nearby began attending. The reason given is the tracts."

E. Holland Expresses Excitement over Youth

Côte d'Ivoire—Ernest and Elaine Holland recently reported having visited youth groups of the Free Will Baptist churches throughout their area during the summer. "I have been encouraged by their desire and excitement to do God's work," says Holland.

Many of the young people (up to age 35) are in leadership positions in the churches. They teach Sunday school, direct the singing, translate messages and preach in surrounding villages.

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Total income for August	\$ 256,844.74
+Total income for September	196,724.83
+Total income through September	2,747,252.48
Total disbursements through September	3,052,509.93
Projected income through September	3,284,499.00
Total 1993 Budget	\$ 4,379,332.00
VISION gifts through September	\$ 11,912.58
+Income does not include September money coming through the cooperative channel.	

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 23,767.58	Morgan	\$ 3,959.20
Barker	168.66	Nichols	24,242.12
Bishop	448.59	Owen	18,980.80
Bryan	377.49	Poole	3,407.74
Callaway	1,196.12	Reeves	8,900.56
Combs	1,660.54	Robinson	3,853.37
Cowart	5,438.83	Snow	3,050.75
Crech	8,441.14	Sturgill	19,599.54
Crosby	30,773.75	Teague	12,204.01
Crowson	5,122.04	Thompson	486.81
Eagleton, Sr.	326.94	Turnbough	279.38
Ellison	689.60	West	11,448.65
Franks, Sr.	16,462.47	Willey	4,487.01
Gibbs	3,558.10	Wilson	40.64
* Hersey	23,518.27	Special Committee	18,882.34
Midgett	5,325.66	General Fund	14,685.00
Total			\$275,783.70

*These accounts have medical insurance reimbursements outstanding.

State Goals—1993

State	Goal 1993	Goal Through September	Contributions Through September
Alabama	\$ 186,00	\$ 139,500	\$ 130,168.09
Arizona	6,200	4,650	4,042.10
Arkansas	218,000	163,500	186,642.11
California	89,000	66,750	54,420.62
Colorado	6,800	5,100	4,826.50
Florida	92,000	69,000	54,954.02
Georgia	179,000	134,250	95,512.94
Hawaii	4,000	3,000	1,815.00
Idaho	2,000	1,500	2,765.13
Illinois	125,000	93,750	69,527.08
Indiana	55,000	41,250	23,617.40
Iowa	3,000	2,250	2,278.00
Kansas	27,000	20,250	10,279.52
Kentucky	82,000	61,500	57,354.59
Louisiana	300	225	584.32
Maryland	30,000	22,500	8,130.82
Michigan	155,000	116,250	121,933.56
Mississippi	72,000	54,000	45,489.52
Missouri	413,000	309,750	218,756.12
Montana	2,000	1,500	1,245.00
Nebraska	1,500	1,125	639.00
New Mexico	2,000	1,500	1,721.45
* Northeast Assn.	6,000	4,500	1,865.00
** Northwest Assn.	8,000	6,000	6,318.58
North Carolina	535,000	401,250	352,567.15
Ohio	133,000	99,750	93,873.86
Oklahoma	432,000	324,000	248,350.07
Pennsylvania	00	00	675.00
South Carolina	227,000	170,250	170,077.69
Tennessee	650,000	487,500	405,027.33
Texas	138,000	103,500	63,912.09
Virginia	144,000	108,000	86,222.29
Virgin Islands	2,500	1,875	1,915.70
West Virginia	87,000	65,250	72,855.92
WNAC	120,000	90,000	84,528.15
Miscellaneous	146,032	109,524	62,360.76
Totals	\$4,379,332	\$3,284,499	\$2,747,252.48

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