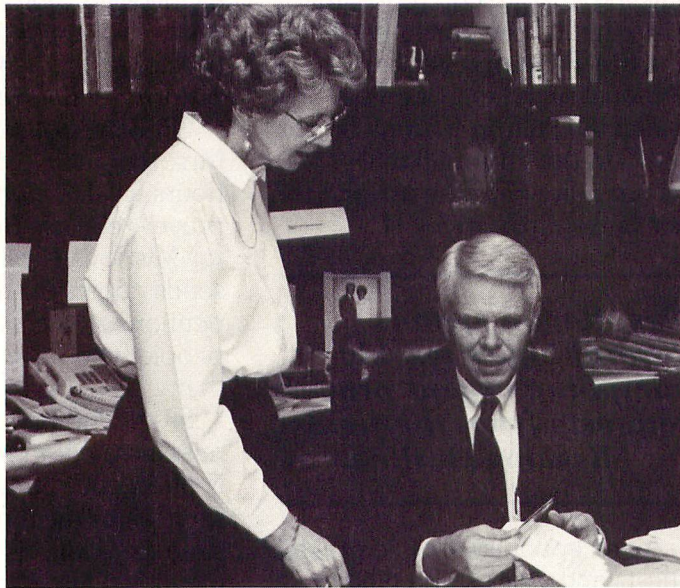


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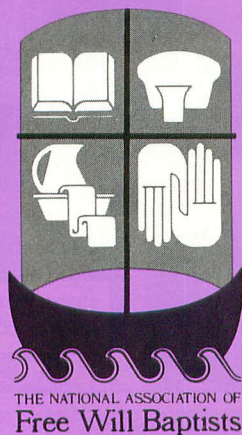
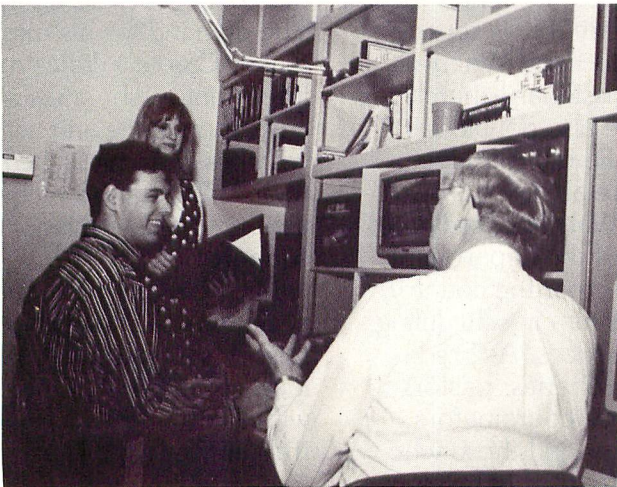
HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world



THEY ALSO SERVE!



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Free Will Baptists

They also serve

by Don Robirds, director of communications

When Jesus took the towel, tied it about His waist and stooped to wash the disciples' feet, He demonstrated the ultimate attitude of a servant. His willingness to humbly serve others set a pattern for Christendom through the centuries.

Free Will Baptists are among the few present-day Christian groups who hold up this example as an ordinance of the Church. The basin and towel have become part of the Free Will Baptist emblem, and they purpose to set forth humility and service as denominational trademarks.

No one has matched Christ's example. But the foreign missions office staff ranks high on the list of submissive, self-sacrificing denominational servants.

The primary recipients of staff services are those who have given themselves for ministries overseas. And most missionaries are quick to cite these services on their behalf as extremely important. For the most part they are indispensable for their continuing ministries.

As people enter the foreign missions office on the second

floor of the National Offices building in Antioch, Tenn., the first person they encounter is **Carole Ragan**, receptionist and dual secretary. She first joined the staff in November of 1985 in the informational services division. She assumed her present role in 1991.

Mrs. Ragan spends several hours weekly compiling urgent prayer requests from the fields for Missions Hotline.

As receptionist, Carole greets guests and visitors and directs them to their point of interest. But her primary role is serving as secretary to **Fred Warner**, director of missionary-church relations. She also doubles as secretary to Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary.

Since Mr. Warner coordinates the ministry of the department to churches across the country, Carole assists him in scheduling missionary services. As Fred contacts missionaries, pastors and conference coordinators regarding dates and those who will participate, Carole helps

him send confirmation letters to all involved. She also mails news releases and photographs of missionaries for promotional purposes when requested.

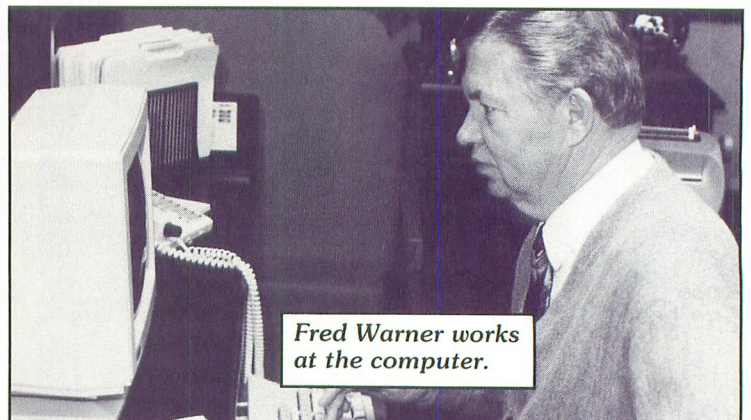
On behalf of missionaries, Mrs. Ragan spends several hours weekly compiling urgent prayer requests from the fields for Missions Hotline. She also sends copies of the recorded petitions to a growing list of people who have asked for them.

Fred, who joined the foreign missions staff in May of 1987, is often out in missionary services or meeting with local or state associations and quarterly meetings. He also holds many missionary revivals annually. The demand for his ministry makes Carole's duties more important as she must maintain correspondence and keep up with missionaries' schedules and their faith promise records to assure adequate missionary support.

Mr. Warner assists pastors in developing a strategy for missions involvement in the local church. He also works with the foreign missions treasurer and the missionaries to determine needed support.



Carole Ragan smiles as she works.



Fred Warner works at the computer.

Then he seeks to help missionaries raise their support and maintain it while on the field.

"Dennis Owen recently sent Mr. Warner a letter ready for mailing to all churches in Florida and Illinois which are on his donor list," says Carole. "He asked us to send them out, then re-mail any that were returned if we could find correct addresses. I doublechecked the addresses before sending out the letters. Quite a few were returned, so I worked at tracing down correct addresses and sent him an updated list."

Mrs. Ragan serves Jimmy Aldridge in a lesser role but types letters, maintains files and corresponds with missionaries, pastors, and missions leaders around the world. She sends surveys to the missionaries annually to collect updated data for ministries, converts, baptisms, churches, pastors, etc. She also assists Jimmy in coordinating schedules for debriefing of furloughing missionaries.

Carole's positive attitude, lovely smile, and willingness to help are tremendous assets to the foreign missions office. She is also called on for many other

tasks in the department.

Having served as a missionary in Ivory Coast for 21 years, **Jimmy Aldridge** gained many insights into missionary personnel problems, interpersonal relationships, and field council functions. His experience has made him a valuable member of the foreign missions staff.

Shirley arranges all airline reservations for administrative personnel and for the missionaries.

Jimmy aids the general director in matters relating to overseas personnel and ministries. He spends some time overseas each year troubleshooting to resolve problems and helping field councils lay plans for the future. He plays a vital role in recruiting, candidate processing and preparation of annual overseas budgets.

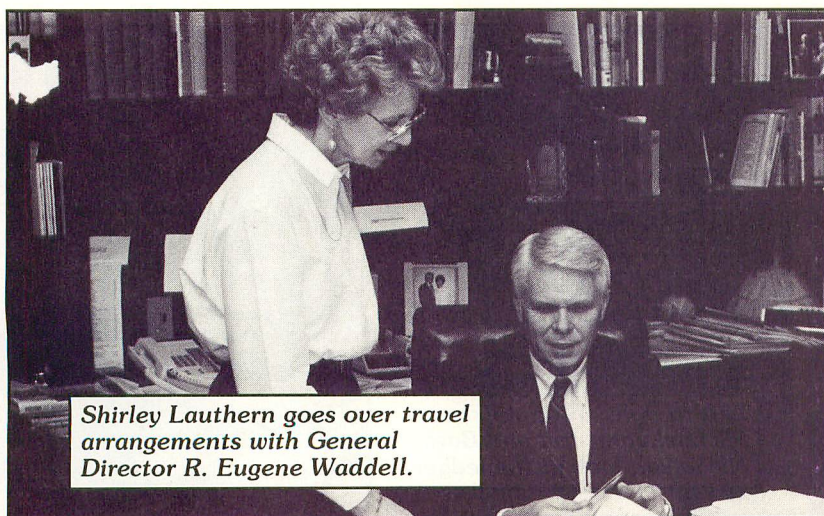
Out of concern for foreign missions travel costs, Mr. Aldridge has taken on the responsibility for managing the transportation pool for the

department. He handles automobile purchases and sales and has saved thousands of dollars annually by recouping most of the purchase prices of cars after 10-15 thousand miles of use. This eliminates costs for upkeep and depreciation.

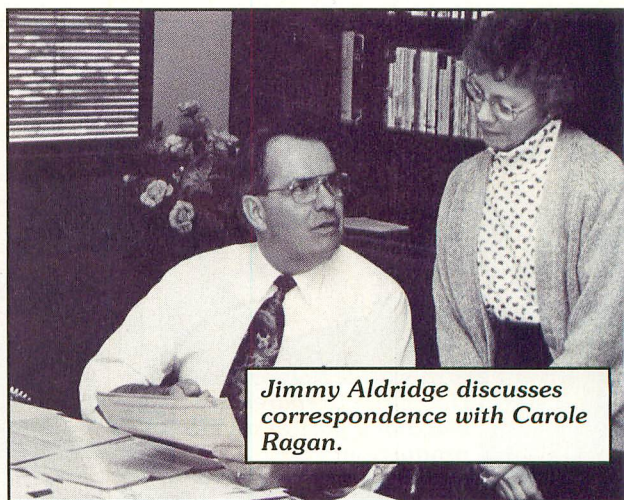
Jimmy helps plan and oversee capital projects approved and funded through VISION for the benefit of overseas churches. He also participates frequently in missionary conferences, missionary services, rallies, etc.

As guests pass the desk of Mrs. Ragan, they will see the smiling face of **Shirley Lauthern**, right arm to **R. Eugene Waddell**, general director. As Mr. Waddell's secretary, Shirley's responsibilities are really too numerous to mention. Primarily she serves as his personal secretary, handling correspondence during his absence, typing his materials, maintaining his files and aiding him in any way she can. She also helps Mr. Aldridge in various ways: candidate processing, handling field council requests, getting automobile titles, etc.

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Shirley Lauthern goes over travel arrangements with General Director R. Eugene Waddell.



Jimmy Aldridge discusses correspondence with Carole Ragan.

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As general director, Brother Waddell serves as overseer of the entire foreign missions program. This entails a great deal of travel and correspondence. Shirley arranges all airline reservations for him as well as those for other administrative personnel and for the missionaries. She acquires passports and visas for all overseas travel by the staff and missionaries.

Mrs. Lauthern has served in the department for 25 years, longer than anyone currently on the staff. She handles many details unfamiliar to anyone else in the office: processing government papers, missionary application forms and references, missionary medical records, and field council minutes from all fields. She arranges accommodations for board meetings, processes student missionary forms, helps missionaries with school books and supplies for their children, and does a million other things. When called on, she is always ready to help.

Shirley recalls helping Carlisle and Marie Hanna get medicine

on more than one occasion.

"Carlisle and Marie could not get a certain prescription drug in India. They left the prescription with me and we were able to get the medication and send it to them," she declares.

Tammy coordinates printing of all materials including Heartbeat magazine.

On another occasion she says an MK in Ivory Coast broke his glasses. "The missionaries called me and told me where they had obtained the prescription for the glasses," Shirley explains. "The doctor was in another state, but we were able to contact him and arrange for new glasses. We sent them out via DHL Worldwide Express."

Mr. Waddell, who came to the office after serving 19 years on the board and 26 years in the pastorate, became general director in April of 1986. He had worked as associate director under Rolla Smith for five years before Rolla retired.

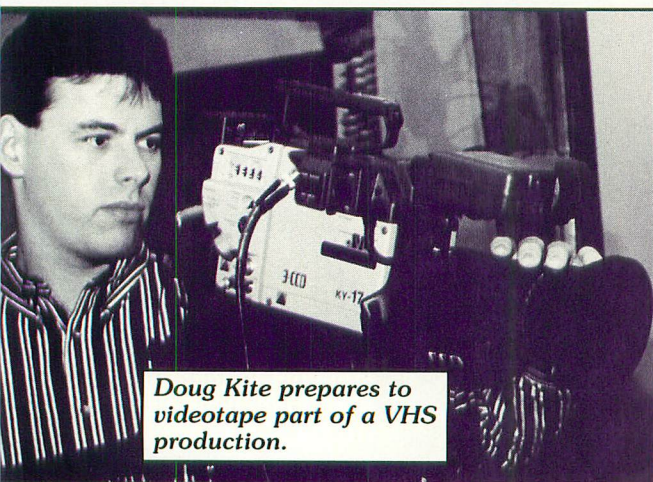
As general director, Eugene

coordinates all activities of foreign missions both overseas and stateside. He oversees the operations of all divisions of the department as well as activities of all field councils. Brother Waddell functions as pastor of missionaries and acts as a liaison between them and the board. He also meets regularly with other administrative personnel for planning and projecting ways and means of obtaining department objectives.

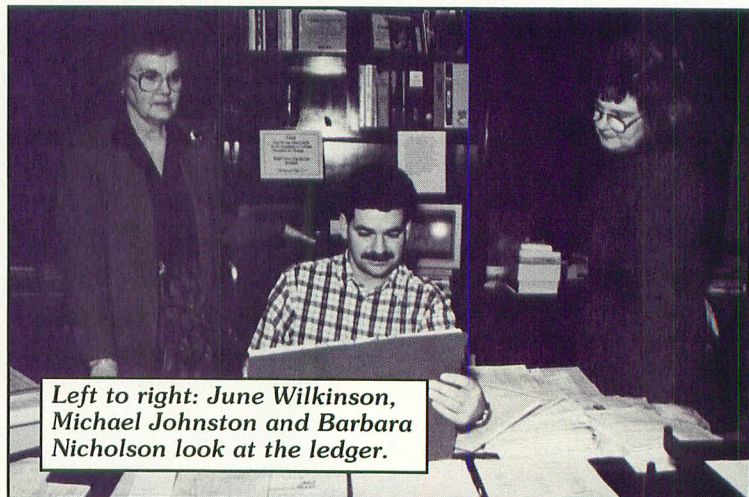
The general director is required to visit at least one foreign field each year. He is expected to visit every field at least once every four years to hold strategy consultations and to chart long- and short-term plans for evangelism and church planting (at press time he was in Brazil).

Mr. Waddell also plans the agenda for board meetings and gives progress reports on all field ministries, etc. Annually, he reports the status of the entire foreign missions program to the National Association when in session.

Swinging to the left from Mrs. Lauthern's desk, a visitor will encounter the informational services division and the finance



Doug Kite prepares to videotape part of a VHS production.



Left to right: June Wilkinson, Michael Johnston and Barbara Nicholson look at the ledger.

department. **Tammy Strickland** serves as the editorial assistant to the director of communications. Although she is relatively new on the job (started in October 1993), Tammy is already assuming a great deal of responsibility. She types manuscripts for publication and coordinates printing of all materials including *Heartbeat* magazine, prayer cards, profiles, brochures, maps, directories, etc. She proofreads copy, maintains records and samples of all things published by the department and aids the director of communications in gathering information for publication.

Mrs. Strickland processes orders for printed materials and audiovisual products of the department. She coordinates the purchase and use of audiovisual equipment for missionaries. She also places orders for photographs for publication and files slides and photos for use in promotional activities.

Serving as director of communications since 1972, I (**Don Robirds**) act as the chief public relations officer regarding publicity materials. I edit

Heartbeat magazine and write and edit most publicity pieces for the department. I design many of the materials and prepare most as layouts, camera-ready for production. With Tammy's help, I produce all of the department's printed materials.

Barbara handles invoices and accounts payable. She also pays personal invoices from missionaries as requested by them.

Having served as a missionary to Brazil prior to coming to the missions office, I have been able to help missionaries with their slide presentations, video productions, foreign language publications, etc. And in recent years I have acted as photographer, shooting portrait pictures for missionary prayer cards and publicity photos.

With the assistance of **Doug Kite**, audiovisual technical assistant, I also prepare AV presentations for use by missionaries and churches. When Doug came to the department in 1990, he started on a part-time basis, doing

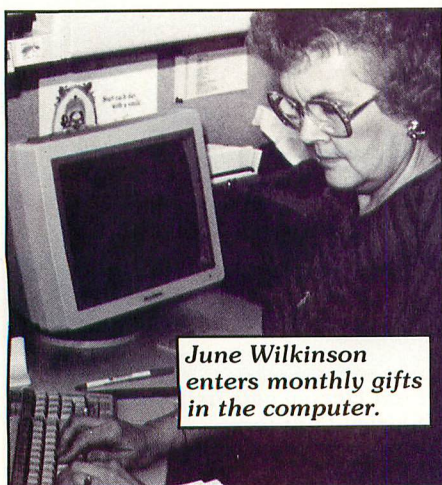
video production and tape duplication.

Upon graduation from Free Will Baptist Bible College in May of 1991, Doug became a full-time employee. Unfortunately he had to divide his services between shipping clerk/warehouse supervisor and audiovisual technical assistant. He has been able to devote time to audiovisuals and to computer installation and maintenance largely due to volunteer help. Charles Hingst (see January-February 1993 issue of *Heartbeat*) and some missionaries stationed in Nashville during furlough helped especially with errands, stocking shelves, shipping and sending weekly mail to missionaries.

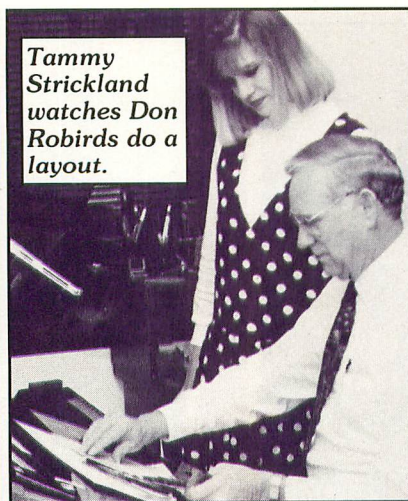
Mr. Kite has become increasingly valuable to the department, but due to budget deficiencies, he has not been completely freed to do the skilled technical work for which he was hired.

Adjoining the informational services division is the department of finances where visitors will encounter our bookkeeper, **Barbara Nicholson**. After many years of bookkeeping experience in the secular work place, Barbara joined the staff in November of

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June Wilkinson enters monthly gifts in the computer.



Tammy Strickland watches Don Robirds do a layout.

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1991. As special assistant to the treasurer, she distributes donations to the various missionary accounts as designated, keeps running totals of bank accounts, handles fund transfers, reconciles bank statements, and enters payroll into the computer as directed by the treasurer.

Bills also must be paid. Barbara handles invoices and accounts payable. She also pays personal invoices from missionaries as requested by them and makes personal deposits for missionaries as needed. She reviews and codes monthly field and furlough financial reports, deposits salary and expense checks into missionary personal checking accounts and sends checks by wire to overseas banks when necessary.

In addition to all of these activities, Mrs. Nicholson files all medical claims, keeps up with add-ons or deletions with insurance companies and maintains disability insurance records. She also helps the treasurer with his incoming mail

and correspondence when needed.

Working in conjunction with the bookkeeper is **June Wilkinson**, accounting clerk. June, a former missionary to Brazil, joined the staff in August of 1991. She daily prepares donation deposits, makes photocopies of all checks received, enters monthly cooperative receipts and funds from WNAC and types receipts for state association donations.

June serves the missionaries particularly by recording missionary field balances.

June spends many hours looking up donor numbers for those who fail to include them on their donor blue slips. She also keeps various ledgers for personal gifts, exchanges between departments, special appeals, projects, student missionary accounts, memorial gifts, etc.

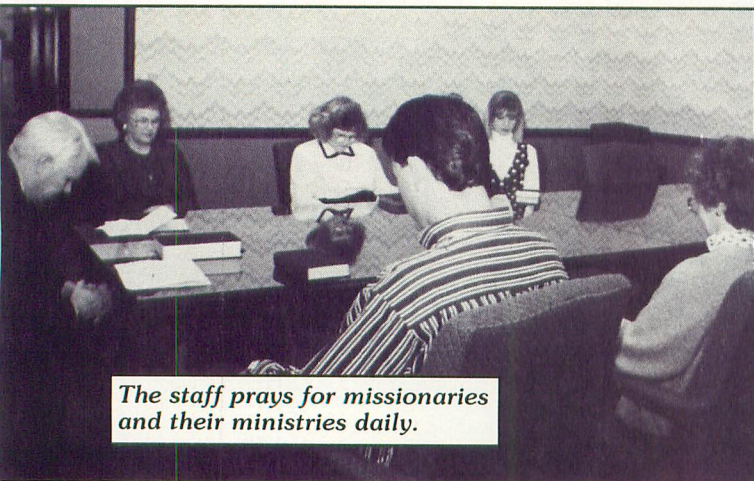
The accounting clerk prints out monthly computer-

generated receipts and mails them along with a receipt letter and a return envelope. She balances financial printouts and runs all month-end and yearly reports. She files these in binders for regular reference.

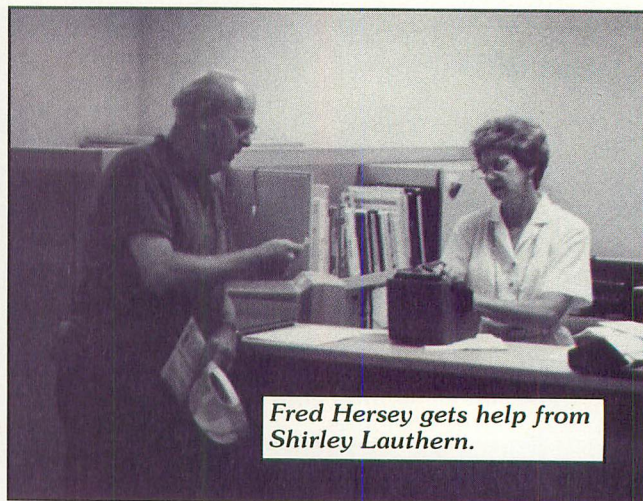
June assists Barbara with invoices and runs the accounts payable checks on the computer. She serves the missionaries particularly by recording missionary field balances and preparing monthly missionary account balance sheets.

With the huge load of responsibilities piled on those in the finance department, the office has been blessed by the help of Nancy Jones, another volunteer who usually works two or three days a week (see *Heartbeat*, January-February 1993). She helps Barbara enter donations into the computer, then stuffs receipts in window envelopes for mailing. She also helps to maintain the *Heartbeat* mailing list and gladly helps in any other way she can.

Michael Johnston, who joined the department as treasurer in April of 1992, supervises all financial and business activities of the department. He oversees all



The staff prays for missionaries and their ministries daily.



Fred Hersey gets help from Shirley Lauthern.

bookkeeping and receipting practices. Michael is responsible for dispersing of budgeted funds, keeping the staff and missionaries apprised of financial conditions, arranging for annual audits, filing of missionary income tax forms, preparing the annual budget for the entire foreign missions program and giving final clearance on overseas purchases and shipments for missionaries. He also functions as the office coordinator.

Michael determines the monthly payroll, reviews monthly ledgers and financial reports, oversees the budgeting process at home and abroad and manages restricted reserve funds for the department.

As treasurer, Michael holds power of attorney for most missionaries, and he has to take care of many legal matters on their behalf. For example, recently he had to spend days in gathering figures and verifying credit information to help a missionary qualify for the purchase of a home. The transaction also involved numerous phone calls, faxed messages, and forms to be filled

out. And this is only one of many similar things he does on behalf of missionaries.

Dedicated to the cause of world outreach—getting the gospel to those who have not heard—the entire foreign missions staff (six men and five women, plus volunteers) labors as a team to serve the missionaries who are ministering on the front lines.

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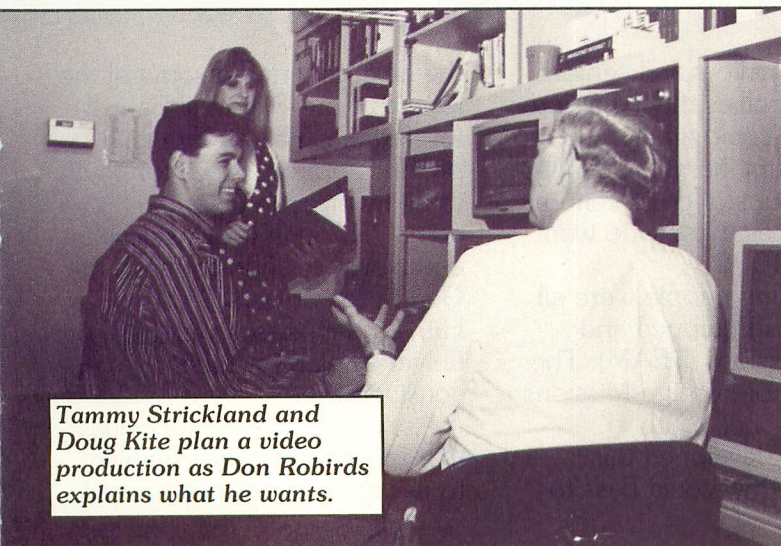
General Director Waddell says, "I strongly believe in teamwork. The 'team' concept reflects the biblical example of the church being like a body whose numerous members work together. God has blessed our department with a group of dedicated, qualified, congenial servants of the Lord. Each staff member recognizes her/his gifts (i.e., 'helps, governments' 1 Corinthians 12:28) and accepts

his/her portion of the responsibilities, whether as administrator or helper.

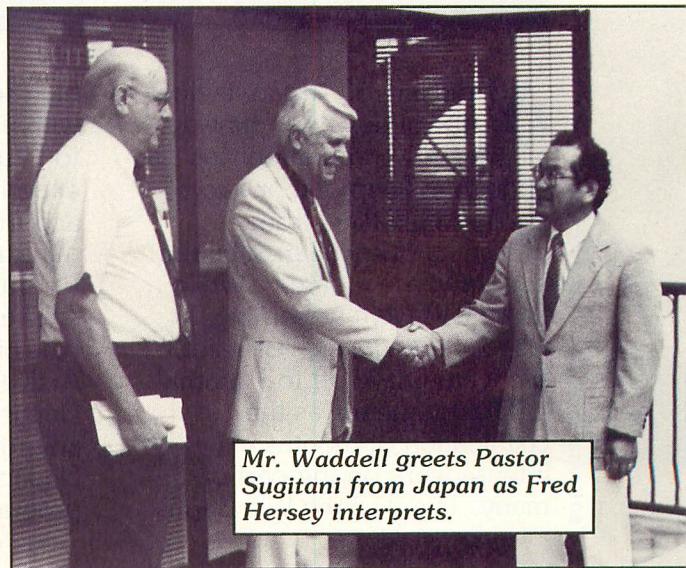
"We work together, pray together and often times laugh together. And when we learn of people being saved, we rejoice together," the general director concluded.

King David gave this order in 1 Samuel 30:24: "... as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike." These servants are those who "stay by the stuff" with little or no recognition. They do it so others can serve abroad.

So, whether giving to individual missionaries or to the general fund, contributors are giving to MISSIONS—a cooperative effort to fulfill God's Great Commission. All members of the team are equally deserving of support because they are "laborers together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9). All are servants of the Master, working within the framework of His plan, obeying His command and responding to His calling. Don't sell them short!



Tammy Strickland and Doug Kite plan a video production as Don Robirds explains what he wants.



Mr. Waddell greets Pastor Sugitani from Japan as Fred Hersey interprets.



TEAM members relax in a home.



The TEAM presents a program.

TEAM PANAMA'93

*by Terry Eagleton
TEAM director in
Panama*



TEAM members group together with directors Terry and Jamie Eagleton (back, left center).



The TEAM prays before leaving on a bus.

As the aircraft began its final thrust down the runway, all previous preparation was not enough to keep one or two of the first-time fliers from becoming overwhelmed by the impact of the moment. While those kids were screaming, I was breathing a sigh of relief. We were finally off to Panama!

This moment was the culmination of months of intense work on the part of many. The 21 Free Will Baptist

high school juniors and seniors with us, as well as the 10 going to Uruguay, could finally experience first-hand the thrills and frustrations of cross-cultural ministry just as those who went to Brazil in 1992.

These young people were all part of Teens Equipped and Active in Missions (TEAM). The Department of Foreign Missions and the National Youth Department developed this program so they could pass to

the next generation some of the legacy of the Free Will Baptist forefathers. This program provides opportunities for youth to be involved in what God is doing. Through it teens develop a personal relationship with the God of the universe. This gives Him a chance to reveal His universal plan for their consideration.

As we rose above the clouds that morning, I was beginning to ask myself why in the world

my wife and I were leaving a comfortable, lazy summer in a peaceful suburb of Nashville, Tenn., to spend three weeks with 21 teenagers in a foreign country. As I refocused on our goal, I settled back in satisfaction.

I, personally, have always enjoyed travel and adventure, so I felt these kids also were lured somewhat by "overseas travel." At the same time, I knew God had much more in store for them than just a whirlwind adventure abroad.

In reality, these TEAM trips focus on relationships, not on travel. In the course of two or three weeks of intensive activity, four basic relationships are profoundly influenced: Each TEAM member reevaluates his/her relationship to God, others, himself/herself, and nature. I was confident this "trip to a foreign country" would grow into a deeper realization that God is intensely interested in people everywhere. I felt sure these teens would learn that God desires all His disciples to develop that same interest.

TEAM trips focus on relationships, not on travel.

We had left our dormitory rooms in Nashville, Tenn., at 4:30 a.m. When we arrived in Panama City, it was past my bedtime. As we worked our way toward customs I noticed a young lady who worked for the national airlines. She was speaking to one of the customs officials. After a brief conversation with him, she stepped my way and introduced herself.

I discovered Katia is a member of one of our Free Will Baptist churches. She was there to welcome the TEAM and assist our entry into Panama. Within 10 minutes we were in the lobby being introduced to eight or 10 families (husband, wife, teens, and young children). They had come to take a teen or two home for the evening. What a bomb!

As I looked across the faces of "my" teenagers, I could see reality was beginning to set in. They were going to spend the night with strangers! Strangers that didn't speak their language! Strangers who were taking them into a town they had never seen! Suddenly, they didn't recognize any sights, smells or sounds, and their hearts sank!

This is part of missions!

To initiate the TEAM program in Panama, missionaries Steve Lytle and Stan Bunch, along with the national pastors, had scheduled a comprehensive ministry tour of the Free Will Baptist work. The tour gave us a view of every type of ministry setting.

We ministered in metropolitan, multi-cultured, bilingual, modern, educated Panama City. By contrast, we also served in Buenos Aires, Panama, where people have no electricity and all community members share a half-inch water line with one water spigot per household. Between the two extremes, TEAM members had an opportunity to expose their minds, hearts and wills to God's direction. Each one personally was faced with the challenge of the Great Commission.

Twenty-six days after

departure, TEAM Panama '93 landed at Nashville International Airport. Journey complete! We were met by moms and dads, pastors, youth ministers, National Offices personnel, members of TEAM Uruguay '93 and the TEAM ministry coordinator, missionary Ken Eagleton (my dad). What had begun with tears of fear, became tears of joy. Joy over having gone and joy over a safe return.

TEAM members had an opportunity to expose their minds, hearts and wills to God's direction.

Many of the questions these TEAM members had asked themselves before the trip were now answered. But those only gave way to new questions. Primarily they faced this one: "Now, what do we do with this new vision?"

Some indicated God was dealing with them about career missionary service. Others settled once and for all that their participation in the Great Commission was to be as senders. But all returned with a completely different perspective on what God is doing around the world. They also had the determination to somehow, somewhere be in the middle of it all rather than on the sidelines.

Once again, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Terry Eagleton is the son of missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton and is currently pastor of Horton Heights FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn. Besides the 21 teenagers who went to Panama, 10 others went to Uruguay with Ken and Marvis. This made a total of 31 high schoolers serving in the TEAM '93 program.

TEAMS for 1994 are being finalized now and excitement is building! Plans call for a TEAM in Japan and possibly one in Côte d'Ivoire.



Pictured left to right, General Director R. Eugene Waddell prepares to introduce two special guests at the 1993 Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference: Dr. Grigori Komendant (left) and Andrew Semenchuk, his interpreter, challenged the leaders with tremendous opportunities in the former Soviet Union. Dr. Komendant is president of the Union of Christian Baptists of the Commonwealth of Independent States. Mr. Semenchuk is with Peter Deyneka Russian Ministries.

Russian Challenges Board and FWB Leaders

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Grigori Komendant, President of the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists of the new Commonwealth of Independent States (former Soviet Union), met with the Board of Foreign Missions on Monday, December 6, in Nashville. He challenged them with the great opportunities for evangelism in Russia.

On that evening, he addressed the Free Will Baptist leaders from around the country who had gathered for the Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference which convened December 6 and 7.

Dr. Komendant spoke in Russian while Andrew Semenchuk, of Peter Deyneka Russian Ministries, interpreted. The duo spoke of the tremendous opportunity which God has opened in the CIS. He urged people to pray and to "partner" with them in evangelism efforts. He claims they have approximately 3,000 Baptist churches with about 300,000 members and a growing number of Russian preachers.

While he could not positively predict the future, Brother Komendant expressed strong confidence that most of the people in the CIS were far more interested in freedom than in economic security. For this reason, he expects the doors for evangelism to remain open for some time. On the other hand he emphasized the urgency of the moment as

he declared, "People are hungry for the gospel."

The Russian leader also pointed out the paradox they have seen. In Russia—where schools and the public places were once closed to the gospel—the doors to schools, factories, military units, etc. are now open for Bible teaching. In contrast, he noted the United States (the gospel-sending base) has made schools off limits to the Bible and Christianity.

The Board of Foreign Missions has started investigating possibilities for future ministry by Free Will Baptists in the CIS. A more complete report will appear in the March/April issue of *Heartbeat*.

Children's Day Program Held in Lafaiete Church

Brazil—A special presentation by and for children was held on Sunday night, October 10, in the Free Will Baptist Church in Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil, in recognition of Children's Day.

According to missionary Jean Deeds, the program was like a Sunday school promotion as the children shared things they had learned. "Rosenei, a young lady who loves children's work, gave a lesson on 'Good Manners in God's House,' and a young man who is showing a desire to preach (Madson) gave a short message," writes Jean. "It was a different kind of service and we had first-time visitors."

Partnership Teams Reap at Least 15 Converts

India—Reports from India indicate that partnership teams who have been in training there recently are proving effective in their witness. News revealed two teams had already led at least 15 people to Jesus Christ.

Missionary Carlisle Hanna writes, "Last Sunday (October 3) we had 200 for our worship service here. These were just our regular people."

McDonald Says Youth Camp Bears Fruit

Japan—"We thank the Lord for a very fruitful youth camp here in our area this past August," writes missionary Don McDonald from Ai No Sato, Japan. According to Don, three of the Free Will Baptist churches cooperate with four other Bible-believing churches each year in "Bible Camp," which is a three-day outreach to children.

"This year our church sent 30 children and workers," says McDonald. "Almost all of the children were Sunday school kids from unsaved homes."

The guest evangelist for the special event was a Japanese man who used his own illustrations to teach the simple plan of salvation to more than 100 who attended. A number of children, including several from the Ai No Sato church, made decisions to follow Christ.

Turnboughs Move to Majadahonda, Spain

Spain—Missionaries Jeff and Susan Turnbough, who started the church at Villalba, Spain, have moved to another suburb of Madrid in order to begin a new outreach. The Turnboughs plan to continue working with the Villalba church as it changes to national leadership while they seek to develop a work in a new area.

Jeff and Susan had searched for a house and had tried to rent at least two different houses, but they were turned down when the owners discovered they were evangelical Christians.

The Lord provided the house in the Majadahonda/Las Rozas area through a professional soccer player who had attended the Villalba church. Donato had built the house and planned to move there but he was traded to another soccer team in northern Spain before moving; consequently, he rented the house to the Turnboughs.

Evangelistic Campaign Yields Eight Converts

Côte d'Ivoire—A special evangelistic campaign was held in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, on the weekend of September 29-October 2 with crowds ranging from 300 to 1000 people. According to missionaries Norman and Bessie Richards, eight people made first-time decisions to follow Jesus Christ.

The Richards noted that one convert was a woman for whom they had prayed several years. He urged Christians to pray for missionaries and Christians who will make follow-up contacts with those who made professions of faith.

Signs of Maturity Seen in St. Nazaire Church

France—Jerry and Barbara Gibbs expressed praise for encouraging signs of Christians maturing in the Lord at the St. Nazaire church in France. According to Jerry, men in the church are helping with Sunday service or leading a prayer service when needed.

Jerry mentioned other indications of increasing maturity: The youth group of the church recently took on

a project of organizing and raising the money for a special evangelistic concert. A high school student wrote an essay using the Bible and the Ten Commandments knowing that as the only Christian in the class he would undoubtedly be ridiculed.

Gibbs noted that a couple who were ready to divorce when he first met them have professed faith in Christ and are attending church regularly with their children. They have also been taking on leadership responsibilities.

Côte d'Ivoire President Dies; Uncertainty Prevails

Côte d'Ivoire—President Felix Houphouët-Boigny (pronounced oo-fu-EH bwa-NYEE) of Côte d'Ivoire died on December 7. The "Grand Old Man of Africa," as he was called, died on the morning of the thirty-third anniversary of their independence from France. Houphouët-Boigny was the only president to serve after independence.

Political unrest set in immediately as the prime minister and the leader of the national assembly began a dispute over which would become interim president. Latest reports indicated Henri Konan Bédié, leader of the assembly, had succeeded in assuming control by virtue of a disputed constitutional amendment. He will serve until the next national elections, which are scheduled for 1995.

Christians have been urged to pray for the missionaries and Christians in the country during this time of uncertainty and unrest.

Panama Church Hosts Former Church Members

Panama—A special gathering was held on Friday, October 15, in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama, as a reunion of former church members.

"Several of our fellows who were either saved or disciplined at First church during the mid to late 1970s organized a reunion of sorts," writes Steve Lytle. "They invited current and former members of the church to attend, along with their families. Probably 35 to 40 of the group attended the special event."

Former pastor Gabriel Perez was the guest speaker for the event. Total attendance was around 125.

Aycock Reports Several Saved in Barbacena

Brazil—"We have seen several make salvation decisions recently," writes missionary Bobby Aycock from Barbacena, Brazil. "Evangelistic Bible studies and discipleship classes in homes are being very fruitful."

Bobby noted they have been working with about 20 people on an individual or family-unit basis. The studies touch six different families and members of other families. Mário, the Brazilian evangelist who works with the Aycocks, is having studies in four other homes.

Bobby indicated a meeting hall had been rented for the new work in Antonio Carlos, a town of nearly 10 thousand people located approximately eight miles from Barbacena. Mário is leading the services there, and two people recently made decisions to follow Christ.

Eight people were scheduled to be baptized in Barbacena on November 21.

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News Update



Michael Brent Hutsel of Van Buren, Ark., presents General Director Waddell a check for \$25,000 (above) for the church building at Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire. Jackie Brown (left), CTS director for the state of Arkansas, expresses excitement over what the youth in Arkansas are doing.



The Norman Invasion Enters Phase Two

Conway, Ark.—“The Norman Invasion” has entered phase two, according to Jackie B. Brown, state CTS director in Arkansas. The project of the Arkansas youth seeks to raise \$100,000 for foreign missions by July of 1994. The money is to go toward building a church in Agnibilekrou, Ivory Coast, and helping with the church building in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Brown says the first phase of the project was highly successful, raising over \$36,000. The goal was to raise \$25,000 to help Norman Richards build a church in Agnibilekrou. The second phase seeks to gather \$40,000 to help the Norman McFalls finish the church building in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Since both Normans are connected to Arkan-

sas, they named the project “The Norman Invasion.”

Jackie traveled to the foreign missions office in Antioch, Tenn., accompanied by high school senior Michael Brent Hutsel of Vista Free Will Baptist Church in Van Buren, Ark. Brent, a youth leader in Arkansas, carried a check for \$25,000 which he presented to R. Eugene Waddell on December 9. He had planned to make the presentation while the board was still meeting but the board meeting ended early. Two of the board members were present during the presentation.

Arkansas youth have been challenged to get 4,000 people to give 40 quarters by January 9 to make a total of \$40,000, the second phase goal.

The young people hope to raise another \$35,000 in phase three to help youth experience first-hand what the mission field is like.

Classes End at Institute; Internship Planned

Côte d'Ivoire—Classroom training in the Bible institute at Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, ended on October 1, according to correspondence from Mike Cousineau.

“We have covered a lot of ground during these past two years,” writes Mike. “It is encouraging to see matu-

rity taking place in the lives of our 10 students.”

Cousineau indicated a recent meeting was held with national church leaders. They discussed the necessity of finding 10 churches to accept students for an internship program in August of 1994.

“This is a difficult time for our churches economically,” writes Mike. “However, several have accepted the challenge.” One of the first graduates, Ernest Kambou, has told his church he is willing to give up half of the modest salary his church pays him in order to be able to receive a student through the internship program.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

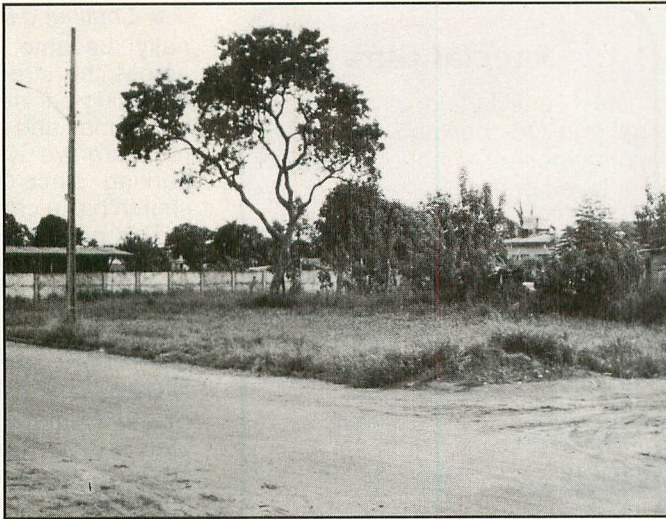
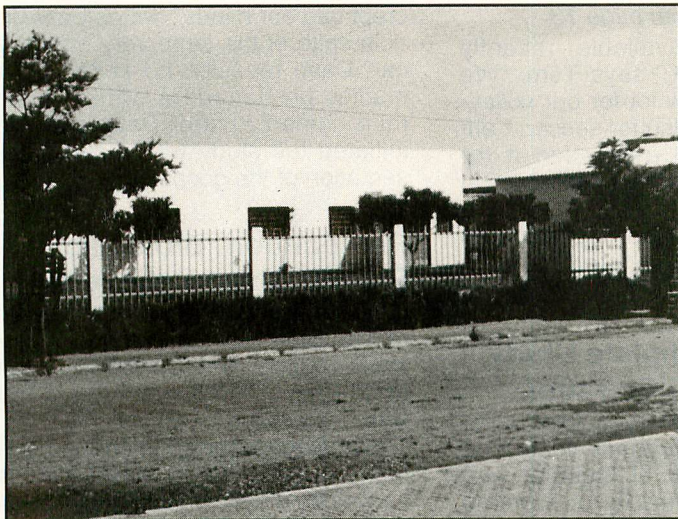
Brazil—The Free Will Baptist churches of Belo Horizonte, Lafaiete and Barbacena, Brazil, met together for a joint fellowship on November 2 in Barbacena. “The Powerful, Living Word” was the theme for the meeting. Approximately 120 people were on hand and heard a message based on Hebrews 4:12. Two seminars were presented dealing with the authority of the Bible and how to study the Scriptures.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Lynn Midgett, furloughing missionary to Spain, and her mother were involved in an automobile accident recently while driving to a missions conference at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Oklahoma. A small car hit Lynn's van from behind causing Miss Midgett and her mother to suffer whiplash. Lynn's mother had the more severe injury.

Japan—Daniel Curtis Snow was born to short-term missionaries Nathan and Linda Snow in Sapporo, Japan, on November 23. The baby weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

Brazil—Missionary Nancy Hughes returned to the United States in October when she learned that her sister, Joyce Baker, had been admitted to the hospital with a brain tumor. Joyce died on October 22, a few hours after Nancy arrived. She lived in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionary Fred Hersey left Nashville on November 10 for a five-week visit to Japan.



The Second Free Will Baptist Church (above, left) in Uberlândia, Brazil, now has additional property to meet the requirements for constructing a new sanctuary since they purchased a new piece of property across the street (right) for parking, etc. The land is currently being used for volleyball and soccer.

Fred, who lost his wife, Evelyn, to cancer in October, was scheduled to return to the United States on December 17. He plans to continue his ministry with foreign missions and hopes to return to Japan sometime in August.

France—Missionary Allan Crowson recently indicated the church in Nantes, France, is looking for a building to purchase. He requested prayer that the people might find a suitable building which meets city requirements. They also asked people to pray that the church would be able to arrange financing.

Antioch, Tenn.—Dr. Misael Gonzalez, the Cuban medical doctor who was appointed in April for short-term service in Côte d'Ivoire, has been unable to fill the appointment since he could not obtain necessary travel documents. Christians have been urged to pray that he might be able to go at a later date.

France—Glennnda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens are taking a language refresher course in Nantes, France. "Classes are very intense, so by the end of the week we are usually mentally fatigued," writes Glennnda. "The program is very structured with 18 hours of classroom time per week. We are also using a private tutor two to four hours each week."

Charleston, S.C.—Jeffrey and Kim

Deeds became parents of a girl, Naomi Joy, on July 18 in Charleston, S.C. The baby is the granddaughter of missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds in Brazil.

Germany—Missionary Dennis Heath in Germany recently reported plans to start a German-language worship service the first week in January of 1994. According to Dennis, four German families have made commitments to attend. He asked Christians to pray that these families will follow through with their commitments.

New Bible Seminary Dedicated in Russia

Russia—The Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary was officially established in Moscow by OMS International on September 23, 1993.

Sensing the urgency to train Russians for church planting and evangelism while the door for the gospel remains open, OMS International and the Korean Evangelical Holiness Church joined in the effort to establish this seminary.

Second FWB Church in Uberlândia Buys Property

Brazil—According to a recent report from missionary Tom Hughes in Uberlândia, Brazil, the Second Free Will Baptist Church there has purchased additional property across

the street from the original building. The group had sought property adjoining the church to fulfill city requirements for parking.

"We began to pray and property fi-

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Personal gifts to missionaries are discouraged except by family and personal friends, but when given they should be handled as follows:

Make the check out to the missionary. On the memo line or in a separate note, please indicate "personal gift." The check will be deposited directly into the missionary's personal checking account.

If checks are made out to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, the money cannot be put into their personal account until the books are closed for that particular month. This makes a difference of several weeks sometimes before the missionary actually receives the money.

In either case, the missionary will receive a copy of the deposit slip indicating this money has been deposited and showing the name of the donor.

Donors should keep in mind such personal gifts are not tax deductible.

News Update

Special Gifts

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

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nally became available recently across the street," says Tom. "We are using our new lot for our volleyball games and also for soccer. I am not sure we will ever need it for parking since almost no one in church has a car."

This purchase was necessary so the church could construct a main sanctuary in the future.

Hollands Complete Study, Move to Ribeirão Preto

Brazil—Curt and Mary Holland completed their Portuguese language study at the end of October and have moved to the city of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil.

"We will be working with the Second Free Will Baptist Church of Ribeirão Preto which was started by Bobby and Geneva Poole about five years ago," write the Hollands. "They (the Pooles) will be going home for furlough in January, and we will assume leadership of the church."

Eagletons Ask Prayer for ICA Student

Côte d'Ivoire—Ken and Marvis Eagleton, who are filling in as dormitory parents at International Christian Academy at Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, requested prayer in October for a 13-year-old student whose "legs buckled under him" on the basketball court.

Kenneth Williams apparently had symptoms of polio and muscular dystrophy, but the final dianosis was "periodic paralysis." He was back in classes at the end of October but his physical activity was limited. He was given massive doses of potassium and calcium to build his strength.

Rear-end Auto Collision Hinders Franks Jr.

Uruguay—Dave Jr. and Becky Franks had their automobile hit in the rear on August 14 as they were taking MK Miranda Owen to the airport to return to the Free Will Baptist Bible College in the United States. Fortunately, no one was hurt in the accident.

"As we left our car in the shop, thoughts of how we would live without the car for a month or longer

crept into our minds," writes Dave Jr.

In spite of the temporary loss of a car, Dave revealed he began Bible studies on Saturdays with a young man named Alvaro. Dave says he initiated the study with a clear presentation of the gospel.

Persecution, Bible Lack Plague China Believers

China—Twenty-one representatives of The Bible League met in Guangzhou, Beijing, and in another city in north China in October. They talked with 10 leaders of house churches. These leaders report intensified suffering of believers in recent months as well as a severe lack of Bibles.

According to Chinese government estimates, some 63 million Chinese Protestant believers can be found in China. The Bible League calculates at least 55 million of these believers do not have a Bible. The lack of Bibles allows dreadful heresies to plague new churches in many remote areas.

For information on how to help in supplying Bibles to China, write to The Bible League, 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, Ill. 60438.

Bishop Baptizes Two Converts in October

Japan—Missionary Dale Bishop baptized two converts at the Koinonia church in Nopporo, Japan, on October 24. Dale baptized his daughter, Jennifer, and Mr. Shingo Ohgawa. Mr. Ohgawa is a baker and is the cousin of Kenji Hosokawa, who was saved while accompanying the Bishops on furlough in the United States.

Bishop noted that a number of unsaved adults are regularly attending services. He urges Christians to pray for their salvation. He also requested prayer for the 57-year-old father of Kenji. The man is in critical condition in the hospital due to complications brought on by gallstones. Kenji is the only Christian in his family.

Ellison Resumes Ministry after Pneumonia Bout

Uruguay—Walter Ellison, who has been very ill with pneumonia, has responded to treatment and is back at teaching Bible institute extension

classes and overseeing the remodeling of the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Rivera, Uruguay, some 500 kilometers north of Montevideo.

Marcia Ellison continues to teach in the Bible institute in Montevideo and has been helping several children from the Uruguayan American School.

The downtown church in Montevideo celebrated its tenth anniversary during the last week in October. According to the Ellisons, pastor Gerardo Acevedo and his family need much prayer since a good deal of unrest exists in the church at the present.

University Students Study, Form Evangelistic Team

France—Miss Charolette Tallent in Nantes, France, resumed her Bible study classes with university students in early October. Christians in the group have formed an evangelistic team using their musical talents and skills in drama. They performed in December.

Charolette had prior contact with 30 students, and a recent report indicated 20 students had attended each week. Fifteen of them have attended church each Sunday.

The report also indicated Pam, an American girl, gave her heart to the Lord on October 16. Pam is teaching English in a French junior high school. She is to begin a follow-up Bible study course with Charolette.

A Japanese Christian woman, Mika, who is studying law in Nantes also has been attending the church and has been bringing a friend, Tamayo. They also attend the student Bible studies. Mika translates the lesson into Japanese for Tamayo.

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Financial Summary Through November 30

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Total income for October	\$ 365,308.56
Total income for November	315,068.67
Total income through November	3,427,629.71
Total disbursements through November	3,675,829.35
Projected income through November	4,014,385.00
Total 1993 Budget	\$ 4,379,332.00
VISION gifts through November	17,055.49

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$13,434.76	Morgan	\$ 2,360.23
Bishop	1,824.96	Nichols	18,653.00
Callaway	2,729.97	Owen	11,996.83
Combs	2,425.70	Poole	7,061.63
Cowart	6,906.39	Reeves	5,687.21
Creech	16,166.39	Robinson	4,122.34
Crosby	26,879.33	Snow	3,945.05
Crowson	8,221.79	Sturgill	18,969.13
Franks, Sr.	24,540.84	Teague	13,471.66
Eagleton, Sr.	732.72	Thompson	342.81
Ellison	2,715.15	West	13,946.32
Gibbs	4,140.90	Wiley	4,663.01
Hanna	465.73	Special Committee	18,882.34
Midgett	3,683.08	General Fund	39,202.72
Total			\$278,171.99

\$inking

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

Barker	\$ 1,939.98	Holland, E.	\$ 1,787.32
Bryan	1,386.61		

State Goals—1993

State	Goal 1993	Goal Through November	Contributions Through November
Alabama	\$ 186,000	\$ 170,500	\$ 151,942.01
Arizona	6,200	5,683	5,153.11
Arkansas	218,000	199,833	224,312.06
California	89,000	81,583	68,187.71
Colorado	6,800	6,233	7,071.45
Florida	92,000	84,333	67,607.51
Georgia	179,000	164,083	115,397.34
Hawaii	4,000	3,667	2,415.00
Idaho	2,000	1,833	2,765.13
Illinois	125,000	114,583	83,848.92
Indiana	55,000	50,417	29,169.76
Iowa	3,000	2,750	2,831.25
Kansas	27,000	24,750	11,942.70
Kentucky	82,000	75,167	68,404.41
Louisiana	300	275	1,164.32
Maryland	30,000	27,500	10,046.18
Michigan	155,000	142,083	151,461.24
Mississippi	72,000	66,000	58,351.82
Missouri	413,000	378,583	265,451.12
Montana	2,000	1,833	1,345.00
Nebraska	1,500	1,375	740.00
New Mexico	2,000	1,833	1,897.98
*Northeast Assn.	6,000	5,500	1,955.00
**Northwest Assn.	8,000	7,333	8,268.03
North Carolina	535,000	490,417	424,372.88
Ohio	133,000	121,917	113,689.61
Oklahoma	432,000	396,000	315,553.87
Pennsylvania	00	00	935.00
South Carolina	227,000	208,083	203,901.72
Tennessee	650,000	595,833	575,627.97
Texas	138,000	126,500	73,850.05
Virginia	144,000	132,000	104,054.17
Virgin Islands	2,500	2,292	2,115.70
West Virginia	87,000	79,750	86,766.62
WNAC	120,000	110,000	124,212.70
Miscellaneous	146,032	133,863	60,820.37
Totals	\$4,379,332	\$4,014,385	\$3,427,629.71

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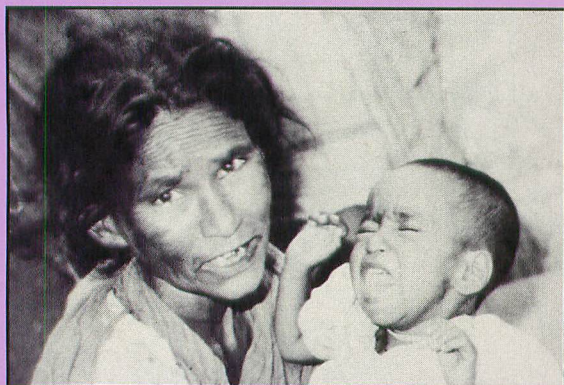
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