

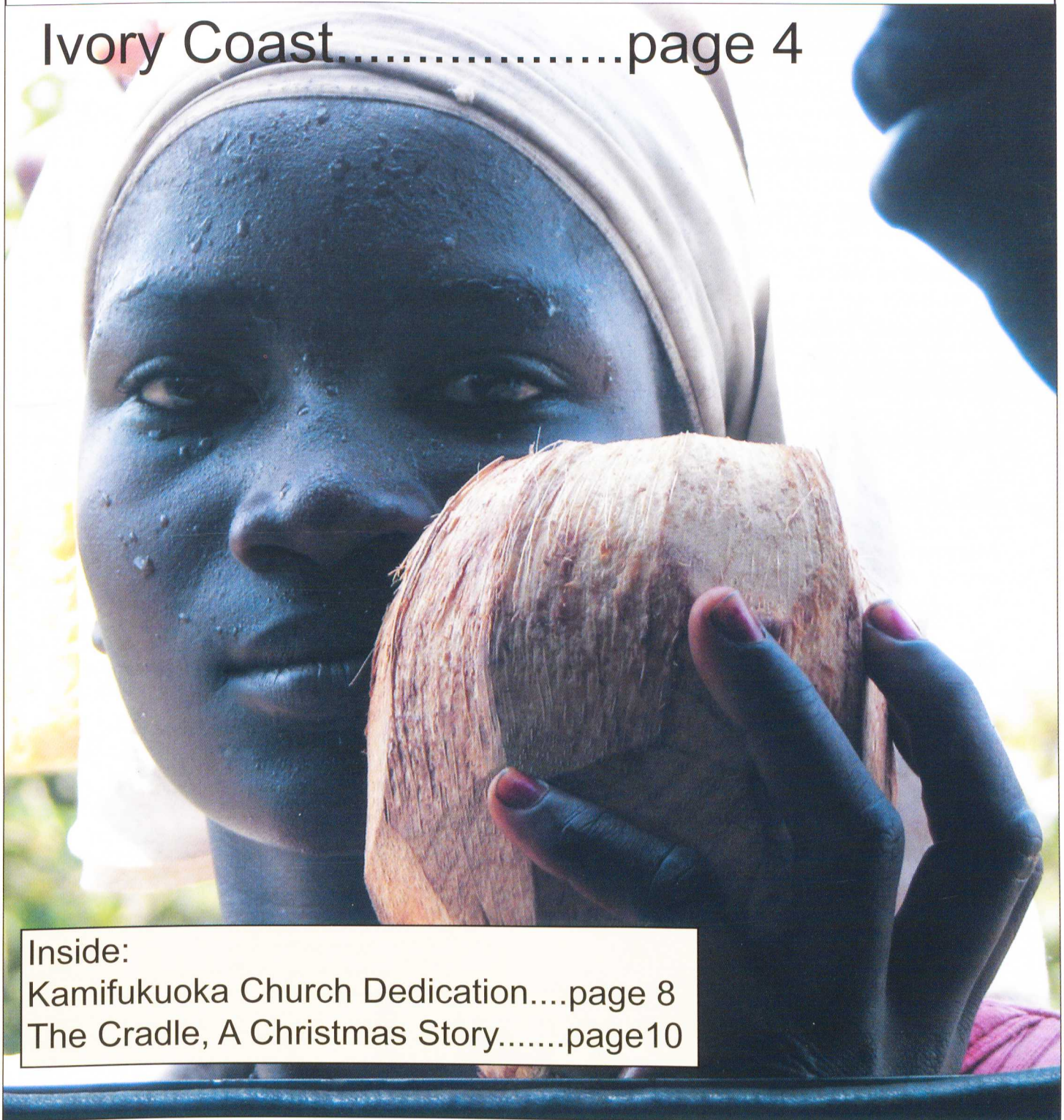


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# From the Editor

## Bless Me Lord!

She wielded a wicked looking machete. She knew how to use it too, as she deftly chopped a small square hole in the top of the young coconut. The juice splashed on her face and she held the nut through the window of our bus. It seemed that every police check station on the road north from Abidjan to Doropo was crowded with vendors selling everything you can imagine from food to calculators to tissue. This young lady was one of several selling fresh coconuts. The farther north we went, the merchandise changed from "stuff" to necessities. Enyams, bananas, large bags of charcoal, neatly stacked oranges and tomatoes were offered. At first a novelty, then a nuisance as several at each stop would tap on your window, sure that you would buy whatever they were selling. Some looked disappointed and some disgusted that you did not avail yourself of their wares.

As we drove away from one such stop, I was struck by a thought that occupied several miles. What to me was a small, casual purchase was to the seller a necessity. Knowing that I had enough francs in my pocket to have bought everything any one of the vendors at first made me thankful. I said a short prayer of thanks to God for all his blessing to me, then a quick prayer of forgiveness.

We later sat in a pastor's back yard and listened as he and the men of his church told of their difficulty in response to our questions. I got the feeling that they would never have told us that their crops were not too good or that there still were problems from the war in the area if we had not asked. Even in the midst of their answers, there were smiles on their faces. They were blessed of the Lord. He was good to them and their families and they were ready with words of praise to Him.

That was the story we found everywhere. God is good.



It is a natural tendency after a trip to a culture different than our own to remark that we really don't know how good we have it here. The truth is, we do have it good. But the problem is that we usually make that statement based on the things we have and those elsewhere do not have. I am not sure that is an accurate criterion for making such an assumption. We are far too ready to assess blessing based on things. If we do not have

the things we think we need, we pray and ask for them, confident that God will supply. After all, did He not promise that if we "ask we would receive?" If you listen to the right people on TV you will discover that if you do not have those things, your faith is weak. God wants you to be blessed (rich.)

How is it then, that those people elsewhere that do not have nearly as much can count themselves blessed? Is it because they have never had as much

as we have and therefore do not know that God is shortchanging them? Certainly the more we have the more we expect.

The thought that assailed me as we bounced along the road to Doropo was that these people selling by the road side were not the ones to be pitied. Those of us in the US whose whole lives are taken up in pursuit of the things of the world are the ones in trouble. We do not pursue what we need but what we want. We can learn a great deal from our Ivorian Christian brothers and sisters. I am reminded that the most valuable thing we possess is our relationship with Jesus Christ. I saw it on their faces as we worshiped together in our Free Will Baptist churches there. I heard it in their voices as they visited with each other and us. I saw it

in action as they gave us boubous (chieftains robes) to honor our visit.

I saw it in the face of the old gentleman who came running up to the bus as we were leaving the hospital grounds at Doropo. He had known Jerry and Carol for a long time. There was genuine joy in his face at seeing them. There was also joy in his face at the small bag of candy Carol



gave him as we pulled away.



# Missouri Show-Me Missions



## Abidjan Investment Report

To say that it was a life changing experience or a once in a lifetime trip seem to fall short. It certainly was a trip we had been planning for a long time. We all met at the St. Louis airport on October 18th for what would become a rather extended stay in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. We were going to see all the places and people what had read about through the years. The hospital at Doropo, the three new churches in Abidjan, all the people Jerry and Carol Pinkerton have written us about. Some we have seen in photos and now we would get a chance to see them face to face.

We were vaccinated against yellow fever and everything else the health clinic could think of; we had our bags pared to fifty pounds including peanut butter for missionaries and we were ready to go. The all night flight from Cincinnati to Paris did little to dampen our enthusiasm. Even the interminable flight across the Sahara desert only heightened our anticipation as we arrived in Abidjan late that evening.

We were met by one of the Ivorian

Christians who was a member of the gendarme. He help speed our entrance through customs and we were soon being greeted by Jerry and Carol, Pastor Paul and We were soon settled in the missions guest house where we met Some and Yao, two Christians who would become invaluable to us over the next few days as they provided for us in many ways.

On Saturday evening the churches of Abidjan welcomed us with a great reception featuring singing, testimonies, welcomes and a great African meal.

On Sunday we visited all

three of our churches in Abidjan. None of them are over five years old and all doing well. We were impressed with the worship.

To enter a church and find everyone praying in preparation for the service is an experience. It seems as if all present had come to experience God and talking to Him at some length first seemed to be the proper way to begin. We enjoyed the speaking opportunities as some of our group were able to preach in the services.

On Monday, we left to go up country to visit our churches and see the hospital at Doropo. During our journey were able to see several of our churches,

ranging from city to bush. What a joy to stop and visit with pastors and their families. It was wonderful to meet Free Will Baptist men and women serving the Lord with the same goals as we have. Sitting

around a table in the church or under a tree out in the yard, the feeling was the same. Here were dedicated servants of the Lord, laboring happily under circumstances that would make many balk. They seemed overjoyed to see us and we felt the same about them.

We were fortunate to enjoy the hospitality of Verlin and Debbie

Anderson and their family at Bon-douku. Debbie had gathered "american" food from several

sources to be able to serve us a wonderful dinner and breakfast the next morning. Our stay in their home was truly a blessing.

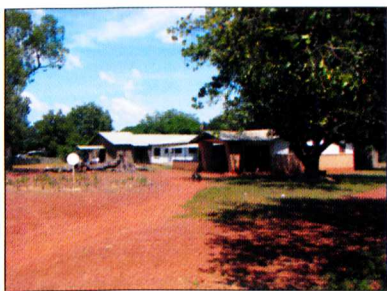
We stopped briefly at Bouna at the Institute and saw where would stay later that evening as we returned from Doropo. At that point Jerry had warned us about the condition of the road ahead, but none of us truly believed him. When we returned late that night no one doubt-

ed his word in the least! To say that the road from Bouna to Doropo is rough is like saying that the Grand Canyon is a ditch. We took pictures of the deep ruts, small lakes with trucks stuck in the middle and the rock outcroppings across the road, but none of





them seem to convey the real situation. After taking almost four hours to travel the fifty some miles, we were ready to arrive at Doropo.



It was almost surreal, driving onto the campus of the hospital at Doropo. For so many years as a young man I had heard of the great work going on there under the tutelage of Dr. Miley and later Drs. Eagleton and Gentuso. I had fully expected to see the grounds full of people waiting for treatment. But the war with the rebels has driven many of the people south who would normally have been there. There is also a new dispensary opened by the government in town and that seems to have cut into the patient base as well.

We were welcomed by a nurse that has been with the hospital for some time and

was saved and trained under the ministry of the Pinkertons. What a joy to see the reunion between her and Carol



as they sat and talked. She showed us a Bible memory exercise Carol had taught her as a girl. She still knew it. We were given a tour of the Facilities, met the director and other staff and visited the grave of Glenda Leatherberry, our missionary who the Lord called home from the field in the '80's.

As we drove away, we were saddened by the condition of the work there and challenged to pray for God's blessing. Before we left

town, we stopped at the Pastor's home and sat in the backyard under a tree and visited.



As was the case in every such visit, after a round of greetings, someone would ask what the news was. Jerry would then proceed to tell about the churches in Abidjan and what we have been doing on our visit. He would introduce each of us and tell a little about us. We are not sure who the folks there think we are because we had no way of telling what he said about us. They were hospitable to a fault and made sure that we all had a seat. They would traditionally serve water to their guests, but more than once we received a Coke. They seemed to think that is what all Americans drink and they wanted to accommodate us. It was a bit humbling to realize that people with little were willing to sacrifice so that we might have a Coke.

The trip back to Bouna was much better, it only took about 3 ½ hours to travel the distance. Someone commented that it was because we were going south, and south is downhill on the map.

Our evening in Bouna was punctuated by the regular failure of the city generator that supplied the Institute. That inconvenience was more than compensated for by the wonderful meal of pounded enyams with sauce and greasy rice waiting for us. We were able to have a great visit with Pastor Jerome that evening. He is the pastor at Bouna church but also the President of the NAFWB of Ivory Coast. We were highly impressed at his leadership ability and humility in service to the Lord.

After a brief stop in Bondoukou at the Andersons the next day, we were on our way back to Abidjan, filled with a sense of gratitude to the Lord for allowing us to meet so many of his choice servants and followers.

After arriving back in the city, we were thrilled to have dinner at the Pinkerton's house with the three Abidjan pastors. Not only did we

share a great fried-chicken meal, we shared a fellowship that goes beyond words. We discovered that they face the same kinds

of problems in the church in Abidjan that we face in America. Satan is surely at work trying to stop the church, but to no avail! God is mightily at work and he has some very impressive soldiers in the pastors of Abidjan.

After a day of relaxation, shopping, eating (we seemed to be doing that all the time) and packing, we were ready to fly back to St. Louis by way of Paris. A small problem arose when we arrived at the Abidjan airport for our evening flight. Seems that we made the folks in Paris mad when we flew through a few days earlier (must have heard us complaining about having to pay \$5.00 for a coke) and the cabin crews for Air France were out on strike. That



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meant that our flight to Paris was cancelled. After refusing their offer of a hotel in Abidjan, we returned to a much better place to stay. While we were embarrassed that Jerry and Carol would be inconvenienced for a few days longer, Carol just said "Oh goodie!"

Their care of us had been second to none before that time and it certainly continued. Through two more cancelled flights and six additional days, they were the perfect hosts.

Bro. Frank worked around the clock to find a flight out of Abidjan and finally with the help of his wife Debbie back home, we were booked on a Wednesday flight from Abidjan to Accra, Ghana. We would have a 16 hour layover in Accra before a direct flight to New York the next day. We planned to just sit in the airport all night and wait for the flight. We quickly

discovered that you do not sit in the airport in Ghana through the night. It was clearly explained to us that we must purchase an exit visa (\$20) and rent a hotel room for the night and then return in the morning for the flight.

God was still guiding our trip as the hotel we got was brand new with a great restaurant. God knew that we needed a good night's rest

and he made it possible, even though I was praying that they would just let us sit in the airport all night!

By 8:30 pm the next evening, we were back in St Louis.

We have been asked several times why we went. My answer varies...sometimes I say to see the work there, sometimes I mention going to visit and encourage the pastors and people of our churches. Sometimes I say we went to give us a new perspective on the work in Abidjan so that we may better pray, give and share with you what is going on there.

But one of my overwhelming, personal reasons has to do with two people who will be leaving the Ivory Coast the end of March, 2008. I don't remember the first time I met Jerry and Carol Pinkerton. It seems like I have always known them. They have been family to my family for a long

time. They have spent two of their furloughs based in Mtn. Grove while my family was there. They became an integral part of our church. I wanted to go and be with them for just a few of their last days in the place that they have given most of their adult lives in His service. I wanted to see them interact with their people. I wanted to see the love. I was not disappointed.

Everywhere we went they were greeted by people who obviously hold them in great esteem.

It was easy to see the imprint of their hands on the people. A young and upcoming doctor in the Angre church has a delivery room in his clinic named after Jerry because Jerry prayed over him the day he was born. Dr. Gabriel now does the same for every child born in his clinic.

As we travelled the rough roads and saw the places where Jerry and Carol have lived and served, and met "their" people all of us on this trip said a prayer of thanksgiving to God for calling and guiding and sustaining and blessing His servants. They will leave the Ivory Coast secure in the knowledge that they are leaving behind a well trained, organized and strongly led church. A church that knows how to love and serve by following the example they have lived daily before them.



#### Trip Participants:

Gary Fry;  
Alan Kinder, Pastor Central Church, Kansas City;  
Frank Webster, Missouri Missions Director;  
David Carroll, Pastor Mt. Pisgah Church, Cabool;  
Alvin Hook, Pastor First Church Springfield;  
Cody Freeman, Pastor Grant Avenue Church, Springfield



# Progress in Villalba

Dear Friends in Missouri,

**U**nanimous, unanimous, unanimous. Those were the outcomes of the votes taken during the Villalba Church business meeting last night. You'd have to know the individuals and the history of the Villalba Church, but believe me, that was another miracle. It was something for which we give thanks to God, and from the depths of our hearts.

Loan for the construction: Accepted unanimously.  
Builder recommended by the Church Council: Accepted unanimously.  
Church budget for the next fiscal year (which includes interest on the construction loan): Accepted unanimously.

You already know about the details of the loan. The builder the Church Council recommended to the church is Felician Frone, a member of the Villalba Church. Felician is originally from Romania. Like many other people from Romania, Felician and his family of five came to Spain seeking a better life. The Lord has blessed them in many ways. He has built his own construction company, and has been successful. Several years ago, the Lord led them to join the Villalba Church. Not only was Felician's bid the lowest, as a member of the church, he wants the best for the church. Even more important, he sees this project as an opportunity to use his talents for the Lord. We see the hand of the Lord in so many details, leading us to choose Felician as the builder. In a country where immigrants are not always welcome, what a blessing it was to see Spanish believers walk up to Felician last night to congratulate him and offer him their assistance —as BROTHERS in Christ!

Praise the Lord! Once again, the Lord has answered our (your!) prayers. As one of the local believers prayed during the meeting last night: "While we truly want a church building, what we desire even more is a body of believers who are united, helping one another, being a testimony to a lost world, and one that brings honor and glory to the Lord." Without a doubt, what happened in that little storefront building last night was the work of God, and we give Him glory for every detail, both large and small.

A couple of things I failed to mention in our last update about the loan. The bank is giving the church 500,000 euros, period. With construction costs, loan charges, taxes, architectural fees, etc., that 500,000 euros will not pay for the whole project. However, when we add in the gifts that many of you in the USA have pledged to give, we have just enough to complete the building! (Yes, we need to furnish the new building too!) As we looked at the numbers together, I think there were "collective goose bumps." God is working through YOU to bless His work in Spain. In addition to that, the official appraisal for the project also surprised us all. Fifteen years ago the church paid \$130,000 for this property. Adding the building, the bank appraised the property at 1.5 million euros (at today's exchange rate, that's 2.1 million US dollars). While we are certainly not in this for the money, that's not a bad investment or return on God's money. All for the glory of God and His Kingdom.

For many years, we said that if Nehemiah Project happens, it will

be nothing short of a miracle, something that make everyone who sees it say, "That HAS to be something GOD did!" Well, I don't think anyone in the Villalba church doubts for a second that what is happening here is a work of God. And, YOU have a big part in it all. YOU are making a MAJOR difference in God's work in Spain! We are convinced that this construction project will be a proverbial "shot in the arm" not only for this local church, but for our work here in general. Jhon, Chairman of the church board and pastor-in-training, ended our meeting last night by saying: "If the Lord should tarry His coming, what we are doing here TOGETHER today by faith, will impact many, many people for many years to come, for God's Kingdom work and for His glory... What a tremendous privilege to be a part of what is so obviously God's work in this place!"

It goes without saying that we continue to need your faithful prayers. The first Evangelical church of the Sierra Region of the Madrid Province (the Villalba FWB Church) has stepped out on faith to do something BIG. The enemy will not let this happen without a battle. We must continue to deal with the City Council, inspectors, individual needs, etc., etc. Please continue to pray. At the same time, as you pray, PRAISE THE LORD.

Jeff & Susan Turnbough





# Kamifukuoka Church Dedication Service

Sunday, November 11, 2007

**B**elievers from several churches gathered today at Kamifukuoka church in Tokyo to officially celebrate it's "pre-opening." Ken and Judy Bailey, assisted by the Nomura family consisting of Osamu and Yoko Nomura, and Osamu's mother, have been in the process of founding this new work in the city of Fujimino in Tokyo for the past few months. This work has actually grown out of a years-long effort in the Shiki area. Mr. Nomura's father has also been instrumental in securing the location for the worship center. Together the Baileys and the Nomuras form the Tojo team and are excited to see God work in the Fujimino area.

Dale and Sandra Bishop and Shannon Little from Hokkaido Miharashidai Church also attended the dedication. What a blessing to dedicate this worship center after searching so many years for a meeting place! Our location is within 5 minutes of our home and also the Nomura's home.

Please pray for this new work and for the Tojo team! Pray that the Lord will strengthen them and give them a strong testimony of His love for the Japanese people! Tokyo is a large city and it was encouraging to see members of other churches come in support of this new work. Pray that the Lord would bless the fellowship between the churches in the Tokyo area and thereby encourage His people!





# Hannon Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary

On October 7th, the folks at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church at Liberal, Missouri celebrated. As I drove in the parking lot that morning, I could smell the barbeque and knew that this was going to be a good day. They were gathering from all over the area to celebrate the goodness of God for the past 100 years.

It all started with a visit to a quarterly conference at the Verdella Church in June 1907 by Rev. T.C. Ferguson. Rev Ferguson was from Carlow, MO, near St. James. The folks there enjoyed Rev. Fergusons preaching and invited him back to preach on Sunday morning at the Hannon town hall. Sunday School met there on the top floor of the old Hannon store. They asked him to come back the following month for a revival. The meeting lasted for three weeks and resulted in several converts. As a result of that meeting, the Hannon Free Will Baptist Church was organized on Saturday evening, September 7, 1907 with 19 charter members.

Rev. Ferguson was assisted by Rev. William H. McKown, also from Carlow, in organizing the body and became the church's first pastor. He served the church for ten years and was followed by Rev. Willie York who served for two years until laid low by typhoid fever. He was replaced by Rev. Marion Clift of Niangua who served for two years until illness struck his family and he resigned. In the meantime, Rev. York had recovered from his bout with typhoid and was recalled as pastor and served the church for eight more years. Many great servants of the Lord have served as pastor through the years including Rev. Selph Jones, Rev. Winford Davis, Rev. Harold Hoover, Rev. Cecil Campbell, Rev. Farrell Zinn, Rev. Greenway, Rev. Kenneth Turner, Rev. O.T. Allred, Rev. Mrs. Lowell Martin, Rev. Junior Ussery, Rev. Charlie Hatfield, Rev. Jerry McArthur, Rev. Jim McCully, Rev. Harry Sterling, Rev. Emory Crabtree, Rev. Roena Thomas, Rev. Lester Nutting, Rev. Russell Johnson, Rev. Gary Elder, Rev. Grover Terry (first full time pastor) Rev. Glenn Murray, Rev. Dennis Mays, Rev. Donovan Maxwell, Rev. Bob Dickey, Rev. Michael Newman, Rev. Perry Brake, Rev. George Naumann, Rev. Ben Reece and the current pastor, Rev. Glenn Murray.

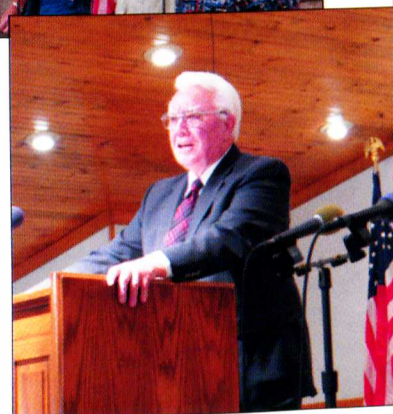
Land was purchased from J. Sam Brown for \$100.00 and the first building was erected for the worship and Sunday School activities of the church. The structure served the congregation until the current building was erected in 2000 on new land at 1051 West Highway V. It was a bitter sweet day in June of 2006 when a bulldozer left nothing but bare ground where the old building had stood. It had served as a daycare center for several years, but needed repairs and insurance costs made it impossible to keep the historic sanctuary.

God's hand has been obvious throughout the history of the Hannon Church. Many people have had their lives changes by the Lord as a result of the ministry of this church. They have been very active supporters of Missions and other State and National works giving of their funds and themselves time and again.

It was a great day of celebration with good fellowship, good remembering , good food and good hopes for the future as the church recommitted themselves to following the Lord.



Rev.  
William  
Henry  
McKown,  
First  
Pastor





# The Cradle, A Christmas Story

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

**T**hey left their home, the new cradle still swinging from the rafters. Night after night the aroma of fresh-cut wood had filled the room as Joseph had patiently fashioned the tiny cradle, using the same chisel and saw he usually put down at dusk.

Now Joseph wiped the tears from Mary's cheeks and shut the door behind them. "It'll be okay," he told her, as he cinched up their belongings on the donkey.

"Joseph, can't we wait a few days? The baby could come any time." She didn't want to leave home. Not now.

"We've waited for the baby as long as we dare." He was ready to get on the road. "We have to leave today or I'll be arrested for not appearing in Bethlehem for the census."

"At least bring the cradle, Joseph," she pleaded. "I want the baby to have something nice."

"No, it'll have to stay behind. The baby will be rocking in it soon enough."

Joseph tugged hard at the donkey's halter. No luck. "Come on, animal," he shouted, whacking it on the rear end to get it moving. Grudgingly the donkey responded. With one hand Joseph led the donkey, with the other he steadied Mary on the steep incline, slowly enough to accommodate her ungainly progress down the winding road which led from Nazareth's height. In the house above, the cradle hung still.

Five days and ninety bone-weary miles later, Joseph searched the small stable where they were staying on the outskirts of crowded Bethlehem. Mary's time would be soon now. He was careful to keep his lamp from igniting the old straw. He finally settled on an ancient stone manger for the baby's bed, cut from the wall of the limestone cave which housed the animals. He reached in to scoop the last gritty bits of straw from the manger's dank bottom. "That'll have to do," he muttered. He filled the trough with an armful of fresh fodder, which he covered with a folded blanket to keep the animals away.

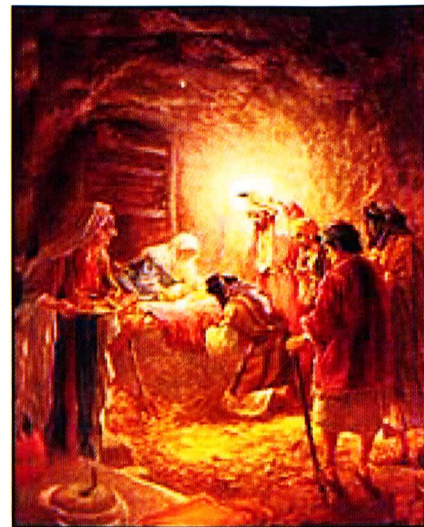
It was well past midnight by the time Mary finished washing and wrapping her new baby. Now she lifted him gently into his new bed. Joseph put his arm around her shoulders as they gazed at the sleeping infant.

Mary touched the tiny fingers. "That cradle you spent so much time on would be real nice right now, Joseph." She looked up at the cave's low ceiling. "You could hang it somewhere. No baby I know has a cradle like that. It's fit for a king."

Joseph grinned. "Not every boy has a carpenter for a dad," he said. But he wondered. Why couldn't little Jesus be home in that cradle? Why does this special child the angel told Mary and him about have to be born in this smelly stable? A hill-country carpenter's home is bad enough. Why here? Why Bethlehem?

The answer wasn't long in coming. An older boy poked his head in the door, startling the couple from their quiet moment. "Is there a baby in here?" he mumbled apologetically. Then he saw the tiny child. Mary picked her baby up to shield the infant from his eyes. The face disappeared.

Mary's eyes mirrored Joseph's concern. He strode to the cave's opening. He could hear a distant call, "Over here, Jake found him!" In the darkness, Joseph could make out a



Painting by William Hole

handful of forms coming toward him. He gripped his stout wooden staff and stood resolutely at the door.

As they approached the stable he could see they were shepherds. Joseph's grip on the staff tightened. The oldest one spoke hesitantly. "Can we come in? We have ... ah ... come to see the Christ-child."

Joseph glanced at Mary. He could feel a tingle move down his spine. This was more than an accident. The whole fantastic course of events was far more than an accident. He nodded and stepped back into the stable. "Yes, come in. You are welcome."

The shepherds shuffled into the cramped cave. The youngest pushed in alongside the donkey to get a better view. They knelt. "God be praised!" The old shepherd spoke with deepest reverence.

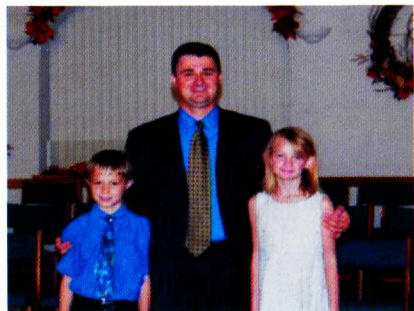
"It's just like the angel told us," another whispered in awe. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," the angel said."

"Imagine! An angel . . . talking to us!" the old man interjected with rising excitement. "None of the uppity-ups in this town would lower themselves to talk to us shepherds," he added.

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# Missouri Life....



On October 21, Greg Smith baptised his son Daylen and Abby Dotson at **First in Ozark**. Pastor Gary Michener baptized Annette Ramsey on October 28th.



The **Belton Free Will Baptist Church** rejoices in the recent salvation of six people. Three of them were baptized on September 16th with the remaining three slated for a later date."

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Several good things have been happening lately around the **Monett Church**.

We had a grandparents day a few weeks ago.

Last Saturday we had a Neighborhood appreciation day and it came out real well. There were games for the kids, hamburgers, hotdogs, popcorn and lots of fun to go all around. The Hillsdale Singers were here and did a fabulous job. Since we were outside, all the neighbors definitely heard the singing. There was over 200 who came through out the afternoon.

God Bless. Ken Dodson



*Please don't forget  
your year end gifts  
to the  
Show-Me Plan....  
our missionaries  
are depending on  
your faithfulness to  
help them do their  
job on the field.*

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"But an angel did . . . And the child is right here in a stable so we can come and see him." Rivulets of tears were inching down the shepherd's weathered face.

Joseph stared at the old man. "How did you find us?" he finally asked.

The boy who had first peeked in answered. "The angel said, 'Unto you is born ....'"

"Yes, to us!" The beaming old man couldn't contain himself.

The boy spoke deliberately, as if to remember the exact words: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior ..."

"That's here--Bethlehem--David's birthplace," the littlest boy interrupted. He thrust out his chest proudly. "King David was a shepherd, too, you know."

The older boy continued. "... a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

"The Christ, the Messiah . . . He's the one!" The old man pointed to the baby.

"The angel was very specific," the young man went on. "And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." He grinned. "How could we miss? We just ran into town and checked every stable until we found you . . . found him." The boy paused. "How many newborns in Bethlehem do you know with a cattle manger for a cradle?"

Joseph chuckled. So that was it. The heavenly Father Himself had provided a bed for His child. A special cradle. A sign to these crude shepherds that God cared for them too.

Joseph squeezed Mary's hand very tightly.

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# R. Eugene Waddell With The Lord

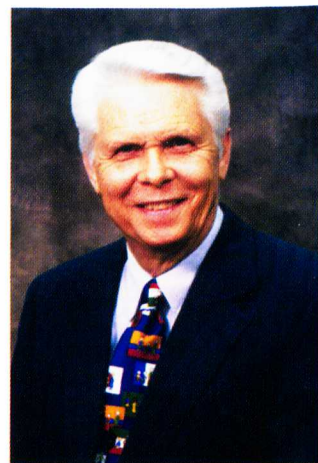
October 23, 2007

Antioch, TN—Reverend R. Eugene (Gene) Waddell went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 21, 2007, following an extended battle with cancer.

Waddell served as general director of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions for 12 years (April 1986-December 1998). During his tenure the Mission began ministering in Russia, Mongolia, China, and Central Asia. Under his leadership contact with Cuba was reinstated, 64 missionaries were appointed, overseas church attendance almost doubled, and the TEAM summer missions program for high school students was initiated.

In addition to his time as general director, Waddell

served as associate director for five years (1981-1986) and completed over 20 years (1959-1981) as an active member of the Board of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. Following his December 31, 1998, retirement, he served as Minister of Care and, more recently, pastor emeritus at Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, Tennessee.



Waddell leaves behind an impressive legacy of faith, love, resilience, passion for reaching unreached peoples, integrity, compassion, mediation, vision and servanthood.

## Update from the Bivens

**H**appy Fall to you from the dry land of perpetual brown and green.

We are back on the border for a few days, tending to car permits and my visa-necessary business every six months. And, believe it or not, it feels like Fall here. What a refreshing feeling stepping out into the crisp morning air. Tomorrow we shed our jackets and head back to the Bible Institute.

We are half way through the semester and the students are all doing well. Diego, Marco and Roberto go back to their home churches on the weekends to help in the work there. Chindo continues to help in the Celaya mission on Saturdays and he is also teaching a Teen Sunday School class at Bethel church. They are all taking on more responsibilities and showing evidence of real spiritual growth. Bud and the fellows are getting the ditches ready to pour the foundation and floor of the first married student's house-and praying for a crew that will help raise the rest of the money we need to built it and come with their hammers in their hands and do the work. Now I ask you, is that a lot to ask for?

We just wrapped up a wonderful week with a group led by Brother Dave Franks Jr. six pastors from Alabama and one from Kentucky. Of course, Bud tried to kill them, working them hard and then carrying them all over the place. We were blessed to be able to attend a service in the mission of Tecacalax-over the mountain and through the woods from Atlapexco. What an exciting time that was-coming and going as well as the service itself. We had a certain amount of trouble with the van: a knot on a tire, then a low spare, then got

stuck on the road out of the village, then the front end began to talk to us. Bud took it in the day after we got back from the village and I guess they replaced nearly the whole front end. Fortunately, work in Mexico is a whole lot cheaper than it is in the states. Then, on our way out to the border we had a blow out on our Toyota and discovered that the spare was also blown out. No idea how, when, or where that happened. We made it home OK, but just a bit later than planned.

The folks from Alabama & Kentucky all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their time in Mexico. We expect to see them all come again and bring more people with them. But, most important, I believe they will pray for the work and for us with greater understanding now.

We are looking forward to our next visitor, Brother Richard Hendrix from Madison, AL Nov. 11th-18th. He will be teaching the students for a week and will also speak in several of the churches at night. So, exciting things are still happening.

We are well aware that none of this would be possible without your faithful prayer and financial support. We will only know what its real value is when we sit down to rest with the Lord. Meanwhile, we are always on the run and trying to use our time wisely. Please pray for us that we would be well, up to the task, and good stewards of our time and all that you have given for the work



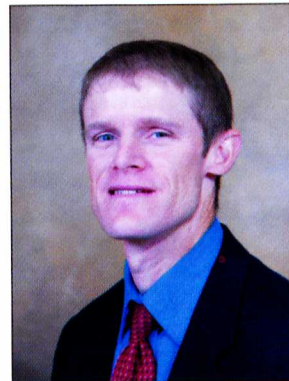


## Mike Phillips, FWBBC Instructor, Completes Doctorate

NASHVILLE, TN—Mike Phillips, Exercise Science Program Director and Athletic Director at Free Will Baptist Bible College, completed requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree at Middle Tennessee State University in October 2007. The degree will be awarded during graduation ceremonies December 15.

Provost Greg Kettelman said, "We are so pleased for Dr. Phillips and his family. He has worked hard to complete his doctoral studies, while at the same time maintaining his teaching duties at FWBBC, his home responsibilities, and his local church involvement. Mike is such an encouragement and example to our students."

Mike has been part of the FWBBC faculty since 2002. He is a member of Donelson Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville where he serves on the Global Outreach Committee.



## FWBBC Seeks Director of Recruitment

NASHVILLE, TN—Free Will Baptist Bible College is accepting resumes and referrals for the position of director of recruitment, according to Jeff Caudill, director of enrollment services. Mr. Caudill said, "We have had some really great individuals serve as director of recruitment through the years, the most recent being Ryan Lewis who is now an associate pastor in Amory, Mississippi. This high profile, high energy position is ideal for a recent college graduate in his mid-to-late 20s or early 30s."

### The Ideal Candidate Will:

1. Have a bachelor's degree.
2. Demonstrate good people skills.
3. Possess good written and oral communication skills.
4. Be able to take and give directions well.
5. Meet deadlines, be organized, and work well under stress.
6. Be a Free Will Baptist.
7. Desire to be part of the FWBBC family and make a difference in the lives of students.

### Brief Job Description:

1. Report to and work closely with the director of enrollment services.
2. Be the face of recruitment at FWBBC.
3. Oversee recruitment efforts at FWBBC including, but not limited to: Welcome Days, Senior Days, summer visit days, call center, summer travel schedule, etc.
4. Provide constant energy and new ideas for increased enrollment.
5. Supervise EMT staff.
6. Travel to retreats, camps, and other functions as chief recruiter.
7. Oversee EMT booth at Free Will Baptist national convention.
8. Limited involvement in retention activities.
9. Oversee, schedule, and conduct campus tours.
10. Other recruitment related activities as needed.

Submit resumes or referrals to Jeff Caudill, director of enrollment services, at [jcaudill@fwbbc.edu](mailto:jcaudill@fwbbc.edu) or mail to Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205. All submissions should be received by December 1, 2007.



# Financial Report

## Coop Disbursements

October 2007..... **\$67,480.11**

19.00% St HM .....\$12,821.22  
17.00% Exec. Office..... \$11,471.62  
3.00% Gen. Fund..... \$2,024.40  
8.50% Youth Camp.....\$5,735.82  
2.50% Youth Min.....\$1,687.00  
2.50% CE .....\$1,687.00  
2.50% Senior Adult.....\$1,687.00  
9.00% Mo Retmt.....\$6,073.21  
3.00% ShowMe Plan ....\$2,024.40

33.00% .....\$19,772.15  
National Ministries

**Total ..... \$67,480.11**

## Coop Plan

Alton .....	\$200.00
Amity.....	\$72.60
Aulsbury Chapel.....	\$252.13
Bailey.....	\$286.00
Bailey Chapel .....	\$204.00
Beacon .....	\$1,629.44
Belton .....	\$327.52
Berean .....	\$107.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$271.69
Black Oak .....	\$968.62
Byrd .....	\$405.60
Cabool .....	\$292.92
Calvary Chapel.....	\$1,188.36
Cape Girardeau 1st .....	\$592.56
Central .....	\$1,306.12
Christ Chapel.....	\$583.00
Clifton .....	\$49.84
Copper Mines .....	\$640.35
Cornerstone .....	\$803.27
Crossroads-Wentzville.....	\$851.00
Cuba .....	\$625.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$1,850.00
Faith.....	\$312.80
Faith & Hope- Aurora .....	\$113.70
Fellowship.....	\$1,200.00
Fordland .....	\$504.00
Fourth.....	\$237.64
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$401.00
Freeman Chapel.....	\$364.70
Generations .....	\$1,000.80
Gospel Light .....	\$200.00
Grace.....	\$1,968.37
Grant Avenue.....	\$1,082.15
Greenfield.....	\$283.00
Hannibal .....	\$822.00
Harmony .....	\$538.37
Hartville.....	\$1,446.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$1,074.19
Hopewell.....	\$550.00
Houston 1st .....	\$295.41
Hurryville.....	\$975.34
Jackson .....	\$179.87
Kinks Way.....	\$372.20
Koshkonong.....	\$99.00
Lead Hill.....	\$197.23
Leadington.....	\$555.00
Lebanon 1st.....	\$1,447.64
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$424.46
Marshfield .....	\$223.14
Merls Chapel .....	\$272.38
Mill Creek.....	\$868.60
Mine La Motte.....	\$90.80
Monett 1st.....	\$777.31
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$2,148.39
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$808.00
Myrtle.....	\$519.87
Nevada .....	\$289.00
New Hope.....	\$286.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$386.00
Niangua .....	\$199.13
Number One .....	\$221.05
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....	\$249.88
Oak Hill .....	\$882.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$2,582.78
Olivet .....	\$325.00
Overland .....	\$244.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$2,386.94
Park Hills 1st.....	\$954.96
Parkview .....	\$447.00
Pleasant Hill.....	\$150.88
Pleasant Ridge .....	\$56.70
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$147.00
Potosi 1st.....	\$192.50
Rejoice .....	\$670.43
Republic.....	\$555.73
Richwoods 1st .....	\$986.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$478.55
Rolla 1st.....	\$500.00
Salem .....	\$30.00
Semour .....	\$669.00
Smyrna .....	\$169.00
Springfield 1st.....	\$2,361.37
St. Francois Assoc.....	\$90.00
Stockton.....	\$212.90
Stonebridge .....	\$405.00
Thayer .....	\$1,820.00
Trinity.....	\$1,052.35
Twin Oak.....	\$1,552.00
Union .....	\$60.00
Union Grove .....	\$900.00
United .....	\$2,952.65
Unity .....	\$450.00
Verdella .....	\$822.11
Viburnum .....	\$527.00
Victory- Alton .....	\$789.70
Victory- KC .....	\$698.35
Waynesville 1st.....	\$511.47
West Plains 1st.....	\$993.00
Willow Springs .....	\$545.69
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$119.00
Wolf Creek .....	\$697.61
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$67,480.11</b>

## Show-Me Plan

Adams, Lu .....	\$180.00
Barker, James.....	\$30.00
Beacon .....	\$541.95
Belton .....	\$157.00
Berean .....	\$30.00
Berry, Roberta .....	\$15.00
Bethel- Festus .....	\$45.00
Black Oak .....	\$60.00
Brown, Angela .....	\$15.00

Burns, Jack.....	\$60.00
Cabool .....	\$105.00
Calvary Chapel.....	\$105.00
Central.....	\$80.00
Chrisman, Mona .....	\$30.00
Coon Creek .....	\$100.44
Copper Mines .....	\$370.00
Cornerstone.....	\$506.00
Crossroads-Wentzville.....	\$50.00
Cuba .....	\$160.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$747.50
Eastern Gate .....	\$15.00
Faith&Hope- Willow Springs	\$45.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$150.00
Fellowship.....	\$715.95
Fordland .....	\$250.00
Fourth .....	\$90.00
Fredericktown 1st.....	\$165.00
Freeman Chapel.....	\$720.00
Generations .....	\$323.92
Gospel Light .....	\$1,000.00
Grace .....	\$382.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$345.00
Greenfield.....	\$120.00
Hannibal .....	\$60.00
Happy Hill .....	\$60.00
Harmony .....	\$26.92
Hartville.....	\$240.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$322.26
Hopewell.....	\$30.00
Houston 1st .....	\$88.00
Hurryville.....	\$530.50
Jackson .....	\$45.00
Leadington.....	\$230.00
Lebanon 1st.....	\$150.00
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$25.00
Maggart, Roxanne.....	\$100.00
Merls Chapel .....	\$30.00
Mill Creek .....	\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF .....	\$15.00
Mill Creek Youth Class.....	\$15.00
Mine La Motte.....	\$75.00
MO WAC .....	\$943.10
Monett 1st.....	\$155.00
Mountain Grove 1st.....	\$690.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$545.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer .....	\$30.00
Myrtle.....	\$75.00
New Beginning .....	\$235.00
New Home- Hartville.....	\$210.00
New Hope .....	\$150.00
New Life- Licking .....	\$242.00
Number One .....	\$60.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove .....	\$234.85
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$115.00
Olivet .....	\$30.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$34.00
Park Hills 1st.....	\$331.50
Parkview .....	\$221.00
Pinkerton, Jerry .....	\$45.00
Pleasant Grove- Anderson	\$270.00
Pleasant Hill.....	\$45.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$50.00
Porter Chapel .....	\$1,104.41
Rejoice .....	\$30.00
Richwoods 1st.....	\$57.50
Rock Chapel.....	\$255.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$30.00
Shelley, Larry.....	\$15.00
Southeast MO Assoc.....	\$90.00
Springfield 1st.....	\$545.00
Stockton.....	\$243.50
Stonebridge .....	\$100.00
Thayer .....	\$350.00
Trinity.....	\$435.00
Union .....	\$45.00
Union Grove .....	\$25.00
United .....	\$384.07
Unity .....	\$75.00
Verdella.....	\$1,017.11
Viburnum .....	\$85.00
Victory- KC .....	\$365.00
Walnut Grove .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$410.60
Willow Springs .....	\$134.12
Willow Springs 1st .....	\$45.00
CO-OP .....	\$2,024.40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$22,784.60</b>

## State Home Missions

Berean .....	\$15.00
Book Store.....	\$540.00
Copper Mines .....	\$75.00
Crossroads-Wentzville.....	\$50.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$110.00
Fordland .....	\$10.00
Gospel Light .....	\$160.00
Grace.....	\$40.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$79.11
Greater Spg Assoc. ....	\$1,200.00
Lebanon Greenhills .....	\$84.89
MO WAC .....	\$88.92
Myrtle.....	\$85.00
Oak Hill.....	\$30.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$100.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana .....	\$20.00
Republic.....	\$25.00
Southeast MO Assoc.....	\$90.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
United .....	\$25.00
Unity .....	\$70.00
Waynesville .....	\$186.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,143.92</b>

## National Home Missions

Beacon .....	\$30.00
Bethel- Festus .....	\$50.00
Central .....	\$165.00
Copper Mines .....	\$105.00
Cuba .....	\$96.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$282.00
Farmington 1st.....	\$616.00
Fellowship.....	\$416.71
Fordland .....	\$115.00
Fourth .....	\$50.00
Fredericktown 1st .....	\$30.00
Gospel Light .....	\$80.00
Grace.....	\$276.50
Grant Avenue.....	\$79.11
Greater Spg Assoc. ....	\$1,200.00
Hartville.....	\$30.00
Houston 1st .....	\$62.50
Jackson .....	\$45.00
Mammoth Spring .....	\$120.00
Merls Chapel .....	\$25.00
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$70.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	\$30.00
New Testament.....	\$75.00
Oak Hill.....	\$133.00
O'Fallon 1st .....	\$125.00
Olivet .....	\$110.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$364.00
Park Hills 1st.....	\$221.00
Rader, Jerry .....	\$20.00
Richwoods 1st .....	\$75.00
Rock Chapel.....	\$141.70



Rolla 1st.....	\$171.00
Thayer .....	\$90.00
Trinity .....	\$40.00
United .....	\$155.00
Unity .....	\$90.00
Verdella.....	\$10.00
Victory- KC .....	\$15.00
Waynesville 1st.....	\$235.00
West Plains 1st.....	\$225.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,269.52</b>

### International Missions

Asher, Dorothy.....	\$40.00
Belton .....	\$40.00
Copper Mines .....	\$100.00
Cuba .....	\$64.00
DeSoto 1st.....	\$90.00
Fellowship.....	\$2.25
Generations .....	\$56.38
Grant Avenue.....	\$15.00
Greater Spgf Assoc. ....	\$1,200.00
Hartville.....	\$45.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$167.42
Houston 1st .....	\$47.50
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$568.00
New Testament.....	\$55.00
Olivet .....	\$20.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$25.00
Pleasant Home .....	\$56.55
Rejoice.....	\$255.00
Rolla 1st.....	\$121.00
Springfield 1st.....	\$108.05
Thayer .....	\$10.00
Verdella.....	\$246.63
Waynesville 1st.....	\$70.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,402.78</b>

### Designated Giving

#### Berea Ministries

Hartville .....	\$150.00
Jackson .....	\$15.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>

#### Brazil Project

Verdella.....	\$305.37
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$305.37</b>

#### Trula Cronk Home for Children

New Hope.....	\$50.00
Hartville.....	\$50.00
Myrtle .....	\$34.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$53.71
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$20.00
Unity .....	\$20.00
Stonebridge .....	\$50.00
Belton .....	\$25.00
Grace .....	\$30.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$387.71</b>

#### C. E. Board

Book Store.....	\$140.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Free Will Baptist Bible College

Beacon .....	\$25.16
Desoto 1st .....	\$40.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$53.71
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$165.00
Beacon .....	\$56.31
Fellowship-Park Hills .....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Hopewell.....	\$10.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$410.18</b>

#### Hillsdale

Beacon .....	\$25.16
Farmington 1st.....	\$50.00
Grant Avenue.....	\$25.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$53.71
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$170.00
Beacon .....	\$58.31
Generations .....	\$73.77
Thayer .....	\$50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$505.95</b>

#### Missouri Retirement

Book Store.....	\$200.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

#### Senior Adult Board

Book Store.....	\$140.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### Urban Impact

Verdella.....	\$421.05
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$421.05</b>

#### Youth Camp

Lebanon Book Store.....	\$540.00
Cornerstone.....	\$100.00
Hartville.....	\$10.00
Niangua .....	\$25.00
Desoto 1st .....	\$55.00
Hazel Creek.....	\$107.42
Mountain Grove 1st .....	\$25.00
Rolla 1st .....	\$20.00
Willow Springs .....	\$50.00
Mt. Pisgah .....	\$15.00
Ozark 1st .....	\$10.00
Thayer .....	\$50.00
Verdella .....	\$124.00
Trinity.....	\$9.00
Union.....	\$30.00
Berean .....	\$15.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1,185.42</b>

#### Youth Camp Development

Oak Hill.....	\$15.00
Myrtle .....	\$75.00
Oak Hill.....	\$15.00
West Plains 1st .....	\$25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$130.00</b>

#### Youth Ministries Board

Book Store .....	\$140.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

#### YWAM

Belton .....	\$25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

**Total October Giving:**  
**\$108,958.18**

**Funds to date:**  
**10/31/07**

**Cooperative Plan:**  
**\$640,454.78**  
**Show-Me Plan**  
**\$269,914.81**

## Available Churches

The following churches are looking for a pastor. If your church is available, please let us know in the Gem office and we will gladly list your contact information. If your church is listed and finds a pastor, please let us know to remove your listing.

**First Church**  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
Contact:  
Don Gregory  
573-339-0797  
or  
Dave  
573-334-1106

**King's Way Church**  
Springfield, MO  
Contact:  
Everett Sawyer  
417-582-1354  
417-209-6726

**First Church**  
Houston, MO  
Contact:  
Pearl (Bud) Richardson  
417-967-3703  
Danny Carter  
417-967-4279

**Parkway Church**  
Sedalia, MO  
Contact:  
Audrey Bigelow  
660-826-3880  
660-475-0375

**Victory Church**  
Alton, MO  
Contact:  
Rev. Garland Barton  
417-778-6370  
gbarton000@centurytel.net

**First Church**  
Mtn. Grove  
Contact:  
Joe Robertsonson  
417-926-3396





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