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SEVEN WAYS A FATHER CAN IMPROVE LEADERSHIP IN THE FAMILY

Hans and Donna Finzel

1. Pray! Above all, my dad is a man of prayer. He and Mom prayed for each of us and our future mates, even before our births. Every problem was prayed about, every need brought before God.

2. Listen! From the time your children are young, make time to give them your undivided attention. This should be on a regular basis so they feel you truly care. I still treasure the breakfasts out with Daddy when I had with him alone, and I continue to enjoy those rare occasions we can be together.

3. Put your family first. Learn how to

set aside your work - leave it at the office, and build a relationship with your family. That will establish important memories for each child.

4. Love them unconditionally. Encourage your children to be who God wants them to be. Ask the Lord to show you the special needs of each child, and then be creative in leading them to grow.

5. Live what you believe. That does not mean you have to be perfect. Just be willing to walk according to God's Word, and ask forgiveness from your kids or wife if you blow it by your words or ac-

tions. Then start over again.

6. Seize the moment. Make the time, and tune into those teachable moments with your kids. Share your heart. Be sure you tell your kids your own spiritual journey, and explain why you choose to do what you do (go to church, not go certain places, etc.). Be sure to pray together with your kids about their problem or situation. And ask them to pray for you, giving specific needs or requests you have as well.

7. Take time alone with each child to focus on him or her. Talk through with your spouse each of your visions of the needs and gifts of each child, and get alone with each one on a regular basis. If possible, schedule one or two of your business trips a year to include one of your children.

Relief Tips for Guilty Fathers:

Lower your expectations and do what you can do.

Think bite-size pieces: start with having family devotions, maybe just once or twice a week. Use a creative devotional book to help you, and pray together. Today's Christian bookstores are filled with great family devotional aids. Then come up with a list of annual minimal goals for what you would like to do with

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DO IT SECRETLY!

by Pastor R.E. Dablemont

Jesus said, "Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them...do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing...your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you"(Matthew 6:1,3,4, NIV).

Jesus emphasized to his disciples by word and deed the "spiritual discipline of secrecy." God is always concerned primarily about the reason or motive behind our actions. As followers of Christ, we are to take notice of the example of Christ and apply it in every facet of life. The doing of good deeds and charitable acts are to be done for the glory of God and not for self-aggrandizement, personal advancement, nor even self-satisfaction. When we act in character with Christ, we unselfishly are to be motivated by love, compassion, kindness, generosity, and mercy.

Thinking of the welfare of others and acting on their behalf does not require the applause or approval of men. We are to be more concerned with pleasing God. We all enjoy a compliment, we all have a need for recognition, but the doing of what is good and right is a reward in itself. If our good deeds go unnoticed on earth, one thing for sure, they are never missed in heaven. "In the practice of secrecy, we experience a continuing relationship with God independent of the opinions of men."¹

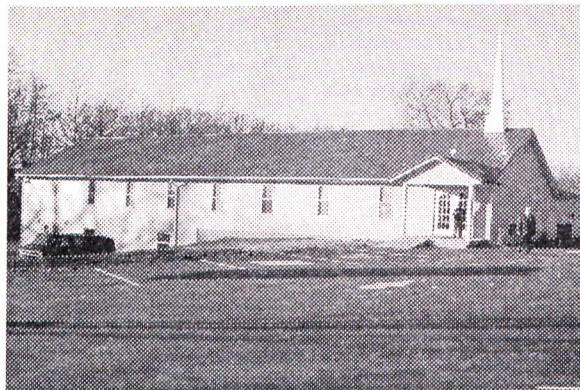
We have learned the discipline of secrecy when we are content with what God knows we are and are not worried about what men think we are. This is easier said than done. Constant attention must be focused upon ourselves inwardly as we honestly examine our motives for our actions. Contrary to the example of Christ, our culture tells us today that we must be patted on the back for every good thing we do. The truth is we do not make ourselves better by doing good, nor are we made better by men telling us we have done good. Thomas a' Kempis said it this way: *Thou are not holier though thou be praised nor the more vile though thou be blamed or dipraised. What thou art, that thou art, that God knoweth thee to be and thou canst be said to be no greater...He that seeketh no outward witness for himself, it appeareth openly that he hath committed himself all wholly to God.*²

1. Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*, 172.

2. Thomas a' Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*, 177.

HANNIBAL CHURCH DEDICATES

NEW BUILDING



New Building

On May 5th, during the morning worship service, the Hannibal Free Will Baptist Church held a dedication service for the new building and its contents.

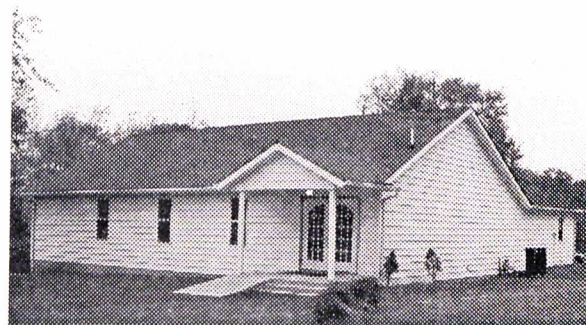
Pastor Dale Cochran spoke briefly on how far that God has brought the church. Yet it is still just in the beginning stages of how far it can go for Christ. Pastor Cochran then led the congregation through the Minister and Congregation response out of the Free Will Baptist Ministers Manual. The keys to the newly remodelled building were then presented to the church Advisory Board and key leaders of the church. The ceremony concluded on the outside around the newly installed flag poles with some brief comments and prayer.

There was also an Open House held that afternoon from 2-4 PM which was well attended.



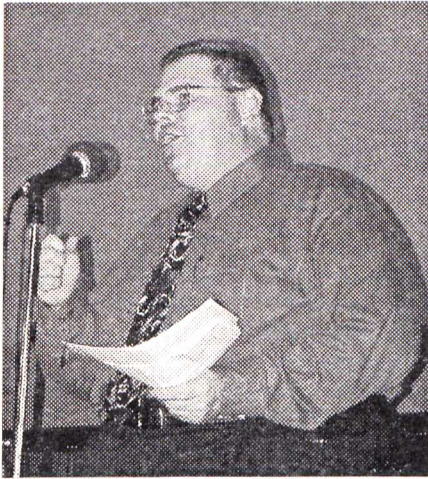
Pastor & Mrs. Dale Cochran

The Former
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GREATER KANSAS CITY MISSION CONFERENCE



Dan Minkler

The Greater Kansas City District completed a successful missions conference on April 21, with approximately 200 people gathering for a mission rally at the Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City. One had to be impressed with the enthusiasm and spirit of unity that marked the service.

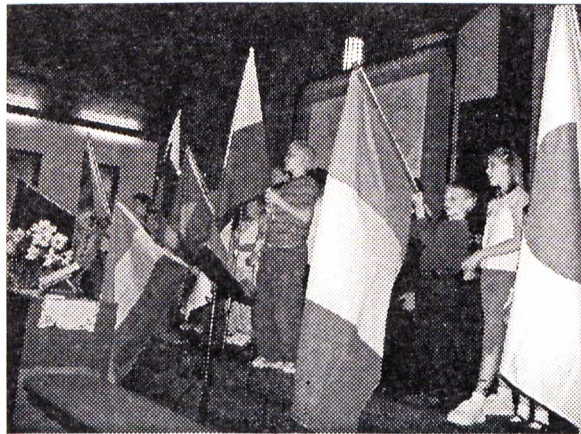
Following a warm welcome and prayer by district Moderator, Kenny Simpson, the congregation enjoyed a parade of flags. Flags representing the countries



Missionaries

of the Show-Me Plan Missionaries and the countries of others that were involved in the conference were carried in by the youth as a power point presentation displayed photos of the missionaries and the countries on the screen. The youth under the direction of Marcus Minkler and Jodi Simpson sang two special selections which was followed by a video clip entitled "The Harvest."

The churches had set a goal of raising \$12,000 for the conference. Rev. Dan Minkler, the district clerk, invited each of the district pastors to come and announce the amount their church had raised. After each of the pastors present had announced their totals, Bro. Minkler announced that they had exceeded their goal.



The missionaries participating in the conference were introduced. They were: Jimmy and Janie Aldridge, Russian Ministries; Scott McNay, State Home Missionary to Kirksville; Micah Derby, Missionary Appointee to France; Morgan Minkler and Micah Wood; YWAM, China. State Executive Secretary, Nathan Ruble, gave greetings on behalf of the state association and commented the association on their accomplishments.

Rev. Jimmy Aldridge presented a power point presentation on Russia, and Jodi Simpson sang a special before Bro. Aldridge delivered the evening message. Several young people responded to his challenge concerning God's call to serve as a missionary. The service was closed with a special by the Destiny Singers and prayer by Pastor Minkler.

A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by the congregation following the service.

The Salem Free Will Baptist Church to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

The Salem Free Will Baptist Church will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on June 15, 2002. The celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. The church was organized June 14, 1952. Rev. Lawrence Thompson was the founding pastor. Former pastors and members are encouraged to attend. The following article was printed on the cover of the June 1952 issue of the *Gem*.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS SPONSORS MISSOURI REVIVAL

Several officers of the National Home Missions Board of the Free Will

Baptist Church went to Salem, Missouri, to investigate the Sunday School and Mission being conducted at Washington and West "D" Streets, with the view of converting it into a full time church. Rev. Lawrence Thompson, of St. Louis, has been conducting the Mission and Sunday School, with about 30 in Sunday School.

The members of the Board were much impressed with the possibilities there.

Rev. Robert C. Hill, of Berkeley, Missouri, was chosen to conduct a revival meeting, after which a church will be organized.

Those among the group that visited the Mission point were: Rev. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tennessee, Chairman of the National Home Board; Rev. Harry E. Staires of Oilton, Oklahoma, Clerk and Treasurer of the Board; and Rev. Harvey E. Hill, of Lemay, Missouri, State Director for the Home Mission Program. Also attending were Rev. Robert C. Hill of Berkeley, Missouri, and Rev. Roger Reeds of Richwoods, Missouri.

The National Home Missions Board will sponsor the revival.

Rev. Harry E. Staires, Clerk

WALKING IN THE LIGHT



On dark nights Daddy carried a kerosene lantern that produced a small circle of light. As a young boy I walked close to Daddy. I was afraid of the dark. In the wintertime, nights were usually dark when the cows were milked and farm chores were all completed. The 300 feet trip from the barn to our house seemed like a long, scary journey, but my love and trust in Daddy seemed to push my fears into the distant shadows.

The Apostle John wrote about walking in light, "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (I John 1:7 NKJV).

First, one must personally know Jesus Christ in order to be walking in His "light". Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him" (John 14:23).

Second, as you abide in Jesus Christ and trust in Him you have true, unbroken fellowship with other believers. Worship regularly with other believers.

Third, you have reason for rejoicing! The penalty for sin has been erased and guilt removed. This marvelous gift of God's grace will continue as you walk in close harmony with Jesus Christ.

How does one do this? Many people meditate on a Psalm or a chapter in Proverbs. Reading the New Testament is important. Accompany your Bible reading with prayer. Some people find the portions of Scripture helpful in wording a prayer.

"Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day" (Psalm 25:4, 5).

(By J. Mark Vandivort-Country Chaplain; Noble Free Press, P. O. Box 1046, Norman, OK 73070; Volume 2-Issue 1, 1/9/02; p.7)

HILLSDALE REPORT

BY MIKE WADE



Move Over April
Showers. . .
The Heavy
Equipment
Is Rolling In

As this article is being written the boundaries of the Bill J. and Alma Lou Barber Center are being staked out. Praise the Lord!!! The K.J. McNitt Construction Company has been granted the contract to build our much needed Chapel/Cafeteria/Classroom building and the job superintendent is on the job. The projected time for the completion of the building is 390 days. Please pray that all goes well. Pray for the safety of the workers. Pray for the students who will, in the days and years to come, be educated in the new facility. Also, please pray with us in giving God thanks for making this dream a reality.

Commitments and gifts, as well as continued brick sales, are coming in for which we are truly grateful. Sending commitment monies and gifts to the building is extremely crucial in the upcoming months, because the more cash on hand we have means that we will need less intermediate financing, thus saving interest. Some who have given may want to give more; others who have made commitments may decide they can go beyond their original commitment. In any case, thank you for your part in helping Hillsdale F.W.B. College move boldly into a new and exciting era in the school's history.

NEWS FROM THE CHEATHAMS

Roll Call Sunday A Success!

EPH:3:21: Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Hello again to you, our wonderful supporter of God's work in North Denver. We certainly couldn't accomplish all that we have without your love and financial support.

I wanted to share with you the blessings we were given for a wonderful Easter/Roll Call Sunday service. We were a bit concerned with some of our members out of town visiting family but God sent us wonderful weather, a nice crowd, and some new visitors! When the day was done, we had an attendance of 52 with 10 visitors! When the altar call was given some came and prayed while others raised their hand to acknowledge a need. A total of six decisions were made at the close of service. Their was such a good spirit throughout the service, and many families just stayed to fellowship and share

the blessings of a wonderful resurrection Sunday! What's almost as special as this was the wonderful things our church families did to prepare for this special day. The week prior to service, a man who wishes to remain anonymous came and restriped our parking lot and cleaned up some old weeds that had been growing around the church. Another lady baked several loaves of bread to give away to our visitors and church family. Still more folks purchased, filled and hid nearly 300 Easter eggs for our children to find after service!

Are your prayers and faith promise donations making a difference? What do you think? I am so happy with the love and compassion I've seen in our church family. I've had two people recently tell me that's the main reason they are attending our church. Praise God for this sweet spirit, and God bless YOU for your support!

Scott Cheatham



Matt, Melinda, and Anna Pinson

NEW PRESIDENT AND FAMILY, ON CAMPUS!

President J. Matthew Pinson officially began his duties at FWBBC on March 11. He and his family have moved into the Bligh Building, just behind the Goen Hall men's dormitory.

Changes on campus are already evident. Several buildings are undergoing renovations. Most of the central campus parking area has been newly paved and striped.

One of Rev. Pinson's first duties was to welcome visitors to the campus for Welcome Days. He encouraged prospective students and their families to take a hard look at FWBBC and to ask the Lord for guidance as they seek His will for their futures.

Among many letters of congratulation he has received is one from Tennessee Senator Bill Frist. "Since its founding," says Senator Frist, "Free Will Baptist Bible College has brought honor to Nashville and to Tennessee with a rich tradition and caliber of education that is an integral part of the community's fabric." He adds, "I have no doubt that Free Will Baptist Bible College will continue as an outstanding example of higher education in Tennessee and a positive force in the lives of those young men and women who will lead us into the 21st Century."

Dr. Darrell Holley, chairman of the Inaugural Committee, says that the official inauguration of Rev. Pinson will be held on campus September 26, 2002. An invitation is extended to Free Will Baptists everywhere to attend this historic event. Please pray for James Matthew Pinson as he assumes his role as the college's fifth president.



260 ATTEND WELCOME DAYS

Welcome Days on campus, March 28-30, was one of the best attended that the college has held. The staff regis-

tered 210 students and 50 sponsors for a total of 260 attendees. They came from 75 churches in 18 states.

Visitors enjoyed a number of special features, including Flames basketball and a powerful service conducted by The Evangelists Drama Team and The College Choir.

The largest state delegations were from Tennessee (39), Missouri (38) and Illinois (30). Other states with sizeable numbers were North Carolina (21), South Carolina (17) and Virginia (13). The largest church group was 11 from the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The next Welcome Days is scheduled for November 14-16, 2002. The cost is modest and the returns are high, so plan now to bring a group from your church or church school. For information, call 1-800-76-FWBBC or e-mail recruit@fwbbc.edu.

PAPERS SOLICITED FOR THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM

An invitation is extended to pastors, teachers, laymen, students, and others to submit papers to be read at the annual meeting of the Free Will Baptist Theological Symposium at Free Will Baptist Bible College, November 4-5, 2002. The symposium is sponsored by the Commission for Theological Integrity of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Papers should be 10-15 pages, double spaced, and should relate to the Bible, Theology, Christian culture, and related topics.

Papers may be submitted to FWBBC President J. Matthew Pinson and should be sent by August 1, 2002.

President Matthew Pinson
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

Smile

When the preacher got to the point of saying, "Will you take this woman for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer?" The groom decided it was multiple choice and answered, "I'll take better, healthy and richer!"

Don't expect a million-dollar answer to a single 10-cent prayer!

Church members often are weakened by too much week end.

Adolescence is a period of rapid changes. Between the ages of 12 and 17, for example, a parent ages as much as 20 years.

Many things are opened by mistake, but none more often than the mouth.

If you want a place in the sun, you have to expect blisters.

Master's Men Regional Retreats



August 22-24, 2002

Cost: \$70.00 for cabins
\$80.00 for inside rooms
(limited number-first come basis)

Includes: 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and all
conference sessions

Speakers: Loyd, Rick, & John Locklear,
Woodhaven, MI

Theme: A Legacy of Ministry

Options: Camp Caleb is located in a remote
area of Eastern KY. On the property there is
a large lake for fishing or swimming. There
are also hiking trails, as well as horse shoes
and other leisure sports. For the adventur-
ous there is a 300 foot waterslide into the
lake as well as the BLOB!

There will be morning and evening services
with the afternoon free for rest or recreation.

Deadline: August 5th



October 24-26, 2002

Cost: \$100 based on 2 men per room

Includes: 2 nights lodging, 2 continental
breakfasts at the Inn, 2 dinners , 1 lunch at
a local restaurant, and all conference
sessions

Speaker: Danny Phillips

Theme: A Time of Prayer

Options: Branson, MO is known for being
one of the amusement capitols of the
world. With a wide variety of activities
from minature golf to go-carts, to shop-
ping, or a river cruise, you're sure to find
something to keep you busy. The Surrey
Inn also has amenities like an indoor pool
and an exercise room.

Deadline: October 7th

To register, send your name, address, and phone number to Master's Men Department, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee 37011-5002, or call 1-877-767-8039 for more information.

OPERATION SATURATION MISSION TRIP 2002 CANADA/NEW HAMPSHIRE

What: Third Annual Operation Saturation Mission Trip

Where: Fredericton, N.B., Canada, Missionary Jeff and Donna Crabtree Laconia, NH, Missionary Joel and Hope Nason

When: Friday Sept. 13, 2002 through Saturday September 21, 2002

Cost: \$700.00 includes Round-trip airfare from Nashville to Manchester, NK lodging in hotel (double occupancy), all ground transportation, last night seafood dinner on the coast (or something else if you don't eat seafood) **Not included:** **Meals** Each person will be responsible for their own meals.

Purpose: We will be assisting our missionaries in reaching their neighborhoods with information about their churches and with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Itinerary:

Fri. Sept. 13 Leave Nashville at 7: 10 A.M., fly into Manchester, NH, drive to Fredericton. (approximately 8 hours)

Sat. Sept. 14 Operation Saturation Serenity FWBC Fredericton, N.B.

Sun. Sept. 15 Service with Serenity FWBC

Mon. Sept. 16 Work on new building of Serenity FWBC

Tues. Sept. 17 Return drive through Maine with sight seeing along the way

Wed. Sept. 18 Rest in the Morning, Service with Heritage FWBC, Laconia, NH

Thur. Sept. 19 Assist Heritage FWBC with preparation for Operation Saturation

Fri Sept. 20 Visit Free Will Baptist historical sights in and around New Durham, NH ... Original church Benjamin Randall preached in, Church on the ridge, Benjamin Randall grave site and family cemetery, and other sights

Sat. Sept. 21 Return flight to Nashville arriving at 12:58 P.M.

**Trip will be limited to the first 20 people!
Sign up now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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Seven Ways...continued from page 1

- the children to provide spiritual influence. Be honest with your children about your struggles, and ask them for their input. Confession is good for not only your soul, but theirs.
- Make this area a part of your accountability group.
 - Beg, borrow, and steal any good ideas you can find from other fathers who seem to make this work.
 - If you fail, just start over. The future is a blank check you can invest how you decide.

Support Tips for Wives and Mothers

- Learn to back off. Work at allowing your husband the freedom and room to lead.
- Learn to back up. Pray for your husband, for the Lord to help him lead spiritually, and remember to support him when he does take the initiative.
- When you both fail (not if you fail), get back up and give it another try. Don't feel defeated. Starting over is always better than giving up.

Hans and Donna Finzel have been married for 25 years. Dr. Hans Finzel is Executive Director of CBInternational, a church planting and leadership training ministry. Donna's responsibilities include ministering to a family with four children, a teaching ministry to women, as well as a support ministry with CBI.

Excerpted from: The Top Ten Ways to Love Your Wife, Cook Communications Ministries. Used by permission



News From The Vandivorts

Dear Family,
Needed to write and inform you of a change in our plans. We have learned that dorm parenting is not our thing and that our talents could be used better elsewhere. Much thought has gone into this decision. We will need to return to re-strategize and decide exactly what ministry to return to. We do know that building is the greatest strength that Terry has. At this time, Terry, the boys, and I will be returning back to the states, probably around the end of July, and the girls will return as planned for Truth and Peace. Terry can help Mike with the building in Bouake and also allow us time to get everything packed. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and at the same time will miss all those here in Africa. Please pray for us as we seek God's guidance in finding a place to live, work, and minister.

Love,
Terry DD, and kids

Show-Me Missionaries

The Pinkertons

Warm Greetings.

It's thundering & quite hot. Lots going on:

In Abidjan, the church thinks they have found an ideal location for the 2nd FWB Church. Pray that details can be worked out. No news about a fence for the church land—they're getting bids on the work.

Pastor Samuel, at Bondoukou, has informed church leaders that He feels the Lord has called him to go to Abidjan. The leaders are not one bit happy about this—they love him & don't want him to leave. Pray for God's will. We're excited about this move as Pastor Samuel would move this fall, before we return to ABJ in Dec to work together in building another church there.

Bible Institute Students (& the four wives) continue classes. We pray for clear understanding & Christian growth. Students go out each weekend to assist area churches.

A teen team from IND will be out for two weeks next month. We're looking forward to this visit..it will not just be fun. they will be in classes about African culture, see how local people earn a living: farmers, welders, bakers etc. They will also help in the construction of a small house for a blind couple in the church here. Pray that this will be a life-changing trip for them.

Always glad to get your church news..(hint, hint if we haven't heard from you and MANY THANKS IF YOU HAVE)..His blessings as you serve in another part of His Harvest.

Jerry & Carol

The Turnboughs

Hi,

Thank you for praying for the meeting of believers from the Villalba Church with the mayor. It was postponed from Wednesday until Friday so the city's lawyer could be there. Because of that, the church's lawyer also agreed to at-

tend. After a lengthy discussion, the city's lawyer agreed to withdraw their appeal to the Supreme Court and grant permission to build if the church would agree not to pursue legal recourse for economic remuneration. That means they realize they were wrong, and that the church could very possibly win a case seeking damages. However, they also emphasized the reality that their appeal could take years to resolve. Their reasoning for the church is that this will save the church time and allow it to build sooner. The church members will be meeting this Sunday to make a decision, and then return to give the mayor their answer this next week. The city's lawyer will have to write and present its proposal to the church, and the church will take the proposal to their lawyer, make a decision, and then return another time to the mayor with both lawyers present.

We believe this is very positive and therefore a praise item. At the same time, we ask you to please continue to pray for the process. We'll keep you updated.

Another praise item is that JAVIER & ROCIO'S second child, CARLOS, was born yesterday in Madrid. Both mother and baby are healthy and well. Javier is one of the preachers in the Villalba Church.

All for HIS glory,
Jeff and Susan Turnbough

P.S. I (Jeff) broke my finger this last week and have to have surgery Monday in Nashville to attempt to repair it. Thanks for your prayers.

The Hollands

The Hollands will soon be returning to the states for state assignment. They will be missionaries -in-residence at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

**SHARE IN THE MINISTRIES OF
THE MISSOURI MISSIONARIES.
ADOPT SHARES IN THE SHOW-
ME PLAN**

News From Puerto Rico

What a wonderful time of thanksgiving we shared during our Good Friday service at the building site. We met in the same little shelter where we had met for our Thanksgiving breakfast in November. At that time we wept and rejoiced to see the preliminary dirt work that had been done. We knew then that until the permits were finished we could go no further, but at least, we knew the building had been approved. Friday we saw the walls, standing, reaching toward Heaven, waiting for the roofers!

We have had a wonderful caravan of workers who have helped us lift these walls. Of course, Bud, our pastor David Roy, Tony Freeman, and Rusty Shanks from the Luquillo church, are there every day. What an encouragement, though, to have groups of helpers arrive, one after another, and right on time. We are constantly reminded of something we learned when we were making frequent trips into Central America on short term medical/dental/mission teams. God chooses the team. We have talked to some who really planned to come and at the last minute couldn't make it. Others have arrived, still surprised that they were coming, but God made a way.

As we have struggled with discouragement and delays we have reminded one another. This is God's church. He has a Purpose; He has a Plan, and He is in Control.

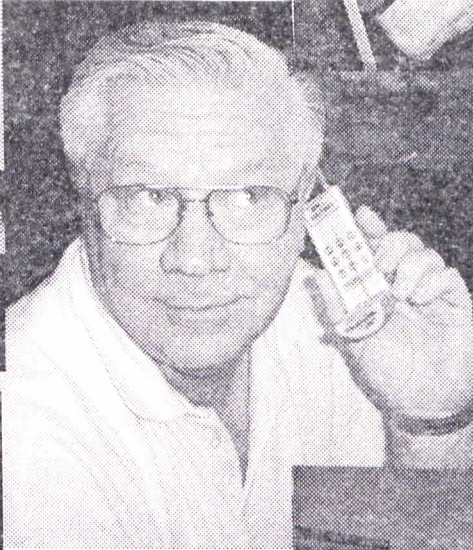
Our Sweet friend Rosie Sanchez visited us during Holy Week. Rosie worked with us in the Seminary of the Cross in Mexico and is teaching school in the Free Will Baptist School in St. Croix. She has helped Ruth finish up the shopping to get ready for the large group of roofers who will start arriving on the thirteenth of April.

We are thankful that on March 20, the day the last of the cement was poured for the beams around the top of the wall, the provisional electricity was connected. Now the carpenters can use their power tools! We have used an extension cord from the neighbor's house until now. God is Good All The Time!

Today, April 1, Bud and his crew

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Clips Of The 2002 Minister's Retreat

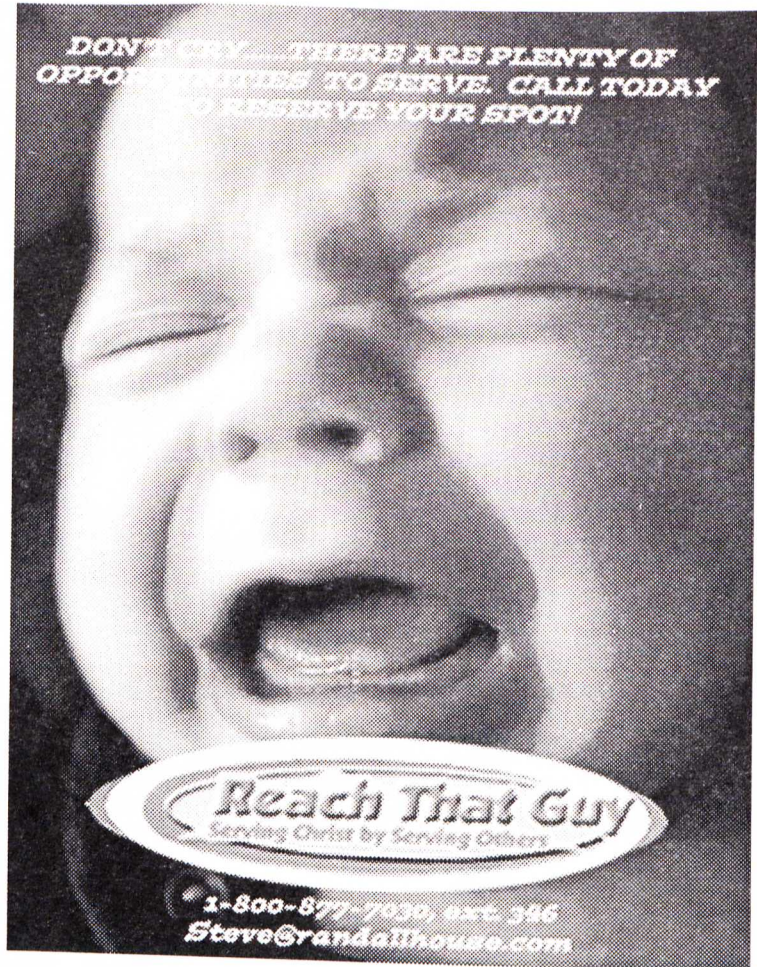


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

The National Youth Conference this summer in Memphis has several openings for adult volunteers in the Bible, Music and Art Competitions. The competition program depends on the good people of our denomination to run smoothly. Judges are needed in vocal and instrumental categories, Bible competition such as Bible Memorization.

There are also over 1000 opportunities for service for teenagers to perform while in Memphis this July. The Reach That Guy program is designed to help students give back to the community that is hosting the convention. Opportunities to work with children, shut-ins and homeless people will be numerous. There is also a clothing drive planned for convention attendees including adults. Collection points will be in place in the Registration area.

If you would like more information about these and other opportunities this summer, please call Steve Greenwood toll-free at 1-800-877-7030, ext. 346.



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