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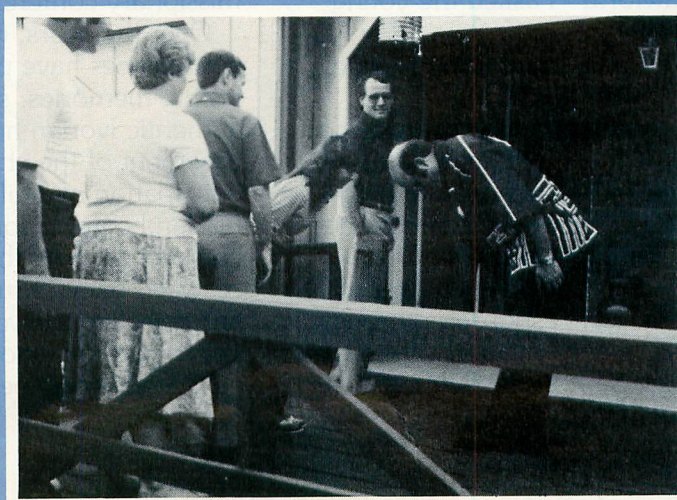
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of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world



MISSIONS IN THE CHURCH





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by Carl Dunn

Allo," said the voice on the other end of the line. "May I speak with Cathy Crawford?" I asked the young French girl.

"This is Cathy," she replied, in English this time.

Our church-wide conference call with Cathy Crawford in France was underway. For the next 30 minutes via telephone our people asked Cathy questions and listened as she shared her responses. Through this live conversation with a real missionary on the field we heard

and sensed her burden for the people of France. That concluded another tremendous missionary conference.

Over the years, missionary conferences have provided lasting memories, such as the authentic Ivorian hut built in the basement of the church in anticipation of Neil and Sheila Gilliland coming for a conference. And the smell of seaweed being thrust on the unsuspecting crowd by Jerry Banks. I recall visions of cous-cous (coos-coos) being cooked

by the Patrick Dickens, songs being sung to our children's church by Judy Smith, and the slides, pictures, and artifacts being displayed by the Lytles, Haases, and Franks. These all stir in me again the burden for the lost of the world.

We have had the privilege of meeting first-term missionaries who came to raise their support. Though noticeably apprehensive about the future, they were spiritually persuaded that God was able to keep that which they had committed unto

Him (2 Timothy 1:12). We have wept as "the still small voice" of God spoke through the lips of Carlisle Hanna, and we have laughed as Susan Turnbough and Patricia (a Spanish girl who accompanied her) shared a joke over pizza in a church member's home. These missionaries have entered our lives for a few days and have left for their fields or ministries. But their personal expression and commitment have forever changed our lives and the lives of our people.

This missions atmosphere and conference excitement in the Dailyville Free Will Baptist Church in Waverly, Ohio, didn't happen overnight. They grew out of specific steps taken over the past 10 or 15 years.

Our Ladies' Missionary Prayer Band paved the way for this missions journey. Though not an official member of the WNAC in those days, their missionary heart provided the impetus for our missions program. Our president attended the state and national conventions and participated in the WNAC conventions. She encouraged the subscription to *Heartbeat* and *Missiongrams*, promoted the use of the *Co-Laborer* magazine, and patterned the organizational structure. The Ladies' Prayer Band provided the only consistent missions support not directly related to a visit by a missionary.

The next stage of development centered around my involvement as a pastor in the National Association. Seeing the convention displays of the National Foreign Missions and National Home Missions departments, meeting the missionaries, and attending the

Wednesday evening missions service placed the burden of missions on my heart. I returned home with pictures, maps, prayer cards, banners, ideas, and a burden that God would call a missionary from our church.

We started an intensive campaign to teach our people what a missionary is, what a missionary does, who our missionaries are, where our missionaries serve, and how they became missionaries. Soon, it was obvious the task was too great for just the pastor.

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The third phase of expansion of our missions program led to the election of our first missions director. We also held our first missions conference. The foreign and home missions departments provided speakers, but in the weeks before the conference each of our Sunday school classes set up booths and displays for each of our mission fields. The names of missionaries, prayer cards, and maps with locations and information about each country were included.

People visited the displays, learned about the missionaries, and then heard of the work of a particular field from the guest missionaries at our conference. As a result of that first conference two major decisions were made: (1) each Sunday school class chose a particular field and family to support

through prayer and finances, and (2) the church established the first Sunday of each month as Missionary Sunday. All missions giving was collected and forwarded through the church that day.

The fourth step in our missions growth included expansion of the role of the missions director. From the initial responsibility of planning our annual missions conference, the duties grew to include oversight of Missionary Sunday and the promotion of missions all year. Soon we saw bulletin boards on missions and letters written to and received from our missionaries.

After a series of missions directors, a missions board became the fifth step in our development. Today our missions board consists of a representative from every major educational department or missions organization of the church. We now have two conferences a year, one in April during Foreign Missions Month and one in November during the Home Missions emphasis.

We place inserts in our bulletins, articles in our newsletters and correspondence on a special bulletin board. We also display flags from every mission field. Our VBS offering annually goes to a home or foreign missions project.

Mini-mission trips have been planned and carried out. Our Master's Men went to Mexico with a teen representative, and our youth group taught VBS for churches in North Carolina, West Virginia, and Ohio.

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as part of the curriculum. We have a missions corner in children's church and missions music as part of our monthly schedule.

The missionary conference is still the highlight of our missions year. One year we took our conference outside our own church. Although our church housed and fed the five missionary families involved, we transported them round-robin style to and from nine other churches for services each night.

The highlight of that conference was a progressive dinner. We sold tickets to a "Trip Around the World," and on Friday evening we traveled by bus to nine different homes. Each home had been decorated according to the theme of a particular mission field. At each stop we ate or drank a portion of our evening's meal. Each portion was a part of the diet of the country featured at the home. We had Brazilian coffee, French bread, and Japanese rice, eel, and seaweed. We also had Spanish tortillas, and good ol' barbecued chicken. Our missionaries and the hosts were in costume representative of the featured country.

Although having a missionary for our conference has certainly had the greatest impact, we understand the burden this places on our missionaries on furlough. So we have held several annual conferences with no missionaries. In one of those we divided up into multi-generational groups and assigned each group tasks to complete by the end of the week.

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Perhaps one of the most memorable "non-missionary" conferences occurred when we asked some MKs to come and share with us the mission field as they "sensed" it. John Inscoe, Gene Richards, and Joan Warner, accompanied by Neil Gilliland, presented a week of their experiences. They really touched our people.

In a concluding service that week the Word was preached in French, translated into English, then retranslated into Spanish. This showed us how our missionaries can reach out to the world with the message of Christ.

Now we are praying that God will give us wisdom concerning the form our future conferences should take. But regardless of the form any missionary conference might take, I believe every church should seek to sponsor one. The people will never be the same!

Carl Dunn is pastor of the Dailyville FWB Church in Waverly, Ohio.

I know they must have said something about a missionary wife in one of my many missions classes at Bible college. Surely they told us something! I meant to sit down and figure it out last week, but . . . what can I say? Last week was a crazy week, like most of my weeks.

Let's see . . . last Wednesday . . . oh yes, I visited with an Italian lady in the church. I hadn't been able to spend much time with her alone and we've been working in the church about six months now. She's an excellent cook, so she taught me how to make pizza. We kneaded dough, chased kids, and laughed a lot. We stopped for prayer meeting, and to let the dough rise, then back to work we went. While in the neighborhood, I talked with another Christian about helping me with the Sunday night class. She seemed very interested. In fact, I think she will be the teacher and I will be the assistant.

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Thursday . . . oh, I studied for all the classes. The Bible studies, the Sunday school class, the English classes and Spanish—that I hope to master before I retire. By the time I home-schooled our daughter, Beth, we all were exhausted.

Friday, Beth was ill. (Yes, missionary kids get sick, too.) We spent the afternoon with the doctor, and then helped her catch up with her preschool class that had gone on a field

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Becky Franks (left) puts some living meaning to the words "missionary wife."

What's a Missionary Wife?

by Becky Franks

trip. Since we still had some of our time left for visitation, my husband and I went visiting as we normally do. And, of course, I have two English classes at the Bible institute on Friday night.

Saturday? Yes, I remember. I had a Bible study with a woman and her daughter. We talked over an hour about how salvation is by faith and not by baptism, church attendance, or good works. Then she asked me if I would be the godmother of her smallest child. I had to start all over again explaining that baptism is only a manifestation of salvation.

Saturday night I watched kids. You see, one of our national pastors and his wife needed

some time alone, so I was the baby-sitter.

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And you know what happens on Sunday . . . Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. I teach nursery class. After class we had a teachers' meeting regarding the Christmas play. The meeting was broken up by two fistfights between the children. A little girl came home with us for the afternoon, so I watched children while my husband did a Bible study. Night service started at

7:00 p.m. I taught the children's class. The new teacher had a sick baby.

On Monday I cleaned house. I also took the time to prepare myself for the week of home schooling. I usually home-school the children Monday through Friday nights while my husband teaches or visits.

Tuesday afternoon, my husband and I went on a date. We discussed plans for the church over the next year. OK—maybe we were a little romantic! Tuesday night we had a young woman over to talk about the possibility of starting youth meetings at the church.

And today is Wednesday once again. My husband went to a national workers' meeting six hours away. We had an awful storm. I tried to avoid getting out or driving in the storm, so I didn't even send the children to preschool. We made homemade play dough. The children enjoyed it. A discouraged Christian needed some encouraging words. I counseled her for a little over an hour.

I arrived at church early to offer rides to the ones who lived far away and had to walk. I was drenched by the time we all finally arrived. A national pastor was free to assist with the service. Afterwards, I offered him and a lady a ride home. I also had helped the lady pick up her grandchildren from preschool so they wouldn't get soaked. I arrived home tonight exhausted.

So, here I am wondering once again what exactly is a missionary wife. Maybe I'll have some time next week to figure it out.

Becky Franks serves with her husband, Dave Franks Jr., in Malvin Alto, a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay. They are in their first term of missionary service.

Church Planting In The City!

by Dennis Owen

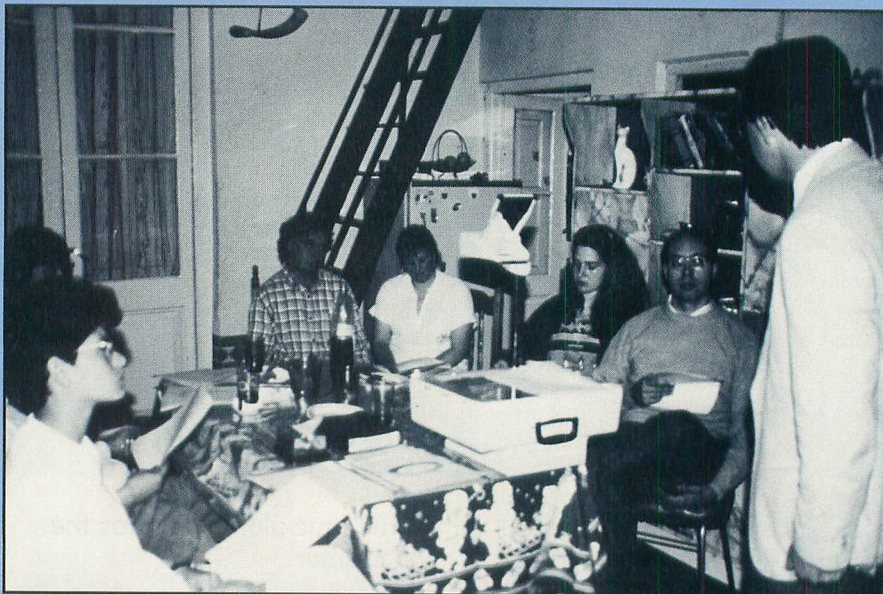


A group meets (left) for Bible study and fellowship. Dennis teaches a special Bible class (below) in the Owens' home.

From their Florida country home, the father of four boys took his sons to town on a Saturday, the only day for such trips. The boys enjoyed their day as they ate ice cream and mimicked their "favorite" people. In the afternoon they eased down a country dirt road in the back of a truck on the return to their rural home.

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Years later those boys, fully grown, still talked of their "favorite" people. For a moment in their boyhood they had enjoyed the ice cream. But as men they spoke for years of old "Mr. White's" tic. They would laugh and imitate the austere "Mrs. Green" as she shuffled from one store to another without permitting her eyes to greet and enjoy the people of town. Without really trying to apply a Sunday school lesson, the boys had focused on that which concerned Jesus as He tearfully contemplated a city—the people.



From the boyish "horseplay" of those four youngsters the Lord formed an adult concern: two of the boys later became preachers and two became deacons. A son of the youngest is a pastor; a son of the oldest is a missionary. I happen to be the son of the oldest, and I live in Montevideo, Uruguay (South America). My wife, Trena, and I are missionaries searching for the "Whites" and "Greens" of Uruguay in order to form a church.

In 1990 we faced a challenge for our ministry: "How do we

start a church that cares about people in a large city?"

We began the work in our apartment with services on Sunday. We focused on adults in our ministry, confident that God could and would change adult lives if they would commit themselves to two basic Christian practices: (1) to make God the priority in their lives, and (2) to teach and defend life established upon the principles taught in the Scriptures.

Uruguayans do not respond to how much one knows, nor how good one is. Society moves

on the basis of WHO one knows. So, it was valuable to have someone introduce us as a friend during the first year. A Jewish evangelical woman started presenting us to her friends.

We began compiling a list, the first step for ministry in the city. As we worked and witnessed to those on that list, Maria Orchidia professed faith, but later she took her own life. Ester never went beyond talking of God as an energy and as light. But Marta made a decision and is still with us. Nora attends sporadically.

Later on we added Jorge and Graciela, Mario and Ana Maria, Heber and Andrea, Jorge and Cristina. We are trusting God to use our witness to save other unbelievers such as Oswaldo and Laura, Atilio, Nelson, Walter Barbosa, Mauro Castro, Damion, Amelia Bagnoli, and Gustavo.

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Everything in our ministry is geared to showing people personal attention. We emphasize, "Everyone who comes to the Lord will come because of somebody." So, for three years our ministry has flowed from person to person.

The second level in urban ministry involves friendship. As Christian witnesses we must make friends. Love for a neighbor or friend is a direct command to a believer based on the Levitical law and summarized by Jesus. Influencing friends positively for the Lord is the unique

opportunity and task of redeemed men. We influence unbelievers with words and actions.

One verse of scripture forms the key to a clear explanation of the good news of Christ: Romans 6:23. We show the unsaved how all men outside of Christ will receive their reward: death. It is contrasted with what God offers through Christ: eternal life. A brief sketch using key words helps them visualize how faith in the cross of Christ makes a bridge to God.

We seek to build a friendly, strong relationship with an unbeliever so that we can ask, "If you were to die tonight, would you go to heaven?" After knowing Jorge Abella for a short while, I asked him that question. He didn't handle it well. The next Sunday he didn't come to service. That evening he almost bled to death from a bleeding ulcer. The first thing he said when I saw him was, "I almost put your question to the test."

I sustained a friendly relationship with Jorge for a year before he made his decision to follow Christ. After six more months he started attending regularly. He now has the keys and opens the building for services.

The third stage of urban ministry, after a decision to follow Christ, is to continue working with the convert. We seek to make a disciple out of the new Christian. We use a series of studies with a twin objective: (1) to teach basic biblical truths; (2) to walk and work personally with a "problematic" person (we haven't met any other type) as he lives in a problem world. After two years of discipling,

Jorge will soon follow the Lord Jesus in baptism.

We are grateful to see the influence of one Uruguayan father who lives with his wife and two children in Montevideo. His Christian experience and lifestyle are influencing a sick coworker who has a similar religious background; his own brother, Nelson; and Atilio, a long-time friend.

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Jorge Abella is learning to reveal Christ through his words and his life. He is responding well to the challenge, "Can you truly claim to believe in a God if you cannot explain Him clearly to others?"

Our "favorite" people in Montevideo are now becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. Trena and I will not load our pickup and drive back to the country. We will sleep tonight in a city of one million people.

God is working to build a church here which some day will include a boy who focuses his attention on people. And by God's grace he will grow up to be a man with concern for their souls. Then God will give him a ministry in a city where he will reach out to the "Greens" and the "Whites." And as he ministers, he will be guided by the three steps we have taken: make a list, make a friend, and make a disciple. These guides should help anyone working in urban evangelism.

Dennis Owen and his wife, Trena, currently serve as missionaries in a suburb of Montevideo, Uruguay with a population in excess of 1.5 million people. The Owens served two terms in Spain before going to Uruguay.

What joy filled our hearts when our friend, Sieglinde Bernhardt, accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It was only compounded after we sat back and reflected on the beautiful and amazing realization of the Body of Christ at work around the world.

What happened on December 12, 1993, in Nantes, France, was a fulfillment of what Jesus promised in John 17:23: "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." The unity of the Body of Christ across cultural barriers, distance and time won Sieglinde for our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is a testimony to God's awesome sovereignty with the "planting and watering" of God's Spirit in Sieglinde. Each believer's role is shown through the global Body and in the personal acceptance of Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 to go and make disciples of all nations.

The first seed (that we know of) was planted back in Germany by an Israeli Christian who lived in Sieglinde's residence at her German university. He told her about Christ, took her to a church service, made her a mix of contemporary Christian songs, and didn't give up when Sieglinde wasn't moved to accept the Lord as Savior. Briefly, before Sieglinde accepted the Lord, she told me about his kindness and his constant concern and interest in how her "faith was progressing."

I am an American in France teaching English in a French



Kim Greul (left) gives an assuring hug to Sieglinde, a new member of the Body.

The Body at Work

by Kim Greul

high school. I met Sieglinde at a bus stop at 9:00 a.m. on a Sunday as I was going to church. Isn't it strange that we happened to live in the same dormitory? As we say in French, "Quelle coincidence!" (What a coincidence!)

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As I sensed Sieglinde was having difficulty adjusting to life in France and did not have any German-speaking friends to confide in, I invited her to Charolette's Tuesday night Bible study. I told her a German-speaking Swiss girl, Heidi,

would be there so she could speak with her in the comfort of her mother language.

Accepting with enthusiasm, Sieglinde went to the study, which was held in Charolette's home. This demonstrated yet another part of Christ's Body fulfilling the Great Commission: Charolette, an American, was spreading the Good News in France.

Sieglinde willingly attended the Christmas party and Sunday church services, including the Sunday our Music and Drama Group conducted the worship service. This group is composed of members of the Body from Britain, USA, Canada, France, Switzerland and Japan.

Sieglinde's evidently brightened spirits were abruptly lowered when she received notice that she had lost her internship position and might



we all started praying fervently for Sieglinde. It was clear that God was calling her. The next weekend, Heidi invited Sieglinde over to her house after church. Sieglinde's spirits were still dampened by the loss of her internship, and Heidi sensed God wanted her to reach out to Sieglinde. They talked about the Bible all afternoon. Heidi gave Sieglinde some German tracts and books, and she left with a growing seed of God's Word in her heart.

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have to relocate to a town about 60 miles away. God used this, however, as an opportunity to touch Sieglinde's heart even more.

After sharing with Sieglinde about how Christ has helped me through disappointments, I was able to offer her a German New Testament. Although my German vocabulary includes only "gesundheit," I had a German Bible. Well, yet another member of the Body came into play. Weeks before, I had met a French Christian who had set up a stand at an outdoor market. He offered me free of charge this Bible, which was translated into German, French and English. He also gave me other words of encouragement.

That same evening Sieglinde told me about her Israeli friend who had told her "just what I was telling her." Immediately,

Later that same evening, Sieglinde came to my room and told me she had been very touched by the things Heidi had said. Furthermore, she confided that as she sat in her room and read one of the books, tears had come to her eyes. She realized "it was not by accident that she had met me." As a new Christian, I was a bit taken back and, almost nervously, decided to pray then wait to ask her the BIG question.

The next day, with more prayer support, I met Sieglinde for pizza in her dorm room. The German Christian book given by Heidi lay on Sieglinde's desk, and the French devotional book given by Charolette was next to her bed. As we sat there listening to the American Christian music given by the Israeli, the young German girl told this joyful American that she had accepted Jesus Christ

as Lord and Savior late the night before. We prayed together and praised God for her salvation.

Before that moment I had never felt so much a part of the Body of Christ. I felt like I knew the Israeli boy who was living in Germany and became excited for the day when we will finally meet. I praised God for the translators and publishers who provided the German tracts. I rejoiced in the fact that some Christians devote their lives to making music for the Christian community. And I became grateful for the missionaries who fearlessly hold Bible studies to encourage and strengthen the Body. Truly God has arranged the parts in the Body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be (1 Corinthians 12:18).

From that moment on, joy and peace were evident in Sieglinde's face. And God has provided her a job in Germany in her field after only two weeks of searching. We will miss her, but her letters have been encouraging.

Once more, I praise God for the Body of Christ and for the unity of our love brought about by God's Holy Spirit. I especially praise God that in the fullness of His time, He led Sieglinde to His Son. By the unifying power of the Holy Spirit, God used the different members of the Body to demonstrate His love for her. No single part was more important than another, but all served, obeyed, and trusted God to do His part.

Kim Greul is from Hoboken, N.J., and is a January 1993 graduate of Pennsylvania State University. She is presently on a year's leave of absence from AT&T, and is in Nantes, France, as an English assistant at Vial High School.

News Update



General Director R. Eugene Waddell is greeted (top) at Sonapurhat, India, by Christians upon his arrival. Waddell meets with the Japan field council (bottom) in Sapporo, Japan.

Waddell Addresses 1,000 in India, Visits Japan

Antioch, Tenn.—General Director R. Eugene Waddell left the United States on February 13 for a six-week tour of India and Japan.

Mr. Waddell spoke to the annual conference of Free Will Baptists in North India which started on February 25. He addressed the group five times during the conference emphasizing the accomplishments of the heroes of the faith found in Hebrews chapter 11. The attendance reached approximately 1,000 during the meeting.

"When I first got to Sonapurhat on Wednesday, February 16, I was overwhelmed by a large group of around 300 people who had gathered to greet me," says Eugene. "We visited numerous village churches over the next few weeks and everywhere Brother Carlisle Hanna and I went, we were welcomed royally."

Mr. Waddell met with pastors of North India at Sonapurhat on

February 20 and South India pastors on March 5 at Queens Hill of Kotagiri. He spent from March 3 through March 7 viewing and visiting the South India work.

On March 7 the general director left for Tokyo, Japan, where he was met by missionaries Ken and Judy Bailey and his wife, Genevieve, who flew to Japan to join him in visiting the missionaries and works on the islands.

Gene met with the Japan field council March 14-16 in Sapporo. Each evening he preached to the missionaries, and on March 17 the male missionaries and Mr. Waddell met with the pastors and some of the deacons of the Hokkaido churches. He expressed regret to learn that Pastor Sugitani was leaving Bihoro to teach in a Bible school in another part of Japan.

On Sunday afternoon, March 20, Genevieve spoke to the District Woman's Meeting at the Koinonia church.

The Waddells returned to the United States on March 25.

23 Baptized in Bouna, Five Couples Wed

Côte d'Ivoire—"We have baptized 23 new converts in the last couple of months," writes missionary Clint Morgan from Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire. "All those baptized have followed a new converts course and responded adequately to questions during an oral exam. These new convert courses have all been taught by students from our Bible institute."

Morgan also noted that five weddings have been held in the churches in the Bouna area since December. "We are rejoicing in all the new Christian homes that are being established," Clint concluded.

Mike Cousineau joined Clint in expressing praise over a three-day youth conference held in February in the village of Djorbanedouo. The conference was organized by Earnest Kambou, one of the former students of the Bible institute. Some 530 participants registered for the event and approximately 1,000 people attended a film showing the last two nights of the conference.

Second FWB Observes Sixth Anniversary

Brazil—The Second Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, celebrated its sixth anniversary on March 6, according to missionary Curt Holland.

Curt and Mary have been working with the Second FWB Church in Ribeirão, since Bobby and Geneva Poole left for furlough in January. "We are learning each day just how much we don't know about the Portuguese language," writes Curt. "But we are also learning more and more about the Brazilian people."

Tallent Says Student Ministry Surprising

France—Missionary Charolette Tallent in Nantes, France, has labeled the past months as "surprising." This period has been marked by conversions and increased attendance at her Bible studies.

According to Miss Tallent, her first surprise came when the year's activities officially began on October 5 of last year. Twenty-one students showed up for the first meeting. She was also surprised that 11 Chris-

tians were present for that first evening.

"When each academic year begins, I outline my hopes and prayers for what I would like the Lord to do," writes Charolette. "This year's salvation hopes were set at two."

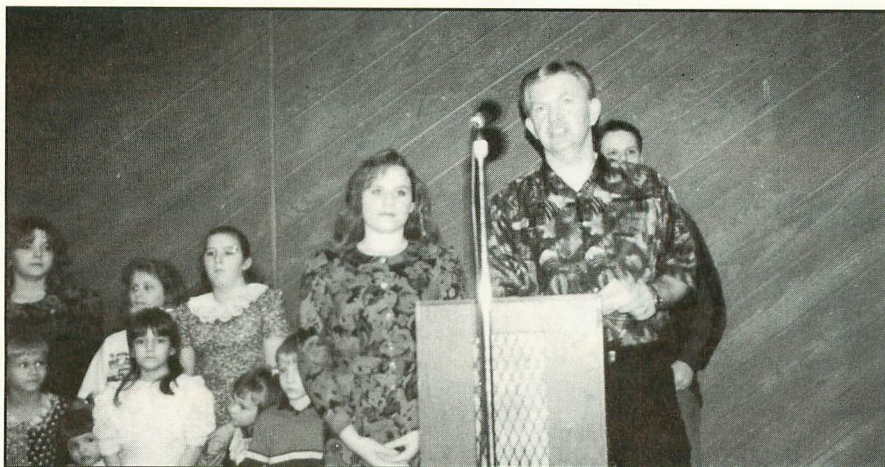
Just three weeks after the studies began, Pam, an American who teaches English in a local junior high school, accepted Christ as Savior. On December 12, Sieglinde, a German student doing an internship with a biochemical company, made her life-changing decision to follow Christ (see "The Body at Work" on page 7).

On January 12, Mony gave her heart to the Lord. Later that same week Heidi, a Swiss lady wanted to know if a child could accept Christ as Savior. On January 14, she led a five-year-old boy, Thibaud, to the Lord.

Souad, a Muslim from Morocco, attended the Bible study for the first time on February 1. Mika, a Japanese Christian and law professor from Osaka (studying law at the University of Nantes), had been faithfully sharing Christ with Souad. Charolette says, "As she (Souad) and I chatted, I was again taken by surprise when she told me that a few days earlier she asked Christ to come into her life."

Tallent indicated attendance since January 11 has broken all records. She says 31 students attended on February 1. Four of these were new while six regulars were absent.

Charolette was scheduled to begin a short furlough April 22.



Fred Warner, director of missionary-church relations, expresses thanks to the Arkansas youth for their certified check for \$20,000. Miss Jill Monroe (left) presented the check on behalf of the Arkansas youth.

Malone in Auto Mishap, Reports "Great" Term

China—Sarah Malone, who is serving with the English Language Institute/China, was involved in an automobile accident in February. According to Sarah, the taxi driver was going 120 kilometers an hour and hit another car. Sarah was bruised but not seriously injured.

Miss Malone, who spent part of February in Hong Kong at the mid-year conference of ELIC, says, "This term has been great. Several have borrowed Bibles and questioned me extensively about my faith."

Sarah will be moving to another school in Beijing in the fall and will begin working as a personnel officer with ELIC. "The arrangement with the school is that I'll be teaching six

hours a week with full pay and housing," writes Sarah. "I'll still be in the classroom. Each term I'll travel five to six weeks visiting schools."

Arkansas Youth Take Next Invasion Step

Conway, Ark.—Jackie Brown, state CTS director in Arkansas, reported in March that the next phase of the Norman Invasion by the youth in Arkansas had raised over \$20,000 for the building project in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

On February 7, during the Arkansas State Ministers' Retreat, Miss Jill Monroe of the Daisy Free Will Baptist Church of Kirby, Ark., presented a certified check for \$20,000 to Fred Warner, director of missionary-church relations.

Bill Jones, member of the Board of Foreign Missions, was also on hand for the event and expressed gratitude for the outstanding effort by the Arkansas youth. Between 20 and 25 young people, youth leaders and parents were on hand for the presentation.

Brown reported on April 12 that the Norman Invasion total surpassed their \$65,000 goal at the State Youth Retreat April 8 and 9.

Brown Offers to Hold Missionary Services

Antioch, Tenn.—Harley Brown, father of missionary Karen Cowart in Brazil, has offered to hold services on behalf of world outreach. Al-

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Sarah Malone (left center) sits among some of her students in Beijing, China. Sarah is an affiliate teaching English with the English Language Institute/China.



News Update



Woman's Camp participants and their children are shown in front of the Goumere Free Will Baptist Church in Côte d'Ivoire.

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though the Foreign Missions Department is not funding Brown's efforts, he has been authorized by the department to conduct and participate in missionary services. Harley has pastored in Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee.

According to General Director R. Eugene Waddell, "Brother Brown's schedule will be arranged in consultation with Fred Warner, the director of missionary-church relations. We appreciate this commitment to serve on behalf of our missionaries, and we hope pastors and churches understand that travel, meals, and lodging expenses for the Browns must be covered by the host churches."

The Browns reside in Knoxville, Tenn.

20 Saved in January at Uberlandia Second Church

Brazil—In February, missionary Nancy Hughes reported that January was a record month for conversions since they have been in Brazil. Some 20 people were converted in the Second FWB Church in Uberlandia during the month.

José Orlando made a decision for Christ on January 12. The next Sunday morning two young girls received Christ. When the Hughes went to visit their parents, the mother of one of the girls also made a decision. The following Sunday night three teenage boys were saved.

Nancy noted that vacation Bible school was held the following week and 12 of the children and teens were saved. Approximately 100 children attended every day.

"Needless to say, the church is excited to see what God is doing in our midst," says Nancy. "I don't remember 20 decisions in one month before in the history of our ministry. Pray for us that we will have wisdom and strength as we work with these new ones in the faith."

103 Women Attend 1994 FWB Woman's Camp

Côte d'Ivoire—A national woman's camp was held March 8-11 in Goumere, Côte d'Ivoire. The women of the Goumere Free Will Baptist Church hosted the camp, and 103 women paid the participation fee in spite of financially difficult times.

Missionary Carol Pinkerton noted that the ladies who attended came even though devaluation of the Ivory Coast currency made it tough, crowded conditions were not ideal, and many had to walk long distances. "Women from two villages walked," says Carol. "One group said it wasn't far. It only took five and a half hours!"

Reeves, Smith Return to Fields of Service

Antioch, Tenn.—After an extended furlough, Steve and Linda Reeves and their daughter, Hannah, finally returned to Spain on April 11. Alice Smith is scheduled to return to Côte

d'Ivoire on May 11.

The Reeves will be working in the area of Majadahonda, Spain, with the Turnboughs and the Crosbys. They were enabled to return when the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo., directed \$12,000 to their account. The church had already contributed a large amount for the Reeves' car.

Alice has been on furlough since May of last year and will be returning to her ministry in Agnibilekrou.

Gentuso Auto Stolen Shortly After Purchase

Côte d'Ivoire—Norman Richards, field chairman in Côte d'Ivoire, reported via telephone on Monday, March 28, that the newly purchased auto belonging to Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso had been hijacked.

Richards stated that the slightly used car, which had been purchased for the Gentusos, was taken to a mechanic in Abidjan for some minor work. For some reason the mechanic was driving the vehicle on Sunday when a band of armed gunmen commandeered the auto. Authorities were notified and a search was begun. The car was found, but it had been rolled.

The Gentusos, who have been in Belgium for tropical medicine studies, were scheduled to leave on April 1 for Ivory Coast. Missionaries were unable to reach them before they departed to apprise them of the incident.

Alice Smith (top) and Steve and Linda Reeves (bottom) are returning to their fields of service.



According to Richards, the insurance on automobiles in Ivory Coast does not cover theft, but latest reports held out some hope that the mechanic's insurance might help with repairs or replacement of the vehicle.

Bishop Says Christmas Dinner Bearing Fruit

Japan—"There is one young mother of three who has been to almost every service since our special Christmas family dinner," writes missionary Dale Bishop from Nopporo, Japan. Dale's early February communique indicated the woman's three children have also been attending Sunday school some.

Bishop said the lady's husband does not work in Sapporo so he has not had an opportunity to meet the man but her father is in the hospital at Wakkanai on the northern part of Hokkaido. As Dale seeks an opportunity to share the message of Christ, he urged Christians to pray for the man's salvation.

The Bishops expressed praise that a number of unsaved people are regularly attending worship services. One of these has indicated interest, and they are hoping his decision will be finalized so he will be able to be baptized before they leave for furlough in June.

Aldridge, Bunch Speak at Cuban Convention

Cuba—The Cuban Convention of Free Will Baptists met at the Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute in Pinar del Rio February 25-27 with over 500 people attending. Representing North American Free Will Baptists were Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary, and Stan Bunch, missionary to Panama.

Aldridge and Bunch left the United States on February 17 and returned on March 4. Jimmy said, "The Spirit of the Lord is sweeping across Cuba. I was thrilled to see and feel what is going on there."

Nineteen missions were established and 10 house churches were started last year. They reported 747 conversions for the year. "Though conditions are tough with rationing and shortages of medicines and basic necessities, God is lifting people from despair through the gospel



Missionary Stan Bunch (second from right) meets with Cuban pastors and leaders while in Cuba for the Cuban Convention of Free Will Baptists in February.

of Christ," Aldridge declared. Ten people were converted in churches where Aldridge and Bunch preached.

Jimmy urged Christians to pray for the Cuban people and send money to the Overseas Relief Fund to provide needed medicines, etc. He also encouraged Free Will Baptists to give to the VISION fund to help purchase property for new churches on the island.

While Aldridge and Bunch were in

Cuba, Howard Price of Georgia and a group of six men from Ada, Okla., worked on construction of a church building in Pinar del Rio.

Currency Devaluated 50 Percent in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire—On January 12, 1994, an international agreement between 16 West African countries, France, and several international financial in-

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We Need Your Help!

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions has commissioned a research project which will be conducted during the months of May and June. This is designed to help us better serve the Lord and Free Will Baptists. Individuals will be selected at random to respond to a questionnaire through the mail.

If you receive one of these questionnaires, please help us by filling it out and returning it as soon as possible. Since only a small segment of our people will be selected, you will represent all of those who feel as you do.

All of the returned questionnaires will be handled by qualified, independent research personnel. When you respond, you can be sure all of your answers will be kept confidential since your names will not be included and neither our staff, the board, nor the missionaries will see your responses.

A summary report of this project will be published in Heartbeat later this year.

Thank you in advance for your help.

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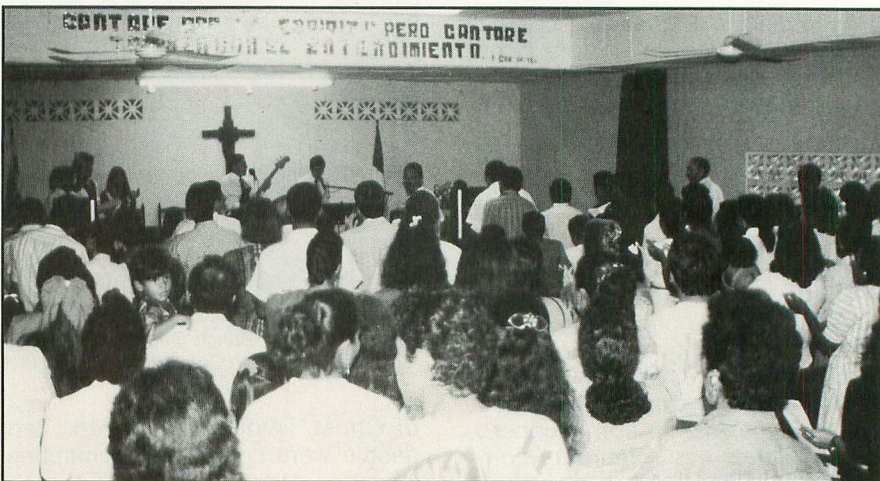
stitutions devaluated the Ivory Coast currency. One French Franc is now worth 100 CFA (Ivory Coast Francs) and one U.S. dollar is worth 590 CFA.

According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, this means the local currency only buys half as many foreign goods as before. Since the vast majority of industrialized products are imported, this puts a terrible strain on the people. All medicines are imported.

400 Attend Panama Convention January 8-10

Panama—The annual Panama Free Will Baptist Association Convention was held January 8-10 at the San Vicente Free Will Baptist Church in Panama. According to missionary Steve Lytle, approximately 400 people were on hand for the meeting.

Lytle noted the association made plans to expand the radio ministry, to offer day classes in the Bible insti-



Some of the 400 participants in the Panama Free Will Baptist Association join in singing.

tute for the first time, and to provide some non-Biblical courses such as adult literacy classes and computers. They will also offer some more extension courses.

Steve expressed excitement over the fruit of three new works in Panama: Nueva Esperanza, Arraijan, and Calobre de Chepo.

Jerry, Steve Riggs, Dennis Teague, and Benjamin Saraganza from the St. Nazaire church.

Côte d'Ivoire—According to a report from missionary Ron Moore, a double wedding was performed at the Bondoukou church in Côte d'Ivoire on February 12.

Nashville, Tenn.—Missionaries Paul and Rhoda Creech have announced the birth of their second child, Joseph Paul, born on March 3 at Westside Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. The baby weighed nine pounds four ounces.

Côte d'Ivoire—Norman and Bessie Richards left Ivory Coast on April 22 for the United States so Norman can undergo tests and receive medical treatment. He had been admitted to the Canadian Hospital in Abidjan near the end of February due to a kidney infection and a dangerously high blood sugar reading.

France—Cathy Crawford recently expressed praise that God had answered prayer. Christina, a French woman in St. Sebastien, was saved in Cathy's home in March. Her name had been on Missions Hotline several times.

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionaries Clint and Lynette Morgan reported in January that an elderly blind lady in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, had received Christ as her Savior.

Columbia, Mo.—On March 11 Jonathan Bunch, son of missionaries Stan and Brenda Bunch of Panama, underwent the second stage of a se-

Special Gifts

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

Donor	In Memory Of
New Hope FWB Ladies Aux. Cedar Park, Tex.	Rueben Martin
Beatrice Presley Olive Branch, Miss.	Jerry Presley
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Waddell Nashville, Tenn.	Emy Lee Barker Beni Kouame Daniel
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Leatherbury and Martens Cite Riots, End Studies

France—Glennnda Leatherbury and Jalayn Martens, who are winding up their French studies at the University of Nantes in France, cited student demonstrations and rioting in many areas of France during March. The student demonstrations caused the university to close on at least two occasions.

The two missionaries reported plans to leave France on May 25 en route to their ministry at the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Antioch, Tenn.—Missionary Fred Hersey has requested prayer for his future in Japan. He plans to resume his ministry there this summer following his trip to Japan with the TEAM Japan '94 group.

France—The annual youth retreat in France was held the first week in March with about 45 people attending. According to missionary Jerry Gibbs, the theme focused on communication between parents and youth. Sessions were taught by

ries of surgeries to reconstruct his left ear. Reports indicated the surgery went well and Jonathan was recovering fine. The next surgery in the series was scheduled for sometime in April.

Combs Baptizes Seven; VBS Efforts Reported

Brazil—Missionary Jim Combs baptized seven converts during February in the open-air baptistry of the Araras Free Will Baptist Church in Brazil.

Combs reported a special summer evangelism effort which included a five-day VBS Day Camp and a weekend Children's VBS Crusade. Approximately 120 youngsters participated in the day camp and one adult volunteer worker received Christ as Savior.

Memorial Gifts in Lieu of Flowers Total \$2,482

Jonesboro, Ark.—A check for \$2,482 was sent to the account of missionaries Dwain and Debbie Crosby recently in memory of Mrs. Cathy Richey. Mrs. Richey, who had actively promoted missions in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Ark., died last year and left a request that contributions be made to missions upon her death in lieu of flowers.

According to pastor Fred M. Scott, Mrs. Richey had battled cancer for 12 years before her death. She had requested that the money be given to the foreign missionary with the largest deficit account.

DVBS Efforts Fruitful, Camp Well Attended

Uruguay—Missionary Molly Barker reported having finished her third daily vacation Bible school on March 8. "God blessed in each school," she declares. "Children have given their hearts to Christ. Please help them grow with your prayers. Many come from unsaved families."

Barker noted that two other vacation Bible school efforts were to be held in the area shortly.

The family camp was held in Rivera during the third week of February as approximately 120 campers and visitors gathered to study God's Word and pray.

Financial Summary Through February 28

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Total income for January	\$ 189,465.57
Total income for February	320,347.77
Total income through February	509,813.34
Total disbursements through February	805,917.38
Projected income through February	747,612.67
Total 1993 Budget	\$ 4,485,676.00
VISION gifts through February	\$ 25,132.89

\$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bishop	\$ 1,662.67	Nichols	\$ 19,060.28
Callaway	6,714.21	Poole	13,085.14
Combs	3,041.88	Robinson	5,706.52
Creech	11,522.85	Snow	7,571.55
Crosby	18,657.55	Sturgill	17,898.06
Eagleton, Sr	3,094.58	Teague	7,134.26
Ferguson	9,722.63	Thompson	299.81
Franks, Sr	36,696.42	West	17,925.81
Hanna	35,155.68	Willey	6,436.99
Holland, E	4,081.02	General Fund	50,882.32
Midgett	3,677.45	Spec. Committee	18,882.34
Total			\$298,910.02

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

Bailey	\$ 60.72	Gibbs	\$ 0.00
Bryan	171.19	McLain	289.49
Cowart	0.00	Morgan	0.00
Crowson	0.00	Richards, R	808.33
Ellison	503.38	Turnbough	0.00

State Goals—1994

State	Goal 1994	Goal Through February	Contributions Through February
Alabama	\$ 192,000	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 37,824.12
Arizona	9,300	1,500.00	371.07
Arkansas	255,000	42,500.00	45,112.14
California	95,000	15,833.00	8,840.44
Colorado	7,800	1,300.00	628.00
Florida	73,000	12,167.00	11,109.58
Georgia	160,000	26,667.00	15,293.75
Hawaii	2,800	467.00	000.00
Idaho	1,000	167.00	000.00
Illinois	114,000	19,000.00	18,557.97
Indiana	45,000	7,500.00	4,218.80
Iowa	2,500	417.00	409.00
Kansas	18,000	3,000.00	1,084.26
Kentucky	81,000	13,500.00	12,471.57
Louisiana	400	67.00	639.00
Maryland	20,000	3,333.00	2,044.00
Michigan	160,000	26,667.00	16,243.21
Mississippi	53,000	8,833.00	6,770.87
Missouri	353,000	58,833.00	42,870.59
Montana	1,500	250.00	100.00
Nebraska	800	133.00	102.00
New Mexico	1,000	167.00	75.60
* Northeast Assn.	5,500	917.00	90.00
** Northwest Assn.	8,500	1,417.00	1,761.20
North Carolina	553,000	92,167.00	68,694.71
Ohio	151,000	25,167.00	19,915.21
Oklahoma	437,000	72,833.00	32,395.23
Pennsylvania	400	67.00	160.50
South Carolina	237,000	39,500.00	29,717.57
Tennessee	683,000	113,833.00	70,400.44
Texas	97,000	16,167.00	10,826.09
Virginia	130,000	21,667.00	16,885.13
Virgin Islands	3,000	500.00	292.00
West Virginia	115,000	19,167.00	12,292.74
WNAC	120,000	20,000.00	23,069.91
Miscellaneous	299,176	49,860.00	(1,453.36)
Totals	\$4,485,676	\$747,613.00	\$ 509,813.34

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