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Central Asians need to hear the gospel of Christ.





Russians took a helicopter (left) to distribute gospel literature and evangelize an unreached area of Siberia. Witnesses (above) prepare to distribute the literature in the Khanty village of Ugat.

When God Opens Impossible Doors

Young people today await a significant challenge. Pastors want to see something more than the status quo. Missionaries desire to see more people making commitments to cross-cultural ministries. The Foreign Missions staff seeks to facilitate the extension of God's Kingdom before Christ returns.

An effort by Foreign Missions to double our missionary force in this decade has led to several new strategic steps. God has opened doors leaders never dreamed possible in the years preceding this bold thrust.

Russia

After a visit to Russia in 1995, Free Will Baptists were invited to work with churches of the Union of Christians Baptist/Russia who are Arminian in doctrine. We learned that a land area larger than Texas, with a population of 11 million people, had only 22 evangelical churches. Our board recognized this as a unique opportunity. They felt led to partner with the struggling churches of the Southern Ural region of Siberia by supporting Russian church planters to that area. Since June of 1996 seven churches have come into existence. By Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary

Church planters and witnesses recently went to the unreached Khanty village, Ugat, in upper Siberia. Due to the difficulty in getting to the area, they contracted a helicopter for three days so they could distribute Bibles, offer humanitarian aid, show the Jesus film and do personal evangelism.

Through seminars we have provided vital biblical, theological, and pastoral training to more than 60 existing pastors and ministers. Today more than 2,000 baptized adult members worship in more than 50 organized churches in the area.

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In October of this year we assisted them in opening their own Southern Urals Bible Institute. The first modular classes (two weeks) started October 25. Fifty church leaders competed for the 27 places available. Dr. Garnett Reid from Free Will Baptist Bible College taught the first sessions. Someone with a master's degree or doctorate in biblical studies and theology is urgently needed on a fulltime basis.

Nikolay Sobolev, senior pastor for Baptist churches in the Ural region. challenged those at the National Convention in Tulsa, Okla., in 1998. Responding to the great opportunity, Bethany FWB Church in Broken Arrow, Okla., gave \$32,000 to purchase a bus for evangelization and finish the Chelvabinsk church building. When Pastor Randy Wilson and others from the Bethany church attended the sixth anniversary and dedication of the Chelyabinsk church building in June of 1999 the two churches fortified a sister relationship begun in 1996. Wilson says, "This relationship and challenge have radically changed Bethany's view of ministry in the world."

Besides our help with church planters and seminars, we enabled our Russian brothers in the Southern Urals to begin their own organized mission efforts. They now sacrificially support three missionary families. They view Free Will Baptists in the United States as their sister denomination.



Families and food (left) are important to people in Asia. Two men from Korea and China (above, left) helped to open doors for the research team (from left center to right) Jimmy Aldridge, James Forlines, Eddie Payne and John Chang (see page 4).

Missionaries Mike and Cathy Corley are greatly furthering the partner relationship as they minister in Chelyabinsk.

Central Asia

Central Asia's unreached millions became partially accessible following the breakup of the Soviet Union. Since all of these newly independent nations need assistance and training, Christians employed in industry, government, development, or educational endeavors are living and sharing their faith in these lands that are primarily Muslim.

In spite of control efforts of Muslim fundamentalists, God is at work! An Imam (Muslim spiritual leader) was studying the Koran and realized that Allah (God) had personality. None of the leaders or experts in Koranic law could help him obtain a personal relationship with Allah. Finally, through a Bible obtained by his son, the man discovered how to have a personal relationship with God. He accepted Christ and began sharing his faith. Reports indicate the existence of three house churches with 46 believers as a result of his conversion and witness.

Christians can be found in every one of these countries, but believers encounter a high level of spiritual warfare and plead for intercessors. Free Will Baptists **must** pray for our representatives in these unreached areas as they present Jesus Christ, God's only way of salvation.

The Koreas

More than three billion people live in the 10/40 window. Many of these nations have almost no evangelical believers. The lone exception is South Korea which claims to be 21 percent evangelical.

In 1998 South Koreans Dr. John Chang and Dr. Paul Park challenged us to establish a Free Will Baptist denomination in South Korea. Although our stated policy normally would keep us from entering a country which has more than one percent evangelical population, God seemed to want our attention.

After much prayer and seeking of God's will, we concluded He was stretching us as a denomination. We now see clearly how the Lord can raise up a church rapidly in South Korea with the potential for sending missionaries into Asia and to the Pacific Rim nations which are largely unevangelized.

Our immediate challenge is to fund start-up costs for a new seminary training program in Seoul. We need to



secure a building in which to start a church as well as the seminary. We also must provide at least **one person with a master's degree and experience in cross-cultural ministry** to serve on the faculty of the seminary.

A unique opportunity to get the gospel into North Korea appears to be developing!

On October 11 of this year 173 people—pastors and interested Korean church leaders—attended a four-hour meeting to learn more about Free Will Baptists. Thirteen pastors have already committed to join the Free Will Baptist movement. Fifty-four others, mostly independent pastors with no denominational ties, are prayerfully considering it.

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The challenge we face is awesome, but I believe God is opening doors and longs to use Free Will Baptists to reach these areas now and on into the new millennium.

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Jim Johnson, Artist

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A Foreign Missions research team visited Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, (left) and climbed the Great Wall (right).

FM Staff Members Seek New Frontiers

General Director James Forlines, Overseas Secretary Jimmy Aldridge, and Communications Assistant Eddie Payne joined Korean foreign and home missionaries Dr. John Chang and Dr. Paul Park in a research mission to East Asia September 30-October 13. The group gleaned information that might help them in future efforts to open benevolent ministries in China and North Korea.

The men arrived in China on October 2 during the 50th anniversary of Communist China. They were able to visit the Forbidden City, tour the city of Beijing and see the Great Wall. They were unable to get visas into North Korea. Back in Seoul, Korea, on October 11 the group participated in a pastors' conference with 173 people attending. Of these, 140 were pastors who came to learn something about the history of Free Will Baptists and FWB doctrine.

Thirteen pastors made commitments to join the FWB movement while 54 others indicated they were interested.

TEAM Brazil 2000 Enlisting Participants

According to Terry Eagleton and Eddie Payne, who are working with Teens Equipped and Active in Missions (TEAM), two groups are scheduled to go to Brazil in the summer of 2000. A third unit might possibly be se-

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lected to go to another area of the world.

The Foreign Missions staff is in the process of choosing crews. While applications are being accepted until January 10, 2000, candidates should not delay since they are to be notified of their status by January 25.

Youth interested in applying for this special opportunity to serve Christ overseas are asked to fill out the application request form below and return it to Foreign Missions.

Conference for Youth Workers Set for Russia

A Urals region Youth Workers Conference is scheduled for November 10-13 in Chelyabinsk, Russia. Brad Sneed of Alabama and Allen Pointer of Arkansas, successful Free Will Baptist youth pastors, are scheduled to lead the conference.

Topics for the workers conference include "Having a Heart That Desires God," "What Is a Discipled Student," and "Discovering the Five Purposes for a Youth Ministry."

Dave Franks Jr. Family Takes Medical Leave

Dave Jr. and Becky Franks and their family arrived in Dothan, Ala., on September 17 for a special medical leave from their ministry in Uruguay.

The Franks returned to the United States at the request of Dr. LaVerne Miley, medical consultant and missionary health advisor for Foreign Missions. He recommended the leave since he was not satisfied that tests made in Uruguay were adequate to evaluate Becky's health.

The Franks' schedule in the United States was uncertain at press time.



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Leroy and Fay Forlines to Minister in India

Professor Leroy and Fay Forlines, who went to Russia in the Spring of 1996, have again responded to the call to go. This time they will depart on December 11 for India to help missionary Carlisle Hanna by teaching seminars, holding Bible studies and preaching.

Brother Hanna has assured the Forlines their ministry will provide needed encouragement and affirmation for the Indian Christians. Carlisle has been laboring alone in India since his wife, Marie, died in April of 1998.

The Forlines will minister approximately three weeks and return to the United States about January 12, 2000. They expect to need approximately \$5,000 to cover their travel expenses. Any gifts over their needs will go toward establishing a Bible institute in South India.

G. Harrison Granted Leave of Absence

Miss Ginger Harrison, missionary nurse to Côte d'Ivoire, has been granted a leave of absence from missionary service beginning September 1 to allow time for reevaluating her role in foreign missions in light of recent changes in the medical ministry.

Ginger attended an October



Curt Holland baptizes a convert at the São José work in Campinas, Brazil. Several others are being discipled and prepared for baptism.

seminar in Colorado presented by Medical Ambassadors International. She hoped it might help her understand what role she could have in the community health program when it is fully launched in July of 2000 in Côte d'Ivoire.

Holland Rejoices Over Conversions and Pews

"Praise the Lord for the salvation of Constancio, owner of a pizza place near the church, and for the salvation of Thiago, a teenager who has been faithful to attend our Bible studies," writes Curt Holland from Campinas, Brazil. Curt also noted that William, another teenager, had rededicated his life to the Lord recently.

An additional praise item included the arrival of 10 new pews for the São Jose church. "Our average in Sunday school in September was 54, and we had an average of 66 on Sunday nights."

Holland indicated 11 people had been baptized over the last 13 months and several others are awaiting baptism.

News Capsules

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Missionary Mike Cousineau underwent reconstructive surgery on his collarbone on Friday, September 3, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Mike had been seriously injured last February in lvory Coast when his motorcycle hit a rut in the road near Bouna and he was thrown off. Latest reports indicate surgery was successful.

Brazil—According to missionary Nancy Hughes, five people made decisions for Christ during August in the Second Free Will Baptist Church in Uberlândia, Brazil, in the midst of their building program.

Panama—Stan and Brenda Bunch arrived in Panama on October 6 to begin a new term of missionary service. They plan to begin a new work in Chitre and report already making some positive contacts while seeking internet access in the country.

Brazil—A special baptismal service was held on September 19 at the Belo Horizonte church in Brazil with approximately 55 people in attendance. Six people were baptized in the service following Sunday school.

Japan—Missionaries Donnie and Ruth McDonald in northern Japan suffered the loss of their expected son, Noah Christian, on September 18. The baby was 15 weeks along in the womb. Christians are urged to pray for the McDonalds as they recover from this loss.

Andorra—Missionaries to France and Spain met in a missionary re-

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treat August 23-27 in Andorra, a small country between France and Spain. Missionary Tim Johnson says, "Each day we prayed for a

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These special gifts were received in August and September:

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Missionary Carlisle Hanna returned to India on November 3.

different country and even had a day to pray for the MKs."

Spain—Tim and Kristi Johnson, June McVay, and Anthony Edgmon began a year of study at the University of Madrid in Spain on October 4. All courses are taught in Spanish.

Brazil—"We still praise the Lord that Geneva (Poole) is responding to her radiation treatments so well," writes Bobby Poole from Brazil. "The doctor seems to be well pleased."

Charleston, S.C.—Missionary Carlisle Hanna, who has been on stateside assignment since June, returned to his ministry in India on November 3.

Brazil—David and Annette Aycock, overseas assistants, returned to the United States on November 3 after completing their two-year special assignment in Barbacena, Brazil.

800 Attend AIDS Drama in Rivera, Uruguay

According to a report from missionaries in Uruguay, approximately 800 people attended a special drama presentation about AIDS on the weekend of August 28 in Rivera, Uruguay.

A 30-member group of young people from Word of Life in Ar-

gentina presented the drama three times. Several people made decisions for Christ, and approximately 225 young people attended the final service. Hundreds of copies of the Gospel of John were distributed during the afternoon presentation.

Churches began receiving inquiries from prospects immediately after this evangelistic effort. Pastor Gerardo Acevedo of the Central Church coordinated the effort.

Turnbough Studies with Literature Respondent

During the week of October 10 missionary Jeff Turnbough had the first Bible study with Santiago, one of four people who responded to the literature campaign conducted by TEAM last June. They met at a restaurant for their first study but noise caused them to choose another location for subsequent studies.

Turnbough requested people to pray for three others who responded to the campaign: Manuel Garcia, Ana Maria de la Camara, and Jose Munoz.

Edgmons Lose Triplets, Need Prayer Support

Anthony and Lea Edgmon in Spain were shocked on October 25 when an ultrasound revealed that two of their expected triplets were no longer alive in the womb. Doctors were forced to induce labor and the three girls were delivered on October 27. The third child was unable to survive outside the womb at 23 weeks since conception. Lea's life was also in danger during the final stages.

The girls were named Victoria Gayle, Elisabeth Joy, and Olivia Grace. Christians are asked to pray



Mário da Conceição (with the acordian) stands with some of the new congregation (left) in Livramento, Brazil, and leads the house group in singing (right).

for the physical and emotional needs of Anthony and Lea during this difficult period in their lives. The triplets would have been their first children.

40 People Attend I.C. Pastors' Conference

Approximately 40 people attended a special pastors' conference in Bouna, Ivory Coast, October 4-8.

Missionary Carol Pinkerton said it rained heavily on Monday and Tuesday while the group spent time inside learning about prayer and what Jesus did.

Later Carol says, "We divided up into teams and walked the streets of Bouna, praying, talking, and witnessing as opportunities came. The Lord stopped the rains the very day we went out. So we walked in hot sunshine."

Church Marks Beginning, **Dedicates Building**

A belated report from Russia disclosed the Good News Baptist Church in Chevlabinsk celebrated their sixth anniversary and dedicated their church building on June 27.

Pastor Randy Wilson of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Okla., and several church members were on hand for this special occasion.

New Work Started in Livramento, Brazil

According to missionary Dennis Owen, Pastor Mário da Conceição has begun a new work in Livramento, Brazil. Mário actually began the work in April of 1999 and today he has 10 believers who meet regularly. They are currently meeting in a house.

Wests Move to Kafalo. **Prepare for Construction**

Although Robert and Pam West arrived in Ivory Coast in June, they did not move from Doropo to Kafalo until September. Now they have started making bricks for their new house and are preparing to dig a well.

The Wests are working with the church in Kafalo and with national pastor Jean-Pierre. The church is averaging 180 people in attendance and God is blessing the work in the outlying areas.

Former Missionary Mrs. H. Phenicie Dies

Mrs. Herbert (Edith) Phenicie, former missionary to Cuba, died in Dickson, Tenn., on August 27 at the age of 85 years. She had been in a nursing home for some time. Her husband, Herbert, died in 1985.

The Phenicies served from 1953 to 1958 under Free Will Baptists at the Cedars of Lebanon Bible Institute. Herbert was in charge of maintenance for the school.



FINANCIAL BEAT

Through September 1999					
Income for August Income for Septemb Total income throug Projected income the Total expenses throu Total 1999 Budget (i	er h September . rough Septem igh Septembe	ber	365,809.71 408,277.37 708,640.63 756,628.33 903,937.35 342,171.10		
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Bailey\$ Beck	19,173.16	Teague\$ Third World	8,103.88		
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Nichols	2,797.09	ICA Apartment .	82.40		
Owen	10,265.00	Abidjan Land/Ch	21,602.71		
Total			345,204.46		
These accounts are	in the black b	ut in serious need:			
Bishop\$	2,532.33	Midgett\$	4,090.07		
Cowart	975.50	Snow	1,789.61		
Gibbs	2,437.92	Turnbough	3,796.84		

STATES IN ACTION

State	1999 Goal	Goal Thru Sept.	Contributions Thru Sept.
Alabama		\$ 183,750.00	\$ 256,363.10
Arkansas		266,250.00	262,607.12
Arizona		8,250.00	3,822.33
California		56,250.00	37,771.06
Canada	11,000.00	8,250.00	5,877.43
Colorado		9,750.00	2,141.67
Florida	142,000.00	106,500.00	89,942.17
Georgia		187,500.00	165,397.11
Idaho		5,625.00	3,198.88
lowa	3,000.00	2,250.00	1,299.07
Illinois	175,000.00	131,250.00	96,634.32
Indiana	50,000.00	37,500.00	29,325.62
Hawaii	1,000.00	750.00	300.00
Kansas	12,000.00	9.000.00	6,406.83
Kentucky	90,000.00	67,500.00	50,079.10
Louisiana	2,500.00	1.875.00	2,035.00
Maryland	60,000,00	45.000.00	44,979.82
Michigan	210,000.00	157,500.00	98,460.56
Missouri	460,000.00	345,000.00	306,277.40
Mississippi	90,000.00	67,500.00	310,052.38
Montana	3,000.00	2.250.00	1.750.00
North Carolina	685,000.00	513,750.00	463,039,24
Nebraska	1,500.00	1,125.00	6,448.10
New Mexico	5,000.00	3,750.00	1,744.97
*Northeast Assn	4.000.00	3,000.00	320.00
**Northwest Assn	11,000.00	8,250.00	4,924.83
Ohio	200,000.00	150,000.00	106,100.99
Oklahoma	505,000.00	378,750.00	281,844.76
Pennsylvania	1,000.00	750.00	115.00
South Carolina	375,000.00	281,250.00	240.853.12
Tennessee	850,000.00	637,500.00	440,832.82
Texas	95,000.00	71,250.00	58,775.79
Virginia	100,000.00	75,000.00	49,035.46
Virgin Islands	4.000.00	3,000.00	1,953.95
West Virginia	130,000.00	97,500.00	101,993.40
FWB Foundation	27,500.00	20,625.00	25,135.84
Miscellaneous	135,821.10	101,865.83	23,947.87
WNAC	170,000.00	127,500.00	103.882.67
Totals	\$ 5,565,821.10-	+ \$ 4,174,365.83+	\$ 3,685,669.78

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In the closing portion of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he mentions that he is going to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost. Apparently that was not his original plan, but something remarkable had happened. He said, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me" (1 Corinthians 16:9a).

We can read about this "open door" in Acts 19. Ephesus had a great system of organized idolatry. Satan had a stronghold centered in the temple of Diana. The city was full of paganism, occultism, sexual vice, and superstition. But through the work of the Holy Clip and mail Web address: www.nafwb.org

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Forlines' Focus

By James Forlines, General Director

Spirit, Paul was entering an open door to carry the Light into the darkness.

Incredible Open Doors

This reflects what I feel has occurred in the last few years with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. Doors are open to us today which only a few years ago would have seemed incredible. We now are openly training pastors in Russia. Our partnership with Koreans, with God's help, will train many to take His gospel to unreached areas of Asia. Free Will Baptists are using creative means to share the gospel in areas which, due to an overwhelming Muslim presence, are closed to missionary involvement.

As we rejoice over these advancements, we should be sobered by the last part of the verse mentioned above. After mentioning the open door, Paul quickly states, "and there are many ad-

Partners for Open Doors

I want to be a partner to enter the doors God is opening to Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions in the following ways:

- □ I will pray for God to call people to go through the open doors.
- □ I will pray for God's power and protection for those who enter these doors.
- □ I will personally seek opportunities to enter these doors.
- I want to support the following ministries God has given Free Will Baptists:

	Korean Ministries	Unreached Peoples	
Name			
Address			
City		Zip	
Church			

versaries" (16:9b). This also reflects what we feel is occurring with Foreign Missions. An open door and hostility go hand in hand. Together they signify the powerful working of the Holy Spirit and Satan. We sense both on a daily basis here in the home office.

Prayer Needed

We need you, as never before, to stand with us as we march against Satan's strongholds. We have the promise that the gates of Hell cannot prevail against the Church, but we need your consistent and fervent prayer support. Pray that God will give us wisdom and clear vision as we chart the course. Pray especially for our missionaries on the frontlines of the battle. These battles are won on our knees.

Financial Support Urgent

We also must have your financial support. God intends to use His church to extend His Kingdom. While we have these open doors we simply must respond. Hudson Taylor is credited with saying, "Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God." God is doing great things! How blessed we are to be co-laborers together with Him and at the same time lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven. Before us stands an open door!

James Forlines

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