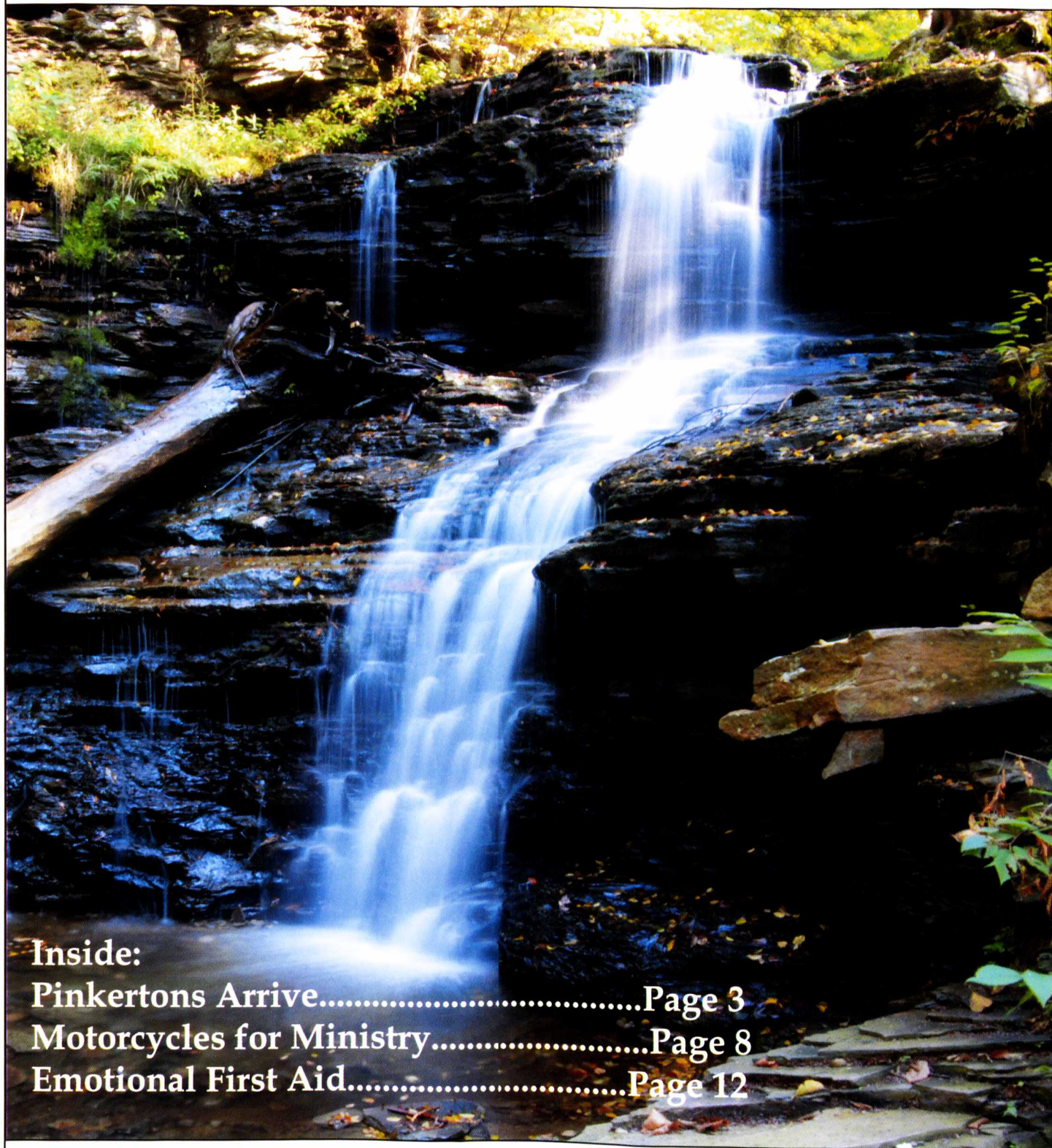




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Welcome! Bonjour!



I remember an old story about a missionary couple that returned home after having served all their adult lives in a foreign country. The story relates that on the same flight home there was a dignitary aboard that upon landing had quite a contingent of people there to welcome him home. Cameras were flashing, hands were clapping, voices were raised and the crowd was full of smiles as he entered the airport lounge.

The elderly missionary remarked to his wife as they walked unhindered past the commotion, "We have served over 35 years spreading the Gospel, making disciples that can continue on the work and planting churches in a hot, bug and disease infested place and no one is here to greet us. Yet, this person who has lived in comfort all his life and has probably done very little that has any eternal impact receives all this to welcome him home."

His wise wife tenderly took his calloused hand and looked at her husband's leathery, but kind, face and said, "But honey, were not home yet."

On the evening of March 27 that story was not experienced at the Kansas City International Airport. In fact, quite the opposite happened. Over 70 gathered at Gate 58 with signs painted, cameras ready, voices raised and smiles on every face waiting to see and wel-

come home a dear missionary couple. Cody Freeman even had on his Ivorian Boubou (boo-boo) he received while on a recent visit to see the work in Ivory Coast.

When the plane landed and people disembarked they walked right into our gathering and each one read the banner, "Welcome Home! Jerry & Carol Pinkerton - Thank you for serving 34 years teaching and preaching the Gospel in Ivory Coast, Africa! "

One man from the plane read it and smiled big. I said to him, "You didn't know you had dignitaries riding with you, huh." He replied, "I sure didn't. I'm going stay and see who they are!" Another behind him replied, "I sure am glad you did this! This is great!"

As we waited for them to walk out we really didn't know what to expect after their 20 hour trip. Anyone making that kind of journey can't wait to get home, kick off their shoes and just stretch out - for a couple of days. In fact, the last time they flew in wasn't good on either of them and it took Carol several days to recoup from back pain. So we were ready to be happy with a hug and then wave, "See ya later."

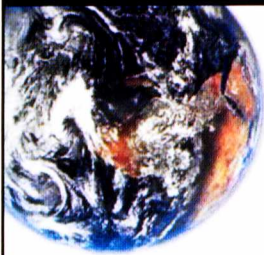
Finally, the time had come! We saw Jerry walking toward us with a grin and a slow shaking of the head

like he was saying, "I can't believe this."

Carol was smiling from ear to ear. In usual Pinkerton form they hugged every neck, some twice, and spoke to each person and wiped tears. We plugged the airport aisle for a time but thankfully no one seemed too distressed about it. After some time passed we began to move to the next phase of the welcome which was to go to a local restaurant and share a meal together.

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Missouri Show-Me Missions



The Turnbough Report

Dear Missouri Show-Me Plan Supporters,

We have been investing a lot of time and energy over the last several months preparing for our second leadership training event in Spain. Our approach is different this time. Rather than offer the training for a large group of leaders from all our churches, we have selected six leaders to train. March 20-22 we will have a special training event involving nine believers/leaders. Three of us will give the training to these six leaders, as representatives from our five churches.

Later this year we will help them offer the training to a larger group of leaders from our local churches. Please pray for us as we do the training, and for these leaders as they receive and participate in the training. A program of leadership training has been my major ministry emphasis for the past two years. The Lord has blessed in unusual ways to bring us this training. Local believers are growing in their skills, commitment and effectiveness.

Although it has been somewhat slow, the construction on the Villalba Church building is progressing as you can see in the pictures. Thank you so much for your gifts

and prayers for this project. Susan and I still wonder sometimes if it is really true. It is! It is so very encouraging and exciting to see this building going up. We are confident that God is going to use it to extend His Kingdom in Villalba, in Spain, and around the world. The projected completion date is February of 2009.

Our commitments with LMC and our responsibilities as Regional Director for Europe add new and unique ministry opportunities for us. We travel more than before, and have contact with a broader range of Christian workers in many different places outside of Spain. We were in France last month, visiting with our workers there. This month we head to Thailand for a

Senior LMC Training event, as well as to work in an LMC for leaders in that part of the world. We'll come home for a couple of days, and then head to Nashville for our annual meeting with Regional Directors, FC

Chairman, Home Office Directors, and our Board. After that we head to Costa Rica to work in our first LMC in Central America. This is the first time that I (Jeff) will serve as lead trainer of a multinational and intermission LMC event. We hope to host a variety of leaders from different Central and South American countries, and later

make contacts to begin to build a team for taking the LMC training into the Spanish-speaking world. The International Training Alliance Management Team (LMC) has asked me to serve as point person to take the LMC training into the Spanish-speaking world. Please pray for these trips and for our participation in each of these ministries.

As you can imagine, even though we always search for the cheapest tickets we can find, traveling is

not cheap. Unfortunately, our mission account has sunk into the red (deficit), again. Our deficit is due to three factors:

1. The dollar is the weakest it has ever been against the euro. Our buying power has been cut drastically.

2. We have extraordinary expenses due to new ministry commitments and responsibilities.

3. Our monthly support is not as strong as it needs to be (we could use more monthly support).

Please ask the Lord to touch believers' hearts to give to our mission account, to supply this need, and to bring our account out of the red. Thank you so much for taking time to read our update and for supporting us faithfully with your prayers and finances.

Here for HIS glory, Jeff and Susan

Prayer concerns:

1. The Life Management Plan Course, March 20-22.

2. The construction of the Villalba Church building.

3. Our travel and ministries in Thailand, Costa Rica and Antioch.

4. Our mission account, which is in the red



News from the McDonalds

Dear Show-Me Plan family,

Greetings from Tokyo! Ruth and I have sensed God's hand of blessing in the Good News Chapel church plant in 2008.

God has brought revival to the heart of one of the men of our church, Yoshiuki Oikawa. During a season of prayer breakfast times with Mr. Oikawa, I challenged him to grow spiritually by giving him the "40 Days of Purpose" devotional book recently translated into Japanese. He diligently finished the book in 40 days, giving testimony often in the Sunday worship time that God had spoken to him as he had worked through the devotional.

First, he rescheduled his entire work schedule with his employer to include no Sunday work where he could attend weekly worship. He risked a substantial pay cut to an already modest salary by not working on Sunday. Next he adjusted his work load to be able to attend the week day Bible studies sponsored by the church.

He continues to testify most every Sunday as to how God is now the center of his life and how God is leading him weekly. He next called the church asking what kind of ministry he could do for the church and has begun to be active in the public reading of the Word. He also asked what he could do for the evangelistic outreach of the church! In the past few weeks, Mr. Oikawa has influenced his high school age son, Daichi, to attend our Sunday worship services. No doubt his son has seen the change in his dad and has visited our church to check it out for himself. Now others in the church have been spurred on in their own walk with Christ through the influence of Mr. Oikawa and his fervent desire to make Christ the center of his (daily) life.

Please pray for Mr. Oikawa as he unashamedly lets his light shine before this spiritually darkened society. That's no small request for this field of ministry. Please pray especially for his son, Daichi, that



Mr. Oikawa with his son Daichi.

he would hear the voice of God in his heart.

Thank you for your prayers for the work in Tokyo at Good News Chapel. God indeed is working in our midst. No doubt, God is answering someone's prayers for this work. May your prayers increase more than ever for this lighthouse for the Gospel.

We deeply appreciate your financial contribution to our mission account through the Show-Me Plan. Without your faithful support we would not have been able to have ministered during this third year of our term. Recently, our account has slipped into the red. Please continue to stand with us in this ministry to the untold masses of Tokyo.

Donnie McDonald

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We took over the 80 seat capacity diner with our welcoming committee and had some good ole Kansas City barbecue. Those of you who know Jerry and Carol won't be surprised but, they joined us for supper and stayed around until everyone was ready to leave.

I really don't have the words to use in describing the significance of this couple's last trip from Africa as missionaries. Having been one who has been there and has seen how God used this couple to

affect so many lives has one huge impact on me. To couple that with the knowledge that no one else needs to be sent to replace them because that work is so organized and well trained, is just beyond my ability to describe. I, and all of us, have always loved this couple that served the Lord in Cote d' Ivoire and to be able to share this moment in their lives was very special to those who attended.

Now as the wise missionary wife reminded her husband about being welcomed home, I realize that our welcome home won't be able to

compare to the one they'll receive when they really do go home, but I sure am proud that we didn't make them wait until then!

- Missions Director Frank Webster.



The Cates in Canyon



I once heard it said "I am often amazed, yet never surprised by what God does,"

That would sum up very clearly what is happening in Canyon, TX. When we arrived in Canyon nearly two years ago, Sondra and I had a vision of what we wanted to do. Although we did not know anyone in Canyon we were convinced that if God had moved our hearts to come here to plant a church and that He also had a congregation prepared to join us.

What has taken place over the past two years is the unfolding of God's plan. I say that I am amazed because the church that God is assembling is of such a wide variety of backgrounds. He has brought together people with strong church ties, moderate church affiliation, and no religious background at all. Yet together we are of one mind and purpose. I have been told over and over again that there is just something different about Canyon Country Free Will Baptist Church. It is true that the many of us have an interest in horses and western culture but not all. However the simple rural atmosphere, the mixture of contemporary and traditional music, the connection of family and friends, and of course the simple preaching and teaching of the Bible connects us in a way that is truly unique.

On March 30th we celebrated our first year of services. We had a wonderful service followed by brisket and all the fixings. After lunch we spent the afternoon pitching horseshoes and washers, roping, pony rides, tug of war and many other activities. What again was amazing to me was that everyone lingered not really wanting to leave. We rejoiced in the weather God gave us, (sunshine and no wind!) with 78 souls that were in attendance (a new record high for us), and the spirit that joined us together.

I am excited about what the next years will bring, and I am certain that God is placing a church in Canyon, TX that will grow to maturity and magnify the

name of Christ. We are so very grateful that He is allowing us to be a part of it. I want to thank each and every one of our brothers and sisters in Christ that pray for us, support us financially, call to encourage us and come by to visit. There is no way we could ever repay you for all that you do.

Please pray for us as we look to the future expansion of the church. We need more space and are confident that God will provide. We plan to have our arena in full operation by the end of summer with outreaches designed for horse folks. Also we are in the planning stages of a dedicated University outreach at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The possibilities are endless and the prospects very bright. Pray that we will heed the Spirit of God as we reach into this wonderfully western world.

Riding for Him in Canyon,
The Cates

The Altom Report

In the new book, Church is a Team Sport by Jim Putnam, there is a surprising gathering of statistics that



Putnam calls the report card of the church. There are approximately 360,000 churches in America, of those churches only 15% are growing. Of those churches, only 2 to 5 percent are growing because of new conversions. That means that there are only about 7,500 churches in America that are growing because people are being saved! Fifty percent of all evangelical churches reported absolutely no conversions last year! The majority of church growth is due to the reshuffling of church members.

Isaiah 56:10 gives three reasons for these statistics. Isaiah claims that the watchman, the people God sent to give the Message, had three characteristics that hindered them from spreading the message:

- They were blind: They were not paying attention to the people around them that needed to hear the message. They had forgotten the situation that the world was in and became too focused on their lives.

- They were ignorant: They did not know enough to help the people around them. It was not that they did not have the information; they chose not to use the information that was available to them.

- They were lazy: The people had lost a sense of urgency in what was happening in the world around them. Isaiah talks about them falling asleep on the job and not giving out the urgent message that was needed.

I think we can all be challenged from that passage. At Keystone Church in Greensburg, PA, we are fighting to not fall into any of those three traps. Last week we saw one of our people's close friends that he had been inviting for a while finally come and he accepted Christ in his first visit to an evangelical church! We are among the churches growing because of new conversions, that is because of what God is doing, not anything that we are doing.

Sitting right here writing this article, I can think of four family members, two waitresses, six co-workers, and three fellow classmates that different members of our church are on the verge of seeing come visit us. We have developed many different ways of obtaining our goal to stay in contact with the people outside the church. Everyone in Greensburg is starting to hear about this new church that is starting in a hotel in town.

When the summer gets here, we will have three youth groups (including one from Missouri) and a national operation saturation that will be covering this city with fliers. There is going to be a little buzz about the church starting to surface. This coupled together with the relationships that I just shared with you will be what makes people realize they need to come see what is happening.



Missouri Life....

Ladies Aid Quilt Show



Mt. Pisgah Ladies' Aid is having their annual quilt show Saturday June 21, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Cabool High School Gym. We will have 200 quilts on display and a King-size "Amish Log Cabin" by Mattie Miller for silent auction. Lunch will be served for donation only and the Ladies will have the following items for sale: aprons, bonnets, scrubbies, dish cloths, embroidered dish towels and pillow cases, potholders, small tied quilts, handmade lye soap, pickles and relishes, patriotic items and a wide variety of items available for sale to fund the numerous charitable projects they support throughout the year. Come join the fun.

If you would like to display your quilts, contact Beth Hamilton at 417-962-3261 before June 1 for a chance at a wonderful prize. See you there.

We have been having services for one year. The reason? Because the people of Missouri were not blind, ignorant, or lazy about the lost people in the northeast. God is using you to help reach people like Tony who was saved last week. Thank you to you all!

The Altoms in Greensburg

New Life Valentines Celebrate



On March 2, 2008, the New Life Free Will Baptist Church had their Valentine Party. This was a belated party due to the problem with the weather. The youth of the church campaigned for the chance to be king and queen, or prince and princess. The votes were bought by a cent a vote, with the money raised going into the youth fund.

The youth raised over \$180.00 After the votes were counted the winners were announced. They were: as king Shaden Holyman; the queen was; Casey Jones the prince was; Eli Sheperd; and the princess was Dawn Sheperd.

After this a adult king and queen was chosen by a lot. The adult king was: Jim Breedlove and the adult queen was Brenda Vandivort. Then amoney tree was presented to Rev Howard and sister Diana Anderson. A good time of fellowship and fun was had by all.

Send your items for **Missouri Life** to info@mofwb.org or Gem, P.O. Box 991, Lebanon, MO 65536

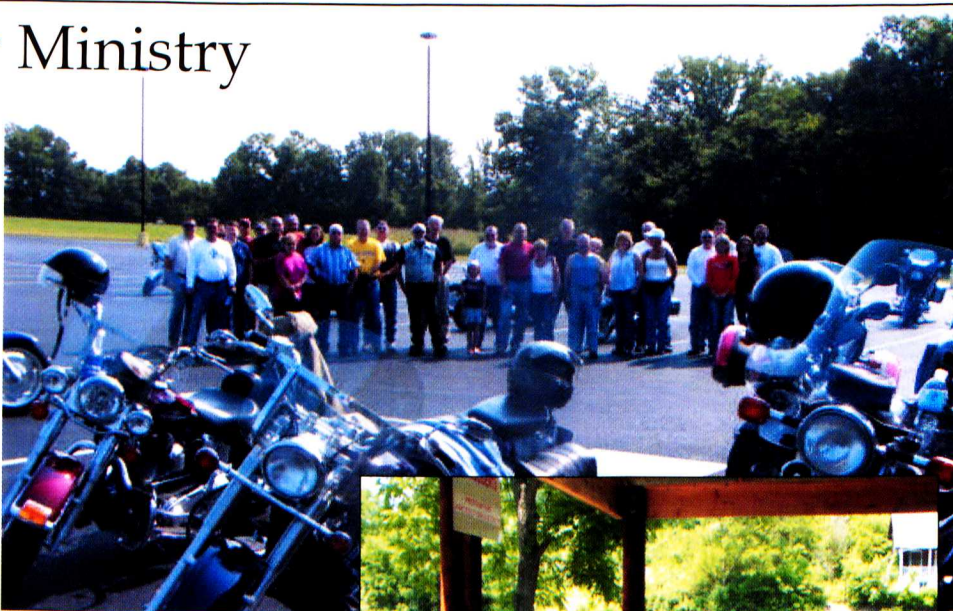
Motorcycles for Ministry

The Hartville FWB Church would like to invite everyone to join us for our second annual "Motorcycles for Missions" ride. This year's ride is scheduled for Saturday, June 21. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the Hartville Church, located at 5658 Highway Z, just north of Hartville 1/4 mile off of Hwy 5. Sign-in is at 9:00 a.m. The ride will last about 7 hours. The cost is \$20 per bike and \$10 for an extra rider. This price includes a sack lunch.

In order to provide lunch, we would encourage everyone to RSVP. Please leave a message at the church, 417-741-6157, or for Curtis Dowden, 471-926-5943.

Last year twenty-seven bikers on nineteen bikes had a great time riding. The ride consisted of several stops in order to fellowship and enjoy the scenery. The lunch stop was at a park in Protom, MO.

Our desire is to have a good time and raise money to provide sup-



port for our missions work throughout the world. Last year the money raised went to help out with the great work that is going on in Chitre, Panama. This year, we are planning for all proceeds to go directly to help fund construction at the Seminary in Panama.

For more information or to ride, contact:

Melvin Moon Pastor,
Hartville Church
email: melmoon@hotmail.com

Church:
hfwb@getgoin.net

FWBBC Students Minister in France, New York

NASHVILLE, TN — Twenty-nine Free Will Baptist Bible College students and their sponsors gave up their 2008 spring break in mid-March to minister and witness in France and New York, according to John Murray, director of Christian Service. Nineteen students went to New York with team leader Heath Hubbard, FWBBC's director of recruitment, while 10 students flew to France with team leader John Murray.

The New York team wore distinctive red smocks and stood on city streets asking passersby if they could pray for them. "We prayed with over 700 people," Mr. Hubbard said, "and we saw 11 people converted. It was an amazing time that moved us all out of our comfort zones."

The 10-member France team distributed tracts and performed manual labor at the Nantes Church where Missionaries Tim and Di Keener serve. They participated in a city-wide meeting of all evangelical churches in Nantes Sunday morning that attracted more than 400 people.

Mr. Murray said, "We attended the English Club in the city of Coueron where French and American foods were served. Tim and Di Keener sang, as did our students. Tim then handed the guitar to the only French man there who 'just happened to be' a French country music singer who asked if the group knew any gospel songs. We sang Amazing Grace and many others. God opened doors of future service for the Keeners."

The group also visited the St. Sebastian Church and met with Missionaries Dennis and Carol Teague.

MOFWB

2008 Calendar

May 6

Palmer Leadership Extension Class, Calvary Chapel, Buffalo

May 12-14

Senior Adult Retreat...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

June 1-2

SCM Competitive Activities...Clarion Hotel, Springfield

June 3

MOWAC Annual Convention...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

June 2-4

MOFWB Annual Meeting...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

June 8-13

Teen Camp, Group One

June 15-20

Teen Camp, Group Two

July 20-24

National Association of FWB...Charleston, West Virginia

July 27- August 1

Pre-teen Camp, Group Two

August 3-8

Pre-Teen Camp, Group One

Sptember 11-13

WNAC Retreat...Ridgecrest, North Carolina

September 19-20

MOWAC Retreat...Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

November 21-22

State Youth Retreat...Windermere Retreat Center, Roach, MO

Help for Pastors:

I recently made a guideline to help our Sunday School become more effective and evangelistic. If you could use something like this and are interested, please contact me at the church at (417) 581-5246 or e-mail me at Pastorgrm@aol.com. We have the guideline on CD or hardcopy.

Also, if you are interested in Website ideas, go to Ozarkfwb.com. Just wanted to share some ideas.

In Christ,
Pastor Gary R. Mitchener
Ozark 1st FWB Church, Ozark, MO.



Pastors:

If you have materials you have found especially useful and would like to share then with your brother pastors in our state, let us know and we will pass along your recommendation.
-Ed.

Missouri SCM (CTS) Bible and Arts Festival



June 1-2, 2007
Clarion Hotel

3333 S Glenstone Ave
Springfield, MO
877-424-6423



The SCM (formerly CTS) Bible and Arts Festival is a program designed to encourage the learning of scripture and the using of gifts of young people in our Free Will Baptist Churches. The Missouri State Youth Board follows the guidelines of the National Youth Conference. All coaches should have a copy of the guidelines. The guidelines are available at the Lebanon Bookstore (417-532-9516).

Registration and Fees: See the fee schedule on the official registration form. (available at www.mofwb.org/youth) The registration form must be postmarked by May 10, 2008. Send registration and fee to: Youth Ministries Board, 305 W Columbia, Farmington, MO 63640. Coaches will receive registration confirmation by email or mail (if email is not available) prior to competition. Questions concerning competition, contact Board Chairman, Randy Rains at 573-756-8933 or at errains@yahoo.com.

Projected Schedule:

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Evening Service - 6:30 p.m.

Competition - 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Monday, June 2 (Subject to change based on final registration)

Competition - 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony - 4:00 p.m.



Final schedule and details will be based on actual entries and will be available at competition. The time in the schedule that will not change is the Sunday evening service that begins at 6:30 p.m. Joe Wilson, Pastor of the First Church in Lebanon, Mo., will be preaching in the Sunday evening service. Joe is also a member of the Missouri State Youth Board.

The following hotel is blocking rooms for the SCM Festival. You must request the special rate for Missouri Free Will Baptists and reserve by May 15.

Clarion Hotel
3333 S. Glenstone Ave
417- 883-6550



In order to avoid state tax charges, the room must be charged to your church and a tax exempt letter must be presented to the motel. Make sure you let the motel know that your room is tax exempt upon registering. Check the NYC website at Randall House for 2008 rules changes.



95th Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists June 1-4, 2008 Clarion Hotel, Springfield, MO

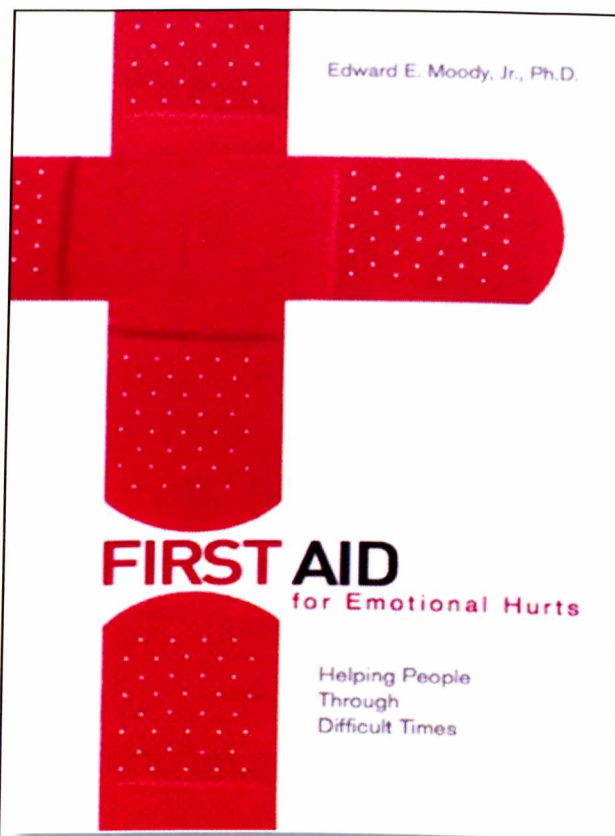
Sunday, June 1	3:00pm 7:00pm	SCM Competition Youth Service Speaker Rev. Joe Wilson
Monday, June 2	9:00am 3:00pm 7:00pm	SCM Competition SCM Awards Ceremony Opening Service State Association Speaker: Rev. Kenny Simpson
Tuesday June 3	9:00am 10:30am 11:00am 1:30pm 7:00pm	MOWAC Convention Executive Committee Meeting Service, Speaker: Carol Pinkerton General Board Meeting Evening Service Speaker: Rev. Russell Johnson
Wednesday June 4	9:00am 7:00pm	Opening Business Session Evening Service Speaker: Rev. Jerry Pinkerton

Registration:

You may preregister for the State Meeting this year by calling the State Office at 1-866-532-6537 or online at www.mofwb.org

You may register at the Clarion Hotel by calling (417) 883-6550. Be sure to mention that you are with the Missouri Free Will Baptist Convention for the special rate of \$68.00 per night including full breakfast buffet. Please consider staying at the Clarion as the more rooms we rent the less we have to pay for our meeting spaces.

Please note that our schedule is different this year. We are combining the SCM Competition and the State Associational Meeting. We hope this increases attendance at both events. Thanks for your participation.



Emotional First Aid

by Edward E. Moody, Jr.

And likewise, a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.
Luke 10:32

When I read the story of the Good Samaritan I feel sorry for the priest and the Levite who met that wounded man on the road that day. Think about it. They were on a dangerous road and they saw a man with injuries from which he would probably never recover. They weren't physicians. There was nothing they could do for him, or so they thought. They probably reasoned, "If we try to help him we will fail and probably endanger ourselves." Perhaps they whispered a prayer for the man as they rushed away.

You've been there. A co-worker suddenly loses a child, a friend has pancreatic cancer, a distant cousin's family is disintegrating. Perhaps you have even known people who've been abused or depressed to the point that they were suicidal. You feel sorry for the people involved but you have no idea of anything you can do to help. You aren't a counselor or a psychologist. And if you aren't careful you are afraid you could endanger yourself.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.
Luke 10:33

Pause

Perhaps we can learn a great deal from the Good Samaritan about how to help those around us when they need emotional first aid. The Good Samaritan paused that day from his own concerns and looked upon the man on the road to Jericho with compassion. Maybe he thought about how he might feel if he were wounded and stranded on a dangerous road. As we encounter hurting people it is important for us to think about how we would feel if we were experiencing the problems they are encountering. How would we feel if we had pancreatic cancer or hurt so bad we'd considered "ending it all?" Pausing allows us to get into a position to help them.

And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
Luke 10:34

Go

Deep inside the Good Samaritan knew he needed to do something. Notice that he addressed specific needs of the wounded man. He bound his wounds, poured in oil and wine and gave him a ride to the inn. In short, he took care of him for a brief period. If you feel compassion for someone and feel like you should be helping in some way – you should go and help. Look for specific tasks you can do to help. For example, in the wake of a sudden death you might shine the shoes of family members to take care of a task or offer to pick up dry cleaning before the funeral. For a family in crisis that has small children you might take care of those children to give them some time to iron out their differences. You can't make these kinds of problems disappear but you can help. If everyone carries a little of the burden it will get much lighter. Go and find a specific task you can complete to help.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
Luke 10:35

Find Help

The Good Samaritan got the wounded man to someone who could help him. In a way, the inn was the closest thing they had to a hospital. It was a place where the wounded man could rest and recuperate. Sometimes we may not help people because we do not know how

to help them. Fortunately there is a myriad of professionals who are available to help. When you don't know what to do, find someone who does. Often the first step for many emotional problems is to get a person to a physician. Pastors can provide biblical instruction. At other times, people will need the help of a professional counselor or a psychologist. You can find a listing at of Christian professionals online at www.FirstAidForEmotionalHurts.com under the heading "Christian Counselors." Remember what Jesus said to the lawyer that day at the end of this story?

*Go, and do thou likewise.
Luke 10:37b*

Whatever problems the people you encounter might have we have a responsibility to provide emotional first aid. Pause and consider how you would feel if you had the difficulty they experienced. Then go and look for a specific burden you can bear. For serious problems, find help. In doing so you'll be fulfilling Jesus' command to go and do likewise.



Edward E. Moody, Jr. is the pastor of Tippet's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and a professor of counselor education. Randall House Publications has recently published his book "First Aid for Emotional Hurts: Helping People Through Difficult Times." You can find more information at his website: www.FirstAid-ForEmotionalHurts.com.

Ministers Retreat 2008



The second week of March was the time and the Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Rocky Mount was the place. About 50 folks gathered for the annual Ministers Retreat on Lake of the Ozarks. We were refreshed and challenged as Dr. Randy Sawyer spoke to our hearts. His battle with adversity served as an inspiration to soldier on and be faithful because God is faithful. A great time of fellowship and food was complemented with an opportunity to hear about International Missions proposed giving plan from Director James Forlines. Accompanied by Board Member Jerry Norris and Director of Communications Mark McPeak, Bro. Forlines explained the plan and fielded questions. Mark your calendar for March 9-11, 2009 for the next installment of Retreat Missouri style.



Financial Report

Coop Disbursements

March 2008..... **\$55,457.10**

19.00% St HM\$10,536.84
17.00% Exec. Office.....\$9,427.70
3.00% Gen. Fund.....\$1,663.71
8.50% Youth Camp.....\$4,713.85
2.50% Youth Min.....\$1,386.42
2.50% CE\$1,386.42
2.50% Senior Adult.....\$1,386.42
9.00% Mo Retmt.....\$4,991.13
3.00% ShowMe Plan.....\$1,663.77

33.00%\$18,300.84
National Ministries

Total\$55,457.10

Coop Plan

Amity.....\$65.90
Aulsbury Chapel\$224.84
Bailey\$250.00
Bailey Chapel\$96.00
Beacon\$1,772.01
Belton\$252.90
Berean\$184.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs.....\$270.33
Bethel- Marshfield.....\$486.91
Black Oak\$534.22
Byrd\$596.29
Cabool\$288.10
Calvary Chapel.....\$816.07
Cape Girardeau\$485.00
Christ Chapel.....\$473.00
Clifton\$56.31
Copper Mines\$444.32
Cornerstone.....\$606.20
Crossroads - Wentzville.....\$968.00
Cuba\$570.00
DeSoto 1st.....\$1,400.00
Farmington 1st.....\$3,177.59
Fellowship.....\$1,300.00
Fordland\$415.00
Fourth\$201.67
Fredericktown 1st.....\$305.00
Freeman Chapel.....\$479.90
Generations\$710.22
Gospel Light\$200.00
Grace\$1,612.60
Grant Avenue.....\$883.65
Hannibal\$893.00
Hannon\$600.00
Harmony.....\$421.80
Hopewell.....\$478.00
Houston 1st.....\$527.14
Hurryville.....\$481.91
Jackson\$162.69
Kings Way\$510.41
Koshkonong.....\$114.00
Lead Hill.....\$260.73
Leadington.....\$475.68
Lebanon 1st.....\$1,124.52
Lebanon Greenhills\$395.69
Marshfield.....\$225.01
Merls Chapel\$209.21
Mill Creek.....\$340.97
Mine LaMotte.....\$95.43
Monett 1st.....\$689.57
Mt. Pisgah.....\$337.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$1,547.00
Neosho 1st.....\$895.85
Nevada\$184.78
New Hope.....\$192.00
New Life- Licking.....\$377.32
Niangua\$159.03
Number One\$117.51
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$183.40
Oak Hill.....\$477.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$1,596.55
Olivet\$860.00
Ozark 1st.....\$1,840.00
Palabras DeVida Eterna.....\$150.10
Park Hills 1st.....\$62.74
Pleasant Hill- Thayer\$185.44
Pleasant Home.....\$120.90
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$107.00
Potosi 1st.....\$169.35
Purdy 1st.....\$950.00
Raymondville 1st.....\$73.60
Rejoice.....\$816.68
Republic.....\$842.55
Rock Chapel\$359.13
Rolla 1st.....\$324.00
Salem\$30.00
Seymour\$719.00
Smyrna\$92.00
South Fremont.....\$1,600.00
Springfield 1st.....\$1,285.09
Stonebridge.....\$310.00
Thayer\$1,228.00
Twin Oak.....\$1,619.00
Union Grove.....\$400.00
Union Light\$170.00
United\$2,067.49
Unity\$450.00
Verdella.....\$1,381.40
Viburnum\$502.00
Victory- Alton\$776.54
Waynesville 1st.....\$475.91
Willow Springs\$383.77
Willow Springs 1st.....\$95.00
Wolf Creek.....\$811.18
Total\$55,457.10

Show-Me Plan

Barker, James.....\$15.00
Beacon\$585.75
Belton\$165.00
Berean\$40.00
Berean\$30.00
Berry Roberta\$15.00
Bethel- Festus\$45.00
Black Oak\$180.00
Brown, Angela\$15.00
Burns, Jack\$60.00
Cabool\$105.00
Calvary Chapel\$105.00
Chrisman, Mona\$30.00
Coon Creek\$70.22
Copper Mines\$245.00
Cornerstone.....\$456.00
Crossroads - Wentzville.....\$50.00

Cuba\$131.75
DeSoto 1st.....\$747.50
Eastern Gate\$15.00
Eastern Gate\$15.00
Faith- Fair Grove\$183.20
Farmington 1st.....\$835.00
Fellowship.....\$700.82
Fordland\$250.00
Fourth\$90.00
Fredericktown 1st.....\$180.00
Freeman Chapel.....\$720.00
Generations\$320.99
Gospel Light\$1,000.00
Grace\$529.00
Grant Avenue.....\$290.00
Grantham, Judy.....\$15.00
Greenfield.....\$120.00
Hannibal\$30.00
Hannon\$300.00
Happy Hill\$60.00
Harmony.....\$93.01
Hopewell.....\$30.00
Houston 1st.....\$158.50
Houston 1st.....\$204.76
Hurryville.....\$565.00
Jackson\$35.00
Jones Chapel.....\$195.00
Leadington.....\$230.00
Lebanon Greenhills\$25.00
Macedonia- Purdy\$9,500.00
Maggart, Roxanne\$100.00
Maggart, Roxanne\$100.00
Merls Chapel\$30.00
Mill Creek.....\$140.00
Mill Creek CWF.....\$15.00
Mill Creek Young Adult.....\$15.00
Mine LaMotte.....\$75.00
MO Cooperative Plan.....\$1,663.77
MO WAC\$762.27
Monett 1st.....\$30.00
Mt. Pisgah.....\$150.00
Mt. Zion- Thayer\$30.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$630.00
Neosho 1st.....\$400.00
New Home- Hartville.....\$210.00
New Hope.....\$150.00
New Life- Licking\$68.00
Number One\$60.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove.....\$185.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$197.19
Olivet\$30.00
Olivet\$45.00
Oskaloosa.....\$150.00
Ozark 1st.....\$34.00
Palabras DeVida Eterna.....\$45.00
Parkway.....\$30.00
Pinkerton, Jerry\$45.00
Pleasant Hill.....\$45.00
Pleasant Home.....\$300.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$50.00
Porter Chapel\$707.41
Purdy 1st.....\$1,080.00
Raymondville 1st.....\$7.25
Richwoods 1st.....\$52.50
Rock Chapel.....\$240.00
Rolla 1st.....\$30.00
South Fremont.....\$60.00
Springfield 1st.....\$545.00
Thayer\$470.00
Union Light\$525.00
United\$300.00
Unity\$75.00
Verdella.....\$1,496.40
Viburnum\$85.00
Walnut Grove.....\$15.00

Waynesville 1st.....\$463.92
Willow Springs\$132.67
Willow Springs 1st.....\$45.00
Total\$31,896.88

State Home Missions

Book Store.....\$540.00
Crossroads - Wentzville.....\$50.00
DeSoto 1st.....\$10.00
Fordland\$10.00
Gospel Light\$80.00
Grace\$25.00
Grant Avenue.....\$69.18
Heffner, Gary\$150.00
Lebanon Greenhills\$79.14
Macedonia- Purdy\$200.00
MO WAC\$320.00
Neosho 1st.....\$60.00
Oak Hill\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$197.18
Ozark 1st.....\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$20.00
Republic.....\$50.00
Thayer\$75.00
United\$25.00
Unity\$70.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$50.00
Waynesville 1st- WAC\$50.00
Total\$2,155.50

International Missions

Belton\$20.00
Copper Mines\$100.00
Cuba\$52.70
DeSoto 1st.....\$100.00
Fellowship.....\$585.00
Generations\$96.47
Grant Avenue.....\$15.00
Houston 1st.....\$85.00
Mtn. Grove 1st.....\$68.00
New Testament.....\$55.00
Olivet\$135.00
Ozark 1st.....\$50.00
Pleasant Home.....\$28.07
Rejoice.....\$210.00
Rolla 1st.....\$147.50
South Fremont.....\$80.00
Springfield 1st.....\$129.55
Thayer\$10.00
Union Light\$500.00
Waynesville 1st.....\$70.00
Total\$2,537.29

National Home Missions

Book Store.....\$540.00
Crossroads - Wentzville.....\$50.00
DeSoto 1st.....\$10.00
Fordland\$10.00
Gospel Light\$80.00
Grace\$25.00
Grant Avenue.....\$69.18
Heffner, Gary\$150.00
Lebanon Greenhills\$79.14
Macedonia- Purdy\$200.00
MO WAC\$320.00
Neosho 1st.....\$60.00
Oak Hill\$15.00
O'Fallon 1st.....\$197.18
Ozark 1st.....\$10.00
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana.....\$20.00
Republic.....\$50.00
Thayer\$75.00
United\$25.00
Unity\$70.00

Waynesville 1st.....\$50.00
 Waynesville 1st- WAC\$50.00
Total\$2,155.50

Designated Giving

Berea Ministries
 Jackson\$15.00
 Total\$15.00

Victor Torrez
 United- Youth Group\$200.00
 Total\$200.00

Brazil Project
 Verdella.....\$296.83
 Total\$296.83

Cronk Home for Children
 Belton\$20.00
 De Soto 1st.....\$55.00
 Farmington 1st.....\$10.00
 Mountain Grove 1st\$20.00
 New Hope.....\$50.00

Union Light\$20.00
 Grace.....\$30.00
 Hannon.....\$100.00
 Total\$305.00

C. E. Board
 Book Store.....\$140.00
 Total\$140.00

FWBBC
 Beacon\$95.88
 Olivet\$25.00
 De Soto 1st.....\$40.00
 Mountain Grove 1st\$165.00
 Hopewell.....\$10.00
 Thayer\$75.00
 Fellowship.....\$10.00
 Olivet\$25.00
 Total\$445.88

Hillsdale
 Beacon\$95.88
 Farmington 1st.....\$125.00
 Mountain Grove 1st\$170.00

Grant Avenue.....\$25.00
 Thayer\$75.00
 Generations\$74.76
 Grace.....\$500.00
 Indian Creek Association...\$396.65
 Total\$1,462.29

Missouri Retirement
 Book Store.....\$200.00
 Total\$200.00

Senior Adult Board
 Book Store.....\$140.00
 Total\$140.00

Mile High Ministries
 Verdella.....\$690.70
 Total\$690.70

Youth Camp
 Cabool 1st\$120.00
 Niangua\$25.00
 Rock Chapel.....\$10.00
 Willow Springs.....\$50.00

Cornerstone.....\$100.00
 De Soto 1st.....\$55.00
 Hartville.....\$20.00
 Book Store.....\$540.00
 Mountain Grove 1st\$50.00
 Rolla 1st.....\$20.00
 Mt. Pisgah.....\$15.00
 Thayer\$75.00
 Oak Hill.....\$15.00
 Ozark 1st\$10.00
 Unity\$20.00
 West Plains 1st.....\$25.00
 Total\$1,150.00
Youth Camp Development-
 West Plains 1st\$30.00
 Total\$30.00

Youth Ministries Board
 Book Store.....\$140.00
 Total\$140.00

YWAM
 Belton\$25.00
 Total\$25.00

Family 'Operates FWBBC for a Day'

NASHVILLE, TN—The family of the late Wesley Owen, a layman at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Chipley, Florida, informed Free Will Baptist Bible College officials that they wanted to "operate FWBBC for a day" in memory of Mr. Owen who died in September 2007. The cost to operate the college for a day is approximately \$3,600, according to David Williford, vice president for institutional advancement. "Daddy believed in FWBBC," said Tim Owen. "He bled FWBBC blue and white, and was a long-time supporter of the college."

Mr. Owen's son Tim (pastor of Piney Grove FWB Church), his nephew Dennis Owen (retired missionary to Uruguay), and two grandsons all attended FWBBC. Tim Owen serves on the Randall House Publications Board.

Wesley Owen's wife Katie, his sons Tim and Wendell, and other members of the extended family provided the necessary funds to operate the college for a day.

David Williford said, "The idea of challenging churches and individuals to operate the college for a day originated with the late Paul J. Kettelman, long-time public relations director at FWBBC. We hope the generosity of the Owen family will encourage others to consider this as a means to honor loved ones."

**Total March
Giving:**
\$101,464.13

Funds to date:
 03/31/08
Cooperative Plan:
 \$196,759.12
Show-Me Plan
 \$84,325.29



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