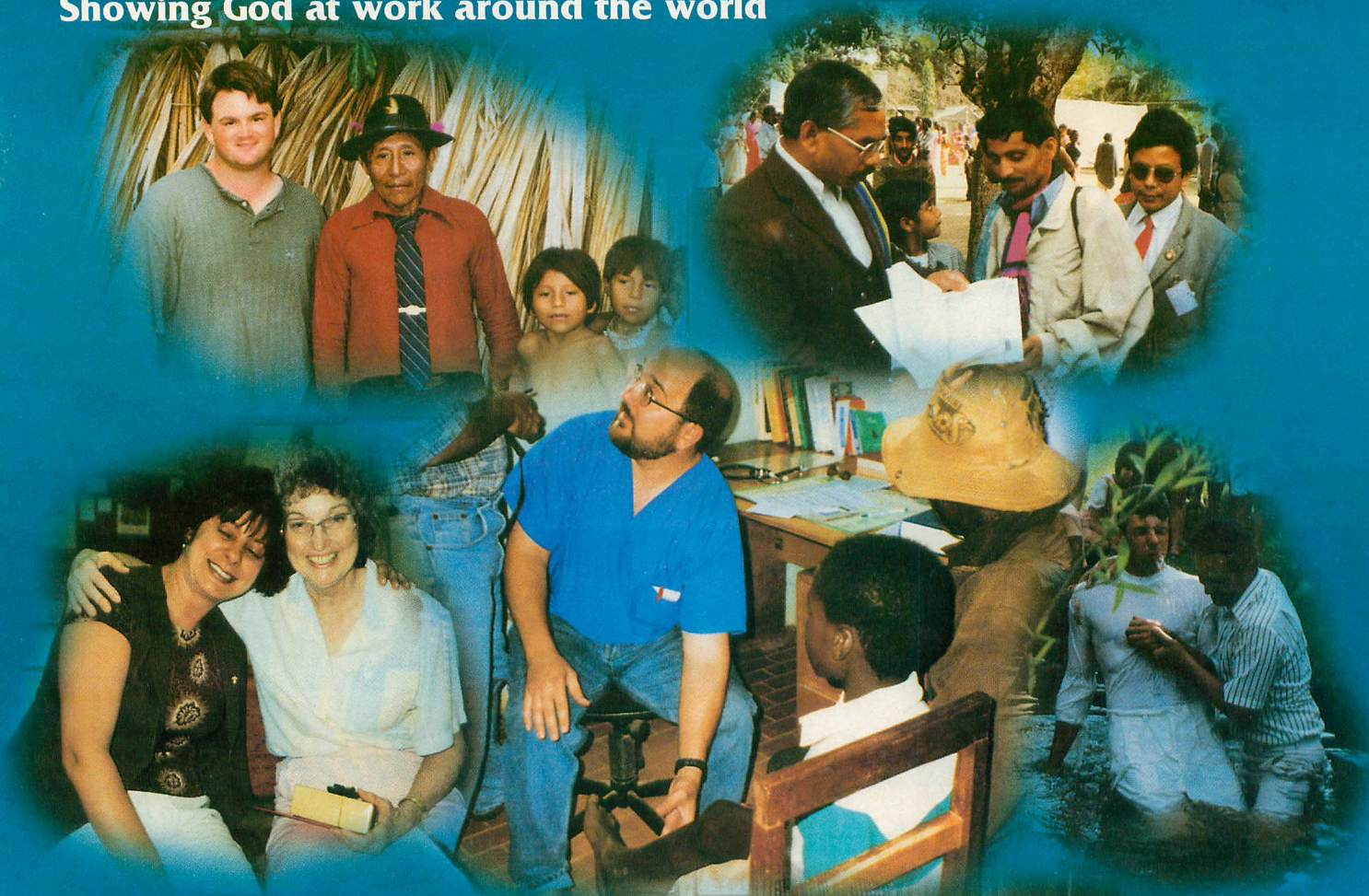


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Missions in Transition



Marie Wright Hanna

My Mother, God's Servant

by Brenda Kay Hanna



The Hanna Family

To us, she was the shining of the moon, the silvery shining of the moon: lovely, kind, generous, humble, brilliant, steadfast, loving. Since I began to know her, I can think of no one who failed to love her. As her sister-in-law, Angie Haselden, said on the day she left us, "There was nothing you could do but love her." She was a consummate wife, mother, daughter, sister and grandmother. Great honor accompanies our love for her, for her greatest love and only Master was Jesus Christ Himself.

She gave her life wholly to Christ as a child. Listening to a tape she made last summer, I was newly moved by the miraculous sovereign power of God as I observed His work through the generations of our family. God meant to use Marie Wright Hanna to bring forth much fruit in His vineyard, and she knew from a very early age this would mean being broken, losing herself and finding a chance to die for the One she loved supremely.

Some of Mother's earliest memories are of a kind neighbor who took her to the Free Methodist Church in Platteville, Wis., where she first learned about missions and built a model African village. An eternal flame was sparked there, unbeknownst to the quiet observers.

As a teenager in Saint Louis, Mother experienced a call to give her life to Christ in missionary service in India. She described this call as so real and powerful "it was almost audible." The reality of her calling and the claim of her Lord on her life never dimmed.

She suffered a terrible physical blow with her stroke on

December 23, 1997, but her commitment to building the Bride of Christ in India was a high priority. She endured all the preparation, the heartaches of goodbyes, and the long trip from Charleston, S.C., to Sonapurhat, India, only 21 days later. We will always cherish and draw comfort from her response when I asked her if she had peace about returning to India in January. "Yes," she said calmly, without hesitation.

Mother was unselfishly devoted to her husband. She was never so noticeably pleased as when someone honored him. When they were to be married, Brother Welch announced to the congregation at Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., that "Carlisle wants Wright (right) on his side for always." She must have taken this duty as part of her divine call, for she delighted to be on his side and at his side.

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It must have been about the time of their marriage that they adopted as "life verses" Proverbs 3:5-6 which she quoted almost every time she spoke in churches. She was not being redundant. Instead, she was inscribing the words onto her heart and ours. In a letter Daddy wrote to us, their children, on Mothers' Day 1994, he said "she is the most honest and truthful person I have ever known." Mother's Lord was fully righteous and she could not imagine aiming for less. She set standards for herself which she realized were more rigorous

than those of others—not because she was better, but because she wanted her testimony to be above reproach. Her ministry was the fulfillment of a high calling and her Lord was worthy.

As gifted and wonderful as she was, Mother always, in the words of her youngest grandson, Caleb, "put herself behind others." She did put others first, AND she stood behind all the good things we set out to do.

Each day she gave herself and her family anew to God and she made preparations for the finest she could provide in comfort and joy for her husband. When her duties to her parents and her children took her away from him, she wrote to him daily, honored him in all her conversation, and taught her children to love him all the more in his absence. She believed that God created and chose marriage partners. She continually worked on being THE wife her husband needed: determined, independent, courageous, faithful.

Marie Wright Hanna was the first woman to graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College, she traveled alone in India and around the world, she could fix things no mechanic would try, and she could stretch meager resources into beautiful supply. Her husband of nearly 49 years loved her beyond all measure and did his utmost to protect her, care for her, pray for her, uplift her. And, in return, she never stopped submitting herself to him and to others.

On July 4, 1952, when they had been married three years and were ready to leave for India, the Lord blessed them with Sheila Marie. How difficult

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Indian evangelists (above), partners in ministry, prepare to cycle to outlying villages of North India. In Ivory Coast the Bible institute is preparing national pastors (right) to assume leadership in African churches.



Missions in Transition

by R. Eugene Waddell, general director



June Hersey (left) receives a farewell (retirement) gift from a Japanese Christian as Fred looks on.



Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and an African nurse work on plans for transition of the hospital to national administration.

Was I dreaming? Could this paved highway really be the road to Bouna in Ivory Coast? It was hard to believe that we could be making the trip from Bondoukou in one and a half hours instead of bumping along, dodging mud holes and deep ruts for a miserable three hours.

But the new road from Bondoukou to Bouna is only one of many changes taking place in Côte d'Ivoire. Utility poles now line the road through Doropo toward the Free Will Baptist clinic. The mission station now has electricity 20 hours a day—provided by the government power company.

The winds of change really are blowing in West Africa. New government-run medical dispensaries and maternity clinics have been built in many villages.

Transition in Ministries

In order to meet the changing needs of the people in Côte d'Ivoire, Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions is shifting the emphasis from merely treating the sick to showing Africans how to stay well. Dr. Kenneth Eagleton is launching a new community health and evangelism program.

Then, in keeping with the Foreign Missions goal of turning institutions over to nationals, the medical clinic will be operated by an Ivorian Free Will Baptist Board of Administration. Many of the same African workers will continue treating patients and the new administrators are seeking an Ivorian doctor to replace missionary personnel.

But, Ivory Coast is not the only field experiencing change. It has always been true of missions. Years ago, Thomas H. "Pop" Willey held up 2 Timothy 2:2 as a model of effective

missions: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Paul equipped his converts to perpetuate the teaching process. Paul worked himself out of a job and moved on.

The churches and institutions on any given field are usually at varying levels of development toward maturity.

Dr. Harold W. Fuller, former administrator of SIM International, described the transition process as follows: The missionary begins as a pioneer, then as the church is born he becomes a parent. As the church is able to assume more responsibility, the missionary's role becomes one of partnership. Finally, the missionary is a participant with the national church in the work of the kingdom.

The transition from American leadership to that of national pastors has recently occurred in works in Japan and Brazil. The board has set goals to move all missionaries out of the pastoral role as quickly as practical.

The churches and institutions on any given field are usually at varying levels of development toward maturity. For example, in 1987 a 15-year plan was outlined for the transition from mission sponsorship to national control at the Bible institute in Côte d'Ivoire. At the 10-year mark the institute had reached the level of development which made it possible for the Côte d'Ivoire General Assembly of Free Will Baptists to approve

two young ministers to go to seminary in preparation for assuming leadership of the Bible institute in 2002 as scheduled.

The North India Conference of Free Will Baptists, in partnership with the Department of Foreign Missions, is planting churches throughout India and even in Nepal. Since the program was launched in 1993 using Indian evangelistic teams, at least 100 worship centers have developed. The goal is to begin 200 new churches by the year 2000.

Another form of transition in missions is the utilization of small group Bible studies as a method of urban church planting. The missionary team in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, is training leaders to mobilize Christians to evangelize their own neighborhoods. In Montevideo, Uruguay, the two congregations are meeting in homes. Out of this emphasis on several small group Bible studies, the missionaries hope to unite the people in a centrally located building.

Transition in Methods

Our department has been forced to broaden our strategy in order to respond to shifts in international political structures.

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More doors are open to unreached and unevangelized people than ever before. We are sending witnesses and workers into areas which have been virtually closed to the gospel for centuries. These limited access areas are anxious to receive educators and technicians even though they are Christians. As workers help the people socially or physically they share their lives and their testimonies.

The new openness of Russia and the former Soviet Union has offered us the opportunity to get acquainted with believers who endured the 70 years of communist aggression. We discovered that the Russian Baptist churches hold the same Arminian theological position as Free Will Baptists. So we have taken the steps necessary to partner with Russian Baptists in planting new churches in the Ural region.

Our department is currently open to fraternal relationship

with other fundamental church groups who share our doctrinal views. We are currently engaged in dialogue with a church in Medellin, Colombia, and an association of Korean Baptist churches.

Transition in Stewardship

Our denomination's program of supporting missionaries is definitely in transition. Many states are demonstrating good stewardship as they assume the responsibility for underwriting missionaries from their states. The ACTS 1:8 (Arkansas Committed to Total Support) program is proving to be a challenging model for many other states. This groundswell of interest contributed to an increase of \$399,857 in income during 1997. The total income of \$4,974,279 helped us exceed our budget by \$19,317. **Figure 2** shows the ratio of designated to undesignated support.

Meanwhile, our missionaries and staff were able to keep our

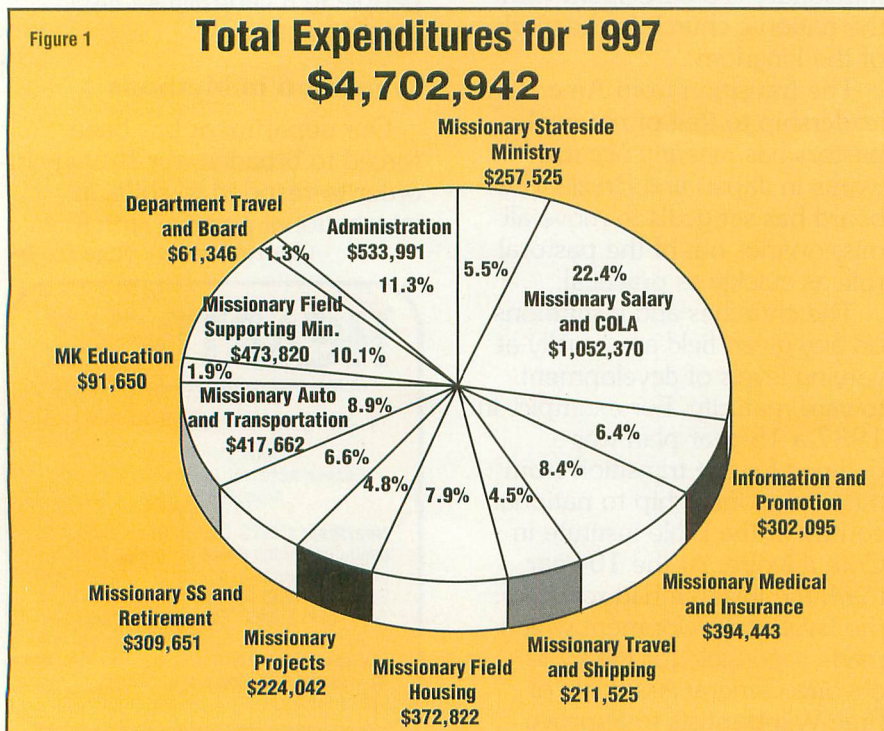
expenses \$252,021 below the budget. For a breakdown of our \$4,702,941 in expenditures see **Figure 1**. Also, note the average breakdown of the missionary dollar shown in **Figure 3**.

I was greatly encouraged by learning that Unity Church, Greenville, N.C., the number five church in supporting Foreign Missions, completed an expansion of their building while maintaining their strong missionary support.

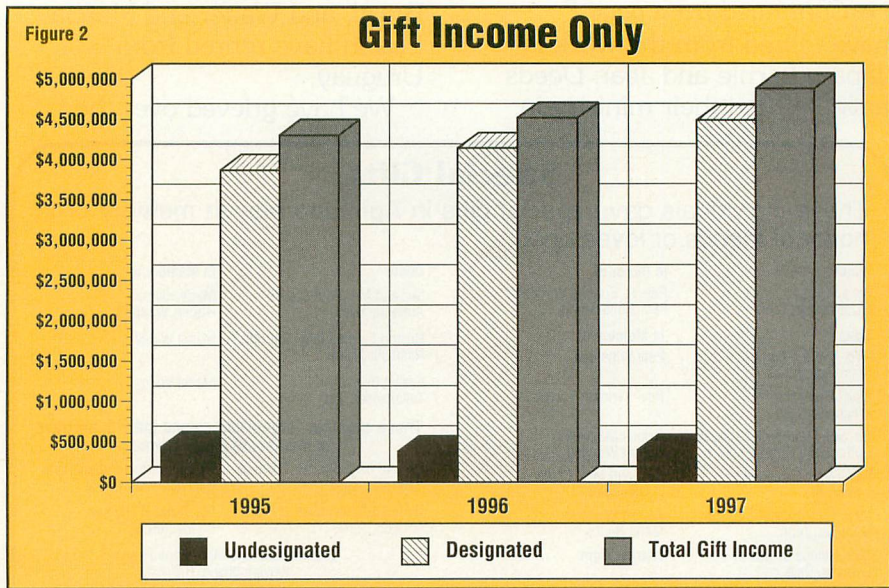
The number of churches giving more than \$5,000 last year increased to 166. These 166 congregations gave 55 percent of the total support coming from churches.

These churches gave more than \$10,000 in 1997:

Rank	Church	Amount
1	Central, Royal Oak, MI	\$70,461.01
2	Donelson, Nashville, TN	69,623.52
3	First, Norman, OK	56,535.25
4	Limestone, Jonesborough, TN	47,141.29
5	Unity, Greenville, NC	46,145.23
6	First, Russellville, AR	45,920.81
7	Ina, Ina, IL	44,106.00
8	Cofers Chapel, Nashville, TN	36,849.75
9	Horse Branch, Turbeville, SC	30,163.51
10	Tippetts Chapel, Clayton, NC	26,766.16
11	Sand Hill, Coward, SC	26,755.66
12	First, Albany, GA	26,487.37
13	Fellowship, Church Hill, TN	25,229.46
14	Bethany, Broken Arrow, OK	25,060.31
15	Forest Valley, Springfield, OH	23,819.00
16	First, Jacksonville, NC	23,642.08
17	Miamisburg, Miamisburg, OH	23,269.45
18	Cross Timbers, Nashville, TN	21,549.43
19	First, Locust Grove, OK	20,353.83
20	First, Raleigh, NC	20,098.73
21	First, Newport News, VA	19,685.04
22	Bethel, Kinston, NC	19,545.00
23	Hannon, Liberal, MO	19,520.51



24	Calvary Fellowship, Fenton, MO	18,230.06
25	Allen Chapel, Batesville, AR	17,979.76
26	Garner, Garner, NC	17,638.35
27	Southern Oaks, Oklahoma City, OK	17,368.06
28	New Hope, Joelton, TN	17,021.51
29	Fellowship, Park Hills, MO	16,773.12
30	First, Mtn Grove, MO	16,694.92
31	Bethlehem, Ashland City, TN	16,618.80
32	Fulton, Fulton, MS	16,580.66
33	Sherwood Forest, El Sobrante, CA	16,360.04
34	Trinity, Greenville, NC	16,153.11
35	Verdella, Liberal, MO	16,061.94
36	Bethany, Timmons ville, SC	16,054.37
37	First, Beaufort, NC	15,648.80
38	First, Farmington, MO	15,541.34
39	Macedonia, Purdy, MO	15,535.83
40	Immanuel, Durham, NC	15,534.00
41	Parkers Chapel, Greenville, NC	15,182.75
42	White Savannah, Conway, SC	14,700.66
43	Statesboro, Statesboro, GA	14,467.84
44	First, Church Hill, TN	14,063.50
45	First, Gastonia, NC	13,596.29
46	Liberty Bible, Gainesville, GA	13,427.00
47	Forest Grove, Knoxville, TN	13,296.05
48	Rejoice First, Owasso, OK	13,157.50
49	First Original, Charleston, SC	13,009.18
50	Bellview, Colquitt, GA	12,791.95
51	Temple, Darlington, SC	12,525.00
52	First, Florence, SC	12,239.43
53	Sherwood Forest, New Bern, NC	12,021.38
54	First, Duncanville, TX	11,592.73
55	Piney Grove, Chipley, FL	11,570.52
56	First, N. Little Rock, AR	11,496.01
57	Good Springs, Pleasant View, TN	11,158.28
58	Calvary, Norman, OK	11,055.37
59	First, Darlington, SC	10,885.00
60	Harrison, Minford, OH	10,631.08
61	Freeman Chapel, Stewartsville, MO	10,495.00
62	Central, Grandview, MO	10,362.94
63	Faith, Goldsboro, NC	10,301.60
64	Trinity, Bridgeton, MO	10,233.39
65	First, Ada, OK	10,120.36
66	Poplar Spring, Glen, MS	10,009.71



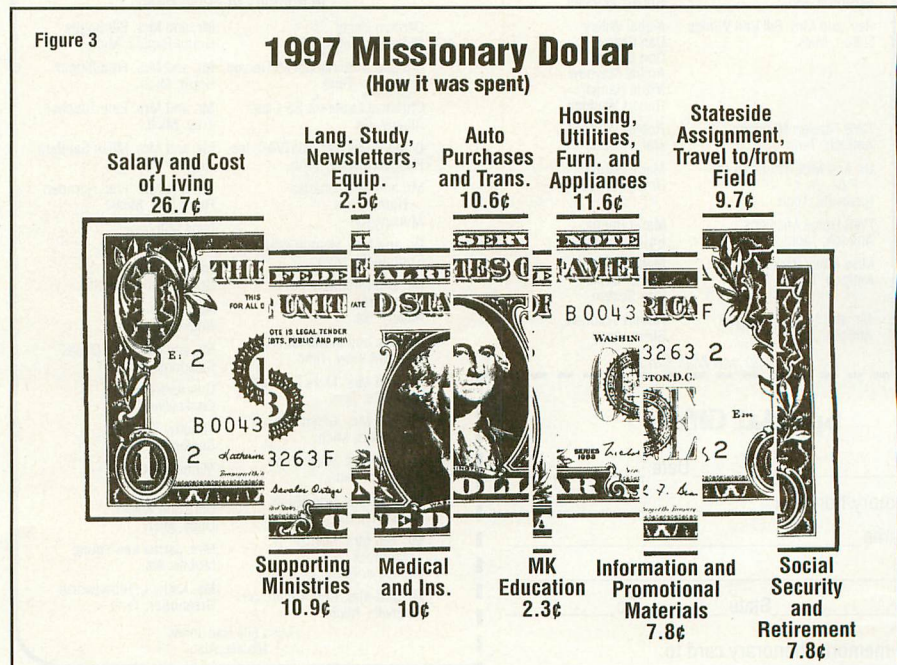
In order to respond more specifically to the needs and interests of different groups within the denomination, our communications division is making changes also. In February we will begin mailing special publications to specific groups: women, men, youth and pastors.

Although *Heartbeat* will continue to be mailed bi-

monthly in January, March, May, July, September, and November, the other publications will be mailed in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Transition in Personnel

We are going through the normal types of personnel changes. Fred and June Hersey
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 have retired from the work in
 Japan, Earnie and Jean Deeds
 have finished their ministry in

Brazil, and Walter and Marcia
 Ellison have retired from
 Uruguay.

We have grieved over the

recent death of active
 missionary Marie Hanna. She
 and Carlisle had served 46 years
 in India (see the tribute given by
 her daughter, Brenda Kay, on
 page 2). We were also saddened
 over the deaths of four other
 veteran missionaries within the
 last few months: Archie
 Mayhew, Dan Cronk, Don
 Sexton, and Mabel Willey.
 Although we will always miss
 these faithful workers, we must
 move ahead with the task of
 evangelizing our world.

God is raising up new people
 to serve Him: the Tim Johnsons
 and Anthony Edgmons in Spain;
 the Verlin Andersons and
 Ginger Harrison in Côte
 d'Ivoire; the Jaimie Lancasters
 in Uruguay; the Justin Banks in
 Panama; the Mike Corleys in
 Russia; and Kevin Stacy and
 Charity VanWinkle in limited
 access areas.

Our board is losing some
 faithful men and gaining other
 men of integrity, loyalty and
 vision. In addition, our depart-
 ment will experience transition
 as a new general director
 assumes the helm January 1,
 1999. But strategic plans
 already developed should
 enhance the challenge and
 enable the Foreign Missions
 team to enter new frontiers with
 the gospel of Christ. I believe
 God is directing us in unique
 ways to make the greatest thrust
 in the history of the National
 Association of Free Will
 Baptists.

We can be sure the enemy of
 God is aware of our plans and
 will do all possible to discourage,
 discredit, and defeat the efforts
 set forth. So we enter this new
 phase of transition urging our
 supporters to pray as never
 before. And we will attempt
 great things for God as we
 expect great things from God.

Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in April and May in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

Donor	In Honor of	Donor	In Memory of
Billie Sexton Elizabethon, Tenn.	Rev. R. Eugene Waddell Rev. Rolla Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Creech Antioch, Tenn.	Marie Hanna Robert Waddell
Donor	In Memory of	Horton Heights FWB Church Nashville, Tenn.	Mabel Willey
First F.W.B. Church Washington, N.C.	Pete Winstead	Evelyn Brown Tallahassee, Fla.	Mabel Willey
Mary McMaster Wentworth, Mo.	Rev. Kenneth Turner	These churches, organizations and individuals gave in memory of Marie Hanna:	
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hingst Cottontown, Tenn.	Owens Maxwell Robert Waddell	Dr. and Mrs. Charles Thigpen Nashville, Tenn.	Randall House Publications Nashville, Tenn.
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Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith Madison, Tenn.	Robert Waddell Marie Hanna	Drs. Michael and Mary Gene Ryan Kiawah Island, S.C.	
Mrs. Hulene Bowden Owasso, Okla.	Charles Kight	These churches, organizations and individuals gave in memory of Robert Waddell:	
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ambrose White River, S.D.	Verna Morgan	J. M. Scepianiak Baltimore, Md.	Rose J. Schmolli Bakersfield, Calif.
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Nicomodemus Pinkington, Ohio	Marie Nicodemus	Sae Kon Koh Wheaton, Md.	Mr. Ronald L. Bergenback Baltimore, Md.
Dr. and Mrs. Irvin Hyman Albany, Ga.	Mabel Willey Dan Cronk Marie Hanna Robert Waddell	Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Waddell Kenly, N.C.	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hersey Dothan, Ala.
Mirial Gainer Antioch, Tenn.	Robert Waddell Marie Hanna	Mr. Frank Dipple Baltimore, Md.	Ms. Judy W. Sykes Rocky Mount, N.C.
Rose Schmolli Bakersfield, Calif.	Franklin Duvall Johnson Charles Edward Johnson	Mr. and Mrs. David Mark Tart Statesville, N.C.	Schrier Insurance Agency Sandy Spring, Md.
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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Aldridge Nashville, Tenn.	Archie Mayhew Dan Cronk Mabel Willey Don Sexton Robert Waddell Marie Hanna	Mr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Hipsley Ellicott City, Md.	Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beem Jelton, Tenn.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLain Greentop, Mo.	Marie Hanna Robert Waddell	Tanya Hart Ayden, N.C.	Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Beidle Linthicum Height, Md.
Rev. and Mrs. Bill Van Winkle Fulton, Miss.	Mabel Willey Dan Cronk Don Sexton Archie Mayhew Marie Hanna Robert Waddell	These churches, organizations and individuals gave in memory of Steve Hasty:	
FWB Foreign Missions Antioch, Tenn.	Robert Waddell Marie Hanna	Carolyn Hasty Ridgetop, Tenn.	Mr. and Mrs. Bill Boggs Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dr. and Mrs. Thurman M. Pate, Jr. Nashville, Tenn.	Marie Hanna Robert Waddell	Mr. and Mrs. Hansel McDonald Crossville, Tenn.	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bigger Grant, Mich.
FWB Home Missions Antioch, Tenn.	Marie Hanna Robert Waddell	Christian Laborers SS Class Albany, Ga.	Mr. and Mrs. Pete Taucher Troy, Mich.
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		Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Crabtree Albany, Ga.	Hazel Chivers Grand Rapids, Mich.
		Barbara and Elizabeth Watts Pleasant View, Tenn.	Avis Baird Rockford, Mich.
		Mr. and Mrs. Mark E. Hood Nashville, Tenn.	Mr. and Mrs. Ken Daniel Caledonia, Mich.
		Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chaney Bridgeport, Mich.	Don Andrews Cookeville, Tenn.
		Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pope Ridgetop, Tenn.	Timothy SS Class Cookeville, Tenn.
		Mr. and Mrs. Don Music Grand Rapids, Mich.	Minnie Trombley Utica, Mich.
		Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Murdock Nashville, Tenn.	Christine Waller Utica, Mich.
		Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robertson Roseville, Mich.	Mrs. Jarma Lee Young Mobile, Ala.
			Ms. Kathy L. Bloodworth Greenbrier, Tenn.

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Miss Ella Rae Jones
Mobile, Ala.

My Mother, God's Servant

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that parting must have been when the three of them left for India that October! They were in Hindi language school in Allahabad the next March when Sheila went to be with the Lord. A line from a letter written by someone who knew them then rings down the decades to me now: "The Lord is magnified by the way in which His servants have borne their sorrow."

Into the deep furrows of their grief were planted seeds of comfort which they harvested to share with sorrowful parents in every year of their ministry. Mother told me last year that she had come to believe she would know Sheila as a baby again when they met in heaven. As far as I know, she never had a doubt about eternity, where she laid up boundless treasure.

Marie Wright Hanna was the first woman to graduate from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Their language learning continued in Allahabad and, during the hot season, in the hills of Landour where Mother excelled academically. She consistently did well on examinations while insisting that Dad was much better at "talking in the bazaar." Characteristically, she did her best at everything and had no complaints about their sacrificial life. This time was blessed as they entered into the fellowship of saints who were called to spend and be spent for the sake of the gospel in that great and needy land.

Soon joined by three children, they began their lifelong India ministry in the two districts of

northeast India (Purnea, Bihar and West Dinajpur, West Bengal) assigned by the government of India to Free Will Baptists. The area was populated with Hindu, Muslim and tribal villages. Jungle and poverty must have been her first impressions, for conditions were primitive in what they laughingly referred to as "the regions beyond the regions beyond."

Glimpses of the perpetual snows of Everest and Kanchanjunga suggested refreshment from the often oppressive heat. There, in a little village called Sonapurhat, she put down the deep roots of home for herself and her loved ones. That was where she taught children and women and men what faith means.

Mother honored India, learned to be comfortable in saris, and portioned her love out to everyone as her own. Her days were filled with teaching and scolding, nursing and gardening, sewing and, above all, serving. Wherever else she traveled, she was always going back to Sonapur.

It was to Sonapur that her dear earthly body was brought on its final journey to the pealing of the church bells. Many times God had protected her from physical and spiritual dangers there. But on April 23, 1998, the villagers, both believers and unbelievers, stopped their work to honor the dear "Auntie" who had given all she had.

Her living children, Brenda Kay, Donald and Mark, born in India in 1954, 1956, and 1960, take great delight in how our mother loved our spouses and our children. When Michael, Milly and Beth pledged themselves to us, they became her son and daughters. Christina

Marie was her first grandchild, born to Don and Milly in 1985. Tina's brothers, Timothy Donald Anand and Caleb Richard Carlisle, followed in 1988 and 1990. Mark and Beth's daughters, Bonnie Josephine and Elaine Marie, joined the family in 1991 and 1994.

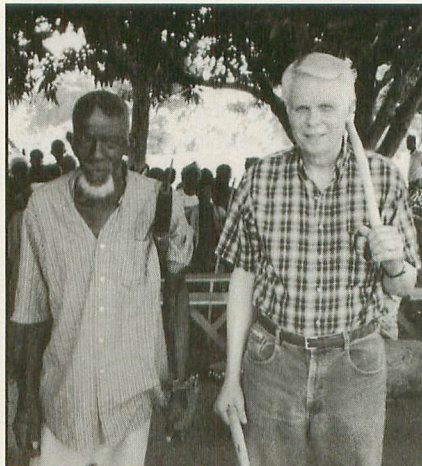
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One of the great blessings of my life was the comfort and joy of Mother's presence with us when Michael and I lost our son Jason Carmichael in 1992. Mom told interested folks what her children do and where they are. However, what she wanted to tell is that Don, Milly, Mark, Beth, Michael and I love the Lord and live to serve Him. The fragrance of her prayers for us was well pleasing to her Heavenly Father. To ensure our commitment to Him and to build us up in Him was a crowning glory of her life's work.

On my birth certificate in the block marked "Occupation of Mother" it reads, "MISSIONARY." Marie Hanna seemed so glad and free when she told folks she was a missionary. She would want everyone to know that she was a Christian—heir to eternal life; a wife—beloved life companion; a cherished mother and grandmother; a sister; a friend. And, always, at His beckoning, she would answer, "Yes, LORD, I am Your servant, Your missionary."

With all our hearts we hear Him say, "Well done."

News Update



R. Eugene Waddell, general director, bids farewell to an African church leader (left) in Côte d'Ivoire and expresses gratitude (right) over gifts given to him to show respect and honor.

Operation Mobilization Helps St. Sebastien Work

France—Seven members of the Operation Mobilization team have been working in St. Sebastien, France, during this school year according to missionary Dennis Teague.

Dennis noted that the OM young people, who range in age from 20 to 25 years and are from four different countries, are in practical training while helping the church in evangelism. Every morning they work on required studies; in the afternoon and evening they go out doing questionnaires, passing out tracts, making contacts, etc.

The team has been able to start three Bible studies and several people have visited the church as a result of their efforts.

General Director Bids Farewell to IC Christians

Côte d'Ivoire—General Director R. Eugene Waddell was honored in several villages of Côte d'Ivoire as he made a farewell tour of African mission works during the month of May.

Mr. and Mrs. Waddell first met with all of the missionaries in Bouake, where Gene brought five messages at the field council retreat. Mrs. Waddell conducted VBS for the MKs.

On the first Sunday in May Mr. Waddell preached in the Agni-belekrou church where a dozen people went to the altar for rededication and repentance. That evening, Wad-

dell preached at Doropo where several people also made spiritual decisions.

The next day the general director met with the staff of the Doropo medical center. He summarized this visit by saying, "One of the highlights of this trip was my visit with the clinic personnel, with Pale, the new clinic administrator, with Hein Francois, the hospital chaplain, and with three members of the new board. I am pleased with their good attitude, cooperation, and enthusiasm for carrying on the medical and evangelistic ministry of the FWB clinic. The transition of the clinic to the hands of African personnel is going extremely well."

On May 13 Mrs. Waddell spoke to the wives of the seminary students in Bouna and to a group of women from the Bouna church.

That same evening Eugene preached in the mid-week service at the Bouna church. Earlier in the day, in the village of Panzarani, over 100 people watched as Francois, the first Christian from the village, presented Mr. Waddell a bow and arrow and a club. He was also given the Lobi name, "Sogoure," which means "one who calms problems and resolves differences."

On Sunday Mr. Waddell preached at the Bondoukou church. At that time Mrs. Waddell had to return to the States due to family illness.

The next week the general director visited with the Darrel Nichols family in Goumère where some 100 believers made him an honorary king of the Akidom region. They also

gave him a royal panya (cloth) and shoes.

Mr. Waddell ended his trip to Côte d'Ivoire by visiting the Neighborhood Outreach Groups (NOGs) of the Abidjan church. He spoke to the church before returning home on May 25.

The general director said of his trip, "This was by far my best visit to Côte d'Ivoire. The times spent with our missions staff, leaders of the national churches, and believers was very beneficial. I shall never forget our Ivorian brothers and sisters who honored me and gave me gifts as we said good-bye."

Two Camps, Association Held in Uruguay

Uruguay—A report from Dave Franks Jr. in Uruguay indicated two camps and a Uruguayan association meeting were held at the campground in Rivera, Uruguay, in February and April.

The first camp was held February 21-26 with 150 people attending. One person was saved during that session and five people were baptized by Pastor Gerardo Acevedo. The association meeting was held on February 24 and all the officers were re-elected.

A camp/retreat was held April 8-11 with well over 100 people attending. Dave noted that 31 people from Montevideo attended this retreat.

Eight people rededicated their lives to the Lord and one person was converted.

Uruguayan pastor Gerardo Acevedo baptizes a convert at the camp in Uruguay.





Curt and Mary Holland (right, front) stand with nine converts baptized in Campinas, Brazil, on May 24.

Nine People Baptized in Campinas in May

Brazil—A baptismal service was held on Sunday, May 24, in a borrowed swimming pool in Campinas, Brazil. Missionary Curt Holland indicated about 75 people were present for the special service. Four of the nine people baptized were from the new work in São José, a suburb of Campinas.

March Fetish-Burning Reported by Alice Smith

Côte d'Ivoire—In March missionary Alice Smith reported attending a fetish-burning service in Agnibikrou, Côte d'Ivoire.

Mr. Hien, an elderly Lobi man, had sought out Pastor Jerome and stated he was "tired of serving the fetish and was ready to follow Jesus." Pastor Jerome patiently went through the plan of salvation with him and Mr. Hien gave his heart to Jesus. He attended church the following day to publicly confess Christ as Savior. Finally, he tore down his altars, smashed his idols into small pieces, then burned them with fire.

South Carolina, Tennessee Hold Hanna Memorials

Antioch, Tenn.—Two special services were held in May in memory of veteran missionary Marie Wright Hanna who died on April 23 in North India.

A special service was held on May 16 in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, S.C., and a second service was held on May 31 in the auditorium of Free Will Baptist

Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Sherwood Lee, long-time friend of the Hannas and current moderator of the South Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists, was in charge of the May 16 service. Dr. Robert Picirilli preached. Approximately 250 people were on hand to hear the Hanna family give tribute to a faithful wife and mother.

Ronald Creech was responsible for arranging the May 31 service in Nashville, but was unable to attend due to surgery. The service was directed by Don Robirds, director of communications for Foreign Missions. Colleagues and former classmates gave tribute to their long-time sister in Christ, and Leroy Forlines brought a short message. The Hanna family again shared their thoughts and memories of Marie (see the tribute to Marie by her daughter, Brenda Kay, starting on page 2).

"Walk-in" Converted at St. Nazaire Church

France—Missionaries Jerry and Barbara Gibbs reported an unusual conversion experience at the church in St. Nazaire, France, recently.

"Jean-Pierre walked into the church one evening as Jerry was finishing up a counseling session," writes Barbara. "As they began to talk, Jerry led the conversation into spiritual matters and went through the plan of salvation. Jean-Pierre acknowledged his need of a Savior and made the decision to accept Him then and there."

The Gibbs noted that the young man has faithfully attended Bible study since that time and is constantly asking pertinent questions.

Turnboughs, McVays Move to Villalba to Minister

Spain—Jeff and Susan Turnbough and Sam and June McVay recently moved from the Majadahonda area of Madrid, Spain, to the Villalba area. The Villalba church had requested their help to strengthen it.

According to Jeff, "Our plans are to do evangelistic work here for the remainder of this term (two years). This will have us involved in what we do anyway; but, hopefully, it will help the church here as well."

This interim period will allow other team members time to complete their language and cultural training and will help the group determine where to begin a new work.

10 Converts Baptized in Bondoukou Church

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Ernest Holland reported the baptism of 10 new converts from the Bondoukou church in Côte d'Ivoire on Easter Sunday.

Some of those who were baptized gave their testimonies prior to being immersed.

Paschall Reports 11 Baptized at Gnamoin

Côte d'Ivoire—Eleven people from the village of Gnamoin were baptized on Sunday, April 19, according to Dr. Mark Paschall. During the past several months, Paschall has been leading the congregation through conversion and baptism classes.

Dr. Paschall noted that although rain has been scarce during the past six months, an adequate pond of water was found so he could hold the baptismal service. While many sang and praised the Lord, nine men and two women were baptized.

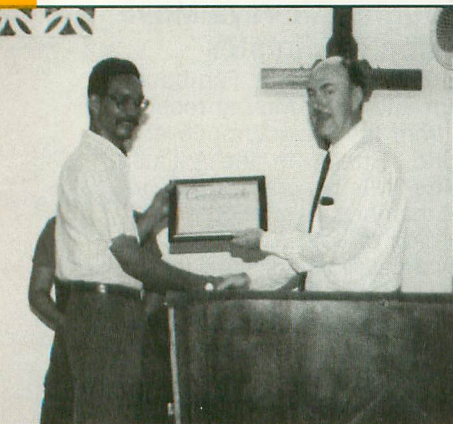
McDonald English Class Becomes Bible Class

Japan—According to a June report from Don and Ruth McDonald in Sapporo, Japan, an English class has developed into a Bible study class.

Four ladies from Ruth's English class had expressed a desire to study the Bible more in depth. One of them shared that she had been

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Tomas Mendoza (left), pastor of the San Vicente Number 2 Church, receives a certificate for first place in the "church" category of a Sunday school enlargement campaign in Panama. In the "mission" category Pastor Arsenio Gonzalez receives the first place certificate for Nueva Esperanza mission.



Lydia (right), a Christian worker, fills out a decision card for a convert during the special evangelism training session in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

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searching for years for answers to life's questions.

Looking at Ruth, the lady said, "I'm 40 years old and I still don't know the meaning of life. I'd like to study the Bible and see if the answers for me are there."

Don and Ruth urged people to pray for this group as they meet each Tuesday.

Panama SS Enlargement Campaign Brings Increase

Panama—According to missionary Steve Lytle, a nation-wide Sunday school enlargement campaign was held in Panama during the month of April. All churches experienced an increase in attendance and had visitors in every service. Several people were saved as a result of this effort.

Two categories were determined and those with greatest increase were given special awards. In the "church" category, San Vicente Number 2 took first place with an increase from 83 in 1997 to a 168 in 1998.

In the "mission" category, Nueva Esperanza increased from 35 in 1997 to 88 in 1998.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Japan—Don and Ruth McDonald in Japan reported the first baby dedication service to be held at Mihara-rashidai Chapel in Sapporo, Japan. Nathan and Linda Snow, who work with the McDonalds, and the Tokiwa family each presented their

youngest son to the Lord on June 7.

Brazil—The First Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil, celebrated 40 years of ministry on April 25 and 26. Missionary Curt Holland spoke at a special service on Saturday night and founding pastor, Dave Franks Sr., preached on Sunday night.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Earnie and Jean Deeds recently welcomed two new granddaughters into the world. Kerry Elizabeth was born to James and Cristy Deeds on April 26 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Briana Daniele was born to Daniel and Eni Deeds April 22 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Brazil—David and Annette Aycock moved from Campinas, where they were studying Portuguese, to Barbacena, Brazil, on May 1 to begin their new ministry.

Fresno, Calif.—Missionary Jalayn Martens has been in a recovery program at Link Care in Fresno, Calif., for the past few months. She has been suffering from severe mental stress, but she is gradually recovering.

Brazil—A baptismal service was held at the church in Barbacena, Brazil, on Sunday, June 7. Missionary assistant David Aycock baptized his five-year-old son, Andrew. Two other young people, Cesar and Shayla, were also baptized.

France—Dennis and Carol Teague returned to the United States at the end of June for a short stateside ministry. They plan to return to

France about the first of September.

Brazil—Jim and Shirley Combs in Araras, Brazil, reported the salvation of a 15-year-old girl in mid-April.

All-Day Evangelism Class Held in Abidjan

Côte d'Ivoire—On May 2 an all-day teaching session on evangelism was held at the church in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, with a group of the Semeurs (the Sowers). Mr. Murray, from New Zealand, taught the class.

Jerry and Carol Pinkerton said, "After the class finished, we went out into the street for an open-air meeting and put into practice what we had just been given."

Seven people said they had made a decision to follow Christ, but none of them came to church the following day. Follow-up is being carried out at the present.

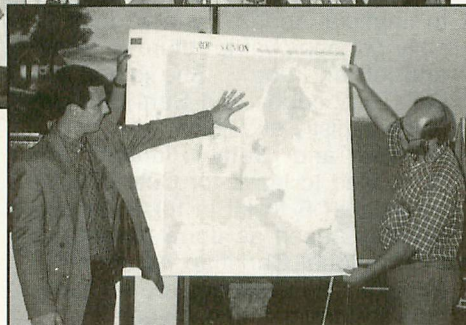
Hospital Now Under African Leadership

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionaries and medical personnel at the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, have indicated the hospital is now functioning under an African administration and medical staff.

Dr. Paul Gentuso reported that May 29 was the last day for consultations by missionary doctors. On May 30 the missionary staff conducted inventory. On June 2 the hospital re-opened with a new administration and staff. An African nurse was to be on duty for approximately one month, or until an African



Children and youth hold flags of several nations (above) during the opening ceremony of the Missions Month program in Araras, Brazil. Pastor Jeancarlo of Jaboticabal points to a map of Europe as Kemper Combs helps to hold it.



doctor could be hired.

When the hospital closed in May, the 16 regular workers were laid off. However, the majority of these were re-hired by the new administration. Two new workers were added to the staff, also. Currently, Dr. Kenneth Eagleton is maintaining an advisory role to help see that the transition is smooth and try to answer any questions that might arise.

Dr. Mark Paschall and his family left Ivory Coast on June 1 to begin stateside ministry, and Dr. Paul Gentuso and his family left Côte d'Ivoire on June 8. Both are seeking God's direction for their future ministry.

Nine MKs Graduate from High School or College

Antioch, Tenn.—Three MKs either graduated or are to graduate from high school this summer: Jonathan Bunch in Liberal, Mo., in May; and Aaron Morgan and Joseph Bryan from International Christian Academy in Côte d'Ivoire in July.

Mark Cowart, Marie West McDougald, Michael Lytle, Valerie Sturgill Ponder and Benjamin Plunkett all graduated in May from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. Miranda Owen graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Two Araras Churches Hold Missions Month

Brazil—For four weeks in April the Candida and Marabá congregations in Araras, Brazil, celebrated the great commission with special missionary speakers, drama, music, an international dinner and a missions offering.

According to missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs, several people participated in the special missions emphasis. A European challenge was given by Pastor Jeancarlo of Jaboticabal who plans to go to Europe for one year. Japan was represented by missionary Seijji and a co-worker. Uruguay was represented by Pastor Martin and his wife. Rejane Eagleton represented Côte d'Ivoire.

Missionary Appointees Get Internship Training

Antioch, Tenn.—Four couples, missionary appointees, began special missionary internship training at various sites in June.

Mike and Cathy Corley, appointees to Russia, began studying in the Institute for Cross-Cultural Training in Wheaton, Ill., June 11. It ends July 3. Jaimie and Tammy Lancaster, appointees to Uruguay, moved to Los Angeles June 6 to begin study in the Los Angeles Missionary Internship program which



James Forlines is the new general director-elect for Foreign Missions.

is scheduled to continue through July 31.

Tim and Kristi Johnson and Anthony and Lea Edgmon, appointees to Spain, flew to Colorado Springs, Col., June 8 to begin a three-week training program.

Board Meets, Selects New General Director

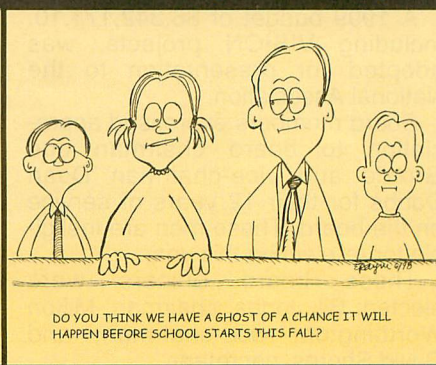
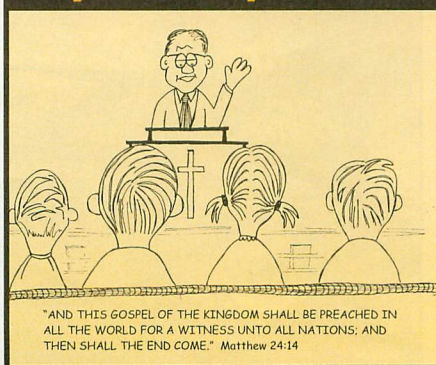
Antioch, Tenn.—The Board of Foreign Missions gathered April 20-23 at the Free Will Baptist National Offices in Antioch, Tenn., for its annual session. All members were present, but General Director R. Eugene Waddell had to miss most of the meeting due to the illness and subsequent death of his father.

The board appointed James Forlines, board member from Batesville, Ark., as general director to succeed Brother Waddell who will retire at the end of December. Brother Forlines will assume the helm on January 1, 1999. He is to begin working with

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Payne's People

By Eddie Payne



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Mr. Waddell August 1 to become familiar with the task.

The board also interviewed several prospective overseas candidates and appointed Charity Van Winkle of Fulton, Miss., as an English teacher development worker and in Central Asia.



Charity VanWinkle will teach English and work in development in Central Asia.

The board authorized the establishment of a scholarship fund for MKs under the efforts of Tanya Hart, coordinator of MK ministries.

A policy on moral and sexual conduct was adopted.

The board agreed to allow approved missionary affiliates to minister with other acceptable missionary agencies.

The board granted a request of the Panama missionaries to pursue a relationship with a church in Medellin, Colombia, which is seeking affiliation with Free Will Baptists.

A request from Cuba for \$6,000 to follow up repair on the road to Cedars of Lebanon Seminary was approved. The board also voted to provide \$200 per month as a subsidy for seminary training and agreed to invite a Cuban representative to attend the National Association in Oklahoma.

The board set these dates for 1999 activities: annual board session, April 19-23; missions retreat, August 2-5; and the semi-annual meeting, December 6-9.

A 1999 budget of \$6,342,171.10, including VISION projects, was adopted for presentation to the National Association.

Board members expressed appreciation to board chairman Joe Grizzle and vice-chairman Dean Dobbs for their 12 years of service on the board. These men are ineligible for re-election this year.

These board officers were elected: Bill Jones, chairman; Milton Worthington, vice-chairman; and David Shores, secretary.

Midgett and Plunketts Leave for Their Fields

Antioch, Tenn.—Three missionaries are resuming ministries on their fields this summer. After a delay due to financial needs, Lynn Midgett finally got approval to return to Spain and left on June 5. She joined the Jeff Turnboughs and Sam McVays in the ministry at Villalba.

Lloyd and Betty Plunkett are scheduled to leave for Côte d'Ivoire on August 5 to fill in for Paul and Rhoda Creech as dorm parents at International Christian Academy in Bouake. The Creeches are on state-side assignment for one year.

Bowerman Survives Auto Crash, Has Broken Leg

Panama—Missionary Eddie Bowerman suffered a broken leg on May 23 when his vehicle was hit from behind by an automobile driven by a drunken driver. Bowerman's truck went out of control, into the opposite lane and eventually smashed into two trees. His very new Toyota pickup was totaled.

Eddie was returning to Chitre from Panama City after a meeting of the executive committee of the Panama Association when the accident occurred. A couple from Parita, Maycol and Nereida, were traveling with Eddie. Maycol suffered a broken nose and Nereida had serious bruises on one leg.

The femur bone of Bowerman's right leg was broken about three and

Eddie Bowerman's Toyota pickup tells the story of his recent accident in Panama which broke his leg and totaled his vehicle.



Lloyd and Betty Plunkett (above) are to return to Côte d'Ivoire in August to act as dorm parents at ICA. Miss Lynn Midgett (right) returned to her ministry in Spain in June.



one-half inches below the hip. Surgery was required on May 27 to place a pin and screws in the bone. Eddie and his family returned to the United States on June 18 for rehabilitation and further medical treatment.

Youth Hold Evangelistic Campaign in Bouna

Côte d'Ivoire—Some 46 young people from Free Will Baptist churches throughout the FWB area of Côte d'Ivoire traveled to Bouna to participate in a special evangelistic campaign April 8-10. The youth set out to blitz the town of Bouna with the gospel.

According to Clint and Lynette Morgan, the campaign was totally organized by the National Youth Organization. Six Bible institute students worked with the youth as team leaders and are now doing follow-up on the special effort.

Geneva Poole Diagnosed with Skin Ailment

Brazil—Missionary Geneva Poole in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, has been diagnosed with pemphigus, an incurable skin disease.

According to the Pooles, this disease is characterized by the development of blisters on otherwise normal-appearing skin or mucous surfaces. Since this is an autoimmune disease, the cells in the body which normally fight infection or germs attack the skin cells causing blisters.

Bobby and Geneva indicated that no cure is known for the disease, but Geneva is under treatment and appears to be doing better.

Support Forum Held for State Leaders

Antioch, Tenn.—The second support forum sponsored by Foreign Missions was held April 23, 24 at the National Offices in Antioch, Tenn. Some 51 people, including state leaders, the Foreign Missions board and the FM staff, gathered for sessions of learning and sharing.

Dr. Doug Carter, Executive Vice-President of Public Affairs for EQUIP (Encouraging Qualities Undeveloped in People), was the featured speaker for the main sessions. Overall, Dr. Carter was complimentary of the state support plans but shared insights into fund-raising and pitfalls to avoid.

Franks Jr. Says Home Meetings Have Begun

Uruguay—Home meetings were started in Uruguay in March after the Malvin Norte church lost the use of their rented meeting place. According to Dave Franks Jr., 14 people attended a service in the Franks' home.

One week later, on the occasion of the first gathering in the home of a church family, Dave says, "At time to start, we were starting to get concerned. Only our family and Raquel Velasquez, the hostess, were there. Then, people started to come. Twenty people filed into her small dining/living room. What excited us most was that four people came who had never darkened our church door."

Financial Summary Through May 1998

Substance

Total income for April	\$ 582,537.08
Total income for May	432,844.93
Total income through May	2,088,978.34
Projected income through May	2,410,104.77
Total expenses through May	2,048,301.44
Total 1998 Budget (including VISION projects)	\$5,784,251.45

Shortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey	\$ 1,968.05	Robinson	\$ 3,665.89
Beck, S.	1,633.56	Tallent	7,303.54
Callaway	2,606.00	Teague	16,859.21
Combs	100.69	Willey, M.	940.13
Cowart	3,229.85	Wilson, V.	1,227.35
Deeds	6,599.65	Kamyshlov Church Planter	3,778.18
Eagleton Sr	17,238.29	Kopeysk Church Planters	5,624.69
Ekaterinburg Church Planter	2,884.23	Kurgan Church Planter	1,898.92
Ellison	8,299.84	Noyabrisk Church Planters	935.10
Hersey	717.74	Russian Pastor's Conference	12,209.76
McFall	765.52	International Consultation of FWB	3,954.40
McLain	276.06	Special Committee, Africa	18,882.34
Morgan, A.	1,972.76	Information Promotional Fund	54,209.24
Owen	2,125.98	Support Services	66,212.78
Robert West	14,100.41	Third World Development	1,368.20
Total	\$263,588.36		

Sinking

The following account is in the black but in serious need:

Banks	\$ 3,002.03
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State Goals—1998

States/ Organizations	Goal 1998	Goal Through May	Contributions Through May
Alabama	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 104,166.67	\$ 126,829.01
Arkansas	367,000.00	152,916.67	152,367.98
Arizona	8,000.00	3,333.33	2,718.28
California	72,000.00	30,000.00	23,499.03
Canada	9,000.00	3,750.00	2,925.82
Colorado	6,000.00	2,500.00	3,805.04
Florida	85,000.00	35,416.67	55,011.56
Georgia	227,000.00	94,583.33	76,765.83
Idaho	1,000.00	416.67	3,308.94
Iowa	3,000.00	1,250.00	901.83
Illinois	152,000.00	63,333.33	54,315.61
Indiana	59,000.00	24,583.33	17,781.42
Hawaii	750.00	312.50	0.00
Kansas	10,000.00	4,166.67	2,704.02
Kentucky	76,000.00	31,666.67	29,241.77
Louisiana	2,500.00	1,041.67	7,015.27
Maryland	46,000.00	19,166.67	31,582.94
Michigan	185,000.00	77,833.33	71,036.47
Missouri	378,000.00	157,500.00	156,662.80
Mississippi	76,000.00	31,666.67	156,269.34
Montana	2,500.00	1,041.67	756.50
North Carolina	656,000.00	273,333.33	269,517.95
Nebraska	2,000.00	833.33	176.00
New Mexico	4,000.00	1,666.67	1,377.49
* Northeast Association	2,000.00	833.33	600.00
** Northwest Association	10,000.00	4,166.67	2,252.05
Ohio	178,000.00	74,166.67	54,865.35
Oklahoma	457,000.00	190,416.67	164,744.87
Pennsylvania	2,000.00	833.33	1,090.00
South Carolina	275,000.00	114,583.33	124,819.12
Tennessee	777,000.00	323,750.00	296,482.34
Texas	91,000.00	37,916.67	28,135.66
Virginia	107,000.00	44,583.33	27,695.91
Virgin Islands	2,300.00	958.33	1,275.17
West Virginia	127,000.00	52,916.67	37,644.64
Free Will Baptist Foundation	23,000.00	9,583.33	12,166.24
Miscellaneous	83,351.45	34,729.77	7,313.00
WNAC	198,000.00	82,500.00	56,417.82
Totals	\$ 5,010,401.45***	\$ 2,087,667.27	\$ 2,062,073.07

* Northeast Association

New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine, Connecticut, Washington, D.C. and Massachusetts

** Northwest Association

Alaska, Oregon and Washington

*** Does not include VISION projects.

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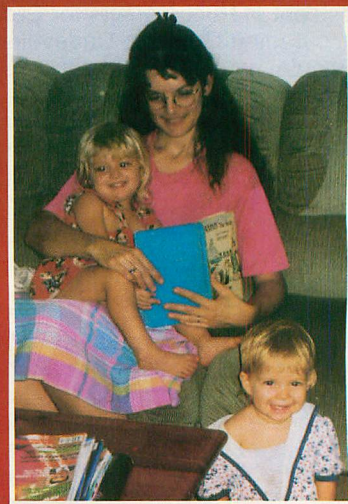
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