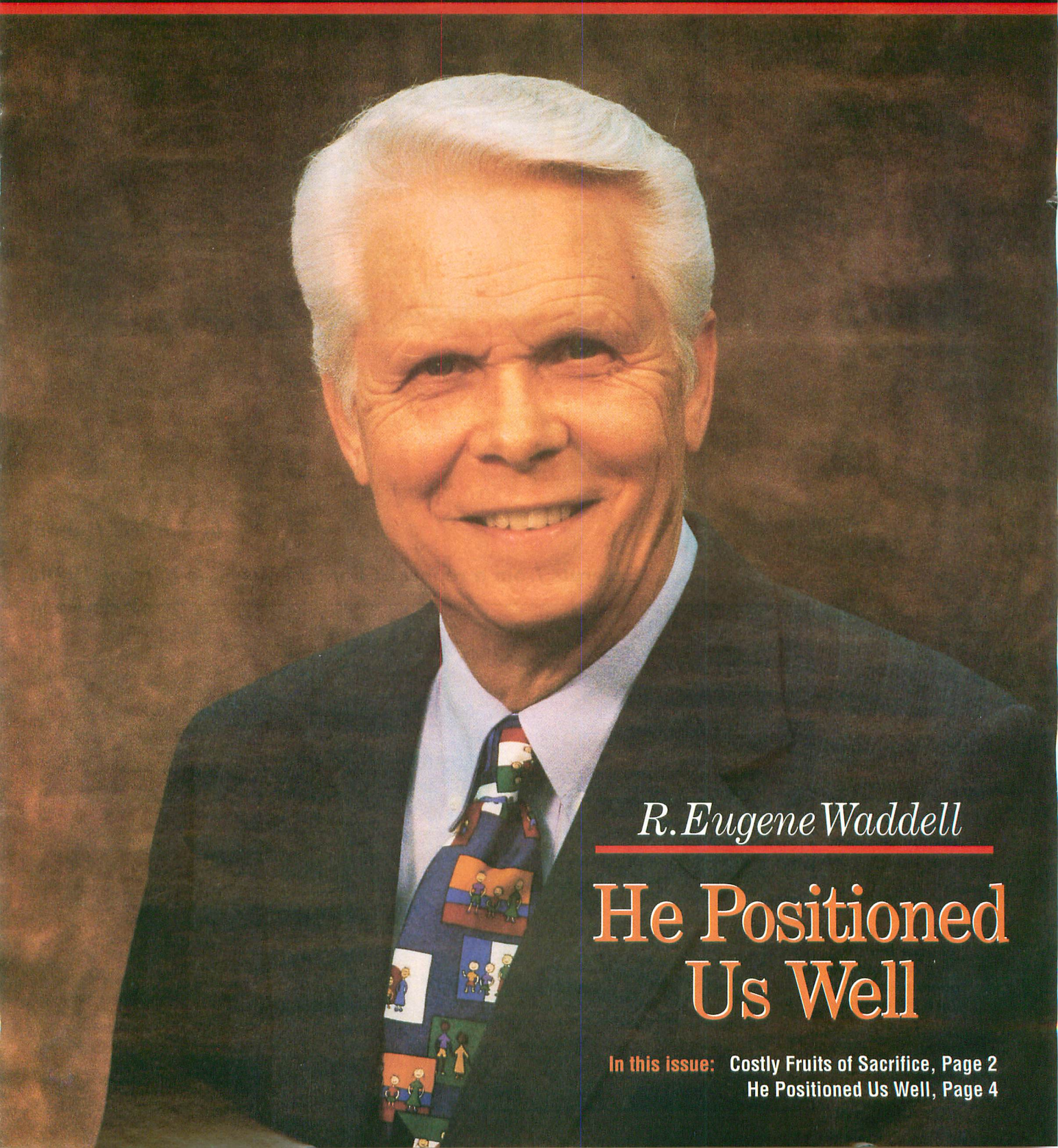


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Showing God at work around the world



R. Eugene Waddell

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Costly Fruits of Sacrifice!

by Carlisle Hanna

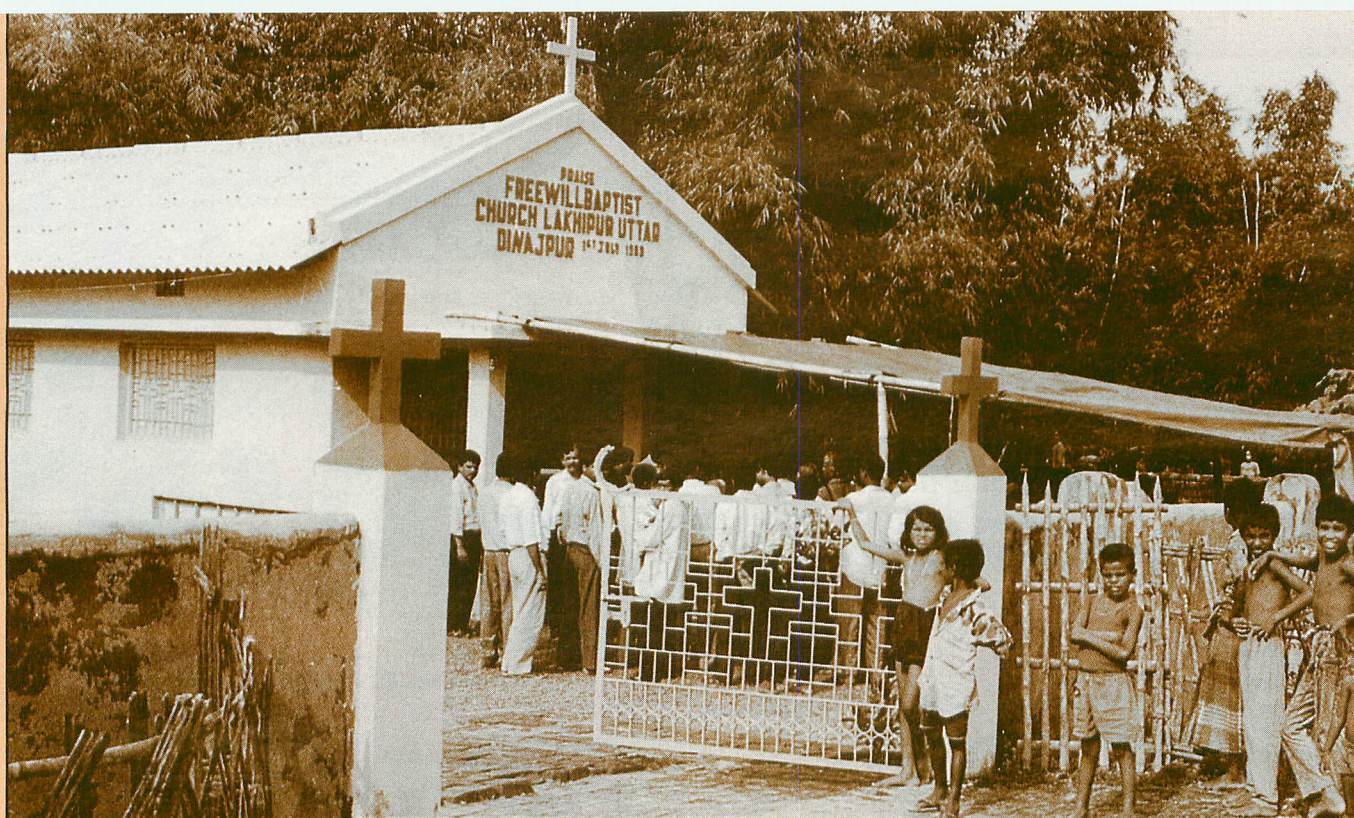
(Excerpts from a report at Foreign Missions Retreat 1998)

Nepalese Christians (above) enjoy time at the annual conference.

Over 2,000 (right) joined in worship services.

One more new church building (top of opposite page) provides a place of worship.





“**N**ever did the cause of missions appear more blessed than it does now. I would spend and be spent in it. Yes, all I have and all I am shall be the Lord’s for He hath redeemed me by His most precious blood.”

These words from a letter by Mrs. Jeremiah Phillips were written shortly after Free Will Baptist missionaries arrived in the Midnapur District of West Bengal in 1836. Her firstborn child died a few days after that and a short time later Mrs. Phillips died also. In planting the church, the cost is great. We don’t do it cheaply.

We were appointed to India by the Free Will Baptist Board of Foreign Missions during Bible Conference in March of 1951. We were commissioned as Free Will Baptist missionaries to plant a Free Will Baptist church in India.

When we arrived in India, we knew what our assignment was. Free Will Baptists had work in South India and work in North India. We were assigned to

Sonapur in North India. And from the time we first went there, from Christmas of 1952 until now, Sonapurhat has been home for our family and still is home to our children.

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India was very different in 1952 than it is now. We faced the royal Bengal tiger, snakes, and intestinal parasites. I even faced diphtheria. But all of these things were minor compared to the darkness which we faced in India. It was a deep darkness, which affects every part of a person, and the only way to deal with it was in the power of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today, in our efforts to fulfill our task in India, we are faced with a tremendous population increase. Now India has almost a billion people: three times as

many as when we went there. According to some, in a few years India could surpass the population of China and become the most populous nation in the world.

Most of the people in India are followers of some religion. Seventy-five percent of the population is Hindu. In my own experience I have learned that a Hindu is happy to hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and he would be happy to accept Jesus Christ as we present Him

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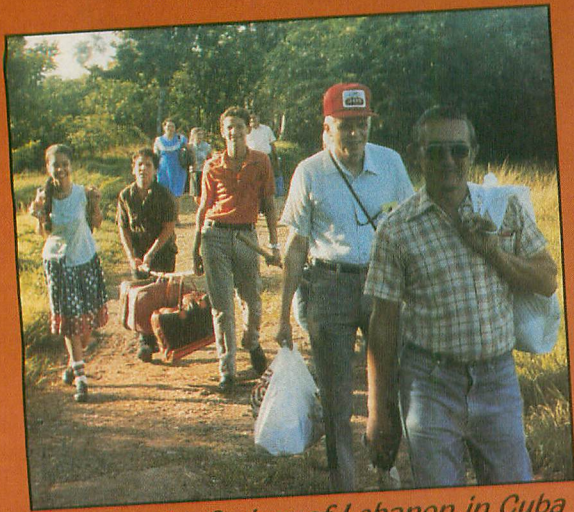
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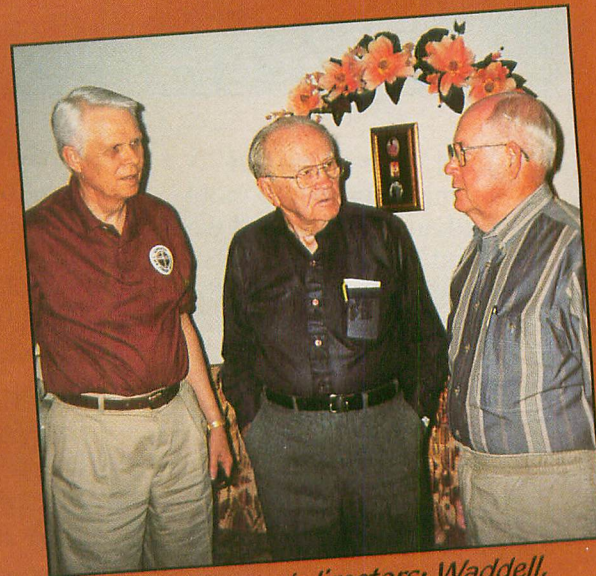
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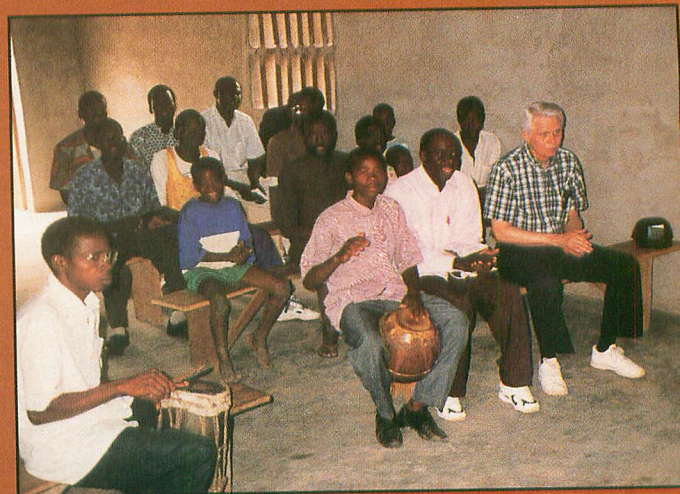
Initiating ministries to Russia



Three general directors: Waddell, Riggs and Smith



Waddell and Callaways with Cuban leaders



Village church in Ivory Coast

He Positioned Us Well

by Don Robirds

R. Eugene Waddell is retiring effective December 31, 1998.

Honesty, compassion, integrity, humility, humor, faith, love. These are some of the words that characterize and describe R. Eugene Waddell, general director of Foreign Missions. They come from the lips or pens of co-workers, friends, family, missionaries and denominational leaders.

Many of the noble qualities cited above were formed in the home of Robert and Rena Waddell where the Bible was the center of all. Devoted to his parents, Gene says, "They exerted a profound influence on my coming to Christ, having respect for character, placing a premium on integrity and honesty, seeing the value of hard work and diligence and trusting God."

Brother Waddell acknowledged that influence when he answered the call to preach in the winter of 1950, his senior year at Nahunta High School in Wayne County, N.C.

Although Gene knew very little about the mandate for missions before his first year at FWBCC, he was deeply challenged through prayer band and special missionary speakers in chapel. Among those who influenced him most were Dr. J. P. Barrow, Raymond Riggs and the Thomas H. Willeys ("Mom" and "Pop").

During his college days Eugene joined classmates Bobby Jackson and James Earl Raper and upperclassman Robert Picirilli to form the Gospeliers Quartet, which acquired a certain fame among Free Will Baptists. They still sing together

occasionally for special events.

Brother Waddell was ordained to the ministry in August of 1952 and graduated from FWBCC in 1954. On July 22 he married his childhood sweetheart, Leah Nichols. They made an unforgettable missions trip to Cuba that August. Gene never got over the experience of leading a man to Christ who had never heard the gospel before. Eugene joyfully declared, "The man served the Lord until his death years later."

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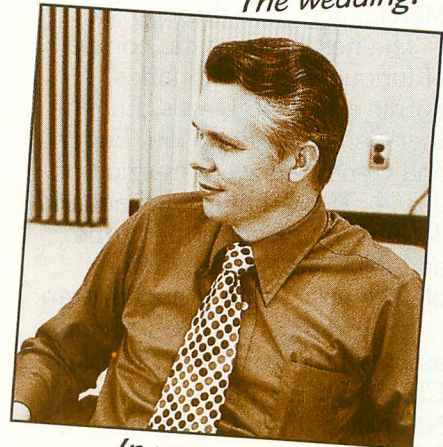
In the fall of 1954 Brother Waddell entered the graduate school of Columbia Bible College and accepted the pastorate at Bay Branch FWB Church near Timmonsville, S.C. He graduated cum laude and received his M.A. in missions in 1966. When he entered the pastorate, he immediately sought to challenge people to get involved in foreign missions.

In 1956 Reverend Waddell accepted the call to pastor First FWB Church in Portsmouth, Va. While pastoring in Portsmouth in 1959, he was elected to the Board of Foreign Missions. Gene, his wife, Leah, and

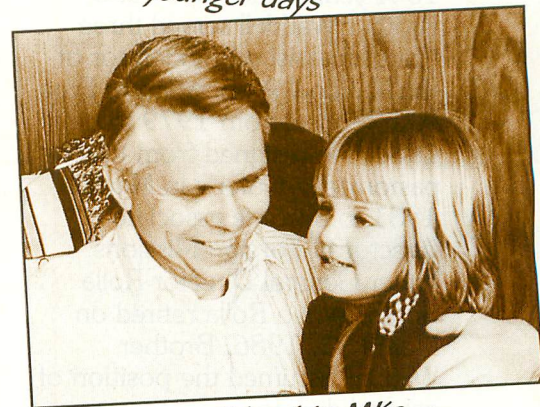
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The wedding!



In younger days



Friend to MKs



General directors Wilson, Riggs and Waddell

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 their four children moved from Virginia to Garner FWB Church in Garner, N.C., in April of 1960. In December Leah was diagnosed with breast cancer. Just 15 months later, in April of 1962, the Lord took her, leaving Gene to care for their four children: Rhonda, Robert, Paul and Marcia, ages two through six.

The next year, in the company of furloughing missionaries Earnie and Jean Deeds, Eugene met Genevieve Johnson. Eugene and Genevieve were married on July 4, 1963. Later, Michael and John were added to the home, and the Waddells have been blessed with seven grandchildren.

In November of 1964 Eugene assumed the pastorate of Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn. During his 16½-year tenure at Cofer's, Brother Waddell served three years as assistant moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists from 1979 to 1981. He resigned from the pastorate at Cofer's in May of 1981 to become associate director of Foreign Missions under General Director Rolla Smith. When Rolla retired on March 31, 1986, Brother Waddell assumed the position of general director.

"Those years I was on the board, I tried to listen without bias to be able to feel what the missionaries were feeling," says Waddell. "I tried to understand their needs. My greatest benefit was getting to know our missionaries and feel their heartbeat. I was also blessed to be involved in appointing many missionaries" (only four of the current missionary force were



Waddell and Hersey in Japan

appointed before he was elected to the board).

Since becoming general director, Mr. Waddell has seen the annual budget grow from \$2,976,884 to \$4,954,961. During his 12-year tenure, he has witnessed the appointment of 56 new missionaries (31 still serving) and the opening of new ministries in Russia, Mongolia, China and Central Asia. A new, bold mission strategy has been adopted with a 10-year goal of doubling our missionary force overseas.

Mr. Waddell has never seemed threatened by "off-the-wall" suggestions.

When problems have arisen, Mr. Waddell has faced them squarely. One staff member noted, "He has great insight into problems and how to solve them. I appreciate the fact that Mr. Waddell has never compromised on any issue but stood for what he thought the Lord would have him do."

Someone else indicated Eugene has an "uncanny ability to see the larger picture and then try to make his decisions complement and harmonize with that larger picture."

Yes, Brother Gene, as I know him, has made his impression on people around the globe. He is loved and respected by

missionaries and national Christians wherever he has traveled. The general director was especially honored by those in India, Japan, and Uruguay. In the African village of Panzarani the Lobi chieftain presented him with a royal robe and bow and arrows. Then he bestowed upon him the name "Sogouri," which means "one who calms problems and resolves differences."

As I have served with and under Mr. Waddell for the past 17 years, he has impacted my life and family as well. He has been a friend, a counselor, an adviser, a boss, a co-laborer and an encourager. But most of all, he has been a dedicated Christian and compassionate leader, determined to reach the lost around the world.

Raymond Riggs, J. Reford Wilson and Rolla Smith preceded Brother Waddell as general director. They each led Foreign Missions to a new level within the denomination. When Brother Waddell took the helm, I discovered another dimension of leadership. I saw a genuine passion for reaching the unreached peoples and experienced a new level of team participation.

Mr. Waddell has never seemed threatened by "off-the-wall" suggestions. He has welcomed questions and challenges to his proposals and his sense of humor has made him a joy to be around.

Yes, Gene is a leader, a team



Taking his first trip to Brazil

leader. He says, "I believe in team leadership. I believe someone has to be responsible more or less like the captain or quarterback of the team. But you don't win without a strong support team. The Lord has given us such a team. We have not only been able to pray and wrestle with our problems, but we have also been able to laugh together and have a little fun. No office on the earth could have a better spirit of love and cooperation than ours. I will miss that most of all."

Looking back over his 36^{1/2} years of service on the board and with the department, Brother Waddell says, "The greatest blessing to me has been to actually see and experience what the missionaries were doing, feeling and experiencing."

Through all the years he served as general director, Gene's wife, Genevieve, has served as a valuable partner. "She's been there whenever I've been through the rough and tumble controversy," says Mr. Waddell. "She's offered me encouragement; she's been my cheerleader. When she has gone with me to the field, she has offered a lot of encouragement to our missionary moms and women."

Although Mr. Waddell is leaving his leadership position, he expressed excitement over what he sees in the future. He specifically pointed out the maturing and growing national

church in Ivory Coast and the open doors in Russia. He also enthusiastically spotlighted the church planting taking place in North India and Nepal.

In the United States, Eugene rejoiced over the growing sense of responsibility being felt by churches and state associations. The A.C.T.S. 1:8 type support programs are promising greater and greater outreach with less and less stress on the missionaries.

When asked why he was retiring at this time, Gene replied, "A lot of pressure comes with this responsibility. The director is actually on call 24 hours a day. This takes its toll although the joys are beyond comparison! And, of course, I have had some health problems over the last few years. I think it is time for me to step aside because I need to relax from some of the pressure, and I feel the department needs fresh blood, younger ideas and younger leadership."

"A successful leader is someone who not only accomplished much while he was there but his organization was positioned well after he left."

Brother Waddell added, "God has made Lamentations 3:23 real to me in times of crisis through these precious years of service. I have often found myself singing 'Great Is Thy Faithfulness' during times when I should have been discouraged, humanly speaking. God has been so faithful to me and to the foreign missions program. I want to continue to be faithful to Him in whatever ministry He sends."

To make the job easier for Brother James Forlines, the general director-elect, Waddell suggested, "People can uphold him in prayer and encourage him by e-mail, letters and cards. It would be great if he could have a network of really missions-minded people to assume responsibility for supporting those whom God has called, people who will say, 'Brother Forlines, I want to be a helper in the cause of missions. What can I do?' Those words will truly lift him up."

Commenting on his call to follow Brother Waddell in the awesome role as general director, James Forlines stated, "I was at a conference that was describing success in leadership, and they described a successful leader as someone who not only accomplished much while he was there but his organization was positioned well after he left. This is the way I feel about Brother Waddell and his leadership of Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. I see that we are really well-positioned to do some exciting things for the cause of Christ."

Yes, R. Eugene Waddell has positioned us well. He can step down satisfied that God has used him to open new doors, to strengthen the foreign missions program and to pave the way for bigger and more fruitful missions efforts in these last days before our Lord returns. The denomination, the missionaries, the home staff and the Board of Foreign Missions are indebted to him for his years of sacrifice and his selfless, humble service for the cause of world evangelization.

Thank you, Brother Waddell. May God continue to use you in His service until Christ returns or calls you home. ☺

Costly Fruits of Sacrifice!

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but only along with all of India's other gods and goddesses. This makes the task difficult when we seek to win Hindus to Christ.

Ten percent of the population of India is Muslim. Then we have Christians, Jains, Sikhs, Buddhists, tribals and other groups. Many people groups make up a small percentage of India's population, but even if a people group comprises only two percent of the population, it still includes more than a million people. More than 400 ethnic groups are found in India and Free Will Baptists have hardly touched the surface in efforts to reach them.

The difficulty of proclaiming Christ in India is enhanced by its 1,652 official languages. We speak Hindi, which they've chosen as the national language. By no means is Hindi spoken all over the country, but at least we can speak it traveling anywhere in North India.

To reach these people we have used various means. One of these is the hostel ministry, which is very much like our orphanages or children's homes in the United States. We started with three boys. At times we had up to 68 children. In 1998 we have 45 boys. Nearly all of our church leaders in North India have been trained in ministry, have received their education and were taught to be consistent witnesses for Christ while growing up on the mission compound. Now their children, too, are following in their footsteps in the hostel.

We've ministered in religious *fairs or melas* and by open air preaching. Through the *Jesus* and the *Dayasagar* films, thousands of people have heard

the gospel—many more in one night than we missionaries could reach in a year. We have also used Bible institutes and teaching.

Village camps have been effective. We have gone to a village and stayed two weeks, then to another village for two weeks. We did this throughout the camp season and taught the people and won them to Christ. We also have used our annual conference in evangelism.

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God has given fruit all along and I'm thankful for that fruit. Few missionaries have ever seen 94 people follow the Lord in baptism at one time as we saw the first Sunday of March this year during our annual conference. After the baptisms we had a worship service with 2,000 people attending. But that fruit didn't come easily; it came at a great price. It costs EVERYTHING. Marie was not able to go to that baptismal service, but praise God, she did go to that worship service.

All of those people came from the churches which have been planted in North India! In the North, our area goes from Siliguri, the plains area of the Darjeeling District, to Kaliaganj in the south, which is 200 miles along the national highway. Our church furthestmost to the north is in Salbari right at the foot of the Great Himalaya, where our pastor-evangelist is Nicanor Sharma, a Nepali who is

awaiting ordination. Two hundred miles to the south of there Michael Das, who was educated in our hostel in Sonapur, ministers to three churches in the Koliaganj area—one Bengali and two Santali churches.

Our area is squeezed between the countries of Bangladesh and Nepal. At the east end of Nepal and around to the south of Nepal we have churches throughout the area. Our pastors are assigned to very large areas. There is no way they can worship even one Sunday each month with each of the works for which they are responsible.

Reports tell us there are 114,500 Indian evangelists working in India, but the majority of these are working in the Christian south. Most of those who come to the non-Christian north settle near believers and are "sheep stealers" rather than soulwinners.

In the midst of God's blessings, Christians face persecution. In the state of West Bengal, where we live and where we have worked, religious militants have threatened the gospel workers and Christian believers in Ranidanga, Siliguri. On the wall of the Brethren Assembly shed the militants have painted the slogan in bold letters, "EXPEL CHRISTIANS FROM RANIDANGA AND FROM HYDRAPARA." Assembly evangelists have been asked to stop preaching, even in their own houses.

Once I was speaking in a palm-leaf shed with not more than 15 people in the meeting. A man came in wearing ragged and dirty short pants. A little woman with her hair balled on the top of her head was sitting in the middle of that shed. The

man came in and caught that ball of hair, yanked her up and down a few times, then dragged her out. Beating her, he said, "I told you you could not go to church and you insisted on going anyhow." Before the service was over she slipped back in.

Restrictions and persecutions of every variety exist in the north, and there have been many martyrs for the cause of Jesus Christ. Clashes between religious groups are common. The only time I have seen Hindus and Muslims live together in peace in Sonapur was when they came to the compound to show their respects for Marie at her death.

Consistently, since the beginning of the work, about half of our church in North India has been made up of Santals, a people group of 5,180,000 people. In South India we have seven churches; in North India we have more than 100 churches, including eight new church buildings erected within the past two years. I'm thankful for what God has done.

Don't ever think the work in India has not been costly. It has been very costly. There have been many tears and there still are.

Marie and I took our wee baby Sheila to India in 1952. Tears of parting flowed as we left the United States though we wanted to go to India. I can remember how very difficult it was to say good-bye and yet there was joy in my own heart because I was seeing the fruition of that which I had started when the Lord called me while a teenager. I was on my way at the ripe old age of 23. Little was I to understand that before we could learn the language, the dearest in the world to us, our first-born, would be taken. I didn't know that there



An offering is received during the annual conference in North India.

were cemeteries in India, but I was told we would have to have the funeral in two hours. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6).

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Marie and I went forth carrying the seed with us, the precious seed of the Word, and we went forth with many tears. Many people from this Indian church are already in glory and I'm grateful for that. Many others are on their way, and I'm happy for that. I'm thankful for the thousands of Hindus and Muslims, as well as the Christians, who came to pay their respects when Marie went to be with the Lord. I'm thankful for that wide open door.

My parting words to our people were, "Never has it been more important that you live a

life absolutely spotless, because the Hindus and Muslims are watching us today and they are ready to be saved right now. Let's not miss this opportunity."

During many prayer meetings we've fallen on our faces before the Lord. Food was not very important, but knowing that we were in the place where He could use us was most important. Today, people are being saved in India as never before in all the history of the country. And we dare not lose this opportunity of reaching them with the gospel.

I want to leave with you three verses written by Grace Troy:

"Some have gone forth far from loved ones and home,
Leaving their all for His service alone,
Counting the gain of the world only dross,
Seeking no glory save that of His cross.

Some have gone forth into darkness so dense,
Darkness that crushes, a darkness intense.
There in far lands where their Lord is not known,
Gladly to work for His glory alone.

Some have gone forth, but so many remain,
Safely at home, other honors to gain,
Millions of lost ones who never have heard,
Few, oh so few, to go forth with the Word."⁶

News Update



Tim and Kristi Johnson (top, left) receive their commissioning charge to serve in Spain, and friends pray with Anthony and Lea Edgmon (top, right) at the airport prior to their departure for Spain. Bobby and Sue Aycock (left) and Tom and Nancy Hughes (bottom, left) returned to Brazil after short stateside ministries.



and departed for their field of Spain on Monday, October 12. The Edgmons and the Johnsons will be attending language school in the Madrid area.

Annette Aycock Reports Regular Altar Services

Brazil—"As of yet there has not been a Sunday service when we did not have at least one person coming to the altar for salvation, rededication or consecration," writes Annette Aycock from Barbacena, Brazil. "Most of the time several come forward. There is an expectation in the hearts of the people to hear and respond to the message."

David reported recently having the opportunity to speak to 70 sixth and seventh graders in a public school on the outskirts of Antonio Carlos, a town where the church has a mission work. "Complete freedom was given, and I presented a speech on 'Finding Purpose for Your Life.' This subject enabled me to present a detailed gospel message," says David.

North India Hit Hard by Monsoon

India—According to Christians in North India, the monsoon rains during July and August caused vast flooding in North India and left many homeless and destitute. Bridges and roads were washed out, crops were destroyed, houses were washed away and walls were demolished.

Missionary Carlisle Hanna reports, "A call from India this morning (September 7) says today is the first day of sun they have had in two months. These floods have been worse than any in recorded history."

The rains especially have affected the Free Will Baptist hostel ministry in North India. This ministry provides housing and training for about 45 school-age boys. Hanna says, "They tried to get our rice crop out twice. But all is washed away. No rice for our hostel in this coming year."

In light of this vast flooding, many people in India are facing severe hunger and personal need. Those interested in helping may send gifts to Foreign Missions "Relief Fund" at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.

Snows Continue Language Study, Help at Church

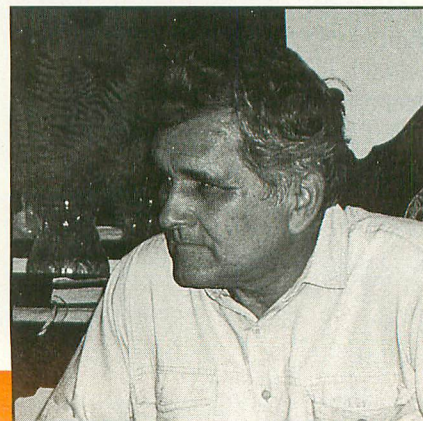
Japan—While Nathan and Linda Snow are involved in language study in the area of Sapporo, Japan, they are also helping out in the new work started by missionaries Donnie and Ruth McDonald. Recently, Nathan and Linda filled in for three Sundays while the McDonalds were away.

"We took the opportunity to lean a little heavier than usual on our two most faithful church families, the Tokiwases and the Suginakas," writes Nathan. "It was exciting to see them teaching Sunday school and participating in the worship hour."

Cuban Leader Suffers Cerebral Thrombosis

Cuba—Gilberto Diaz, former president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, died from a cerebral thrombosis on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, in Jaruco,

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Four Couples Leave for Their Fields of Service

Antioch, Tenn.—Four missionary couples left for their fields of service in August, September or October.

Bobby and Sue Aycock, who came to the States in June for a short stateside ministry, returned to Brazil on August 20 to resume their ministry in Barbacena.

Tom and Nancy Hughes, who came to the United States on August 31, returned to Uberlandia, Brazil, on October 25.

Tim and Kristi Johnson, new missionaries to Spain, were commissioned on September 27 in the Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. and departed for Spain on September 29.

Anthony and Lea Edgmon were commissioned to missionary service on October 10 in the Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn.,

Cuba. A special victory celebration was held in memory of the 62-year-old leader on Thursday, September 24, in the Free Will Baptist church of Jaruco.

Señor Diaz was a faithful, self-sacrificing leader of the Cuban ministry, and he labored in spite of communist opposition and physical difficulties.

Gilberto served as president of the Cuban Convention for 11 years. It was during his tenure as president that contact was reestablished with Free Will Baptists in the United States and the seminary in Pinār del Rio was reopened.

Brother Diaz is survived by his wife, Loida, and two sons, Joel and Abel. Both sons are actively involved in lay ministry.

Memorial contributions to the Cuban ministry may be earmarked "in memory of Gilberto Diaz" and sent to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tenn. 37011-5002.

Verlin Andersons Attend Missionary Internship

Colorado Springs, Col.—Verlin and Debbie Anderson, missionary appointees to Côte d'Ivoire, attended missionary internship training in Colorado Springs, Col., October 19-November 6.

Following their training at MI, the Andersons will attend a session of language acquisition training and will return to Nashville where they will be commissioned at Donelson Free Will Baptist Church on November 22. They are scheduled to depart for language studies at the Universite of Laval in Quebec, Canada, on December 28.

Panama Pastors' Retreat Held September 5, 6

Panama—A special pastors' retreat was held September 5, 6 at the El Amanecer Camp near Panama City. According to missionary Steve Lytle, 16 people attended the gathering.

The retreat, organized by Daniel Dorati, Uri Gonzalez and Steve Lytle, featured two pastors from other evangelical churches: Ramon Helleby and Desilo Guevara.

Uri Gonzalez and Daniel Dorati spoke on the need of the pastor to delegate responsibility. Gabriel Perez spoke on stewardship.



Jeancarolo of Brazil (above) thumbs through a Foreign Missions Directory as other representatives to the International Fellowship look on. (Right) IF officers elected were (left to right) Daniel Dorati, vice president; John Poole, president; and Melvin Worthington, secretary-treasurer.

International Fellowship Meets in Montevideo

Uruguay—The third triennial meeting of the International Fellowship of Free Will Baptists was held October 12-16 at Camp La Tuna outside Montevideo, Uruguay. Representatives were on hand from nine countries: Brazil, Cuba, France, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Spain, United States and Uruguay.

The meeting centered around three subjects: church, customs and culture. Papers were presented on these subjects and discussion followed.

Official delegates adopted documents that will be filed to make the International Fellowship a formal and legal entity. An international logo, colors and promotional material were adopted.

"Perhaps the most important aspect of the meeting was the opportunity national pastors had to hear from national pastors of other countries," says General Director-elect James Forlines. "There were profitable discussions on church planting strategies, discipleship and ways to transfer from missionary to national leadership. The meeting ended on Friday night with the celebration of the Lord's Supper and participation in feet washing."

The next meeting was set for the year 2001 in Nashville, Tenn., in the United States. The first meeting was held in Panama and the second gathering was in Brazil.

Officers elected were John Poole (Brazil), president; Daniel Dorati (Panama), vice president; and Melvin Worthington (U.S.A.), secretary-treasurer.



Delegates and visitors from the United States included Eugene and Genevieve Waddell, James and Anita Forlines, Jimmy Aldridge, Dr. Mary Wisheart, and Dr. Melvin and Anne Worthington.

Creeches to Seek New Ministry Abroad

Côte d'Ivoire—Paul and Rhoda Creech, who have served six years as dormitory parents at International Christian Academy in Bouake, Côte d'Ivoire, are anticipating a change of ministry within the framework of missions.

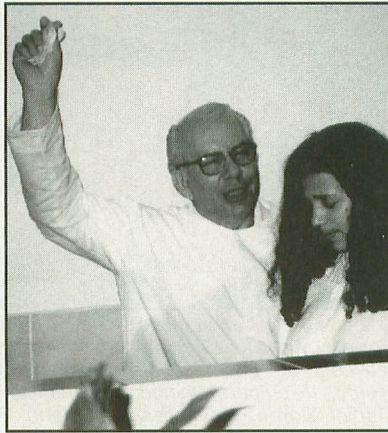
In late August, after specialized evaluation of their four-year-old son, Joseph, Paul and Rhoda were told that Joseph has "Pervasive Development Disorder, Not Otherwise Specified." Joseph is currently enrolled in the Early Childhood Development Program of the Bibb County public school system in Macon, Ga.

Since ICA is not equipped to provide the specialized education and training Joseph will need, the Creeches have determined they will seek another door in Africa or some other field where they can minister while providing for Joseph's needs. Paul and Rhoda are currently on stateside assignment.

General Director R. Eugene Waddell expressed regret that the Creeches must change directions but commended them for their faith-

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News Update



Dave Franks Sr. (above) conducts a baby dedication service and Jim Sturgill (right) baptizes a convert at Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

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ful service at ICA.

In light of this change, the Foreign Missions staff and the Ivory Coast field council are urgently seeking a couple qualified and willing to accept the challenge of providing a "home away from home" for 20 MKs (boys). This ministry offers the opportunity to encourage and council missionaries' children in the absence of their parents who are taking the message of Christ to unreached people.

Brother Waddell emphasized the urgency of getting a couple approved, prepared for the task and on the field before school opens in August of 1999. "Our agreement with the school obligates Free Will Baptists to provide dorm parents for this dormitory," says the general director. "We must have someone soon. Interested parties should contact Foreign Missions by e-mail to gene@nafwb.org, by phone at 615-731-6812 or by mail at P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002."

Japanese Pastor Kimura Ordained at Association

Japan—According to missionary Dale Bishop, approximately 60 people were on hand at the association of Free Will Baptists in northern Japan which met on the weekend of August 15, 16. Over 100 people were on hand for the Sunday services.

During the meeting, Pastor Kimura of the Kita Hiroshima Chapel was ordained to the ministry. The special speaker for the association was the president of the school from which Pastor Kimura graduated.

Sturgill Reports Baptism, Children's Dedication

Brazil—Jim and Vicki Sturgill in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, expressed praise recently that three people were baptized on Sunday morning, August 30. Those baptized were Madelena, age 20; Fernanda, age 16; and Marcos, age 14.

In addition to having the baptism in the morning service, a special children's dedication was held on Sunday evening. Dave Franks Sr. conducted that part of the service while Sturgill performed the baptisms.

Bailey Reports Four Saved at Iriso, Japan

Japan—Missionaries Ken and Judy Bailey expressed praise recently for answered prayer and a series of events which led to the salvation of four people in the Iriso church during September and October.

In early September the Baileys requested prayer for Mr. Hirabayashi, whose daughter is a member of the Iriso church. The 77-year-old man had been diagnosed with incurable cancer. Ken was able to share the gospel with him during a visit to the hospital. Just a few days later, Mr. Hirabayashi accepted Christ as his Savior. He died a short time after his decision.

Since then, the mother of Miss Hirabayashi's sister-in-law became a Christian. Mrs. Takaso had attended the funeral and was touched. She prayed to receive Christ while riding in the car with the Baileys.

Earlier this year, Ken had re-

quested prayer for Mrs. Tochikura who, had received Christ and wanted to be baptized at Easter. Her husband threatened to divorce her if she went through with it, but she determined to follow her conviction and was baptized.

Just recently the family learned that Mr. Tochikura's father is dying of cancer. Ken and Pastor Sabuta of the Iriso church visited him in the hospital and went through the gospel plan of salvation. A couple of days after hearing them talk to his father, Mrs. Tochikura's husband decided to give his heart to Christ. The following afternoon his father also accepted the Lord. Now the Baileys are urging people to pray for the elder Mrs. Tochikura who has opposed all that is happening.

Gibbs Baptizes Two in Atlantic Ocean

France—Missionary Jerry Gibbs reported baptizing two people, Franck and Veronique, in the Atlantic Ocean near St. Nazaire, France, on Sunday, October 4.

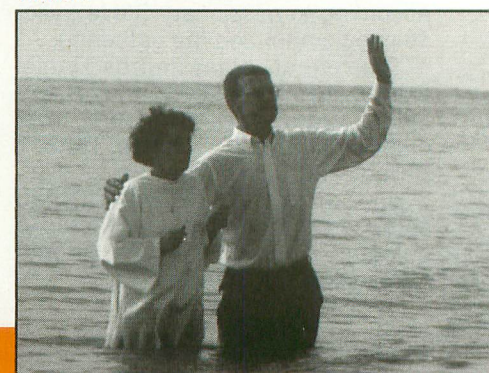
After the couple was baptized, everyone gathered for the first meal to be served in the new fellowship hall of the St. Nazaire church.

Gibbs expressed praise to the Lord for His blessing and a glorious Sunday of worship and fellowship. He urged people to pray that the newly baptized couple would be witnesses for the Lord to their family and friends.

Cowarts Say One Saved, Building Plans Started

Brazil—Missionaries Jim and Karen Cowart in the Ipiranga area of Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, expressed praise recently over the salvation decision of a 23-year-old woman

Jerry Gibbs prepares to baptize Veronique in the Atlantic Ocean near St. Nazaire, France.



who prayed with Karen on Sunday, September 20. Luciana had been attending Sunday school at Ipiranga for a few weeks prior to her decision.

Cowart also reported that he had met with an architect to begin plans for building three more Sunday school rooms and new restrooms in the Ipiranga church. "This will enable us to take out two existing rooms in our sanctuary and open it up to seat approximately 180 after we buy pews," says Jim. "In the future, 180 people should be able to support a pastor and build a new sanctuary for further growth."

Abidjan Church Finally Purchases Land

Côte d'Ivoire—"Thanks to God and your faithfulness in praying and giving, the Free Will Baptist Church of Abidjan has land," writes missionary Carol Pinkerton from Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

The report which came on Wednesday, October 14, indicated that the property has almost two acres near a freshly cleared area sited for 2,000 new homes plus 20 acres set aside for teacher and banker homes. The Free Will Baptist lots face the major street in the new subdivision.

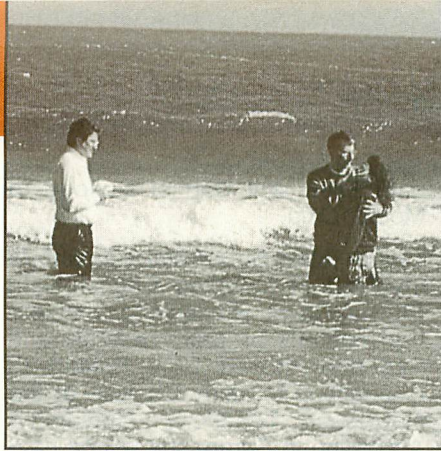
Carol indicated the preliminary title should be coming from the government offices within a month, then the land will officially belong to Free Will Baptists. She urged people to continue to pray because much more paperwork is to be done.

The Pinkertons also requested people to pray about the financial aspect of the purchase. "When the village agreed to our price for church land, the dollar was in good shape," write the Pinkertons. "But that was last week. The same land will now cost us \$12,000 more."

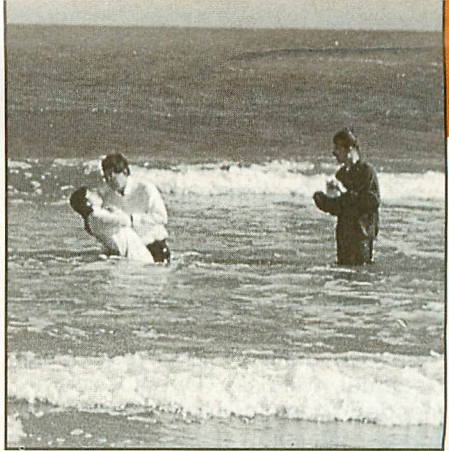
Marincek Church "Egged" During Worship Service

Brazil—"We got 'egged' again last night (September 6) during our worship service," writes missionary Bobby Poole from Ribeirão Preto, Brazil. "No one was hurt, but one of the eggs did hit the one leading the children's church service."

Bobby urged people to "continue to pray for those involved. The Lord is working in hearts and the devil



Dave Franks Jr. (above) baptizes Roxana Correria and Dennis Owen (above, right) baptizes Perla Vitalis in the ocean during a joint retreat about 65 kilometers from Montevideo, Uruguay. Participants in the retreat (right) prepare for a fellowship meal.



knows it and does not like it!"

The Pooles indicated they had finished up five weeks of vacation Bible school meetings being held each Saturday. "We had an average of 34.4 for the five Saturdays," says Geneva Poole. "Our last VBS had an average of 102 per day. Part of the reason for the drop in attendance is the violence that has taken over our area of the city."

Four People Baptized at Retreat in Uruguay

Uruguay—The mission works of Dennis and Trena Owen and Dave Jr. and Becky Franks held a joint weekend retreat August 28-30 about 65 kilometers from Montevideo, Uruguay. Nineteen people were present the entire time and 11 others attended part of the time at Villa Bautista in La Tuna.

Dave Jr. baptized a nine-year-old girl, Maria Alejandro Ricarte, and a 20-year-old lady, Roxana Correria. Dennis baptized two teenaged girls: Perla Vitalis, age 16, and Sabrina Trindade, age 13.

Mini Reports from Around the Globe

Côte d'Ivoire—Students from the Bible institute in Bouna, Côte d'Ivoire, attended an evangelism seminar recently and were stirred by the teaching. They were able to lead 17 people to the Lord in one week. After they returned to Bouna, they led several other people to Christ. The institute students will begin their internship training in December.

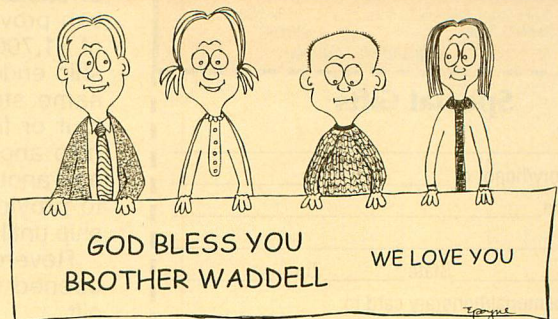
China—Rachel Callaway, daughter of missionaries Ron and Linda Callaway in Panama, left for China in September to begin a year of teaching English in a university in China under English Language Institute/China.

Côte d'Ivoire—According to Dr. Continued on page 14—▶

Payne's People

By Eddie Payne

PAYNE'S PEOPLE
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CHRIST THROUGH
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News Update

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Kenneth Eagleton in Ivory Coast, the African staff at the hospital in Doropo has done a tremendous job of keeping the hospital going since it was turned over to Ivorian administration in June of this year. The Regional Medical Director commended them for their efforts. An African Christian doctor has been hired and another doctor may be added in the near future.

Moore, Okla.—Former missionary Earnie Deeds has been asked to help with some extension studies in Portuguese being offered by Hills-

dale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Okla.

China—Miss Sarah Malone, who is involved in teaching English with ELIC in China, was able to complete her master's program recently and has now moved from Beijing to Changchun to study Chinese at the Northeast Teacher's University. According to Sarah, she will be having classes in the morning and work with tutors in the afternoon.

Côte d'Ivoire—According to missionary Darrel Nichols in Goumere, Côte d'Ivoire, Kobena Gboko was ordained to the gospel ministry on August 19. Kobena currently is teaching courses in the village of Siago to prepare new converts for baptism, and he is pastoring the Goumere church.

Antioch, Tenn.—Miss Charolette Tallent, who was reinstated as a missionary to France in July, has informed General Director R. Eugene Waddell that she has reconsidered her status as missionary and has withdrawn from serving under the Board of Foreign Missions.

dell said, "If 24 auxiliaries, master's men groups, churches, or individuals would each immediately send \$1,700 we could award all of our 24 college-age MKs a \$100 scholarship every year they are in school. Then the endowment would help the new MKs who are beginning college."

Gifts should be sent to Foreign Missions or FWB Foundation, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002, designated for "Mom Willey MK Scholarship Fund."

11 Baptized, Building Construction Started

Brazil—Eleven people from two churches in Araras, Brazil, were baptized in September. According to Jim and Shirley Combs, five people were baptized from the Maraba congregation on September 20 and another six people were baptized from the Candida church on September 27.

The Combs indicated that the Candida church has started construction on their building. The property is located near the building they currently rent but is much more accessible.

Jim and Shirley expressed gratitude that George and June Brunkhorst of Sacramento, Calif., traveled to Brazil in August to help paint the new construction for the children's home. "He was to arrive on Monday, August 31, and we didn't have any paint for him to start with," writes Shirley Combs. "By the time we returned from the airport in São Paulo, 35 cans of paint were waiting for us. God supplies in His own timing!"

Bowerman Recovery Slow, Panama Return Delayed

Fayetteville, Ark.—In late September, missionary Eddie Bowerman visited the doctor desiring some hope of returning to Panama soon. Eddie was seriously injured in an automobile accident in May of this year.

According to Bowerman, "The doctor pointed out that the leg is still very weak and I have a very pronounced limp. He said it would not be feasible to return to Panama before at least the first of the year."

The doctor indicated a fall could easily resharper the break in the leg. He reiterated that this was a severe

Special Gifts

These individuals gave special gifts in August and September in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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MK Scholarship Fund Remembers "Mom" Willey

Antioch, Tenn.—A memorial scholarship fund has been started in tribute to Mrs. Mabel "Mom" Willey, pioneer missionary to Panama and Cuba. The fund was established by the Department of Foreign Missions to provide scholarships to children of foreign missionaries (MKs) during their college training. The fund will be managed as an endowment.

Rev. Bill Evans, director of the Free Will Baptist Foundation which will manage the fund, said: "Scholarship endowments are a wonderful way to establish a ministry of sustained help. A gift of \$1,700 can provide a one-time scholarship of \$1,700 or, if placed in a scholarship endowment, it can provide that same student \$100 each year for four or five years. After that it can help another student, then another, and another . . . working indefinitely to provide a \$100 annual scholarship until Jesus returns."

Reverend and Mrs. Gordon Hart opened the account with a \$1,000 gift.

General Director R. Eugene Wad-

injury. The leg went through a tremendous trauma and needs adequate time to recover.

Callaway, Two Nationals Visit Kuna Indians

Panama—Missionary Ronald Callaway and two Panamanian leaders, Raul Sanas and Gabriel Perez, visited the Kuna Indians on September 12 to carry news of the accident suffered by Eddie Bowerman. They also explained to the people why the Bowermans had not returned.

Although none of the chiefs were present at the time, the men were able to leave word and some pictures as well as some gifts provided by several Panamanian churches.

Holland Baptizes Eight, Campaign Nets 33

Côte d'Ivoire—Missionary Ernest Holland reports having baptized eight new converts on September 27 in the village of Appimadoum, Ivory Coast.

Ernest says, "One of the young men gave his testimony in the morning service. He spoke of how God has changed his life since he became a Christian. He used to be in a group that often stole chickens and other things in the village, but now he witnesses to these old friends about the love of Jesus."

Holland also reported an evangelistic campaign held in the village of Sako as 33 youths spent five days in the village doing door-to-door evangelism and open-air meetings. He announced 33 decisions for Christ during the week. Each evening since the campaign two or three young people have been holding follow-up classes with these new Christians.

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Total income for August	\$ 416,619.21
Total income for September	373,912.44
Total income through September	3,765,491.52
Projected income through September	4,338,188.59
Total expenses through September	3,852,522.61
Total 1998 Budget (including VISION projects)	\$5,784,251.45

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All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey.....	\$ 3,687.07	Wilson, V.....	\$ 1,797.35
Beck.....	1,218.39	International Consultation of FWB.....	3,954.40
Deeds.....	13,327.01	Ekaterinburg Church Planter.....	1,850.18
Eagleton Sr.....	21,672.79	Kamyslov Church Planter.....	2,753.43
Ellison.....	7,414.64	Kopeysk Church Planters.....	5,759.83
McFall.....	506.52	Kurgan Church Planter.....	1,634.06
Morgan, A.....	2,243.84	Noyabrisk Church Planters.....	162.68
Owen.....	7,260.66	Special Committee, Africa.....	18,882.34
Robinson.....	3,371.92	Information Promotional Fund.....	50,887.46
Tallent.....	6,079.69	Third World Development.....	1,368.20
Teague.....	4,420.80	Support Services Fund.....	38,030.82
West.....	17,603.07		
Total.....			\$215,887.15

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The following accounts are in the black but in serious need:

Callaway.....	\$ 1,322.91	Plunkett.....	\$ 3,032.77
Cowart.....	2,633.07	Snow.....	293.41
Holland, C.....	330.02	Sturgill.....	2,186.35

State Goals—1998

States/Organizations	Goal 1998	Goal Through September	Contributions Through September
Alabama.....	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 187,500.00	\$ 220,905.94
Arkansas.....	367,000.00	275,250.00	287,490.75
Arizona.....	8,000.00	6,000.00	5,128.50
California.....	72,000.00	54,000.00	42,620.45
Canada.....	9,000.00	6,750.00	5,298.74
Colorado.....	6,000.00	4,500.00	5,367.63
Florida.....	85,000.00	63,750.00	85,908.01
Georgia.....	227,000.00	170,250.00	156,599.08
Idaho.....	1,000.00	750.00	5,078.19
Iowa.....	3,000.00	2,250.00	1,307.90
Illinois.....	152,000.00	114,000.00	100,518.07
Indiana.....	59,000.00	44,250.00	31,769.42
Hawaii.....	750.00	562.50	
Kansas.....	10,000.00	7,500.00	4,774.57
Kentucky.....	76,000.00	57,000.00	53,527.44
Louisiana.....	2,500.00	1,875.00	7,410.27
Maryland.....	46,000.00	34,500.00	48,514.88
Michigan.....	185,000.00	138,750.00	127,700.61
Missouri.....	378,000.00	283,500.00	285,676.06
Mississippi.....	76,000.00	57,000.00	177,070.10
Montana.....	2,500.00	1,875.00	1,667.85
North Carolina.....	656,000.00	492,000.00	456,232.35
Nebraska.....	2,000.00	1,500.00	416.00
New Mexico.....	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,585.96
*Northeast Association.....	2,000.00	1,500.00	2,630.00
**Northwest Association.....	10,000.00	7,500.00	4,813.16
Ohio.....	178,000.00	133,500.00	103,889.58
Oklahoma.....	457,000.00	342,750.00	343,680.88
Pennsylvania.....	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,355.00
South Carolina.....	275,000.00	206,250.00	248,957.37
Tennessee.....	777,000.00	582,750.00	517,938.72
Texas.....	91,000.00	68,250.00	55,280.29
Virginia.....	107,000.00	80,250.00	54,961.74
Virgin Islands.....	2,300.00	1,725.00	1,840.17
West Virginia.....	127,000.00	95,250.00	78,210.65
Free Will Baptist Foundation.....	23,000.00	17,250.00	20,484.07
Miscellaneous.....	83,351.45	62,513.59	10,198.52
WNAC.....	198,000.00	148,500.00	127,477.56
Totals.....	\$ 5,010,401.45***	\$ 3,757,801.09	\$ 3,685,286.48

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

**Northwest Association
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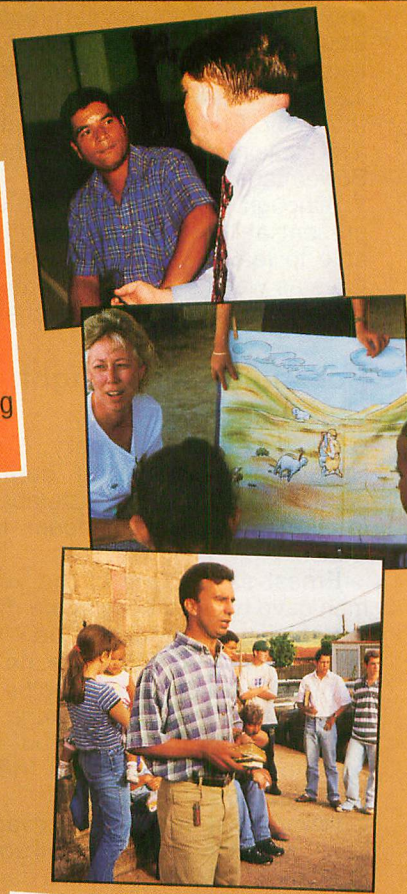
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