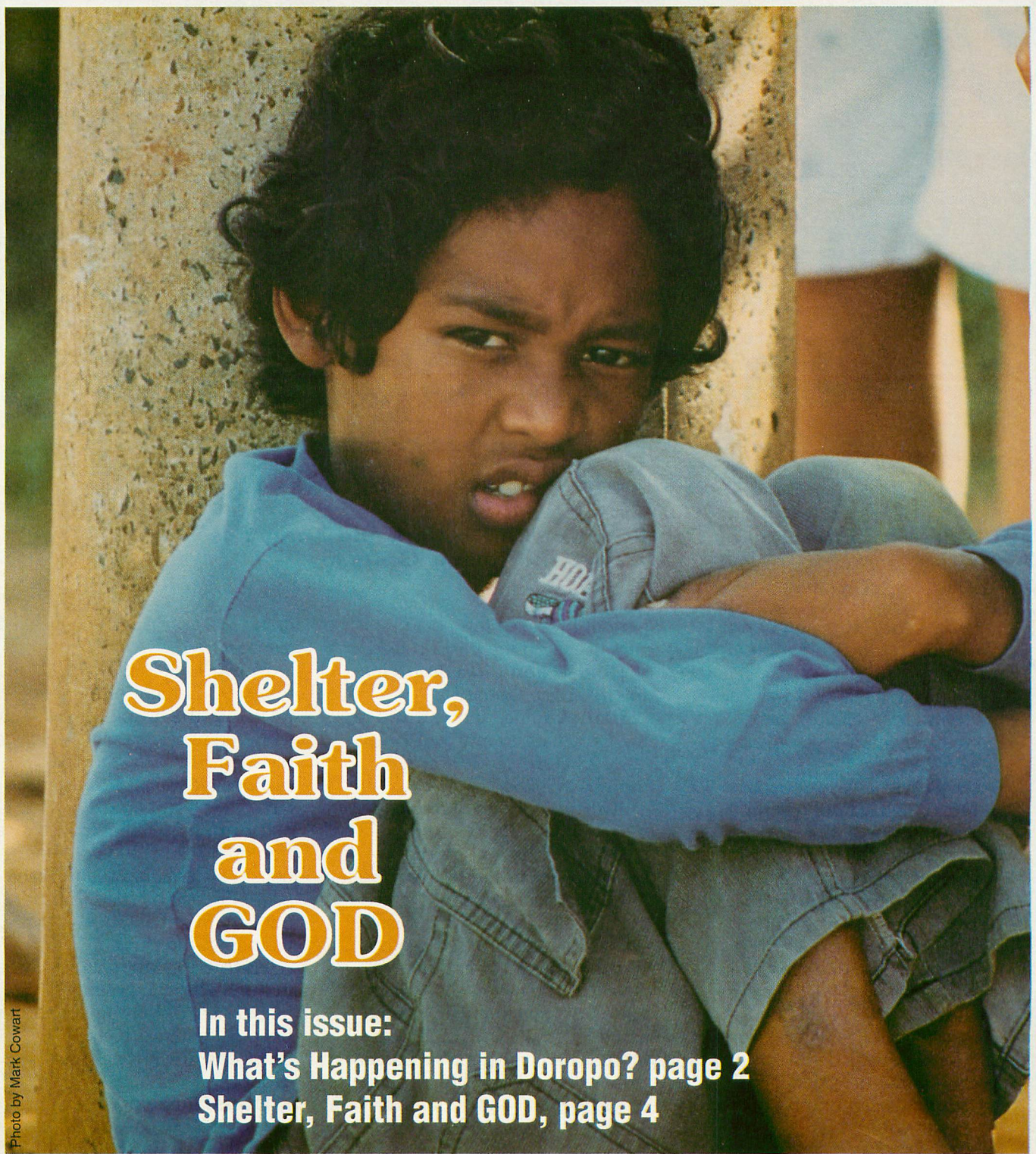


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# What happened in Doropo?

*An interview by Don Robirds with Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall and Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso*

**Don:** *When did you sense God calling you to medical missions?*

**Dr. Paul:** I felt God was calling me to medical missions almost immediately after my conversion in 1984.

**Dr. Mark:** I was probably a senior in high school when I first started thinking about medicine as a career, and then I had a summer missionary experience in 1978 when I was a sophomore in college. That was when I really had it firmed up.

**Tammy:** I was 14 when I felt the Lord calling me into missions. I realized I would need help putting myself through college, so I got an associate degree in nursing. After hearing Dr. LaVerne Miley during that time

period, I realized this could be very useful on the mission field.

**Don:** *When did you arrive in the Ivory Coast?*

**Paul:** Tammy and I arrived in the Ivory Coast April 1, 1994, but we had served for three months in 1986.

**Kathy:** Mark and I arrived in IC in January 1996.

**Don:** *What has your ministry involved at Doropo?*

**Paul:** Our first year in IC we spent a lot of time doing pastoral work since there were no other ordained ministers in that area. After that first year, six Africans were ordained and we became more focused on the hospital work. Then we spent 90 percent of our time taking care of patients at the hospital and continued

going out to villages on weekends to preach.

**Mark:** Like Paul, I would have to say 90 percent of my work was related to the hospital. I did go to a church which was in the village of Gnamoin. I was the one responsible for that work until we left.

**Tammy:** My chief ministry was homeschooling my two older boys. I also had a prenatal clinic every Friday and tried to have a ministry of encouragement with women in the church.

**Kathy:** My main ministry was in homeschooling our children, taking care of our family, normal hospitality ministry, and involvement with the ladies' group.

**Don:** *Have you been*



**satisfied that this has been the ministry God wanted for you and where He has wanted you?**

**Paul:** We never felt that we were doing anything except obeying God while we were at Doropo. We went there in obedience to Him. As we leave Doropo we are continuing in obedience to Him. We have had peace about it.

**Mark:** This has been somewhat of a surprise to us because it took us many years of preparation to get to Doropo. We left the United States with every intention of retiring there. And yet we have had a perfect peace about this decision to leave the field. It is the same peace we had when we finally surrendered to go to Doropo. I'm just as convinced that we were led to make this change.

**Tammy:** This is a time of accomplishment! We have completed the task the Lord sent us to do. We didn't expect to complete it for another 40 years. But this is it, and I feel it is God's timetable.

**Paul:** I just want to follow up Tammy's statement about "accomplishment." It is hard to determine when something is finished. But the entire Doropo team was convinced that the hospital's role in the evangelization of the northeast corner of Ivory Coast was finished.

**Don:** *What really has led to the change of the medical ministry as it is occurring now?*

**Mark:** I was asked this question numerous times at the National Association, and I have developed an acronym to help me clarify my thoughts: BAM.

The first letter stands for the word Beachhead. When Dr. Kenneth was at Doropo by himself he thought, "When the

second doctor gets here we can sit down and evaluate where we want to go with this medical ministry." But it wasn't until the third doctor arrived that we finally sat down to evaluate the medical ministry. Perhaps for the first time we could objectively and honestly evaluate the original purpose of the hospital. We concluded that the hospital was to serve as a beachhead in that very remote area which had no gospel witness. The hospital served as a springboard to start churches. Now we have a mature church in Doropo and seven daughter churches in that area. Thus the primary objective has been accomplished.

The letter "A" stands for Assimilation. Doropo is no longer the remote, isolated town that it had been when Dr. Miley started the hospital back in the early 1960s. Slowly, the government has started to creep into all areas of life, even in remote Doropo. The road is paved now to Bouna, Doropo now has electricity, and they soon will have the telephone. It also has become a county seat, and many things are changing, including health care.

Slowly, our hospital was being assimilated into the Ivory Coast healthcare system. More and more reporting was required. They were even sending surgeons to our hospital asking about coming to operate on certain days. We suddenly realized we were spending 90 to 95 percent of our time not in evangelism, but in running a secular healthcare business.

The letter "M" stands for Maturation. We recognized a mature church in Doropo, and realized the entire denomination had become capable of forming a committee of African church leaders who could administrate the hospital. Just a few years ago we would not have found seven

qualified individuals with enough experience to form such a committee.

**Kathy:** We realized the hospital was at a crossroads. We either had to turn it over or Free Will Baptists would have to get into it big time with a lot more staff and a whole lot more finances. We would have to gear up to a much more modern hospital.

**Paul:** A lot of Free Will Baptists probably would have liked us to upgrade to that. But the field council and the mission board knew that would not help us meet our objectives.

**Don:** *People have asked, "Why is this change taking place so suddenly, without any previous warning?"*

**Paul:** It seems to have taken place suddenly because these discussions had to go on between us before we could present them to the field council. Then the field council had to present them to the board.

The changes took place in what seems to be a short period of time due to our staffing. The Paschalls and Wests were scheduled for stateside assignment. The Eagletons were starting a community health program. Ginger Harrison and the Verlin Andersons were still quite a way from getting to the

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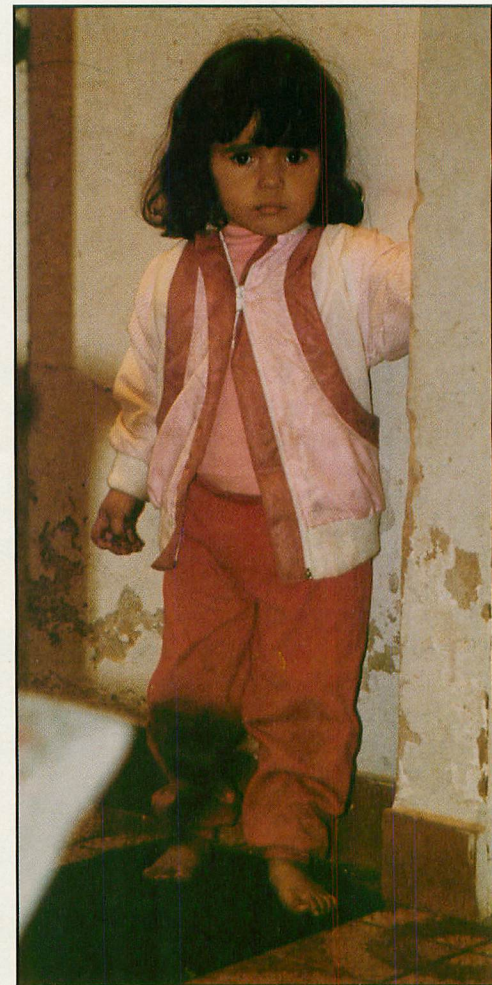
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# Shelter, Faith and GOD

by Shirley Combs



*Clockwise from the top—Children participate in activities, a little girl appears “alone,” Shirley Combs plays with some of the children, and the construction of the two new houses for the Children’s Home nears completion.*



**T**he bedside phone rang. I felt around in the dark for the telephone. "Alô," I answered quietly, trying not to wake my husband, Jim.

"Dona Shirley, the police found a little boy sleeping under a picnic table down by the city lake."

The lighted dial on my wristwatch showed 2:30 a.m. "How old is the child?" I asked, trying to get wider awake.

"Nine years old," came the response of a house father of New Life Children's Home (Lar Nova Vida) in Araras, Brazil. "They are asking if we can give him shelter until they can find out more information tomorrow."

"Oh, dear. With these low temperatures tonight we need to give him a safe, warm place. He is young enough to probably want and accept some help. If he doesn't need medical attention we could put him immediately in the house with the smaller ones for tonight. But, what do you think?"

"We can't leave a child out in this weather. We'll just find the room."

After we worked out some other details, Valdecir hung up the phone to prepare a warm place for one more needy child from the streets of Araras. He and his wife, Cleusa, were already taking care of 16 besides their own two little girls in one of our rented houses. In our other rented house for needy children, Marli and Ezequiel put nine to bed for the night besides their own four children.

I hung up the phone praying for wisdom of how to provide a safe place for another child in spite of the limited space.

A safe place. A shelter. A basic human need. A priority in our Children's Home since opening in 1991. Up to the

present we have sheltered over 90 children in seven different rented homes. Always dreaming and praying for our own roomy houses where we could better care for the children, we tried to wait upon the Lord, wait for His miracles.

The Brazilian dictionary's definition for the word "milagre" (miracle) is "wonder, marvel, extraordinary success, something stupendous." Well, God provided some miracles to help us build homes for our little ones!

### **The Miracles Began**

When preparing to build, a plot of ground is essential. We

**Shelter—  
a basic human  
need**

**Faith—  
a basic spiritual  
action of will**

**God—  
a worker of  
wonders and  
miracles**

didn't have land! But that is no problem for God, who created this planet. Originally, we thought we would build on a piece of property offered by the city government. However, after reading the fine print on the agreement, we discovered that everything built on the property would belong to the city, not to Lar Nova Vida!

Soon Carlos Alberto, a member of our Free Will Baptist church in Araras, felt impressed to donate land. After showing Jim several lots around town, he gave Jim his choice. Jim selected two lots in a semi-developed area because we needed to build two

houses immediately. Later, Carlos offered to sell two more adjoining lots, payable only after the construction project was completed and paid for. Things were getting exciting. Four great lots in a beautiful, convenient location with a bus stop right in front!

### **Miracles by the Shovelful**

On ground-breaking day, many friends and city officials gathered on the donated lots surrounded by banners and balloons and heard our children sing, "The wise man built his house upon a rock." A new shovel was painted gold, a big red ribbon was tied around it and the first shovelful of God's miracle was cut out. In the hole was placed a plastic box containing a Portuguese Bible, a floor plan, a photo of the children and a little printed program of the day's event.

Jim gave a short history of the ministry and commented that we had US \$5,000 to begin construction, thanks to a youth group in Oklahoma. A ripple of laughter ran through the crowd. What we saw as a wonderful beginning looked very weak to the general public in light of the R\$200,000 (*Brazilian Real*) project we had just presented.

At the end of the simple program, the city mayor expressed his appreciation for Lar Nova Vida's contribution to the community and presented us with a great surprise. He admired our willingness to begin construction with so little funds but he offered a gift from community funds—R\$50,000! He kept his word. Ten months of R\$5,000 gave a great boost with labor costs.

The city also sent numerous truckloads of dirt. Community friends donated hundreds of

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sacks of cement and tons of gravel, rock and sand. Others donated wood, electrical and plumbing materials and lots and lots of bricks. We had a miracle and it was getting larger.

## A Swiss-flavored Miracle

After the R\$50,000 was used for labor costs, it looked like we would need to shut down construction for a while. Then someone from the Swiss-owned Nestlé Company telephoned asking for an interview. During the interview, the representative asked about the construction and our needs. Jim told her we were practically stopped for lack of funds but were ready to put in windows and doors. At the end of the interview, she told us she was impressed and would present a project of windows and doors to their committee.

"Excuse me, Senhora, but I would like to explain that it won't do much good to donate this wonderful material because we won't have money for labor costs."

I could hardly believe what I was hearing my husband say! He continued, "Could you ask your committee to save part of what they would spend on material and allow us to use the cash for labor costs?"

"Oh, Senhor Jaime, that is against our policy," she explained. "We only give projects of material, not cash. I can pass on your concern, however it is very irregular."

Another miracle? Shortly we received the second telephone call.

"Senhor Jaime, you can come by the office and leave estimates for the doors and windows needed for your construction AND pick up a check for labor

costs. Congratulations."

Now, at our breakfast table, we see our Nestlé products and are reminded of God's continual care in building homes for our little children. Some of the children's beds had been the bare ground and their ceiling the sky overhead. Their cover had been a cardboard box and their next piece of bread waited at the bottom of the following day's trash can. What a difference God makes!

## 1% = 100% Miracle

We encountered another stall when it came time to stucco the 4,000 square meters of walls. The estimated cost for labor came to R\$16,000. When funds are small and the task is big a person can panic, become alarmed, start complaining, become discouraged, blame somebody or all of the above. Or one can keep waiting for what God will do next. It wasn't possible to take out a loan in Brazil, and pizza sales and bazaars barely helped with the expenses of running two houses full of children. Where could we get such a large sum?

The answer came from a very unexpected source. All non-governmental charitable organizations in Araras were asked to submit projects. From these, candidates would be chosen to receive help from a Children's Rights Fund. This fund represented one percent of taxes on businesses. They could opt to give this to a children's fund instead of the federal government. Those candidate organizations with the highest votes would receive part of the fund. Lar Nova Vida was voted among the top four organizations. That very fact was

special but the surprise came when all the other top-voted organizations opted NOT to receive any of the fund but to direct ALL of the one-percent fund to Lar Nova Vida. Can you guess how much it was? R\$16,000. We had waited and our strength was renewed.

Marvelously our miracle buildings have been erected with moneys and materials donated here in Brazil, except for the first US funds sent by young people. Besides the two houses for our 24 children, the house mothers and their families, the project includes a large kitchen, a dining room, a laundry room, an office, an infirmary and two workshops.

One day Romeu, a Rotary Club member, called: "How would you like a brand new commercial kitchen through an International Matching Fund? Come down to my company and I will explain it to you."

After a few months of faxes and e-mails, the Rotary Club of Owasso, Okla., and the Rotary of Araras, São Paulo, Brazil, had raised funds matched by Rotary International. They provided a grand total of US \$15,000, to be used to furnish a beautiful commercial kitchen. After the plaster work is finished, floor and wall tile are laid, and walls are painted, the local Rotary Club will be moving in a crew to participate in a miracle for which we hadn't dared to dream.

## Drawers for Drawers

While God was doing wonderful things a few kilometers down the road at the construction site, He was also taking care of daily needs of our many children back in their rented houses. As I write this article, the children bubble with excitement for tomorrow. Many of them will be going to our



Evangelandia campground by bus. They have had their bags packed for days.

Marli, one of the house mothers, asked me if the boys would have a place to wash and hang out their underwear (drawers) at camp. She explained that the 12 boys only had one change. They receive very nice used clothing but never underwear. Quickly my mind reviewed the funds we had raised for camp expenses, and I just couldn't see how we could squeeze in much more.

Just a few weeks earlier Marli had asked for a chest of drawers for the boys' underwear. She couldn't believe it when I told her a lady at a used furniture store had just offered one to us and the truck was on the way to her house at that very moment.

Now her boys were needing another type of "drawers."

"Let's see what happens by Monday," I replied.

The next day, a lady called asking if we were needing anything, so I suggested underwear. She had in mind something in the way of food.

"We are short on rice, beans and oil at the moment if you would like to choose something."

"Muito bom (very well). I'll see what we can do and maybe I can get the underwear, too."

The lady returned with a very generous supply of groceries but no underwear.

The next day people from a FWB church in the neighboring city of Campinas brought some factory uniforms. They had just changed their company's uniform so they brought the old ones to be used in our bazaar or for the older children. When I rummaged through the clothes, I found a plastic bag. Guess what was in it? Right! Many colorful boys' underwear. I called the

house mother and the boys and they excitedly added them to their packed bags.

One new boy had just been saved that week. He said, "Dona Shirley, I brought underwear with me but I don't have any shoes to wear to church."

I caught myself wanting to be careful with this new babe in Christ so that he wouldn't be expecting too much and be disappointed. Sound familiar? But I checked myself and replied, "This donation is clothes, sweetheart, but who knows, maybe by Monday some will come in." I continued to empty out the box and lifted out the last of the uniforms to uncover some very nice pairs of black leather shoes.

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***He tried on the shoes and proudly walked around. A perfect fit. "How can that be?" he asked. "I just now asked for them."***

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"Marcelo, come here!" My throat was pulsating with excitement. "Come here, quickly."

He looked down at the shoes with a crooked grin on his face, "Oh, they probably won't be in my size. It's not possible, is it?"

"Well, what is your size?"

"Thirty-nine" (Brazilian size).

Forty-two, forty-three, thirty-eight. Thirty-nine! He tried on the shoes and proudly walked around. A perfect fit.

"How can that be?" he asked. "I just now asked for them."

"Honey, welcome to the family of God. We can't always provide what you need, but your Heavenly Father can."

Last month we had a pizza sale to help with expenses and

our committee chairman gave this report: 540 pizzas made, 557 pizzas sold and 23 pizzas left over! A multiplication miracle.

With all that God had done and is doing we are often asked, "Quando?" When will you be moving into the new houses? I like to say we would like to celebrate Christmas in the new homes, but we really do not know God's timetable for completion and for moving.

At the moment 12 tons of floor tile have been donated to cover 900 square meters but we have no money for labor costs. This week, wall tile has been donated waiting for us to hire a truck to get it. Next will come the painting, fixtures, sinks, glass, and all the common items needed in construction.

Recently, the director of the Nestlé Company was standing at the front entrance of the new home and asked, "Who exactly is the sponsor of this construction project?"

Following the first reaction of my heart, I pointed toward heaven and after a few seconds he shook my hand and nodded his head.

"Sr. Pedro," I declared, "as far as earthly sponsors go, your company has done more for us than any other group. Our small church founded it, but our only answer to how all this has happened and how it will be finished is to recognize God's interest and help."

Yes, God's help is a wonder, a marvel, an extraordinary success, tremendous. He is indeed a "shelter in a time of storm." His help, a "MILAGRE."

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Shirley Combs and her husband, Jim, have served as missionaries in Brazil since December of 1964 except for five years—1980-84—when they were teaching at Hillsdale FWB College in Oklahoma. This article is a portion of the sequel to her book, "A Second Chance" (see ad on page 15). ■





## What happened in Doropo?

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field. So basically, Tammy and I would have been left in a very difficult position trying to keep things running at Doropo. Since we were going to be handing it over eventually, it seemed better to do it in short order rather than long order. Frankly, we just did not have adequate staffing to carry on beyond the summer of 1998.

**Mark:** We looked at this from every possible angle. We discussed dozens of different timetables and looked at different factors. We asked ourselves, "Do we want a 10-year transition, eight-year, five-year, two-year?" We didn't feel that a five-year timetable would accomplish our goals any better than doing this right now.

I think Africans, like any other people group, are not going to do anything for themselves as long as someone else will do it for them. So, as we considered the possibility of trying to phase them in as we slowly phased out, we saw it wasn't realistic in this culture. Now that the American doctors are gone, the Ivorians have really made us all proud of the work they are doing. They are running that clinic and taking in

monetarily exactly what we have been averaging for the last several months.

**Kathy:** Timing was probably the biggest problem in the minds of people. They said, "Okay, I will accept all of this but it is just too fast." The African church reacted the same way. But in May, when everything was in place and they were ready to start in June, everybody (including the African transitional staff and the missionaries) said that nothing short of a miracle allowed them to get this done so quickly.

**Don:** *If the problem was partly lack of personnel on the field, how has that been changed by the American missionaries leaving?*

**Paul:** An African administrator has been hired, and African doctors and nurses presumably will be hired. They have a temporary nurse and they plan to hire a full-time nurse and doctor. So, Africans are taking the place of the missionaries. Tammy and I are not going to continue to work at the hospital even though we have been invited by the Africans to do so. We feel as long as we are present there, we are going to continue to run this hospital according to the American model

we have established. But now, they are going to run it according to an African model which, in the long run, will be better for the people at Doropo.

**Mark:** We were all convinced that the continued presence of missionaries in Doropo was hindering the Doropo church. Many times the church was capable of doing things on their own, but because we were there, we ended up doing them. We are hoping to see a purging in the Doropo church. We are going to see who is serious and who is not. Then I believe we are going to see the Doropo church take off.

**Kathy:** Since we were the "bosses" of the hospital workers, the church felt somewhat bound not to interfere in the workers' lives or discipline them lest they lose their jobs.

**Don:** *How is that going to be changed with a national administration hiring these people who are in the church?*

**Paul:** The direction of the hospital will be decided by the Africans. They will have to determine their policy. I think it is very unlikely that they will continue the mission policy of firing workers who are put under church discipline. The Africans have always been against that policy. So they probably will no longer be automatically firing people who are put under church discipline. Since most of the committee who run the hospital don't even live in Doropo and are not members of the Doropo church, the same pressure would not be evident.

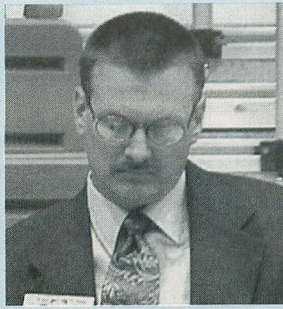
**Don:** *How is this transition affecting your lives and what are your future plans?*

**Mark:** We are in the process of considering other options. We first considered other service in Ivory Coast, but we didn't feel God directing us back there. We didn't feel that adding a medical





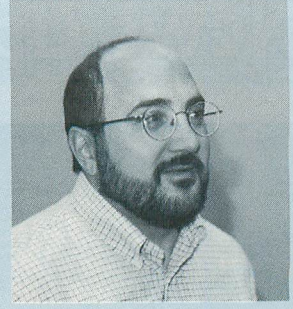
Kathy



Mark



Tammy



Paul

ministry to any of our existing ministries would help. We considered other service overseas but have not felt God was directing us to another field. So we have sent a letter of resignation to Brother Waddell which will be effective at the end of December.

**Paul:** Tammy and I are basically in the same situation as the Paschalls. We considered staying in Doropo and working with Dr. Eagleton in the community health and evangelism program, but we really felt our skills wouldn't be needed. We had invitations and looked at other options in IC and didn't find a fit. For that reason, we have decided to take a leave of absence beginning in August, and we will be doing some medical work in Nashville.

**Don: How will the clinic continue to function and be financed in the Doropo area?**

**Paul:** The medical center has been largely self-funded for many years, except for a small subsidy from the United States. As best I can remember, in 1995 the operating budget was \$86,000. African patients paid over \$72,000 while only a little over \$13,000 came from donations from the States. The hospital will continue charging patients for consultations and will sell medicines as a means of self-funding. A Doropo hospital account will remain open and the mission will still offer help with certain expenses such as purchasing medicines, paying customs fees on medicines and equipment, etc.

**Don: Do they still need medicines, medicine bottles and bandages or should people stop sending these?**

**Paul:** These materials are still needed. They will still be put to good use. Perhaps the emphasis could be changed somewhat. Right now the things needed most are rolled bandages, empty medicine bottles, gloves and over-the-counter pain relievers like acetaminophen, aspirin and ibuprofen. People should not send prescription medications from America because the African health professionals are not familiar with them.

**Mark:** I think we can emphasize at this point that this is still very much a Free Will Baptist hospital. All but one of the seven committee members and all of the workers are Free Will Baptists in good standing at their local churches. They are still very much dependent on our support.

**Don: Will they hire Christian doctors and, if so, where will they find them?**

**Mark:** It is a requirement that the doctor be a Christian. Although a Free Will Baptist young man is in medical school, realistically it will be six to seven years before he will graduate and be ready. There have been at least five Christian doctors interviewed already.

**Don: The changes have caused some to wonder if the government was moving in to take over.**

**Mark:** This would not be considered a government takeover, however, the fact that the government has become

more and more involved in what we are doing did become a factor in our decision.

**Paul:** Really, the government officials begged us to stay. The ideas for making all of these changes came directly from the Doropo team. Some have accused the board of being shortsighted in making the decisions. I would like to make it clear that this was a Doropo team-initiated change.

**Mark:** I assure you that at no point was there any type of personality conflict between the doctors at the hospital. We had perfect harmony in all of these discussions.

**Don: What about the medical station itself? Will this all be transferred to the national church, the government, the committee, or is it going to continue as a part of the mission?**

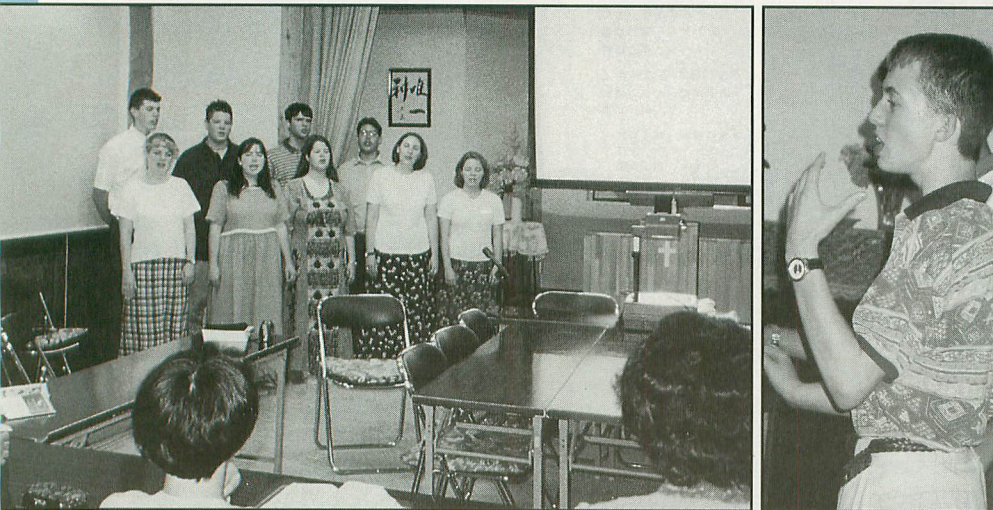
**Paul:** The mission continues to hold the title to the property and buildings but is basically letting this new administration operate a hospital on our property. They have an annually renewable contract with the mission.

**Don: With the Wests leaving the hospital also, who will be responsible for maintaining the buildings and equipment of the mission?**

**Paul:** The Wests will be moving to the Kafalo area to help get new churches established. The mission will be maintaining the property as landlord but will be looking to African subcontractors, etc. to take care of the needs of the station. ■



# News Update



Clockwise, TEAM Japan sings in a Japanese church; Timothy York, part of TEAM Cuba preaches in a Cuban church; and David Lytle and Leah Chamberlin haul sand to help with the construction of a church in Cuba.

## Day of Prayer Set for Persecuted Church

*Singapore*—On November 15, 1998, Christians around the world will bring petitions before the throne of God on behalf of fellow believers who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ.

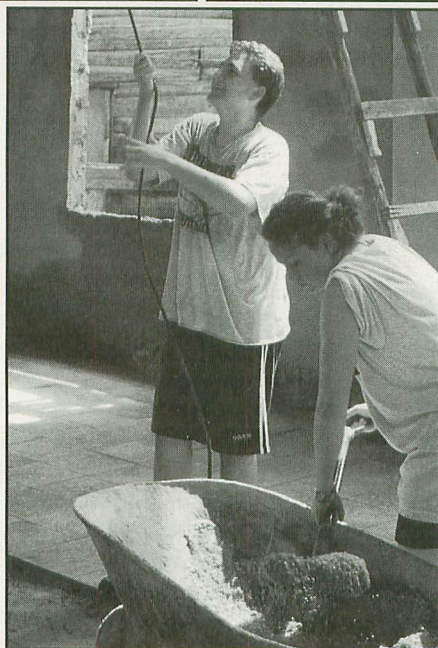
According to Johann Candelin, director of the World Evangelical Fellowship Religious Liberty Commission, "It is anticipated that nearly 180 thousand churches worldwide will participate in the International Day of Prayer (IDP) for the persecuted church (PC)."

Reproducible prayer guides and background information on persecution are being prepared by the commission for translation and distribution worldwide. Anyone interested in these materials may send e-mail to [candelin@pp.kolumbus.fi](mailto:candelin@pp.kolumbus.fi) or contact the World Evangelical Fellowship at P.O. Box WEF, Wheaton, IL 60189.

## TEAM '98 Touches Japan and Cuba

*Antioch, Tenn.*—According to a report from TEAM Coordinator Ken Eagleton, two groups of teenagers represented FWB Foreign Missions during the summer of 1998, one in Japan and another in Cuba. Ten teens spent 16 days in Cuba and another nine spent 15 days in Japan during June and July.

According to Eagleton, this is the



seventh year to send out groups of young people under the TEAM (Teens Equipped and Active in Missions) ministry.

TEAM Cuba '98 took eight duffel bags of medical supplies donated by the Cumberland District Women Active for Christ in middle Tennessee. They also took two containers of tools donated by men of Horton Heights FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn., 13 new inner tubes and a complete new sound system for the Willey Memorial Chapel at the seminary and Bible institute in Pinar del Rio.

Reports indicate the ministry in Cuba was effective and fruitful for the teens as well as the Cubans.

TEAM Japan '98 also had a prof-

itable trip. According to Japan missionary field chairman Dale Bishop, "The teens' presence opened new doors for some of the pastors, gave a viable, lively witness to young church members and was a challenge to all."

TEAM Cuba was led by Ronald and Linda Callaway of Panama, accompanied by Ken Eagleton. TEAM Japan was led by veteran missionaries Fred and June Hersey.

In addition to the medicines and tools, the group going to Cuba also donated \$60 to buy a badly needed microphone for one of the bigger church buildings. Both groups of teens helped to raise \$15,000 toward building or buying a house for a church in Cuba.

## "Tag-Team" Pounds Nails at St. Nazaire, France

*France*—Missionary Jerry Gibbs has labeled a group of men from Newport News, Va., the church's "tag-team." The men pounded nails and wrestled beams into place during the week of June 20-27 to help construct the new church addition in St. Nazaire, France.

Six men from First FWB Church, pastored by Tag Kilgore, spent a week of their vacation to provide this special service to the mission church in St. Nazaire. Gibbs noted that the Americans made a real impression on the church people, and special friendships were formed during the week.

Jerry expressed praise that since the men left, two French electricians have shown up at the church and have volunteered to help with the installation of electrical wiring, something the St. Nazaire church men knew nothing about.

## Cousineaus Assume Role at School for MKs

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Missionaries Mike and Deleen Cousineau moved to Bouake in August to work at the International Christian Academy for missionary children. Mike will also continue to be director and chief financial officer at the Bible institute in Bouna. He plans to return to Bouna once a month to assure noninterruption of the training program.

According to Mike, he will be assuming the role of business man-



ager at the school and Deleen will work with the building of a counseling team. Mike also will be supervising the building of two teacher residences at Bouake. They plan to continue in this ministry for one year.

Cousineau noted that Dr. Kenneth Eagleton and others would be assuming some of his teaching schedule at the institute in his absence.

## Waddell Honored; New Board Members Elected

*Tulsa, Okla.*—The National Association of Free Will Baptists, meeting July 12-16 in Tulsa, Okla., honored General Director R. Eugene Waddell in light of his announced retirement on December 31. This was Mr. Waddell's last convention as general director of Foreign Missions.

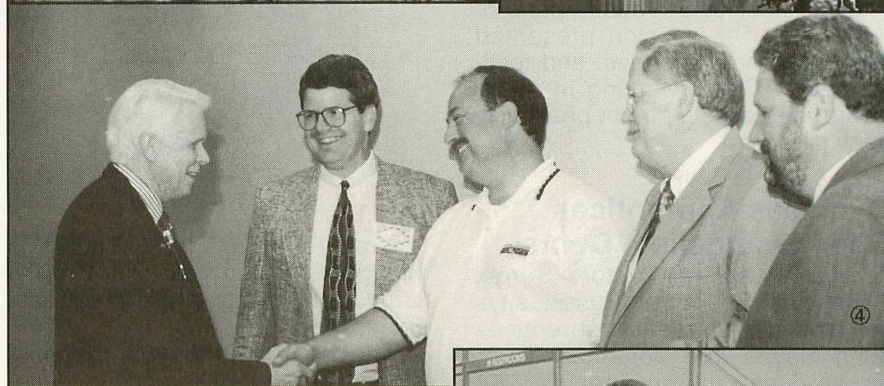
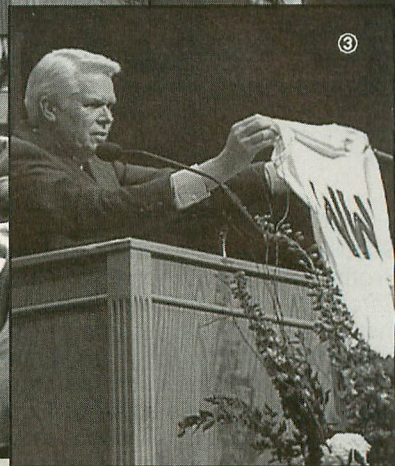
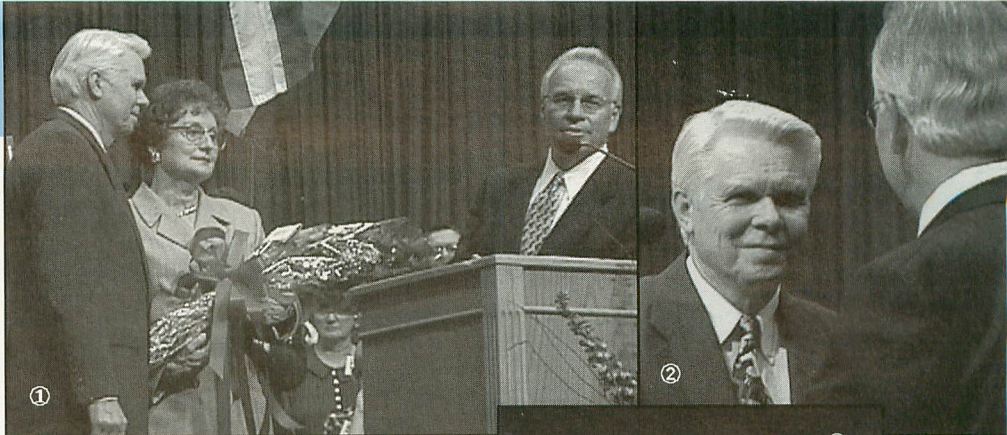
A special reception was held on Monday evening to allow visitors to pay tribute to Brother Waddell, who served 13 years as head of the department and five years as associate director. His wife and family members also were recognized.

During the introduction of the missionaries on Wednesday evening, a brief biography of the retiring CEO was given by Joe Grizzle, former chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions. He also presented a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Waddell. The general director brought the message for the Wednesday evening missionary service. Many people responded to the invitation to commit their lives to Christ.

A missionary offering of \$32,300 was received on Wednesday evening, and the Oklahoma youth presented a check for an additional \$37,000 for missions.

Pastor Nikolay Sobolev of the Union of Christians Baptist/Russia and Ramon Sanchez, president of the Cuban Association of Free Will Baptists, greeted the crowd during the Monday night service.

During the business session on Wednesday, James Forlines of Batesville, Ark., was introduced as the general director-elect to assume responsibilities January 1, 1999. A special tribute to Brother Waddell was given by Janice Banks, former missionary to Japan; Don Robirds, director of communications for Foreign Missions; and Dr. Robert Picirilli, academic dean at Free Will Baptist Bible College and long-time



*Clockwise from the top left, ① former board chairman Joe Grizzle (right) presents Genevieve Waddell a dozen red roses as Brother Waddell looks on; ② Eugene receives a plaque and words of appreciation from Grizzle; ③ Waddell shows the T-shirt with the letters WWJD on one side and DWJS on the other; ④ the general director welcomes (left to right) James Forlines, general director-elect and new board members Douglas Little, Sherwood Lee and Terry Eagleton; ⑤ the Waddells greet people at the Monday evening reception; ⑥ and many people respond during the Wednesday night service.*

friend and colleague. Joe Grizzle presented the retiring leader a plaque in recognition of his many years of service.

Three new board members were elected: Sherwood Lee, former missionary to Ivory Coast and current pastor and state moderator in S.C.; Douglas Little, pastor of First FWB Church in Russellville, Ark.; and Terry Eagleton, MK and current pas-

tor of Horton Heights FWB Church in Nashville, Tenn. David Shores was reelected to another six-year term on the board.

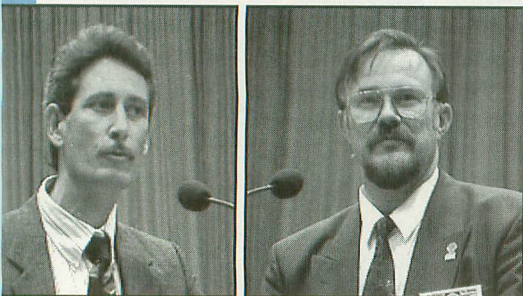
The National Association adopted a 1999 foreign missions budget of \$5.5 million plus VISION projects.

A special seminar on unreached peoples was held on Tuesday afternoon and featured Pastor Nikolay

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# News Update



Ramon Sanchez of Cuba (left) and Nikolay Sobolev of Russia (right) greet the National Association on Monday evening.

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Sobolev of Chelyabinsk, Russia, and Brother Ramon Sanchez of Cuba. Sarah Malone of English Language Institute/China shared some of the blessings of working in China. Jimmy Aldridge disclosed opportunities in Central Asia, and Eddie Payne presented open doors to unreached peoples in various parts of the world. The session presented opportunities, challenges, and testimonies of God's working in areas where the gospel has not previously been preached.

## Overseas Apprentices Open Evangelism Doors

*Russia*—Russian Pastor Sergei Gribanov of Shadrinsk, Russia, says the work of overseas apprentices John Hayes and Jonathan Turnbough during the summer of 1998 has opened doors for evangelism.

Pastor Sergei says, "Teaching English at the church is for us a new method of evangelism. And it proved to be a very effective one. Out of 130 students that showed their interest in studying the language, around 50 people stayed to the end of the two-month course (15 lessons). Many started to come to the church meetings."

## Awareness Team to Visit Brazil in October

*Antioch, Tenn.*—A special awareness team of men from around the United States is scheduled to travel to Brazil on October 26 to learn something of the country, culture and people of Brazil.

According to the leader of the team, missionary Ken Eagleton, five men are currently signed up to make

the trip to Brazil: Donnie Price of Wilson, N.C.; Allen R. Whitt of Sophia, W.V.; Gene Norris of Clinton Township, Mich.; Danny Scott of Wasco, Calif.; and George Naumann of Liberal, Mo. This will be the first awareness group to go to South America.

They are to return to the United States on November 10.

## Board Meets, Appoints One, Reinstates Another

*Nashville, Tenn.*—Meeting during the annual foreign missions retreat July 27-30 in Nashville, the Board of Foreign Missions appointed one overseas affiliate and reinstated Miss Charolette Tallent as a missionary to France.



Charolette Tallent

Craig Portell will teach English in Mongolia for one year with English Language Institute under the affiliate program.

The board authorized the missions department to receive relief funds for the tidal wave disaster in New Guinea.

They accepted the resignation of Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall effective December 31.

## 40 Couples Attend First Cuban Marriage Retreat

*Cuba*—According to a recent report from missionaries Steve and Judy Lytle, the first marriage retreat in Cuba was held July 30-August 1 at Pinar del Rio. Forty couples attended the retreat and expressed appreciation for the studies presented by the Lytles.

In addition to the daytime classes, Steve spoke in one evening service. Tim Eaton and Thomas Marberry, from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, also spoke during evening services.

Following the marriage retreat, Lytle participated in a youth camp August 2-8 in Cuba with 240 teens and young adults attending. The theme for the camp was "Christ, Hope in Time of Crisis." Steve taught each day of the camp, and Rolando Delgado, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Pinar del Rio, taught a class. In the closing service between 100 and 150 young people went forward to commit their lives to the Lord and His service.

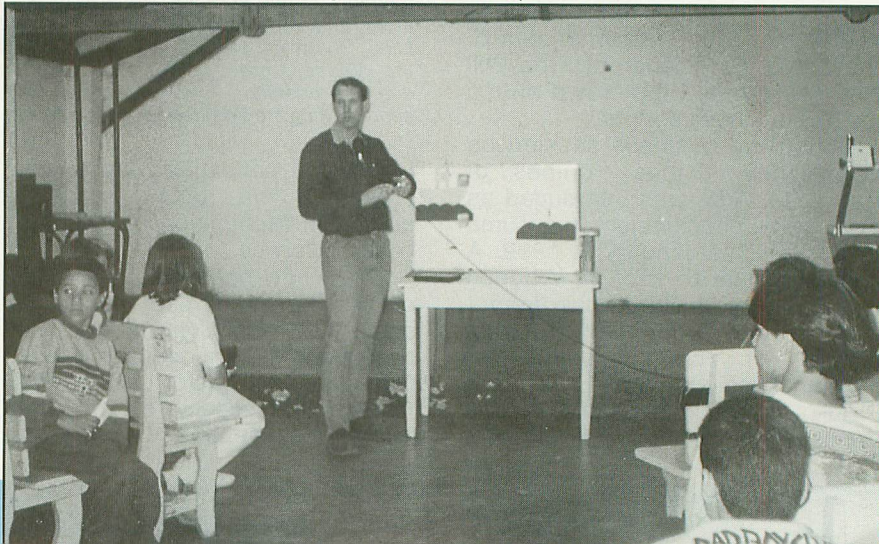
## Children's Camp in Brazil Has 57 Campers in July

*Brazil*—Curt Holland reported 57 campers and 16 workers attended children's camp at Jaboticabal, Brazil, July 20-24. Campers were 14 years old and under.

"We had a very good week and I believe the Lord spoke to many hearts," Holland stated.

Curt was codirector with Marcio and Vitorio of Ribeirão Preto. He spoke one evening and taught classes during the day. Overseas

Curt Holland teaches a class during the children's camp in Brazil.





apprentices Allysa Hampton, Wendy Skelley and Katrina Smith also helped with skits and games. Curt noted, "They were a big hit with the kids."

### Five People Baptized at Villalba, Spain

*Spain*—Five believers in the Villalba church in Spain followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, June 7.

According to a report from the Madrid missionary team, Yolanda, a 42-year-old mother of two; Hugo, a teenager whose parents are originally from Chile; Javier and Begona, teenage children of church members; and Maria, a teenage girl from the neighborhood, were all baptized.

Many unsaved people attended the outdoor baptismal service and listened as the gospel and testimonies were presented.

### Iriso Church Calls Japanese Pastor

*Japan*—The Iriso Free Will Baptist Church in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan, recently called Seiji Sabuta to assume the pastorate beginning in June. According to missionary Ken Bailey, Pastor Sabuta, his wife Yoshiko, and their four-year-old daughter, Mayu, are from Kobe, where Seiji recently graduated from seminary.

The new pastor and his family have begun several new ministries since they arrived. They have an outreach to unsaved English class members and their families. They also have influenced Sunday school attendance to increase significantly through their daughter's interaction with neighborhood children.



Overseas apprentice Allysa Hampton (left) helps MKs Amber and Kelsey Holland prepare tracts to distribute for the special showing of the Jesus film in the São José section of Campinas, Brazil.

### 35 Attend Outreach Supper in Uruguay

*Uruguay*—A special outreach supper was held on May 30 in the apartment of missionaries Dave Jr. and Becky Franks with 35 people attending.

According to Dave, "People were encouraged to bring a friend, and they did. Fortunately, we had enough food."

As a result of this turnout, the congregation decided to divide into two groups. Dave requested prayer for those who are leading the home groups. "We have seen decisions as a result of this outreach ministry," he concluded.

### Bowerman Recovery Slower Than Expected

*Fayetteville, Ark.*—Missionary Eddie Bowerman suffered a broken femur bone in his right leg during an automobile accident in Panama in May. He was recently informed that the bone is healing but more slowly than expected. Doctors have told him he must not put more than 30 percent of his weight on the leg.

The Bowermans returned to the United States in June so Eddie could get special medical treatment.

Recent tests indicate Eddie's liver condition is getting back to normal. The Bowermans urged people to pray that Eddie would recover so they can get back to Panama soon. They are planning to work among the Kuna Indians.

### Jesus Film Moves 28 to Make Decisions

*Brazil*—Missionaries Curt and Mary Holland in Campinas, Brazil, expressed praise over the turnout to view the *Jesus* film on Saturday evening, June 20. More than 130 people attended the showing in the open air at the community soccer field.

The Hollands indicated 28 people made professions of faith during the showing. Curt and several laymen in the São José area have been making follow-up visits.

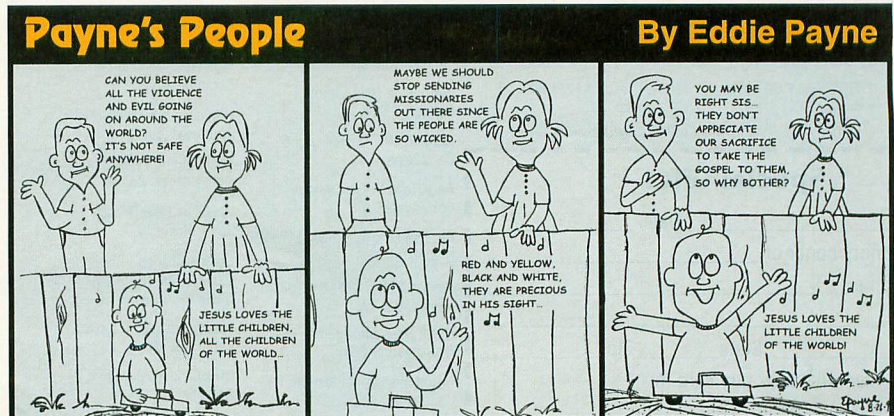
### Mini Reports from Around the Globe

*China*—Ken Wendling, president of English Language Institute/China, says, "This is the second year of our endeavor to send 2,000 teachers to China and East Asia by the year 2,000." Teachers have the opportunity

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#### NOTICE:

An elementary school teacher is needed in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, to teach at the American school and work with the FWB church in Belo. The person needs a master's degree in elementary education and preferably two years of experience. Interviews for a position at the school will be held in February. For more information please write to Foreign Missions, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002.





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nity to share their lives with 175,000 students on 200 campuses in the People's Republic.

**Mongolia**—Terry and JaNelda Walker, English teachers in Mongolia with English Language Institute, recently moved from the city of Dalanzadgad in the Gobi desert to the capital city of Ulaanbaatar where they will be studying the language.

**France**—“Our church is presently involved in a large evangelistic campaign to reach not only people here

in Nantes but also those from other parts of the world,” writes Steve Riggs from France. “We are involved in showing the *Succeed* and the *Jesus* films. A team of about 60 young people from Operation Mobilization are distributing literature downtown.”

**Brazil**—In a June report from Tom and Nancy Hughes in Uberlandia, Brazil, they disclosed plans for a short stateside assignment starting July 30. They plan to be in the States for three months. According to Tom, several laymen will be lead-



Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall have resigned from missionary service in Côte d'Ivoire.

ing the services in their absence.

**Nashville, Tenn.**—Dr. Paul and Tammy Gentuso have requested a year's leave of absence to be able to determine God's direction for their lives after leaving the medical ministry in Côte d'Ivoire. In light of their requested leave, the Gentusos have asked supporters to redirect their giving to another worthy mission cause during this period.

**Brazil**—Jim and Karen Cowart in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, noted that two people were saved at the Ipiranga work in June. A father and his 15-year-old son, first-time visitors at the church, made professions of faith.

**India**—Missionary Carlisle Hanna recently requested prayer regarding a lawsuit being brought against the Islampur church in India. The first judgment was decided in favor of the church but is being appealed.

**Brazil**—David William Combs de Aquino was born June 5 to Cindy and José Augusto in Brazil. The baby is the grandson of missionaries Jim and Shirley Combs. The baby weighed a little over six and one-half pounds.

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Missionary Darrel Nichols says he is teaching a marriage and family life seminar in the village of Abokouma, Côte d'Ivoire. He is also teaching a baptismal and new converts course in Siago.

## Paschalls Resign After One Term at Doropo

**Côte d'Ivoire**—Dr. Mark and Kathy Paschall, who have served one term at the medical center in Doropo, Côte d'Ivoire, have submitted their resignation from missionary service effective December 31, 1998 (see “What's Happening at Doropo?” on page 2).

The Paschalls stated, “Recent changes at the medical center in Doropo have caused us to re-evaluate our role with Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions. We fully support the decision to redirect the focus of our medical missions program in

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These individuals gave special gifts in June and July in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones:

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Hillside FWB Church WAC Florence, S.C.	Mr. and Mrs. Devon White Charleston, S.C.	First FWB Church Kingstree, S.C.	Freedom FWB Church Ladson, S.C.
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Island Mission Baptist Church Charleston, S.C.	



Ivory Coast to a community health and evangelism program; however, my medical training and expertise do not lie in this area."

Mark continued, "Our family has been honored to be part of the FWB Foreign Missions team and we have felt nothing but love and support as we've faced these decisions. Although we do not know the exact place of our future ministry at this time, we are confident that God will continue to direct us just as certainly as He led us to Doropo."

### Pinkerton Victim of Carjacking in Abidjan

*Côte d'Ivoire*—Right after a training session in the afternoon of May 9, three armed thieves took Jerry Pinkerton's car. After forcing him to accompany them for 30 minutes, they gave him enough money to pay taxi fare back to the church.

Robert Bryan says, "When the thieves drove off with Jerry, the Christians immediately began to pray. You can imagine the shouts and tears of joy when he walked back into the church and brought the prayer meeting to an end! Jerry's returning so quickly, and unharmed, was a clear witness of God's protection to the considerable crowd that had gathered."

This report was inadvertently left out of the last *Heartbeat*. Latest reports indicate the car has not been found and authorities doubt its recovery. No insurance replacement funds seem imminent.

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Total income for June .....	\$ 387,026.57
Total income for July .....	498,954.97
Total income through July .....	2,974,959.88
Projected income through July .....	3,374,146.68
Total expenses through July .....	2,898,088.17
<b>Total 1998 Budget</b> (including VISION projects) .....	<b>\$5,784,251.45</b>

### \$hortage

All of the following accounts are in the deficit:

Bailey .....	\$ 3,900.91	Wilson .....	\$ 1,467.35
Deeds .....	10,220.23	Willey .....	472.63
Eagleton Sr .....	20,331.12	Ekaterinburg Church Planter .....	3,550.17
Ellison .....	10,304.42	Kamyshlov Church Planter .....	3,270.01
McFall .....	566.52	Kopeysk Church Planters .....	5,697.66
McLain .....	136.06	Kurgan Church Planter .....	1,571.89
Morgan, A .....	2,997.84	Noyabrisk Church Planters .....	501.59
Owen .....	5,434.06	Russian Pastor's Conference .....	12,169.89
Robinson .....	3,635.89	International Consultation of FWB .....	3,954.40
Tallent .....	7,444.69	Special Committee, Africa .....	18,882.34
Teague .....	4,678.05	Information Promotional Fund .....	51,147.46
West .....	16,862.16	Third World Development .....	1,368.20
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$190,565.54</b>		

### \$inking

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

Callaway .....	\$ 1,928.73	Sturgill .....	\$ 1,488.57
Combs .....	2,862.97	Snow .....	2,597.92

## State Goals—1998

States/ Organizations	Goal 1998	Goal Through July	Contributions Through July
Alabama .....	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 145,833.33	\$ 173,044.71
Arkansas .....	367,000.00	214,083.33	215,492.58
Arizona .....	8,000.00	4,666.67	4,193.50
California .....	72,000.00	42,000.00	35,295.79
Canada .....	9,000.00	5,250.00	4,544.99
Colorado .....	6,000.00	3,500.00	4,297.63
Florida .....	85,000.00	49,583.33	65,647.25
Georgia .....	227,000.00	132,416.67	106,708.33
Idaho .....	1,000.00	583.33	4,352.61
Iowa .....	3,000.00	1,750.00	979.41
Illinois .....	152,000.00	88,666.67	80,643.96
Indiana .....	59,000.00	34,416.67	24,308.75
Hawaii .....	750.00	437.50	-
Kansas .....	10,000.00	5,833.33	3,248.37
Kentucky .....	76,000.00	44,333.33	43,922.47
Louisiana .....	2,500.00	1,458.33	7,345.27
Maryland .....	46,000.00	26,833.33	40,919.35
Michigan .....	185,000.00	107,916.67	96,793.64
Missouri .....	378,000.00	220,500.00	217,614.13
Mississippi .....	76,000.00	44,333.33	170,328.19
Montana .....	2,500.00	1,458.33	1,302.50
North Carolina .....	656,000.00	382,666.67	376,496.62
Nebraska .....	2,000.00	1,166.67	356.00
New Mexico .....	4,000.00	2,333.33	2,057.12
* Northeast Association .....	2,000.00	1,166.67	970.00
** Northwest Association .....	10,000.00	5,833.33	3,411.88
Ohio .....	178,000.00	103,833.33	84,439.96
Oklahoma .....	457,000.00	266,583.33	253,806.99
Pennsylvania .....	2,000.00	1,166.67	1,135.00
South Carolina .....	275,000.00	160,416.67	186,882.12
Tennessee .....	777,000.00	453,250.00	413,656.09
Texas .....	91,000.00	53,083.33	42,762.86
Virginia .....	107,000.00	62,416.67	43,871.68
Virgin Islands .....	2,300.00	1,341.67	1,515.17
West Virginia .....	127,000.00	74,083.33	60,260.64
Free Will Baptist Foundation .....	23,000.00	13,416.67	20,484.07
Miscellaneous .....	83,351.45	48,621.68	9,943.52
WNAC .....	198,000.00	115,500.00	102,443.10
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>5,010,401.45 ***</b>	<b>2,922,734.18</b>	<b>2,905,476.25</b>

\* Northeast Association  
New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, Maine,  
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