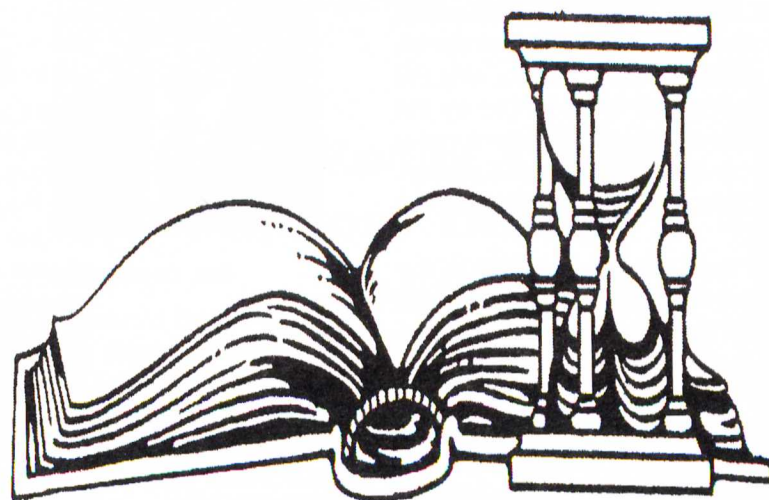


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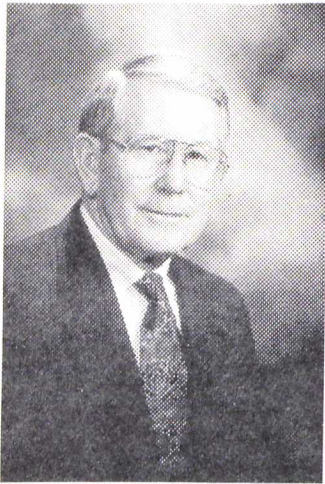
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See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools,
but as wise, Redeeming the time,
because the days are evil.

Eph. 5:15-16



Rev. Nathan Ruble

From the Desk of the Executive Secretary

According to the Encarta Encyclopedia, physicist agree that time is one of the most difficult properties of our universe to understand. Although scientists are able to describe the past and the future and demarcations such as seconds and minutes, they cannot define exactly what time is. The calendar divides time into days, weeks, months, and years. Most likely, our problem is not trying to understand time but rather trying to make the best use of time allotted to us.

We stand on the threshold of a new year. As our planet starts a new revolution around the sun, we too have a fresh slate of time before us. How we use it is up to us. The past stands as a testimony to God's blessings. The future is the reservoir of His promises.

Missouri Free Will Baptists can look back on the year of 2002 with thanksgiving. The annual report of the churches will testify to God's goodness and power. People were saved, new churches were begun, disciples were trained, and the world wide ministry of the church was undergirded by the liberal giving of the people. These blessings did not come without opposition. Satan did his best to disrupt and destroy and he won a few of the battles, but our victories far outnumber our defeats.

Knowing the promises of the Lord we can look to the future with anticipation. We are instructed to live our lives with the zest and confidence of the redeemed as we serve our Lord. Too often we live our lives like a girl that Gary Freeman tells about.

This story is about a girl who went to college and she hated it. But she told herself, "If I can ever get out of college and get married and have children, I know I'll finally be able to enjoy life." So she stuck with it. She went to classes every day and finally graduated from college. Then she got married and had children. She discovered that children are a lot of work. So she told herself, "If I can just get these kids raised, then I'll be able to relax and really enjoy life."

But about the time the kids were entering high school her husband said, "Guess what? We don't have enough money to send our kids to college. I guess you'll have to get

a job." Well she didn't want to, but she knew he was right and they needed the money, so she went to work. And she hated it. But she told herself, "If I can just get these kids out of college, and get all of the bills paid, then I can quit work and really enjoy life."

Finally, the last child graduated from college, and all the bills were paid. So she walked into her employer's office and said, "I quit." He said, "Oh, you don't want to quit now. If you stay with us just another eight years you'll have a pension for the rest of your life." She thought, "Well, I don't want to work another eight years, but there's all that money there, and I really can't turn down the opportunity." So she worked for another eight years.

Finally, she and her husband retired at the same time. They sold their home and bought a little retirement cottage. Then they sat down on the swing on their front porch and looked at the family picture album and dreamed about the good old days.

In this New Year of 2003, let's enjoy the journey and redeem the time God has given to us. May the Holy Spirit remind us each day of this year that this is the day that the Lord has made and may we rejoice and be glad in it.



Rev. Gene Howell

NEWS FROM THE RAYMORE MISSION

God is truly blessing in Raymore! We had our first service on Sept 8th with two families besides ours. We were meeting in homes and God kept on blessing. Our September averages were: a.m. worship 14, p.m. worship 11, Wed. eve. 8; and our October averages were: a.m. worship 17, p.m. worship 12, Wed. eve. 10.

We were able to find an office building to rent while we look for something permanent. Our first service there was Nov 10th and we had 32!!!

A youth group was organized last week and we had 6.

We are so thankful for God's Blessings and we are excited to see what He is going to do next. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue in the Lord's work.

Bro Gene, Sandy, Jon

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NEW CHURCH IN NEVADA, MO



Rev. & Mrs. Rutledge

(Rev. Robby Rutledge and his family have moved to Nevada, MO where they have begun the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church.)

We had our first service on November 24th with 17 people in attendance. On the second Sunday morning we had 14 and 16 that night. We are excited and thrilled to finally be here and to have started services. We are planning a workday on Saturday, December 7th. It is our hope to get most of the work that needs doing on the inside done that day. We want to say thank you to those who are helping support us both financially and prayerfully. There are some needs that if anyone has extra of we could really use: speakers and a cassette player for a sound system, a desk, teacher stands, Sunday School curriculum, and finally but most importantly names of any friends or family in the area. If any could be of help in these areas please contact us, Robby Rutledge at (417)549-6219 or (417) 684-0578.

We are extremely proud of our building and would like to invite anyone who would like to, to come and see it. A dedication service will be held January 12, 2003. Rev. Dale Skiles, State Home Mission Director, will be speaking in the 10:30 a.m. service. At noon the church will be serving lunch. At 1:30 p.m. the Singing Graves family will be providing special music and Rev. Nathan Ruble will deliver the afternoon message. The church is located at 1030 S. Clay, Nevada MO. Please come see us.

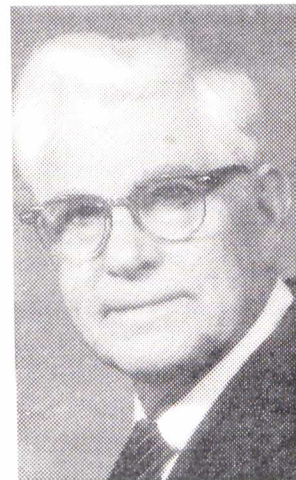
Rev. Herbert Vandivort With the Lord

The Rev. Herbert S. Vandivort died November 16, 2002 at age 93. He was preceded in death by Bessie (Scott) Vandivort, his wife of 68 years. At age 21, Herbert was saved and baptized while attending a Baptist church in Kansas City, Missouri. Later he became a member of the newly organized Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Cabool, Missouri.

Herbert was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister on September 27, 1935. He served as pastor of the Union Chapel, Number One, Providence, New Home, and Union (Gladden) Free Will Baptist Churches in Missouri. Also, he served as interim pastor of other churches. The churches grew in number and their buildings were improved during his ministry. After his health problems hampered him from continuing an active pastoral ministry, he continued to be active for many years in the Missouri Mission Association.

The Reverends, Max Courtney, Bill Vandivort, and R.E. Helsley conducted his funeral service. Rev. Vandivort was remembered for being faithful to his local church and being a peacemaker in denominational meetings.

Herbert and his wife, Bessie, lived most of their married life on a farm near Houston, Missouri where they produced Grade A milk for forty years. Herbert is survived by his son J. Mark and wife Louise, Noble, Oklahoma; son Dan and wife Brenda, Edgar Springs, Missouri; son Ben and wife Janet, Hwy. M Mtn. Grove, Missouri; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.



Rev. Herbert Vandivort

Cross Roads Church Honors Deacon

by Judy Pierce

Brother Quenton Adams was pleasantly surprised when family and friends gathered recently at the Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church to honor him for his fifty years of service as a deacon of the church.

The day consisted of a dinner and "This is Your Life" with Judy Pierce taking him back in time as his friends, family, students, and employees shared special moments in his life. He enjoyed hearing his favorite songs: "Little Is Much" and "This is What Heaven Means to Me" sung by the New Life Quartet, Gospel Echoes, Larry and Matt Atkins, and Russell McDaris. "Go Rest High on That Mountain" was sung by grandson Matthew Atkins. Brother Quenton commented that you've all heard part of my funeral service.

Brother Adams has served in many offices during his years of service: Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, forty-two years as trustee, and treasurer of the Cross Roads Cemetery Committee.

His great-grandmother was a charter member of the church when it was organized October 7, 1892. He is the great-grandson of George R. Reid who was one of the first deacons of the church, and of charter member Emaline Lewis Jennings who was charter member of the church.



Quenton Adams

FWBBC'S MISSION: TRAINING MORE PREACHERS

Newly inaugurated Bible College President Matthew Pinson said in a recent address that combining ministry education with broad-based learning in the arts and sciences was the calling of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Whether a student is majoring in English, Missions or Pastoral Ministry, they will be equipped to serve Christ and His Church, as stated in the College's mission statement. "No matter what God calls our students to do, we believe they will be engaged in Christian ministry, in the service of Christ's Church," Pinson said.

Perhaps this is why so many men who graduate from the Bible College are called to preach and go on to preaching ministries. "It's exciting to see men enter the preaching ministry from a variety of fields. Some come here their freshman year and embark on a course of study in Pastoral Ministry. Others come here called to ministry, major in Bible, and plan to complete their studies elsewhere. Then they go on to seminary for two or three years before pastoring full-time," Pinson said.

He added, "Yet it's interesting to see young men from other fields answering the call to preach while they are in college. Recently a senior English major came to my office and told me he has answered the call to preach."

Ralph Hampton, chairman of the Biblical and Ministry Studies Department at the College, reviewed the 232 male graduates from FWBBC for the past 10 years and found that nearly half—over 45%—are preachers (pastors, associate pastors, youth pastors). "Over the years, on average, about a third of our total student population has been preparing for some ministry field—pastoring, missions, youth ministry, and such," he said.

In May 2002, half of the college's 14 male graduates acknowledged a divine call to a preaching ministry and began pursuing that ministry. Many FWBBC graduates preach part-time at small churches while pursuing a seminary or graduate school degree in theological studies. Others go to full-time pastoral ministries or to serve as youth ministers

while they are mentored by experienced pastors.

"It's great to see how our combination of education in the arts and sciences with a strong core of Biblical studies and Christian service leads people to a variety of ministries, and it's amazing how many of our men go on to preaching ministries," said Academic Dean Milton Fields, who pastored for 29 years, 16 of them bi-vocationally, prior to coming to the College.

Rev. Terry Forrest, coordinator of the Pastoral Ministry program, says, "The students currently enrolled in the Pastoral program are very impressive. Their combination of intellect, commitment, warmth, and natural ability is very heartening and bodes well for their future ministries. We are praying and searching for more of their kind."

While acknowledging the need for more, Free Will Baptist Bible College's administration, faculty, and staff are pleased to see so many of its young men going out to preach. Help them pray that the Lord of the harvest will call more workers to this vital field.

229 STUDENTS ATTEND FALL WELCOME DAYS

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE The recent Welcome Days at Free Will Baptist Bible College attracted 229 young people from 78 churches in 18 states November 14-16, according to Matt Markins, Director of Enrollment Management. Of the total, 85 were high school seniors. This is the largest registration in at least five years, he says. The total for last fall was 194 and the spring 2002 enrollment was 210.

The largest state representations were North Carolina (46) and Virginia (21). The most from any church was 15 from the Virginia Beach FWB Church in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Our students, faculty and staff did a wonderful job of hosting our future students and sharing with them a little of what Free Will Baptist Bible College is all about, Mr. Markins said. He also commended the pastors, youth pastors, and parents who worked so hard to bring their young people to Welcome Days.

FWBBC's spring Welcome Days is scheduled for March 27-29, 2003. For information, call 1-800-76-FWBBC or email recruit@fwbbc.edu.

NATIONAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCED COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

The Free Will Baptist National Convention is sponsoring a learning opportunity this summer for Free Will Baptist college students. The unique intern program will offer a behind-the-scenes look at convention operations, logistics and organization, according to Dean Jones, convention manager.

The program will allow up to eight students to work on staff during this year's annual July meeting in Tampa, Florida. Participants will have opportunity to work in one or more of eight areas: registration, audio/video production, technical set-up, stage management, exhibition, ushering, publications and safety/security operations.

Selected participants will receive pre-convention training and on-the-job experience, as well as room and board during their stay in Tampa on July 17-24.

College students are encouraged to request more information by contacting Dean Jones, convention manager, via e-mail at dean@nafwb.org or calling 615-361-1221 ext. 344.



2003 Minister's Retreat

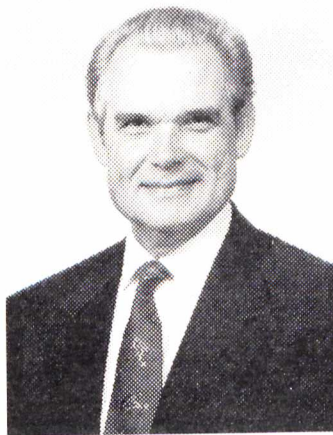
March 17 - 19, 2003

**Stonecroft Conference Center
Branson, MO**

Speakers

Melvin Worthington

For the past 23 years, Dr. Melvin Worthington has served as executive secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. Prior to his election as executive secretary, Worthington pastored 20 years in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi, and Georgia. He holds a doctorate in education from Vanderbilt University.



Milton Worthington

Rev. Milton Worthington has pastored in Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Tennessee and Michigan. He earned his Bachelor of Biblical Education degree from Columbia Bible College and his Master of Divinity from Luther Rice Seminary. He is currently completing his Doctor's degree with Luther Rice Seminary.



Cost

Double Occupancy - \$70.00 per person (Cost includes two nights lodging, five meals and two snacks.)

Directions

Approximately 45 miles south of Springfield, Missouri, on Highway 65 (four miles south of Branson), turn right on 265 and stay left one mile to center.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print:

Name _____ Home Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church _____

I would like to room with _____

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is required for each person. Please return this registration form to: Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536.

Registration forms must arrive at the state office on or before the 10th of March.

Note: Minister's wives are welcome to accompany their husbands.

You Snooze, You Loose

by Phyllis Detherage

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.

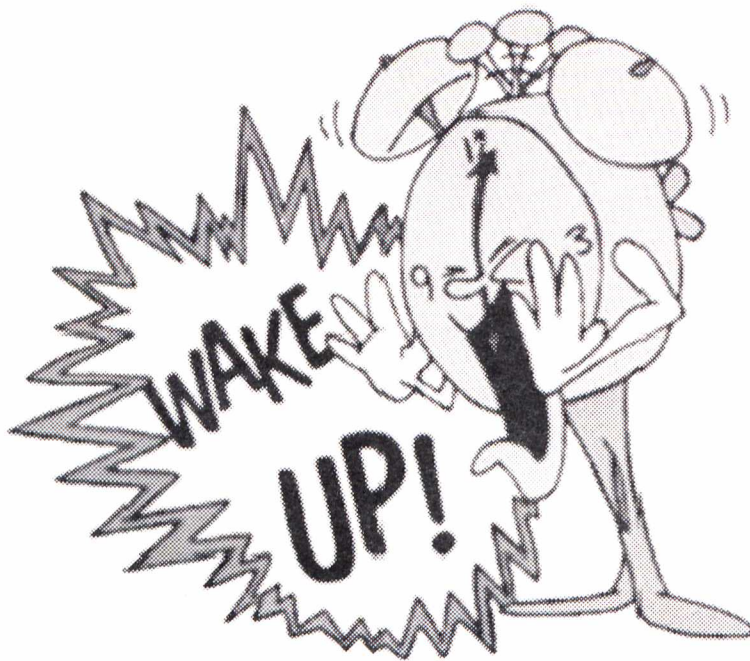
2 Timothy 4:7

It's often comical to watch people in church. I know, you are supposed to pay attention to the sermon but, on occasion, being human, my eyes will roam. Many times you'll see yawns and fidgeting but occasionally you'll see someone who is completely "out for the count." We'll laugh and chuckle when it's someone else but wait until next Sunday! It could well be us fighting off the sandman!

As a child I never really paid attention to those kinds of things. In fact, if I got tired, I'd just curl up on the pew and drift contentedly off to dreamland. I never worried too much about what other people might think. In fact, I'm pretty sure it never even crossed my mind. I never really thought about what I might be missing either. After all, what was more important, the spirit or the flesh? Sleep and Oblivion won hands down!

Now that I'm older, I've joined the ranks of sleep fighters on Sunday morning. I'll wiggle and fidget in efforts to concentrate on the sermon. I'll try to pay attention for fear I might miss something important. Or worse yet, what if I drift off and drool or snore in front of everyone? That would be a living nightmare, I'm sure and something that I could easily see myself doing!

Our spiritual walk is a lot like our Sunday morning dilemma. Before we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, church really doesn't matter too much to us. It's just a routine or social obligation. We see it as something to be endured rather than enjoyed. 1 Corinthians 1:18 says that, "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." Why struggle to understand something that is foolish? It's a whole lot easier to just drift along



in a dreamy state of oblivion where nothing is required and no sacrifices have to be made. We can figuratively curl up on the pew for a snooze and never worry about a thing.

On the other hand, once we have awakened to our need for a Savior and accepted Jesus into our hearts, things change. Where complacency once reigned supreme, there is now a longing and a desire to know and understand, "the preaching of the cross," because, "to us which are saved, it is the power of God." (1 Cor. 1:18) Although that desire is there, we still struggle against the flesh and it's desire for oblivion. Jesus stated it so appropriately in Matthew 26:41 when he said, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Our hearts and minds long to know and understand the message and experience, "the power of God." We long to feed on, "the sincere milk of the word" (1 Peter 2:2) that we may grow in the Lord, but the flesh just wants to curl up for a catnap. Don't despair! We are not alone in this struggle. Paul himself wrote of this very conflict in his own life. Romans 7:15 says, "For that which I do I allow (understand) not; for what I would (want to do), that do I not; but

what I hate, that do I." Can you imagine being at a revival meeting and seeing the great Apostle Paul nod off? It may have happened! Although Paul was a dedicated servant of God, he too struggled against the flesh, but he also found the key to success.

2 Timothy 4:7 gives us Paul's secret recipe for success in the struggle against the flesh. Are you ready for this earth shattering revelation? He said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I

have kept the faith." Yes, there it is, bold as life and in black and white! He "fought a good fight." Nothing magical or supernatural about it, Paul just gritted his teeth and kept on plodding along even when nap time beckoned. Paul believed that old saying of, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going," not snoozing.

God never said it would be easy. He never promised us a bed of roses in this life, just a mansion, crown and robe in the next. The problem is not that life is tough but rather that we aren't. We live in a day of no commitment to anything. If it doesn't come fast and easy, we don't want it. We've got microwaves, fast food, drive up money and overnight divorce, but little or no endurance or commitment to anything. We sort of look for "drive-up" Christianity today. Just pull up to the window, tell God what you want, pull to the next window, pick it up and then off we go until the next time we need something. Unfortunately for some though, God doesn't operate like a burger joint. God wants those who will stand the test and endure the struggle because they are truly committed to

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8 KEYS TO MOTIVATING YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO LEARN

Lois Keffer & Dean Stone

Key 1: Make an Emotional Connection

If you want kids to be motivated and eager to learn, you need to make an emotional connection. The part of the brain that governs emotion can either boost learning or shut it down. Children need good reasons to do what you're asking them to do, a reason that matters to them personally. It might be pride in an accomplishment, the pleasure of an activity, the satisfaction of completing a challenging task or the excitement of investigating something new. If that emotional, personal connection is missing, kids won't be motivated to learn through the activity you have planned. On the flip side is the power of negative emotion.



Key 2: Remove Fear

Fear or threat turns off the learning switch. Instead, children focus on making it through the painful time—even defending themselves if necessary. Even church, a place filled with people who love God and want the best for his children, can be a threatening place for children. Josh, whose teacher tells him he wasn't allowed to fidget with his toy car during Sunday school, felt threatened. Luke, whose body does not allow him to sit still for more than four minutes at a time, feels threatened by teachers who tell him he must sit quietly in the circle for the Bible story.

When the emotional part of the brain feels threatened, the "fight or flight" response takes over. Nothing will make Josh forget about the car that was taken away from him and pay attention to the prayer circle. Nothing can force Luke to learn the details of the Bible story if he's not allowed to move his body around.

When there's a sense of emotional connection and safety, what the child

needs next is challenge. Human brains are created by God to respond to challenge, especially if there is a reasonable chance of success. Kids respond to games in the children's ministry classroom because games bring a challenge to succeed. For a child like Luke, a Bible story presented in an active game format will result in more learning than if he's forced to keep himself still. He'll think, "Wow! This is something I can do. I wish the Bible story were like this every week."

Key 4: Choice

Choice plays a huge role in motivation. Self-determination is a God-given characteristic of the human race. Of course, we all need to do what we're told. But from time to time, the opportunity to make a choice encourages children and adults alike to invest themselves in what they've chosen.

Let children choose what character they'll play as they act out the Bible

story. Let them choose from art supplies you've set out for a project. Let them choose among life application activities that appeal to different learning styles. You'll be amazed at how kids are willing to invest in the choices they make.

Key 5: Emotional Payoff

Emotional connection leads kids to respond to challenge, and challenge is meaningful only if there is a "payoff." What will the kids get out of it? If they do what you want them to do, what's in it for them? Answering this question leads some teachers to the use of positive reward systems, which can motivate students who have difficulty motivating themselves. Positive reward systems provide a reward for good

choices the kids make. If you can say your memory verse, you earn points toward going to camp. If you finish the handout on time, you get to be the assistant teacher for a day. As long as kids clearly understand the expectations, positive reward systems can be simple and effective.

Kids who are internally motivated need fewer rewards. Use external rewards sparsely and wisely. As often as you can, let the reward be the joy of learning something new, the awareness of new growth, and the glow of success in meeting a challenge.

Key 6: Achievable Expectations

Set expectations that are reasonable and achievable for the kids in your class. For instance, don't expect a kindergartner to sit as long as a third grader. Understand and anticipate your kids' attention spans, and gear activities to fit within them.

While reward systems may work to

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News From the Turnboughs

Dear Friends,

Today Susan and I met with CRINA and LUCIAN, two Romanian immigrants here in Spain trying to make a living for themselves. I asked them to share a little of their spiritual pilgrimage with us, and my eyes were opened to a different world. Crina, a twenty-year old away from her home and family, came to know the Lord just a few months ago here in Spain. She has been attending the Villalba Church since that time. She didn't accept the Lord during an altar invitation, nor was she involved in any kind of study with anyone. She found the Lord reading the Bible. CRINA was afraid to tell her father. Her parents are nominal Orthodox believers. Her older brother "is big and strong" and they "love each other much." He helped Crina tell their father. Lucian was raised in a Romanian Evangelical Church, but didn't really begin to follow Jesus Christ until this past year. He said he has spent many nights, away from his family, country and culture, feeling scared, knowing that he was avoiding God. Now, he has a warm smile that demonstrates peace.

According to CRINA and LUCIAN, the average salary in Romania today is approximately \$70 a month —yes, per MONTH. Like many other immigrants here, they share a small apartment with others like them, trying to earn enough money to return home, buy some land, build a house, plant a garden in order to have food to eat, and make a life for themselves back in Romania. By trade, Crina is an accountant, but in Spain she cleans houses. Lucian is some type of an electrical specialist (on large industrial motors), but does construction work here to earn whatever money he can. They have found the Lord and each other, and they have asked me to per-

form their wedding ceremony. We are going to begin studying the Bible together weekly before we proceed with the wedding. They were baptized as children, but were waiting "for more knowledge" before they take the step of adult, believer's baptism. So, we talked about that as well as church membership. Please pray for CRINA, LUCIAN, and so many others like them here in Spain. Also, pray for us as we attempt to understand people from yet a different culture in order to teach universal Biblical truth in a meaningful way.

In addition to meeting with Romanians, the day before yesterday Susan and I spent an entire evening conversing about spiritual matters with a lady from Ecuador. She requested a meeting with us, and that was the purpose of and the entire content of our conversation. Another evening this past week we spent doing discipleship studies people from Colombia. Work in Spain has become somewhat of an enigma for me. We came to Spain to attempt to reach Spaniards. And we are still trying to reach Spaniards. Yet, Spaniards continue to be very difficult to reach. Even Spanish believers that we have reached struggle with tons of problems, doubts, and continual setbacks. Now, immigrants COME TO US, want help, and are very open to spiritual matters. The stronger believers "surfacing" in the local church are immigrant believers. To add spice to the story, it seems as though many Spaniards are suspicious of immigrants and some reject (or would like to eject) them. This is a different Spain, a different world than we found here twenty years ago. Ministry here is definitely different.

As for the NEHEMIAH PROJECT, Nieves and I met with the MAYOR last week and gave him a copy of the legal agreement that we wrote. Now we are waiting for a response from the city of Galapagar concerning permission to build. We are also waiting on bids from one of the architects, which may come this next week. While our bank director

has been very positive with us about working to give the church a loan, we have decided to wait to go any further with that until we have more information from the city and the architect. Your prayers about these matters are as crucial now as they have ever been.

Here for HIS glory,
Jeff and Susan Turnbough

2003 Calendar

Ministers Retreat

March 17 - 19, 2003
Stonecroft Conference Center,
Branson, MO

State Youth Competitive Activities

No dates at this time

Senior Adult Retreat

Group I
May 12 - 14, 2003

Group II
May 14 - 16, 2003
Stonecroft Conference Center,
Branson, MO

Missouri State Convention/ Woman's Auxiliary Convention

June 2 - 4, 2003
Cowan Civic Center

Youth Camp

Teen Group 1, June 8 - 13, 2003
Teen Group 2, June 15 - 20, 2003

Pre - Teen Group 2
July 27 - Aug 1, 2003
Pre - Teen Group 1
Aug 3 - Aug 8, 2003

Group 1	Group 2
Greater Springfield	Greater K. C.
Indian Creek	South Central
Central Western	Northeast
Mission	St. Louis
Cave Springs	St. Francois
Liberty	Mid-Rivers
MO-ARK	Bootheel
NianguaNorthwest	
Laclede	

National Convention, NYC & WNAC

July 20 - 24, 2003
Tampa, Florida

Missouri Women Active For Christ Retreat

August 15 - 16, 2003
Stonecroft Conference Center

Preacher/Layman's Retreat and All Boards Meeting

September 8, 2003
Youth Camp, Niangua, MO

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serving him. He wants those who will stand the test of endurance and fight the sandman of complacency because they love Him, not just because they want something from Him.

Yes, Paul had the key to success, but how many of us are willing to use it in our own lives? Are we willing to lose any sleep over it?

Sleepy head, sleepy head, wake
from your nap,
It's time to get up, get out of the
sack!

Jesus calls softly to those who will
sleep,
There's work to be done and com-
mandments to keep.

You don't have to worry if naptime
you'll miss,
When nighttime comes, he'll tuck us
in with a kiss.

He knows we get tired and weary
with toil,
But eternity waits for those who are
loyal.

Beware of the knock when it comes
on your heart.
If it's the sandman, of him have no
part!

RISE AND SHINE!

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solve short-term problems, real learning happens when the reward comes from within the child the self-esteem and satisfaction that come with a completed task. That means creating challenges that children can actually master. The "unmotivated" children in your classroom perhaps have had fewer experiences of success in mastering something new. A pattern of failure discourages them from trying. It's so important to give children experiences of success that help them move forward with their God-given drive to learn.

Key 7: Establish Caring Relationships

It's as simple as this: kids who love you want to please you. Experiences of success have as much to do with relationships as with mastering content. When children work hard to understand a new Bible truth and integrate it into their lives, they need to be encouraged and affirmed both by children's ministry leaders at church and by parents at home. Notice and comment on small steps of progress.

It's easy for little celebrations to be overlooked because, in an adult's eyes, the achievement isn't all that significant. Express your sincere love for children in winsome ways. Smile with your voice and your eyes as well as your mouth. Punctuate your words of encouragement with a caring touch on a child's shoulder or elbow. Ask God to set you aglow with his love.

This relational dimension of teaching matters enormously. Take time to celebrate answered prayer, to shout hooray after a Bible review game that shows how much kids have learned, to give a pat on the back to a child who's not having a good day. Warm, positive relationships can provide the emotional connection that starts the learning chain.

Key 8: Anticipation

Curiosity. Something out of the ordinary. That millisecond flash when you make eye contact and know you've caught a child's attention. You can help build the emotional connection needed for learning by creating mystery, excitement and anticipation about what is to come. You've caught their attention and they're eager to learn.

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NEWS FROM THE MARBERRYS

Dear Friends of El Seminario Biblico La Cruz,

Thank you very much for sharing in the ministry of Seminario Biblico La Cruz. You are making a difference as you help in the training of young men and women to serve in Free Will Baptist churches in Mexico. . .

We are having an excellent semester. Last spring we had fifteen students; this fall we have eighteen, including our first two students from the state of Quintana Roo in far southern Mexico near the border with Guatemala. Please pray regularly for them; they are thousands of miles away from their homes and families. . .

On Saturday October 26, almost our entire student body went to Monterrey in the state of Nuevo Leon to participate in a special youth service sponsored by our churches there. The seminary students sang and testified; one of our ministerial students preached the sermon. We enjoyed this special time with the young people from our three churches in Monterrey. God is moving among the young people in our churches.

The fall semester will end with a special closing service on campus the evening of December 14. Please pray for this service. The spring semester will begin in January. We know of several new students who are planning to enroll.

The seminary depends on your prayers and financial support. Please pray for us regularly. If you are not presently supporting the seminary financially, please consider doing so. You can help with the missionary account of Thomas and Wilma Marberry. You can also help with the cost of seminary operations. Offerings for the seminary should be designated MEXICO SEMINARY OPERATIONS. A good friend of the work in Mexico wants to donate a van for use in one of our churches. It will cost approximately \$800.00 to register this vehicle in Mexico. Can you help with this important special project?

-Dr. Thomas L. Marberry President

DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING AT THE YOUTH CONFERENCE?

The following items were left at the November Youth Conference: eye glass case with glasses; a Vivitar 35mm camera; a set of keys on a blue and green beaded chain; and a small NIV Bible with the name Jonathan Bell on the inside. You may contact Gene or Sandy Howell and they will be glad to return your item. (816) 331-2160

Worship Service Averages August 2002- November 2002

Churches:	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Beacon	110			
Belton	39	36		35
Buffalo 1 st	130	125	140	125
Cabool	41	48	48	39
Calvary Chapel	242	254	268	300
Calvary Fellowship	302	328	372	348
Cape Girardeau	54		60	65
Copper Mines	60	50	61	
Columbia	56	52	53	56
Crossroads-Wentzville	60			
De Soto	197	212	221	208
Hannibal	82			
Hannon		126	127	
Harmony - Parkville	80	92	85	
Hartville		200	198	
Hopewell	33	28	32	37
Houston	67	70	63	65
Hurryville	94	91	93	93
Joplin 1 st	107	104		
Kingsway	40	37	35	
Kirksville 1 st	26	29		
Lebanon FWB	31	38	50	53
Macedonia- Purdy	169	157	151	
Mill Creek	93	90		89
Mt. Pisgah	74	80	60	66
Myrtle	28	32		
New Life - Licking	71	58	450	59
Oak Hill- Union	60	59	64	67
O'Fallon 1 st	138	141	146	151
Ozark 1 st	182	177	178	167
Pleasant Hill	26	29	27	28
Richwoods 1 st	42	42	42	52
Rock Chapel	51	52	47	48
Rolla 1 st	38	35	36	36
Springfield 1 st	125	117	107	104
Sunnyview	61		48	53
Terrill Road	56	52		
Thayer	162	155	143	145
Trinity		77	79	53
Union Grove	120	127	126	116
United	602	613	640	569
Victory- KC				101
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	67	74		70

This is only a partial listing. There are 187 FWB Churches in Missouri. Each church is encouraged to send in their worship averages.

CHURCH SEEKING AN ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Victory Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, NC is looking to hire an Associate Pastor, with duties to also include youth and Christian Education. All interested applicants can call Senior Pastor Dr. Rick Cason at 919.735.9485, or e-mail him at victory@esn.net.

November 2002 Financial Report

Cooperative Disbursements

November 2002 \$49,913.59

18.50% State Home Missions \$9,234.01
17.00% Executive Office 8,485.31
3.00% General Fund 1,497.41
 .50% Show-Me Plan 249.57
8.50% Youth Camp Board 4,242.66
3.00% Youth Camp Rest. Fds 1,497.41
2.00% Youth Ministries Board .. 998.27
2.00% Christian Education Bd .. 998.27
2.00% Senior Adult Min Bd 998.27
9.00% MO Retirement Prog . 4,492.22

31.50% 15,722.78
National Ministries, Hillsdale and
California Christian College
 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% California Christian College
 3.00% Show-Me Plan 1,497.41

Total \$49,913.59

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

Co-op

Amity \$154.46
Aulsbury Chapel \$197.60
Bailey \$207.64
Bailey Chapel \$206.00
Beacon \$2,500.00
Belton \$274.01
Berean \$35.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs \$356.01
Bethel- Northview \$442.00
Black Oak \$382.00
Cabool 1st \$313.24
Calvary Chapel \$1,443.21
Carthage \$240.00
Carthage \$290.00
Christ Chapel \$419.30
Clifton \$46.10
Columbia \$607.73
Copper Mines \$389.56
Cornerstone \$449.79
Crossroads- Wentzville \$708.00
De Soto 1st \$1,300.00

Emmanuel \$130.39
Faith & Hope- Willow Springs .. \$76.80
Farmington 1st \$3,014.79
Fellowship \$1,500.00
Fellowship \$1,200.00
Fordland \$790.05
Fourth \$382.21
Fredericktown 1st \$259.00
Gospel Light \$100.00
Grace \$1,366.57
Greenfield \$282.00
Hannibal \$489.00
Hannon \$1,000.00
Harmony \$659.00
Hartville \$1,195.00
Harvest- Raymore \$117.50
Hazel Creek \$615.55
Hopewell \$247.00
Houston 1st \$315.15
Hurryville \$484.48
Jackson \$116.74
Joplin 1st \$664.77
Kingsway \$196.17
Koshkonong \$118.00
Lead Hill \$215.11
Leadington \$372.37
Lebanon 1st \$782.75
Lebanon FWB \$282.96
Lebanon FWB \$308.83
Lone Star \$37.00
Macedonia- Niangua \$86.25
Marshfield \$135.00
Merls Chapel \$114.00
Mill Creek \$507.83
Mine La Motte \$81.55
Mountain Grove 1st \$1,267.28
Mt. Pisgah \$343.00
Mt. Zion- Gower \$48.00
Myrtle \$271.51
Neosho 1st \$95.00
New Hope \$70.00
New Life- Licking \$396.18
Niangua \$183.78
Number One \$159.04
Number One \$176.59
O' Fallon 1st \$1,255.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove \$192.27
Oak Hill \$471.00
Olivet \$530.00
Overland \$95.00
Ozark 1st \$1,327.60
Park Hills 1st \$814.21
Parkview \$483.25
Pleasant Hill \$113.96
Pleasant Home \$182.50
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana \$90.00
Potosi 1st \$142.45
Rock Chapel \$358.87
Rolla 1st \$273.00
Royal Oak \$62.00
Seymour \$473.00
South Fremont \$1,840.00
Springfield 1st \$714.26

Stockton	\$224.59
Terrill Road	\$50.00
Thayer	\$847.00
Trinity	\$889.89
Union Grove	\$359.00
Union Light	\$153.00
United	\$1,367.14
Unity	\$500.00
Viburnum	\$1,095.00
Victory- Alton	\$527.06
West Plains 1st	\$840.00
West Plains 1st	\$748.00
Willow Springs- Mtn. Grove	\$313.00
Wolf Creek	\$365.69
Total	\$49,913.59

Show-Me Plan

Beacon	\$257.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel - El Dorado Springs	\$356.01
Bethel - Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, J.	\$15.00
Burns, J.	\$60.00
Cabool	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Christ Chapel	\$329.00
Columbia	\$75.00
Cooperative Fund	\$1,497.41
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines - Teen, Jr. Cl	\$30.00
Copper Mines - Yg. Adult Class	\$15.00
Cornerstone - Mtn. Grove	\$325.03
Darnell, W.	\$15.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st - Auditorium Class	\$30.00
Faith - St. Louis	\$50.00
Faith & Hope - W.S.	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$755.00
Fellowship	\$579.30
Fellowship	\$530.31
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$150.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$548.50
Graham, S.	\$50.00
Greater Springfield Assn.	\$1,099.00
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,600.00
Harmony - Parkville	\$35.77
Hartville	\$240.00
Harvest- Raymore	\$20.00
Hazel Creek	\$410.37
Houston 1st	\$406.00
Hurryville	\$500.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class	\$16.00
Jackson	\$40.00
Jones Chapel	\$225.00
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Leadington	\$219.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Maggart, D.	\$45.00
Matthews, G.	\$45.00
Merl's Chapel	\$200.00
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Minor, K.	\$75.00
MO Women Active For Christ	\$570.23
Mountain Grove 1st	\$460.00
Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion - Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$165.00
New Home - Hartville	\$210.00
New Hope	\$105.00
New Life - Licking	\$46.85

New Life - Monett	\$150.00
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$385.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$30.00
Oak Grove - Houston	\$25.00
Oak Hill - Union	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$141.00
Old Bethel	\$540.00
Olivet	\$30.00
Ozark 1st	\$30.00
Park Hills 1st	\$244.26
Parker, G.	\$15.00
Parkview - Desloge	\$347.31
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Home	\$330.00
Pleasant Ridge - Urbana	\$50.00
Purdy	\$690.00
Reiter, K.	\$30.00
Richwoods	\$67.50
Rock Chapel	\$270.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
South Fremont	\$295.00
Springfield 1st	\$530.00
Starnes, A.	\$60.00
Stockton	\$72.50
Thayer	\$355.00
Thomas, E.	\$15.00
Trinity	\$465.00
Union - Success	\$100.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$328.48
Unity	\$75.00
Viburnum	\$225.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
White, R.	\$15.00
Willhite, L.	\$180.00
Willow Springs - Mtn. Grove	\$75.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$22,809.33

Foreign Missions

Beacon \$25.00	\$15.00
Belton	\$10.00
Carthage	\$20.00
Chapman, A.	\$60.00
Farmington 1st	\$10.00
Fordland	\$100.00
Fourth	\$30.00
Grace	\$5.00
Harvest	\$40.00
Houston 1st	\$10.00
Lewis, D.	\$15.00
Matthews, A.	\$10.00
Minor, K.	\$80.00
New Testament	\$5.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$53.36
Pleasant Home	\$7.00
Rock Chapel	\$100.00
South Fremont	\$25.00
Spurlock, N.	\$10.00
Thayer	\$189.44
Trinity	\$819.80
Total	\$819.80

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$55.00
Belton	\$15.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Chapman, A.	\$10.00
Columbia	\$25.00
De Soto	\$443.00
Farmington 1st	\$355.00
Fordland	\$30.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$50.00
Gospel Light	\$240.00
Grace	\$59.00
Greater Springfield Assn.	\$1,099.00
Hannon	\$600.00

Houston 1st	\$45.00
Huffman, T.	\$10.00
Jackson	\$40.00
Joplin 1st	\$20.00
King, B.	\$5.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$60.00
Myrtle	\$148.00
Neosho 1st	\$100.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Life- Monett	\$100.00
New Testament	\$140.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$58.00
Park Hills 1st	\$185.47
Pleasant Home	\$10.00
Rader, J.	\$20.00
Richwoods	\$148.00
Rock Chapel	\$73.00
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
South Fremont	\$265.00
Springfield 1st	\$20.00
Thayer	\$175.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$64.49
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$50.00
West Plains 1st	\$597.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$5,745.96

State Home Missions

De Soto 1st	\$90.00
Fellowship	\$125.00
Fellowship	\$100.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$55.00
Greater Springfield Assn.	\$1,099.00
Hannibal WAC	\$42.00
Lebanon Bible & Book	\$330.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$25.00
O' Fallon 1st	\$58.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$20.00
Thayer	\$85.00
Trinity	\$44.49
United	\$25.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$2,208.49

Youth Camp

Rolla 1st	20.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Hartville	10.00
Lebanon Bible & Book Store	180.00
Cornerstone	25.00
Mountain Grove 1st	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
De Soto 1st	55.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
New Home- Hartville	10.00
Park Hills 1st	54.05
Thayer	50.00
New Life- Monett	161.70
Hannon	50.00
Willow Springs- Mountain Grove ..	10.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
Niangua	500.00
Trinity	9.00
Niangua	20.00
West Plains 1st	25.00
Total	\$1,249.75

Camp Development Fund

Rock Chapel	39.00
Houston 1st	100.00
Myrtle	24.00
Total	\$163.00

C. E. Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$130.00
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Senior Adult Ministries

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$130.00
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Youth Ministries Board

Lebanon Bible & Book Store	\$130.00
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Free Will Baptist Bible College

Farmington 1st	152.84
Ruble, N.	15.00
Beacon	125.00
De Soto 1st	40.00
Thayer	50.00
Total	\$382.84

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	172.16
Beacon	125.00
Thayer	50.00
Neosho 1st	50.00
Hannon	100.00
Joplin 1st	75.00
Total	\$572.16

Southeastern FWB College

Springfield 1st	\$20.00
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Trula Cronk Home for Children

Belton	25.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
De Soto 1st	55.00
New Hope	30.00
New Life- Monett	161.70
Hannon	100.00
Unity	20.00
Myrtle	2.00
Total	\$418.70

Rev. John McClure

Mountain Grove 1st	35.00
Chapman, A.	10.00
Carthage	15.00
Purdy 1st	40.00
Grace	15.00
Carthage	15.00
Total	\$130.00

Vergel Maness

Gospel Light	80.00
Grace	100.00
Myrtle	90.00
Total	\$270.00

Morgan Wood

Belton	30.00
Harvest- Raymore	20.00
Total	\$50.00

Richard Stanley

Chapman, A.	\$10.00
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Cornerstone FWB Church

(Brian Brinkoff)	
New Testament	\$10.00

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J.	\$10.00
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Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$400.00
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Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
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Candy Bruce

South Fremont	\$100.00
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WHAT IS M.I.R.?

The Missionary In Residence program involves a person or persons, a missionary or a missionary family that has come directly from the mission field. They come to teach missions and live missions among the students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The Foreign Mission department and FWBBC both see the importance of fresh, in person, real to life, missionary teaching and missionary influence on the FWBBC campus.

The MIR not only highlights the importance of academics in the life of the student body and future missionaries, but he/she also allows students and future missionaries the chance to see how real live missionaries live.

The acronym for M.I.R. stands for Missionary In Residence. However, the real meaning and purpose of the MIR could be stated as: **Motivating** students towards Missions! **Instructing** students with worldview Insights! **Reaching** out to students in meaningful Relationships!

The goal of the MIR is to teach missions through practical and hands-on principles. The MIR also seeks to help students develop a vision and accept the challenge of global evangelism. The MIR works with FWBBC and FWB Foreign Missions to make sure FWBBC students are prepared to fulfill the ever increasing demands of evangelism in all parts of the world, especially where Free Will Baptist need missionaries.

Last year Jeff and Susan Turnbough, Show-Me missionaries, served in the MIR position. This year Curt and Mary Holland are the first to live in the new MIR home and work with the program. Mary and I want to thank the state for its support of us as we serve in this very influential position this year.

In HIM,
Curt & Mary Holland
Your Show-Me Missionaries



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