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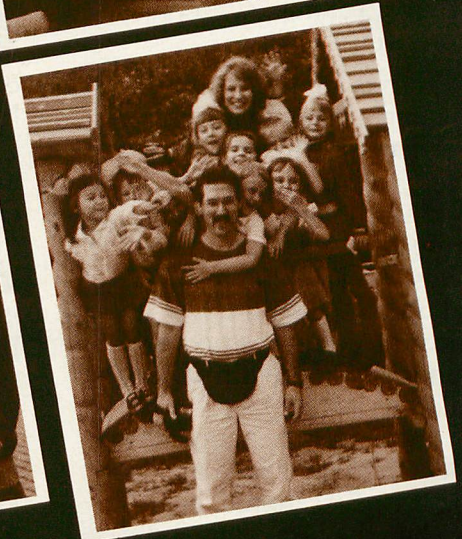
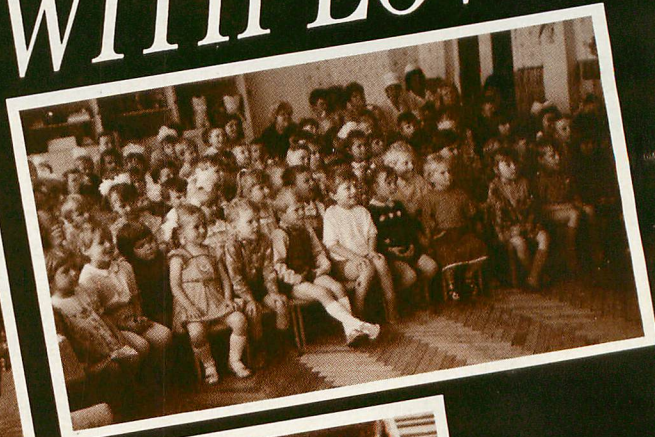
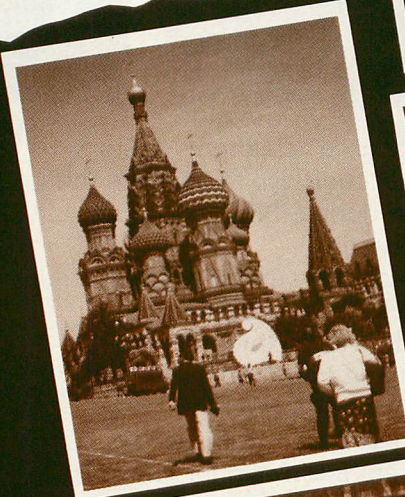
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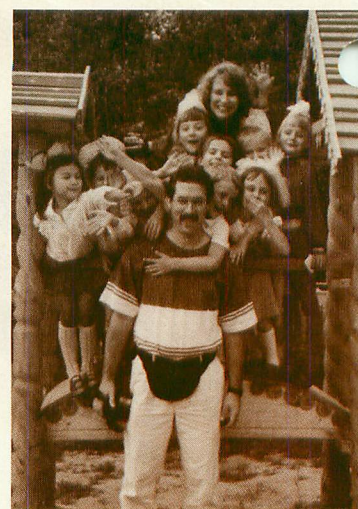
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Showing God at work around the world

TO RUSSIA

WITH LOVE!





Clockwise, a Cathedral near Red Square, listening children, Dean and Lisa on a playground, and missionary and Russian co-workers made this a meaningful experience.

TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE!

by R. Dean Stone



It was January of 1991, while attending the International Children's Pastors' Conference in Denver, that I was introduced to the opportunity to share the gospel with the people of the former Soviet Union. A Macedonian call rang out loudly from a lady by the name of Sherri Ifft.

Sherri is Director of the Children's Ministry Institute of International Missions Network based in Texas. She had traveled numerous times to the former Soviet Union smuggling Bibles and teaching resources and building a solid infrastructure necessary for evangelism in the former Soviet Union.

"The winds of change have blown through Russia and the fruit is ripe, scattered, and awaiting the harvesters," she stated. My heart broke as she

emphasized "children's pastors must act quickly" to advance the gospel during this window of opportunity.

Educators were needed to travel to the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) to teach and train Sunday school teachers and present evangelistic programs for children. International Missions Network teamed up with Children's Pastors' Conference in developing a mission to train children's workers throughout the CIS. Though God touched my heart with this mission, it wasn't until late 1992 that my pastor, Robert Morgan, heard of the opportunity and suggested that my wife, Lisa, and I go.

Through the generosity of our local church, approximately \$3,500 was raised within three weeks. We were to travel with

two other children's pastors and their spouses, the VonSeggens from Colorado and the Gerlachs from Delaware.

Upon arriving in Moscow we discovered a society suffering from a great economic depression. The airport was gloomy and outdated, overfilled buses rolled along uneven roadways, and buildings everywhere were crudely constructed.

While in Moscow we stayed in a rented "resort" located approximately 20 miles from downtown. It was almost the first of June and the nights felt about like mid-January. Our diet consisted of cabbage and cheese soups, breads, beets, onions, hard boiled eggs, emaciated chicken and small portions of mysterious-looking meat.

The Russian people could be

characterized as a people with little hope. Everywhere, we noticed a sense of futility and apathy on their faces. Until the reformation, Russians had carried out daily routines because they were ordered to by the Communist Party. Significant decisions were typically made by the government. Now that has changed, and a sense of hopelessness abounds, but opportunities also abound. And those Russians who do have hope need help in reaching their own people with the message of deliverance. That need prompted us to go!

The main objective of our mission was to train Russian Sunday school teachers of children. We began the day following our arrival with a small group of believers in downtown Moscow. Representatives from six churches gathered in a rented building as we demonstrated basic teaching techniques. Later we traveled by night train to the neighboring country of Belarus and arrived in Minsk during early morning. In Minsk we were surprised to find a large Protestant church and 200 Sunday school teachers who had also traveled hours by train to hear what we had to say.

For five days we lectured through translators and demonstrated effective methods in teaching children. The people were especially interested in using puppets in their Sunday schools. Since my wife, the VonSeggens, and I had extensive training and experience in using puppets, we spent several sessions explaining the concept of puppet ministry. Creative

ministry techniques like puppets, drama, flannelgraph, storytelling, etc. were totally new to them. Russians have been conditioned to sit and listen to lengthy lectures and found our "active" approach to learning exciting and refreshing.

In addition to training nationals, each member of the team took a suitcase full of puppets, translated cassette tapes, teaching curriculum, and other resources to give to the people upon our departure. Hundreds of teaching pictures were contributed by Randall House Publishing Company.

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I'll never forget the testimony of one lady, Nautia, who taught a children's Bible class at a community hospital. She shared how God challenged her during the Chernobyl crisis to teach the Bible to the children. Fighting back the tears, she hugged the little puppet we had given her and said, "Now I know God has called me to teach the children."

Perhaps the most heart-wrenching moments of our trip came each day when part of our team ventured into the community to conduct evangelistic programs for the children. We were able to share the gospel in two hospitals, an orphanage, a public school, and during an area-wide Sunday school rally. Approximately 1,000 children heard the message of the gospel and were given gospel tracts. During the area-wide rally, many children

responded to the invitation to receive Jesus Christ.

We were astonished to discover how open people and even governmental institutions were to the gospel. Doctors, nurses, teachers, and children suspended their work as they listened attentively to the Bible stories. One hospital we visited treats children who have been afflicted with deadly radiation from the Chernobyl accident.

Before leaving Minsk, we visited a church that ministers primarily to the deaf. The church meets in a community building located in the heart of the city. It was Thursday evening (their midweek service) and the building was packed, with standing room only. As we shared our testimony and presented our ministry to the children, everyone eagerly listened and responded.

The following day, as our train began to pull away from the station, about a dozen Russian men and women whom we had trained surprisingly appeared to say goodbye. From the little train window, we began to sing songs to each other. Visions of the hundreds of children we had touched passed through my mind as we sang for those who were saying goodbye: "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world! Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."

For information on how to become involved in reaching children in the former Soviet Union, call International Children's Pastors' Conference at 1-800-324-4543.

Dean Stone is church administrator and minister of children at Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn.



Free Will Baptists Around the World

Where Our Missionaries Serve—Part 2

Côte d'Ivoire

Robert and Judy Bryan are currently the only Free Will Baptist couple to live and work in the city of Abidjan, the largest city in Côte d'Ivoire. The city sports a population of approximately three million people and at last report less than 100 Protestant churches were ministering among them. Robert serves as director of the Evangelical Publishing Center which publishes close to 10 million pages of Christian literature in French annually. The Center is the primary supply of Christian literature in French for all of French West Africa.

Norman and Bessie Richards are located about 200 miles (approximately four hours by car) northeast of Abidjan in the town of Agnibilekrou. They went to Côte d'Ivoire in 1969 and spent their first two terms at Koun-Abronso. They have labored in Agnibilekrou since that time. The Richards have been effective in establishing a good church as well as several preaching points in the surrounding villages. They are currently involved in a program to construct a church sanctuary and classrooms. In 1992 the church averaged about 86 in attendance each Sunday. Besides his ministry in the

church and villages, Norman also serves as field chairman of the Ivory Coast Field Council.

Alice Smith also labors in Agnibilekrou where she maintains a fruitful ministry among women and children. She has actively worked to reach children in the public schools and through Bible schools in the villages around the area. Alice went to the field in 1977 and spent one term working at the medical center in Doropo. She has spent her succeeding terms in Agnibilekrou.

Darrel and Lila Nichols labored in Agnibilekrou during their last term, assuming responsibility for the church while the Richards were on furlough. Darrel has also been effective in village evangelism efforts around the Agnibilekrou area. He and Lila previously labored further north in the area of Goumere. They are presently on furlough and are looking forward to their next term.

Randal and Karolyn Richards, short-term missionaries, are planning to join the team at Agnibilekrou

soon. Randal, who grew up in Côte d'Ivoire, will be involved in village evangelism and the reading-room ministry. He also plans to teach keyboard and guitar lessons to Ivorian youth who have a love for music. Karolyn plans to teach English classes and work with women and children in addition to being available to answer questions in the reading room.

Approximately one and one-half hours north from Agnibilekrou lies the population center of Bondoukou where **Jerry and Carol Pinkerton** have been laboring since January of 1988. Jerry is currently pastor of the Bondoukou church which was started by Jimmy and Janie Aldridge. The church averaged 152 in Sunday attendance during 1992. Besides working with the church, Jerry is also involved in a program of leadership training to help equip leaders who are unable to attend the Bible institute so they can reach out and minister effectively in their own villages. The Pinkertons have labored in the areas of Nassian and Tanda and even spent some time

Côte d'Ivoire



Robert and Judy Bryan



Norman and Bessie Richards



Alice Smith



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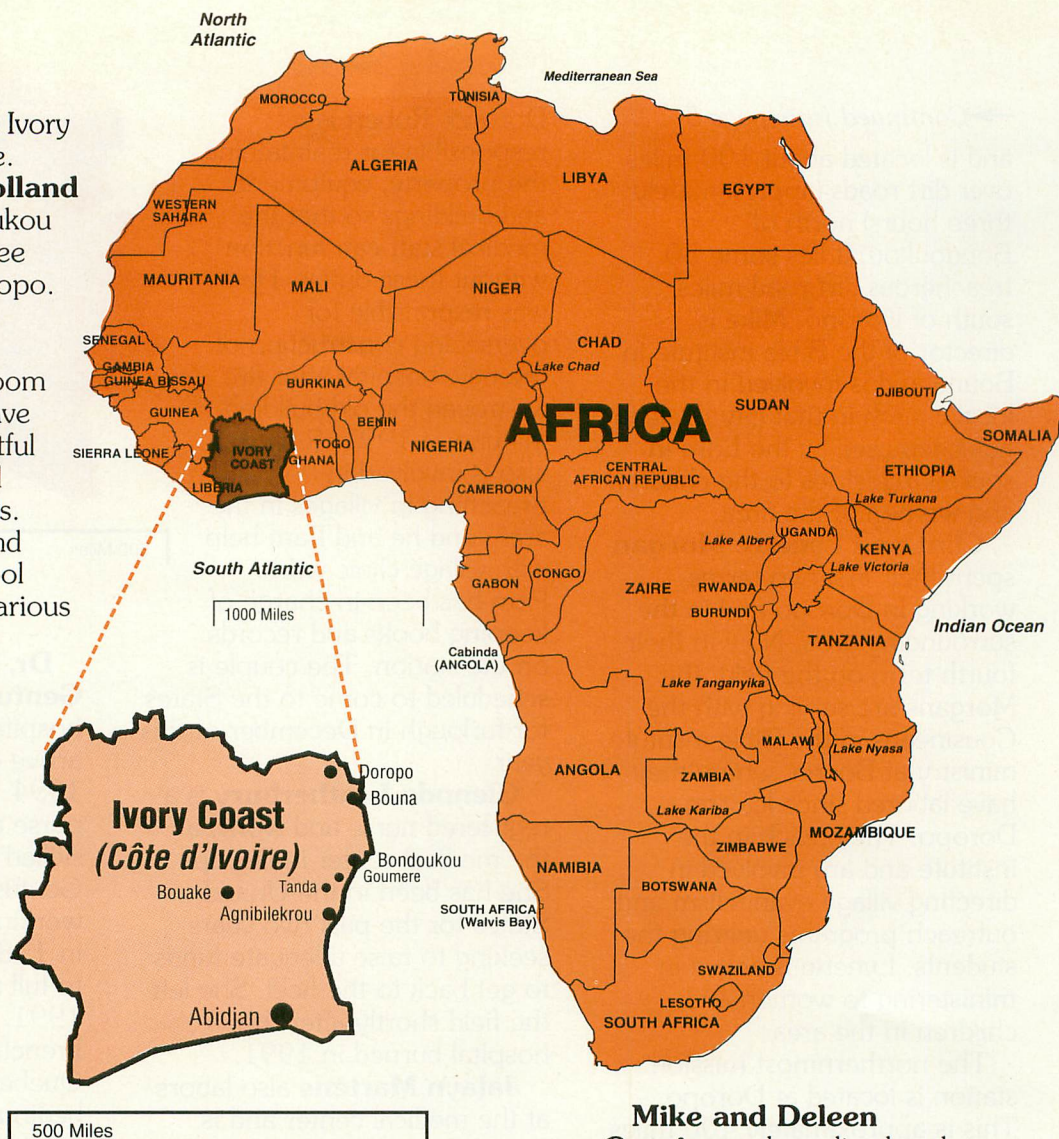
working at Doropo and at Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake.

Ernest and Elaine Holland

recently moved to Bondoukou from the northernmost Free Will Baptist station at Doropo. They have assumed the ministry to youth by maintaining the reading room and youth center. They have already experienced a fruitful ministry among junior and senior high school students. Bondoukou receives around 3,000 to 4,000 high school students each year from various parts of the country.

Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson

just recently returned to Ivory Coast after two years ministering in the United States. They were appointed in December of 1991. After a language refresher course in Albertville, France, they joined the Bondoukou team in June of 1993 working in leadership training and reaching out to surrounding villages with the gospel. The Fergusons had labored in the area of Tanda prior to their resignation in 1989.

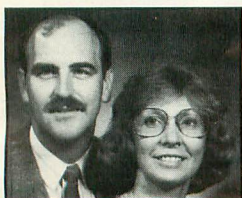


Ron and Linda Moore are preparing to return to Côte d'Ivoire after a year of furlough, and they anticipate rejoining the Bondoukou team in developing and expanding the leadership training program. Ron has faithfully worked at putting together many of the materials for the leadership training program being used at the present. Field strategy calls for developing a leadership training program to reach into the Lobi villages of the north. They currently are prepared for the French- and Koulango-speaking groups of the south.

Mike and Deleen

Cousineau have lived and worked in the Bouna area since 1980. Bouna has a population of approximately 7,000 people

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and is located about 100 miles over dirt roads (approximately three hours) north of Bondoukou. It lies some 50 treacherous dirt-road miles south of Doropo. Mike is director of the Bible institute in Bouna and is involved in the local church in that city. Deleen has been used by the Lord in special ministries to the children and women of the area.

Clint and Lynette Morgan spent their first two terms working in Doropo and in the surrounding area. Now in their fourth term on the field, the Morgans are serving with the Cousineaus in the Bible institute ministry at Bouna, where they have labored since leaving Doropo. They teach in the institute and are involved in directing village evangelism and outreach programs utilizing the students. Lynette is active in ministering to women and children in the area.

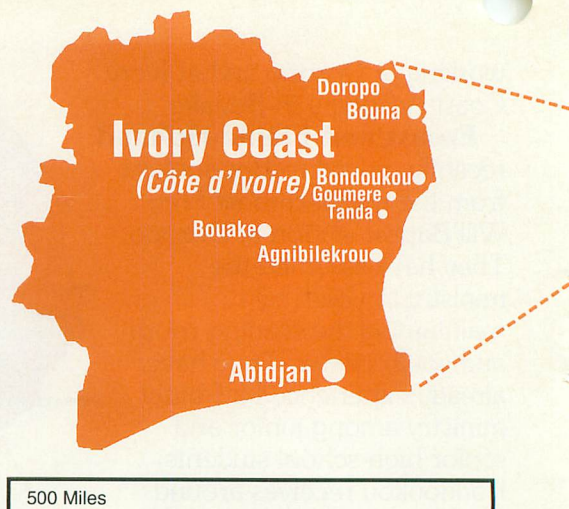
The northernmost mission station is located at Doropo. This is approximately 400 miles north of Abidjan and only seven miles from the border of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta). **Dr. Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton** are working at the medical center where Kenneth is responsible for the hospital and clinic. He also maintains a regular outreach ministry. He is the sole medical doctor on the station at the present, but he works with several African nurses in the only hospital within a 50-mile radius. No other American medical personnel are at the medical center at the present.

Robert and Pam West are maintenance missionaries laboring at the medical center in

Doropo. Robert is responsible for maintaining the property, equipment, and buildings so that the medical staff can function without these duties. He was responsible for overseeing construction of the new hospital after fire destroyed the old building in June of 1991. Robert also is involved in preaching in villages in the area, and he and Pam help with village clinic work. Pam has been in charge of keeping books and records on the station. The couple is scheduled to come to the States for furlough in December of this year.

Glennnda Leatherbury is a registered nurse and works at the medical center in Doropo. She has been in the United States for the past two years seeking to raise adequate funds to get back to the field. She left the field shortly after the hospital burned in 1991.

Jalayn Martens also labors at the medical center and is involved in ministry to women and children. She helps with record keeping and assists the medical personnel in various ways. She has been in the United States with Glennnda since August of 1991. She and Glennnda are scheduled to depart in September of 1993 for a French language refresher course in Nantes, France, before returning to Doropo.

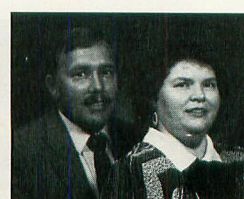
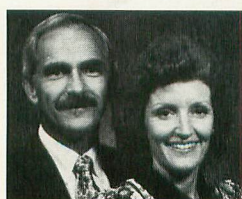


Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso will be working at the hospital in Doropo when they arrive on the field in April of 1994. Tammy is a registered nurse and Dr. Gentuso is a skilled medical doctor. The Gentusos served nine weeks working at the medical station in 1986. They were appointed to full missionary status in 1991. They just completed French language study in Quebec, Canada, and Paul will begin a six-month course in tropical medicine this fall in Belgium.

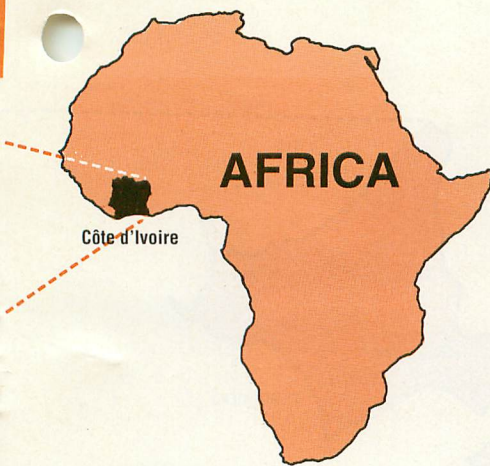
Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall are also planning to join the medical staff at Doropo



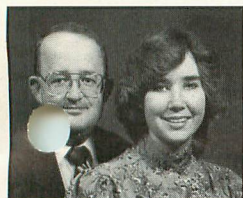
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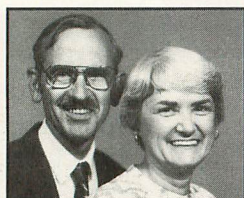
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Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall



Paul and Rhoda Creech



Lloyd and Betty Plunkett

the Bryans are three and one-half hours away, the Morgan and Eagleton children have to travel approximately seven hours to get to the school. This dormitory building was provided by Free Will Baptists and the attendance of FWB MKs depends on the mission's ability to provide dorm parents. The Creeches fulfilled that responsibility until August of 1993 when they came home for furlough. They look forward to returning to this area after furlough and French language study.

Lloyd and Betty Plunkett are looking to fill the vacancy left at Bouake when the Creeches came home for furlough. Their departure for Bouake has been delayed due to the need for additional funding.

when they raise adequate funds and complete their language and tropical medicine training. Mark spent some time at the medical station in 1978, and he and his family returned for a short-term assignment in 1990. They hope to depart sometime in 1994.

Traveling west from Abidjan and then north approximately three and one-half hours one will encounter the city of Bouake, a population center of approximately half a million people. International Christian Academy, the school for missionary children, is located in this fairly modern metropolis.

Paul and Rhoda Creech have served here at the school for three years as dorm parents for 19-20 high school boys. While

Ken and Marvis Eagleton are filling this need until the Plunketts can get to the field.

India

Carlisle and Marie Hanna are the only Free Will Baptist missionaries remaining in India today. They have served in North India since their arrival in 1952. Carlisle oversees the work in both North and South India, although the extreme distance and difficult travel conditions limit his supervision of the work in the south. The area where the Hannas have lived and worked lies north of Calcutta and is approximately 1,200 miles northeast of the area where the Free Will Baptist work was first started in India. Today, much of the ministry among the more than 800,000,000 Indian people is carried on by national pastors. A growing church is reaching

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India



Carlisle and Marie Hanna

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out in North and South India and several young preachers have recently joined the ranks of leadership. The Hannas have had a fruitful gospel ministry in the area. Carlisle introduced cattle breeding as well as the growing of wheat to provide milk for nourishment and meet the hunger needs of the Indian people. Carlisle and Marie are the only foreign missionaries in their area of North India.

Japan

Ken and Judy Bailey are in their second term of service which they have extended due to the need for leadership at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Tokyo. The Baileys are the only Free Will Baptist missionaries in the Tokyo area, and no pastor is available to assume the ministry in their absence. The Iriso church is about a two-hour train ride from downtown Tokyo.

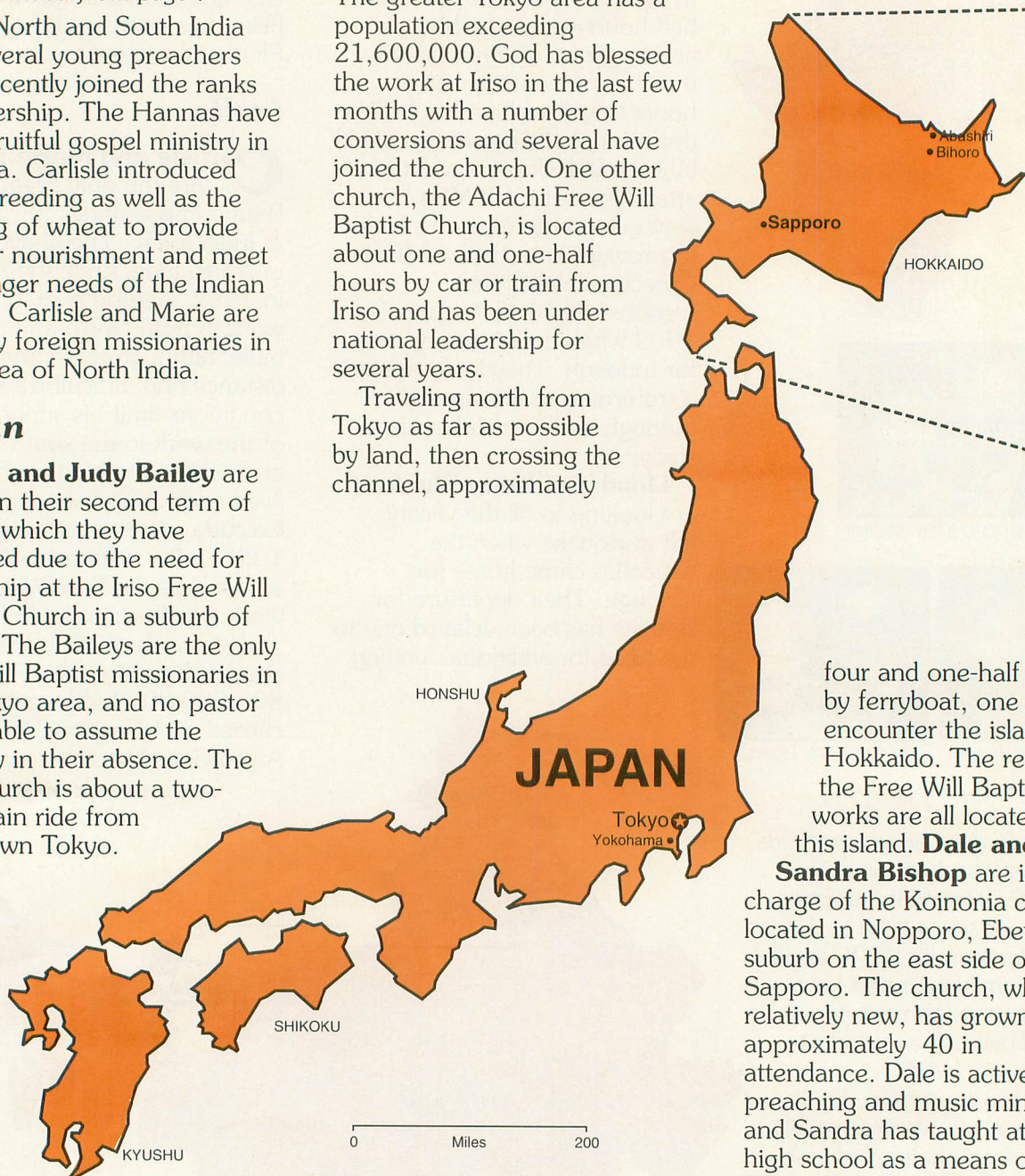
The greater Tokyo area has a population exceeding 21,600,000. God has blessed the work at Iriso in the last few months with a number of conversions and several have joined the church. One other church, the Adachi Free Will Baptist Church, is located about one and one-half hours by car or train from Iriso and has been under national leadership for several years.

Traveling north from Tokyo as far as possible by land, then crossing the channel, approximately

four and one-half hours by ferryboat, one will encounter the island of Hokkaido. The rest of the Free Will Baptist works are all located on this island. **Dale and Sandra Bishop** are in

charge of the Koinonia church located in Noppo, Ebetsu, a suburb on the east side of Sapporo. The church, which is relatively new, has grown to approximately 40 in attendance. Dale is active in a preaching and music ministry, and Sandra has taught at a local high school as a means of outreach and contacts.

Nathan and Linda Snow are short-term missionaries on a two-year assignment to teach missionary children in the Sapporo area. They have been teaching the Bishops' children along with some children from another missionary group. Now they have started teaching at the Hokkaido International



Japan



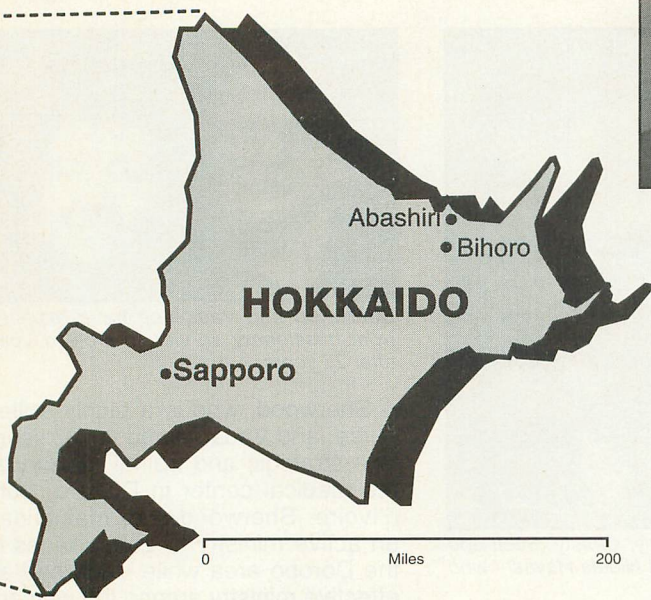
Ken and Judy Bailey



Dale and Sandra Bishop



Nathan and Linda Snow



School where most of the MKs attend. They are living in the same general area as the Bishops.

Jim and Olena McLain have worked for a number of years in East Tsukisamu, another suburb on the south side of Sapporo, helping in the church and a kindergarten ministry. The church recently sold its building and moved to temporary quarters in one of the kindergarten buildings. The group plans to build a new sanctuary as soon as their building permits are approved. Through the kindergarten programs, English classes, and Bible teaching the McLains are touching many lives with the gospel message.

Don and Ruth McDonald are laboring in the Ai No Sato Free Will Baptist Church along with Japanese Pastor Toshikazu Kawasaki. Ai No Sato, another suburb of Sapporo, is located on the north side of the city, approximately 45 minutes from the Bishops and about an hour from the McLains. The McDonalds have an effective

ministry through English classes and women's classes. The new church building is proving to be an asset. The missionaries hope to begin a ministry to university students in the future. Currently, Don preaches once a month in the Kita Hiroshima Chapel Church, approximately 30 minutes away, in addition to his ministry at Ai No Sato.

Debbie Griffin also labors in the Ai No Sato church. She worked in the Iriso church in Tokyo during her first term, and has been working at Ai No Sato since her return to the field in 1991. She is actively ministering to women and children. She and Ruth McDonald have had an effective women's Bible study program.

Fred and Evelyn Hersey, the senior missionaries to Japan, have been laboring in Bihoro and Abashiri on the northeast corner of the island of Hokkaido, approximately six or seven hours by automobile from Sapporo. They spent their first term after language study working in this area. They



Jim and Olena McLain



Don and Ruth McDonald



Debbie Griffin



Fred and Evelyn Hersey



Mirial Gainer

labored in the Tokyo area during their succeeding terms and only moved back to the northern island in 1990. They have been in the United States since July 16, 1992, when Evelyn was diagnosed with recurring cancer. Fred made one trip back to Japan in October of 1992 and preached in several of the churches while there. The Herseys are awaiting God's direction for their future.

Mirial Gainer has served in Japan since 1976 as an associate missionary employed by a university in Sapporo. She worked with the Kita Hiroshima Chapel Church for a while, and with the Higashi Tsukisamu church for a few years. Now she is going back to Japan under salary to work with the church in Bihoro under the leadership of the Japanese pastor, Kenichiro Sugitani. She will help in the English worship services and will teach Bible studies and English classes as an evangelistic outreach.

For locations of missionaries in Brazil, Panama, Uruguay, Spain, France and Germany, see the July-August Heartbeat.

News Update



Left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Watanabe and son Keito, Benjamin Bailey, Christy, Scott and Jon McNay (Cindy not pictured), Kumiko Tanaka, Sayoko Suzuki, and Hideki Hayashi who joined the Iriso FWB Church in Japan on July 11.

Six Join Iriso Church; Four Become Associates

Japan—Six people became "full members" of the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church on July 11 and four others joined as associate members on that day, according to missionary Judy Bailey in Tokyo, Japan.

Jon, Cindy, Christy, and Scott McNay joined as associates since they are working at the Yokota Air Force Base near there. Judy says, "They will be in Japan for two more years and are a great asset to our church. Jon plays the piano and has started a singing group with seven of our members. Cindy teaches crafts in the Sunday school."

The Baileys urged Christians to pray for Mr. Yanagi, who was saved last year but is still hesitating about baptism due to his mother's Buddhist influence.

The Baileys also asked people to pray for Mrs. Matsumoto, a 22-year-old housewife who was saved on July 4 in the Sunday morning services. After informing her husband of her decision to follow Christ, he has forbidden her to return to the church. "Please pray that the Holy Spirit will 'soften' his heart," writes Judy.

Five Indian Graduates Enter Ministry in India

India—According to missionary Carlisle Hanna, three young men who just graduated from Bible colleges in India have joined them in the ministry in North India and two

others have entered the South India work.

Lukus Tudu and Stephen Hansda graduated from North India Bible College and Bobby Das graduated from Calcutta Bible College.

"Please thank our Lord with us for these and pray for them as they begin their ministry in our work here," writes Carlisle. "We have three who will be returning to college this month. Anand and Sunita Das return to Calcutta Bible College and James Das to North India Bible College."

After Hanna visited the work in South India in May, he expressed gratitude for the blessings of the Lord on three of the churches there. "We have one evangelist, Ravi Philip, who attended Bible college and worked this past year," continued Carlisle. "He is to continue his training this year. Two boys from Bethel Free Will Baptist Church graduated from Madras Bible Seminary in April and have joined our work. They are Thanabalan and John Nixon."

Lees Resign after Serving 27 Years

Florence, S.C.—Sherwood and Vada Lee, who have been on medical leave from Ivory Coast since August of 1990, have submitted their resignation from missionary service effective September 20. The Lees have served with the Department of Foreign Missions since March of 1966.



Sherwood and Vada Lee have resigned from missionary service in Côte d'Ivoire after 27 years.

Sherwood, who is a highly skilled nurse, and Vada served for 27 years in a strategic and fruitful ministry at the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. Sherwood also maintained an active ministry to Lobi villages in the Doropo area while Vada had an effective ministry among the women.

After much consideration, the Lees decided to resign in the light of Vada's continuing bout with lupus. She has started suffering with arthritis in the knees and has experienced chronic fatigue. Sherwood has assumed the pastorate of Sand Hill Free Will Baptist Church in Coward, S.C.

The Board of Foreign Missions accepted their resignation with regret and extended a special expression of appreciation for their years of faithful service in Ivory Coast.

Discipline Problems Cause Stress, Bring Renewal

Côte d'Ivoire—"The past two months saw us handle more dorm discipline than we have dealt with in over three years at ICA," write Paul and Rhoda Creech in July from the International Christian Academy in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire.

In spite of the stress from administering the discipline, Paul and Rhoda declared, "We saw tremendous changes in our high schoolers and a spiritual awakening on campus. Several of the situations were revealed because guys cleared their consciences. They wanted things right between themselves, others, and God. We were encouraged to watch their hearts warm to spiritual things."

The Creeches noted that a Chinese student, Mike Wu, had been questioning the things of God. He wanted to know who He is, how can we talk to Him, and how can we

know Him? "Last month after a marathon discussion with his peers," write Paul and Rhoda, "Mike accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Dorm buddies have been good to have devotions with him and help him maintain his daily Christian walk."

The Creeches arrived in the United States on August 10 to begin their furlough.

About 30 People Saved in New Panama Work

Panama—According to missionary Steve Lytle, a new work begun in Nueva Esperanza, Pacora—about 30 minutes from Panama City—has yielded around 30 converts already.

Steve noted that Arsenio Gonzalez, from the San Miguelito church, is leading this ministry. "Judy and I will be helping Arsenio in discipling the new believers," writes Steve.

Lytle is directing the Free Will Baptist Bible Institute in Panama which began classes on Tuesday, August 3. Three short-term courses are being offered: Revitalizing the Sunday School, Pastoral Training, and Free Will Baptist Distinctives.

Witness Given During Anniversary Celebration

Uruguay—The Free Will Baptist mission church in Melo, Uruguay, celebrated its third anniversary on July 14 with 31 people present. According to missionary Molly Barker, "We had meat cooked outside on the grill . . . and good fellowship. Afterward, God's Word was proclaimed with at least four first-time visitors present."

Walter and Marcia Ellison and Dennis Owen all taught classes after the noon meal. These centered around organizing a church and what is expected from each member.

The widow with whom Miss Barker stays when in Melo passed out in the bathroom one night while Molly was there. The missionary nurse ministered to the lady who had to be taken to the local hospital in an ambulance. Later Molly stayed with the woman while she underwent special tests at the hospital in Montevideo.

As she ministered to the lady,



Foreign missionaries line up and prepare to cross the stage on Wednesday night at the National Association in Louisville, Ky. General Director R. Eugene Waddell introduces pioneer missionary "Mom" Mabel Willey (top right inset) to the crowd.

Molly also witnessed in the hospital and requested people to "Pray for the patients we were able to talk with and give New Testaments to while at the hospital."

Deeds Says Evangelistic Meeting and Camp Good

Brazil—A three-night evangelistic meeting was held at the church in Conselheiro Lafaiete during the first weekend in June. According to missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds, "Daniel (the Deeds' son) brought some excellent messages. Our people worked to bring visitors, and as a result, we have several new contacts who want visits and/or more explanation."

Earnie also reported that 37 people—26 campers and 11 workers—attended a camp during the first week in August. Mario, the lay minister who is helping Bobby Aycock in Barbacena, served as camp speaker in the evening services.

National Association Affirms Board Action

Louisville, Ky.—When the National Association convened in Louisville, Ky., July 19-22, the Board of Foreign Missions, the foreign missions staff and European missionaries had been under attack for approximately a year. Delegates of the National Association affirmed the actions and policy of the Board of Foreign

Missions during the crisis and gave a vote of confidence to the foreign missions staff and missionaries. They also encouraged people to continue the support of foreign missions ministries.

General Director R. Eugene Waddell quelled much of the adversity through his report to the General Board on Monday of the convention. Again on Wednesday during the regular business session, the general director reported many events surrounding the controversy leading to the resignations of Lonnie and Anita Sparks and Mark and Juli Riggs and pointed out the specific action of the board. At the conclusion of his report to the General Board, Waddell received a standing ovation and the General Board accepted the report.

The convention also voted by an overwhelming majority to adopt his report and the actions of the board on Wednesday.

Three resolutions were passed during the session relating to the matter:

The first reaffirmed the stand of the National Association on teaching, preaching and living the precepts of the church covenant and required mission boards and missionaries to bring mission works and churches into conformity with the covenant as soon as possible. The Board of Foreign Missions and the European missionaries had made this commitment in April of this year.

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Bill Jones, who had served on the Board of Foreign Missions for the 12-year limit before being replaced in 1992, became eligible and was elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alton Loveless.

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The second resolution pointed out the importance of observing all parts of the covenant, including study of the Scriptures, prayer, worship, watchcare over one another in love, and being "careful of one another's happiness and reputation," etc. It also directed constituents to follow the Scriptural principles of Matthew 18 and to use established denominational channels to settle differences.

A third resolution expressed confidence in the integrity of the foreign missions staff and missionaries.

On Wednesday evening during the missions service, 31 foreign missionaries were introduced by General Director Waddell. On hand was pioneer missionary "Mom" Mabel Willey, and several members of the TEAM Panama and TEAM Uruguay efforts were introduced. Some 61 home missionaries were also on hand for the occasion and were introduced by Roy Thomas, general director of home missions.

Other foreign missions personnel involved during the National included Jerry Gibbs, missionary to France, who spoke on Wednesday evening during the Master's Men dinner. Ron Moore, missionary to Côte d'Ivoire, spoke during the 11:00 a.m. service for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention (now Women Nationally Active for Christ) on Tuesday. On Monday afternoon former missionary June Wilkinson presented a seminar for the WNAC.

Former missionary Lorene Miley was honored on Tuesday afternoon as Dr. Mary R. Wisehart read a tribute to her. Lorene served as editor of the *Co-Laborer* magazine for 14



TEAM Uruguay sings and witnesses to an unsaved audience at a restaurant in Livramento, Brazil, on Sunday afternoon following a service in Rivera, Uruguay. The unconverted owner of the restaurant knew Walter Ellison, and group had eaten in the establishment before. So, when the owner learned why they were in the area, he invited the TEAM to sing.

years following her missionary service in the Ivory Coast with her husband, Dr. LaVerne Miley.

Since Alton Loveless had accepted the position as general director of the Sunday School and Church Training Department, he submitted his resignation to the Board of Foreign Missions. Elected to fill his term was Bill Jones of Bryan, Tex., a former missionary and former board member.

A 1994 foreign missions budget of \$4,485,676 was adopted.

Hospital Worker Leads Villager to Burn Fetish

Côte d'Ivoire—According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, a former hospital employee and current student at the Bible institute was responsible for leading a young villager to the Lord recently and then observed the young man as he burned his fetishes.

Jean Daniel, who had been employed by the hospital, quit his job in 1991 to go to the Bible institute in Bouna to prepare for the ministry. During his summer break this year he helped at the hospital and on Sundays went to the village of Kalamon to preach. After Jean Daniel had preached, the young man came to him and told him he wanted to abandon his pagan ways and serve Christ.

Ellisons Laud TEAM Behavior and Witness

Uruguay—Missionaries Marcia and Walter Ellison in Montevideo, Uruguay, report that the high school members of TEAM Uruguay "were such a blessing to us and to our people." The Ellisons noted the group had "excellent manners!"

The TEAM members were put through a time of testing as "they slept in sleeping bags, on the floor and on the pews; they ate whatever was put before them, and never complained," says Marcia. "They were special!"

N. India FWBs Host Conference for Women

India—"We have just hosted a conference for women from all over North India here on our compound with 125 women in attendance," write Carlisle and Marie Hanna from North India. According to the June communique, the women came from four states in India in addition to the women who were on hand from the local Free Will Baptist church.

"We have had rain and no place to eat except outside, so that was difficult," says Carlisle. "Yet, the ladies were happy and grateful for all we were able to do for them."

Mrs. Merci Matthews, Mrs. Lall, Rev. Massey, and Marie Hanna all shared parts in the program.

Missionaries Shaken, Not Harmed by Earthquake

Japan—"On July 12 an earthquake shook us up with considerable force," writes Jim McLain from Hokkaido, Japan. "Along the Japan sea-coast the quake was much stronger, and an island out from the coast was near the epicenter of the quake. Right after the tremor, the island was hit by a tidal wave as well as the western coast of Hokkaido."

The McLains continued, "We were all quite shaken up, but here in Sapporo, the intensity was no worse than some other quakes. It lasted longer than most and aftershocks continued."

Aycocks Report 10 Conversions in Six Weeks

Brazil—Bobby and Sue Aycock reported in August from Barbacena, Brazil, that 10 people had made decisions for salvation in the "past six weeks."

According to Bobby, "The most recent one was Keli, a 21-year-old young lady. She was saved in our home this past Saturday. Her parents have been saved recently. Her father was one of the ten to whom we referred."

The Aycocks noted that two couples were among those who were saved.

Five Couples and Two Women Leave for Fields

Antioch, Tenn.—Four missionary couples and two single women either have returned or are scheduled to return shortly to their fields of service following furlough.

Steve and Becky Riggs departed for France on July 21 to begin their third term of service in Nantes, France.

Jeff and Susan Turnbough returned to Villalba, Spain, on August 25 after a short furlough of three months.

Ron and Linda Moore are scheduled to depart for Côte d'Ivoire sometime in September to resume their ministry in the area of Bondoukou.

Norman and Laura McFall are scheduled to return to Brazil in September and will resume their ministry in Belo Horizonte.



Leaving for their fields of service are (top, left to right) Steve and Becky Riggs, Jeff and Susan Turnbough and Ron and Linda Moore; (bottom) Norman and Laura McFall, Paul and Tammy Gentuso, Glennda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens.

Jalayn Martens and Glennda Leatherbury will depart on September 15 to begin a short language refresher course at the University of Nantes, France, prior to proceeding on to Doropo, Ivory Coast. They have spent over two years in the United States raising funds to get back to the field.

Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso will be leaving on September 17 for Belgium where Paul will take a course in tropical medicine before proceeding to Côte d'Ivoire in April of next year. They finished their language study in August at the Université Laval in Quebec, Canada.



Ken and Marvis Eagleton

In addition to all of these regular missionary departures, Ken and Marvis Eagleton left on August 19 to begin a short term in Ivory Coast. They will fill in at the school in Bouake for a period of time followed by a short stint at the medical center in Doropo. They plan to return in time to participate in the TEAM ministries for 1994.

Missions Office States Conference Policy

Antioch, Tenn.—In response to recent inquiries, the Department of Foreign Missions in Antioch, Tenn., has reemphasized its policy regard-

ing participation in missionary conferences where independent missionaries may be involved:

Missionaries of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will not participate in any conferences where independent missionaries are included if those independent missionaries serve in the same countries where our National Association ministries are located.

The Department of Foreign Missions also has clarified that Steve Palmer is not affiliated in any way with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, nor is the foreign missions department aware of his being endorsed by any official group or agency of the denomination.

Converted Female Witch Doctor Being Pressured

Côte d'Ivoire—A female witch doctor (Adja), recently converted in a village near Bondoukou, has been under pressure from the family and villagers since her decision to leave the fetish and follow Jesus.

According to missionary Carol Pinkerton, Adja's younger sister died recently and the family declares it is Adja's fault.

"A piece of wood was placed on her head, and names were given," writes Mrs. Pinkerton. "When Adja's name was spoken, the wood shook, meaning she's responsible for the death."

Carol declares more light has been shed on the subject since they have discovered the sister had planned to kill Adja for leaving the fetish. Carol notes, "God prevented this, and death has come to the one who planned it for another. Is there any question as to who is the all-powerful One?"

News Update

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—Missionary Ruth McDonald has urged people to pray for Mrs. Hashizumi. Since her brother has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, Mrs. Hashizumi has opened up to Ruth and to the gospel. Ruth has urged Christians to pray that she would soon trust Christ as her Savior.

India—Pastor David Raj Kumar was hospitalized recently for 10 days with typhoid fever. Carlisle and Marie Hanna requested Christians to pray for him since he is very weak.

Antioch, Tenn.—Due to prolonged nausea and dizziness after a chemotherapy treatment, Evelyn Hersey was hospitalized on Tuesday, August 10. She underwent a CAT scan which showed cancerous



Part of the crowd of 441 people who attended the National Association of FWB in Côte d'Ivoire in August mill around and fellowship with one another in front of the Bondoukou Free Will Baptist Church.

nodules on the cerebellum in her brain. She underwent a series of radiation treatments to inhibit the growth of these nodules.

France—Justin Douglas Teague—third son of missionaries Dennis and Carol Teague in St. Sebastien, France—was born in Nantes, France, on July 23. He weighed eight pounds, two and one-half ounces.

Brazil—Jose Augusto and Cindy (Combs) de Aquino became parents of a baby boy on August 11 in Araras, Brazil. Jonathan Kemper Combs de Aquino weighed seven pounds, six ounces. He is the first grandson of missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs.

Nashville, Tenn.—Susan Bumpus, missionary appointee to Uruguay, underwent surgery on August 6 for a glomus tumor behind the ear and touching the brain. She was released from the hospital on August 11 and returned to Michigan to recuperate in the home of her family. Although she suffered slight facial paralysis, doctors expected this to be only temporary. Recovery time is expected to be from six months to one year.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Lillian Hovis, mother of missionary Judy Lytle in Panama, died on June 23 in a hospital in St. Louis, Mo. She had been ill for some time with pancreatic cancer. Judy was able to be with her

mother before and at the time of her death. Judy's father is in ill health but is presently caring for himself.

Spain—The Villalba church in Spain has hired a lawyer to begin legal proceedings against the Villalba city hall in order to obtain the necessary building permit for their church. Christians are being urged to pray that this process could be expedited quickly.

France—Missionaries Steve and Becky Riggs have announced the arrival of their fourth child, Johanna Grace, born August 20 in Nantes, France. The baby weighed seven pounds, one-half ounce.

India—Marie Hanna has been suffering with a cold, fever and a virus which settled in her ears. Christians have been urged to pray for her recovery.

Over 400 Attend African National Association

Côte d'Ivoire—The National Association of Free Will Baptists in Côte d'Ivoire met in Bondoukou August 4-8 with 441 people in attendance. According to missionary Carol Pinkerton, this was the largest national meeting ever to be held in Ivory Coast.

"Many people slept on the church floor or in a vacant house," says Carol. "Seventy people came from distant villages without the participation fee (approximately four dollars)

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but were welcomed, and given food and housing," Mrs. Pinkerton continued.

"Meat became a serious problem when one-half of the supply ran away," quipped Carol. "Time set apart for recreation was used to hunt for the cow. It was found two days later and unwillingly became a part of the menu."

The theme for the conference was "Brotherly Love."

On the last evening, the group commemorated the Lord's death through communion and feet washing with 134 baptized believers participating.

Sarah Malone Returns to China Teaching Post

East Alton, Ill.—Miss Sarah Malone, who spent 11 months in Beijing, China, teaching English to Chinese students, has been in the United States since June but was scheduled to return to China on August 24 to begin another year of teaching.

These past 11 months have been full of many memorable experiences, the most exciting of which has been telling my friends and students about the great love of our Father," says Sarah. "I'd like you to pray for the new students I will have and for growth in relationships with those I already know."

Sarah serves as an affiliate working with the English Language Institute of China.

Poole Reports Several Saved in Ribeirao Preto

Brazil—"We have reached a number of new families in the past three weeks," writes missionary Bobby Poole in late June from Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.

"Two (families) are from the area where we live," Bobby declared. "We have been able to witness to many of the neighbors around the church and have had a number to make decisions for the Lord. We are trying to disciple them in the faith. Our attendance has been picking up. We are seeing in the high 40s and the low 50s."

The Pooles expressed concern that they are to leave for furlough early next year. "It is hard to leave your 'babies' in the faith without leadership," says Bobby.

Financial Summary Through July 31

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Total income for June	\$ 345,658.12
Total income for July	310,239.92
Total income through July	2,293,682.91
Total disbursements through July	2,381,653.78
Projected income through July	2,554,613.00
Total 1993 Budget	\$ 4,379,332.00
VISION gifts through July	\$ 8,574.87

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$24,004.49	Reeves	\$ 7,390.58
Bryan	5,767.47	Robinson	3,928.99
Cowart	180.00	Sturgill	17,146.15
Creech	230.00	Teague	5,157.53
Crosby	26,248.36	Thompson	546.81
Crowson	180.00	Turnbough	4,017.27
Franks Sr.	13,154.71	Willey	4,097.38
Gibbs	180.00	West	3,939.26
Midgett	2,029.88	General Fund	16,626.60
Nichols	16,886.03	Spec. Committee	18,882.34
Owen	12,764.03		
Total			\$183,357.88

\$inking

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

Barker	\$ 206.64	Poole	\$ 1,415.07
Combs	450.62	Snow	463.16

State Goals—1993

State	Goal 1993	Goal Through July	Contributions Through July
Alabama	\$ 186,000	\$ 108,500	\$ 110,413.73
Arizona	6,200	3,617	3,258.91
Arkansas	218,000	127,167	162,940.55
California	89,000	51,917	46,964.93
Colorado	6,800	3,967	3,855.00
Florida	92,000	53,667	46,123.81
Georgia	179,000	104,417	74,684.86
Hawaii	4,000	2,333	1,650.00
Idaho	2,000	1,167	2,365.13
Illinois	125,000	72,917	59,392.34
Indiana	55,000	32,083	18,835.62
Iowa	3,000	1,750	1,835.00
Kansas	27,000	15,750	9,088.59
Kentucky	82,000	47,833	46,075.51
Louisiana	300	175	554.32
Maryland	30,000	17,500	6,628.41
Michigan	155,000	90,417	112,619.38
Mississippi	72,000	42,000	38,254.47
Missouri	413,000	240,917	181,254.79
Montana	2,000	1,167	945.00
Nebraska	1,500	875	472.00
New Mexico	2,000	1,167	1,598.65
*Northeast Assn.	6,000	3,500	1,795.00
**Northwest Assn.	8,000	4,667	4,769.38
North Carolina	535,000	312,083	291,055.04
Ohio	133,000	77,583	71,114.61
Oklahoma	432,000	252,000	217,852.16
Pennsylvania	00	00	180.00
South Carolina	227,000	132,417	149,250.41
Tennessee	650,000	379,167	325,296.85
Texas	138,000	80,500	56,868.72
Virginia	144,000	84,000	71,444.16
Virgin Islands	2,500	1,458	1,715.70
West Virginia	87,000	50,750	59,929.95
WNAC	120,000	70,000	70,074.48
Miscellaneous	146,032	85,185	42,525.45
Totals	\$4,379,332	\$2,554,613	\$2,293,682.91

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