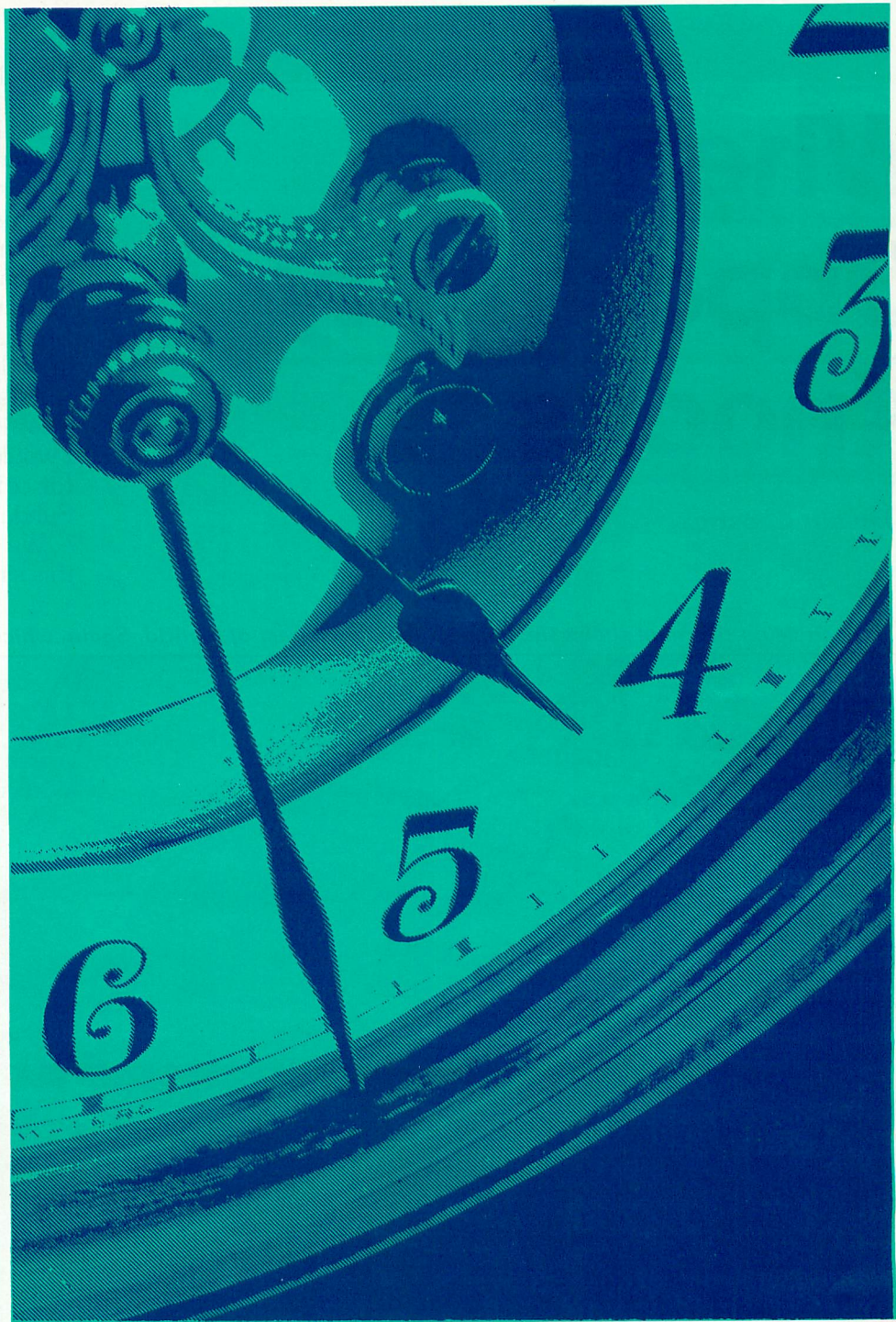


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HEARTBEAT

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Showing God at work around the world



**When
Opportunity Knocks**

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by Dwain Crosby

We could only imagine who was knocking on our door on a late Friday afternoon, as we had only recently moved into our new apartment. When we opened the front door we were pleased to find Beatrice, our upstairs neighbor. We had spoken with her a few weeks earlier in our parking garage. We only exchanged greetings and names in a brief moment. This meeting, however, created a great deal of curiosity and excitement. This was the first Spaniard to call on us since our arrival.

After a short greeting, Beatrice said, "My husband and I would like to invite your family for coffee in our home this Sunday afternoon."

We were anxious to accept this simple invitation. We had

The dark circle on this map shows the Majadahonda area west of Madrid, Spain, which has about 300,000 people.





The area of Majadahonda sports many apartment complexes and condominiums, homes for many young families.

been praying and waiting for this opportunity. After several attempts to acquaint ourselves with neighbors and generate friendships, we anxiously awaited the “open door” who was standing on our doorstep. Beatrice was a living confirmation that God was beginning to open doors.

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After our neighbor departed, Debbie and I began to remark how God was beginning to confirm His leading to the area of Majadahonda. Prior to this encounter Satan had continually

planted the doubt that all our efforts were in vain. This made us second-guess our decision to “launch out” into this new area. God “reaffirmed” to us His calling and leadership.

How did we know for sure? How could we have known this was the place God wanted us to begin a new ministry? Among the hundreds of suburban areas surrounding Madrid, why were we convinced this was where opportunity would knock?

Prerequisites

Before beginning our search for a location, we realized the most essential prerequisite was prayer. Nothing could substitute for God’s hand leading to the ripening field. He had to match our personality and gifts to the needs of those He would bring

to Himself. All the planning and pretesting we could do was at best a search for His Spirit’s affirmation.

We had completed our official language study and had spent more than a year getting practical experience in ministry among Spaniards in the city of Móstoles. As we prayed, we sensed God leading us to begin a new ministry somewhere in the Madrid metropolitan area.

Search for the Harvest

In a metropolitan area where only one evangelical church exists for every 32,000 people it wasn’t difficult to find people in need of Christ. When almost every suburb and barrio of Madrid was in need of a gospel witness, how were we to find

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the particular place God had selected for this new outreach?

One of our mission's fundamental philosophies is to "assume the primary responsibility for witness in areas unreachable by existing indigenous bodies, including Free Will Baptists" (FWBFM Handbook, Section VII, B, 1). In our study of the Madrid metropolitan area we noted a section of suburban communities on the western edge of the city which was completely devoid of any established evangelical work.

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The target area comprised a population of nearly 300,000 in the heart of the western suburban jungle. Further research revealed that these suburban satellites had experienced the highest

percentage of growth in the entire metro area during the past five years. Some communities in this area grew as much as 90 percent during that period.

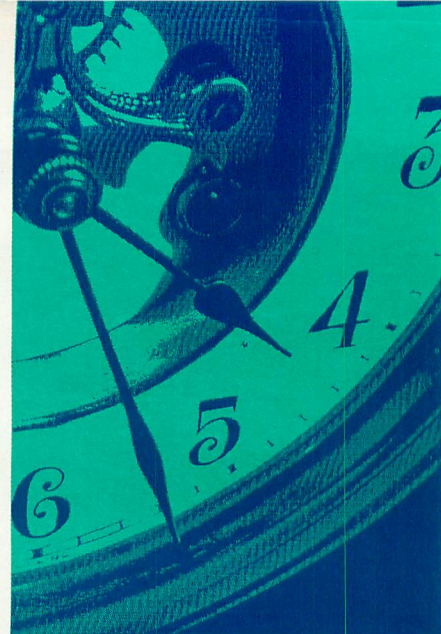
Soil Fertility

We had no doubt the need in this growing area was greatest, but we wondered if the area was indeed "ripe and ready unto harvest"? Would the seed fall on fertile soil? Would a receptive ear hear the message? Our answers were found only as we moved forward with the selection process.

Next, we expanded our study to include missions organizations which may have attempted to evangelize this area in past years. To our amazement, few had ever attempted to reach this massive population.

Unlike many lower- or working-class suburbs of Madrid, this largely middle- to upper-middle-income community had often been considered less receptive. Consequently, it was left unevangelized. In fact, in the past 10 years only a handful of missionaries had made any attempts toward evangelization of Majadahonda. Each had varying degrees of success, but each work had been cut short in its ministry for one reason or another.

Our research did not end there. We also interviewed Spaniards. We wanted to understand the attitudes, perceptions and even prejudices which nationals (believers and



nonbelievers alike) held about these suburban satellite cities.

Because of its past history, many Spaniards termed this section of the city "la zona de los ricos" (the rich people's zone). However, almost without exception, those who knew the area well stated that this had changed in recent years. Instead of being an exclusive area for the wealthy, it is now the newest residential zone for young families moving out of the heart of Madrid. Because these are families in transition, most Spaniards realize this is an area which should be more open today than ever before.

Sowing the Seed

While searching for fertile soil, we determined that one-on-one evangelism and discipleship would be our best approach to present the message in their culture. Our primary goal would be to establish in-home Bible studies, teach English/Bible classes, and utilize other similar methods. These would allow us to share the gospel with Spaniards on a one-on-one level.

Our long-range focus would be to unite in small groups

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those who were disciplined in the area. We would hope to form them into a single congregation (or possibly multiple congregations).

Launching Out

Seeing the vast fields of ripening grain before us, we launched out into the city of Majadahonda in February 1993. Beatrice and her husband, Francisco, are but the first demonstration that God is at work in this area.

Prior to our departure for furlough in June of 1993, an in-home Bible study had already begun in Las Rozas (one of the growing suburbs) in the home of Donato Gama de Silva. Oscar Arteaga, a young marketing student, has begun to study God's Word through this effort. As these doors of opportunity continue to open we look forward to the day when a work is established.

The challenge of this northwestern suburban area is being met head-on. Jeff and Susan Turnbough have relocated to this area to join with us in this ministry. They have already seen one young couple come to know Christ. Close ties are already being established between those involved in Bible studies and the FWB Church in Villalba. Steve Reeves presently pastors that growing congregation. This team ministry will enable us to multiply our efforts and greatly increase the potential for establishing God's work.

We believe God has placed us here for this unique time of opportunity. We are trusting Him for the harvest.

Dwain Crosby and his wife, Debbie, recently returned to Spain to begin their second term of missionary service.

Do you want to continue receiving Heartbeat?

We want you to get the publication if you desire to receive it, but we don't want to waste the Lord's money if the magazine only goes into the trash.

Some recent responses have indicated a number of people are on our mailing list who do not want the publication but have never notified us.

To "clean up" our mailing list, we will be placing an insert in the November-December issue, including a postage-paid card for your response. Look for the insert and follow the instructions.

If we do not receive a card containing your mailing label or a positive response from you, your name will be removed automatically from our mailing list.

Remember, NO response means NO *Heartbeat!* Watch for the notice and insert in your next *Heartbeat*.

Many years ago when I was an itinerating missionary, the average faith promise was about \$10 and the missions offering from the church ran about \$100. Today, some 28 years later, the faith promise is still averaging about \$10 per month and the missions offering totals a little more than a \$100.

People are not being taught to keep up with the ever-increasing financial needs of our missionaries! To merely maintain the missionary and his station on the field today, individual faith commitments need to be \$100 per month and the missions offering needs to be several thousand dollars.

For giving patterns to change, the local church must continually be led to examine and challenged to respond to God's command. This means the pastor must assume a vital role. He is absolutely the key to his people's response in world outreach. He is the key planner and promoter in the local church. If he does not open the missions windows, his congregation will sit in darkness. And they will not send the light if they are not enlightened!

Throughout the entire year the pastor must give some time and energy to planning and promoting missions and securing missionaries to challenge his people. He may want to enlist the encouragement and help of a missions committee.

Each year in our church the missions committee plans the World Outreach Conference. They get everybody involved in the planning process. Children

and young people are engaged in a poster-making contest to advertise the missionaries who will be coming. And our international dinner on Saturday evening, featuring foods from around the world, is always a big hit!

The committee lines up a slate of six or more missionary families. For the entire week our congregation of some 150 people is challenged and informed of the tremendous needs of the field. For weeks before the actual event we pray for the results of this conference. We want our people to be informed on how to pray and how to pay the missionaries' way.

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Each evening of the conference we receive a missions offering. At the close of the conference a faith-promise sheet is given to every family to pray over. The committee follows up and asks for every commitment to be returned with some response. From commitments made in 1993, total giving for this year will be \$33,000. Many of our Free Will Baptist churches could do this much or more, but the pastor is the key!

The alert pastor will want to call the foreign missions office and see what missionaries will be available for the year. He will make his plans to schedule them well in advance, when they are going to be in his area.

He certainly must not wait to be called by some of the office staff. The missions services cannot be an afterthought—something sandwiched in between half a dozen other events. If missions outreach is to be a major consideration, the missionary should have prime-time exposure.

I believe a greater awareness of missionaries' needs will create enthusiastic and substantial monthly support. Each week, at a specified time, members of the missions committee should be ready to share airmail, electronic mail (E-mail) and videos from the field. Several fresh newsletters and telephone conversations can be shared with various prayer groups of the church. The pastor should spearhead regular communications with the missionary on a personal basis.

Perhaps a congregation will want to appreciate their pastor and wife by sending them to visit one of our mission fields. Such a trip will help any pastoral couple experience firsthand the heartbeat of the missionary. The pastor will be able to see with his own eyes the tremendous needs of the missionary family. With planning, he can make things happen.

A few months ago I traveled to Brazil, South America. My heart was deeply touched as I worshipped and enjoyed fellowship with my Brazilian brothers and sisters. I walked along the streets of Belo Horizonte with teeming thousands. In Jaboticabal my vision broadened as I listened to our pastors in the National Pastors' and Workers' Conference. I felt their keen

desire to reach their own people with the gospel.

High in the mountains of central Brazil in the city of Barbacena, I heard our Free Will Baptist missionaries pour out their souls to God for the salvation of lost people all around them. It is a small thing to say I also was deeply moved as I stood in the church of Araras, Brazil, sharing the Lord's Supper with the church family.

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A walk through our children's home in Araras left permanent impressions on my mind. On the flight home, I could still hear children's voices ringing in my ears above the hum of those jet engines. My heart was captured. What a wonderful experience!

And I have sought to share that experience with our people.

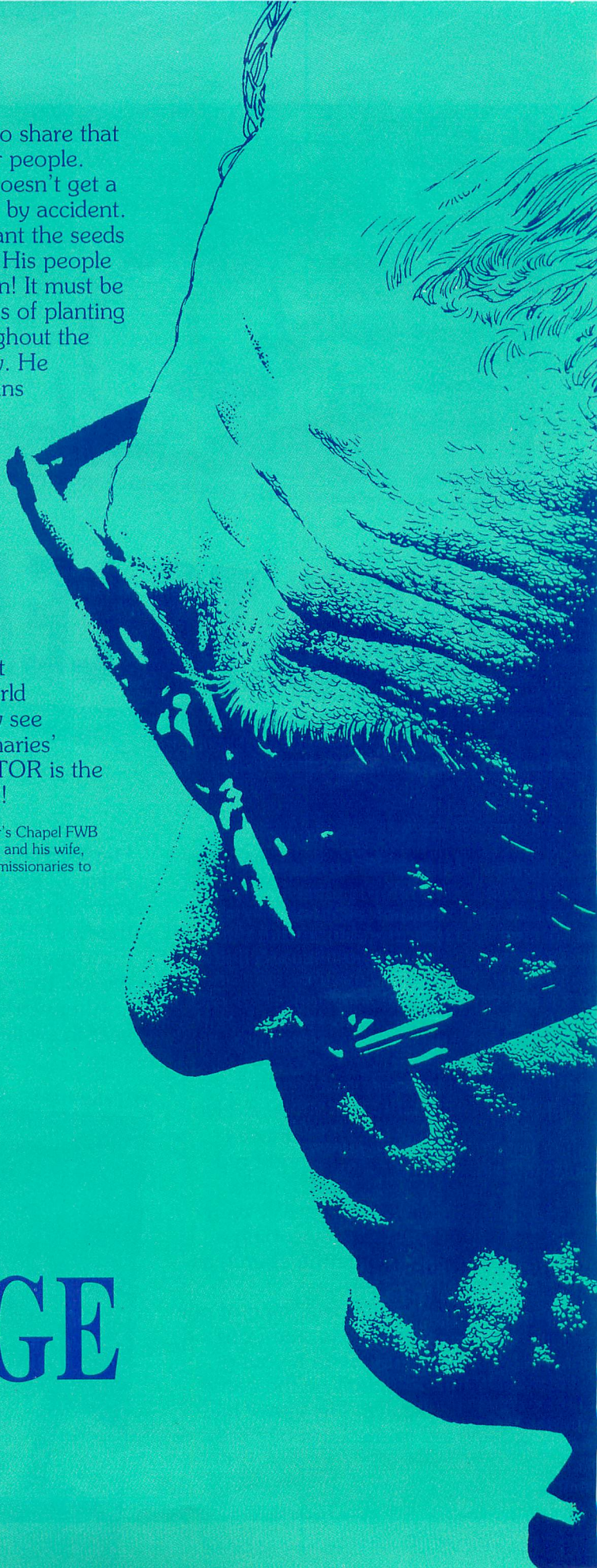
A congregation doesn't get a burden for missions by accident. The pastor must plant the seeds for world outreach. His people must catch his vision! It must be a continuing process of planting and watering throughout the years of his ministry. He must use every means available to inform his people about those who are still waiting to hear the message of life eternal.

When church members are informed, they will give! They will meet the challenge of world outreach when they see through the missionaries' eyes. And the PASTOR is the key to such a vision!

Larry Powell is pastor of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, Wanda, have served as home missionaries to the Virgin Islands.

THE PASTOR'S CHALLENGE

by Larry Powell





Someone must minister God's Word to these growing believers.

HARD TO LEAVE!

by Ken Bailey

We were ready! It was time. And everything was worked out for our furlough. Then the shocker came: Nobody was available to take our place!

We had taken the reigns of the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in Tokyo, Japan, in the fall of 1988. We had just returned from furlough. Evelyn Hersey had been diagnosed with cancer, so she and Fred had to return to the United States for treatment. We were to work toward developing a leader to assume the church as soon as possible.

In 1991, the beginning of our fourth year at Iriso, the Lord had blessed us with a young seminary student by the name of Mr. Oikawa. His father had been led to the Lord by Fred

Hersey many years earlier. Mr. Oikawa, after some years of rebellion, had surrendered to the Lord in his early twenties. Shortly after that he answered the call to preach.

After working with us his last year in Bible college, the church

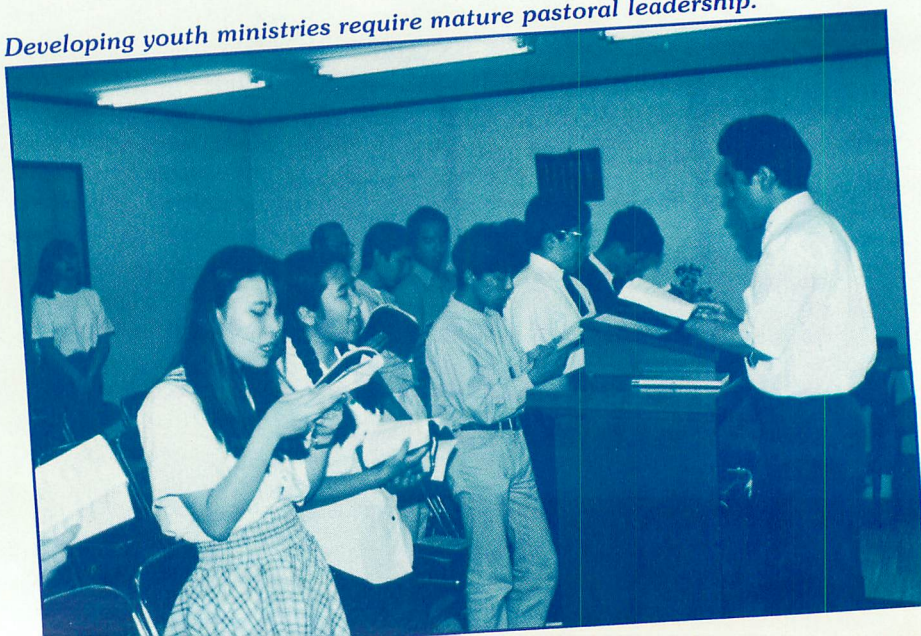
was excited to hear he would consider becoming our pastor. The Iriso church voted unanimously in December of 1991 to call him as church leader. He would take the church in April of 1992 and as far as we were concerned this was truly God's timing. This would give us time to prepare for furlough in June and we could leave the church without worry.

God had a completely different scenario in mind! As we met in our church business meetings, we were excited about the plans for various new ministries that would be headed by our new leader. As Mr. Oikawa's graduation approached, everything was going smoothly for the transition from missionary to Japanese pastor. Then it happened!

On Saturday before our new pastor's first Sunday, I received a phone call about 10:00 p.m. from Mr. Bonde, one of our church leaders. He was very upset and began to tell me an almost unbelievable story.

A few minutes earlier, Mr. Bonde had received a phone call from Mr. Oikawa,

Developing youth ministries require mature pastoral leadership.



our new pastor-to-be. The young man had been in the city that day and had accidentally run into an old acquaintance. Oikawa had known the person before becoming a Christian. He had run with a very rough crowd, often referred to as the Japanese Mafia, or in Japanese, the Yakuza.

After a brief visit and an exchange of phone numbers, Mr. Oikawa returned home. A short time later he received a call from another old acquaintance, his old Yakuza boss. The call was short and direct: "Either do as we say or something bad will happen to you or your church."

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Mr. Oikawa decided the best option for the church and his safety was to leave. He was packed and gone by 8 o'clock. He called Mr. Bonde on the road to nowhere. That was the last time we ever heard from this mysterious young man. We still don't know where he is.

Suddenly, we were faced with a difficult decision. It was time for us to begin furlough, but the Iriso church was in turmoil.

One thing really complicated matters for me personally. Only a few weeks earlier I had been diagnosed with diabetes. The prospect of a new pastor brought thoughts of how wonderful it would be to have a little relief from some of my responsibilities. Apart from feeling physically depleted, I had to learn to give myself two injections a day while trying to get used to a completely

different lifestyle. Prospects of relief vanished with the phone call from Mr. Bonde.

We prayed and sought advice. Some asked why we didn't return to the States. After all, our "four-year term was up and it was time for us to begin furlough."

Several questions loomed in our minds. On the one hand, we desperately needed to touch base with our supporting churches since our account was deep in the red! Also, we had many friends and loved ones whom we hadn't seen for a long time. On the other hand, the needs of the Iriso church were serious. The spiritual leadership was gone and the church was in turmoil.

Several Japanese pastors shared their concern and encouraged us to remain in Japan. Their unanimous fear was that in the absence of leadership the church would fold.

The Iriso church is one of only two Free Will Baptist churches in the Tokyo area. Our suburb of nearly 200,000 people and approximately eight churches is virtually indistinguishable from all of the other suburbs in the Tokyo area. It's hard to know where one city ends and another begins in this megatropolis of over 33 million people.

We asked for permission from the mission board to remain on the field for an extra two years. Permission was granted.

At first, we were apprehensive about spending six years on the field as one term, but it turned out to be God's perfect timing. Even though many people in the

church were shocked and discouraged at losing their first Japanese pastor, the group pulled together. We began to experience more spiritual growth than we had the entire time we had served in the church. After living through a time of discouragement for several months, we slowly began to see signs of recovery.

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At the end of two years, the Iriso church continues to struggle in different areas, but it is moving forward. It appears to be healing and showing signs of real growth. Several people have been converted and others have rededicated their lives to Christ. Four people have been baptized. The believers again seem to be encouraged, and we have begun to see the whole experience as part of God's perfect will. Now, it's really hard to leave!

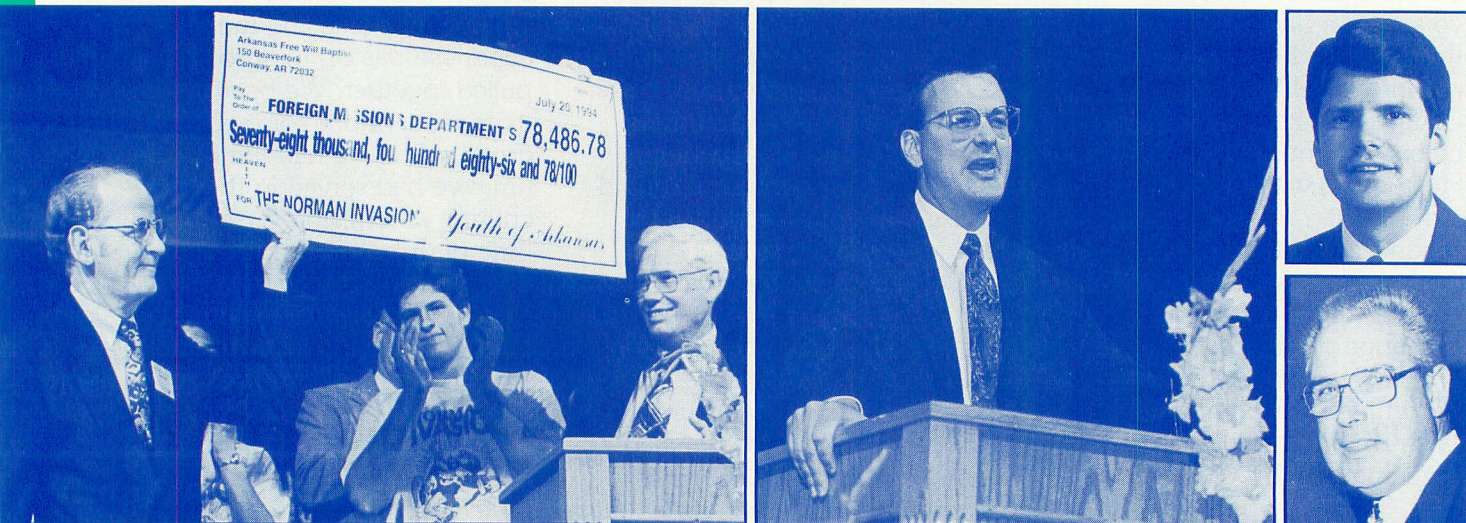
Ken Bailey and his family began furlough in June of 1994. This article was written in March. Laymen of the church and a seminary student are preaching at the church while the Baileys are home on furlough.

Get urgent prayer requests from the field!
(These are updated every Wednesday.)

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News Update



AT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—A check for over \$78,486.78 (left) was presented to Norman Richards and Dave Franks by Arkansas youth. Dr. Mark Paschall (center) challenged the Wednesday night crowd with a powerful Bible message. James Forlines (top, right) and Milton Worthington (bottom, right) were elected to serve on the Board of Foreign Missions.

Moore Says Bondoukou Team Has Baptized 60

Côte d'Ivoire—According to a recent report from missionary Ron Moore in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, the Bondoukou team (consisting of Ron and Linda Moore, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton and Ernest and Elaine Holland) has baptized over 60 converts since the first of the year. Ron noted this does not count those who are still awaiting baptism and those who have been baptized by other missionaries.

Ron indicated 45 students from over a dozen different towns and villages are enrolled in the leadership training program which has been upgraded to institute level this year.

Moore expressed praise for two new works which have opened in the villages of Méré and Afouavame. These villages are located approximately one mile apart; consequently, believers from the two areas can worship together. Four people were baptized from these works in late June.

Hanna Expresses Praise and Requests Prayer

India—"This past year has been the most fruitful we have had in India," writes missionary Carlisle Hanna from North India. Carlisle noted that fifteen outreach teams are busy working in all three districts of the north.

Hanna urged people to pray that

new believers will mature in the Lord and that Satan will be bound, since he has been fiercely attacking in the most unexpected ways. Carlisle also asked people to pray for the health needs of the pastors in South India and their families.

Two New Board Members Elected, FM Budget Set

Little Rock, Ark.—The National Association of Free Will Baptists convened in Little Rock, Ark., July 17-21 for its fifty-eighth annual session. Two new members were elected to the Board of Foreign Missions and a foreign missions budget of 4.3 million dollars was adopted.

Some 57 foreign missionaries and 72 home missionaries were on hand for this year's convention. Several missions-related activities took place:

On Wednesday evening, 300 Arkansas youth marched into the Statehouse Convention Center to present a \$78,000 check to foreign missions for construction of churches in Brazil and Côte d'Ivoire. The "Norman Invasion" project organizers gave this as a part of their projected \$100,000 goal to be raised by December.

In addition to the check, which was received by missionaries Dave Franks and Norman Richards, a \$24,891 missions offering was given by the congregation for foreign and

home missions.

Missionary appointee Mark Paschall, a medical doctor who will be serving at the hospital in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, spoke to the Wednesday night crowd. He challenged those on hand with a clear biblical presentation regarding the lostness of those who have not heard the gospel of Christ.

Missionary Robert Bryan of Côte d'Ivoire spoke to the 11:00 a.m. service of Women Nationally Active for Christ. Missionary Deleen Cousineau also gave a devotion during the women's meeting.

Elected to serve on the Board of Foreign Missions were Milton Worthington, pastor of Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Mich., and James Forlines, pastor of Allen's Chapel FWB Church in Batesville, Ark.

Bill Reagan was re-elected to the board while Bob Trimble and Norwood Gibson were ineligible for re-election.

Aldridge, McCullough to Fill Gap at St. Nazaire

France—Jimmy and Janie Aldridge and Tom and Patty McCullough have agreed to fill in for Jerry and Barbara Gibbs in St. Nazaire, France, so the Gibbs could return to the United States in July for furlough.

Jimmy, overseas secretary for foreign missions, and his wife, Janie,

left for France on August 15 to spend approximately six weeks in St. Nazaire. They also plan to work with the church from January through March of 1995.

The McCulloughs, who are home on medical leave, are scheduled to go to France in mid-October for a two-month stay. They have agreed to return to France again during the months of April and May of 1995.

The Gibbs arrived in the United States on July 11 after having spent a six-year term in France.

Newport Church Sets Plan to Give Unneeded Funds

Newport, Tenn.—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport, Tenn., has adopted a policy for the current budget year which calls for operation of the church on a general fund balance of no more than \$7,000. At the end of each quarter, the deacon board will assess the balance and all money over \$7,000 is to be split two ways: half to missions and half to the church building fund.

The Department of Foreign Missions recently received a check for a little over \$3,000 which included \$2,300 from the budget and another \$850 from the Master's Men of the church.

David Kemper, pastor of the church, stated, "We would like to challenge any other churches, that are able and willing, to adopt a similar approach. After all, it would be quite embarrassing to have the Lord come back and find many of our churches 'hoarding' money in a bank simply because it gave them a sense of security."

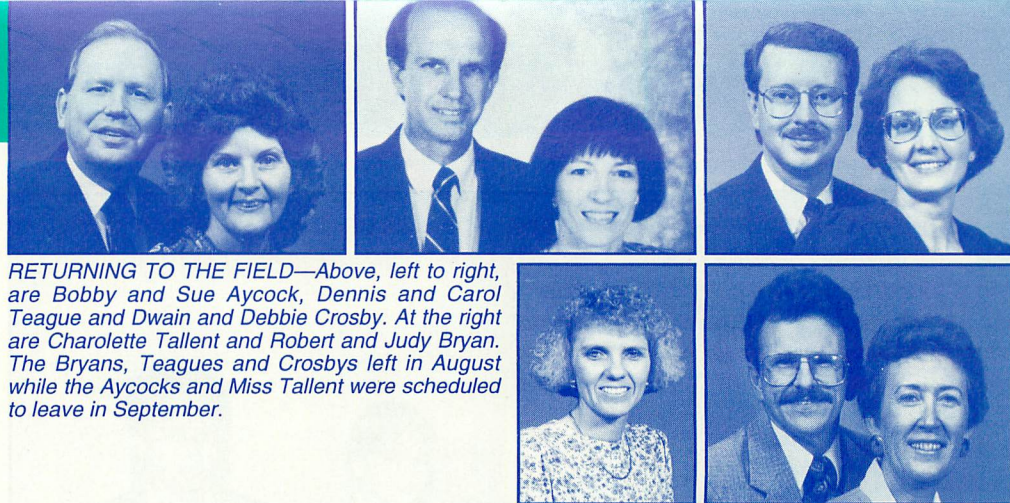
Nine Missionaries Leave for Overseas Ministry

Antioch, Tenn.—Nine missionaries have completed their furlough. Six of the nine left for their fields of service in August and three are to leave in September.

Dwain and Debbie Crosby received the green light to return to the field and departed for Spain on August 12 to begin their new ministry in the Majadahonda area.

Robert and Judy Bryan were cleared to depart on August 23 to resume their ministry at the publications center in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Dennis and Carol Teague, who



RETURNING TO THE FIELD—Above, left to right, are Bobby and Sue Aycock, Dennis and Carol Teague and Dwain and Debbie Crosby. At the right are Charolette Tallent and Robert and Judy Bryan. The Bryans, Teagues and Crosbys left in August while the Aycocks and Miss Tallent were scheduled to leave in September.

have been home for a short furlough, returned to the field on August 25 to resume their ministry in St. Sebastien, France.

Bobby and Sue Aycock, also on a short furlough, are to return to Barbacena, Brazil, on September 4.

Miss Charolette Tallent, another missionary on furlough for only a short time, is scheduled to return to her ministry with university students on September 30. She is working in Nantes, France.

Araras Children's Home Faces Possible Breakup

Brazil—Since Jim and Shirley Combs arrived in the United States for furlough in May, the mayor of Araras, where they labored in Brazil, has notified the church that Catholic nuns are thinking of starting an orphanage for girls. They want to take the 10 girls from the New Life Children's Home, which is sponsored by the Araras Free Will Baptist Church.

According to the Combs, the church has requested people to pray that God would intervene since some of the girls have brothers in the same home.

On the positive side, a juvenile judge has petitioned the city to donate some land for the church to build a permanent building for the home. The home has been moved four times since it was founded. Currently, 28 people are living in a three-bedroom house.

12 MKs Enrolled for Fall in College or University

Antioch, Tenn.—Twelve missionary children are enrolled in colleges or universities for the fall of 1994. Seven of the MKs are enrolled at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Those enrolled at FWBBC include

Mark Cowart and Valerie Sturgill of Brazil; Marc Gibbs from France; Leah and Benjamin Plunkett and Marie West of Côte d'Ivoire and Michael Lytle from Panama.

Tania Combs from Brazil is enrolled at University of Central Oklahoma in Edmonton, Okla.; Adam Morgan of Côte d'Ivoire will study at Columbia International University in Columbia, S.C.; Tracey Bailey of Japan is enrolled at Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Wash.; Miranda Owen of Uruguay will be studying at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and Rachel Callaway of Spain will be enrolled at Universidad Complutense of Madrid, Spain.

Student Missionaries to Panama See 46 Respond

Panama—Five student missionaries serving in Panama during the summer report seeing 46 people respond to Christ either for rededication or salvation during their time in Panama. According to missionary Steve Lytle, the students visited and ministered in each of the Free Will Baptist churches and missions during their stay from May 23 to June 22.

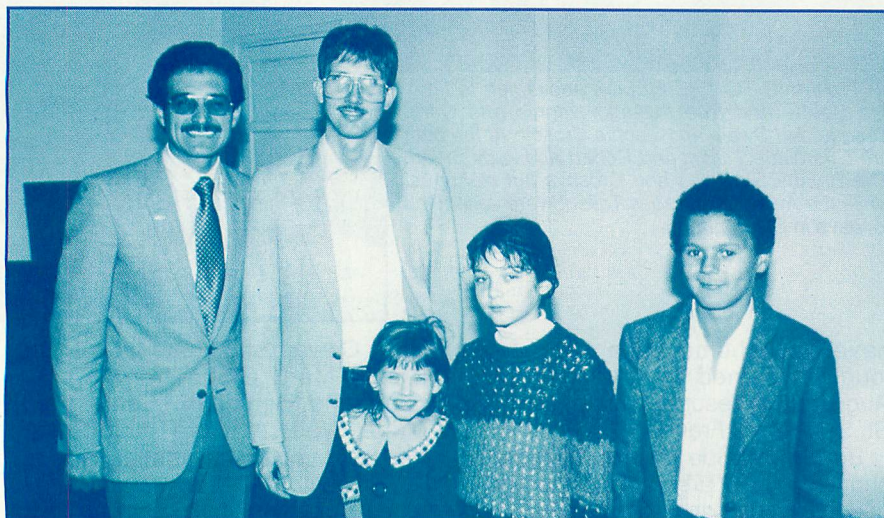
In each church the group presented a program for children consisting of a puppet show, pantomime and music. They also did a program for the adults: readers' theater, music, testimonies, pantomime and a message by either Jose Rodriguez or Anthony Edmon.

"We praise the Lord for the impact they had on the congregations, especially in Buenos Aires," writes Steve. "Two young men rededicated their lives to the Lord."

On June 13 the group held a meeting at a preaching point on the other side of town from the church in Las Tablas. More than 50 people at-

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News Update



THREE BAPTIZED—Pastor Gerardo Acevedo and Dave Franks Jr. stand with Elizabeth Franks, Natalia Acevedo and Alejandro Ricarte who were baptized on May 29 in Uruguay.

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tended and between 12 and 15 people came forward at the invitation given by Pastor Martin Plicet, who urged them to receive Christ as Savior. Several of these were adults, including three men.

Christians were urged to pray for the Lytles and the local pastors as they work with the new converts and with those who rededicated their lives to Christ.

CE Conference Held at Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire—A Child Evangelism Conference and Evangelistic Campaign were held July 18-30 at Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire.

According to missionary Ron Moore, 15 Bible clubs were held throughout Bondoukou, and 5,425 children heard the gospel. Many of them accepted Christ as their Savior.

Some 30 leaders from Côte d'Ivoire, Europe and the United States taught at the worker training sessions, the evangelistic campaign and the vacation Bible schools.

Moore noted that eight leaders from the Free Will Baptist church in Bondoukou participated in the training conference and evangelistic campaign. Three clubs were held by the church group with an average total daily attendance of 150 children.

The efforts of this conference and campaign were so successful that

Child Evangelism has made plans to place a full-time worker in Bondoukou and establish an office in that region later in the year. Child Evangelism has asked the Bondoukou FWB Church to help coordinate these efforts.

Three Baptized at Malvin Alto in Uruguay

Uruguay—According to missionary Dave Franks Jr., three people were baptized on May 29 at Malvin Alto in Uruguay. The baptism was held at the Nazarene church in that area. Pastor Gerardo Acevedo preached the baptismal message.

According to Dave, many in the congregation had never seen a Protestant baptism. He urged people to pray that these people will take a step of faith and follow Christ.

Those baptized included 12-year-old Alejandro Ricarte, five-year-old Elizabeth Franks (Dave and Becky's daughter) and 10-year-old Natalia Acevedo, the daughter of Pastor Gerardo.

Aycock Reports Five Saved in Barbacena

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Aycock reports five saved in Barbacena, Brazil, since May. Two daughters from one family—Fabiana, age 11, and Keli, age 22—and Keli's boyfriend all accepted Christ. Also saved in May were Maria das Gracas, a young widow, and her 15-

year-old son, Mario.

Aycock noted the radio ministry in Barbacena is continuing to be blessed by the Lord. "We consistently have new people coming to church because of the program," says Bobby.

The Aycocks urged people to pray for Heloisa, who accepted Christ in February of 1993. She has been under strong oppression due to spiritist influences in her past. "She has destroyed her idols and prayed for release from these," writes Aycock. "Pray for complete victory in her life as she claims her identity with Christ."

Reeves Assumes Pastoral Duties at Villalba, Spain

Spain—Missionaries Steve and Linda Reeves arrived in Madrid, Spain, on April 12 after furlough. Steve assumed the pastoral duties at the Villalba church near Madrid on the first Sunday in June.

Steve urged people to pray for the work in Spain. He declared, "We have lost all three of our Spanish preachers since last fall. One left to study, and the other two have gone to another evangelical group."

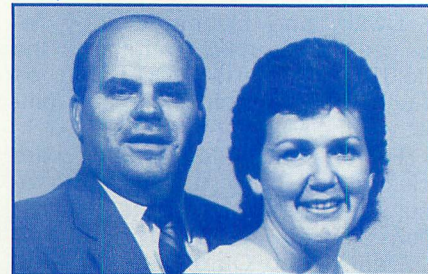
The Reeves have asked people to pray for their neighbors, Jose Antonio and Maria Jose. "They have been very kind to us and very eager to establish a friendship," Steve concluded.

McFalls Resign to Seek Ministry in U.S.

Brazil—Missionaries Norman and Laura McFall, who are serving their second term in Brazil, have submitted their resignation from missionary service and expect to leave the field by the end of October.

Norman and Laura have been involved in the ministry in Belo

Norman and Laura McFall have resigned and plan to return to the U.S. in October.



Horizonte, Brazil, and have recently completed the church building project known as the "Belo Project."

The McFalls stated, "Since our return to Brazil in September of 1993, there has been a growing and deepening sense that the Lord is leading us to leave the field of Brazil and to separate from Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. At this time we believe He is guiding us . . . to return to the United States."

Norman and Laura indicated they are interested in continuing in a pastoral ministry if the Lord opens that door.

National Association of Côte d'Ivoire Meets

Côte d'Ivoire—The National Association of Free Will Baptists in Côte d'Ivoire and the annual youth camp met at Doropo at the end of July. Some 250 people were on hand for camp and 300 attended the association meeting.

According to Dr. Kenneth Eagleton, the meetings were held in a large building in town since the church was too small. Much work was required to prepare for the event.

Dr. Eagleton spoke to the youth about AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and the Christian young person. He addressed the national body on the support of the Lord's work. This was translated into Lobi and Koulango.

Brazilian Installed As Pastor in Araras

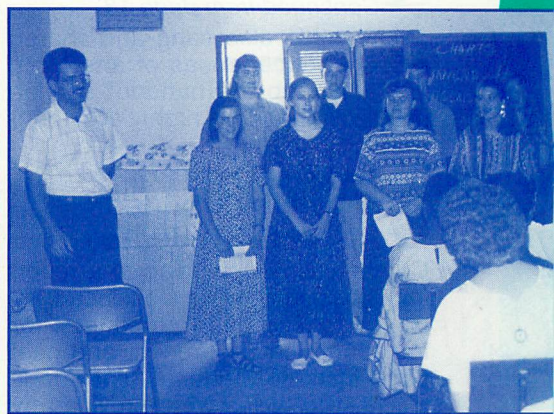
Brazil—According to Jim Combs, a special installation service was held in May for Pastor Eliseu Cantelmo, who assumed the role as pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Araras when the Combs left for furlough.

In a special ceremony, Jim handed the new pastor his Portuguese Bible. Eliseu is from the Araras work but he spent some time working with the Indians in northern Brazil in addition to pastoring another church. He also has served as an interim pastor at the Araras church.

Jim and Shirley expressed praise that all three of the works for which they have been responsible are now in the hands of Brazilian pastors.



TEENS EQUIPPED AND ACTIVE IN MISSIONS—TEAM '94—A time of fellowship in the Iriso church (above) breaks up the schedule for TEAM Japan members. TEAM Côte d'Ivoire members are introduced in the Agnibilekrou church (top, right) and the group gathers with Ivorian Christians (bottom, right) at Bondoukou where they were honored at a special reception.



TEAM Stirs Hearts in Japan, Côte d'Ivoire

Antioch, Tenn.—Two groups of TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) actively ministered to believers and nonbelievers in Japan and Côte d'Ivoire during June and July and came back to the United States with changed views of world needs.

According to Jonathan Snow, who acted as director for the 11 TEAM Japan members, "The teens were amazed at the total absence of any biblical references and knowledge in the culture. The long process involved in bringing someone to Christ was new to the group."

The TEAM which went to Côte d'Ivoire encountered a culture which seemed totally strange and superstition that appeared extreme. The eight young people had the opportunity to minister in Agnibilekrou, Bondoukou, Doropo and Bouna. They were surprised when they were taken to greet the high city leaders in Bondoukou as a part of protocol.

TEAM Côte d'Ivoire left the United

States on June 21 and returned July 14. The Japan TEAM flew out of Nashville, Tenn., on June 22 and returned on July 13.

Missionary Fred Hersey and Jonathan and Teresa Snow of Nashville directed TEAM Japan, while Terry and Jamie Eagleton of Nashville supervised TEAM Côte d'Ivoire.

49 Missionaries, 31 MKs Gather for 1994 Retreat

Nashville, Tenn.—The annual Foreign Missions Retreat was held August 1-4 at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. Forty-nine missionaries and 31 MKs gathered with the board, administrative staff and some guests for a time of refreshing and sharing ministry blessings and challenges.

Special speaker for this year's event was Doug Little, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Russellville, Ark. Doug encouraged and challenged those present with messages from God's Word and demonstrated them through life experi-

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ences. Little also sang and shared personal experiences of answered prayer during the banquet service held Wednesday night at Henry Horton State Park.

18 Bicycles Provided for Institute Students

Côte d'Ivoire—According to a report from missionary Mike Cousineau, 18 bicycles have been purchased for transportation for present and past Bible institute students. The funds for these bicycles were provided by Foreign Missions Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Bible College and several individuals. "It's not unusual for these guys to pedal 60 miles," writes Mike. "Thanks!"

Cousineau noted that all 18 students were present at Bouna on June 10 for a special dedication and presentation of the bikes.

Waddell Has Surgery, Suffers Some Impairment

Nashville, Tenn.—General Director R. Eugene Waddell underwent a carotid endarterectomy on July 7 in Nashville to remove ulcerated plaque from the interior carotid artery on his right side.

The nerve controlling the right side of the lower lip was damaged during surgery, impairing movement of the lip. According to the surgeon, this is not an unusual occurrence in such a surgery. He indicated the nerve usually restores itself within a few months.

Mr. Waddell had not recovered sufficiently to attend the National Association meeting in Little Rock, Ark. By mid-August he had made progress and was able to be back in the office on a fairly regular basis.

Gene declared, "I really appreciate the calls, cards and especially the prayers of our Free Will Baptist people. God is answering and I am on the way to recovery. Please keep praying for complete restoration of the damaged nerve."

University Ministry Still Bearing Fruit

France—According to missionary Charolette Tallent, who is scheduled to return to France at the end of September, another student has asked Christ to become his Savior. David, a French student at the Paris University, asked Wendy (a Christian) questions concerning her faith.

The students at Nantes began praying for David back in December. Finally, he was saved on May 28.

"It has thrilled my heart to watch the students actively and faithfully share their faith with their friends," Charolette concluded.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Côte d'Ivoire—Short-term missionaries Randal and Karolyn Richards recently requested prayer for the resolution of problems they have encountered in trying to get construction started on the new church building in Agnibilekrou, Côte d'Ivoire. Randal indicated they're having difficulty getting water to the site. He urged people to pray that God would grant wisdom to know the best means of doing this.

Spain—Miss Lynn Midgett, who was hoping to be back in Spain by the first of September, has been delayed due to the detection of TMJ (Temporomandibular Joint Syndrome). She will be undergoing treatment for the next few months

and hopes to avoid surgery. She expects to return to Spain later this fall.

Royal Oak, Mich.—Ian Ross McCullough, born February 14, 1994, was adopted by missionaries Tom and Patty McCullough on June 20. The baby boy weighed seven pounds 12 ounces at birth.

Brazil—During Brazil's winter school vacation in July, pastors Eliseu and Neto joined their two flocks in Araras for a daycamp/VBS. The country club in the area donated its facilities and more than 200 children, adolescents and teens met for five days of evangelism.

France—"Operation Mayors of France" is a project of the Federation of Evangelicals in France through which a New Testament and an accompanying letter will be sent to 37,000 mayors in France. This effort is designed for evangelism and to help leaders become better acquainted with evangelicals, who are often considered a cult.

Côte d'Ivoire—According to Lloyd and Betty Plunkett, dorm parents at Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, 26 students graduated from high school at International Christian Academy on June 30. Adam Morgan, son of Clint and Lynette Morgan, was among those who graduated.

Brazil—Eight people were baptized on April 25 at Araras, Brazil, according to missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs.

Columbia, S.C.—Missionary Jerry Pinkerton has completed six weeks of classroom work at Columbia International University.

Brazil—Missionary Jean Deeds reported recently that two girls had asked her to pray with them after their Sunday school class. They both accepted Christ as Savior.

Japan—Dale and Sandra Bishop recently expressed praise that Mrs. Maeno, the mother of a Christian doctor, has accepted Christ. She was baptized on her birthday, June 19.

France—Marc Gibbs, son of missionaries Jerry and Barbara Gibbs, graduated from Aristide Briand High

Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in June and July in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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Carrie Houk
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Unity FWB Church
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School in France on June 8, 1994.

Florence, S.C.—Missionaries Bobby and Sue Aycock became grandparents once more as Destanie Spring Aycock was born in Florence, S.C., on May 12. Destanie Spring became the fourth child of the Aycocks' son, David, and his wife, Annette. The baby weighed eight pounds 12 ounces.

Elizabethton, Tenn.—Former missionaries Don and Billie Sexton have had serious health problems in recent years. Don recently has been very ill and spent seven days in the hospital. He is suffering from Parkinson's disease and has been afflicted with kidney infection, leg infection, pneumonia and swelling. Christians have been urged to pray for the Sextons.

Jaboticabal Campground Threatened by Highway

Brazil—A recent telephone conversation with missionary Bobby Poole in Brazil indicated the highway department in the State of São Paulo is threatening to take some of the land of the Free Will Baptist campground at Jaboticabal for a proposed cloverleaf.

Poole indicated the proposal would divide the property in half and make it virtually unusable for camp. The money offered by the state for the property would be totally inadequate for relocation. Bobby has actively sought to confer with government officials in charge and has requested people to pray that God would intervene.

Moore Reports Historical Action in Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire—Ron Moore reports the election of three African Christians to serve with three missionaries as a temporary committee for the regional Bible institute ministry in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire.

Ron declared, "This is the first time in the history of our ministry in Côte d'Ivoire that Africans have had an equal voice in the decision-making process of major field ministries."

Moore also noted that his wife, Linda, has begun a literacy class with seven ladies attending. "They want to learn to read the Bible!" says Linda.

Financial Summary Through July 31

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Total income for June	\$ 384,658.26
Total income for July	368,735.40
Total income through July	2,405,030.40
Total disbursements through July	2,508,844.55
Projected income through July	2,616,644.33
Total 1994 Budget	\$ 4,485,676.00
VISION gifts through July	\$ 63,681.88

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 8,826.51	Midgett	\$ 1,079.18
Barker	2.86	Morgan	741.56
Bishop	3,611.05	Nichols	8,244.30
Callaway	2,633.41	Owen	8,274.66
Combs	7,245.99	Robinson	6,352.61
Cowart	1,627.62	Snow	16,426.57
Crech	8,665.27	Sturgill	5,843.94
Crowson	18,648.56	Teague	10,656.94
Eagleton Sr.	8,416.67	Thompson	164.81
Ellison	243.58	Turnbough	7,596.83
Franks	3,361.39	West	10,663.77
Gibbs	12,362.12	Willey, M.	7,613.99
Hanna	41,937.41	Wilson, V.	170.64
Holland	1,577.37	General Fund	32,214.96
McDonald	3,244.84	Spec. Committee	13,882.34
McLain	5,236.11		
Total			\$262,567.86

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The following account is in the black but in serious need:

Richards, R.	\$ 1,088.11
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State Goals—1994

State	Goal 1994	Goal Through July	Contributions Through July
Alabama	\$ 192,000	\$ 112,000.00	\$ 115,049.83
Arizona	9,300	5,425.00	23,307.97
Arkansas	255,000	148,750.00	158,859.33
California	95,000	55,416.67	41,468.92
Colorado	7,800	4,550.00	3,436.36
Florida	73,000	42,583.33	42,997.35
Georgia	160,000	93,333.33	83,175.88
Hawaii	2,800	1,633.33	400.00
Idaho	1,000	583.33	950.75
Illinois	114,000	66,500.00	68,615.79
Indiana	45,000	26,250.00	19,034.53
Iowa	2,500	1,458.33	1,845.00
Kansas	18,000	10,500.00	6,842.98
Kentucky	81,000	47,250.00	46,007.04
Louisiana	400	233.33	2,306.18
Maryland	20,000	11,666.67	18,657.59
Michigan	160,000	93,333.33	93,828.78
Mississippi	53,000	30,916.67	30,681.84
Missouri	353,000	205,916.67	203,935.39
Montana	1,500	875.00	600.00
Nebraska	800	466.67	427.00
New Mexico	1,000	583.33	942.92
*Northeast Assn.	5,500	3,208.33	1,182.50
**Northwest Assn.	8,500	4,958.33	4,872.15
North Carolina	553,000	322,583.33	303,842.83
Ohio	151,000	88,083.33	80,279.74
Oklahoma	437,000	254,916.67	227,329.80
Pennsylvania	400	233.33	802.15
South Carolina	237,000	138,250.00	150,955.91
Tennessee	683,000	398,416.67	323,197.30
Texas	97,000	56,583.33	72,588.80
Virginia	130,000	75,833.33	67,950.90
Virgin Islands	3,000	1,750.00	1,988.51
West Virginia	115,000	67,083.33	69,210.74
WNAC	120,000	70,000.00	120,869.15
Miscellaneous	299,176	174,519.36	16,588.49
Totals	\$4,485,676	\$2,616,644.33	\$2,405,030.40

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