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September

A
Good Time to
Let Your Pastor
Know You
Appreciate
Him

OZARK FIRST CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

A special afternoon service was held Sunday July 13th, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ozark. Actually, the celebration started in the morning worship service as 237 gathered to hear pastor Gary Mitchener expound the Word of God and to witness six people follow the Lord in baptism.

The afternoon service featured several singing groups from the church, Pastor Mitchener's mother and great congregational singing led by Greg Smith. Greetings were given by Missouri Executive Secretary Nathan Ruble, State Missions Director Dale Skiles, Greater Springfield Association Moderator Kieth Garrison, and Ozark Mayor Donna McQuay. Pastor Mitchener recognized and commended the church's ministries directors, deacons, and teachers.

The following is a copy of the history of the church. From the very beginning of it's humble start, God's hand has been upon the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ozark in a special way. The church was born out of a vision to start a thriving Free Will Baptist Church in one of the fastest growing areas in Southern Missouri. State Missionary Gary

Mitchener, along with wife Brenda and their three children Christi, David and Rebecca, moved to Ozark in May of 1993. Pastor Gary came to this area with a great burden and desire to establish the church.

Forty-eight people gathered together on July 11, 1993 at 1300 S. Third Street. On this special day, after much prayer, hard work, and direction from the Lord, a new church began. The Missouri State Mission Board provided guidance and financial support; along with other

churches, women's auxiliaries, and individuals. The Lord has confirmed His blessing on the work by sending faithful, dedicated people who have been with the Church from the start, and others who have joined later. Many precious souls have been saved, needs met, and prayers answered.

As the church and ministries grew, the need arose for more space. On April 3, 1994, the church relocated at 201 E. Church Street. By this time, the congregation had grown to 100 in attendance. The present location has provided a sanctuary that seats approximately 275 with a two story education building and a gymnasium.

Greg and Kim Smith, along with their two sons, Layton and Daylen, were hired in July 2000 as Associate Pastor/Music Director. Several areas of music ministry have grown since then. Other volunteer Ministry Directors and lay people have been instrumental in the continued growth of the Church. Presently, the church averages 175 in attendance with plans for continued growth!



Pastor and Mrs. Gary Mitchener



Mayor McQuay



Men's Trio



Youth Choir

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FELLOWSHIP CHURCH CELEBRATES PASTOR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

by Betty Reeves

The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Park Hills, Missouri, held a special celebration on Sunday, June 29, 2003. The celebration was held to honor Brother Wayne and Sister Ann Phillips for their 25 years

of service to the church. Brother Wayne and Ann have the distinction of having the longest pastorate since the church was organized on March 16, 1946. A video presentation, prepared by Mark Heflin and Gary Phillips, was presented at the beginning of the worship hour. The church family was transported back into time through the pictures and saw the Phillips' family grow before their eyes, along with many of the Fellowship folks. Hair styles (or lack of it), clothing, physical size and age reminded all of us that time stands still for no one. Gary and Mark were ages 9 and 5 when they first became a part of the Fellowship family. A biography of Brother Wayne was read by his son, Mark, entitled, "In the Right Path". Following this, Gary and Mark sang one of their dad's favorite songs, "He's all I Need". Brother Wayne then took the pulpit and preached from the book of Joshua. He began with Joshua 1:8, emphasizing God's assurances to Joshua that if he would follow Him, God would be with Him and provide all that he needed. In his concluding remarks, Brother Wayne read from Joshua Chapter 13, where God tells Joshua that he is old, but there is still work that he must do. He reminded the congregation that even though God has blessed throughout these 25 years, and that we have all gotten older, there is still a lot of work left to be done and though some of the job descriptions have changed for us, there is still sufficient work for all of us to do, regardless of our age. Brother Phillip further challenged the people to join with him in that work and to prepare the church so that we can leave it to the next generation a strong, vibrant, and growing Church. A church still committed to the aims that were established in the beginning. To preach the Word of God, to live the Word of God in our daily lives and to look for the coming of our Savior.

At the conclusion of the invitation, Deacon Ron Long joined Pastor Wayne and Sister Ann at the pulpit. He told them how very much the congregation appreciates the time and efforts that they have put in serving the church. In appreciation, a Book of Memories was presented to them with cards and well wishes from the church family. Following this, Deacon Long presented them with a small gift-wrapped box. Amid the flashing of cameras, the gift was unwrapped to reveal a set of car keys to a 2003 Chevrolet Impala. Afterwards, the congregation joined the Phillips' outside the Church where the white Chevrolet was parked with a big red bow on the windshield. Fellowship folks were quite pleased that they had been able to keep the "surprise" from them. Afterwards, the Phillips' families along with the deacons and their families enjoyed a meal at a local restaurant.

The Church family wants to thank God for His leading Brother Wayne and Ann to us and for the blessings that they have been during these years. We pray that God will leave them with us for many more years, so that Brother Phillips can finish the work that God has ordained for him to do at Fellowship.

Good News From Raymore

Great news!!! The papers have been signed on our land! We are so grateful for God's Blessings. Our people are excited about doing work on the land and looking into possible ways to utilize it best. One of our members had someone from their family make us a huge sign that reads "Future Home of Harvest Free Will Baptist Church" to put up on our land site.

In June, Cody Alley brought his

youth group from Tupelo MS up. They took tracks and pamphlets about our church and reached around 900 homes! We were very thankful for their help and from the testimonies they shared, God really touched their hearts through it. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and may God bless you. In His Service
Bro Gene, Sandy & Jon Howe

**The Myrtle Free
Will Baptist
Church will be
celebrating its
100th anniversary
October
12.**



Dr. Damon Dodd, Former Executive Secretary, Dies

NORMAN PARK, GA- Dr. Damon C. Dodd, who served as executive secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptists (1949-1953), died April 27 at age 87. Dr. Dodd was a preacher, writer, evangelist, church planter and educator for 70 years.

Reverend Dodd was converted in 1932 at age 16, licensed to preach in 1933 and ordained in 1936. He began pastoring in his home state of Missouri at age 21. He would later pastor in Tennessee and Georgia while serving the broader denomination in leadership positions

and through his journalistic efforts.

Damon attended Flat River Junior College in Missouri. He and his wife of 58 years, Sylvia R. Wood, moved to Nashville in 1942 to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College, and were one-half of the first graduating class. He completed a doctor of ministries degree in the 1980s.

Damon and Sylvia served as missionaries to Cuba (1945-1948). Sylvia died in 1996 and Damon remarried a preacher friend's widow, Ola Maude Mercer.

The denomination called on Reverend Dodd frequently and he always responded. He served as promotional secretary for the Home Missions Department (1953-1956), on the Foreign Missions Board (1944-1946) and 14 years as a member of the Free Will Baptist Bible College Board of Trustees (1962-1976).

His 40-plus years of ministry in Georgia saw him elected to numerous offices, including state clerk and state moderator. He also served as president of Georgia Bible Institute, chaired the Georgia Historical Commission and chaired the committee that wrote the doctrinal examination for licensing and ordaining ministers.

Dr. Dodd wrote seven books. He is best known for his land-mark historical volume, *The Free Will Baptist Story* (1956). His other published works include: *All of Mine for Him* (1954), *Go Home and Tell Thy Friends* (1957), *Trailways to Adventure* (1963), *Study Guide for Revelation* (1967), *Handbook for New Church Members* (1970) and *Marching Through Georgia* (1977).

Dr. Dodd had a distinctive pulpit delivery that stirred hearers. Former Georgia executive secretary Herbert Waid said, "When he preached, one could always feel his love for God, the Book and his hearers. His speech cadence was as a military leader challenging troops for the battle. One wanted to fall in behind him and face the enemy whatever the cost."

Brother Dodd was a great encourager of young ministers, taking time to counsel them while serving as both mentor and role model.

Funeral services were conducted April 29 with Reverends Kent Barwick, Jim Hattaway and Marshall Kennedy officiating.

Dr. Dodd is survived by his wife, the former Ola Maude Mercer; two daughters, Marilyn Hudson of Macon and Barbara Tucker of Hahira; five grandchildren; one brother, Leeman Dodd of St. Louis, Missouri; nine stepchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

Gospeliers CD Now Available

One of the early Free Will Baptist quartets that enjoyed widespread notice was the Gospeliers, who traveled in the 1950s for Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Whether or not you heard and enjoyed them then, you can now. . .just as they sounded back then!

The Gospeliers have produced a CD of 29 songs that they recorded in 1957 and 1974 (some with professional accompaniment, some a cappella). Some songs are included in both accompanied and a capella versions.

The title: **"The Gospeliers: For old times' sake."**
The cost is just \$11, mailing included.

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c/o The Gospeliers
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205

2003 National Convention News

Tim York Elected National Association Moderator

TAMPA, FL—Kentucky pastor Tim York was elected moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists during the 67th annual convention which met in Tampa, July 20-24. York (42) served six years (1997-2003) as assistant moderator. He succeeds Carl Cheshier, president of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, who moderated the convention since 1997.



Rev. Tim York

Dr. York's election came Thursday morning in Tampa Convention Center as the Association concluded its business session. He has pastored Heritage Temple FWB Church in Ashland since 1993. He began preaching at age 12, started a radio ministry at 13 and conducted his first revival meeting at age 13.

York was a full-time evangelist 11 years (1982-1993) before accepting the call to Heritage Temple FWB Church in 1993. He served 11 years as Kentucky's promotional secretary (1986-1997) and three years as the state's assistant moderator (1999-2002). He has moderated Kentucky's Blue Grass Conference since 1988.

His broader ministry includes four years (1975-1979) as Kentucky state youth president, three years (1976-1979) as Blue Grass youth president, five years on the Blue Grass Presbytery Board (1995-2000) and three years on the Blue Grass Missions Board (2000-2003).

Dr. York attended Free Will Baptist Bible College (1979-1982). He also studied at Bethel Bible Institute, Tri-State Bible College, Emmanuel Bible College and Emmanuel Baptist University where he was awarded the doctor of theology degree.

York takes an activist role in community events. Since 1994 he has served as chaplain for both the Boyd County Sheriff's Department and the Cannonsburg Fire Department. He formerly chaired the Ashland Life Chain and is now vice-chairman of Two Hearts Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Tim and Phyllis York have three children, two of whom—Anna (10) and Andy (6)—live at home. Their oldest son, Timothy, is a ministerial student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Mrs. Phyllis York is a widely-used speaker, writer and leader in women's outreach through Women Nationally Active for Christ (WNAC) ministries in both state and national arenas.

In other action, convention delegates . . .

Elected . . . members to 35 positions on the following boards and commissions: General Officers (4), General Board (13),

Executive Committee (3), Board of Retirement (3), Home Missions Board (3), Master's Men Board (3), Foreign Missions Board (1), Commission for Theological Integrity (1), Media Commission (1), Music Commission (2), Historical Commission (1).

Registered . . . 7,778 people in three concurrent conventions, including 556 ordained ministers, 92 deacons, 31 local church delegates, 73 state delegates, 47 home missionaries, 38 foreign missionaries, plus 3,390 for the National Youth Conference and 778 for the WNAC convention.

Adopted . . . a \$23.2 million denominational budget for the following agencies: Foreign Missions—\$8.6 million; Home Missions—\$4.5 million; Free Will Baptist Bible College—\$5.5 million; Sunday School and Church Training—\$3.1 million; Executive Office \$723,000; Retirement and Insurance—\$397,000; Master's Men—\$130,000; Free Will Baptist Foundation—\$183,000; Music Commission—\$4,000; Historical Commission \$2,800; Commission for Theological Integrity—\$4,850; Media Commission—\$6,000.

Approved . . . the Budget Committee's recommendation that gifts received through The Together Way Plan be allocated to national ministries on the following basis: (1) Underwrite the Executive Office administrative budget above designated gifts, not to exceed 45% of cooperative gifts; (2) Disburse the balance of cooperative gifts according to these percentages: Free Will Baptist Bible College—23%; Foreign Missions—23%; Home Missions—18%; Retirement and Insurance—14%; Master's Men—14%; Free Will Baptist Foundation—6%; Commission for Theological Integrity—0.5%; Historical Commission—0.5%; Music Commission—0.5%; Media Commission—0.5%.

Gave . . . a Wednesday evening missionary offering topping \$22,000. Undesignated funds will be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.



Wednesday evening service

Removed . . . the probation imposed on the Mexico Association in 2002 after a question arose regarding autonomy of the local church. The Association brought its documents into conformity with the *Treatise* during the year clearing the way for delegates to lift the probation.

Required . . . badges for admittance to convention events for the first time in 67 years. The badge requirement prompted 3,905 individuals to pre-register.

Handed . . . the world to Don Robirds, director of public relations for the Foreign Missions Department, who retires this fall after 41 years with the agency as a missionary to Brazil, editor of *Heartbeat* magazine and the creative mind behind media expansion. General director James Forlines called Robirds to the platform during Wednesday's business session where he gave the 68-year-old minister/journalist a large engraved globe. Delegates honored Robirds with a standing ovation.

Heard . . . five sermons in convention worship services by the following national directors: Ron Hunter (Sunday School and Church Training), Larry Powell (Home Missions Department), Keith Burden (Executive Secretary), Matt Pinson (Free Will Baptist Bible College) and James Forlines (Foreign Missions Department).

Thanked . . . the Florida State Association for hosting the 2003 convention. This marked the third time the convention has met in Florida.

Resolved . . . that marriage as instituted by God is intended to be a union between a man and a woman. Same-sex unions are unbiblical. Attendees were urged to contact their Congressmen and express opposition to same-sex marriages.

Referred . . . two resolutions to the Executive Committee for further study. One item proposed that convention attendees pay a \$10 registration fee. The other suggested that national conventions meet biennially (every other year) beginning in 2012.

Resolved . . . that pastors educate their congregations regarding the theological differences between Islam and Christianity.

Resolved . . . in light of the current economic climate, rising costs of operation and administrative deficits reported that national agencies reduce budgets where possible even to the point of downsizing in order to bring costs in line with income.

Voted . . . to meet in Memphis, Tennessee, for the July 15-19, 2012, convention.

Bought . . . copies of books just published by Free Will Baptist writers—Trula Cronk (retired missionary to India) and Frank Gregory (Texas pastor). Book signings in the exhibit hall were well-attended.

Left . . . Tampa with a new slate of general officers. Perhaps for the first time since 1935, all four association officers will be rookies: Tim York—Kentucky (moderator), William Smith—Georgia (assistant moderator), Randy Bryant—Florida (clerk), Ernie Lewis—Illinois (assistant clerk).

Praised . . . Executive secretary Keith Burden for his first report to delegates. The 49-year-old former Oklahoma pastor called his first year a time of transition as he wrestled



WNAC Service

with financial challenges that resulted in staff salary reductions and elimination of the editorial assistant position with *Contact* magazine.

Commissioned . . . home and foreign missionaries on stage during Wednesday night's missionary service. With more than 5,000 people watching, Home Missions director Larry Powell gave the charge to the new missionaries while 85 current home and foreign missionaries gathered around to lay hands on them. Foreign Missions Board chairman Milton Worthington led the commissioning prayer.

Stood . . . in honor of the late Roy Thomas who died March 23 after serving 25 years with the Home Missions Department, 18 years as general director and seven years as associate director. The Home Missions Department gave a plaque to Pat (Mrs. Roy) Thomas.

Said . . . "Amen" when FWBBC president Matt Pinson, addressing the fact that the college has been graduating fewer pastoral ministry students, promised delegates, "We're going to fix the problem! We will graduate more pastoral ministry students." The school has added three visiting professors to the pastoral ministry department.

Listened . . . carefully Tuesday morning during the Theological Trends Seminar while Dr. Steve Ashby, dean of faculty at Hillsdale FWB College, delivered a 90-minute paper titled, "The Pastor's Proving Ground." Ashby used the authenticity of the Pastoral Epistles to confront the dangers of Open Theism and The Jesus Seminar.

Riveted . . . their attention on Mike Cousineau and John Weaver for two hours Tuesday morning in the Foreign/Home Missions Rally. A standing-room only crowd heard descriptions of gunfire, satanic opposition and the power of prayer in Ivory Coast and Afghanistan. Cousineau was pistol-whipped and taken out to be executed by robbers who invaded the international school where he served. He managed to escape when his assailants stopped to reload their weapons.

Waited . . . on the Publications Committee who requested one more year before bringing back formal recommendations concerning the feasibility of combining six national publications into one. Chairman Nathan Ruble said the committee will meet in December to hear results of efforts by editors and directors to work out the logistics of publishing

a single magazine. The six publications in question are *Aim*, *Contact*, *Bible College Bulletin*, *Heartbeat*, *Master's Men Newsletter* and *OutReach*.

Invested . . . more than \$4 million in the Tampa economy. This includes hotel rooms, food, shopping, gasoline and more.

Reached . . . out to the Tampa community when more than 900 Free Will Baptists (youth and adults) worked in service projects at Tampa Bay Dream Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, Tampa Homeless Shelter, McDonald Training Center and a blood drive (collected 115 units of blood) in the NYC-sponsored "Reach That Guy" campaign.

Lauded . . . Convention manager Dean Jones who reported maxed-out youth worship services, 54 workshops, numerous decisions for Christ and youth who answered the call to full-time service. More than 1,670 Free Will Baptist students participated in Bible competition and music and arts events.

Congratulated . . . WNAC executive secretary-treasurer Marjorie Workman when she announced WNAC met its budget in 2002, sponsored (with Master's Men) a successful marriage enrichment seminar and gave more than \$539,000 to missions outreach.

Filled . . . the ballroom at Wyndham Harbour Hotel to hear Rosalie Ranquist speak Tuesday noon at the WNAC Fellowship Luncheon.

Joined . . . WNAC attendees Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. as Deleen Cousineau, missionary to Ivory Coast, described God's protection while caught in a crossfire between government forces and rebels.

Sent . . . Moderator Carl Cheshier back to Oklahoma with two standing ovations. The first came Wednesday morning as executive secretary Keith Burden presented Cheshier with a plaque for 16 years of service as moderator (7 years) and assistant moderator (9 years). The second came Thursday morning when Cheshier passed the gavel to his successor, Tim York.

Cheered . . . during the NYC Awards Ceremony. Some 2,000 people were on hand as NYC competitors picked up certificates, trophies and well-deserved praise. Dean Jones served as master of ceremonies during the celebration.

Nodded . . . approval when told that the Home Missions

Department plans to establish the "Gwen Hendrix Hispanic Bible Institute" in Inman, South Carolina, to train Hispanic pastors.



Executive Secretary Keith Burden

the last six months. This contrasted dramatically with Evans' report to the 2002 convention in which he notified attendees of a 22% loss in earnings . . . and urged members to resist panic and look for long-term results.

Smiled . . . when they learned that 22,573 people attend services every Sunday in Free Will Baptist churches in foreign countries. Foreign Missions director James Forlines reported 320 organized churches and 366 mission works in 14 countries. They are led by 87 ordained national pastors

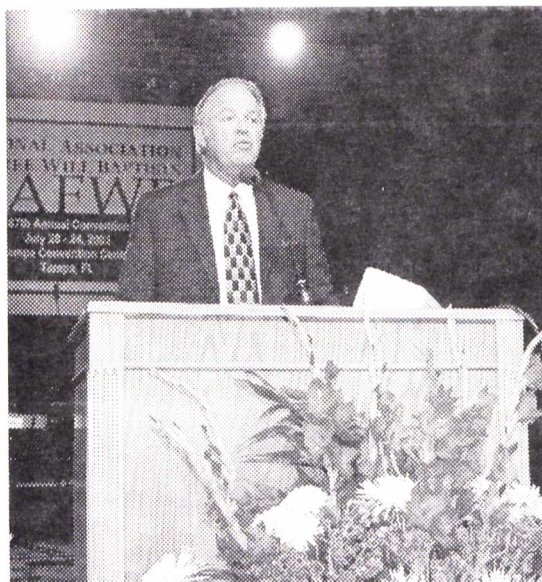
and 344 licensed and lay preachers. The agency requested permission to change its name from Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions to Free Will Baptist International Missions. The proposed name change will be discussed by delegates at the 2004 convention.

Clapped . . . after hearing Home Missions director Larry Powell report 230,000 community contacts in 2002 by home missionaries who won 1,100 people to Christ. Powell said 15 building projects are underway in Home Missions churches, that regional boot camps to train missionaries were in place, and that the CELF program has loaned \$19 million to Free Will Baptist churches to build.

Wondered . . . why more churches don't have Master's Men chapters.

Director Ken Akers reported 21 new chapters in 14 states in 2002.

Adjourned . . . by 10:30 a.m. Thursday to meet in Kansas City, Missouri, for the July 18-22, 2004, session.



Retiring Moderator Carl Cheshier

THE BAILEY BULLETIN

Greetings from Japan, where we're having a busy summer! Two ministry teams and two summer apprentices have just left us after participating in several programs at both of our Tokyo churches, the Good News Chapel and Iriso FWB Church. They were great to work with!

The first week of June, a six-member team from Don and Ruth McDonald's home church, Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville, TN, arrived in Tokyo. This group included our nephew, Jonathan Turnbough, and his wife, Kimberlee, so it was a special blessing to have family visit. Our two Overseas Apprentices, Rusty Carney and Jonathan Postlewaite (Ruth McDonald's nephew), arrived on the same plane, to be with us for six weeks. During their two weeks, the Cross Timbers group was involved in special concerts, tracting and a high school outreach night.

A few days after the Cross Timbers group left, a 14-member E-Team arrived from Nashville, TN, consisting of 10 students and 4 adult leaders. This group kept us on our toes for the next 14 days! They enthusiastically handed out thousands of gospel tracts and fliers, conducted a Children's Day at Good News Chapel, performed Gospel magic, mime and special music, held four Game Nights (ministries to reach Jr. High, High School, and College students) and blessed our missionary team and church members while being here. Through their efforts, 14 Japanese young people, ages 14-24 yrs., visited our church! An unsaved man, Mr. Nakamura, along with his 6-yr. old daughter, Akane, attended Children's Day, and have been back for worship services the past two weeks. Several other unsaved were presented with a Gospel message. Both teams also had "home stays" with unsaved Japanese, and were able to "let their light shine" in a dark world. Pray for the testimonies that the E-Team, Cross Timbers team and our hard-working O. A.'s, Rusty and Jonathan presented, and for God to continue to work in the hearts of their new Japanese friends. Pray, too, that God will call many of these young people to return to Japan, and to go into other parts of the world, as full-time Christian workers.

Ken and I will be returning to the States in September to begin our home-assignment. We look forward to sharing with you, and the chance to be able to thank you all in person for your faithful prayers and support of the work in Japan. God bless you, and keep praying for the lost!

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A Share In the
Show-Me Plan.
A Share is only
\$15 per month.**

THE PINKERTONS

Greetings from Abidjan.

Lord willing, Jerry and Robert West with African Pastor Amiezi Paul will leave Abidjan early tomorrow morning, pulling a trailer loaded with medications for the hospital at Doropo.

They have been told by military people that going North will NOT be a problem. They've met with the gov'm't officials and will obtain necessary papers for passage across rebel lines Friday in Bondoukou. Then, they will head on up to Bouna and Doropo. They hope to visit many of our FWB Churches behind rebel lines.

May we count on your prayer support? Thanks in advance. Tomorrow is Ivory Coast's Independance Day. Amnesty has been approved by the General Assembly. Now it's more wait & see what happens. Pam & I will remain in Abidjan.

Depending on roads & other conditions, we'll be looking for their return in a week or so..Appreciate your care and prayers.

Jerry & Carol Pinkerton

Greetings,

Jerry has kept in phone contact daily since Thursday when he, Robert West, and African Pastor Paul left..they crossed the line into northern Ivory Coast Friday without troubles..yesterday they arrived at the Hospital in Doropo with the trailer of medications..which was gladly received. They've also been able to see the Bible Institute Students who are in various villages serving the Lord..So far, it's been a blessed time, but *the roads continue to be worse than ever!*

How grateful I am for the phone calls-always short, but just knowing where they are and that all is well sure does make my ears and heart bubble with joy. He uses a satellite phone-given by USA Believers. All northern phone lines have been down for months.

They are as far north as you can get and still be in Ivory Coast. Pam and I, in Abidjan, are as far south as you can get before you fall off into the ocean on the southern side.

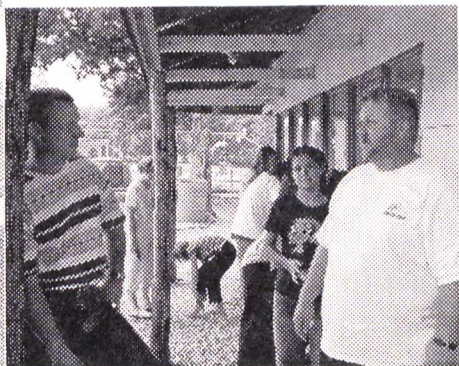
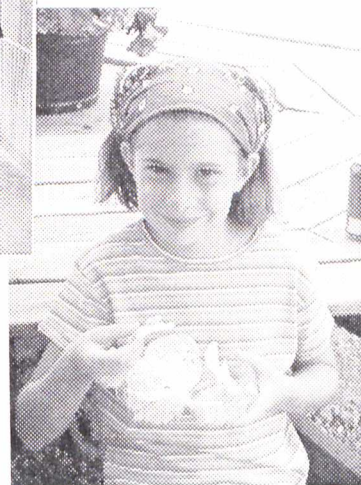
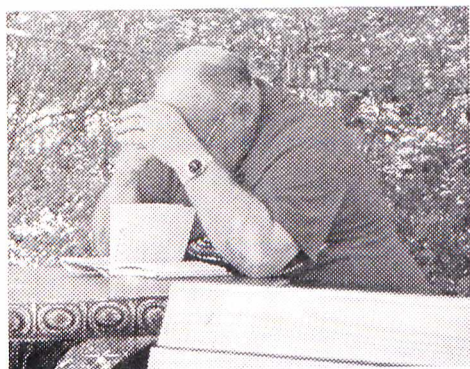
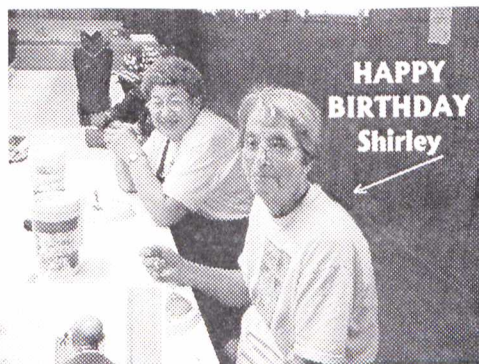
After worship in Bouna, they will head west to visit more students and more churches along a 3-4 hour trip to Kafolo where the West have their home that, we hope, hasn't had people in it since last Aug.

Missionary homes in Bouna, where we lived before leaving the country, are occupied by uninvited "guest" who stay, they say, to prevent others from stealing things.

The men plan to return south next week. Thank you for your prayers in their (our) behalf and for remembering the Believers here. Physically they'll be bone-weary; spiritually floating on a high cloud of rejoicing in God's goodness. ...and more than likely, the truck will need a visit to see the mechanic.

thanks so much for your support. Carol

2003 Pre-Teen Camp



This and That

There isn't any use trying to shine unless you take time to fill your lamp.

Joy is the by-product of obedience.

Choice, not chance, determines human destiny.

Greatness lies not in trying to be somebody, but in trying to help somebody.

Worship Service Averages April 2003- July 2003

<u>Churches:</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
Beacon	105	113		
Belton	53	46	40	43
Buffalo 1 st	145	127	126	127
Cabool	36		35	41
Calvary Chapel	292	269	268	241
Calvary Fellowship	412		356	
Cape Girardeau	52	45	50	
Clifton	79	65	57	
Copper Mines	61	59		
Columbia		42	43	59
De Soto	259	214	210	232
Green Hills	30			
Hannibal		96	100	
Hannon	127	143		
Harmony		72	76	71
Hartville			179	
Hopewell	34	35	30	39
Houston	45	62	60	47
Hurryville	108	97	98	101
Kingsway	34	28	33	33
Lebanon FWB	58	53	49	48
Lebanon 1 st	152	131	127	124
Mill Creek		95	84	83
Mt. Pisgah	64	72	76	70
Myrtle		27	34	31
New Life - Licking	62	78	70	
Oak Hill- Union	57	50	49	46
O'Fallon 1 st	158	130	136	129
Ozark 1 st		183		
Pleasant Hill	33	25	22	
Richwoods	61	51	51	
Rock Chapel	47	52	47	47
Rolla 1 st	40	37	32	33
Springfield 1 st	134	119	125	
Thayer	168	165	144	143
Trinity	82	72	71	65
Union Grove		121	115	122
United	681	504	528	525
Victory- KC	118	90	103	
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	67	69	75	

This is only a partial listing. There are 187 FWB Churches in Missouri.

Financial Report

July 2003

Cooperative Disbursements

July 2003	\$67,857.76
18.50% MO Home Missions	\$12,553.70
17.00% Executive Office	11,535.82
3.00% General Fund	2,035.73
.50% Show-Me Plan	339.30
8.50% Youth Camp Board	5,767.91
3.00% Youth C. Restricted	2,035.73
2.00% Youth Ministries Bd	1,357.15
2.00% Christian Ed. Board	1,357.15
2.00% Senior Adult Min Bd	1,357.15
9.00% MO Retirement Prog	6,107.20

31.50%	21,375.19
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% MO Show-Me Plan	2,035.73
Total	\$67,857.76

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Alton	\$200.00
Amity	\$193.45
Aulsbury Chapel	\$214.33
Bailey	\$274.00
Bailey Chapel	\$248.00
Beacon	\$2,750.00
Belton	\$368.58
Berean	\$50.00
Bethel El Dorado Springs	\$408.30
Bethel Northview	\$450.00
Black Oak	\$491.58
Byrd	\$190.75
Cabool 1st	\$274.42
Calvary Chapel	\$1,310.65
Cape Girardeau	\$665.62
Carthage	\$325.00
Central	\$1,003.14
Clifton	\$55.30
Columbia	\$684.00
Copper Mines	\$519.15
Cornerstone	\$506.72
Cross Roads Lebanon	\$296.00
Crossroads Wentzville	\$734.00
Cuba	\$631.00
DeSoto 1st	\$1,780.00
Faith & Hope Aurora	\$269.09
Faith & Hope Willow Springs	\$164.07
Farmington 1st	\$2,921.09
Fellowship	\$1,500.00
Fordland	\$702.34
Fourth	\$320.02
Fredericktown 1st	\$167.00
Freeman Chapel	\$342.10
Gospel Light	\$100.00
Grace	\$1,773.00
Grant Ave.	\$1,049.74
Greenfield	\$365.00
Hannibal	\$610.00

Hannon	\$1,000.00
Harmony	\$655.75
Hartville	\$1,498.00
Harvest	\$254.10
Hopewell	\$334.00
Houston	\$625.11
Hurryville	\$673.84
Jackson	\$227.05
Joplin 1st	\$724.12
Kingsway	\$205.30
Koshkonong	\$223.00
Lead Hill	\$339.55
Leadington	\$508.17
Lebanon	\$533.65
Lebanon 1st	\$1,491.52
Liberty Nevada	\$260.00
Lone Star	\$47.90
Macedonia Niangua	\$154.78
Marshfield	\$174.00
Merls Chapel	\$170.00
Mill Creek	\$637.85
Mine LaMotte	\$79.78
Monett 1st	\$766.82
Mt. Pisgah	\$515.00
Mt. Zion Gower	\$44.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$1,044.88
Myrtle	\$378.39
Neosho 1st	\$95.00
New Home Lebanon	\$513.98
New Hope	\$70.00
New Life Licking	\$547.11
North Five	\$27.90
Number One	\$230.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$1,736.00
Oak Grove Mtn. Grove	\$234.56
Oak Hill	\$464.00
Olivet	\$670.00
Overland	\$100.00
Ozark 1st	\$1,680.00
Palabras	\$65.00
Park Hills	\$1,008.15
Parkview	\$446.54
Pleasant Hill	\$173.02
Pleasant Ridge	\$101.00
Potosi	\$178.72
Republic	\$100.00
Republic	\$100.00
Richwoods	\$977.00
Rock Chapel	\$466.64
Rolla 1st	\$364.00
Royal Oak	\$93.00
Salem	\$90.00
Seymour	\$610.00
Smyrna	\$120.00
Southern Hills	\$512.30
Springfield 1st	\$1,484.93
Terril Road	\$50.00
Thayer	\$1,330.00
Trinity	\$1,068.91
Twin Oak	\$1,287.00
Union Grove	\$347.00
Union Light	\$189.00
United	\$2,091.07
Unity	\$400.00
Verdella	\$569.55
Victory Alton	\$834.08
Victory KC	\$2,120.00
Waynesville 1st	\$451.52
West Plains 1st	\$962.00
Westport	\$90.00
Wilderness	\$2,435.80
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	\$295.28
Wolf Creek	\$1,603.70
Total	\$67,857.76

Show-Me Plan

Barker, Rev. J.	\$15.00
Beacon	\$599.00
Belton	\$165.00
Berean	\$30.00
Berry, R.	\$15.00
Bethel El Dorado Springs	\$408.29
Bethel Festus	\$45.00
Black Oak	\$60.00
Brown, J.	\$15.00
Burns, J.	\$60.00
Buxton, G.	\$30.00
Cabool	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel	\$105.00
Cartee, J.	\$15.00
Central	\$395.00
Chrisman, M.	\$30.00
Cooperative Plan	\$2,035.73
Copper Mines	\$150.00
Copper Mines Teen & Jr. Class	\$75.97
Copper Mines Yg. Adult Class	\$15.00
Cornerstone Mtn. Grove	\$323.43
Cross Roads Lebanon	\$30.00
Cuba	\$139.00
DeSoto 1st	\$552.50
DeSoto 1st Auditorium Class	\$30.00
Faith St. Louis	\$20.00
Faith & Hope W.S.	\$120.00
Farmington 1st	\$720.00
Fellowship	\$526.75
Fordland	\$250.00
Fourth	\$60.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$15.00
Freeman Chapel	\$540.00
Garrett, R.	\$15.00
Gospel Light	\$1,000.00
Grace	\$419.00
Graham, S.	\$80.00
Grant Ave.	\$320.00
Greater Kansas City	\$13,549.69
Greenfield	\$180.00
Hannon	\$1,060.00
Happy Hill	\$60.00
Harmony	\$58.51
Hartville	\$240.00
Harvest	\$90.00
Houston 1st	\$344.26
Hurryville	\$500.00
Hurryville Sr. Adult S.S. Class	\$15.00
Jackson	\$40.00
Joplin 1st	\$75.00
Lebanon 1st	\$150.00
Lebanon F.W.B.	\$30.00
Macedonia Purdy	\$1,000.00
Maggart, R.	\$45.00
Matthews, G.	\$45.00
Mill Creek	\$140.00
Mill Creek C. W. F.	\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult S.S.C.	\$15.00
Mine La Motte	\$75.00
MO Women Active For Christ	\$1,225.78
Monett 1st	\$60.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$440.00
Mouser, J.	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$75.00
Mt. Zion Thayer	\$30.00
Myrtle	\$75.00
Neosho 1st	\$180.00
New Beginning	\$187.50
New Home Hartville	\$210.00
New Home Lebanon	\$210.00
New Hope	\$135.00
New Life Licking	\$63.51
New Testament	\$15.00
Noel, D.	\$15.00
Number One	\$60.00
Oak Grove Houston	\$30.00
Oak Hill Union	\$20.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$131.00
Old Bethel	\$50.00
Old Bethel	\$540.00
Olivet	\$30.00
Ozark 1st	\$15.00
Palabras	\$15.00
Park Hills 1st	\$302.46
Parker, G.	\$15.00

Parkview	\$237.50
Pinkerton, J.	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove Anderson	\$270.00
Pleasant Hill	\$45.00
Pleasant Ridge Urbana	\$50.00
Pogue, R.	\$15.00
Richwoods	\$52.50
Rock Chapel	\$210.00
Rogers, B.	\$15.00
Rolla 1st	\$30.00
Royal Oak	\$120.00
Ruble N.	\$45.00
Southeast MO Assn.	\$90.00
Southern Hills	\$90.00
Springfield 1st	\$545.00
Thayer	\$285.00
Trinity	\$375.00
Union Light	\$150.00
United	\$300.00
Unity	\$75.00
Verdella	\$774.56
Victory Alton	\$45.00
Victory K.C.	\$1,315.00
Walker, H. Jr.	\$10.00
Walnut Grove	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st	\$345.50
Westport	\$30.00
White, R.	\$30.00
Wilderness	\$570.10
Willow Springs Mtn. Grove	\$80.00
Willow Springs 1st	\$150.00
Total	\$37,857.54

Foreign Missions

Belton	\$15.00
Carthage	\$10.00
Central	\$110.00
Chapman, A.	\$20.00
Columbia	\$800.00
Cuba	\$27.80
Faith & Hope - Aurora	\$269.10
Farmington 1st	\$37.50
Fordland	\$10.00
Grant Ave.	\$15.00
Matthews, A.	\$15.00
Merl's Chapel	\$115.95
Minor, K.	\$10.00
New Testament	\$35.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$35.00
Rolla 1st	\$228.50
Thayer	\$15.00
Trinity	\$181.01
Victory - K.C.	\$347.00
Waynesville 1st	\$185.00
Total	\$2,481.86

Nat'l Home Missions

Beacon	\$140.00
Belton	\$40.00
Carthage	\$5.00
Central	\$50.00
Columbia	\$205.00
Cuba	\$83.40
DeSoto 1st	\$205.00
Farmington 1st	\$355.00
Fordland	\$20.00
Fourth	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$5.00
Gospel Light	\$240.00
Grace	\$48.85
Grant Avenue	\$10.00
Hannon	\$700.00
Houston 1st	\$25.00
Jackson	\$55.00
King, B.	\$5.00
Monett 1st	\$5.00
Mountain Grove 1st	\$60.00
Mt. Pisgah	\$25.00
Neosho 1st	\$50.00
New Home- Hartville	\$10.00
New Testament	\$75.00
Oak Hill	\$64.00

O'Fallon 1st	\$61.00
Park Hills 1st	\$185.82
Rader, J.	\$20.00
Richwoods	\$59.00
Rock Chapel	\$88.50
Ruble, N.	\$10.00
Thayer	\$350.00
Thebeau, B.	\$5.00
Trinity	\$73.45
Union Light	\$96.00
United	\$150.00
Unity	\$50.00
Verdella	\$10.00
Victory-KC	\$110.00
Westport	\$15.00
Wolf Creek	\$75.00
Total	\$3,890.02

State Home Missions

Bismarck	\$50.00
Columbia	\$200.00
Copper Mines	\$75.00
DeSoto 1st	\$90.00
Fellowship	\$125.00
Fordland	\$10.00
Gospel Light	\$80.00
Grace	\$70.00
Lebanon	\$130.00
Lebanon Bible & Bookstore	\$330.00
Macedonia- Purdy	\$100.00
Mine LaMotte	\$100.00
Myrtle	\$76.00
Neosho 1st	\$25.00
New Testament	\$50.00
Niangua	\$146.88
O'Fallon 1st	\$61.00
Oak Hill-Fredericktown	\$25.00
Ozark 1st	\$10.00
Palabras	\$65.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$20.00
Republic	\$25.00
Republic	\$25.00
Rolla 1st	\$228.50
Skiles, D.	\$200.00
Southeast MO Association	\$90.00
Thayer	\$135.00
Trinity	\$53.45
Union Light	\$50.00
United	\$25.00
Unity	\$75.00
Waynesville 1st	\$50.00
White, R.	\$10.00
Total	\$2,805.83

Youth Camp

Hartville	10.00
Rolla 1st	20.00
Verdella	10.00
New Home-Hartville	10.00
Cabool 1st	10.00
De Soto 1st	55.00
Hannon	50.00
Hannon (for Playground)	236.40
Lebanon Bible and Bookstore	180.00
Mt. Pisgah	15.00
Stephens, T.	10.00
Park Hills 1st	40.47
Thayer	80.00
Trinity	9.00
Belton (for Playground)	204.12
Cornerstone	25.00
Willow Springs-Mtn. Grove	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	10.00
Ozark 1st	10.00
Total	\$994.99

Camp Development Fund

Myrtle	158.00
Rock Chapel	95.00
Total	\$253.00

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	150.00
Ruble, N.	15.00
Beacon	125.00
De Soto 1st	40.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Total	\$390.00

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

Farmington 1st	180.00
Beacon	125.00
Fordland	10.00
Hannon	100.00
Oak Hill	10.00
Thayer	50.00
Monett 1st	100.00
Southern Hills	50.00
Joplin 1st	80.00
Total	\$710.00

Trula Cronk Home for Children

Farmington 1st	15.00
Myrtle	27.00
DeSoto 1st	55.00
Hannon	100.00
Nosser, M.	25.00
Belton	37.00
New Hope	30.00
Unity	20.00
Total	\$309.00

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Ruble, J.	\$10.00
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Vergel Maness

Myrtle	101.00
Gospel Light	80.00
Grace	100.00
Total	\$281.00

Rev. John McClure

Carthage	15.00
Grace	15.00
Mountain Grove 1st	25.00
Total	\$55.00

Brian Brinkhoff

New Testament	10.00
Unity	12.50
Total	\$22.50

Richard Standley

Chapman, A.	\$10.00
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Berea Ministries

Hartville	\$150.00
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Victor Torrez

United Youth Group	\$200.00
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Unity	\$12.50
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George Lemelin

Jackson	\$151.00
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Urban Impact

Verdella	\$284.78
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Morgan Wood

Belton	\$30.00
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News From the Turnboughs

Dear Friends,

Saturday night we celebrated the final of twenty-four evangelistic Bible studies in our home. (See photo attached.) While the group has varied in number, there were three faithful people who not only completed all the studies, they have made decisions to follow Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for Alex, Luz, and Rubiela. For this last study we also invited Roso, who in a different weekly study during this past year also committed to follow the Lord. I challenged them to consider following the Lord in baptism and to continue a series of basic discipleship studies. While I told them to consider this individually and to get back with me, I believe they will accept the challenge.

This past week Jhon Fredy (young man in training to become a pastor and Vice President of the Villalba Church Council) and Jeff were discussing plans for a baptismal service September 28. Jhon



Fredy's two children were present. On the way home, Jhon's oldest child Brenda (age 9) said, "Daddy, what do you have to do to be baptized?" Jhon said that he remembered what Philip said to the Ethiopian eunuch, "If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart." She said, "I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart! Can I be baptized?" As he shared their children to follow the Lord. Please pray for this young family: Jhon Fredy, Francia, Brenda and Felipe. . .

We know that many of you continue to pray for the Nehemiah Project in Villalba. There is no new word on that, except for the fact that we have completed a necessary geological study of the land (something that was not required ten years ago when we began this project) and our architect (Carlos del Castillo) has this in his hands. The two next important steps is to make contact with the new city officials of Galapagar and to meet with and approve the architect's update and renovation of the blueprints.

Please continue to remember Matthew and Brooke as they attempt to raise their support to be in Spain by August or September. It is imperative that they get to Spain in order to have time to get settled in before classes begin in early October. They continue to lack necessary monthly support. . .

Here for HIS glory.
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