

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

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**Our outreach must exceed our last reach
or the unreached will never be
reached for the Lord.**

**"... be ye steadfast, unmoveable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord ..."**

I Corinthians 15:58

NEWS FROM THE BIVENS

Dear Friends and Family,

We send you greetings for the New Year, always thanking the Lord for your faithful support and prayer, and trusting that He is blessing and prospering you as you reach out and bless others.

Bud and I have been home for a week from our trip to the annual Mission Training Conference. As in past years, the trip came at a time when we really needed some encouragement and uplifting. And, as in past years, we found it! And, as on many past trips that proved to be a great blessing, we met with discouragement every step of the way until we got there. You may not be aware that I have written a weekly column for my hometown news papers for 10 years or so. I thought that you might enjoy a peek at the column I wrote about our trip. It will give you a little insight to some of the daily trials that weigh us down. In my writing, I always refer to Bud as "Hubby." So, just remember that and read on.

FROM MY POINTLESS VIEW

by Ruth Bivens

The Trials of Traveling

Hubby and I made a trip back to the main land for a Missionary Training Conference on Jan. 3rd. Several discouraging things happened to us as we were getting started on the trip. In fact, by the time we got into the air I had started wondering if we were even supposed to make the trip.

We had a busy week, had house guests, and all our normal duties during the days before the trip. I managed to get the correspondence taken care of, the bills paid, and my bags packed and fell into bed about midnight that Saturday night.

We were both sleeping soundly when the dog started barking at 5 a.m. Sunday morning. He only barks if there is something amiss so Hubby got up and looked out the door without turning on the lights. He could see a white car parked in front of our neighbor's house and hear voices. Soon he heard sounds like someone banging on the door. Our "neighbor," a fellow from Washington state who is only in the process of finishing his house, had gone back to the states for Christmas. Someone was trying to break into the house.

My hand shook as I tried to find the numbers 911 on the phone in the dark. Hubby finally had to come and dial the number. I spoke with the operator and explained the situation. She had our address automatically and repeated it to me. She told us to stay here. "The patrolman is leaving right now," she said.

Hubby slipped out the back door of the house and turned on a flood light that lights slowly and reaches all the way to Robert's house. He made it back inside before the light came on. As soon as the intruders realized that they were not alone on the mountain top, they quickly came out of the house, got in their car and left.

Hubby did not want to go back to bed, he felt he needed to stay up and watch for the police car. I told him not to hold



Ruth Bivens

his breath. I knew that there is a glitch in the system. The operator had our "street address": Rio Grande, Barrio Jimenez, Sector Cara de Indio, Highway 966, Kilometer 1.2. She cut me off before I could explain—that address is the place where we turn off the highway to start up the mountain. There are probably 50 houses up in this area who have the same physical address. There is no way that the policeman could have guessed which of those houses had a problem unless he personally knew everyone who lives in the area — and he doesn't.

Feeling a little uncertain about leaving our little house for two weeks, we finished packing. I sat down at the computer to run off some address tags for the luggage and the keyboard froze. The computer came on, I pulled up the program with the mouse, but when I started to type, nothing happened.

I turned the computer off and tried again, and again, and again. Nothing happened. Shucks, something else to think about while we were away "relaxing."

Hubby finished loading the car and started to pull it out of the drive. The motor did not turn over. After a few tense minutes, it started. He pulled it out, backed the pickup down the drive then rushed back to the house to get something and left the gate open. You guessed it. The dog got out.

Hubby has taught him not to come in the house through the open door, nor to go out the gate. He is usually pretty well behaved, unless we really need him to be. Well, we both dropped everything and took off trying to find him, yelling and whistling. I heard chickens squawking down the mountain but the neighbor's dogs were not barking so I figured he must still be up on top. I ran toward Robert's house, Hubby headed the other way for Figueroa's house. He found him there, but Valiente did not want to come home. Hubby had to pick him up and carry him back. After lugging a 50-pound Dalmatian for half a block, Hubby had to come in and take another shower.

We locked the place, looked around, took a deep breath and got in the car. I did not exactly have a good feeling about driving down the mountain that day. We told the dog to take good care of the place and we left. It was 8:30 and the policeman had not shown up.

We were nearly to the church when I realized that we had left the little coconut tree, I had so carefully packed for our son, sitting beside the front door of the house.

Hubby dropped me off at the church and started his rounds picking up people for church. At 10, he had not made it back. I went ahead and started Sunday School. Close to 11:00 Hubby and his passengers pulled in. The car had died again and someone had to help him get it started.

After church we drove straight to a church member's home, picked him up and—without killing the motor—drove straight to the airport. Higinio dropped us and our luggage off. He took

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Senior Adult Retreat

Session I May 17 - 19
Session II May 19 - 21

Stonecroft Conference Center



Hear Great Preaching!

**Glenn Murray
Charley Miller
Clarence Burton
Wayne Phillips**

The Saddlers Will Be Singing !

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print

Name _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Church _____

\$10.00 per person deposit required

We would like to attend: (Please check one)

☐ Session I - May 17 - 19 ☐ No Preference
☐ Session II - May 19 - 21 ☐ Both (If Space Available)

Please send registration form to:

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES BOARD
2040 OSAGE ST, LEBANON, MO 65536**

Staying with: _____

Please respond by: **May 1, 1999**

Vandivorts Approved as Short-Term Missionaries

Terry and D.D. Vandivort, former members of the First Free Will Baptist Church in O'Fallon, are full-time students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. They were recently approved for a seven-week mission trip to an Unreached People Group. This will be a practical mission study and observation trip that offers a rare experience of building interpersonal relationships with an unreached people group. The Vandivorts will be living in the homes of the nationals, observing their culture and religious expressions. They plan to leave May 30 - June 2, 1999, and return July 16, 1999. Following is an excerpt from their news letter.

This is much more than just a short-term trip. This is the area in which we are praying about and planning to go for full-time service in the Lord's work. This summer will allow us a greater opportunity for preparation to enter a culture that few have entered to witness and minister the message of Christ. At this time we are just starting in the process and would like to ask for your prayers and financial support. We are sorry that we cannot be there to ask you in person. We feel the expense of travel to and from each area, being full time in classes, and the kids in school, would not be good stewardship of the funds, and might take away too much from what we are trying to achieve at this time.

We mentioned two areas in which you can be involved. The first is Prayer. We would like for you to pray that God will open opportunities in this unreached people group, allowing them to acknowledge the almighty God, and that HE will be glorified by our efforts. Also pray for us and our children as we are separated during this time. We also have a *financial need*. We need to raise \$10,000.00 to go. The money provides air fair, preparation cost such as vaccinations, passports and visas, food, insurance for overseas, and some assistance for our children while we are away, and other small expenses. Any thing that you could do would be greatly appreciated.

You may send all donations to the Vandivort account at Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5001, or through the State Office. If you have any questions, you can contact the Vandivorts by mail at: Terry and D.D. Vandivort, 3610 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37205; or phone or fax: (615) 298-9672; or send e-mail to tvand007@usa.net or tvandivo@fwbbc.edu.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and financial support.

Care Available

Loving Care/Christian Home: Private Suite for two, peaceful setting w/nutritious meals and all services provided by care giver; reasonable. Write to Merl's Chapel, Rt. 2, Box 2487, Cassville, MO 55525; or call 1-417-847-3187 evening/week-ends.

MEMORANDUM!!!!

TO: Missouri Pastors, Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges and all Women Active for Christ officers and members.

FROM: Missouri State Women Active for Christ Scholarship Committee.

RE: Missouri State Women Active for Christ scholarship applications.

The Missouri State Women Active for Christ Convention has established a scholarship fund to assist young Christian women who attend Free Will Baptist Colleges. Listed below is the criteria for qualification.

1. The applicant must be a female student.
2. The applicant must enroll as a "full-time" student.
3. The applicant must be a resident of Missouri and a member of a Missouri Free Will Baptist Church.
4. The applicant must have already made application to a Free Will Baptist College.
5. The application should be forwarded to the president of the Missouri State Women Active for Christ.
6. The scholarship committee will evaluate the applications and award the scholarship.
7. Scholarship funds will be placed in the student's name at the Free Will Baptist College specified by the student who is selected.
8. Students who are awarded the scholarship will be eligible the second year for approximately one-half of the first year's award. Student must re-apply for second year.
9. Deadline for receiving the application for consideration is May 15.

If there are young ladies in your congregation who would qualify for this scholarship, please share this information with them, and make a copy of the enclosed application for them.

Thank you for helping us assist deserving young women who wish to receive their education at one of our Free Will Baptist Colleges.

Please mail applications to:

Missouri State Women Active for Christ
Shirley Jackson, President
428 Kimberly Drive
St. Peters, MO 63379

New Missionary Category Adopted



Due to the increasingly dangerous nature of taking the gospel to some of the countries labeled "closed" or "limited access," the Board of Foreign Missions has chosen to designate those going to such places as "missionaries to unreached peoples."

Many of the unreached peoples of the world can be found in the 10/40 window, but a large number of other areas of the world also sport unreached peoples. Free Will Baptists are seeking to target several unreached people groups for special evangelism efforts.

In the future, missionaries appointed to these targeted groups will not give out their place of ministry for security purposes. Free Will Baptists are encouraged to help by praying for them without being overly curious about their place of service.

Missouri State Women Active For Christ

** SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Telephone (_____) _____ Social Security Number _____

Parent's Name _____

High School _____ Date of Graduation _____

Church Membership _____ How Long? _____

Pastor's Name _____ Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____

Probable College Major or Academic Interest _____

High School Grade Point Average _____ ACT _____ SAT _____

Class Rank _____ In a Class of _____ Students

Other Colleges Attended _____

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: List all awards, activities and any leadership positions held in high school, church and community. Use another attachment if necessary.

REFERENCES: Please identify three references that will be submitting letters of recommendation. These should include your church pastor, a member of the Woman's Auxiliary or another church member, and one person familiar with you outside of church activities (school principal, teacher, etc.):

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Position _____

Address _____ Phone _____

** Along with this application, please include:

1. An official transcript of work completed at least through the first semester of the Senior year in high school and any transcripts from colleges attended.

2. A typed essay explaining your interest in this college, your spiritual commitment, your plans for the future, and the contributions you anticipate you can make in your college and church communities.

Today's Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____

FWBBC NEWS

Bible College Offers \$8,000-Presidential Scholarships

Up to four 1999 high school graduates will be eligible to receive \$8,000-scholarships (\$1,000 per semester for four years) to Free Will Baptist Bible College under the Presidential Honors Scholarship program.

To be eligible, students must have an ACT score of 29 or above and a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. The student must also maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher during his/her college career.

Only prospective students who have completed FWBBC's application process by April 15, 1999, will be considered. So finish your application soon ... no later than April 15!

Call 1-800-76-FWBBC and speak to someone in the Recruitment Office or Financial Aid Office if you want more information.

Bible College To Offer Information Technology Track

Beginning this fall, Free Will Baptist Bible College will begin offering an Information Technology track as part of its program in Business Administration. It will prepare graduates to qualify as Microsoft Certified Professionals (MCP).

Information Technology (IT) is the study of the design, support and management of computer-based information systems vital to any enterprise—from businesses to Christian ministries—that uses computers.

Jeff Runion, FWBBC's Computer Science instructor says, "Not many schools can offer what FWBBC can: A solid foundational business degree that can prepare you for graduate studies, technology training, and the experience that will allow you to enter the IT profession immediately following graduation, as well as a quality Christian education where each subject is presented within the framework of a biblical world view."

Pastor, Missions Executive to Challenge Bible College Seniors

Rev. Dennis Haygood and Rev. R. Eugene Waddell will give the final charges to Free Will Baptist Bible College's 1999 graduates in May.

Rev. Haygood, pastor of Southpark Free Will Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama, will bring the Baccalaureate Message on Sunday night, May 9. The 1973 FWBBC graduate has pastored for 26 years in Texas and Alabama.

Rev. Waddell, who retired in December as general director of the Free Will

Baptist Foreign Missions Department, graduated from the college in 1954. He pastored in South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee before accepting the leadership of the missions department in 1986. He will bring the final charge to graduates on Thursday morning, May 13.

Please pray for this year's graduation class as they go out to serve the Lord.

For more information on the new IT track, call Mr. Runion at 615/383-1340, ext. 5269.

Bible College Sets Spring Welcome Days

Free Will Baptist Bible College's spring Welcome Days is scheduled for March 25-27, according to Stewart-Allen Clark, Assistant Director of Recruitment.

In addition to living in the dorms and visiting classes, prospective students (sophomores, juniors and seniors) will be able to learn about financial aid opportunities and enjoy special music/drama programs. Mr. Clark adds, "We have planned a block party and a trip to Recreation World where visitors can enjoy a go-cart track, miniature golf, and other activities." Guys who would like to scrimmage with the FWBBC Flames will get their chance on Friday afternoon.

The cost is just \$35, if you register before March 22. Write or call for information:

Welcome Days

Free Will Baptist Bible College

3606 West End Avenue

Nashville, TN 37205

1-800-76-FWBBC

June 13-18, 1999

SUMMER CAMP

At Free Will Baptist Bible College

Basketball Camp

Drama Camp

Music Camp

Missions Camp

The cost is just \$185. Write or call for a brochure:
Summer Camp '99
Free Will Baptist Bible College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205
1-800-76-FWBBC

Missouri State C.T.S. Competition

May 14 - 15, 1999
Stephens College
Columbia, MO

The 1999 Missouri State Competition is just around the corner. Stephens College in Columbia will be the site for this year's competition. We're expecting the largest number of entries ever. **Remember these rules:** Individual contestants may enter no more than three (3) categories and divisions, excluding Bible Competition entries. Any church having four (4) or more entries in Music and Arts Categories 1-9, must have at least one Bible Competition entry at the lowest level of competition.

Coaches and Sponsors need to be thoroughly familiar with the **NYC Guidelines**. Copies of the Guidelines can be obtained from the Lebanon Bible and Book Store (417) 532-9516.

Entry Fees for the competition shall be:

\$15.00 per single entry category
\$25.00 per group entry (2-9 people)
\$50.00 per group entry (9+ people)

The entry **deadline is April 15, 1999**. Please use a separate form for each entry. Send entry forms and appropriate fees to:

Missouri Youth Ministries Board
c/o Curt Gwartney
P. O. Box 444
Park Hills, MO 63601
(573) 431-3235 or 431-5115

Motel Information

The motel we recommend is the **Howard Johnson Express** at 1-70 and Hwy. 63, (573) 815-0123. Mention that you are with Missouri Free Will Baptists and get Two Queen beds (up to 4 people) - \$58.00 + tax, or One King - \$52.00 + tax (with free continental breakfast). You can save most of the tax by presenting your church's MO Tax Letter and paying with a Church Check. **Must make reservations by April 15 to guarantee room availability.**

The **Ramada Inn** on Broadway, (573) 443-2090, is offering Double Rooms at \$45.00 + tax.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE COMPETITION REGISTRATION FORM

DISTRICT-STATE-NATIONAL

COMPETITION CODES

Circle the appropriate information below and write correct code numbers in the boxes in the top right-hand corner:

AGE GROUP...

- A. Grades 1-3
- B. Grades 4-6
- C. Grades 7-9
- D. Grades 10-12

BIBLE DIVISIONS...

- 0.1 Bible Memorization - Grade 1
- 0.2 Bible Memorization - Grade 2
- 0.3 Bible Memorization - Grade 3
- 0.4 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 4
- 0.5 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 5
- 0.6 Bible Sword Drill - Grade 6
- 0.7 Bible Tic Tac Toe
- 0.8 Bible Bowl
- 0.9 Turning Point
- 0.0 Horizon

MUSIC & ARTS...

Vocal Solo

- 1.1 Vocal Solo (Age A-B)
- 1.2 Male Vocal Solo (Age C-D)
- 1.3 Female Vocal Solo (Age C-D)

Vocal Ensemble

- 2.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 2.2 Ensemble with 5-12 members
- 2.3 Ensemble with 13 or more members

Instrumental Solo (non-keyboard)

- 3.1 Strings
- 3.2 Wind
- 3.3 Percussion

Instrumental Ensemble

- 4.1 Duets, Trios, or Quartets
- 4.2 Ensemble with 5 or more members

Keyboard

- 5.1 Manual/Electronic Solo
- 5.2 Keyboard Ensemble

Communication Arts

- 6.1 Speech
- 6.2 Individual Drama
- 6.3 Interpretive Reading of Scripture
- 6.4 Mime/Pantomime
- 6.5 Group Drama
- 6.6 Readers Theater
- 6.7 Group Mime/Pantomime
- 6.8 Puppetry (live)
- 6.9 Puppetry (recorded)

Creative Writing

- 7.0 Creative Writing

Electronic Media

- 8.0 Electronic Media

Creative Arts

- 9.1 Painting
- 9.2 Graphics
- 9.3 Three-Dimensional Art
- 9.4 Photography
- 9.5 Fabricated Art
- 9.6 Promotional Graphic Art

COMPETITION FEES

- \$15.00 per single entry category
- \$25.00 per group entries of 2-8 people
- \$50.00 per group entries of 9+ people

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YEAR

Record code numbers from left column here →

AGE
CODE

COMPETITION
CODE

Name of participant or group (as you want it to appear in the directory)

Name of Church

City

State

Pastor's name

Pastor's phone number

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Name of director (or coach)

Director's phone number

--

Name of Association

Total Fee for this Entry

\$

Complete the following information for each participant in this entry:

1. Name
Address
City ST ZIP
Phone Birthday Grade just completed
2. Name
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13. Name
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14. Name
Address
City ST ZIP
Phone Birthday Grade just completed

For groups larger than 14, please use two forms to record additional information.

PARTICIPANT'S PLEDGE (to be signed by the individual participant or by the director [coach] of a group)

I certify that the information on this form is correct and that I (or each group member) meet the requirements for competition indicated above as stated in the *Guidelines for Competitive Activities*, and I promise to conduct myself (or group) in a manner becoming to a Christian and representative of my church, district, and state.

Signature of Participant or Director (Coach)

Mail to:
Missouri Youth Ministries Bd.
% Curt Gwartney
P.O. Box 444
Park Hill, MO 63601-0444

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH ENTRY!

SHOW-ME MISSIONARY NEWS

From the McDonalds

Dear Friends,

Rejoice with us in the salvation of Mrs. Shizue Yoneyama! In late November Mrs. Yoneyama came to our church on the encouragement of a dear friend. Her friend told her to find a "gospel" church and since we include the word "gospel" on our church sign, she came. She wanted to talk with us and at her first opportunity we met with her.

She shared some recent pain of failed marriages and her desire not to be filled with hate. Ruth and I listened to her, and **shared Christ with her. She first said she only wanted to be rid of hatred for those that had hurt her, and wasn't interested in salvation. So I explained again her need of Christ's forgiveness and she prayed to receive Christ. She was broken and then filled with that overwhelming joy of forgiveness. She has followed through and come on to church, met our other believers, attended a baptism service and has asked to be baptized on Easter Sunday!! Rejoice with us!! Thank you for your faithful prayers!**

Her elementary-aged son, Junki, has **been faithfully attending our S.S. program since Mrs. Yoneyama's decision. Mrs. Yoneyama recently attended her first worship time ever. We had the privilege of singing "Amazing Grace" to her in our home during the Christmas season at her request. It was the first time she had ever heard the precious hymn.**

Yours for Japan,
Donnie McDonald

From Ginger Harrison

I just wanted to tell you all the GREAT NEWS, that I found an apartment in Belgium this morning. The institute had sent me a list of people who rent to students and when I called, several places were already full. Since I do not know the area, I was just picking zip code numbers that were close to the institute. I reached a man who spoke English and he began to describe an apartment he had just begun renting that is directly across the street from the institute!!! I'm so thrilled that **God has opened the doors for me to find this place and I know it was thanks to your prayers as well. He is good, isn't He?!!! Thanks so much for praying!**

Another one of my missionary friends here is due with her baby any day now. As you know, when you have a baby in another country, they have dual citizenship until a certain age when they have to choose which country they will be citizens.

Have you chosen your citizenship for eternity? We, too, have a citizenship decision to make. When we are born, we have our worldly citizenship from our sinful heritage and citizenship made possible by Jesus Christ in Heaven. At the age of accountability we have to choose where our future citizenship will be; either in this world or in Heaven. Just because we are born in this foreign, sinful world does not mean that we have to remain citizens of it! I'm proud to be an United States citizen, but more than that, I'm a citizen of Heaven! "For our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20).

Keep looking "for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:11) and letting others know they have a "citizenship" decision to make for eternity!

Citizens together,
Ginger Harrison

The Pinkertons

Jerry's birthday was a good one ... just long. We left the house at 8 am and returned at 6 pm ... only went to church. Good services to a full house ... then a church business meeting. Because of people's busy schedules and all, we haven't had one for a while, but made up for it today! I'd taken sandwich materials, so after services we ate, then began the meeting. It was good. 13 members assisted in the church council led by Jean-Luc, chairman. It was neat in that, for the most part, each one is responsible for some important function of the church. It was a blessing to hear about the good way things are going. We saw need for changes, encouragements and gave several positive pats on the back.

We had an approximate total of 3,000 people in our church during 1998. Average attendance is around 60. Twenty "prayed" to receive the Lord with three being baptized. Church leaders are involved in teaching follow-up lessons. Organized Evangelistic Outreach is scheduled every two months. However, The Neighborhood Outreach Groups are not doing well. And for a variety of reasons: the long summer break when many returned to villages, some changed housing and are now in a different area of town, some are no longer in Abidjan, and worst of all ... some who attended are no longer interested.

Financial giving remains surprisingly good since only 2 are employed. Anyone employed in this culture has many extended family and village obligations. Yet, this young church gives more than any of the FWB churches in the Southern

Association of the Ivory Coast. Sorry, but still no word on the signing of the church land papers by the government official ... the legal paper trail is looooong, so please don't give up in praying about this need.

Many of our group face serious trials: SOLANGE, whose hubby and uncle just died, faces many financial problems. AIMEE has been sick and on IV's, yet can't miss taking law exams. JOHN passed his law test, but it wasn't graded correctly.

A huge industry purchased many acres, including housing. SOLANGE & MARIE NOEL'S widowed mother saved for years and built a modest home. She has legal papers, but it seems they are without value. Her home and others will be destroyed, giving way to "progress." They say she will be given an undetermined amount of money to begin again ...

This life just isn't fair! ... But the next one will be—because of the choices we have made during this one. Are we helping others make the right, Eternal Choice?

Thanks again for helping us be here.

Carol for the Abidjan Believers,
Bryans (USA) & Pinkertons

Holland Highlights

Your prayers do make a difference and we thank you for them.

Children's Camp went well and we had 50 campers. Kelsey and Brooklin really enjoyed it and Amber was a great help to Dad! Following camp we headed to Barbacena; it took us about 7 hours driving time. I spoke to the young people at the church on Saturday night and then preached on Sunday night. We then had a good Field Council meeting during the week. Thanks for praying. We traveled more than 1,000 km round trip.

There were 78 people at the special service on Saturday night in Sao Jose. Praise the Lord for 25 years of marriage for Onofre and Antonia. On Sunday morning we had 19 adults for Sunday School. Please remember our dedication service for our rented building this Saturday. We are expecting 100 or more people. Pastor Nata from the 1st Church will be preaching.

The girls are back in school and enjoying it very much. However, it is too hot to want to study very much! Thanks again for your very important prayers for us.

NEWS FROM THE BIVENS

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the car back to his house for repairs while we were away. Something else to think about while we "rested."

I always call the day before any flight and confirm our tickets. I had called Saturday afternoon and evening, even tried at midnight, but could not get through. Sunday morning I had no luck either. Two hours before take off I stood in a long line of passengers as we waited to check in for our 3 o'clock flight. As I neared the check-in counter I began to hear rumblings about a canceled flight. OUR flight to Orlando from San Juan had been canceled! There were heavy snows in the north, and the airport at Indianapolis was closed. Our flight originated there. Our plane could not get off the ground from there.

The American Trans Air agent would offer no suggestions or help in getting another flight. She suggested we go home and call her Monday morning. I had no desire to start this trip over, and knew we would be late for the conference if we did not get there Sunday. So, while I kept my eye on our luggage, Hubby took our tickets and ran over to the Delta terminal. A kind agent there took our ATA tickets and gave us standby tickets. We made it out at 3:30, and reached Nashville at 7:30 p.m., a good while ahead of the connecting Delta flight we would have taken—had all things been normal.

However, our luggage did not make it. The temperature in Nashville must have been about 9 degrees. Hubby made the trip in a short sleeved, white shirt. He had been having a melt down Sunday morning before we left so he did not even think of the fact that January in Nashville is a bit cooler than Puerto Rico. We waited for the next flight and at about 10:45 had our luggage in hand.

We called the hotel for a shuttle and although promised a 15-minute pick up time, he picked us up at 11:40. At 11:55 we checked into our hotel, frozen to the bone. The hotel is being remodeled so the halls were full of paint fumes, sheet rock dust, and wall paper paste. Our room felt like a walk-in freezer. We turned the heat up to "high," piled extra cover on the bed and shivered off to a restless sleep.

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WNAC NATIONAL RETREAT

Glorieta Conference Center

September 24 - 26, 1999

Special Speaker: Barbara Thompkins

Barbara Thompkins has taught the Mom's Class every Tuesday morning during the school year for 17 years. She has established a Titus Tutelage mentoring program based on Titus 2:2-4 where the older women guide the younger women. She co-hosts a weekly Radio Program Woman to Woman on KFLT. Barbara has the abilities to discern deep spiritual truth and to present them in encouraging and practical ways.



RESERVATION FORM

Free Will Baptist WNAC National Retreat

September 24-26, 1999

Glorieta Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico

ACCOMMODATIONS

(per person for 2 nights plus 6 meals, including program fee):

Please indicate the # of rooms requested:

CHAPARRAL INN (hotel): Large room with private bath, two queen-size beds

- ☐ 1 per room: \$204.00
☐ 2 per room: \$144.00
☐ 3 per room: \$130.00
☐ 4 per room: \$120.00

THUNDERBIRD (motel): Large room with private bath, two queen-size beds

- ☐ 1 per room: \$178.00
☐ 2 per room: \$130.00
☐ 3 per room: \$120.00
☐ 4 per room: \$112.00

FIRST CLASS (hotel): Standard size room with private bath, two beds

- ☐ 1 per room: \$164.00
☐ 2 per room: \$128.00
☐ 3 per room: \$114.00

HOW TO PAY: Enclose deposit of \$40.00 per person. Reservations will not be processed without deposit. Deposit will be credited to your account at check-in.

SEND TO: Glorieta Conference Center, Box 8, Glorieta, NM 87636. Fax: (806) 767-6149 Tel: (800) 797-4222

NO REFUNDS after August 20, 1999.

DAYTIME ONLY Participants: \$40.00 per adult plus meal costs. Breakfast: \$4.75; Lunch or dinner: \$7.75.

Please list all names and addresses of those staying in your room. (Make additional copies if needed):

Your Name: _____

Group/Church Name (if applicable): _____

Home Telephone: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Special Needs: ☐ Disabled access ☐ First floor required

GROUP RESERVATIONS:

Total number of rooms needed _____

Number of persons in group _____

Attach list of participants, grouped by roommates. Indicate special needs for each room (disabled access; first floor required). Group should plan to pay with one check, if possible; if not, please notify Glorieta in advance.

If planning to arrive or depart early, please indicate below:

Arrival date: _____ First meal: _____

Departure date: _____ Last meal: _____

We accept personal checks, Visa, MC, and Discover cards. If using a credit card, please complete the following information (credit card users may FAX or phone in reservations):

☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover Signature: _____

Cardholder's Name (print clearly): _____

Card Acct #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Use of Glorieta for this conference does not imply alignment with or endorsement by the Southern Baptists.

The rest of the story is this: We had a wonderful conference. We were thoroughly blessed by the messages we heard and the chance to see some extra special people. We then traveled on to Mayes County where we spent the next 10 days loading up on hugs and home cooking. We are back on the mountain today. We found everything safe and sound when we returned, except that an uninvited family had invaded our house while we were gone, but then that is another story...

We returned to the island on Saturday the 16th. When we got home we discovered the phone was dead. My computer had locked up the Sunday morning that we left, and I could not figure out what was wrong with it, but brought back my typewriter and planned to get some writing done. Then the electricity went off! No phone, no FAX, no electricity, shades of September.

Well, this is another day. The electricity came back on—we managed to get to church on time Sunday, in spite of the electric clock being off. Monday we made two hospital visits, visited some members who were sick at home, and made it home before dark. Bud got out and tracked down the broken phone line and spliced it again. Last night I unplugged the keyboard and plugged it in again. I had tried all of the connections that Sunday morning with no results. Surprise, surprise, it works. So, I feel like we are in business again. That just reminds us that God is good, all the time.

The family that moved in while we were away are rats. A dead rat lay in the kitchen floor when we got home. Another one lay dying in the floor Sunday morning, since then we have found two more dead adults and a nest of 6 babies. The odor is beginning to get better, and I am just about finished scrubbing all of the drawers and cabinets in Clorox and washing every last thing in the kitchen. So, now you know, life on the mission field is not romantic at all. And, we always need prayer!

Sunday School Averages August 1998 - January 1999

CHURCHES	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Belton	31		34	39		35
Calvary Chapel	138	141	144		135	146
Cape Girardeau		50		60	51	51
Copper Mines	56	53	53	55	52	49
Cuba	110	105	107		116	117
Columbia		23			20	24
DeSoto	161	159	154	160	161	
Farmington	336	353	330			
Hannon	103	100	102	103	116	98
Harmony	56	52	58	58	57	
Hartville	106	101	113		116	105
Hazel Creek	62	70	71		68	
Hopewell	32	28	32	32	28	31
Houston	50	46	53	45	46	46
Kirksville 1st	26	27	27	29	27	
Lebanon 1st		116	117	113	119	81
Lebanon FWB	44	48		54		55
Mill Creek	80	76	69	60	61	54
Monett	49	58	46	45	57	
Myrtle		47			42	
O'Fallon 1st	86		84		75	77
Oskaloosa	14					
Ozark		104		103		106
Park Hills	116		116			
Richwoods	22	23	22			48
Rock Chapel			49			
Rolla 1st	23		27	22	26	29
Southside	32	43	40	40	37	35
Springfield 1st	111		117	125	132	
Thayer	186	168	164	143	161	139
Trinity	76	85	88	81	85	
United, West Plains	295	287	294	293		301
Willow Springs	60	62	64	58	63	64

The above is only a partial listing - there are 180 Free Will Baptist churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in the Sunday School average each month.

Financial Information

JANUARY 1999

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS

18.50% Mo. State Home Missions Board.....	\$9,586.81
17.50% Executive Office.....	9,068.60
3.00% General Fund.....	1,554.62
.50% Show-Me Plan.....	259.10
8.50% Youth Camp Bd.....	4,404.75
2.50% Youth Ministries Bd.....	1,295.52
2.50% C.E. Board.....	1,295.52
2.50% Sr. Adult Ministries Bd.....	1,295.52
9.00% Mo. State Retirement Program.....	4,663.85
30.50% Nat'l. Ministries, Hillsdale & Calif. Christian College.....	15,805.29
Foreign Missions Board	
National Home Missions Board	
Same Allocation:	
Free Will Baptist Bible College	
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	
Executive Department	
Layman's Board	
Radio & TV Commission	
Theological Commission	
Historical Commission	
Board of Retirement & Insurance	
1.00% Calif. Christian College	
(\$158.05 included in \$15,805.29)	
5.00% Mo. State Conference Center Fund.....	2,591.03
TOTAL.....	\$51,820.61

The Co-op allocation for National Ministries is undesignated this year, with FWBBC and Hillsdale receiving an equal amount. California Christian College will continue to receive 1%.

JANUARY 1999

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS

Alton.....	\$225.00
Amity.....	92.16
Aulsbury Chapel.....	237.07
Bailey.....	164.00
Bailey Chapel.....	250.00
Beacon.....	1,500.00
Belton.....	203.37
Berean.....	50.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs.....	64.34
Bethel - Northview.....	209.00
Bethel - Northview.....	343.00
Black Oak.....	248.20
Bourbon.....	77.38
Buffalo 1st.....	100.00
Byrd.....	67.80
Cabool.....	299.99
Cabool 1st.....	372.72
Calvary Chapel.....	558.25
Calvary Fellowship.....	914.50
Cape Girardeau.....	342.64
Carthage.....	177.07
Central.....	1,100.55

Christ Chapel.....	187.44
Clifton.....	84.62
Columbia.....	121.10
Copper Mines.....	359.12
Cornerstone.....	108.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove.....	979.90
Crossroads - Wentzville.....	789.99
Cuba.....	558.00
DeSoto 1st.....	1,330.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	35.00
Faith & Hope - Willow Springs.....	40.00
Faith - St. Louis.....	50.00
Farmington 1st.....	2,392.25
Farmington 1st.....	2,349.70
Fellowship.....	400.00
Fordland.....	879.40
Fredericktown 1st.....	300.00
Freeman Chapel.....	157.64
Grace.....	1,494.00
Grant Avenue.....	1,152.00
Greenfield.....	928.21
Hannibal.....	287.00
Hannon.....	163.00
Harmony - Parkville.....	637.46
Hartville.....	417.00
Hickory Grove.....	810.47
Hopewell.....	213.00
Houston 1st.....	167.00
Houston 1st.....	390.63
Hurryville.....	517.27
Jackson.....	140.45
Jones Chapel.....	515.81
Joplin.....	711.09
Kingsway.....	191.00
Lead Hill.....	268.20
Lebanon 1st.....	810.18
Lebanon FWB.....	400.96
Lebanon FWB.....	327.47
Liberty.....	190.19
Lone Star.....	39.39
Macedonia - Niangua.....	44.11
Merls Chapel.....	85.00
Mill Creek.....	282.88
Mine La Motte.....	70.66
Monett 1st.....	853.32
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	1,381.48
Mt. Pisgah.....	353.00
Myrtle.....	207.09
Neosho 1st.....	95.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	70.00
New Life - Licking.....	338.06
New Rock Springs.....	126.00
Niangua.....	145.00
North Five.....	90.30
Number One.....	101.36
Oak Grove - Mtn. Grove.....	130.43
O'Fallon.....	877.00
Overland.....	125.00

Ozark 1st	1,050.18
Park Hills 1st.....	831.94
Parkview.....	463.44
Pleasant Hill	184.09
Pleasant Home - Mtn. Grove	267.40
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	89.00
Potosi 1st.....	119.88
Republic.....	100.00
Rock Chapel.....	304.41
Rolla 1st.....	221.00
Royal Oak	186.00
Seymour.....	233.00
Smyrna.....	80.00
South Fremont	640.00
Southside.....	220.63
Springfield	207.00
Springfield 1st.....	1,450.51
St. Francois Assoc.....	30.00
Stockton.....	169.30
Thayer.....	876.00
Trinity.....	815.26
Twin Oak.....	1,140.00
Union Grove.....	314.00
Union Light	129.00
Union - Success	60.00
United.....	1,729.39
Unity.....	310.00
Verdella	582.65
Victory - Alton	325.06
Victory - K.C.....	1,312.11
Waynesville.....	274.85
West Plains 1st.....	587.00
Wilderness.....	877.34
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	227.00
Wolf Creek	216.91
Wolf Creek	329.59
TOTAL.....	\$51,820.61

SHOW-ME PLAN

Aulsbury Chapel	\$150.00
Barker, Rev. J.	15.00
Barker, Rev. J.	15.00
Beacon.....	300.00
Belton.....	105.00
Belton Ladies Aux.....	15.00
Berean.....	30.00
Berry, R.	15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs.....	143.68
Bethel - Festus	45.00
Big Creek.....	55.00
Bishop, B.J.....	15.00
Black Oak.....	30.00
Bourbon.....	15.00
Buffalo 1st.....	60.00
Buxton, G.	30.00
Cabool.....	135.00
Cabool.....	150.00
Calvary Chapel - Buffalo.....	105.00
Calvary Fellowship	2,899.00
Cartee, J.	15.00
Cartee, J.	15.00
Central.....	410.00
Chrisman, M.....	30.00
Columbia.....	50.00
Copper Mines.....	30.00
Copper Mines - Teen & Jr. Classes.....	30.00
Copper Mines - Young Adult Class.....	15.00
Cornerstone - Joplin	75.00
Cuba.....	76.13
Darnell, W.....	15.00
DeSoto 1st.....	400.00
Eastern Gate.....	20.00
Faith - St. Louis	25.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	60.00
Farmington 1st.....	730.00
Farmington 1st.....	710.00
Fellowship.....	991.30
Fordland.....	150.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	150.00
Freeman Chapel	540.00
Gospel Light	675.00
Grace.....	305.00
Grace.....	578.00
Graham, S.	15.00
Graham, S.	15.00
Grant Avenue.....	350.00
Greenfield.....	180.00
Hannon.....	6,937.46
Happy Hill.....	30.00
Harmony - Parkville.....	15.00
Harris, F.	45.00
Hartville.....	195.00
Hurryville.....	300.00
Hurryville.....	300.00
Hurryville - Sr. Adult S.S. Class.....	18.00
Hurryville - Sr. Adult S.S. Class.....	15.00

Jackson.....	30.00
Jones Chapel.....	165.00
Joplin 1st.....	75.00
Leadington	195.00
Leadington	13.80
Lebanon 1st.....	150.00
Lebanon FWB.....	30.00
Livingston, W.....	180.00
Macedonia Aux.....	1,000.00
Maggart, D.	45.00
Merl's Chapel.....	200.00
Mill Creek.....	90.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S. Class.....	15.00
Mine La Motte.....	45.00
Mission Assoc.....	7,362.64
Missouri State Woman's Aux.....	1,158.73
Monett 1st.....	2,255.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	485.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	30.00
Myrtle.....	75.00
Neosho 1st.....	235.00
New Home - Hartville.....	150.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	75.00
New Life - Licking.....	128.32
New Testament.....	15.00
Noel, D.	15.00
Oak Grove - Houston.....	15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....	191.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Park Hills 1st.....	249.57
Parkview - Desloge.....	319.77
Parson, O.	15.00
Pinkerton, J.....	45.00
Pleasant Hill	30.00
Pleasant Home.....	60.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	50.00
Rehkop, L.	60.00
Richardson, O.	15.00
Richwoods	52.50
Richwoods	30.00
Rock Chapel	270.00
Royal Oak.....	120.00
Ruble, N.	45.00
South Fremont.....	180.00
Springfield 1st.....	530.00
St. Louis Assoc.....	69.00
Thayer.....	275.00
Trinity.....	600.00
Union Light.....	120.00
United - West Plains.....	300.00
Unity.....	75.00
Verdella.....	932.65
Viburnum.....	95.00
Viburnum.....	95.00
Victory - K.C.....	480.00
Walker, H. Jr.	15.00
West Plains 1st Aux.....	60.00
Wilderness.....	246.91
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	85.00
Willow Springs 1st.....	150.00
Wilson, R.	45.00
Wilson, R.	15.00
TOTAL.....	\$39,078.46

FOREIGN MISSIONS - DESIGNATED

Beacon.....	\$244.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	285.01
Cape Girardeau	137.05
Central.....	20.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Farmington 1st.....	25.00
Fordland.....	10.00
Grant Avenue.....	56.00
Greenfield.....	10.00
Harmony Fellowship - CO	90.00
Joplin 1st.....	30.00
Mission Association.....	1,000.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	80.00
Neosho 1st.....	25.00
New Testament.....	70.00
Ozark 1st.....	20.00
Thayer.....	10.00
Trinity.....	148.39
Union Light.....	10.00
Viburnum.....	10.00
Viburnum.....	10.00
Victory - K.C.....	80.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,395.45

STATE HOME MISSIONS

Beacon.....	\$2.00
Belton.....	40.00
Berean.....	15.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	236.00
Central.....	35.00

Cornerstone.....	25.00
Cuba.....	38.06
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
DeSoto Children's Church.....	20.00
Faith - Chandler, IN.....	25.00
Farmington 1st.....	125.00
Fellowship - Park Hills	20.00
Gospel Light.....	40.00
Grace.....	120.00
Grace.....	90.00
Grant Avenue.....	10.00
L. Wormington.....	30.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	315.00
Macedonia Aux.....	50.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
O'Fallon.....	91.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	20.00
Ruble, N.	5.00
Thayer.....	45.00
Trinity.....	10.00
United.....	25.00
WNAC.....	236.43
TOTAL.....	\$1,738.49

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Beacon.....	\$60.00
Belton.....	40.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	215.00
Cape Girardeau 1st.....	205.58
Carthage.....	10.00
Central.....	10.00
Cornerstone.....	10.00
Cornerstone - Joplin	25.00
Cuba.....	38.07
DeSoto 1st.....	425.00
Faith & Hope - Aurora.....	35.00
Farmington.....	25.00
Farmington 1st.....	50.00
Fordland.....	50.00
Grace.....	560.00
Grace.....	63.00
Grant Avenue.....	154.82
Hannon.....	382.48
Harmony Fellowship - CO	112.00
Hartville.....	100.00
Lebanon FWB.....	5.00
Livingston, W.....	100.00
Macedonia - Purdy.....	1,000.00
Macedonia Aux.....	100.00
Mission Association.....	4,621.31
Monett 1st.....	606.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	130.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	25.00
Myrtle.....	40.00
Neosho 1st.....	55.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
New Testament.....	150.00
O'Fallon.....	91.00
Ozark 1st.....	5.00
Park Hills.....	233.19
Pleasant Home.....	97.71
Rader, J.	20.00
Richwoods 1st.....	47.00
Rock Chapel	69.29
South Fremont.....	15.00
Thayer.....	155.00
Trinity.....	25.00
Union Light.....	\$136.00
United.....	150.00
United Youth Group.....	170.00
United Youth Group.....	170.00
Unity.....	50.00
Verdella.....	30.00
Viburnum.....	51.00
Victory - K.C.....	65.00
West Plains 1st.....	120.00
West Plains 1st.....	405.36
Wolf Creek.....	75.00
Wolf Creek.....	75.00
TOTAL.....	\$11,719.81

MISSOURI FWB YOUTH CAMP

West Plains 1st.....	\$145.00
Hartville.....	10.00
Union - Success.....	30.00
New Life - Monett.....	76.61
Niangua.....	20.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	10.00
Cabool.....	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book.....	195.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	10.00
Hannon.....	15.00
Berean.....	15.00
Thayer.....	45.00

Buffalo 1st.....	50.00
New Home - Hartville.....	10.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
Ozark 1st.....	10.00
Park Hills.....	19.78
West Plains.....	25.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove.....	10.00
Trinity.....	14.00
Cabool.....	10.00
TOTAL.....	\$780.39

FWB BIBLE COLLEGE

Myrtle (P. Ketterman).....	\$125.00
Beacon.....	6.00
Farmington 1st.....	152.61
Thayer.....	45.00
Verdella.....	116.53
N. Ruble.....	15.00
DeSoto 1st.....	35.00
Farmington 1st.....	132.00
TOTAL.....	\$627.14

HILLSDALE FWB COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$119.80
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	50.00
Thayer.....	50.00
Joplin 1st.....	75.00
Neosho 1st.....	60.00
Grant Avenue.....	8.00
Victory - K.C.....	110.61
Farmington 1st.....	90.00
TOTAL.....	\$563.41

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Farmington 1st.....	\$52.62
Farmington 1st.....	78.00
TOTAL.....	\$130.62

STEVE SMITH

DeSoto 1st.....	\$50.00
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TRULA CRONK HOME FOR CHILDREN

Waynesville 1st.....	\$28.20
New Life - Monett.....	76.61
Farmington 1st.....	15.00
Belton.....	100.00
New Hope - Fredericktown.....	30.00
Hannon.....	100.00
Unity.....	10.00
DeSoto 1st.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$409.81

REV. JOHN MCCLURE

Carthage.....	\$75.34
Central Western Woman's Aux.....	15.00
Union - Success.....	15.00
Farmington 1st.....	5.00
Monett 1st.....	35.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....	42.50
Thayer.....	45.00
Harmony - K.C.....	12.00
Trinity.....	10.00
Grace.....	15.00
TOTAL.....	\$234.84

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$105.00
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SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$105.00
Calvary Fellowship.....	95.00
TOTAL.....	\$200.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$105.00
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MISSOURI RETIREMENT PROGRAM

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$142.50
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STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$225.00
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BOARD OF RETIREMENT

Grant Avenue.....	\$1.00
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CORNERSTONE FWB - JOPLIN

New Testament.....	\$10.00
Cornerstone - Joplin.....	25.00
TOTAL.....	\$35.00

WORLD RELIEF

Victory.....	\$45.00
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Chuck Lotz Approved For National Home Missions



The Lotz Family

There is no doubt about it, I am a full-blooded Missourian! I can prove I'm a native of this state, I pronounce our state name properly. It is "Missour-AH" not "Missour-IE." Someone will disagree with me about how to pronounce "Missouri" but no one will disagree with me when I say, "God has set in order a plan for your life and mine."

His plan for me at this time requires my leaving this great state. On March the first, I officially climb aboard the National Home Mission ship. I will be assuming the responsibility of pastor of the Mile High Free Will Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado. The church has recently gone back under the authority of the National Home Missions Board.

I have not the space to write the full expressions of my heart concerning the toil of determining God's will, the timing that doesn't seem right by human reasoning, or the transition of pulling up roots from clean country living to move to a smog intimidating city. In spite of the toil, seemingly bad timing, and the difficult transition, it is the thing God has required of me. Please pray for my family and the folks at Mile High Free Will Baptist Church. Please pray about supporting our ministry. If you would like to schedule a service, please call 573-358-0009 or write me at 8102 Highway D, Bonne Terre, MO 63628.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have been supporting Bro. Vergel Maness, you may want to switch your support to Bro. Chuck Lotz. Bro. Maness is no longer serving as a home missionary.

Roll Call Sunday

March 28, 1999

Goal: 2500 Souls Saved

The Home Missions Department's Sixteenth Annual ROLL CALL SUNDAY is scheduled for March 28, 1999! **Plan for the biggest attendance ever! Pray to see 2500 souls saved!**

The Youth Look

by Ann Poletti

Our Funny Priorities:

- ~ Funny how a \$20 bill looks so big when we take it to church and so small when we take it to the store.
- ~ Funny how big an hour serving God looks and how small 60 minutes are when spent playing golf, fishing, etc.
- ~ Funny how laborious it is to read a chapter in the Bible and how easy it is to read 3,000 pages of a best selling novel.
- ~ Funny how we believe what newspapers say but question what the Bible says.
- ~ Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray and don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.
- ~ Funny how we need 2 or 3 weeks to fit a church event into our schedule, but can adjust it for a social event at the last minute.
- ~ Funny how folks want to sit on the front row at a ball game or concert, but scramble to get a back seat at church services.
- ~ Funny how difficult to memorize scripture to share the simple gospel message but how easy to hear and repeat gossip.

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