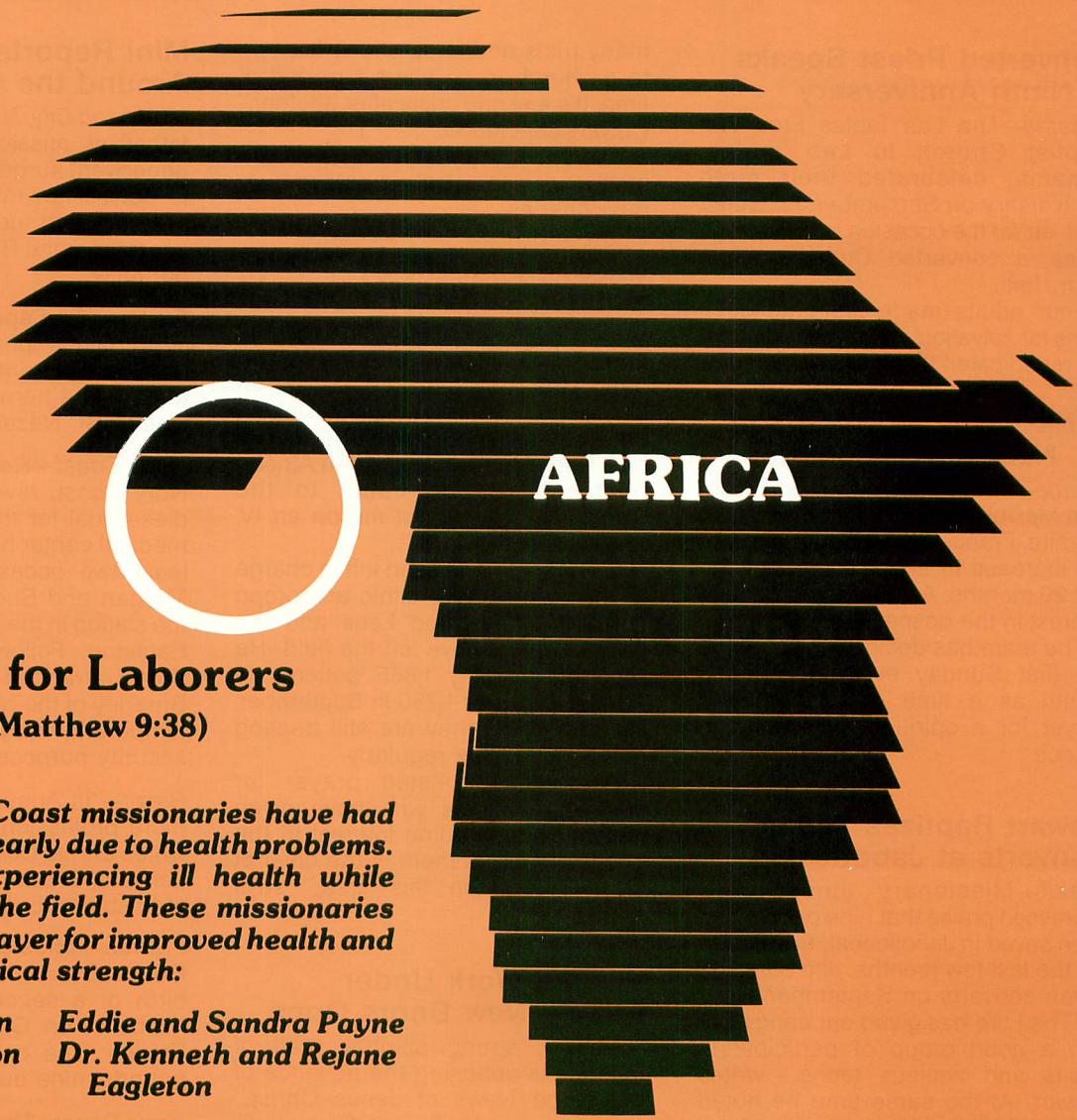


HEARTBEAT

of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions

Showing God at work through Free Will Baptists around the world

Ivory Coast Missionary Force Hampered by Health Problems



AFRICA

Pray for Laborers

(Matthew 9:38)

Several Ivory Coast missionaries have had to come home early due to health problems. Others are experiencing ill health while remaining on the field. These missionaries need special prayer for improved health and increased physical strength:

*Lynette Morgan Eddie and Sandra Payne
Ledgel Ferguson Dr. Kenneth and Rejane
Arilla Wode Eagleton
Sherwood Lee*



Larry Inscoe greets Dameus Vikes, a converted Catholic priest, who preached at Las Tablas Free Will Baptist Church in Panama during the church's ninth anniversary celebration.

Converted Priest Speaks at Ninth Anniversary

Panama—The Las Tablas Free Will Baptist Church in Las Tablas, Panama, celebrated their ninth anniversary on September 15. Guest speaker for the occasion was Dameus Vikes, a converted Catholic priest from Haiti.

Four adults made first-time decisions for salvation and numerous people rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Growth Signs Encourage St. Nazaire Missionaries

France—According to a report from Tom McCullough, missionaries at St. Nazaire, France, are encouraged with the increase in attendance over the last 20 months. A general increase in interest in the gospel seems evident.

The team has decided to set aside the first Sunday evening of each month as a time of concentrated prayer for a spiritual awakening in France.

Cowart Baptizes Seven Converts at Jaboticabal

Brazil—Missionary Jim Cowart expressed praise that nine people had been saved in Jaboticabal, Brazil, during the last few months. Jim baptized seven converts on September 1.

"The Lord has given our congregation a good group of participating adults and zealous teens," writes Cowart. At the same time he noted that the devil had been attacking from every side. "I have never seen so

many trials and temptations happen to a church in so short a period of time. It's just one crisis after another," Cowart concluded.

Two young men in the church are studying to be pastors or missionaries.

Dr. Eagleton Hit By Malaria; Left Alone

Ivory Coast—Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and his wife Rejane reported having been struck by the malaria bug on October 9. "For three days I couldn't eat or sleep and couldn't get out of bed," writes Dr. Eagleton. "An African doctor in Bouna came to the Cousineau house, put me on an IV, and took care of me."

Dr. Kenneth has been left in charge of the hospital and clinic at Doropo since the Sherwood Lees and the Clint Morgans have left the field. He reported treating 1,865 patients in August and over 1,750 in September. He also noted they are still treating meningitis cases regularly.

Eagleton requested prayer for several prospects who have given indication of genuine interest in the gospel. "One of them is the chief of all the Lobis in this area," says Kenneth.

Villalba Work Under Attack; New Doors Open

Spain—"A strong spiritual wall of defense is opposing the advance of the Good News of Jesus Christ," writes missionary Dennis Owen from Villalba, Spain. Some of those who

had been attending regularly have now dropped out, others on the verge of receiving Christ have backed away, and some have become involved in other things.

Owen requested prayer for a 14-year-old boy named Samuel, for Demetrio, the husband of a Baptist convert and for Lourdes, an 18-year-old girl who made a decision for Christ six months ago but has quit attending. He also requested prayer for the Castanos, owners of the church meeting hall, and for Francisco and Mari Luz.

Dennis expressed praise that a telephone-answering machine with a recorded message went into operation in October. A Bible tract on the family was also scheduled to be distributed to some 4,000 homes in Villalba.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Morehead City, N.C.—Mr. C. H. Barker, father of missionary Molly Barker, underwent surgery on September 24 to correct an intestinal obstruction. Latest reports indicated surgery to be successful and Barker was recovering normally.

France—On September 8, missionary Jerry Gibbs underwent surgery to repair a ligament in his shoulder and to correct a hernia. He was hospitalized in St. Nazaire, France.

Ivory Coast—Reports from Doropo, Ivory Coast, revealed that all of the diesel fuel for the generators at the medical center had been stolen on at least two occasions recently. Clint Morgan and Sherwood Lee had left the station in the hands of Dr. Kenneth Eagleton. Following the thefts, the doctor arranged for Allan and Carol Brearley of the New Tribes Mission to temporarily stay at the station for security purposes.

Brazil—"In August we witnessed two more professions of faith in Christ," writes Earnie Deeds from Conselheiro Lafaiete, Brazil. "One was a 17-year-old listener to the radio broadcast."

France—Missionaries Mark and Donna Daniel have announced the birth of a second daughter, Alison Michelle, on October 3 in Rennes, France. The baby girl weighed six pounds, nine ounces.

Ivory Coast—The new translation of the Lobi New Testament with a new

orthography has arrived in Doropo, Ivory Coast, according to missionary Sherwood Lee. "Pray for understanding so the Lobis can grasp this new system," writes Sherwood.

Panama—The woman's auxiliary of the Betania Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City sponsored a special fellowship afternoon on October 11, a national holiday. They also presented a skit.

Spain—According to missionary Lonnie Sparks in Alcala de Henares, Spain, the Free Will Baptist church there has completed the paper work to gain official recognition by the Spanish government. When this is finalized, the church will be able to own property, have bank accounts, etc. in the name of the church.

Effingham, S.C.—Mr. John Dudley Hicks, father of missionary Geneva Poole, died on September 7 in Florence, S.C. Mr. Hicks had been hospitalized on various occasions due to heart problems.

Panama—Forty-five people attended the third session of the quarterly meeting of the Azuero Peninsula Free Will Baptist churches on October 5 at Nuevo Ocu, Panama.

France—John Murray recently reported having baptized three people during September. He also stated that six people had been converted during recent weeks. Murray works with the Free Will Baptist church in Nantes, France.

Japan—Ken and Judy Bailey, missionaries in Japan, write: "The last few months have been the hardest since we have been here." The Baileys requested special prayer since they were scheduled to begin a new semester of language school in September.

Doropo Church Growing; Deacons to Be Selected

Ivory Coast—"We have had more than 40 first-time decisions this year," writes Clint Morgan from Doropo, Ivory Coast. "We have also had good responses to our altar calls. Twenty-one came forward on a recent Sunday in response to a message concerning the influence of evil spirits in our daily lives. Our church is now having around 200 each Sunday."

The Doropo church has decided to



Mike Cousineau (left) looks over construction of the building which will house the Ivory Coast Bible Institute (right) in Bouna, Ivory Coast.



become better organized and select deacons. Five committees will be taking responsibility to help relieve some of the workload in the church.

Combs Back in Brazil; Institute Plans Hanging

Brazil—Since the Jim Combs family arrived in Brazil on August 10, they have worked at laying plans for a Bible institute program. Latest reports indicate some questions have been raised regarding location of the new institute.

Tentative plans called for the program to be inaugurated in Campinas. Recent meetings with Brazilian leaders and other missionaries have brought to light other possibilities. Jim has requested prayer that missionaries and nationals will be led by the Lord in finalizing the plans.

I.C. Institute Building Begins to Take Shape

Ivory Coast—According to missionary Mike Cousineau in Bouna, Ivory Coast, the new building to house the Bible institute is taking shape. Cousineau expressed hope that the building would be completed by the end of February.

Mike requested prayer for wisdom and strength to get this project completed properly and on schedule.

Hannas Report Rough Return; Busy October

India—In a late August report, Carlisle and Marie Hanna revealed that their return trip to India was not easy. Our

flight from Delhi was grounded in Patna for four hours because of heavy rain and flooding. So, we were that much later here. More than 200 folk were waiting to welcome us. We felt so bad that they had waited all day without food, but we could do nothing about it."

Plans called for a busy October because the month is filled with Hindu holidays. "We work and witness in the melas, push literature sales, and introduce Bible correspondence courses," writes Carlisle. Nine leadership retreats were also scheduled during the month.

Gillilands Have 19 Boys in Bouake Dormitory

Ivory Coast—Neil and Sheila Gilliland report having 19 boys in their dormitory at the Ivory Coast Academy in Bouake, Ivory Coast. As the new school year began, Neil noted, "Our students returned with good attitudes."

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Financial Summary Through September 30

Substance

Total income for September	\$ 166,704.01
Total income through September	1,922,974.23
Total disbursements through September	1,940,268.91
Projected receipts through September	2,171,628.00
Total 1985 Budget	\$2,895,498.00

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:			
Bailey	\$ 5,306.43	McCullough	\$ 4,017.94
Callaway	2,566.76	Payne	1,461.84
Crowson	2,689.90	Owen	1,744.15
Ellison	2,144.09	Robinson	8,858.60
Gainer	11.65	Smith, Judy	4,638.18
Hanna	18,949.54	Sturgill	4,180.66
Hersey	3,221.28	Turnbough	2,510.72
Inscoe	1,339.18	General Fund	6,678.52
Lytle	5,457.54		
Total			\$75,776.98

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There has been a good spirit of oneness in our dorm this year. Do pray that God will continue to work in their lives."

The Gillilands expressed excitement over the outreach program. "It is an opportunity for our students to become involved in reaching out into the African community," says Neil. "We have five students who will be going to the Koulango services here in Bouake to teach Sunday school. We will also have a group going to a nearby village each Sunday afternoon for a service."

In addition to their evangelism outreach, the boys plan to put at least one roof on a national church per trimester. They plan to put one on the Free Will Baptist church during the third trimester.

Lytle Fears Lack of Space May Hinder Growth

Panama—"I fear we've reached a place of saturation or maybe of stagnation, due to lack of space," writes Steve Lytle from Betania, Panama. "Until we can either buy this building and fix it like we want it, or else relocate, we just aren't going to experience a significant amount of growth numerically." The church has saved around \$8,500 over the past two years for a building fund.

Lytle noted the need for a national pastor to assume responsibility for the church when he and Judy return to the States for furlough in 1986. "Please join us in praying that the right man might be found to take over



The musical group "Grupo Maranata," from the Las Tablas FWB Church in Panama, is pictured in the Agua Buena church with the pastor, Martin Plicet (center).

the church," writes Steve.

A young college student named Tatiana Young was saved in late July. Her boyfriend, Bernin Bell, accepted Christ a short time later. On August 30, the couple was married and they have been faithful in attending church. Lytle noted that an older couple in the church is discipling them.

Bouna Evangelism Effort Registers 100 Decisions

Ivory Coast—A 12-day conference and evangelism effort, September 27-October 9 in Bouna, Ivory Coast, brought crowds of up to 1500 people for a film showing and netted some 100 converts.

According to missionary Mike Cousineau, the film showing took six nights and featured the film, "Jesus." It was shown once in French and once in Djoula. Crowds averaged 700-900

nightly.

"We are busy doing follow-up work, discipling, and grounding them in the faith," writes Mike. "The devil is working to try to snatch these new ones."

Las Tablas Music Group Makes Second Tour

Panama—On September 29, the "Grupo Maranata" (Maranatha Group), a music group from the Las Tablas Free Will Baptist Church in Panama, made a second tour to the Panama City area. They had made a similar tour in August.

The music group consists of eight men. Several combinations of duets, trios, solos, and an instrumental ensemble are made up from the group. One lay preacher accompanied the group to bring the message during each service.

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