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Heavy Winds Buffet Normandy Coastline

France—A severe storm buffeted the coastline of Normandy, France, in mid-October with winds reaching up to 132 miles per hour.

Missionary Allan Crowson reported winds in Lorient had done severe damage, costing approximately \$26,000,000 in that area. The Crowson house only suffered a bent television antenna but Charolette Tallent's apartment lost one window.

Fred Hersey Reports Two Saved at Iriso Meetings

Japan—Two women were saved at the Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in the Sayama suburb of Tokyo during a special series of meetings held October 2-4. Pastor Sugitani was the speaker for the special services.

"Thanks for praying for our special meetings," writes Fred Hersey. "Pray for Mrs. Tanaka and Mrs. Kosakai that they might grow in grace and follow the Lord in baptism."

Hersey reported having several new prospects for witness and some have started attending church services regularly.

Walk-a-thon Gains Over \$19,000 in Tennessee

Nashville, Tenn.—Tennessee churches cooperated in a special Walk-a-thon for Tennessee missionaries on September 5 and 12 and had gathered \$19,008.77 by the state association meeting on November 9. The Tennessee Board of Foreign Missions sponsored the annual event.

Don Sexton, chairman of the Ten-

nessee board, said fewer walkers participated this year but the results were still very positive. Pastor Thurman Pate of Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Knoxville raised the most in the men's category with \$1,043.25. His grandson, Marc Gibbs (son of missionaries Jerry and Barbara Gibbs), brought in the most in the youth category with \$1,039.50.

No one qualified in the women's division so no name was submitted as winner. Mr. Pate received money for a new suit, while Marc received money to buy a new bicycle for his efforts.

Shady Grove FWB Church in Whitesburg, Tenn., raised the most from one church with \$3,000. Gerald Fender, the pastor, received a gift certificate in appreciation for the work of his church.

Plaques were given to these churches for contributing \$1,000 or more: Shady Grove FWB, Whitesburg; Community Chapel FWB, Talbott; Lewisburg FWB, Lewisburg; Faith FWB, Knoxville; Good Springs FWB, Pleasant View; Limestone FWB, Limestone; and Valley Forge FWB, Elizabethton.

Nine Churches Represented at Institute Dedication

Ivory Coast—"We had our dedication and inauguration for the Bible institute on Saturday (October 3)," writes Mike Cousineau from Bouna, Ivory Coast.

According to Mike, nine churches were represented at the special service. Approximately 50 people were on hand for the event. "It was a glorious day," Cousineau continued, "one in which we saw God's answer to prayer, a day which celebrated several years of planning."

The final tally for the first semester totaled 10 students—three married Lobis, two single Lobis, three single Koulangos, one Agni, and one Bete. All but one have been in the ministry.

As part of their training at the institute, the students go out within a 100-kilometer radius of Bouna on Saturday through Monday. Mike expressed a desire to use these students to start new churches in the area.

Alcala Young Man Helps Mostoles Work

Spain—Ron and Linda Callaway report being encouraged over several new contacts and opportunities in the Mostoles area of Spain and have expressed praise over the help of Antonio, a young man from the Alcala de Henares work.

"Antonio had felt led to come over and work with us on weekends," writes Ron. "He had spoken to Brother Lonnie Sparks about it and to several of the other missionaries before he mentioned it to us. He comes over on Saturday and stays through Sunday evening. He has already been a good and moving influence on our young people."

Callaway requested prayer for the salvation of Ema, Munsu, Alberto, Jorge, Estrella, Oscar, Cesar, and Salvador.

Plans Laid for Second Workers' Conference

Brazil—The second annual Workers' Conference sponsored by the Bible institute in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, is scheduled for December 26-29 in the Free Will Baptist church of Ribeirao Preto.

According to missionary Bobby Poole, Dr. Russell Shedd will be the main speaker. Shedd is a missionary author, professor, and nationally known conference speaker.

The conference is designed to inspire, edify, inform, and challenge workers through Bible studies and preaching so they might become more involved in evangelism and discipleship.

Flat River Church Gives \$6,223.54 in Conference

Flat River, Mo.—According to an October report from Wayne Phillips, pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Mo., the church

(Left to right) Michelle Fender, Lynn Steadman, and Mary Beth Barnard of Shady Grove FWB Church in Whitesburg, Tenn., rest at the stop sign that signaled completion of the 10-mile Walk-a-thon for Tennessee missionaries. Shady Grove walkers raised \$3,000 through their efforts.



surpassed its goal of \$5,000 for the annual missionary conference with a total of \$6,223.54. The conference was held September 20-27 as a part of the St. Francois District Missionary Conference.

"Our people were revived and felt a renewed obligation to share the gospel in our own area and around the world as well," writes Phillips. "We had several rededications and one young adult man saved during the week."

Wayne said the church started promoting the conference around the first of August. They also designated all money from their Wednesday night and Sunday school offerings in August and September toward the conference. The woman's auxiliary and "Golden Agers" group also gave toward the goal, and a walk-a-thon rounded out the efforts.

Missionaries Ken Bailey, Carlisle Hanna, Ron Moore, Jerry Pinkerton, and Jeff Turnbough received part of the total offerings and each was put in the church's annual budget to receive \$50 per month.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—"Last Sunday (September 27) was a busy day for us at the church," writes missionary Judy Smith who works with the Kita Hiroshima Chapel on the island of Hokkaido, Japan. "The Lord has blessed us with another young man, Mr. Sawaguchi, joining our congregation. He was baptized during the morning worship service. Now, we are praying for his friend, Mr. Oi."

Spain—Dennis Owen has written regarding the recent campaign in Villalba, Spain: "Seven people made decisions during the campaign. One of those has moved due to work requirements." Only two of the seven are attending faithfully, according to Dennis. He requested prayer on their behalf.

Ivory Coast—Jimmy Aldridge, overseas secretary-advance coordinator for foreign missions, has reported having some resurgence of an eye problem called iritis. Christians are urged to pray for his swift recovery.

South Carolina—Bobby Pattillo, a member of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Florence, S.C., recently took on the responsibility for printing



Missionary Alice Smith (center) was honored on October 11 by her home church, Dry Branch FWB Church, Dry Branch, W.Va. Alice's first pastor, F. A. Giles (left), was the guest speaker. Rex Thompson (right) is presently pastoring the church.

800 song books for Ivory Coast Free Will Baptist ministries. Missionary Sherwood Lee provided a copy of the book in the tribal language. This was photographed and printed at the Patillo Printing Company in Florence.

Kingsport, Tenn.—Miss Dawn Sweeney, furloughing missionary to France, has been suffering severe back pains which hospitalized her recently. Doctors' latest diagnoses indicate she is a victim of scoliosis (double curvature of the spine). She is undergoing chiropractic treatments to relieve the pain.

Spain—Lonnie Sparks, missionary to Alacala de Henares, Spain, reports that Carlos Lobats has preached his first sermon. The 39-year-old man "feels the Lord may be calling him into the ministry," Lonnie stated.

Parris Island, S.C.—Stephen Ellison, son of missionaries Walter and Marcia Ellison, graduated from drill instructor training at Parris Island on October 8. Another son, John, was married to Miss Carmenza Marisol Alaniz on October 17 at Norton Air Force Base Chapel in San Bernardino, Calif. Marisol is a native of Nicaragua and works for "Word of Life." Dub performed the ceremony.

Church Honors A. Smith in Farewell Reception

Dry Branch, W.Va.—Dry Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Dry Branch, W.Va., honored Ivory Coast missionary Alice Smith at a farewell reception on October 11 at the church. Alice left for Ivory Coast on November 4.

F. A. Giles, Alice's first pastor, preached during the special service. Rex Thompson, current pastor of the church, made an appeal during the service and mustered up \$115 per month in faith promises for Smith's

account.

"I have never felt so honored in all my life," said Alice of the event. "It was really nice." Dry Branch is her home church.

Budget Shortage Hurts Missionary Accounts

Nashville, Tenn.—"Missionary accounts have been hit hard by the falling dollar overseas. Even though we have experienced a three percent increase in giving this year, this has been inadequate to keep up with the rising costs," said R. Eugene Waddell, general director, after looking over the financial standings through October. The 1987 budget called for an increase of 12.83 percent over last year's budget.

The director noted that deficit missionary accounts are approaching an all-time high in spite of curtailed spending at home and abroad.

"We face the prospect of having to

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Financial Summary

Through October 31

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Total income for October	\$ 265,604.91
Total income through October	2,345,960.03
Total disbursements through October	2,523,741.29
Projected income through October	2,799,083.30
Total 1987 Budget	\$3,358,900.00
Advance receipts through October	\$ 137,628.55
1987 ADVANCE Budget	\$ 160,000.00

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Banks	\$ 892.04	Hersey	\$ 6,364.66
Barnard	200.00	McCullough	6,678.80
Bishop	5,837.78	Morgan	2,715.73
Bryan	3,042.29	Murray	4,454.24
Combs	4,326.66	Nichols	6,470.46
Cowart	238.46	Owen	4,490.69
Crosby	11,275.79	Payne	5,227.02
Crowson	4,345.87	Richards	2,708.04
Ellison	10,931.77	Smith, J.	4,666.24
Filkins	4,342.70	Sparks	4,673.38
Franks	865.35	Sturgill	13,731.46
Gibbs	5,494.29	Willey	3,127.60
Gilliland	1,858.01	Wilson	136.00
Hanna	16,253.33	General Fund	10,118.78
Total			\$145,467.44

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bring some missionaries home to raise additional funds," lamented Waddell. "Board policy calls for considering that possibility anytime an account reaches \$8,000 in the red. I certainly don't want to be forced to do that, so I want Christians to really join us in praying over the deficits listed in the *Heartbeat* financial summary."

Lee Requests Prayer for Ivory Coast Leaders

Ivory Coast—Sherwood Lee recently sent a list of prayer requests for several national leaders in the Ivory Coast. Pray for those going out from the Doropo church to preach—Benjamin Da, Moses Noufe, Jeremiah Kambire, Jean-Daniel Doli, Emmanuel Dah, and evangelist Jerome Kambou, who attends Bible school and pastors at Doropo on weekends.

Sherwood asked that people especially pray for Jeremie Kambire who works with a group from Poura. He noted that a new group had joined the fellowship and at least 24 have prayed and burned their fetishes recently. "Pray for these new converts," Lee urged. "Some are already undergoing strong opposition."

Newport News Raises Over \$5,000 for Murray

Newport News, Va.—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport News, Va., recently gave \$2,688.50 to the John and Pansy Murray missions account. The church has given over \$5,000 this year to help the Murrays get back to France. This does not include the church's regular monthly giving.

The woman's auxiliary also gave John and Pansy a generous check for each to buy a suit of clothes while they are home.

Pastor Tag Kilgore has encouraged the church to be faithful in regular missions giving.

Four Baptized in R.P., Three in Uberlandia

Brazil—Missionary Bobby Poole recently baptized four converts in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil. They had been saved through the home Bible studies. The following weekend Poole traveled to Uberlandia where he baptized three converts, one man and two ladies, on Sunday evening.

On the third weekend of October Bobby traveled to Uberlandia and spoke four times in an effort to help the young Brazilian leader, Celio, confront a problem which had developed in the area. Geneva spoke one time during the weekend.

"We had good services, and I feel that the studies were a help to the church," writes Bobby.

D. Teagues Lead Nantes, Plan St. Sebastien Work

France—An October report from missionary John Murray revealed that Dennis Teague had taken charge of the church in Nantes, France, as Roger LeGuern decided God had not called him to be pastor of the church. LeGuern had been in charge of the work since the Murrays left for furlough.

Dennis and Carol are involved in making contacts in the area of St. Sebastien with hopes of starting a

new work in that area as soon as the Murrays return.

"We have two adults interested in coming to a Bible study and another couple would like us to have a Bible study for their three teenagers," writes Teague.

Dennis expressed praise that Akid, a young male student where the Teagues studied language, has accepted Christ as Savior and is attending the Rennes church.

Mayhew Has Surgery to Remove Gallbladder

Nashville, Tenn.—Former missionary and current board member Archie Mayhew underwent surgery on September 4 in the Veterans Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., for the removal of his gallbladder. Surgery went well and Archie has been recovering normally.

The Mayhews are living in Bon Aqua, Tenn. Archie, who had a heart attack at the end of 1986, is limited in his activities but is doing well.

St. Nazaire Attendance Up; Lady Converted

France—According to an early October report from missionary Patsy Vanhook, "Tom and Patty McCullough had the privilege of sharing the plan of salvation with the wife of one of our Christians this week and seeing her pray to receive the Lord."

An October newsletter from Tom and Patty indicated the church is growing and averaging 36 in attendance. This is an increase of 20% over the previous year.

Tom reported plans to begin construction of their church building around the first of December.

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