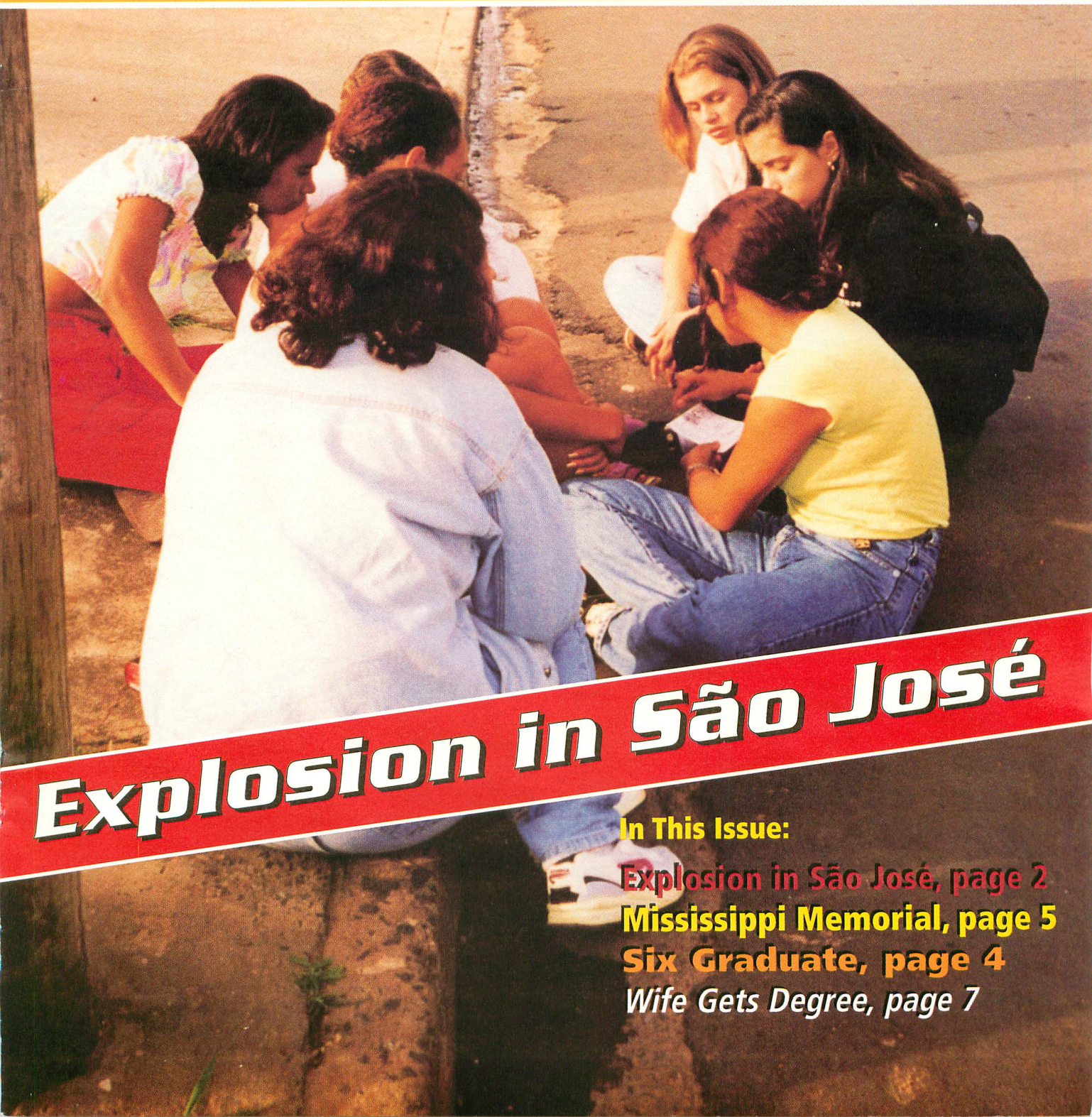


# HEARTBEAT

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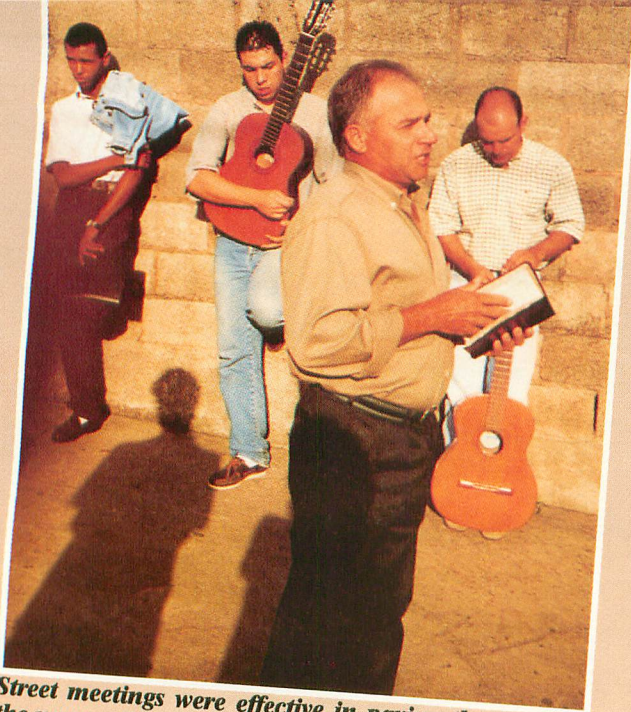
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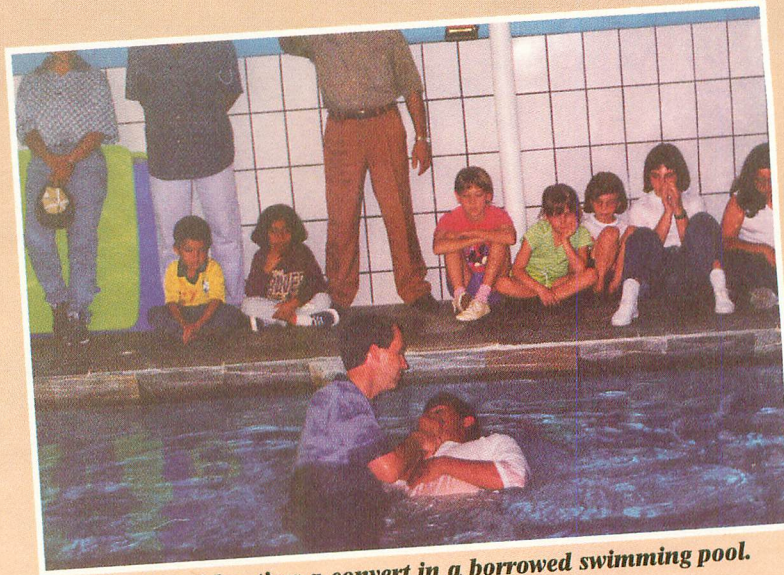


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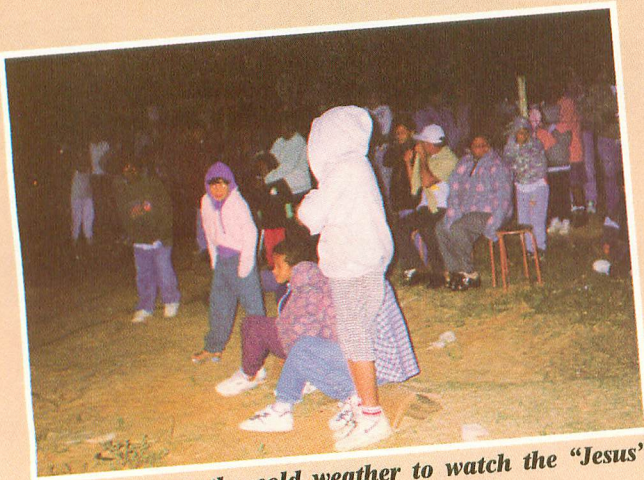
By Curt Holland



*Street meetings were effective in paving the way for the new work.*



*Curt Holland baptizes a convert in a borrowed swimming pool.*



*People endure the cold weather to watch the "Jesus" film on a soccer field.*

*Brooklin Holland helps with the publicity for the "Jesus" film showing.*



*Osmir (left) was saved after he passed out invitations to the "Jesus" film. Maria (right) was saved in July of 1998.*

COVER PHOTO: Teenagers witness to other teens using gospel tracts.





**Several people gather and others stop momentarily to listen as lay preacher Onofre preaches the Word at one street meeting.**

**A** gigantic explosion! That's what we want to see in São José, a section of Campinas, Brazil. But we can't deny the medium-sized explosion we are witnessing even today.

After about a year and a half of witnessing and working in the São José area we finally held our first Sunday night service on May 2 of this year with 54 people present. Two people who attended that service left with a copy of the evangelistic Bible study and expressed a desire to know more. Praise God!

Although we had been holding Bible studies in the area since September of 1997, our first official outreach in the community began on April 4, 1998. Some 35 young people and adults from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Campinas held an open-air meeting that night.

During that outdoor service the group handed out almost 200 Bible tracts along with an invitation to the first official preaching service on the following Thursday. Those weekly Thursday night preaching services in the home of Bill and Claudia, a couple from the First church, continued for the next two months with only one unsaved visitor attending.

Due to circumstances such as work schedules and schooling, we moved the evangelistic services to Saturday night. And God began to open doors! On Saturday night, June 20, 1998, we showed the JESUS film in an open

soccer field. Although it was cold and wintry by Brazilian standards, 130 people braved the weather to view the story of Christ. We were thrilled that 28 people made professions of faith even though few of them have been disciplined.

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Gradually, God started working in hearts. Two people had been saved in December of 1997 and in May of 1998 four people from the area were baptized. Osmir, a young man who had been hired to help announce the film showing in June, was saved the Saturday following the event, even though he was unable to attend the showing. Osmir really grew in the Lord, and today he is studying at the local Baptist Bible college. He wants to be a Free Will Baptist pastor.

From June of 1998 until April of this year we have had prayer and Bible study on Tuesday and Thursday nights in addition to our Saturday

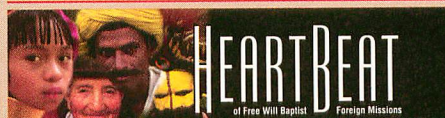
night evangelistic services. The Lord blessed those three weekly services, and those believers who could attend the regular Sunday night services at the First church.

As the people continued to witness, God used them to reach others for Christ. Consequently, in November of 1998 we rented a larger building across the street from Bill and Claudia. Sunday school attendance averaged 19 in December. We baptized four more people in February of this year and attendance grew to 38 by May with 43 in the night service.

Many of our people are having evangelistic Bible studies in their homes with the unsaved. Open-air evangelistic meetings, weekly food baskets for the needy and reading classes for the illiterate are just a few of the ministries conducted by our group from São José. And God is honoring these efforts.

The best way to describe this miniature explosion in São José is found in Nehemiah 4:6b: "For the people had a mind to work." Yes, our people do HAVE a mind to work!

Curt and Mary Holland first arrived in Brazil in August of 1992. They are in their second term of missionary service.



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Clint Morgan (left) and James Forlines (back, center) stand with Ivory Coast institute graduates.

## Six Graduate from Institute in Bouna

Six students graduated on May 22 from the Bible institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire. According to Clint Morgan, the graduates have proven themselves well during their internships. Five of the men are already pastoring; the other is working with the decentralized leadership training program. Five of the graduates are married and one man remains single.

General Director James Forlines was present and spoke at the special event. A number of Ivory Coast dignitaries also were present to extend special greetings. The ceremony was held in the Bouna Free Will Baptist Church which was filled for the service. An offering was received and divided among the six graduates.

Mr. Forlines had just spent three days teaching a seminar on practical pastoral issues for the graduating students and former graduates. A total of 21 out of 24 graduates were present for the seminar.

## School Teacher to Teach, Help Church in Brazil

Fern Phillips, 62-year-old elementary school teacher from Batesville, Ark., is making a career move. On August 2 Ms. Phillips will be moving to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, to fill a vacancy at the American school and help the Free Will Baptist church in



Don McDonald baptizes Mrs. Yoneyama on Easter Sunday at Miharashidai Chapel in northern Japan.

that metropolitan city.

Fern had asked her former pastor, now Foreign Missions General Director James Forlines, to let her know if he heard of any opportunities for her to use her teaching skills on the mission field. She indicated she would prefer not to have to learn the language immediately.

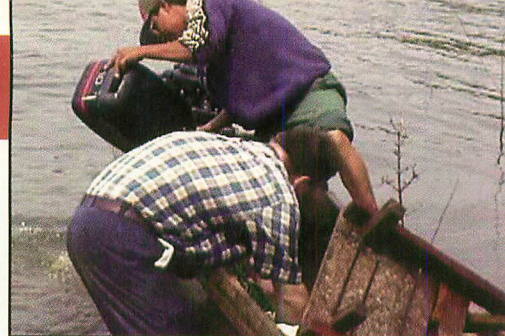
Then Dave Franks Sr. wrote asking for someone to help in Belo. The information was published in the September-October 1998 issue of *Heartbeat* and forwarded to Ms. Phillips. Following interviews in Houston, Tex., and Brazil, Ms. Phillips was hired to teach second grade.

## Abidjan Church Calls First African Pastor

The Free Will Baptist Church of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, recently issued an official call to Yao Kouassi N'Guettia Silas to become pastor of the church.

The new pastor is no stranger to the group since he was the youth pastor to many of the members while serving as president of the youth at Bondoukou. He also served one year as intern pastor at Abidjan while studying at the Christian and Missionary Alliance Bible Institute in Yamoussoukro.

Silas was the only non-married male ever to serve as president of the Côte d'Ivoire Free Will Baptist association.



Eddie Bowerman (plaid shirt) and Raul Matos prepare to visit the Kuna.

## McDonald Baptizes Lady on Easter Sunday

Missionary Don McDonald, who is ministering at the Miharashidai Chapel in a section of Sapporo, Japan, reported baptizing Mrs. Yoneyama on Easter Sunday.

According to McDonald, Mrs. Yoneyama boldly told her co-workers of her upcoming baptism and made sure all her immediate family were at the service. Though all of her family are unsaved, they came, heard her testimony and witnessed her step of obedience to Christ's command.

## Bowermans Visit Kuna Once More in April

An early May report from missionaries Eddie and LaRhonda Bowerman indicates they were able to revisit two villages of the Kuna Indians during April.

"We had a very good time in the villages of Aguas Claras and Pin-tupo and we feel like we have learned a lot in the way of language and culture so far," writes Eddie. Although they arrived during the "chicha fuerte" (strong drink) ceremony, they were able to get several language sessions done during their stay.

## Gibbs Lauds Team, Reports Baptism

Team Renaissance '99, made up of 11 students from Free Will Baptist Bible College, had charge of the service at St. Nazaire Free Will Baptist Church in France on May 24. According to Jerry Gibbs, "They did most all the service with songs, a skit, and verses of scripture. It was a



great presentation."

Jerry also rejoiced over a baptismal service the same day. "We had a pre-baptismal testimony that almost made me turn charismatic," says Gibbs. Marilyn, who was saved earlier this year, was baptized in the ocean with approximately 45 to 50 people from the church observing.

## Tea and Marriage Conference Fruitful

A special tea/marriage conference was held near the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in El Dorado, Panama, on June 12. Approximately 150 people were on hand to hear Steve Lytle address the subject "Eight Keys to Success With Your Spouse." Lytle noted that 32 people responded to the invitation to receive Christ. A good number requested Bible studies and many indicated they would like to hear other talks relating to the family.

The conference was sponsored jointly by the Betania church and the Women Nationally Active for Christ in Panama City.

## Two Women Baptized at Koinonia Church

Two women were baptized at the Koinonia Free Will Baptist Church in Nopporo, Japan, on Easter Sunday, according to missionary Dale Bishop. Dale baptized 60-year-old Mrs. Kawashima and Mrs. Sato, who is over 50 years of age.

Bishop indicated Mrs. Kawa-

*Steve Lytle speaks on "Eight Keys to Success With Your Spouse" at a tea/marriage conference in Panama.*



*James Forlines and Trymon Messer present a plaque to Mr. Jerry L. Atwell in memory of his late wife, Joyce Brandon Atwell, whom he honored through two generous gifts to Home and Foreign Missions.*



shima had been in contact with the gospel for several years, yet she testified she didn't know why she had waited so long to believe. Her husband and three children were present for the baptismal service.

Mrs. Sato also had been in contact with the gospel while in her twenties. Her daughter was saved and baptized two years ago.

## Memorial Service Held in Mississippi

A special service was held June 26 in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Amory, Miss., to glorify God and honor the memory of Joyce Brandon Atwell, deceased spouse of Mr. Jerry L. Atwell.

Among other activities in this service was the joint presentation of a plaque to Brother Jerry by Trymon Messer of Home Missions and James Forlines of Foreign Missions. Mr. Atwell has committed one million dollars in stock over four years to each of the departments in memory of his wife. This is the largest gift ever given to FWB missions efforts. Jerry asked that his gift be used to reach unreached peoples.

In accepting the gift to Foreign Missions, Mr. Forlines quoted from Revelation 14:13: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Jerry and his family have also committed or given over four million to these Free Will Baptist min-

istries and other causes in memory of Mrs. Atwell: Southeastern FWB College; local church missions in Kinston, N.C.; Mississippi state missions; Mark Riggs missions, Spain; Hemant Patel missions, India; FWB Master's Men; Amory Christian Academy; First FWB Church in Amory; Morganwood FWB Camp and Trinity FWB Camp.

Gifts were also given to North Mississippi Health Services Foundation Cancer Center and Sav-A-Life of Monroe County.

Representatives of all recipients were on hand for the special service. Brother Scott Wright, pastor of the host church, dismissed the service to a reception held in the church's family life center.

## News Capsules

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Daniel Plunkett, son of missionary house parents in Côte d'Ivoire, was scheduled to graduate on July 2 from International Christian Academy in Bouaké with a grade point average of 4.2. The extra .2 was made possible because two of his courses are honors classes. Other FWB MKs graduating were Brooke Cousineau, David Eagleton and Rebekah Nichols.

**Cuba**—"On June 5, Pastor Ramon Sánchez, president of the Free Will Baptist Convention of Cuba, preached to 5,000 in an open air meeting," says missionary Ron Callaway.

**Brazil**—Seventeen people were

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# NEWS IN REVIEW

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baptized on Sunday, May 30, in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, and 13 were baptized the same day in the church in Jaboticabal.

**Oklahoma**—Justin and Leslie

## GIFTS FROM THE HEART

These special gifts were received in April and May:

Donor	In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hersey Dothan, Ala.	Bob Lundquist Winona Riggs
Rev. and Mrs. Michael McVay Ponce De Leon, Fla.	Vicki Trulu Dallas Kennington
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Unity FWB Church Smithfield, N.C.	Minnie Kelly
Liberty FWB Church Manning, S.C.	Norwood Gibson
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Johnson Albany, Ga.	Rev. Lamar S. Parrish
Rev. and Mrs. R. Eugene Waddell Nashville, Tenn.	Winona Riggs Jack Nicholson Webb Cofer Geneva Harris Katie Lynch Donna Ward Bigler
Ms. Catherine Smith Charleston, W.Va.	Winnie Dave Turner

The following gave special gifts in memory of  
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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brewer Madison Heights, Mich.	Tanya Hart Ayden, N.C.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farley Knoxville, Tenn.	Mr. and Mrs. James Carter Baxley, Ga.
First FWB Church Tampa, Fla.	Rev. and Mrs. Edward L. Hodges Hendersonville, Tenn.
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Banks, appointees to Panama, recently received information from New Tribes Linguistic Institute "Jungle School" in Missouri that they have been accepted for this fall and will begin classes in August.

**France**—David and Gail Matthews and Bill and Goldie Allen from Edwardsville, Ill., went to France in early May and spent one week doing some remodeling in the church at St. Nazaire as well as grading the parking lot.

**Brazil**—According to missionary Nancy Hughes, 179 people attended a Mother's Day program on May 9 at the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlândia, Brazil.

**Belgium**—Ivory Coast missionary Ginger Harrison, a registered nurse, completed a special tropical medicine course on June 25 in Antwerp, Belgium.

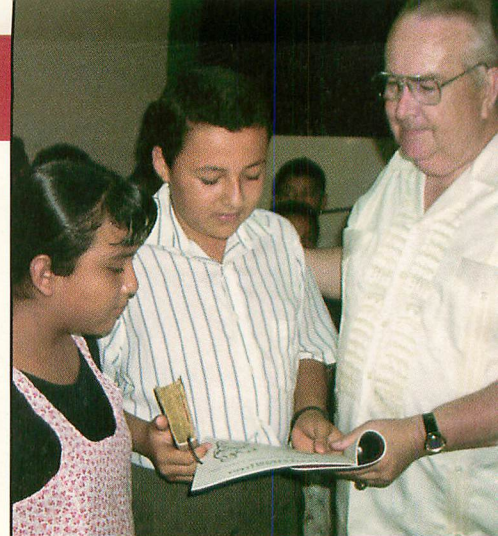
**Panama**—Stan and Brenda Bunch are scheduled to go to Cuba July 28 through August 9 as main speakers for the annual couples' retreat and a week of youth camp.

**Brazil**—The First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil, celebrated its forty-first anniversary on April 26 with approximately 175 people in attendance.

## 350 Attend Annual Youth Conference

The annual Ural Oblast (region) youth conference was held at Good News Church in Chelyabinsk, Russia, April 30-May 2. Approximately 350 young people attended the conference under the theme from Isaiah 6:8: "Here am I; send me."

According to missionary Mike Corley, "There was a time of learning and refreshing in the Lord as the young folks learned and discussed techniques for taking the Word to their peers."



Dr. Alton Loveless shows some Mexican children a Sunday school quarterly in Spanish.

## Randall House Provides SS Materials for Missions

Dr. Alton Loveless, director of Casa de Randal, a division of Randall House Publications, has reported plans to provide Free Will Baptist Spanish Sunday school materials for Hispanic FWB churches. The materials will be free of charge to every student in every Hispanic FWB church, including those under Home and Foreign Missions.

Dr. Loveless stated, "The gift of this material will help the churches today, and will provide the teachings from the Word of God for future generations."

Casa de Randal was already giving Sunday school material to churches in Cuba. This action will include Spain, Panama, Uruguay, Puerto Rico, and Mexico, as well as Spanish-speaking congregations in North America.

## Arriving from the Field:

Dennis and Trena Owen from Uruguay, April 10  
 Jim and Shirley Combs from Brazil, May 18  
 Ken and Judy Bailey from Japan, June 9  
 Carlisle Hanna from India, June 10  
 Dale and Sandra Bishop from Japan, June 22  
 Jerry and Barbara Gibbs from France, Barbara May 12 and Jerry June 25  
 Rachel Callaway from China, June 29  
 Jim and Karen Cowart from Brazil, July 2  
 Patsy Vanhook from France, July 6  
 Darrel and Lila Nichols and Traci Epps from Côte d'Ivoire, July 9





General Director James Forlines and his wife, Anita, were in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, in May when Françoise and Silas graduated from the Bible institute. Anita holds their daughter, Love.

Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton from Côte d'Ivoire, July 12

Mike and Deleen Cousineau and Clint and Lynette Morgan from Côte d'Ivoire, July 14

Lloyd and Betty Plunkett from Côte d'Ivoire, July 15

Steve and Judy Lytle from Panama, July 19  
Kim Zegelen from Côte d'Ivoire in early July  
Terry and JaNelda Walker from Mongolia in July



Returning to their fields are (top to bottom) Alice Smith (May 26), Stan and Brenda Bunch (August) and John and Esther Chang (July 26).



## Leaving for the Field:

Alice Smith, Côte d'Ivoire, May 26

Robert and Pam West, Côte d'Ivoire, June 24

John and Esther Chang, Korea, July 26

Stan and Brenda Bunch, Panama, August

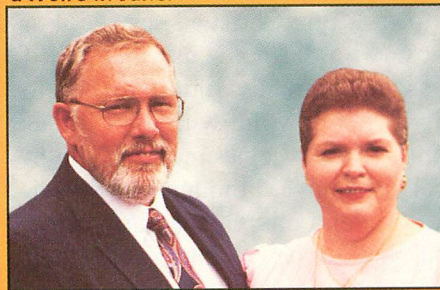
## Pastor's Wife First to Receive Bible Degree

When Françoise graduated on May 29 from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Bible Institute in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, she became the first African Free Will Baptist woman to earn a degree in Bible.

Françoise and her husband, Silas, graduated together and have accepted the pastorate of the FWB church in Abidjan.

According to Jerry and Carol Pinkerton, Women Nationally Active for Christ in the United States have financially aided the couple so they could complete their studies. Dr. Mary Ruth Wisheart, former executive secretary-treasurer for WNAC, and her niece, Jennifer Har-

Robert and Pam West returned to Côte d'Ivoire in June.



ter, traveled to Ivory Coast to attend the graduation. Clint Morgan, Jerry and Carol Pinkerton and General Director James Forlines were also present for the ceremony.

## FINANCIAL BEAT

Through May 1999

Income for April .....	\$ 437,483.96
Income for May .....	441,037.05
Total income through May .....	1,851,998.81
Projected income through May .....	2,642,571.29
Total expenses through May .....	2,324,047.99
Total 1999 Budget (including VISION projects) .....	\$6,342,171.10

These accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey .....	\$ 8,231.86	McFall .....	\$ 171.52
Beck .....	873.39	Owen .....	19,037.37
Bishop .....	2,782.22	Robinson .....	1,568.78
Bowerman .....	2,742.39	Snow .....	8,000.00
Church Planters .....		Sturgill .....	71.63
Ekaterinburg .....	2,680.83	Teague .....	6,886.87
Kamyshlov .....	2,579.08	Russian .....	
Kopeysk .....	6,413.90	Pastor's Conf .....	14,958.24
Kurgan .....	4,745.39	Third World .....	
Troitsk .....	883.89	Development .....	1,368.20
Combs .....	969.07	Support Services .....	179,602.26
Cowart .....	13,018.19	Info Promo .....	49,607.64
Crech .....	121.58	VISION .....	
Cuba .....	6,981.09	Abidjan Land/Ch. .....	22,043.31
Deeds .....	7,011.92	ICA Apartment .....	82.40
Eagleton Sr. ....	10,396.24	ICA Dorm Proj. ...	6,018.65
Gibbs .....	5,698.89	Villaalba Building ..	1,356.75
Holland, C. ....	4,384.13		
Total .....			\$391,287.68

These accounts are in the black but in serious need:

Bryan .....	\$ 2,418.77	Nichols .....	\$ 1,971.95
Callaway .....	3,403.11	Turnbough .....	3,445.71
Dr. Chang .....	4,828.05		

## STATES IN ACTION

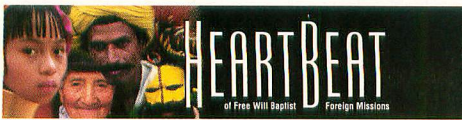
State	1999 Goal	Goal Thru May	Contributions Thru May
Alabama .....	\$ 245,000.00	\$ 102,083.33	\$ 134,882.10
Arkansas .....	355,000.00	147,916.67	127,839.11
Arizona .....	11,000.00	4,583.33	1,771.12
California .....	75,000.00	31,250.00	21,099.38
Canada .....	11,000.00	4,583.33	3,733.10
Colorado .....	13,000.00	5,416.67	1,336.93
Florida .....	142,000.00	59,166.67	47,737.80
Georgia .....	250,000.00	104,166.67	81,990.05
Idaho .....	7,500.00	3,125.00	1,925.27
Iowa .....	3,000.00	1,250.00	916.50
Illinois .....	175,000.00	72,916.67	59,250.56
Indiana .....	50,000.00	20,833.33	14,546.36
Hawaii .....	1,000.00	416.67	200.00
Kansas .....	12,000.00	5,000.00	5,567.70
Kentucky .....	90,000.00	37,500.00	25,417.33
Louisiana .....	2,500.00	1,041.67	615.00
Maryland .....	60,000.00	25,000.00	26,418.49
Michigan .....	210,000.00	87,500.00	48,507.89
Missouri .....	460,000.00	191,666.67	166,934.19
Mississippi .....	90,000.00	37,500.00	29,453.34
Montana .....	3,000.00	1,250.00	875.00
North Carolina .....	685,000.00	285,416.67	256,944.41
Nebraska .....	1,500.00	625.00	2,275.10
New Mexico .....	5,000.00	2,083.33	1,428.57
* Northeast Assn .....	4,000.00	1,666.67	100.00
** Northwest Assn. ....	11,000.00	4,583.33	2,716.72
Ohio .....	200,000.00	83,333.33	59,491.36
Oklahoma .....	505,000.00	210,416.67	154,284.06
Pennsylvania .....	1,000.00	416.67	50.00
South Carolina .....	375,000.00	156,250.00	136,813.75
Tennessee .....	850,000.00	354,166.67	248,440.27
Texas .....	95,000.00	39,583.33	31,610.08
Virginia .....	100,000.00	41,666.67	26,054.66
Virgin Islands .....	4,000.00	1,666.67	1,553.95
West Virginia .....	130,000.00	54,166.67	52,132.91
FWB Foundation .....	27,500.00	11,458.33	1,643.78
Miscellaneous .....	135,821.10	56,592.13	2,505.37
WNAC .....	170,000.00	70,833.33	54,255.98
Totals .....	\$5,565,821.10+	\$2,319,092.13+	\$1,833,318.19

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## Forlines' Focus

*By James Forlines, General Director*



### Exploring Opportunities

Several years ago I boarded a plane for a speaking engagement in another area of the country. As usual, I was hoping the plane would not be filled and I would have room to stretch out a little. A group of five cheerful people filed in to take the remaining two seats on my row and the complete row behind me. They were obviously excited about the trip they were taking as a group.

I found myself wondering what vacation destination they had chosen. Since I was traveling by myself, I listened in on their conversation. Quite frequently they would refer to the "mission." After several minutes I asked the young lady sitting beside me, "Where are all of you going? And, what is the 'mission' you are referring to?"

### Donated Time

They were all medical personnel from Little Rock, Ark. Two were radiologists, one was a technician, and the other two were physical therapists. They dedicated two

weeks of their vacation each year to go to Haiti and donate their time to a medical mission of their denomination. Several of them had been doing this for six years straight. They looked forward all year long to using their medical training to further the cause of Christ. Their excitement on that particular trip was enhanced by the fact that they were taking an X-ray machine which had been donated by the hospital where they all worked.

### FWB Opportunities

At that time I was not aware of all the people who have done similar things for Free Will Baptists. Medical, educational, agricultural, and building teams have all aided the cause of world evangelism through Free Will Baptists. Some have spent days and weeks overseas while others have given a year or two in special service.

When I was a teenager I felt that any serious-minded Christian needed to prayerfully consider whether or not God was calling him or her into full-time Christian service. For those who did not sense that call, I reasoned it really didn't matter to God what they did with their life as long as it was legal, moral, and ethical. Of course, I thought they needed to attend church regularly, tithe, and try to be a witness to their

friends. Otherwise, I believed they were free to chase the American dream.

That certainly is not the teaching of God's Word. Every Christian should find his or her place in God's service to reach the world for Christ. This is true whether a person is a teacher, doctor, plumber, accountant, or whatever. This is especially true of you retirees. More and more opportunities are becoming available overseas as missions personnel and creative individuals discern ways to use *YOUR* abilities and training around the world to advance the Kingdom.

### Serving as a Conduit

Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions wants to be a conduit through which our people can exercise God's leading on their lives to reach the world. Those from every walk of life need to look seriously at how God might use them around the world.

If God is speaking to you, and you are interested in efforts such as these, please contact me at **Foreign Missions**, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002. You can e-mail me at [james@nafwb.org](mailto:james@nafwb.org) or call 615-731-6812.

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