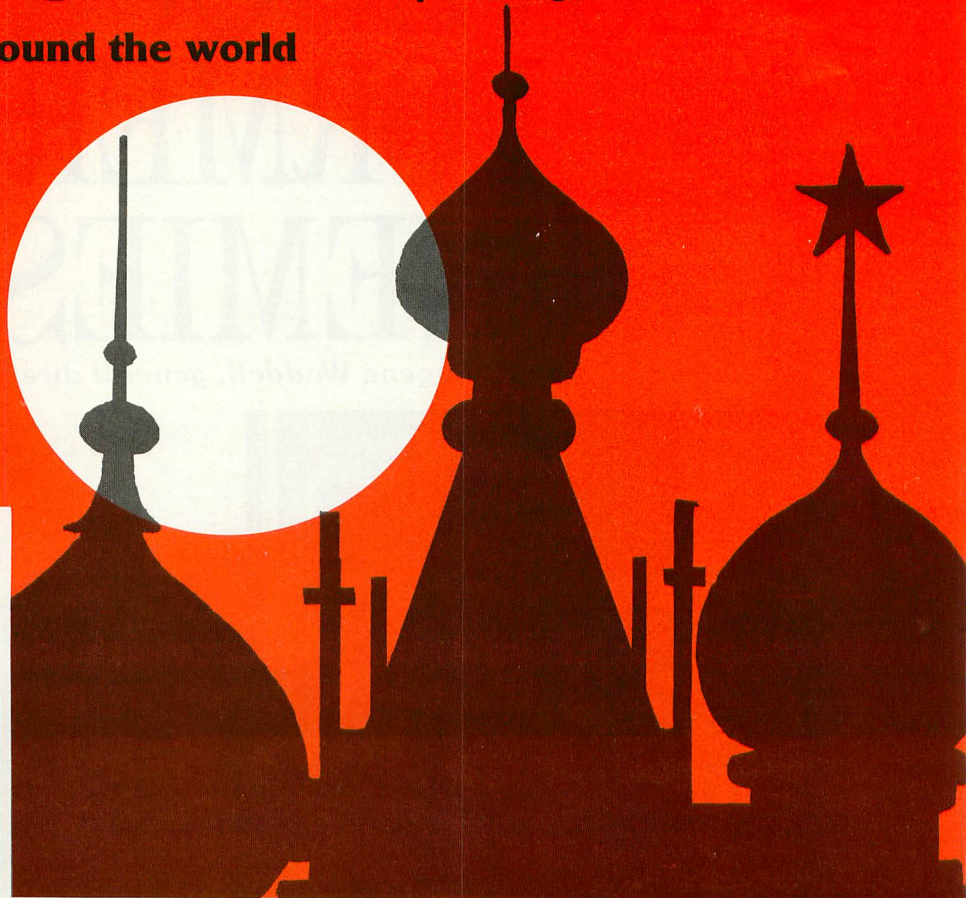


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HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world



LOVE YOUR FORMER ENEMIES?

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by R. Eugene Waddell, general director



The cold wind whipped past Lenin's tomb in Red Square, piercing our ears like icicles. It seemed to push my friends and me through the huge gateway to the Kremlin. These gates, wide open to us in March, seemed to symbolize the present openness in Russia after 70 years of official communism and atheism. Right now, this great country is open to the gospel.

During my adult life I had thought of Russia the way Jonah must have thought of Nineveh—as the enemy. And although I knew Jesus said, “Love your enemies,” it never seemed to apply to my feelings about Russia. “After all,” I thought, “there’s no way God could call me to Russia.”

My feelings toward Russia have changed. I have met many Russians, Ukrainians and Central Asians and realize that we have a lot in common. Among them are the facts that we all need the Savior, and God loves us all alike.

In the spring of this year I spent 18 days in the Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly known as the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), and I heard the testimonies of some who survived the Stalinist and Khrushchev eras. I saw the heavenly radiance glowing on believers’ countenances as they worshipped the Lord. I glorified God as the choirs sang anthems of praise.

A pastor reluctantly spoke of the three long, hard years he

Jimmy Aldridge, R. Eugene Waddell and Bill Jones stand with Russian Baptist leaders (top) in Kiev. Street peddlers (bottom) seek to eke out a living in a troubled economy.

spent in prison for "inciting the people to be disloyal to the government." Yet, he stayed true. I admire him.

A young man told of going to engineering school for four and one-half years, but being denied the opportunity to finish the last semester because he refused to denounce his Christianity and join the Communist Party. He passed God's test and stood firm for Christ.

I love these people . . . even the masses who struggle to survive during these economic hard times.

On April 8, I returned to the United States with several strong impressions. These nations are old, and their cultures have very deep roots. The Kremlin, which means "fortress," had been standing strong for more than 300 years when Columbus discovered America. So, while we Americans look back to 1776 as our beginning, the Russians consider A.D. 862 as the start of the Russian empire.

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This visit convinced me that Russia is ready for the gospel. People are eager to hear of the God their leaders have denounced. Since 1917 they have claimed He is non-existent.

A lady in Donetsk, Ukraine, told me she had been a

successful school teacher for decades. Her subject was atheism. "I especially liked to get the children of Christians in my class and tried hard to humiliate them and convince them there was no god," she said. "Then with Glasnost, the school superintendent decided to invite a Baptist minister to tell why he was a Christian.

"Well, he broke down my defenses," she continued. "I eventually went to his church, talked with him and received Jesus as my Savior. Now, I'm teaching children there is a God and Jesus is His Son!"

I also discovered the Baptists of Russia and Ukraine have their own rich tradition. The Russian Baptist Union was organized in 1884.

Everywhere we went (we traveled about 6,000 miles in the C.I.S.) we found that those Baptists believe like Free Will Baptists. They warmly received us as their long lost brothers. They boldly identify themselves as Arminians . . . not Calvinists. More important, they uphold the fundamental doctrines of historic Christianity just as we Free Will Baptists do.

On December 6, 1993, Dr. Grigori Komendant, president of the Ukrainian Association of Evangelical Christian Baptists, spoke to our Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference in Nashville. He challenged us to help our Russian and Ukrainian brethren give the bread of life to the hungry millions there. At that meeting many state leaders expressed their feelings of urgency that we do something "now" to enter this door of opportunity.

The need for evangelism in Russia is very obvious.

According to Patrick Johnstone, only 0.56 percent of the population could be considered "born again" Christians (OPERATION WORLD, p. 467). This means more than 149 million people in Russia are without Christ.

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The Central Asian Republics which are members of the Commonwealth of Independent States offer unprecedented opportunities for creative individuals. Only a few of the 55 million residents in these predominately Muslim lands have ever heard the gospel of Christ. In one country we heard that only 300 of the three million plus ethnic citizens are Christians. Teachers, business people and certain types of technicians are encouraged to help improve the lives of the masses. At the same time, such people may share their testimony with interested individuals.

The Russian and Ukrainian Baptists clearly see the needs of their countries. Russian Baptists started 118 new churches in 1993. According to Dr. Komendant, the Ukrainian Baptists established 130 new congregations in 1994. They have set a goal of establishing 160 new churches per year until the turn of the century. In order to keep the evangelistic momentum going, the Baptists in both countries have established seminaries and are establishing Bible institutes throughout the land.

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Clockwise, (1) a large Orthodox church reaches skyward on Red Square, (2) people wait for a train and (3) a large church is under construction.

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Everywhere we went we saw great needs which could provide wonderful opportunities for us to make a dramatic impact for Christ in these whitened harvest fields.

Our department had to face up to the question, "Shall we cooperate with the Russian and Ukrainian Baptists, or shall we, in effect, compete with them?" Board member Bill Jones, who accompanied me to Russia, says, "I believe we should cooperate with the Russian Baptists in reaching out in Russia and the C.I.S. After all, their Arminian persuasion makes their doctrine very similar to ours. They hold a high standard of holiness and they have a strength of spirit to do what needs to be done. All of that, linked with the urgency of an open door which could close at any time, leads me to urge

our immediate cooperation with these brethren in reaching their people for Jesus Christ."

After weighing all the facts, the board was convinced this was God's will. They took bold action by declaring the Commonwealth of Independent States to be open mission fields for Free Will Baptists. They adopted the following statement:

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Because of the urgency of the situation, the board voted to



develop a strategy and begin a ministry there as soon as possible.

They approved a \$5,000 grant to help finish the new seminary in Kiev, Ukraine, and approved our raising funds to help provide a copy machine for the Autonomous Baptist Bible Institute in Kiev.

Because the leaders in these countries laid great stress upon the need for training doctrinally-sound pastors, our board wanted to provide all the help possible. Since the seminary

students read English, we have sent copies of our Free Will Baptist commentaries and theological books to their libraries.

We sent 34 copies of the "Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists" to be sure the leaders in Russia and Ukraine are completely informed as to our beliefs.

Our visit also made us aware of their need for help in building churches. Last summer, student missionaries Sean Warren and Eddie Hobbs returned from the C.I.S. with a burden to help the Selso church put a roof on their building. Because of these students' concern, together with the information we gained from the leaders of the Selso congregation, our board agreed to allow Sean and Eddie to raise the \$5,000 needed.

Those in Ukraine requested flannelgraphs and visual aids. Obviously, the pictures of Bible characters and Bible stories can communicate to Russians as well as to Americans. Dr. Alton Loveless, general director of Randall House Publications, heard of this need. He looked over his inventory of outdated or non-marketable visual aids and donated a good quantity to this need.

Loveless declared, "The fact that these materials are not available or are unaffordable in Russia makes this need greater than any needs in the U.S. And since I realize this opportunity may not be open to us very long, I felt compelled to respond."

Following up on our visit, Reverend Peter Konovalchik, president of the Union of Evangelical Christian Baptists of

Russia, sent me a challenging letter in April stating, "The unanimity of our theological viewpoints and faith give us wonderful opportunity to work together with the churches of Free Will Baptists in the U.S.A."

Konovalchik proposed that we co-sponsor a pastor's conference during the spring of 1996. This conference would feature American speakers as well as Russian speakers. Among themes which he requested us to cover was "predestination and the assurance of salvation." Although the details are yet to be developed, we will need \$6,000 for the conference. We are excited over the prospect of teaching up to 300 Russian pastors next spring.

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Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge and his wife, Janie, plan to head a witnessing/church-planting team and do follow-up work in Novosibirsk, Siberia. Jimmy stated, "Janie and I are thrilled to be able to spend the summer of 1996 following up on contacts made by our church-planting team members. We are praying that several persons will receive Jesus as Savior. We desire to see a new church planted in Novosibirsk through this effort. We also want to learn the organizational methods being used in this type of church-planting activity. We hope to

use this in the field of Yekaterinburg, in the Southern Urals, to help plant new churches that will be our sister Free Will Baptist churches in Russia."

We plan to continue sending student missionaries to the C.I.S. We hope to send four from our Free Will Baptist colleges in the summer of 1996.

The board also approved plans to send a TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) to the C.I.S. Dates and details will need to be worked out.

We were invited by Baptist leaders in Moscow, Novosibirsk, and Kiev to send visiting professors to lecture on Arminian theology. They agreed to provide the translator.

When Professor Leroy Forlines of Free Will Baptist Bible College heard this report he said, "The breakup of the U.S.S.R. and the opening of those doors to the gospel is one of the greatest things that has happened in our world on behalf of the cause of Christ in our lifetime. Then, for the Arminian Baptists in Russia and the C.I.S. to be so interested in our help is the greatest

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opportunity to come our way.”

After prayerful consideration, Brother Forlines and his wife, Dr. Fay Forlines, volunteered to go to Russia and Ukraine for four months during the first half of 1996. On May 22, they were appointed as short-term missionaries to the Commonwealth of Independent States.

With this opportunity, we hope other professors from our Free Will Baptist colleges will be able to lecture in the seminaries and Bible institutes of these countries in the near future.

The board approved our sponsoring up to 15 other church planters in Russia and Ukraine.

While we were meeting with Dr. Konovalchik in Moscow, he read a letter from a Russian preacher named Pavel Rodak. Brother Rodak described the desperate needs in Noyabrisk, Siberia: “This city of more than 120,000 people has no church of any kind.” He told how he had preached there and a number of people were converted. He also said the local authorities not only permitted but encouraged the erection of a church building. In light of this, various institutions gave building materials and the building program was started. Still, the little flock did not have a pastor.

On learning of this situation, our foreign missions board immediately agreed we should seek support for Brother Rodak to move to Noyabrisk and continue his soul-winning efforts.

The congregation of the First FWB Church in Erwin, Tenn., heard of the need and voted unanimously to support the mission work in Noyabrisk. Pastor Ronnie Adkins said, “We are excited about being one of the first churches to lead the way in the work in Eastern Europe We are excited about Free Will Baptists now being involved in a work in Russia and are looking forward to hearing about the progress of that work.”

In addition to their agreement to seek help for Noyabrisk, the board approved our sponsoring up to 15 other church planters in Russia and Ukraine. Therefore, we are seeking other similar opportunities.

The foreign missions department hopes to send someone to visit Yekaterinburg, which has a population of 1.8 million people. This city apparently has very few churches and only one Baptist church. We would like to send missionaries into this educational and commercial center to assist the Russian Baptists in planting churches.

As you look over the program we have outlined, you might wonder, “What’s the rush?” Bill Jones made it clear. No one knows how long the doors will be open for missionary assistance from outside Russia. While there, we saw indications that communism was already regaining strength in some of the republics of the C.I.S.

Perhaps there is a place for you in the Russian/C.I.S. missionary picture. If God burdens you to work there, please clip the coupon on the back cover, fill it out and send it as directed.

I love the word opportunity. That’s what God uses to make things happen. He simply gives us opportunity, then waits to see what we do with it. If we respond, He’s faithful to empower. What a gift! I’m convinced that the work of ELIC in China is one of the most immediate and far-reaching opportunities in the world today.

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By David Addington



Sarah Malone (back, center) has touched the lives of these and many other Chinese students.

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Just a few years back, an

opportunity like this would have been considered utterly impossible. That's why it's so urgent and crucial that we seize it while the door remains open.

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Our teachers have the privilege to establish quality relationships with these searching Chinese students. These special friendships allow

our teachers to naturally and sincerely share their lives. In China, simple friendship and trust are all it takes to pave the way for effectively sharing His life and hope.

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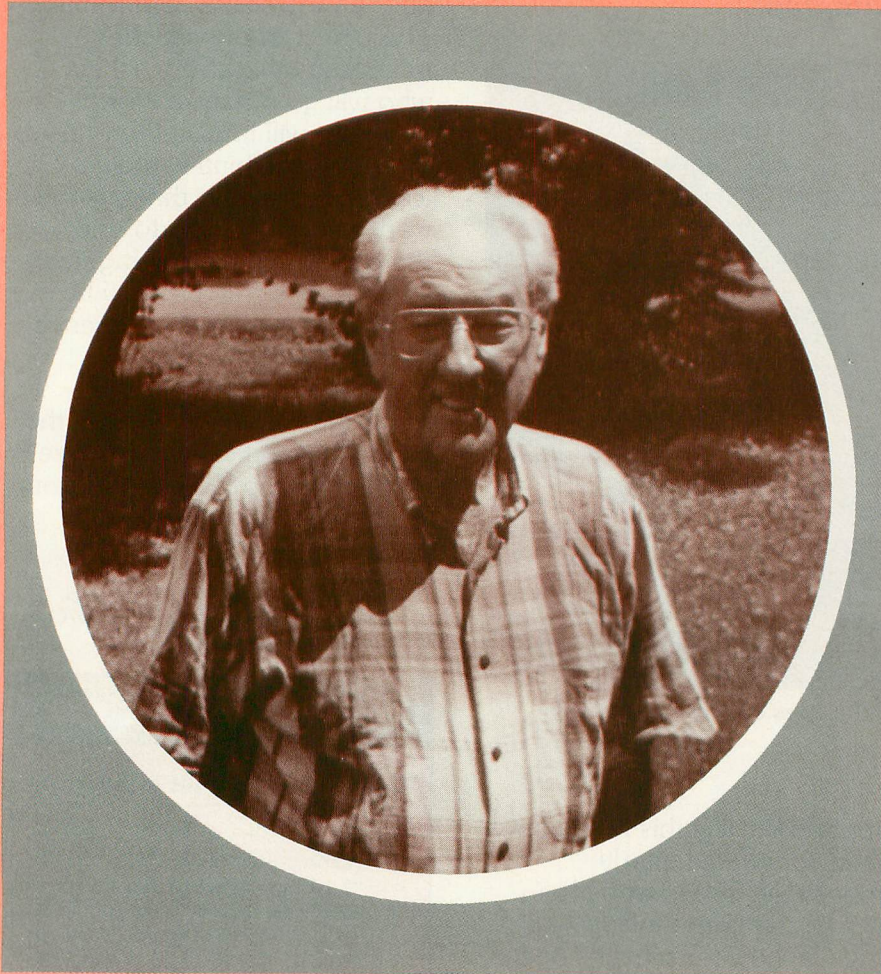
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AN UNCOMMON MAN!

by Barbara Pate Gibbs



offering and had to walk the same six miles back home in the rain.

With that background, it was not too surprising that my dad, Thurman Pate Sr., volunteered to help organize and walk in the first Tennessee Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions in 1983. That year he raised \$2,700 and that was only the beginning. In the 10 years that followed, he has continued to walk in the annual Foreign Missions walk-a-thon. In that time, he has raised \$20,999. His record year brought in \$3,793 for Tennessee missionaries.

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Reverend Pate starts early each year consulting his 10 sheets of names. He saves them from year to year in preparation for the annual event. Dad's sponsors come from every walk of life, from an ex-mayor of Knoxville to football and basketball coaches. They include doctors, pharmacists and insurance and real estate agents.

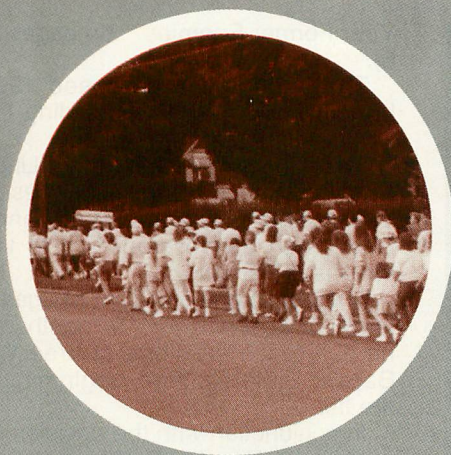
As strange as it may seem, of all the money he has raised through the walk-a-thon, not a penny has come from the church he pastors. He leaves

He has been walking since he was a kid growing up in Unicoi County, Tenn. He would walk to town on Saturdays, and if no one offered a ride, he would trudge the nine miles back home.

His walking continued when he enrolled in Johnson Bible College where he arrived with only \$4 in pennies in a jar. In lieu of tuition payments, the

school officials allowed him to work on the school farm. He arose before daybreak to milk the cows and walk to the fields to plow.

When he became a young preacher filling speaking engagements in different churches, his walking continued. On one occasion he walked six miles to Buffalo, Tenn., to preach. He got four cents in the



the would-be sponsors in the church for others in the church family who participate in the walk-a-thon. Instead, he draws on his vast circle of acquaintances and friends.

In the years that he has walked, Thurman Pate has raised \$20,999.

Yes, Thurman Pate Sr. loves the Lord and loves missions. And that love has had its effect on his family. His son (and my brother), Thurman Jr., is a faithful deacon in Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville. He is also a generous supporter of missions. I am the second child. My husband, Jerry, and I have served in France as missionaries

for the past 21 years. Karen, his youngest daughter, is a faithful member of Faith FWB Church in Knoxville. She and her family also are actively involved in missions.

If someone were to go through Knoxville on any given day, he or she might meet Thurman Pate walking his daily four miles through his neighborhood. He is often accompanied by one of the neighbor dogs. If the person passing through happens to be you, just call out, "Hi Preacher Pate!" like everyone else does. He is likely to reply, "Good to see you! How would you like to sponsor me in next year's Walk-a-thon for Foreign Missions?"

Barbara Pate Gibbs and her husband, Jerry, have served in France since 1972. They have successfully founded a growing FWB church in St. Nazaire, France.

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News Update



Left to right, missionaries Earnie Deeds, Bobby Aycock, Dave Franks and Ken Eagleton stand on the platform during congregational singing at the fellowship meeting held in the new church auditorium at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Fellowship Meeting Held in New Auditorium

Brazil—According to a report from missionaries Jim and Vicki Sturgill in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 130 people gathered on Good Friday, April 14, for the first of two annual fellowship meetings of the three churches in the state of Minas Gerais.

The morning theme of the meeting centered around the new covenant while the afternoon was given to discussing the New Age movement.

This was the first meeting to be held in the new auditorium of the Belo church.

Moore Baptizes 27 Converts in May

Côte d'Ivoire—On Sunday, May 28, Ron Moore baptized 27 believers—18 at Agnibilékrou and another nine at Transua, a village about 35 miles from Agnibilékrou.

According to Ron, he was assisted by Robert Houessou at Agnibilékrou and Jean-Daniel at Transua. These are both graduates of the Bible institute. Those baptized had taken the new baptismal course which Ron prepared in 1993.

Bunches Honored by Verdella FWB Church

Liberal, Mo.—Missionaries Stan and Brenda Bunch were honored on April 30 at a fellowship dinner held by the Verdella Free Will Baptist Church of Liberal, Mo. The church

presented them with a money tree containing \$879.

According to Pastor Milan Ruble, Stan and Brenda had been teaching a six-week church training class that ended on Easter Sunday morning. Seventeen people went forward that morning to unite with the church.

The Bunches are members of the Verdella church. They returned to Panama on May 10.

Board Meets, Appoints Six, Opens Russia

Antioch, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions met at the National Offices building in Antioch, Tenn., April 24-26 for their annual session. All nine members of the board were present.

The board heard reports on the recent survey trip to Russia as well as reports from the current fields and took the following actions:

The nine men adopted this purpose statement: "... to assist the Baptists in the C.I.S. to plant churches and train leaders in the fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures including the doctrines which we hold as common distinctives. As an essential part of our purpose we shall explore the opportunities of evangelizing the unreached, or least-evangelized ethnic groups which have very little access to the gospel."

In light of this statement, the board took many positive steps in declaring this field open and initiating involvement (see article "Love

Your Former Enemies?" on pages 2-6).

They adopted a proposed 1996 budget of \$5,176,982 including the VISION projects.

They appointed Nathan and Linda Snow as full-status missionaries to Japan and Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman as missionaries to the Indians in Panama.

The board granted Clint Morgan a leave of absence for 10 months so he can teach missions at Free Will Baptist Bible College beginning in the fall.

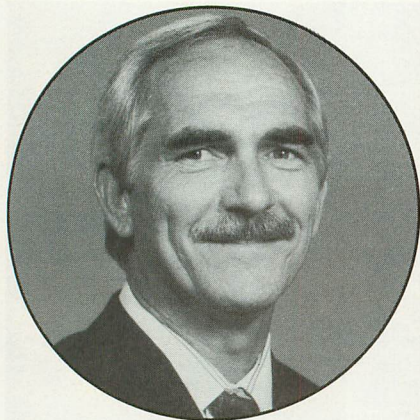
In conjunction with the decision on working in Russia, Professor Leroy Forlines of Free Will Baptist Bible College and his wife, Dr. Fay Forlines, have agreed to teach in the Baptist seminaries of Russia and Ukraine during the spring and early summer of 1996. They have been appointed as short-term missionaries for this purpose.

With expressions of deep regret, the board accepted the resignations of Tom and Patty McCullough and commended them for 15 years of faithful service in France. Their resignation stemmed from Patty's continual health concerns (see article on page 15).

Acting on the request from Ron and Linda Callaway, the board voted to reassign them to Panama with the hope they can teach in the Bible in-

Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman (top) and Nathan and Linda Snow (bottom) were appointed to missionary service in April.





Clint Morgan will teach at FWBBC.

stitute in Panama and conduct periodic seminars at the Cedars of Lebanon Seminary in Pinar del Rio, Cuba. Should the island nation open its doors in the future, Ron and Linda hope to teach at the seminary.

The board also adopted a new program to enhance and secure missionary support. Details of the new program are still being developed with plans to be released later this year or in 1996.

A meeting of all field chairmen was scheduled for April 18-26, 1996, in Nashville.

The board set these dates for future meetings: 1995 missions retreat, July 31-August 4; leadership conference and semi-annual board meeting, December 4-7, 1995; annual board meeting, April 22-26, 1996; and 1996 missions retreat, August 5-8.

Officers of the board for the next year remain the same: chairman, Joe Grizzle; vice chairman, Dean Dobbs; and secretary, Galen Dunbar.

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Robert West receives a check for \$5,300 from Pastor Archie Ratliff of Bethel FWB Church in Kinston, N.C. Robert Spruill (right), missions project chairman, looks on.

Churches Rally, West Returns to Côte d'Ivoire

Antioch, Tenn.—According to a report from the office of the director of missionary-church relations, several churches rallied in early 1995 to enable Robert and Pam West to return to their ministry in Côte d'Ivoire.

A number of churches responded to the recent challenge to meet the needs of the Doropo medical station. They gave significant offerings and made commitments to enable the Wests to return.

Pastor Archie Ratliff challenged the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, N.C., to raise \$5,000 in seven weeks by having 150 people give \$5 each in addition to their regular giving. The church raised \$5,300 for the Wests.

Robert returned to the Ivory Coast on May 25 as scheduled while Pam remained in the United States due to the death of her stepfather on May 20.

Plans call for Robert to come back to the United States on August 12 for the wedding of their daughter, Marie. He and Pam will go back to the Ivory Coast on August 19.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—Associate missionary Mirial Gainer reports she is teaching six English/Bible classes at Bihoro as well as at Abashiri on the northern

island of Hokkaido, Japan. Approximately 25 people overall are attending at each church. She reports having some kindergarten children at Abashiri as well as adults.

Panama—A ladies' retreat was held March 17-19 in Panama with 82 women on hand. According to Steve and Judy Lytle, this was the seventh consecutive year the women have had such a retreat.

Côte d'Ivoire—Ernest and Elaine Holland recently expressed gratitude for the increase in youth attendance in their foyer ministry. They averaged 65 in attendance this year compared to 45 the year before.

Japan—Fred and June Hersey have requested prayer for their English ministry in Japan. June has been teaching English conversation to a young lady every Monday afternoon. They urged Christians to pray that their testimony might be effective.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Mr. Bill Midgett, father of missionary Lynn Midgett in Spain, underwent triple bypass surgery on May 9 in Oklahoma City. Reports indicate he has made a very good recovery from the surgery.

Smithfield, N.C.—Marie West, daughter of missionaries Robert and Pam West, is scheduled to marry Ryan McDougald of Blountstown,

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News Update

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Fla., on August 17 at the Unity Free Will Baptist Church in Smithfield, N.C. Ryan is serving as a student missionary to Russia this summer. The couple plans to continue studies at Free Will Baptist Bible College in the fall.

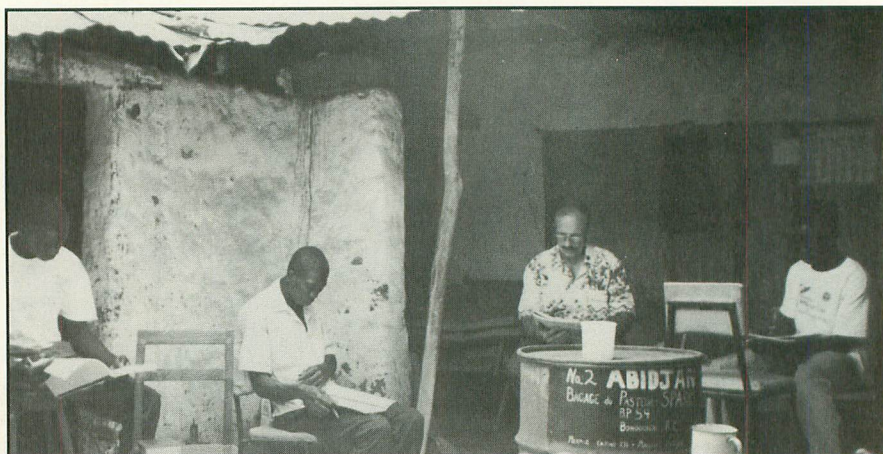
Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Judy Bryan returned to the United States on June 7 to undergo tests to determine if she had a blockage in her arteries. Tests indicated no blockage but Judy was scheduled to undergo further internal exams. She hopes to return to the Ivory Coast on July 5 if everything proves negative.

Greentop, Mo.—Mrs. Lola Filkins, mother of missionary Olena McLain, suffered a slight stroke on Sunday, June 11. Reports indicate the stroke affected her only slightly. She had suffered a stroke previously with some remaining evidence.

France—Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall entered their last full trimester of language study at Albertville, France, in May.

Arnold, Mo.—The woman's auxiliary of Grace FWB Church in Arnold, Mo., has set a good example of missions involvement in the church. A map was made by a member and proudly displayed so everyone in the church could see where missionaries are serving.

Antioch, Tenn.—The foreign missions staff extended congratulations to four MKs who graduated from high school in May and June: Phillip Lytle, Maranatha Christian Academy, Panama City, Panama; Tim-



Jerry Pinkerton teaches leaders in a village as a part of the decentralized leadership training program.

othy Crowson, Hillwood High School, Nashville, Tenn.; Daniel Eagleton, International Christian Academy, Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire; and Jeffrey Bishop, Tifton County High School, Tifton, Ga.

Nashville, Tenn.—Leah Plunkett and Donnie Stevanus are scheduled to be married on August 5 at Sylvan Park FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn. Leah is the daughter of Lloyd and Betty Plunkett in Ivory Coast.

Spain—On Sunday, June 4, José Manuel Parron became the first Spanish Free Will Baptist pastor to be ordained. José Manuel is the pastor of the Alcalá de Henares church in Spain.

Spain—Matthew Turnbough, son of missionaries Jeff and Susan Turnbough, received the high honor roll award during closing ceremonies at his school in Madrid, Spain, recently.

Antioch, Tenn.—Missionaries Ken and Marvis Eagleton recently returned from Brazil after working with Bobby and Sue Aycock in Barbacena from March to May. "I taught Galatians, the book of Hebrews and Pauline letters," says Ken. He taught a total of 103 classroom hours while Marvis helped Sue repair, organize and catalog a 300-book church library.

Côte d'Ivoire—Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso became the parents of their third son on June 4 in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire. Andrew Luke weighed eight pounds and six ounces. At last report, mother and baby were doing fine.

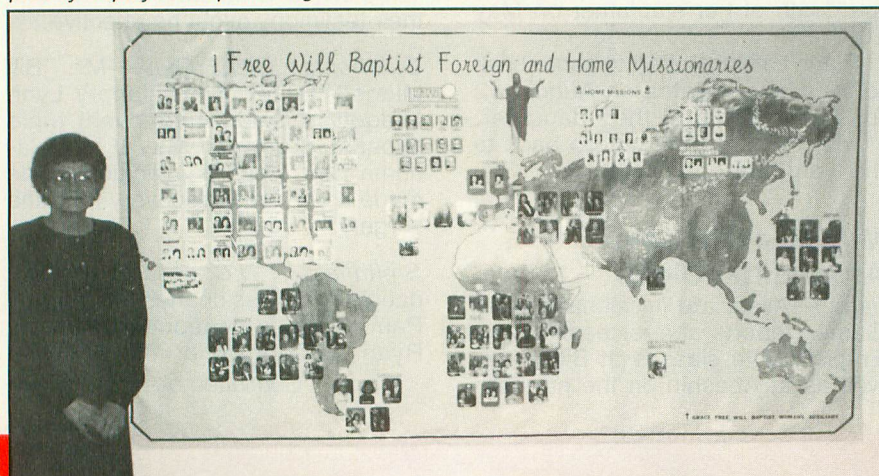
23 Attend Training Seminar in Bondoukou

Côte d'Ivoire—According to missionary Ron Moore in Bondoukou, Côte d'Ivoire, 14 students attended a seminar on Acts during the week of May 15-20. Eight pastors also participated in a workshop on "Training Leaders Using the Decentralized Study Method."

Ron noted that out of three seminars held at Bondoukou thus far, this was the most successful in laying the foundation for involving pastors as teachers in the training program.

Carol Pinkerton indicated they had expected 12 church leaders instead of 23, so they had to change plans. They had originally determined to have the leaders stay at the Youth/Training Center, but with so many, they had to put them in the church and provide transportation

Norma Kennedy, president of the woman's auxiliary of Grace FWB Church in Arnold, Mo., proudly displays a map showing where missionaries serve.



back and forth to the youth center for training.

Carol said, "Each morning either Jerry, Ron, one of the graduates or an institute internist taught from the book of Acts. In the afternoons, Jerry and Ron taught the men the methods they are using in the leadership training classes. They assigned a lot of homework, so they had very little spare time during the week."

Graduates and internists helping during the week included Robert of Agnibilekrou, Samuel of Nassian, Jean-Daniel of Transua, Desiree of Aboukouma, Paul of Tanda, Jerome of Doropo, and Kobena.

Moore indicated a new series on Old Testament Survey is scheduled to be taught in seven of the weekly decentralized study centers. He urged people to pray as he finishes up these lessons prior to furlough in July.

Hart to Depart for Bouake Assignment

Ayden, N.C.—Miss Tanya Hart, short-term missionary to Côte d'Ivoire, is scheduled to depart for the Ivory Coast on August 4. She will be teaching at the International Christian Academy for missionary children in Bouake.

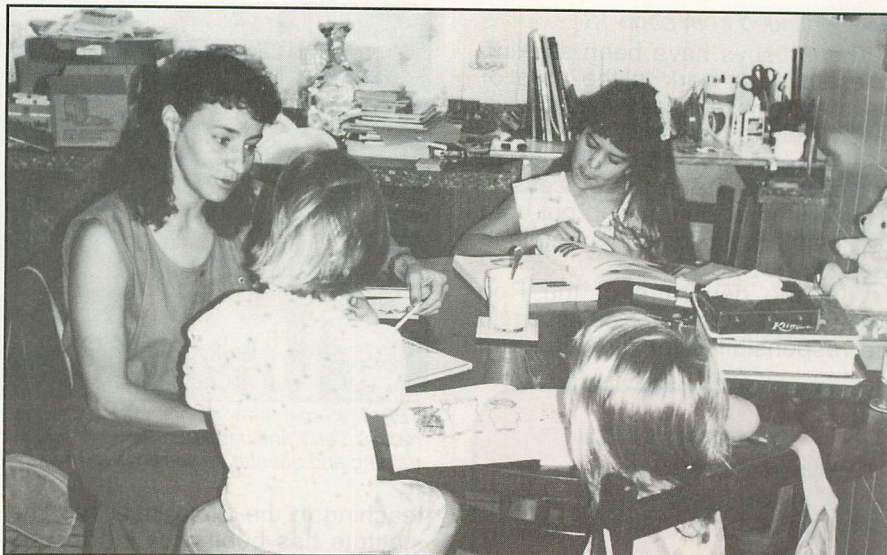


Tanya Hart

Tanya is scheduled to be commissioned in the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, her home church, in Greenville, N.C., on July 23. She is scheduled to teach for one year.

Curt Hollands Move to Uberlândia, Brazil

Brazil—With the early furlough of Tom and Nancy Hughes, missionaries Curt and Mary Holland were called on to move from Ribeirão Preto to the city of Uberlândia. This



Mary Holland teaches a children's class at the Second FWB Church in Uberlândia, Brazil. The Hollands have assumed responsibility for this work following the early furlough of Tom and Nancy Hughes.

city is located in the state of Minas Gerais just north of the state of São Paulo.

The Hollands are in charge of the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlândia. Since Jim and Karen Cowart left for furlough about the same time as Tom and Nancy, the First FWB Church also needed a leader. They called Pastor Silvestre Pinto Neto from the Marabá church in Araras.

In light of their moving twice within the last year, the Hollands requested their address to be published: Caixa Postal 3023, 38.421-970 Uberlândia, Minas Gerais, Brazil, South America.

Gilliland Speaks at ICA Spiritual Emphasis

Côte d'Ivoire—Former missionary Neil Gilliland went to Ivory Coast on April 21 where he participated in the Spiritual Emphasis Week at International Christian Academy, the school for missionary children, in Bouake. Neil spoke 17 times from Sunday night through Thursday night. Interspersed between preaching sessions were counseling appointments and fellowship.

Reports indicated that between one-third and one-half of the student body came forward on the final night "to die to themselves" and commit themselves fully to Christ and His

Lordship. Neil noted, "That is so relevant since new studies have revealed that 17 percent of all MKs return to serve as missionaries themselves."

While Neil was at Bouake, approximately 60 students and staff members from ICA drove about four hours southwest to the city of Divo where they participated in an evangelism weekend among the Baoule and Bete people. They held two open-air meetings with singing and an African evangelist. They also met with a local high school English club.

Neil estimated approximately 4,000 people attended during the crusade services and a total of 263 adults made decisions for Christ.

Gilliland, director of recruitment for Free Will Baptist Bible College, returned to the United States on May 1. He and his wife, Sheila, served five years as dorm parents at ICA before Neil assumed a position with the Bible college.

Crosby Takes Charge of Villalba Work

Spain—Dwain Crosby has assumed responsibility for the work in Villalba, Spain, since Jeff and Susan Turnbough left the field for furlough on June 21. A change of furlough schedule was agreed on due to the shortage of personnel in Spain.

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News Update

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The Crosbys have been seeking to establish a work in the area of Galapagar, where they live. Dwain says, "Debbie has been very active with several women in the area. Presently, we are in the process of securing the city permits to put up a book table in a local marketplace two days a week."

With the departure of the Ron Callaways, Dwain has also assumed the responsibility for directing and

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TEAM '95 members gather with music instructor Jonathan Snow (back, left) and TEAM directors Terry and Jamie Eagleton (back, center) and Ken and Marvis Eagleton (right) during training and orientation sessions at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

teaching in the Bible institute. The institute has been meeting for the past year in the Alcalá de Henares FWB Church.

Pooles Hold Special Services in Campinas

Brazil—Missionaries Bobby and Geneva Poole held special services in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil, on the weekend of May 20-21.

"We had a number of decisions for Christ on Saturday," says Bobby, "one for salvation and four for rededication." Twelve people responded by saying they wanted to study at the seminary and Bible institute. Geneva gave a devotion and drew a black light picture during the service.

On Sunday, the couple taught Sunday school classes and that evening approximately 120 were on hand as Bobby preached. Three people were saved.

McDonald Baptizes One Just before Furlough

Japan—Missionary Donnie McDonald baptized a young Japanese man, Mr. Yabe, on May 14 at the Kita Hiroshima church where he has been ministering in addition to his work at Ai no Sato.

The Ai no Sato church had a special children's evangelistic program on Easter and since then several friends of Katie and Evan McDonald have begun attending Sunday school.

The McDonalds returned to the United States on May 30 to begin their regular furlough.

10 Students Graduate from Bible Institute

Côte d'Ivoire—Ten students graduated from the Bible institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, on June 24 after having completed their studies and an internship program.

Clint Morgan and Mike Cousineau, who are currently on furlough, flew to Ivory Coast on June 13 to wrap up the training cycle and to be on hand for the graduation service.

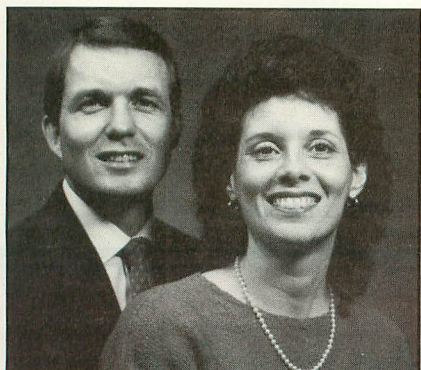
These 10 new graduates bring the total to 18 who have been trained in the institute at Bouna. Many of these are serving in full-time leadership roles or pastoral positions.

TEAM '95 Groups Go to France and Mexico

Antioch, Tenn.—Two groups of TEAM '95 (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) arrived in Nashville, Tenn., on June 13 to begin a week-long training session for their ministries in France and Mexico.

TEAM France '95, led by Terry and Jamie Eagleton of Nashville, included Adam Davis, Rebecca Hale, Kari Milburn, and Natalie Summers of Illinois; Karen Hook and Matthew Mertz of Missouri; Kreszena Monday of Alabama; and Stephanie McVay and Susannah Patton of Tennessee. This group departed from Nashville on June 20 for Paris and were scheduled to return to the United States on July 13.

TEAM Mexico '95 also left Nashville on June 20 going to Harlingen, Tex., and into Mexico. They were to work in cooperation with James Munsey, coordinator of the Mexico



Tom and Patty McCullough have resigned after serving 15 years in France.

mission work. Ken and Marvis Eagleton served as team directors for this group.

Those on the Mexico team included Donna Jo Grubbs, Corina Hansen, and Darrin Aldridge of North Carolina; Derek Yarborough of South Carolina; Kelly Guyton of Illinois; Joni Pettis of Alabama; Angela Stockton of Oklahoma; Michelle Thompson of West Virginia; Stephanie Trimble of Arkansas; and Jennifer Harter of Tennessee.

This group is scheduled to return to Nashville on July 6.

McCulloughs Resign After 15 Years in France

Royal Oak, Mich.—Tom and Patty McCullough submitted their resignation from missionary service in April after 15 years in France.

Although feeling "great personal reluctance," the couple said, "We believe God has confirmed this decision during our trips to France last fall and this spring. Several mature Christians in the St. Nazaire church shared with us their conviction that we were doing the right thing."

Tom noted that Patty had labored under the stress of multiple sclerosis over the past 15 years. More recently she has undergone cancer surgery, radiation treatments and another surgery for a benign tumor. These stresses, in addition to the difficulty of full-time cross-cultural ministry, have led the McCulloughs to this decision in spite of their great love for France and her people.

The McCulloughs will be working in the Central FWB Church in Royal Oak, Mich., where Tom will serve as associate pastor under Milton Worthington.

Financial Summary Through May 31

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Total income for March	\$ 210,995.73
Total income for April	353,524.74
Total income for May	391,879.88
Total income through May	1,585,140.61
Total expenditures through May	1,940,480.19
Projected income through May	1,918,822.50
Total 1995 Budget (including VISION projections)	\$ 4,605,174.00
VISION gifts through May	2,304.25

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Cowart	\$ 18,471.04	McDonald	\$ 4,390.99
Crawford	5,408.54	McLain	2,677.45
Crosby	12,723.26	Morgan	11,073.59
Crowson	16,127.44	Robinson	5,909.27
Eagleton Sr.	10,611.80	Snow	4,698.37
Ellison	1,266.51	Teague	4,260.90
Hanna	14,774.71	Turnbough	20,544.19
Holland, Curt	8,112.67	Willey	8,628.89
Lytle	1,658.09	Spec. Committee	18,882.34
Total			\$ 170,220.05

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

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State Goals—1995

State	1995 Goal	Goal Through May	Contributions Through May
Alabama	\$ 174,000.00	\$ 72,500.00	\$ 95,143.62
Arizona	6,400.00	2,666.67	3,058.97
Arkansas	305,000.00	127,083.33	65,860.47
California	81,000.00	33,750.00	35,306.51
Colorado	8,500.00	3,541.67	2,726.57
Florida	79,000.00	32,916.67	44,342.16
Georgia	154,000.00	64,166.67	68,700.14
Hawaii	2,700.00	1,125.00	0.00
Idaho	3,000.00	1,250.00	802.60
Illinois	111,000.00	46,250.00	58,576.64
Indiana	35,000.00	14,583.33	15,766.44
Iowa	3,200.00	1,333.33	1,510.00
Kansas	14,000.00	5,833.33	4,112.85
Kentucky	82,000.00	34,166.67	25,377.34
Louisiana	1,700.00	708.33	1,523.76
Maryland	13,000.00	5,416.67	12,335.30
Michigan	205,000.00	85,416.67	45,355.21
Mississippi	76,000.00	31,666.67	28,114.51
Missouri	347,000.00	144,583.33	110,924.85
Montana	1,700.00	708.33	1,050.00
Nebraska	1,000.00	416.67	222.00
New Mexico	2,100.00	875.00	665.65
Northeast Association	2,500.00	1,041.67	1,023.00
Northwest Association	13,000.00	5,416.67	2,662.94
North Carolina	569,000.00	237,083.33	229,604.72
Ohio	133,000.00	55,416.67	55,281.02
Oklahoma	410,000.00	170,833.33	164,816.27
Pennsylvania	1,300.00	541.67	286.25
South Carolina	254,000.00	105,833.33	100,049.58
Tennessee	685,000.00	285,416.67	223,782.22
Texas	100,000.00	41,666.67	39,606.72
Virginia	121,000.00	50,416.67	52,618.12
Virgin Islands	2,400.00	1,000.00	2,577.00
West Virginia	110,000.00	45,833.33	42,231.13
WNAC	150,000.00	62,500.00	66,460.59
Miscellaneous	86,250.00	35,937.50	7,910.77
Totals	\$ 4,343,750.00	\$ 1,809,895.83	\$ 1,610,385.92

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