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# HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work around the world



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*by R. Eugene Waddell,  
general director*



**S**addam Hussein marched his forces into Kuwait in 1990, forcing President George Bush to confer with his military advisors. General Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of American forces in the Middle East inventoried the available troops and equipment.

On orders from the commander in chief, men and machinery were moved to Saudi Arabia. Thousands of reserves and National Guard personnel were mobilized to participate in "Operation Desert Storm."

These activities were necessary to be sure America could measure up to the task of driving the Iraqis from Kuwait. Because our armed forces were prepared, our whole nation cheered the victory which followed.

This experience reminds us of our urgent task. It compels us to take inventory and mobilize our resources to successfully complete our mission of world evangelization.

## **Defining Our Task**

The task of the Church is clearly given five times at the end of the four gospels and in the first chapter of Acts. Our target: all nations, every creature, the most remote peoples. They must hear the message of repentance and salvation. The Lord commands us to witness, preach, baptize converts and to teach and disciple believers. We are to establish local churches as we build His Church.

Ralph Hampton, moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, states, "Our mission as Free Will Baptists... is nothing less than the fulfillment of the Great



Commission. We see ourselves with the global task of evangelism, edification and church planting."

Our job as Christians is very clear, but we must not think of the will of God as walking through a cafeteria line. We cannot simply select what we want and leave the rest for somebody else. Free Will Baptists cannot leave the task of reaching unreached people to other denominations. We have a divine obligation to reach as many of the two billion unreached people as possible.

### **Heaven rejoices over 125 new believers in Panama, 400 in Cuba, and more than 100 in Brazil.**

For most of us the problem is not a question of understanding our task, it is mustering the willpower to make it our personal priority.

### **Evaluating Our Efforts**

Jesus repeatedly emphasized accountability—i.e., the parables of the talents, the pounds and the faithful steward. He said, "... unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

As we Free Will Baptists take stock of God's blessings, we need to evaluate our faithfulness to the Great Commission.

Thank God for the growth in our foreign missions program! From the remnant left after the merger of Free Will Baptists with the American Baptists in 1910, the Lord has raised up a missionary staff of 98 individuals.

Through the efforts of these

missionaries and our national Christians God has blessed this ministry. The most significant victories emerge in changed lives in Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Uruguay, France, Brazil, India, Panama, Spain, China and Cuba. Although at the time of this writing we do not have complete statistics, heaven rejoices over 125 new believers in Panama, 400 in Cuba and more than 100 in Brazil during 1994.

Jim Cowart reported a great service December 4, 1994, at the First FWB Church in Uberlandia, Brazil: "I baptized nine men and preached a 20-minute message on the life of the new believer. The invitation included those in the congregation who had never experienced new life in Christ. Six people came forward and were saved."

Steve Lytle cited an example of God's blessings in Panama: "Nueva Esperanza is a highlight of the year. Arsenio has been

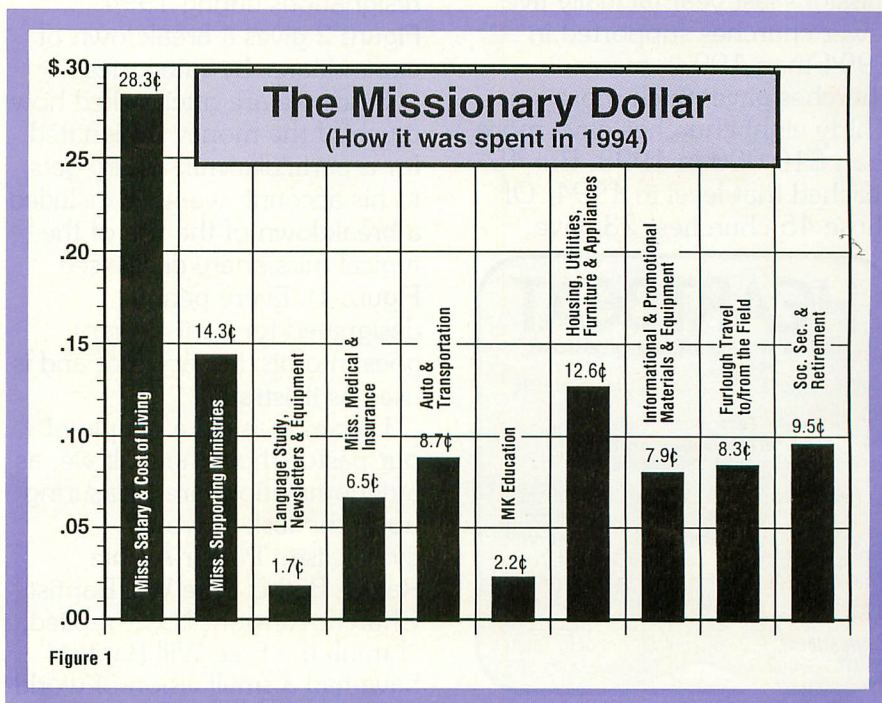
faithful, and saw about 25 souls come to Christ in 1994."

Our goal is to establish churches which are self-governing, self-propagating and self-supporting. That's why Free Will Baptists are training students (nearly 200) in Bible institutes and training programs in almost every country where we work.

### **During 1994, some 14,006 people were treated at our Doropo hospital.**

While our primary objective is spiritual, we seek to minister to the whole person. Last October as I worked my way through the medical center at Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, I choked back tears as I saw the dozens of very sick people crowding the waiting room and the halls. Doctors Eagleton and Gentuso were examining patients and

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extending loving care.

During 1994, some 14,006 people were treated. Most of these heard a gospel witness from the hospital chaplain, the nurses or the doctors. Thank God for the dozens of people who are saved because of the impact of this ministry of compassion.

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### **Income rose \$438,164 over 1993 to a total of \$4,474,083 in 1994.**

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We praise the Lord for abundantly supplying our financial needs. Income rose \$438,164 over 1993 to a total of \$4,474,083 in 1994 (see Figure 3). This is a special tribute to the generosity of our Free Will Baptist people.

Gifts through churches increased \$307,015. And although approximately the same number of churches gave at least one offering to foreign missions last year (actually five fewer churches supported in 1994 than 1993), many churches gave much more. Thirty-eight churches gave more than \$10,000 in 1993. But 45 reached that level in 1994. Of those 45 churches, 23 gave

\$15,000 or more (listed on page 9).

While we appreciate the generosity of every church in every state, we congratulate the following states or groups which met or exceeded their faith goal for foreign missions in 1994: Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Northwest Association, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and WNAC.

These states met 95 percent of their 1994 goal: Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

During the year our missionaries and staff were able to keep our total expenses to \$4,022,845. In view of the persistent weakness of the dollar overseas, this seems almost miraculous. Unfortunately, part of this reduction reflects some resignations during 1994. Figure 2 gives a breakdown of expenditures by categories.

Since we are often asked how much of the money designated for a particular missionary gets to his account, we have included a breakdown of the use of the typical missionary dollar (see Figure 1). Every penny designated for a missionary goes into his/her account and is used as illustrated.

I recently asked a couple of our pastors how they felt we, as a denomination, are measuring up to the task of world evangelism. Pastor Archie Ratliff, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston, N.C., replied, "I think the Free Will Baptists have had a small vision of world

evangelism. It seems like our churches have not really taken up the call of the Lord to evangelize the world. It is pretty evident that only a few churches are really supporting missions.

"Other denominations have raised money and really are looking for people to go," Ratliff continued. "But it seems we have some folks who are willing to go and have not ever had the money . . . to go."

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### **We face serious personnel shortages in Brazil, France, Spain and Japan.**

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Pastor David Sutton, First Free Will Baptist Church in Duncanville, Tex., said, "I'm proud of what we are doing and the progress that has been made in our missions giving. I feel, however, that we come up so very short of our potential. I would love to see all of our churches supporting our missions program on a regular and consistent basis. I feel most of our churches could do so much more for the cause of world missions. Of course, the limited number of applications to missionary service indicates a need for our churches to do a better job in getting our young people involved in and committed to world missions."

### **Pursuing the Goal**

Since our ultimate, long-range goal is to establish an association of Free Will Baptist churches in countries where we serve, we must strengthen our ministry there. We face serious personnel shortages in Brazil, France, Spain and Japan. We need church planters, Bible

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college teachers and people who can disciple converts.

The task of planting a church among every ethnic group is urgent. We are called to reach our generation. Although Free Will Baptists can't reach all 11,000 of the groups which have no church movement, we certainly can reach some of them.

New opportunities in the old communist world and China call for people with business experience, English teachers, medical personnel and certain other technical specialists.

Numerous short-term opportunities are available on many fields. For example, CoMission needs teachers in Russia to give a biblical basis for Christian ethics. China welcomes English teachers for seven weeks in the summer or for a full school term, from August to June. The International Christian Academy in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, constantly needs qualified teachers.

While the task of world evangelism sometimes seems overwhelming, we know that Jesus will keep His promise to build His Church. The future foreign mission outreach of Free Will Baptists will largely depend upon the efforts of the 70 young people in our colleges who are studying missions.

We must ask the Lord of the harvest to "send forth laborers into his harvest." Then we must make sacrificial efforts to get them there.

We, who are not called to go out as missionaries, are obliged to send those whom the Holy Spirit does call. Dr. Joe Ange challenges, "We must preach

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## Total Expenditures for 1994 \$4,022,845

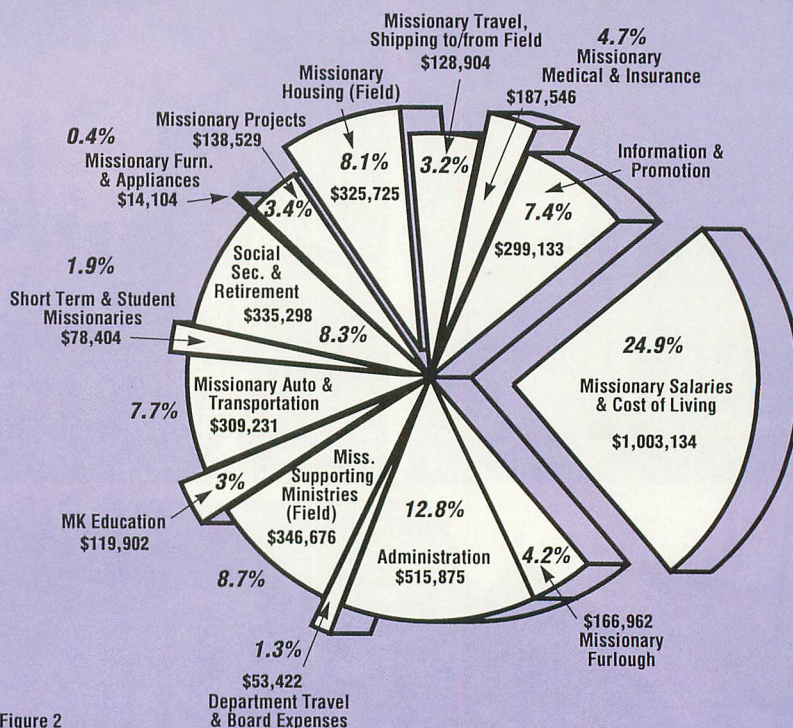


Figure 2

## Income for Past 10 Years

Total Income for 1994: \$4,474,083

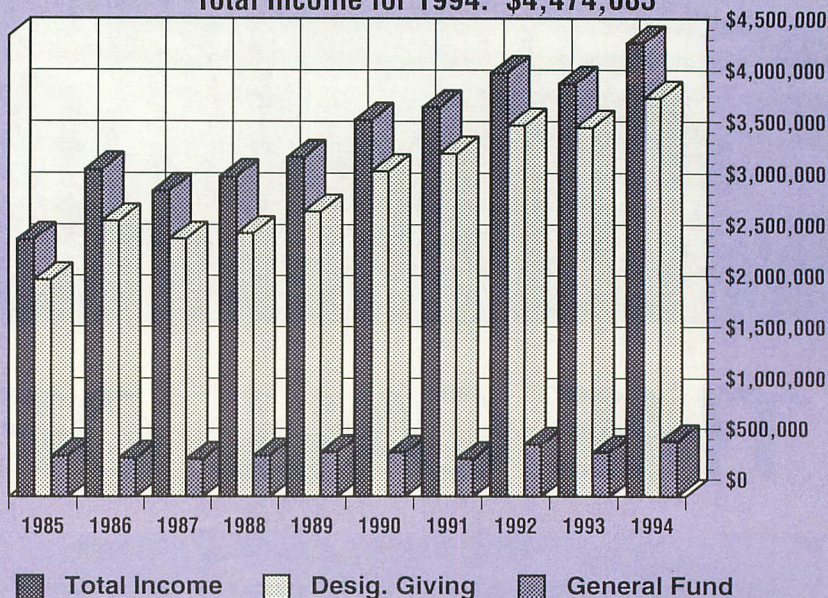


Figure 3





*A Russian pastor baptizes his son (top, left) as many other candidates for baptism (above) await their turn. A Christian band plays music at a house (left) as they go through town gathering people to follow them to church.*

# THE CALL OF RUSSIA

*by Eddie Hobbs*

With the cults making bold efforts to enter Russia, will we enter too late?



**R**ussia, now known as the Commonwealth of Independent States, is in the process of change! In the past few years, we have heard and observed via television the upheaval in Russia. We have witnessed the political unrest and the fall of Communism.

Amid this new economic and social order, inflation has increased dramatically. When I returned from Russia during the summer of 1994, the monetary exchange rate was two thousand rubles for one U.S. dollar. Just two months later the same dollar was worth five thousand rubles.

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Due to this inflation, the construction of churches in the CIS has practically come to a standstill. As we traveled through some areas in Russia we saw many churches that had been started, but they still have not been completed. It was very disheartening and a great concern to those Christians who are trying to preach, teach and spread the gospel there. It should also concern us as Christians here in America. We should lift up those servants of Christ in prayer and ask ourselves what we can do to help them.

I learned Russia has a big problem with alcoholism, drugs and suicide. These problems seem to stem from people being unable to cope with the

conditions they face. According to a recent news report on television these problems seem to affect young people 18 years of age or younger. These young people see no hope or solution to their problems. A nurse being interviewed said at least four or five young people recently admitted to the hospital had tried to take their own lives. They cannot seem to cope with the dramatic changes in their lives.

During my time in Russia as a short-term missionary, I noticed that liquor was readily available to anyone who wanted to buy it. It is cheaper than a 12-ounce can of Pepsi, so it is not uncommon to see old and young under the influence of alcohol. These same people live from day to day uncertain of their future or their country. Most live very simple, slow-paced lives.

Because of the many changes in their country, people are looking for something they can grasp—something to give them hope. They are searching for something that can bring them out of their situation. That hope, we know, is Jesus Christ, and they are eager to hear about Jesus.

With the new openness, many new and false doctrines are being taken into Russia, and the people must be alerted to this fact. Some of the new doctrines include Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Orthodox, Charismatic and New Age.

In light of all that is happening, someone must present the risen Savior to those people. They must hear of the Christ who forgives sin and gives hope and everlasting life. We must give them the

gospel of Jesus Christ.

While I was in Russia, I found that Russian Christians have a sincere desire to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. They now have liberty to openly proclaim the gospel without the fear of being prosecuted for their faith. For over 70 years they lived with this fear. Worship services are now held in homes, yards or in completed church buildings. Still, people are dying every day without having heard the gospel.

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We might ask, "How can we help?" First of all, we need to remember them in our prayers. Pray for the pastors as they go out into the remote areas to preach. They sometimes face many obstacles along the way.

Second, we can give of ourselves and meet some of their needs. Russians are in great need of teaching materials, Bibles, gospel literature and songbooks.

The Russian people would love to have someone come to preach, teach and help with the young people. I encourage readers to seek the Lord's direction and consider going to this needy area.

If the Lord wills, I hope to return to Russia and be of service to Him there. My heart is still there with my Christian friends.

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Eddie Hobbs, a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, currently lives in Timmonsville, S.C. He spent the summer of 1994 in Seltso, in the Commonwealth of Independent States (formerly the Soviet Union). Among other activities, he helped with the construction of a church building.



# Teams in Triumph!

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Could 30 men make any difference in India?

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by Carlisle and Marie Hanna

**T**he responsibility of Free Will Baptists in North India encompasses three districts, the equivalent to three United States counties. Two of these, the plains area of Darjeeling and Uttar Dinajpur, are located in the state of West Bengal. The other district, Kishanganj, is located in Bihar.

In 1950, we hoped to have 15 new mission stations in order to reach every corner of this area. That year Miss Laura Belle Barnard requested 15 couples to be sent as missionaries. Her request did not account for us because we were to replace Paul and Nell Woolsey. Throughout the 1950s and into the 1960s, many did feel the burden. Several applied for visas, but no new missionaries arrived.

Through the years since our arrival on the field in 1952, we have endeavored to reach the whole area but some parts of it had hardly been touched by last year. In April of 1993, after much prayer, the pastors and Carlisle decided to form evangelistic teams and send them out two by two.

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***Partners began the two-by-two team ministry October 1, 1993.***

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Thirty men who had proven to be faithful in their local churches were chosen. They came to Sonapurhat for a month of intense training in September. For the majority of them, this instruction was only another step in their training.

As children, those selected had been in our hostel where they were taught the Word daily. After leaving the hostel, they had received teaching from our pastors in special village camps and at retreats on the mission station.

Since receiving their intensive training, the partners continue to come to the mission compound for periodic times of Bible study, fellowship and prayer.

The aim of these teams is for each person in every village to hear the plan of salvation. The partners began the two-by-two team ministry October 1, 1993, under the supervision of our pastors. The first fruit had already come in Sonapurhat during the training period. Almost immediately the fruit multiplied in several centers. It has thrilled all of us as we have seen it grow. Those converted have brought others and the Body has rejoiced with the angels.

The church year for North Indian Free Will Baptists ends January 31. When the reports were in for the 1993-94 year, 207 baptisms were recorded. Added to these were 105 others during the first five months of the 1994-95 church year.

*Some of the evangelistic team members stand with bicycles, their means of transportation to outlying villages. God is honoring their efforts to reach new villages with the gospel.*





Reports reaching us tell of many since then and of approximately 100 more who are ready. No doubt, most of these have already followed Christ in baptism.

Matthew 10 tells us how Jesus sent His 12 disciples out two by two and Luke 10 relates His sending out the 70 two by two. He told them they would have opposition and reassured them with the promise of His care.

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As Satan's territory has been invaded in North India, he has been fighting back in ways we could have never imagined, just as Jesus said. But we are rejoicing in the assurance of God's presence and care. Our partnership teams and pastors need to be covered with prayer.

Please pray with us that our Lord will use this ministry to enable the people of our entire area to have the opportunity to come to Christ. We are asking our Lord to enable us to reach people for Him and to see 100 organized churches by the year 2000. Please pray with us.

Carlisle and Marie Hanna have served in India since 1952. They are the only remaining FWB missionaries serving in that country.

**English Language Institute/China** is looking for over 500 Christians to teach English in China, Mongolia and Vietnam in 1995. Summer, year and long-term positions are available and the need is urgent!  
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and practice sacrifice in all levels of our lives—individual, family, state and national. This means less organization, less stress on salaries and more on developing true servants."

Every Sunday school member can learn the joy of sacrificial giving by participating in the Laura Belle Barnard World Missions Offering on April 30. This special foreign missions emphasis named for our first missionary has been designated by the National Association as a part of "The Together Way Plan." This year we hope every church will participate by devoting special times to prayer and by receiving sacrificial offerings.

Together we can make a difference! We can change the lives of those around the world

who have little or no access to the gospel. Will you do your part?

### Churches Giving \$15,000 or More in 1994

Central FWB, Royal Oak, Mich. ....	\$73,914.47
Donelson FWB, Nashville, Tenn. ....	49,690.23
First FWB, Russellville, Ark. ....	35,480.28
Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn. ....	32,012.40
First FWB of Berk., Florissant, Mo. ....	29,186.01
First FWB, Norman, Okla. ....	29,173.00
Fellowship FWB, Kingsport, Tenn. ....	28,926.57
Southern Oaks FWB, Oklahoma City, Okla. ....	27,793.89
Ina FWB, Ina, Ill. ....	26,615.00
Horse Branch FWB, Turbeville, S.C. ....	26,273.59
Trinity FWB, Greenville, N.C. ....	24,491.98
Bethel FWB, Kinston, N.C. ....	22,878.24
Limestone FWB, Limestone, Tenn. ....	21,868.55
Cross Timbers FWB, Nashville, Tenn. ....	21,294.73
First FWB, Duncanville, Tex. ....	19,586.27
Immanuel FWB, Durham, N.C. ....	19,441.85
Macedonia FWB, Purdy, Mo. ....	18,957.00
New Hope FWB, Joelton, Tenn. ....	18,787.96
First FWB, Locust Grove, Okla. ....	18,754.00
Unity FWB, Greenville, N.C. ....	18,430.06
First FWB, Raleigh, N.C. ....	17,850.01
Bellview FWB, Colquitt, Ga. ....	15,411.41
Garner FWB, Garner, N.C. ....	15,000.90

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# News Update



Missionary Donnie McDonald speaks to children, parents and visitors at the close of the children's Christmas program at Kita Hiroshima Chapel in a suburb of Sapporo, Japan.

## Kita Hiroshima Holds Christmas Program

*Japan*—A special children's program was held December 17 at Kita Hiroshima Chapel in a suburb of Sapporo, Japan. Missionary Donnie McDonald shared a short message on the true meaning of Christmas after the program as over 45 people listened.

Seven unsaved mothers and one unsaved father were on hand for the program and message.

As another means of evangelism McDonald is using the guitar and English to open doors to sharing the gospel at Kita Hiroshima. He held a Christmas party on December 22 for his students and their visitors. Twelve attended.

Donnie presented the Christmas story in a devotion. Three of the four students are unsaved.

## Eagleton in Brazil on Brief Teaching Mission

*Antioch, Tenn.*—Ken and Marvis Eagleton left Nashville, Tenn., on February 15 for Brazil to conduct a special two-month Bible institute in the Barbacena Free Will Baptist Church.

Ken will be teaching Pauline Writings, Galatians and Hebrews as a special extension of the central Bible college in Brazil. The purpose of these special classes is to do follow-up discipleship training for more than 30 new converts, including one young man who has been called to preach.

According to Ken, some of the students will be taking the classes for credit while others will only be auditing the courses.

Ken will be working in cooperation with Bobby and Sue Aycock who are in charge of the work in Barbacena. The Eagletons will return to the United States around the first of May.

## Reford Wilson, Former Missions Director, Dies

*Oklahoma City, Okla.*—J. Reford Wilson, former general director of foreign missions, is gone! He died on January 5 in the Presbyterian Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., at the age of 70.

Mr. Wilson had been admitted to the hospital over Thanksgiving weekend. Doctors treated him for a mild heart attack and released him on December 3. He was readmitted on December 6 with what doctors diagnosed as a diseased gallbladder.

Surgery was scheduled for De-

J. Reford Wilson



cember 9, but Reford's vital signs indicated he could not survive the surgery. Subsequently, many of his vital organs began to fail. Doctors told the family he had only a short time to live, but he lingered until the morning of January 5 when the Lord took him.

Mr. Wilson served as general director of foreign missions from 1962 to 1975 and had served many years prior to that on the Board of Foreign Missions. He served on the board once more after he left the foreign missions office. His 13½ years as general director plus 17 years on the board totaled more than 30 years with foreign missions.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on January 9 at Southern Oaks FWB Church in Oklahoma City. R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions, participated in the Oklahoma service. Jerry Ballard, former *Heartbeat* editor and long-time friend of the Wilsons, gave the eulogy. A memorial service was held simultaneously at the National Offices in Antioch, Tenn.

Reford is survived by his wife, Gene; a son, Jonathan; and a daughter, Rebecca Capp. He also leaves one sister, Opal Wilson, and two granddaughters, Meagan Lane Reddick and Leah Claire Wilson.

Mr. Waddell, a long-time colleague of Reford, said, "Free Will Baptists have lost a valuable servant leader. Brother Reford Wilson was a leader in the pulpit, in the classroom, at the typewriter, on the telephone and on the mission field. He was a humble, compassionate servant of the Lord. His love and concern for others won the hearts of his colleagues at home and overseas."

## Crosby Says New Area Seems More Friendly

*Spain*—"Everything seems to be going smoothly since our arrival," wrote Dwain Crosby in January from their new area in Galapagar, Spain. "The pueblo here is actually much friendlier in many respects than Majadahonda. We have already met most of our neighbors. The lady next door has invited us over this Saturday to her birthday party."

The Crosbys moved from Majadahonda after Steve and Linda Reeves resigned and left the field due to health problems.





Carlisle and Marie Hanna continue their ministry of over 40 years in India.

## Hannas Return to India After Furlough

*Charleston, S.C.*—Missionaries Carlisle and Marie Hanna were scheduled to leave for India on March 1 after a furlough of approximately nine months.

As the Hannas prepared to depart, they expressed praise for the reports they were receiving from India. "Our Lord continues to bless as our people witness faithfully," write the Hannas. "Almost every letter brings news of new believers and those who have followed in baptism. Many are suffering persecution for their faith in Christ. Please remember to pray for His protection for these babes in Christ and for those who so faithfully witness to win them."

## Holland Reports Fires; Fields in Danger

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Forest fires, raging out of control, have been threatening to destroy the fields of many Christians in Côte d'Ivoire. Missionary Ernest Holland reported the fires in mid-February and noted that some villages were being threatened by the fires also.

Holland attributed the widespread fires to the dry season and strong winds. Some fields have already been destroyed by the fires.

## Five to Attend Cuban Association Meeting

*Antioch, Tenn.*—Five Free Will Baptists went to Cuba on February 23 to attend the Cuban Association of FWB Churches held February 24-26 at Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute near Pinar del Rio.

Those going to the island included



Uri Gonzalez (left, second row) and Daniel Dorati (right, front row) were ordained to the gospel ministry on December 2 in Panama City, Panama.

R. Eugene Waddell, general director of foreign missions; Ron and Linda Callaway, missionaries to Spain; and Gary and Sandra Curry of Ada, Okla.

Waddell and Callaway were to speak to the association and were scheduled to meet with Cuban FWB leaders. The group planned to leave Cuba on March 2.

## Ordination Service Held for Two in Panama

*Panama*—An ordination service was held on December 2 in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City, Panama.

Uri Gonzalez, pastor of the San Miguelito Free Will Baptist Church, and Daniel Dorati, pastor of the Betania FWB Church, were ordained to the gospel ministry. Gabriel Perez, former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Panama City, preached the ordination message.

Free Will Baptists now have five ordained pastors in Panama.

## Hersey, Wilkinson Are Married, Go to Japan

*Antioch, Tenn.*—Missionary Fred Hersey and former missionary June Wilkinson were married on January 21 in Nashville, Tenn., and left for Japan on January 31.

The Board of Foreign Missions gave full approval to the wedding and renewed June's status as a missionary during the December board meeting. She had served in Brazil from 1959 to 1979 and had worked in the foreign missions office from August of 1991 through December of 1994.

Both missionaries had lost a spouse and were excited over this new relationship and opportunity for ministry in Japan. They will be laboring in Bihoro on the northern island

of Hokkaido. They requested prayer for the adjustments that will have to be made and for June to be able to adapt to the new culture and language.

## Building Site Given for New Life Home

*Brazil*—A piece of property, approximately three and one-half acres, has been donated to the New Life Children's Home in Araras, Brazil. The home is a ministry of the Araras Free Will Baptist Church.

The city donated the property to be used in this ministry to the street children and orphans. The land has 500 feet of creek on one boundary. Plans call for developing a fish farm to help support the home.

## Vacant Youth Spot Helps Dennis Teague Account

*Ardmore, Okla.*—The Maranatha Free Will Baptist Church in Ardmore, Okla., recently gave \$8,434 to the Dennis Teague account as a result of a vacant youth minister position in

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R. Eugene Waddell (right) reads the vows to Fred Hersey and June Wilkinson as Philip Hersey, best man, and Kimberley Wilkinson Everson, matron of honor, stand beside their parents.





# News Update



Children (above) of Ai No Sato Church in northern Japan sing during their Christmas pageant held December 18. (Right) Katie McDonald, age 6, sings as her mother, Ruth, plays the piano during a December 23 Christmas concert at Ai No Sato.



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the church.

Pastor Leroy Holman explained that Maranatha is the home church of Dennis. The church had been unable to find a youth minister, so the money which would have gone as salary for that position was set aside. Since the church had not found a youth leader by the end of the year, they sent the money set aside for that position to the Teague account at the first of January.

## Pageant, Concert Hosted by Ai No Sato at Christmas

**Japan**—The Ai No Sato church in northern Japan hosted a children's Christmas pageant on December 18 and a Christmas concert on December 23.

Over 60 people gathered for the pageant to see and hear the children present music and a drama, "The Legend of the Three Trees." Debbie Griffin directed the program and presented the gospel meaning of Christmas.

Ruth, Katie and Evan McDonald and the ladies' chorus participated in the program. It was the first time some of the children and parents visited the church.

Missionaries Debbie Griffin and Ruth McDonald presented the concert and Katie McDonald, age 6, sang, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season." Among those present were one unsaved family and other unsaved adults.

## Lytle Says About 20 Refugees Claim Christ

**Panama**—Steve and Judy Lytle and the people from the Betania church in Panama have continued witnessing to Cuban refugees through film and Bible studies. In January they reported as many as 20 refugees had given testimony to having come to faith in Christ.

According to Steve, the refugees were expected to be sent to Guantanamo, Cuba, shortly. He asked people to pray that God would guide and strengthen those who have acknowledged Jesus as Savior.

The man featured in the cover article of the January *Heartbeat* was granted a medical visa to the United States. He, his wife, son, and another young man were released and went to Miami. His daughter, grandson, and son-in-law remained in Panama.

## Seven Announce Call to Ministry in Bondoukou

**Côte d'Ivoire**—In late December, missionaries Ron and Linda Moore reported, "During a recent Sunday morning service at the Bondoukou church, seven men announced their call to preach the gospel and six others said they wanted the Lord to use them in the evangelistic ministry of the church."

The Moores indicated the holidays in Ivory Coast were filled with activities centered around the church: a week of door-to-door evangelism just before Christmas, a watch night service on Christmas Eve, a special worship service on Christmas morning with a fellowship meal after-

## Hughes Reports Baptisms, New Year's Service

**Brazil**—Missionary Tom Hughes reported baptizing several people recently in Uberlandia, Brazil. When one man announced he wanted to be baptized in the river, "six more wanted to be baptized in the river," says Tom. "We praise God for the 17 from our church who were baptized this year."

The Second Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlandia wound up 1994 with a watch night service and started 1995 by reading the first chapter of Genesis together.

*Missionary Tom Hughes baptizes converts in the river near Uberlandia, Brazil. He baptized several in the river and some in the baptistry at the First FWB Church in Uberlandia.*





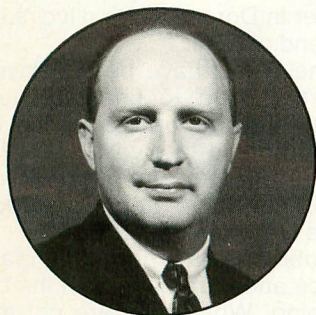
wards, another watch night service on New Year's Eve, and another special service on New Year's day. Moore referred to these festivities as being very important to the life of African Christians.

## Over 350 See "Jesus" Film in Agnibilekrou

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Over 350 people viewed the "Jesus" film on New Year's Eve during a special evangelistic campaign by the Agnibilekrou church in Côte d'Ivoire.

Although none of the other missionaries was able to help in Agnibilekrou, missionary Alice Smith managed to set up the screen and speakers and show the film. "We had no problems with any of the equipment," says Alice, "a definite answer to our prayers."

Seven young men stayed after the film for counseling. Two of them made decisions for Christ.



Rob Conley

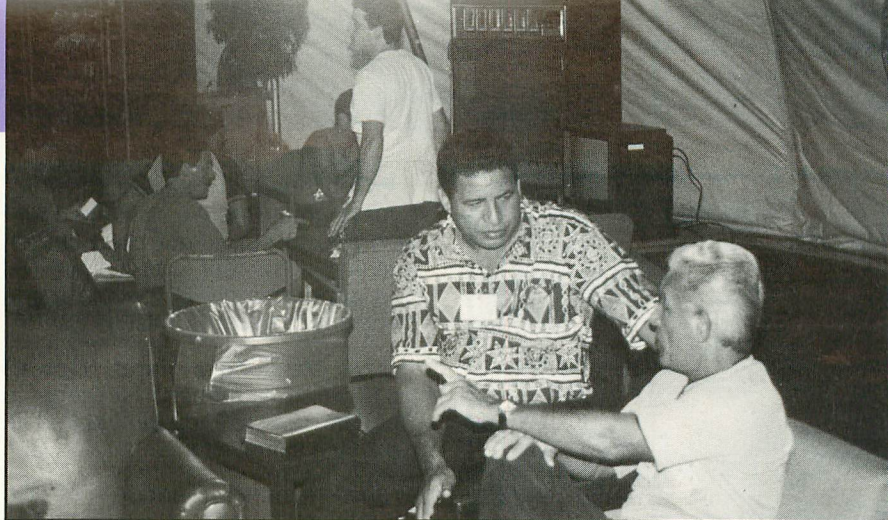
## Robert Conley Assumes Position as Treasurer

*Antioch, Tenn.*—The Board of Foreign Missions has employed Robert Conley of Libertyville, Ill., as the new treasurer for foreign missions. Conley, a graduate of Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill., assumed his position on February 1, 1995.

Robert (Rob) and his wife, Jennifer, have a two-year-old son, Austin. They moved to Nashville near the end of January.

Mr. Conley has worked for a mortgage origination company in Vernon Hills, Ill., since 1990 and was accounting manager for the firm. While he is not currently a Certified Public Accountant, he hopes to gain that status soon. His wife has been employed as a school teacher.

Robert's family was in the First Bible Free Will Baptist Church in



Daniel Dorati (center), pastor of the Betania FWB Church in Panama, talks with a Cuban refugee at the refugee center in Panama.

New Castle, Ind., when he was a child. He and his wife have joined the Fellowship FWB Church in Nashville. Rob's sister and brother-in-law, Joel and Debbie Sensing, also are members of Fellowship.

## Cowart Reports Baptizing 23 Converts in 1994

*Brazil*—Missionary Jim Cowart reported baptizing 19 adults, teens and children in December at Uberlandia, Brazil. Earlier in the year he baptized four people, making a total of 23 for the year.

Jim noted that some of those people had been saved before his arrival, but 32 people made decisions for Christ during the past year.

"The first Sunday of December I baptized nine men and preached a 20-minute message on the new life of the believer," says Cowart. "The invitation included those in the congregation who had never experienced a life in Christ. Six people came forward and were saved."

## Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*Côte d'Ivoire*—In a December report from missionary Ron Moore, he indicated the Leadership Training program was being conducted on seven different training sites with over 45 students from 14 different villages participating.

*Brazil*—The Free Will Baptist church in Jaboticabal, Brazil, dedicated their new sanctuary on December 17. Pastor Jean-Carlo leads this work.

*China*—Mark King, who is in China working with English Language Institute/China, recently reported he is teaching 11 hours of classes per

week. He is teaching "listening" and "conversation." Students with majors in physics, math, computer science, politics, foreign trade, tourism, etc. are in his classes. He said he has approximately 325 students.

*Spain*—Jeff Turnbough in Villalba, Spain, recently had surgery to remove a cyst in the sinus cavity. The doctor had to insert artificial bone in his jaw to fill the hole created by the cyst. Christians have been urged to pray that Jeff will recover well from this surgery.

*Elizabethton, Tenn.*—Former missionary Don Sexton underwent surgery on January 18 in Kingsport, Tenn., to correct a problem with his feet. Doctors felt the surgery would make it possible for him to walk again. He had been unable to walk for at least two months prior to the surgery.

*Tifton, Ga.*—Sandra Bishop, missionary to Japan, underwent surgery on January 4 in Tifton, Ga., to repair a torn ligament under the kneecap. Reports indicate surgery went well but people were urged to pray that Sandra would have a complete recovery.

*Brazil*—Jim and Shirley Combs, missionaries to Brazil, expressed praise for the salvation of Eduardo, a former Buddhist. Eduardo began attending the Araras church two years ago with his wife and seven children. The Combs indicated Eduardo made his decision to acknowledge Christ in November.

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Missionary dorm parents Lloyd and Betty Plunkett reported about 60 students and staff recently went to Katiola, about one

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# News Update

## Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in December and January in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

Donor	In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Raxon Mayo Ashland City, Tenn.	Pinkey Hudgins Christian
Norma C. Godwin Savannah, Ga.	Barry Godwin
Pleasant Acres FWB Church New Bern, N.C.	Opal Dobbs
William C. Moore Bethel, N.C.	Alberta W. Harrell
Howard E. Adams Bonnie, Ill.	Lola Adams
Arthur S. Norris Nashville, Tenn.	Florence Norris
Lillie Tallent St. Louis, Mo.	Norman R. Tallent

### Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Waddell gave in memory of the following:

Bill Travis, Donna Matheria, Leah Waddell, Rosa Johnson Flora, Glenna Leatherbury, Hugh Aycock, Boyette Quenton, and J. Reford Wilson.

### The following gave special gifts in memory of Glenna Leatherbury:

R. A. Freeman Hutchinson, Kan.	Bill Campbell Laverne, Tenn.
Pamela Seagraves Pocahontas, Ark.	Five Points Auxiliary Pinetown, N.C.
Dwane J. Base Wichita, Kan.	Calvary FWB Church Norman, Okla.

### The following gave special gifts in memory of Philip Irvin Lindquist:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kelsey Kirkville, Mo.	Capt. Cindy Lindquist Colorado Springs, Col.
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson Columbus, Mo.	Ed Daily Milan, Mo.
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McDonald Galt, Mo.	Standard Register Co. Kirkville, Mo.
Rev. and Mrs. Archie Cooper Kirkville, Mo.	Julia Mollick Greentop, Mo.
Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sevits Kirkville, Mo.	Kathleen Lindquist Milan, Mo.

### The following gave special gifts in memory of J. Reford Wilson:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Campbell Laverne, Tenn.	Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLain Antioch, Tenn.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hampton Nashville, Tenn.	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Joyner Chesterfield, Mo.

Donor	In Honor of
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Waddell Nashville, Tenn.	Archie and Sarah Mayhew Don and Billie Sexton
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hampton Nashville, Tenn.	Gene Wilson
Paul Jones Decatur, Ala.	Adult Sunday School Class First FWB Church, Decatur, Ala.

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hour north of Bouake, to do evangelism and to put a roof on a church building. The roof was completed and approximately 20 people made decisions to accept Christ as Savior.

**Brazil**—Missionary Karen Cowart underwent outpatient surgery in Uberlandia, Brazil, on January 11 to remove a kidney stone.

**France**—Dennis Teague, of St. Sebastien, France, is scheduled to be in the state of Illinois from the middle of February to the middle of March for a short deputational ministry.

**Owassa, Okla.**—Mr. W. T. Roberts, father of missionary Shirley Combs, suffered a light stroke in early February. He was only hospitalized for a short time. No permanent damage was evident according to the latest reports.

**Canada**—Paul and Rhoda Creech, who left the United States shortly after Christmas, began French language study on January 9 in Quebec, Canada. They will be taking a six-month course prior to going to the Ivory Coast.

## Worthington Speaks to Panama Association

**Panama**—Dr. Melvin Worthington and his wife, Anne, left the United States on December 30 for Panama where they attended the annual Panama Association of Free Will Baptists.

The association convened January 7-9 in three different locations. The group met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City on January 7, at the Agriculture School (Escuela-Mexico Panama) on Sunday and at the Betania Free Will Baptist Church on Monday. Approximately 50 people were present on Saturday evening, between 350 and 400 people gathered on Sunday and 60 Free Will Baptist representatives convened at Betania on Monday.

Dr. Worthington challenged the group on Sunday with a message on "Christ's Church" from Matthew chapter 16. He spoke at the Betania church on December 31, at the Agua Buena church on January 1, at the Parita church on January 3 and at Las Tablas on January 4.



Robert and Pam West are returning to their ministry in Ivory Coast.

A special pastor's seminar was conducted on January 5 and 6 at Betania. Dr. Worthington presented the denominational distinctives and spoke on "Who Are We?" giving denominational history and doctrine.

"People said they were proud to be Free Will Baptists," Melvin noted.

The Worthingtons returned from Panama on January 10.

## West's Hope to Return to Côte d'Ivoire in April

**Smithfield, N.C.**—Although they still need funds, associate missionaries Robert and Pam West hope to return to their ministry at the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, near the end of April.

The Wests have been delayed in returning due to financial needs. Doctors at the medical center have urged people to give to the Wests' account so they can get back to the field. They have been on furlough since December 1993.

Robert is in charge of maintenance and Pam helps with the book-keeping. When they are not at the station, the doctors have to take care of maintenance. With the patient load, this is virtually impossible.

## Riggs Says Over 200 Attend Christmas Program

**France**—According to missionary Steve Riggs, the Nantes church in France had over 200 people at their Christmas program on December 18. It was held in a public room rented for that occasion. The church presented a cantata for the first time with the help of an English student who attends the church.

Steve noted many unsaved relatives of believers in the church were on hand. He requested people to pray that the witness given would bear fruit in the hearts of those who attended.

Riggs also urged people to continue praying for Campaign Mayors of France. A New Testament and



follow-up letters have been sent to over 37,000 mayors and deputies in France.

As the Nantes church continues to negotiate for the purchase of a building, Steve has urged people to pray for finances and the Lord's direction.

## Aycock Says Attacks of Satan Affect Church

*Brazil*—"For at least five months we have been under direct attack of the evil one," wrote Bobby Aycock in January from Barbacena, Brazil. Bobby indicated the attacks had affected the attitude of people in the church.

At least three young people demonstrated rebellion, two young adults were overwhelmed by a cult, and the Aycocks underwent personal physical and emotional attacks.

In spite of these attacks Bobby indicated souls have been saved and others have had victories in different ways. "Our attendance for services is very good (70-80) with many unsaved visitors," Aycock continued. "Doors have opened for several new Bible studies in homes."

## Missions Office Buys Computer Upgrade

*Antioch, Tenn.*—After years of struggling along with an antiquated computer system for the bookkeeping department, foreign missions has invested in a new software program to upgrade the donor system and bookkeeping process.

With the hiring of a new treasurer, the time for making this change seemed appropriate. This software is expected to help with donor processing and make better reporting possible.

Don Robirds, director of communications, stated: "The software is especially written with missions organizations in mind. It will cost approximately \$10,000, but hiring computer programmers to write a specialized program would cost much, much more and would be a lengthy process.

"Perhaps some of those interested in computers might be interested in contributing toward offsetting these expenses," Don noted. "We would certainly appreciate any gifts designated to this purchase."

## Financial Summary Through January 31

### \$ubstance

Total income for November 1994	\$ 322,308.00
Total income for December 1994	590,895.00
Total income through December 1994	4,474,083.00
Total expenditures through December 1994	4,022,845.00
Projected income through December 1994	4,494,756.00
Total 1994 Budget	\$ 4,494,756.00
VISION gifts through December 1994	\$ 78,964.81
Total income for January 1995	\$ 285,151.02
Total expenditures through January 1995	382,107.88
Projected income through January 1995	383,764.50
Total 1995 Budget	\$ 4,605,174.00
VISION gifts through January 1995	\$ 240.84

### \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Cowart	\$ 783.38	Morgan	\$ 7,492.64
Crawford	1,616.33	Owen	9,422.40
Crosby	5,409.88	Richards, N	1,282.55
Crowson	24,702.13	Robinson	6,507.65
Eagleton Sr.	10,182.28	Snow	9,868.78
Ellison	1,146.92	Sturgill	440.05
Gibbs	9,084.25	Turnbough	5,187.64
Hanna	8,099.11	Willey	7,935.08
McDonald	521.35	Wilson	279.44
McLain	5,218.18	Spec. Committee	18,882.34
Total			\$ 134,062.38

### \$inking

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

Barker	\$ 1,232.04	Griffin	\$ 1,586.90
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## State Goals—1995

State	Goal 1994	Contributions Through December 1994	Goal 1995	Goal Through January	Contributions Through January
Alabama	\$ 192,000	\$ 182,534.66	\$ 174,000	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 13,362.14
Arizona	9,300	27,282.61	6,400	533.33	305.00
Arkansas	255,000	258,637.18	305,000	25,416.67	13,272.97
California	95,000	73,222.47	81,000	6,750.00	4,396.33
Colorado	7,800	5,761.36	8,500	708.33	586.25
Florida	73,000	63,445.83	79,000	6,583.33	6,377.21
Georgia	160,000	155,710.17	154,000	12,833.33	16,575.39
Hawaii	2,800	750.00	2,700	225.00	00.00
Idaho	1,000	1,288.25	3,000	250.00	00.00
Illinois	114,000	116,747.62	111,000	9,250.00	14,426.10
Indiana	45,000	34,602.61	35,000	2,916.67	2,853.50
Iowa	2,500	3,071.00	3,200	266.67	440.00
Kansas	18,000	13,019.94	14,000	1,166.67	352.51
Kentucky	81,000	82,479.48	82,000	6,833.33	4,232.23
Louisiana	400	4,417.93	1,700	141.67	50.92
Maryland	20,000	30,781.12	13,000	1,083.33	1,326.07
Michigan	160,000	178,265.40	205,000	17,083.33	2,773.73
Mississippi	53,000	60,791.18	76,000	6,333.33	2,600.52
Missouri	353,000	381,512.97	347,000	28,916.67	23,421.26
Montana	1,500	1,112.50	1,700	141.67	100.00
Nebraska	800	812.00	1,000	83.33	61.00
New Mexico	1,000	1,740.05	2,100	175.00	164.20
*Northeast Assn.	5,500	2,663.50	2,500	208.33	20.00
**Northwest Assn.	8,500	10,849.54	13,000	1,083.33	367.60
North Carolina	553,000	541,460.72	569,000	47,416.67	37,934.81
Ohio	151,000	133,285.36	133,000	11,083.33	11,785.68
Oklahoma	437,000	437,155.71	410,000	34,166.67	40,933.96
Pennsylvania	400	1,422.15	1,300	108.33	50
South Carolina	237,000	263,509.93	254,000	21,166.67	26,026.74
Tennessee	683,000	782,281.13	685,000	57,083.33	34,342.90
Texas	97,000	113,732.39	100,000	8,333.33	5,814.98
Virginia	130,000	124,250.23	121,000	10,083.33	9,333.81
Virgin Islands	3,000	2,621.01	2,400	200.00	100.00
West Virginia	115,000	120,517.87	110,000	9,166.67	5,403.27
WNAC	120,000	207,953.09	150,000	12,500.00	13,296.50
Miscellaneous	299,176	54,394.51	86,250	7,187.50	3,063.54
Totals	\$ 4,485,676	\$ 4,474,083.47	\$ 4,343,750	\$ 361,979.15	\$ 296,101.62

\*Northeast Association

New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., and Massachusetts

\*\*Northwest Association

Alaska, Oregon, and Washington



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