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The Apostle Paul spoke of entrusting God's Word to the faithful in 2 Timothy 2:2: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men. who shall be able to teach others also." Timothy proved to be one of the faithful who received the truth from Paul's lips and life. He became a follower and a leader, a learner and a teacher. He listened, applied and transferred those truths to others.

Missionaries are conscious of this sequence of activities as their ministry goes through varying stages of growth and development. These are all part of the great commission.

As pioneers, missionaries first proclaim the gospel and seek a harvest. Then they become "spiritual parents" in an effort to bring their babes to maturity in Christ. Next, they participate with them in the fellowship of believers—learners and teachers. Finally, they enter a role of partnership which places them alongside, and sometimes under, those to whom they have gone to

minister. This stage portrays a mature, self-perpetuating church—the primary goal of our missions program.

One of the most significant instruments for developing such a national church is a leadership training program. i.e., TEE (Theological Education by Extension), the formal Bible institute, college or seminary program. Certainly, no training program is possible without converts and growing Christians. Yet, no other single effort has a greater overall impact on the spiritual growth of the church and the spread of the gospel. This month's Heartbeat is dedicated to these more formal training programs.

Four missionaries and one missionary couple share some of the unique aspects of the training program in their country. Please take time to visualize the difficulties and blessings of these efforts, and spend time in prayer for those laboring to equip God's servants for ministry (Ephesians 4:12). Also ask God to call and send forth laborers into the whitened harvest.*

Flexible but Firm

by Steve and Judy Lytle

ome type of leadership training beyond the usual Sunday school lessons or new convert classes has continued from the earliest years of Free Will Baptist Missions in Panama. Tom Willey trained the young men in the First FWB Church in Panama City in an institute program during the late 60s and early 70s. He combined theory with practice as he sent out young men such as Nicolás Valdés, Daniel Dorati, and Raul Sanes to preach in Buenos Aires and Cañitas. Bill Fulcher also provided local advanced training between 1970-76 in the Agua Buena church.

But it was generally assumed the best way to train young men for the ministry would be through a more formal Bible institute or seminary. Therefore, during those years, three men were sent to Rio Grande Bible Institute in Texas, and one was sent to Costa Rica. Unfortunately, none of those four men are serving the Lord

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today through Free Will Baptists. Three are out of the ministry entirely. Now we feel it's best to have our own program for training, evaluation and supervision.

In the late 1980s things finally fell into place to have a Bible institute functioning as a recognized part of the Panamanian Association of Free Will Baptists. Since 1988, things have been exciting around here! Our pastors and churches, primarily in the Panama City area, have thrown their support behind this ministry, and the institute has grown! We've watched, and continue to observe. God at work in our Panamanian Free Will Baptist believers.

We had 10 students in 1985. Most were from the Betania church that I was pastoring. They met in our home once or twice a week. This past year, approximately 50 individuals took at least one course during the year. Our first three graduates finished in 1991 and received their diplomas. This year we hope to graduate at least two, and possibly as many as five, more students.

In the beginning, I (Steve) did all the teaching. Now I have the help of Pastor Alex Mercado from the First Church, Noris Cano (our first graduate), and Carlos Urbina, a highly educated Sunday school teacher at First Church. Judy also assists through teaching and administrative duties.

Our institute is somewhat unique in its flexibility. Imagine not having even one "full-time" student! Simply, this means we only meet two nights a week. A student taking a maximum load cannot expect to finish our



Steve Lytle (left) teaches a class in the Bible institute in Panama.

three-year program in three years. But we are working to remedy that. We are defining our program more carefully, insisting that students follow through sequentially, and adding more qualified teachers as well as more courses.

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We have taken some extraordinary steps to motivate students and get the churches involved. For example, even though a new or first-year student would not normally be allowed to take such an advanced class as the book of Revelation, we've made exceptions according to interest. Now that interest has grown. And so has the desire, on the part of students and administration, to see more structure and tighter organization in the program.

We praise God for the three graduates and more to follow. All of these are active in their local churches and/or in denominational ministries. Lay preachers and licensed preachers are receiving training in homiletics, hermeneutics, theology, and FWB doctrine

and practice. They also are instructed in a host of biblical and practical subjects. And Sunday school teachers learn how to effectively teach.

The program has done much to bring about greater unity among our churches and to provide a sense of identity as Free Will Baptists. Before the institute program became popular, some of our churches and leaders tended to view others with suspicion due to differences in styles of worship, social and economic makeup of the congregations, and simply from not knowing their brothers and sisters well. Through the Bible institute, minor differences have begun to disappear.

At the beginning of 1994, we took a poll of our students and churches to determine interest in having day classes. Response has been positive, so beginning in March, we will offer two day classes in addition to our regular night program. Probably we will add a few non-biblical subjects such as typing, basic computer literacy, English, Spanish and adult literacy.

We face a tremendous challenge for the future. We need a qualified, well-trained faculty, including more professors who can teach upper level courses. We need someone else who can be involved in more education by

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→ Continued from page 3 extension for our churches in the interior. And we need to provide continuing education for those who are already starting churches and pastoring organized ones.

While we don't project a resident institute or seminary right around the corner, we are progressing in that direction. Our biggest problem continues to be the provision of adequate training for our pastors and preachers. Many of them began their ministries when we had no formal program to equip them. Now they are so busy they don't have time to study as they should, or would like. Others are obligated to be bi-vocational; consequently, they are unable to work full-time in their church, nor can they invest much time in study.

In spite of the difficulties, we are determined to make a difference. Last year we taught seven extension courses in the interior churches, and hope to increase that this year. It is thrilling to be a part of the spiritual, theological, and practical preparation of men and women whom we believe God will use to win hundreds of Panamanians to Himself over the next several years.*

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Allan Crowson (left) teaches a Bible geography lesson.

Puttin' Down Some Roots

by Allan Crowson

Can Free Will Baptists in France afford the "luxury" of a Bible institute?

By American standards Free Will Baptist churches in France are small. The Nantes and St. Nazaire churches average 70 or so in attendance, and the St. Sebastien mission work runs in the twenties. So, can we afford an institute?

I believe the question is actually backwards. We should ask, "Can we afford NOT to have a Bible institute?"

In contrast to American Christians, who enjoy a large selection of Christian training material, French-speaking Christians have little. Besides that, adult Sunday school material is not even available. We're grateful for what is available, but the nearest Bible bookstore is an hour away. And I've seen American kitchens that were larger!

We have had to face these questions: If a "young preacher boy" were to desire to prepare for the ministry, what would he study? Where would he go? Paris has the nearest Bible college, but that's a four-hour drive. In addition to the distance involved and the high cost of living in Paris, a student faces the danger of being indoctrinated contrary to Free

Will Baptists (proven more than once by experience). He would likely return from his studies with a decidedly Calvinist theology. Obviously, such a person would not be qualified to build Free Will Baptist churches!

Our French churches struggle under immense leadership needs. Missionaries are too few in number to do all that is needed; so, our only hope rests in God raising up men and women of character who love the Lord, His Word, and lost people. In addition to pastors, we need trained, effective laymen who will find their place of service in the body of Christ,

As we pray for God to raise up leaders, we must prepare to train them. Institut Racines, our Free Will Baptist Bible institute, will help us meet this challenge and enable us to solidify the work. We called it Racines ("roots" in French) to emphasize putting down roots in God's Word.

Over many years, training French Christians has become a strong personal burden of mine. That burden became a purpose—the reason we returned to France this term.

To oversee the institute work, the field council established an education committee. We began We discovered church members and missionaries did not always see the same needs for their churches. We also quickly recognized we would not be teaching "full-time" students. Most of our potential students already worked. Some had families. All had other responsibilities. So our program would need to shape itself around their needs and availability.

Next, we held special classes in the Nantes church. This allowed me to test the waters for interest and try various teaching methods. During this "dry run" for the institute, one unsaved person was converted.

The committee drew up a two-year program and recommended it to our churches. We launched the institute in September 1991. Each school year contains three trimesters during which we offer three subjects, and some subjects require more than one trimester. We also decided to "mobilize" the institute, so we offer the same courses by the same teachers in two different churches. This allows Christians from different areas to participate more easily. I teach two courses each trimester, and other missionaries take turns teaching another course.

By using computers, outlines and materials from different missionaries, we share a coherent, unified style. We charge moderate fees to cover materials (extensive outlines accompany each course) and to help us buy books needed for a small but growing library. The college and careers class of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., donated a sizable gift to help start the library.

During the first year we offered Old Testament Survey, Cults and Other Religions, Life of Christ, Bible Doctrine, and Bible Interpretation. A course on Christian living and ethics had to be canceled when Tom McCullough and his wife, Patty, had to take a medical furlough.

Interest was good that first year. Five people attended in Nantes and two in St. Nazaire. Students included school teachers, an engineer, a sales representative and a nurse. Even a political refugee enrolled. We hope he can someday help build God's church in his native land of Angola.

As we continue, we must evaluate how we can best meet the needs of the French churches. Since my family and I begin furlough after the institute's second year, classes may be suspended for a time.

The accomplishments of the institute will depend largely on how some very basic needs are met. We need prayer. This is a spiritual battle to be fought with the weapons of the Spirit. We need other personnel to help in the institute and we need vision. Our church-planting efforts will not be successful if we do not train church leaders.

We also need financing. Increased financing would permit us to buy more books and tapes for the institute library. Then we could make them available in a full-time resource center.

Perhaps someday Free Will Baptists in France will have a training program that will even attract leaders from other churches in the area. In the meantime, we seek to put down some roots. The institute program promises the greatest advance toward this end.*

Partners in Preparation

by Bobby Poole

We're partners now!
Missionaries and
nationals have joined hands to
train leaders.

For the first 25 years or so, the Free Will Baptist training programs in Brazil were initiated, directed and financed by the FWB mission field council or by individual missionaries in their local churches. Now, the Brazilian Association of Free Will Baptist Churches has been organized and is maturing. So, the training

program has taken on a cooperative relationship.

A central school currently is operated by a theological committee elected by the association. Usually a field council representative also serves on the committee.

The associational school started on the mission-provided camp-grounds in Jaboticabal. Later, that school merged with the local church-sponsored Seminary-Bible Institute of

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MK John Poole, pastor of First FWB Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, also teaches in the Bible institute.

→ Continued from page 5 Ribeirão Preto and moved there.

The FWB mission has cooperated in this effort by providing some personnel and a subsidy of about \$400 per month to the college/institute. Other income of Seminário-Instituto Bíblico Batista Livre (Free Will Baptist Seminary-Bible Institute) comes from student fees based on minimum salary established by the government. Offerings for the college/institute also are received from churches.

The college trains students who have completed high school, whereas the Bible institute program serves those who do not have a high school diploma.

SIBBL is strictly a night school with classes from 7:30 p.m. up to 11:00 p.m., depending on the subjects offered. Most universities and colleges in Brazil have more students studying at night than during the day. The majority of our FWB young people have to work in order to pay tuition. But part-time jobs are almost impossible to find, so the students generally work all day then come to class, sometimes without going home for supper.

All classes are block classes. This means a three-hour-a-week subject is taught all on one night rather than three times a week. This facilitates getting teachers,

since they might be available to teach one night a week but could not do so three nights a week. This system also helps students who desire to study only one subject.

Since SIBBL does not have property or buildings, it meets in the facilities of the First FWB Church in Ribeirão Preto. The school has no full-time employees, but non-missionary personnel are given honorariums.

We find the names of some 300 individuals who have studied at one time or another.

We realize not everyone can afford to move to the central school location; consequently, extension classes have proven a blessing. Through the years, several churches have supported this program, and other pastors are being encouraged to begin extension classes in the local church. The same subjects as those offered at SIBBL are being taught by extension.

Even the extension courses do not meet every need. To fill this gap, the Source of Light Home Bible Study Course has been offered through the Seminary-Bible Institute of Ribeirão Preto. This has reached many who cannot study any other way. This course has been approved by SIBBL's

Board of Trustees and is now a part of the curriculum.

From our records we find the names of some 300 individuals who have studied at one time or another. These have included medical doctors, lawyers, engineers, dentists, business people, city employees, school teachers, bank workers, housewives, sales people, etc. Many studied to gain knowledge of the Bible for their own personal growth and to be able to better serve the Lord. Others studied for the ministry.

Jeancarlo Achê, a new convert, enrolled just to learn how to be a better Christian. The Lord began to deal with him about the ministry and soon he was attending full-time. He became the first graduate to receive a B.A. degree. He is now pastor of the Jaboticabal church and president of the Brazilian Association of FWB Churches. Jeancarlo's wife, Flavia, has completed over two years of studies also.

Carlos Jaime wanted to study for the ministry. His father was a pastor. Although not a Free Will Baptist, Carlos came to SIBBL for his training. As he was finishing his studies, he talked with one of our pastors and indicated he wanted to become a Free Will Baptist! With the blessings of his pastor and home church, he became a Free Will Baptist, was licensed and now has been approved for ordination. Carlos and his wife lead the Marincek work in Ribeirão Preto.

Only heaven will reveal the impact of the FWB training program in Brazil, but most of the churches have been touched in one way or another by the lives of students.*

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Walter Ellison (left) gives Uruguayan students a lesson in leadership.

Circuit Training

by Walter Ellison

As more people came to the Bible studies in our home in 1982, increasing numbers came to realize they needed and wanted to know more about the Word of God. That desire and our prayers gave birth to The Sower Bible Institute in Montevideo, Uruguay.

We left our living room and the Lord gave us a place, right in the heart of our neighborhood, Carrasco. We rented an area next to a veterinarian's office, above a beauty shop and a pharmacy. There we had the first year of "Preparatório" or "preparation." One of our students, Vivian, later became our first daughter-in-law. We praise the Lord that she has remained true to Him, and is still an active witness with Stephen, our eldest son. Another student that year, Alba, is the wife of Pastor Gerardo Acevedo, and the mother of three children.

Later, as interest grew in the Bible institute, we were able to purchase the fourth floor of a building on the main street right in the heart of Montevideo, the capital city.

We began classes in the downtown location in 1986 and have had the Lord's blessings on full-time and part-time students and faculty for these past eight years. Many of those who have graduated have returned to their home areas and are actively involved in Free Will Baptist ministries.

Martin Chiliz is the president of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Uruguay. Ruben Figueroa is assistant to Pastor Mário Conceição. Gerardo Rodriguez is heading the Sunday school effort and directing music with Dennis Owen's group in Pocitos. Gerardo's sister and her husband are assisting Pastor Casildo Trindade at Santa Tereza in Rivera.

Since we have a limited number of people from which to draw students, and because many are not able to move to Montevideo, we faced some very difficult decisions. We chose to do as the Brazilians say, "If you do not have a dog with which to hunt, hunt with a cat." So, we went hunting with a cat: We took the Bible institute classes to those in the interior who could study rather than expect them to move.

Presently, we have only one full-time resident student, Adriana, a young woman converted from Mormonism. She is studying for her third year here in Montevideo. Fourteen in Rivera are studying in extension classes. Along with these, several adults in Melo are taking extension classes with Molly Barker.

The Lord has enabled us to meet the need by sacrificing a bit more and taking classes to the students: both young people and adults. To meet the needs of the students, we have offered the classes in Rivera on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Fruit from our training efforts over the years became evident recently at Barrio Recreo Church in Rivera. Marcia spoke to a group of 80 people who had gathered to honor her and other mothers on Mother's Day. This time she was a part of the program, not the program. The people prepared and conducted the program and served a "sit-down luncheon."

This church has not had a missionary directly involved with its affairs for years. Over 200 new homes have come into the neighborhood in a housing project, and the congregation is planning to evangelize the new residents when they move in.

Our entire program is designed to prepare leaders and Christian servants to carry on the work of God under His leadership and power. Praise God for what He is doing!*

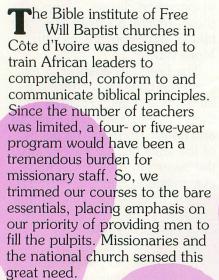
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Two institute students listen to the instructor.

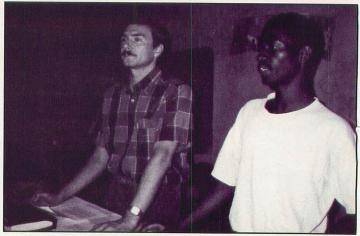
Experiencing the Truth

by Mike Cousineau



When the Bible institute opened in October of 1987, the National Association of FWB churches in Côte d'Ivoire did not have a full-time pastor serving in any church. During the past seven years the institute has had a major role in changing that statistic as well as the image of the FWB church in Côte d'Ivoire.

On June 10 of this year, 10 men completed a second nonstop, three-year training program. These students will be serving a year of internship in various churches. Some will be working alongside an African pastor; others will be responsible for the total leadership of a local church.



Mike Cousineau (above) preaches with an interpreter.

While the past seven years have been spent training and equipping national pastors, we also have been training the national churches to accept their responsibility in taking care of a pastor.

A less formal leadership training program has been in development and use in the southern area of the Bondoukou circle. This has centered around meeting people at their level and in their own environment. This program was covered in the September-October 1991 issue of Heartbeat. Now that program has advanced and will be adding another level—that of a Bible institute. This will make two centers for Bible institute training in Côte d'Ivoire: Bouna in the north and Bondoukou in the south.

From the beginning, our mission has been guided by this philosophy statement: "Confident that the Scriptures are the revelation of God's thoughts and truths intended for His creation, it is our objective to transmit these thoughts and truths in faith so they will become 'experienced reality' for our students. We believe that teaching our students to link faith's lifestyle to faith's content

is the process through which one becomes more Christ-like."

After a 10-month internship in 1990, students of the first class became a vital part of the local churches in Côte d'Ivoire. They had proven themselves and had earned the respect of the local churches. Many churches had struggled for years without national leadership. All eight graduates were requested to work in different churches. some full-time, others on a parttime salary basis. They have brought biblically sound leadership to the national church.

As these newly trained leaders began putting into action the biblical principles of leadership, immediate growth began to take place. During their three years of training at the Bible institute, they already had seen 181 people come to know Christ through their efforts. These came mainly from weekend ministries.

As students stepped out on faith, so did many churches. Up to this point they had not had a full-time trained leader. They were energetic and somewhat apprehensive at the same time. They were pioneers in this new adventure for the Free Will Baptist church in Côte d'Ivoire.

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We recently interviewed some of our former students regarding the role the Bible institute has played in the growth of the church during the past three years.

Every area where they have gone, students have impacted people in a positive way with the gospel.

One student felt the Bible institute may have served to actually salvage some churches headed toward extinction. One church had been "existing" for 20 years. Through the ministry of a graduate who became a full-time servant, the church was encouraged and revived. They also made a structural change to the church building. The attendance increased by 50 percent. Even though it is in a small village, the church continues to grow.

Another student was able to complete the construction project of a church which had been started by missionaries and left uncompleted. Through his leadership, encouragement, vision and faith, this community of believers revived and experienced a 300 percent growth during a period of two years. Today they proudly meet in their new building in a strategic semi-urban center.

Students have not only helped existing churches, they also have been active in planting new churches. One graduate claims five new communities of believers have sprung up since he began his full-time ministry.

Every area where they have gone, students have impacted people in a positive way with the gospel. They have earned great respect not only from the churches they serve, but also from the communities where they serve. Every church has grown numerically and spiritually.

During the past year, our current students have ministered in 15 different villages and have recorded 55 decisions for Christ. The average Sunday church attendance in these villages is 1,126. Last February, Ernest Kambou (a graduate) hosted a spiritual growth seminar for his churches. A total of 530 registered; however, many more attended the meeting.

The northern association of FWB churches boasts 13 leaders who have been trained by the Bible institute in Bouna. To date, those churches are all under national leadership. Missionaries who are working

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with them serve basically in an advisory role.

It is a joy to see this association stepping out on faith in a new mission endeavor. They have agreed to be financially responsible for three "pastors-in-training" who will seek to effectively plant and bring to maturity three churches in this northern area. During the past seven years, the church body in the north has more than doubled.

Yes, trained leaders are helping the Ivorian church march forward. And the church will not retreat!

Steve and Judy Lytle live and work in the Panama City area and have served in Panama since 1976. Allan Crowson and his wife, LaRue, have served in France since 1982. Bobby Poole and his wife, Geneva, have labored in Brazil since 1960. Walter Ellison and his wife, Marcia, have served in Uruguay since 1964 and have worked in Montevideo since 1982. Mike Cousineau and his wife, Deleen, have ministered in Côte d'Ivoire since 1980. All of these have been directly involved in developing or teaching in the Bible institute programs on their fields.

Help Our Missionaries Train Workers!

Isn't it thrilling to hear of God's work in the lives of young men like Ernest Kambou, Jeancarlo Achê, and Martin Chiliz? Training programs pay high dividends, so please help our missionaries train nationals who are just waiting in the wings for God's touch on their lives.

Funds are needed to purchase books for the libraries; to purchase and maintain equipment such as copy machines, projectors, video cameras and players; to buy paper and school supplies; to pay for building upkeep and qualified national instructors, to provide scholarships, etc.

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News Update



Pastor Roger Childers (left) and a member of Urbana FWB Church hold an enlarged check for \$6,810 for foreign missions.

\$100 Sunday Raises \$6,810 for Missions

Urbana, Oh.—The Urbana Free Will Baptist Church in Urbana, Oh., featured \$100 Sunday on April 24 as a foreign missions day. According to Pastor Roger Childers, the church raised \$6,810 for foreign missions on that day.

Pastor Childers challenged his church people to give \$100 above regular tithes and offerings for that day. "On April 24 this year, 23 of our people gave \$100 extra," stated Childers. "The regular offering did not suffer at all."

After the pastor shared his desire with the church board and the church membership, the woman's auxiliary of the church confronted the pastor with a challenge. They asked him to consider seeking membership approval to authorize the treasurer to match from the church general fund every \$100 given on that day. Childers says the church board responded, "Let's go for it!" The membership agreed.

On April 24, Foreign Missions Sunday, the day's offering totaled \$5,173.90. Of that total, \$3,401.35 was designated for foreign missions. The church general fund matched that and rounded the check off to \$6,810.

Russellville Group Goes to France and Africa

Russellville, Ark.—Pastor Douglas Little of First Free Will Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark., was accompanied by his daughter and four members of the church as they visited the Free Will Baptist work in France and West Africa. The group left Little Rock, Ark., on April 8 and returned to the United States on April 30.

From April 8 through 15 the Russellville travelers visited in France—first at St. Nazaire with the Jerry Gibbs family and Miss Patsy Vanhook from Arkansas. Later they traveled to Nantes and Paris.

From April 16 through 30 the tour continued in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, beginning at Abidjan and proceeding to Agnibilekrou, Bondoukou and Bouna. While in Bouna, Pastor Little taught several classes at the Bible institute, preached in several villages and conducted a concert at the Bouna church.

Those traveling with the pastor included Carol Lane, Cindy Ellis, Nancy Griffin, Mike Stahl and Rachel Little.

Aldridges to Relieve Gibbs for Furlough

Antioch, Tenn.—Overseas Director Jimmy Aldridge and his wife, Janie, are scheduled to depart for St. Nazaire, France, on August 15 to provide relief so missionaries Jerry and Barbara Gibbs can come to the United States for furlough.

The Aldridges plan to be in France during August and September. They will return to France in January of 1995 to remain through March.

Since Tom and Patty McCullough have been unable to return to France on schedule due to Patty's medical needs, the Gibbs have not had a replacement so they could come home as scheduled.

The McCulloughs also will go to France for a short time. Lay preachers will be responsible in the intervals between the Aldridges, McCulloughs and Gibbs.

Three Churches Dedicated in India During March/April

India—Three new church buildings were dedicated in India during the early part of 1994, according to missionary Carlisle Hanna. A new church in Karamadai, South India, was dedicated on March 6. Two others were dedicated in North India—one on March 20 and the other on April 3 (Easter Sunday).

Hanna says, "These are beautiful buildings by the side of main high-

ways and are answers to many prayers."

Approximately 500 people were on hand for the special dedication service of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church on Easter Sunday.

Riggs Reports Five Baptized at Nantes

France—"We thank the Lord for the five who were baptized on April 17," writes missionary Steve Riggs from Nantes, France.

"It was a great day as each gave testimony in the afternoon service," Steve continued. "We estimated more than 125 people, many unbelievers, crammed into our small room."

Two of those who were baptized were part of the university ministry headed by Charolette Tallent. Another was MK Timothy Crowson and two young people from the church.

Higashi Tsukisamu Church Gets in New Building

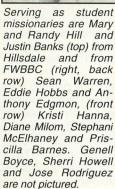
Japan—The people of Higashi Tsukisamu church sold their old building last year and finally were able to occupy their new church building on April 1.

According to missionaries Jim and Olena McLain, the new building seats about 80 people and is located next to their kindergarten which is a large part of the church's ministry.

This new building was paid for from the sale of the old property. Approximately 20 people are attending services at the present.

The new Higashi Tsukisamu church was occupied on April 1.







Student Missionaries Serve in Five Countries

Antioch, Tenn.-Free Will Baptist student missionaries have scattered out around the globe as ministers of the gospel, helpers and learners in five different countries for several weeks during the summer.

The first group of five went to Panama on May 23 to work with Steve and Judy Lytle: LaRhonda Anthony Edgmon, Bowerman, Stephani McElhaney, Diane Milom and Jose Rodriguez. Most of these returned to the United States on June 24.

Serving in Japan with Miss Debbie Griffin are Priscilla Barnes, Genell Boyce and Kristi Hanna. Justin Banks is serving under Don and Ruth McDonald at Kita Hiroshima Chapel in Sapporo.

Randy and Mary Ann Hill are working with the Dennis Teagues and Cathy Crawford in St. Sebastien. France.

Miss Sherri Howell is serving with Dave Jr. and Becky Franks in

Dwain Crosby (left) receives a check for over \$8,000 from David Sutton, pastor of First FWB Church of Duncanville, Tex.



Montevideo, Uruguay.

Two students—Eddie Hobbs and Sean Warren—are serving in the Commonwealth of Independent States (former Soviet Union).

Texas Church Helps Crosbys Toward Spain

Duncanville, Tex.—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Duncanville, Tex., raised over \$8,000 during the months of January-April for the Dwain Crosby missionary account.

Pastor David Sutton presented a check for the amount raised to Dwain during the annual meeting of the West Fork District Association which met at the West Fork Youth Camp on May 7.

Hollands Show Fruit from Youth Ministry

Côte d'Ivoire-Ernest and Elaine Holland in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, have declared the Youth Center ministry to be fruitful. The Hollands cited this recent example: "Geillaume, a young student in the high school across the road, came searching for the truth. Silas, our youth president, sat down with him and presented the gospel. Sitting at that table in the center, the young man accepted Christ as his Savior."

Elaine noted, "A couple of weeks ago Roger, an electric company worker, came by the house to greet Ernest, who was still at the Youth Center. Ernest later went to the man's place of work to return his greeting. Roger wanted to know more about God and our church. On Thursday night he came back to our house and on our front porch he accepted Christ."

Deeds Says Three Sayed at Conselheiro Lafaiete

Brazil—"During March, two young ladies and a young man prayed to receive Christ as Savior," writes missionary Earnie Deeds from Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil.

Natanael was a practicing Catholic with his own private collection of images. He destroyed these and turned to Christ. Luciana, age 16, lost her father during surgery a few weeks before she was saved. Maria. the other convert, has a husband who drinks a lot and who does not favor her attending the Free Will Baptist church.

Building Nears End of Phase One in Rivera

Uruguay-Missionary Walter Ellison has been busy remodeling and adding onto the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Rivera, Uruguay. The project, which is nearing the end of phase one, has called on Walter to travel from Montevideo to the border area and back by bus (seven hours one way). He stays in Rivera two weeks and travels home for a two- or three-day stay before returning to the work.

The Ellisons say an architect and engineer have advised them to avoid stopping the work after phase one. They urged them to immediately begin phase two without dismissing workers because costs will really escalate to hire new workers. The second phase calls for remodeling the main church. This is desperately needed since one wall is leaning away from the roof. Walter and Marcia have requested prayer that God would supply funds for phase

The first phase included building a new restroom and space for at least three new Sunday school rooms.

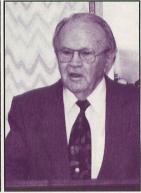
Bryans Seek Return to Africa; CPE Cuts Staff

Antioch, Tenn.—Robert and Judy Bryan are seeking to return to Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, by August to resume their work with the Evangelical Publications Center (CPE) in Abidjan. According to Bryan, the staff at CPE was recently cut by three-fourths due to the devaluation

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Left to right above, Bill and Pat Riggs Daniel and Winona and Raymond Riggs listen as Doug Kite videotapes the special dedication service for the Riggs Conference Room. Right, Raymond reminisces about missionaries.

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of the Ivory Coast currency and the drop in sales of books.

Robert says, "The staff is continuing the essential part of the ministry: editing and publishing. More than five books are currently being prepared for publication. I expect CPE to publish at least 5,000,000 pages in 1994."

Randal Richards Says Funeral Gives Witness

Côte d'Ivoire—According to a May report from short-term missionary Randal Richards in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire, the recent funeral of a Christian lady from the Agnibilekrou church provided an opportunity for many to hear the gospel.

"We stayed up all night Thursday," writes Richards. "We sang and prayed, preached and gave testimonies for eight hours, from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. There were many people there besides our own, many of whom were not Christians, so we had a very good chance to witness."

Riggs Conference Room Dedicated on April 26

Antioch, Tenn.—The Department of Foreign Missions held a special service on April 26 to honor Reverend Raymond and Winona Riggs by dedicating the foreign missions conference room in Raymond's behalf.

Board members, foreign missions staff, family members and friends gathered in the conference room in the evening for the special service. Two of the Riggs' children—Ken Riggs and Pat Daniel—participated in the special service. Another son,

missionary Steve Riggs, sent a letter from France to be read during the service. Bob Trimble, chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions, gave a dedicatory devotional, and the prayer of dedication was led by Don Robirds. Bill Jones and Jimmy Aldridge also participated in the service.

General Director R. Eugene Waddell gave some background information on the Riggs' activity in foreign missions, and Raymond spent some time reminiscing.

Friends of the Riggs have responded with \$5,221 in gifts in Raymond's name toward the \$7,002 it cost to furnish the conference room.

Mr. Riggs served as the first general director of foreign missions from 1950 to 1959.

Eight Baptized at Uberlândia in March

Brazil—Eight people were baptized on March 6 in Uberlândia, Brazil. These were all part of the Second Free Will Baptist Church-in Uberlândia.

Missionary Tom Hughes indicated five boys, two girls and a woman were among those baptized.

These eight people were baptized on March 6 in Uberlandia. Brazil.



Agnibilekrou Gives Welcome to Alice Smith

Côte d'Ivoire—Miss Alice Smith was welcomed back to Côte d'Ivoire on May 22 by the Agnibilekrou Free Will Baptist Church. Alice arrived back in Ivory Coast on May 13 after a year of furlough.

Miss Smith said the people had decorated the church with flowers and palm branches. They presented her with a bouquet of flowers and seated her in a plush chair covered with a colorful African cloth. Then, they proceeded to give speeches and sing for the next hour.

Alice writes, "I was especially touched by the words of Kouassi Jules: 'Our Sister Alice, we wish we could present you with a beautiful expensive gift. We cannot. So, we give you our hearts and our voices.' What more could I ask?"

Franks Jr. Says Three Saved in Malvin Alto

Uruguay—Dave Franks Jr. reported in March that two teenagers accepted Christ as their Savior during a recent vacation Bible school at Malvin Alto, Uruguay. Another lady, Suzanna, accepted the Lord after a Bible study with Dave Jr.

Franks says one of the converts, Raul, is 15 years of age and has had a rough reputation. The other teen, Karen, is from the area where Dennis and Trena Owen are working.

Dave is studying the Scriptures with Alvaro who has accepted the Lord but is having a hard time getting into the church. Dave requested people to pray for Alvaro and his wife. The couple has three children under the age of three years.

Aycock Baptizes Four, Cites Many Conversions

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Aycock reported baptizing four people at Barbacena, Brazil, during April. He also expressed praise for 12 conversions in January and six others during an evangelistic meeting and anniversary celebration on May 15.

One couple—a lawyer and his wife—and two ladies made up the baptismal party.

Aycock also reported a 17-yearold boy had answered the call to

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preach and had preached his first message to the youth group.

Three other people were converted in the mission church in Antonio Carlos in March.

Heaths, Zegelien Close Ministry in Germany

Antioch, Tenn.—Due to the military transfer of the Dennis Heaths from Germany to Arlington, Va., the Free Will Baptist ministry in Kusel, Germany, has been closed.

Both the Heaths and Kim Zegelien returned to the United States in June and have resigned as affiliates.

Evangelist Raises \$20,000 for New Cuban Churches

Cuba—Evangelist Rick Amato of Detroit, Mich., was part of a group of 20 people who visited Cuba and the Free Will Baptist work there May 11-15. Missionary Ron Callaway of Spain was the interpreter in the group.

According to Callaway, 30 people were saved in the services on their last day.

Amato has raised and given \$10,000 on two different occasions to help purchase properties for new churches in Cuba.

Turnboughs Launch New Work; One Lady Responds

Spain—Missionaries Jeff and Susan Turnbough, who moved to the Majadahonda area of Madrid last year, have launched a new work in that area and are reaching out to several in the community. More than

Evangelist Rick Amato (left) presents a check for \$10,000 to Loyd Locklear, pastor of Woodhaven FWB Church in Woodhaven, Mich., to go toward purchase of properties in Cuba for new churches.





TEAM Japan '94 participants practice some of the music they will be using in Japan this summer. TEAM Japan '94 and TEAM Côte d'Ivoire '94 members spent one week in training in Nashville, Tenn., before departing for their ministry overseas.

80 women participated in a recent ladies' meeting in their area and at least 60 of them were totally non-church, non-Christian women. One lady, Amparo, responded to the invitation during the meeting.

Yolanda, a 37-year-old high school physical education teacher, has committed to study the Gospel of John once a week.

The Turnboughs have requested Christians to pray that these Bible studies will enable them to win people to Jesus Christ.

TEAM '94 Groups Hit Africa and Japan

Antioch, Tenn.—Two TEAM '94 groups left the United States in June to minister in Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, and in Japan for approximately two and one-half weeks.

According to TEAM Coordinator Ken Eagleton, TEAM members started arriving in Nashville on Tuesday, June 14, to begin a week of orientation and intense training for their ministry overseas.

A group of eight teens accompanied Terry and Jamie Eagleton, TEAM directors for ministry in Côte d'Ivoire: Jennifer Burden of Ada, Okla.; Caroleann Worrell, Amy Pate and Chad Elkins of Nashville, Tenn.; Apryl Hamby of Cocoa, Fla.; Gayla Smith of Millersville, Mo.; Fred Beck of Purcell, Okla.; and Monica Dixon of Greeneville. Tenn.

The second group of 11 young people accompanying TEAM directors Jonathan and Teresa Snow to Japan include Beth Duncan and Melissa Larson of Nashville, Tenn.; Wendy Skelley of Oakley, Ill.; Philip Day of Conway, Mo.; Walt Lee of Florence, S.C.; Mary Cook of Cookeville, Tenn.; Kimberly Langille of Bryan, Tex.; Kristy Plumlee of

Berryville, Ark.; Heather Ward of Huntington, W. Va.; Adam Davis of Rinard, Ill.; and Timothy Ferguson of Waltonville, Ill. Missionary Fred Hersey also accompanied the group to act as translator and travel coordinator.

TEAM Côte d'Ivoire '94 left the U.S. on June 21 and is scheduled to return on July 14. Plans called for their ministry to begin in Agnibilekrou and continue for one week before moving to Bondoukou for a second week. Their final weekend was scheduled for the hospital at Doropo.

TEAM Japan '94 departed on June 22 and began their ministry in the Iriso church in the Tokyo area. They were scheduled to go to the Hokkaido area on June 27 where they were to minister in the Bihoro and Sapporo churches before returning to the United States on July 13.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—Tracey Renee Bailey, daughter of Ken and Judy Bailey in Japan, graduated from Christian Academy in Japan on June 10.

Nashville, Tenn.—On May 2, missionary Norman Richards underwent surgery to correct a kidney problem. Surgery went well, but Norman had to be readmitted to Baptist Hospital about a week later with a severe abdominal infection. He had an abcess in the surgical incision and a rare bacterial infection. Richards was released from the hospital on May 23 and continues to improve.

Panama—A ladies' retreat was held March 25-27 in Panama with some

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70 women gathering for fellowship and worship. According to missionary Judy Lytle, one of the main projects of the women for this coming year will be to help the Panamanian missionary families with their children's school expenses.

Charlotte, N.C.—Mrs. Eleanor Hart, mother of short-term missionary Tanya Hart, had emergency surgery on May 2 in Charlotte, N.C., for a ruptured disc in her back. Latest reports indicate she is recovering well.

Royal Oak, Mich.—Kathy Paschall, missionary appointee to Ivory Coast, underwent surgery June 7 for the removal of a benign mass. Latest reports indicate surgery was successful, but she had developed some complications. She and Mark were scheduled to go to Colorado in June for missionary internship training, but they had to cancel those plans.

Uruguay—Five people were baptized in Uruguay on Sunday, May 1, according to missionary Dennis Owen. The Owens are working in the Pocitos area of Montevideo, Uruguay.

Special Gifts

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

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Harmony FWB Church Flint, Mich.	Rev. James C. Powe
Rose Bowen Ayden, N.C.	Rev. C.F. Bowen
Mary Womack Madison, Tenn.	Ethel Casey
Morgan Bible Class Unity FWB Church Smithfield, N.C.	Etta Stewart
Thomas and Marilyn Jones Fenton, Mo.	Bill Suggs
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France—A retreat for university students was held in France on the weekend before Easter with 36 people attending. Five of those who were at the retreat made decisions for Christ and two others rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Spain—Rachel Callaway, daughter of missionaries Ron and Linda Callaway, graduated on June 3 from Evangelical Christian Academy in Madrid, Spain.

Côte d'Ivoire—Lloyd Plunkett, who is serving as dormitory parent at the school for missionary children in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, has been suffering with shingles for several weeks. At one point he contracted a staph infection in the shingles, causing very painful sores to develop. He was treated by a visiting doctor from Ferkessedougo, and latest reports indicate he is recovering slowly.

Japan—Missionaries Don and Ruth McDonald became parents for the third time on April 14 as they welcomed Amy Hope into their family. Amy weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces.

Dedication Service Gives Witness Opportunity

France—A special service was held in April at St. Sebastien, France, to dedicate Justin Douglas Teague to the Lord. Justin is the youngest son of Dennis and Carol Teague.

"We were overjoyed to see 87 come to witness this event with us," writes Dennis. "Included in the audience were 34 who had never before attended a Protestant church."

Board Meets, Adopts Budget of \$4,740,250

Antioch, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions convened April 25-27 at the National Office building in Antioch, Tenn., for its annual session.

Main action of the board was the adoption of a total 1995 budget of \$4,740,250 for submission to the National Association.

The board accepted the resignations of the Dennis Heaths and Kim Zegelien as affiliates in Germany.

Paul and Tanya Dean of Texas were approved as affiliates working in China under English Language



Paul and Tanya Dean plan to serve two years as affiliates with English Language Institute/China.

Institute/China. They will go to China in September.

Other prospective candidates were interviewed for possible service in the former Soviet Union.

A code of ethics for all board members was adopted.

The board expressed appreciation to Bob Trimble and Norwood Gibson for their years of service to the Board of Foreign Missions. Their terms end at the National Association and neither is eligible for reelection.

These officers were elected: Joe Grizzle, chairman; Dean Dobbs, vice chairman; and Galen Dunbar, secretary.

Cowart Reports 14 Saved at Uberlandia

Brazil—"Since our last letter, 14 decisions—14 new lives—have been made in our church," writes Jim Cowart from Uberlandia, Brazil. The April report stated 11 of those making decisions did so during the vacation Bible school in January. Jim indicated most of these children are from spiritist backgounds.

Cowart says the VBS averaged 120, including children and workers.

According to Jim, Bible institute classes in Uberlandia began March 9. They are offering five courses this year: Public Speaking, Homiletics 1, English, Music, and "Be an Approved Worker." More than 20 are participating in this year's institute program at Uberlandia.

Five Missionaries to Depart for Their Fields

Antioch, Tenn.—Five missionaries are scheduled to depart in July and August for their fields of service.

Bobby and Geneva Poole plan to leave near the end of July to resume their ministry in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil

Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall and their two children are planning to de-





Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall (top), Bobby and Geneva Poole (bottom), and Fred Hersey (right) plan to leave in July or August for their overseas ministries.



part for France in August to begin language study prior to proceeding to the Ivory Coast.

Fred Hersey is to return to Japan on July 25. He will be working in the Sapporo and Bihoro areas.

Furlough Time Comes for Many Missionaries

Antioch, Tenn.—Several missionaries have arrived or are scheduled to arrive soon for their furlough and deputational ministry.

Jim and Shirley Combs arrived from Brazil on May 12. Ken and Judy Bailey arrived from Japan around the middle of June.

Arriving in early July will be Bobby and Sue Aycock from Brazil; Mike and Deleen Cousineau and Clint and Lynette Morgan from Côte d'Ivoire; Dale and Sandra Bishop from Japan; and Allan and LaRue Crowson, Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, and Dennis and Carol Teague from France.

Nathan and Linda Snow will be returning in early July after completing two years in Japan teaching missionary children.

Dennis and Trena Owen will arrive in late July to begin their regular furlough, and Carlisle and Marie Hanna will be arriving from India during the third week of July.

The Aycocks, Teagues and Hannas all will be on short furloughs.

Financial Summary Through May 31

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Total income for March\$	324,933,42
Total income for April	464.832.72
Total income for May	352.057.26
Total income through May	1.651.636.74
Total disbursements through May	1.841.864.18
Projected income through May	1,869,031.67
Total 1994 Budget\$	4,485,676.00
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All of the following accounts are in	n the deficit:		
Bailey	\$ 3,778.88	McLain	\$ 1,097,53
Bishop	1.839.57	Midgett	
Callaway	341.88	Nichols	
Combs	8.308.10	Owen	
Cowart		Richards, R	
Creech.	8,731,12	Robinson	
Crosby	5,191.07	Snow	
Crowson	9,337,74	Sturgill	
Eagleton, Sr		Teague	
Ellison	4.790.96	Turnbough	
Franks, Sr	9,920,10	West	11.474.84
Gibbs	8.086.19	Willey	7,191,99
Hanna		General Fund	52.082.15
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Total			\$261,524.24
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All of the following accounts are in the blad	k but in ser	ious need:		
Barker\$	542.62	Poole	\$ 3	93.09
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State Goals-1994

State	Goal 1994	Goal Through May		Contributions Through May
Alabama\$	192,000	\$80,000.00	\$	88.307.34
Arizona	9.300	3.875.00	Ψ	22,281.02
Arkansas	225,000	106,250.00		103,478.80
California	95.000	39.583.33		26.627.96
Colorado	7.800	3.250.00		2.363.36
Florida	73,000	30.416.67		32,966.01
Georgia	160,000	66.666.67		58,219.80
Hawaii	2.800	1.166.67		400.00
Idaho	1.000	416.67		455.00
Illinois	114,000	47.500.00		49.271.48
Indiana	45.000	18.750.00		13,623.84
lowa	2.500	1.041.67		1,410.00
Kansas	18,000	7.500.00		4.896.38
Kentucky	81,000	33.750.00		32.384.98
Louisiana	400	166.67		1.665.41
Maryland	20.000	8.333.33		10.168.86
Michigan	160,000	66.666.67		65.874.65
Mississippi	53,000	22.083.33		20,599.36
Missouri	353,000	147.083.33		149,871.89
Montana	1.500	625.00		400.00
Nebraska	800	333.33		295.00
New Mexico	1.000	416.67		722.12
*Northeast Assn	5.500	2.291.67		853.00
**Northwest Assn.	8,500	3.541.67		3,800.90
North Carolina	553.000	230.416.67		228.090.55
Ohio	151,000	62.916.67		50.384.24
Oklahoma	437,000	182.083.33		135,886.12
Pennsylvania	400	166.67		602.15
South Carolina	237,000	98.750.00		103.048.52
Tennessee	683,000	284.583.33		224,604.57
Texas	97,000	40,416.67		42,982.54
Virginia	130,000	54,166.67		44,513.74
Virgin Islands	3,000	1,250.00		1,788.51
West Virginia	115,000	47,916.67		46,721.36
WNAC	120,000	50,000.00		72,270.09
Miscellaneous	299,176	124,656.64		9,807.19
Totals\$	4,485,676	\$ 1,869,031.67	\$	1,651,636.74

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