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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,



“Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?  
Got any mountains you can’t tunnel through?  
God specializes in things thought impossible,  
And He can do what no other power can do.”

The words to that simple, old Christian chorus took on a new meaning to Jerry Pinkerton and Verlin in December! When they splashed through 3 rivers that took water over the hoods and up to the windshields, crossed other spots where 2 narrow beams provided the bridge, and disappeared into holes where it seemed impossible to climb out, they knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that the LORD enabled them to deliver the over \$20,000.00 gift of medicines and supplies to the Doropo NGO without permanent damage to body, vehicle, or gift. In over 30 years of living in Cote d’Ivoire, Jerry has seen only one other road as bad, years ago, in Ghana. It seems likely that

numerous angels worked overtime that day.

Jerry and Verlin traveled to Danané (dah-nah-nay), a town on the western border of Cote d’Ivoire, to pick up the medications at a hospital staffed by Doctors Without Borders. This took them past rebel checkpoints. Although they had paperwork from appropriate authorities in Abidjan, one drugged rebel hinted by word and intimidating tactic that their return trip with the medicines would be a challenge. As a result, Jerry let Verlin lead him to take a dirt road running roughly parallel to the paved road and bypass the threatening checkpoint. At first, it looked like a good road, recently graded. Then reality hit. It took 6 hours to go 70 kilometers. The whole process (Abidjan, Danané, Doropo) took 5 ½ days. Thank you for praying during those difficult days; thank you, Jerry, for helping Verlin (our transport rather than a truck’s saved supporters at least \$500, but probably closer to \$2000) and thank you, Father, for protecting and preserving as only You can do!

December also found us welcoming Dayo Obaweya, our LifeWind regional coordinator from Nigeria, to Cote d’Ivoire and into our home for the second time. It is always an encouragement to see him and learn from his treasure trove of experience in CHE.

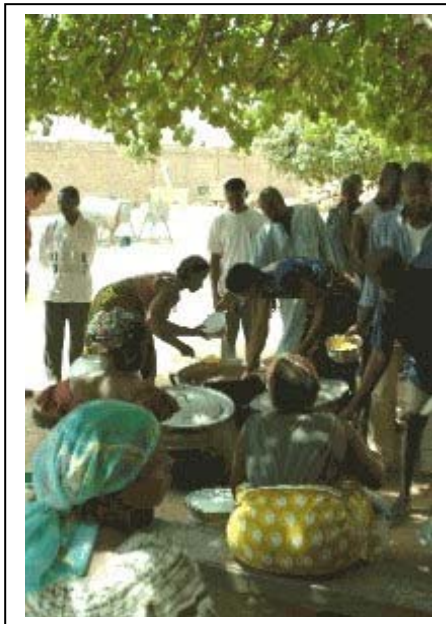
Dayo thanked us (and you vicariously!) for making the translation of Community Health Evangelism (CHE) lessons from English into French a priority. He knows, as do we, that for CHE to explosively grow in French-speaking Africa, as it has in English-speaking parts, teams must have the majority of lessons readily available to them when they need

them. The time and resources we have spent in the last 18 months will bless teams in many countries, as well as our own. So many CHE teams and programs are raising up in Africa, that the LifeWind coordinators are overwhelmed with work, and they are beginning to call it a movement, not just a ministry. Dayo asked Alice Smith and us to help host a West African Regional LifeWind meeting in Cote d'Ivoire. The meeting is booked at a center for Christian media training in Abidjan, April 22-25.

Thanks to the supplies from Danané, the Goumeré CHE team is incorporating a check for malaria into their school health screening at Karako. They are coordinating the event with the school teachers now; they'll reset to doctor's objectives in participation next.

January came in with a bang for our family, full of activity. One mundane project that will help the family and our visitors is the construction of a small water tower in our yard. During February, March, and sometimes April we can go for days without city water. This system will help very much (thanks to some wonderful ladies in Florida for helping buy the water tank!).

A highlight of January was ministering to the Bondoukou prisoners on the 29th. We served the 257 inmates, guards, and leadership a meal of fish, rice, and sauce. Seven ladies of the FWB Bondoukou Church cooking and the idea of CHE being used to change prisoner's lives is starting to be fleshed out.



Last year we took up this project because a Christian from our church was in prison, wrongfully accused of stealing a large sum of money. We wanted to encourage him and the small group of believers that he taught each week by giving them a meal. At that time, they were 20 in number. However, the warden said he could not approve a meal for such a small portion of the prison. Through some planning, we fed them all once. This brought several wonderful witnessing opportunities for multiple FWB churches, as well as some hope to the prisoners for many days that some people cared.

This year our Christian brother is released, the believers number around 40, and our churches have a wide open door to minister in numerous ways. Several gospels of John, tracts, and other encouraging material were given Tuesday. It is likely that almost every prisoner (Christian, Muslim, or animist) will read each piece of literature. We took our camera, hoping to send you a picture of Corbin handing out oranges to the prisoners, but the battery died before we got even one picture! The released Christian hopes to establish a self-supporting ministry to transform prisoners' lives throughout the country. He's looking to CHE as a possible means to do it.

These next few months are scary for us. There is so much to do in preparation of the 50th Celebration in March. There will be at least 2, probably 3, new CHE training sessions to complete before we return to the States in June for a one-year stateside assignment, not to mention some review training sessions. The nights get shorter and shorter, and we ask you to pray for special physical stamina and wisdom. As Isaiah put it, we wait on the Lord for those thermal currents to keep us soaring on eagle's wings to accomplish whatever HE has planned for us.

With a new year under way, we want to say how much we love and appreciate you, the most wonderful ministry partners in the world! This fall, we look forward to seeing many of you in person to share what the Lord is doing in Cote d'Ivoire.

Trusting the Lord who makes possible the impossible,  
Verlin, Debbie, Cara, and Corbin

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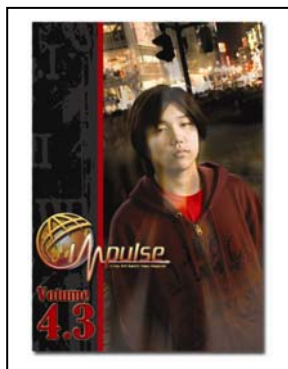
## IMpulse 4.3 Released

Antioch, TN—Free Will Baptist International Missions announces the release of *IMpulse* 4.3. The Winter 2008 edition of the video magazine

highlights the work of Free Will Baptists in the country of Brazil.

*Beautiful Horizon* features the Free Will Baptist work in the city of Belo Horizonte. Interviews with the missionaries Jim and Vicki Sturgill and several church

members reveal the blessing of being a part of this church family. The story will help you pray for the needs and growth potential of this work while rejoicing in the blessing of what God has done.



Alberto, a leader in the Belo Horizonte church shares his testimony in the segment *A Life Like Mine*. Both Alberto and his wife Roseangela describe the happiness and freedom they know since the Lord changed their lives. You will be encouraged as this couple

shares their passion for growth and ministry in this country where so many are trapped in sinful addictions.

Most of us never experience a 90°F Christmas like our Brazil missionaries. Missionary Jim Sturgill and his congregation share a snapshot of *Christmas in Brazil*. You are invited to view some of their Christmas program and hear their passion for proclaiming the message of the Christ child.

Anything can take the place of the Lord in our lives. For young pastor, Daniel Gouveia, his idol was a unique form of martial arts called Capoeira. In *From Capoeira to Christ*, you will hear how the Lord delivered a young man from his self-proclaimed god. Missionary Andy Moore introduces us to Daniel and together they tell Daniel's amazing story. This story of life change is a must-see.

*Impulse 4.3* also includes a children's segment describing the country of Spain. Children and adults will learn fun facts about the country and understand how to better pray for the work of Free Will Baptists in Spain.

In addition to these segments, *Impulse 4.3* includes an anchored news update with stories from around the globe. Bonus materials include several resources, including the 2008 Coin Bank and World Missions Offering videos, the new, inspiring Legacy video, and the popular Overseas Church Growth video.

Subscriptions to *Impulse* are available for \$30 per year (four quarterly issues) by contacting FWB International Missions (toll-free: 877-767-7736, or [www.fwbgo.com](http://www.fwbgo.com)).

## March is Matthew 25 Month Sponsored by Youth Alive of Michigan

Matthew 25 Project: We'll be collecting non-perishable items the entire month of March and going to Gleaners Food Bank (downtown Detroit) on April 12th to help them from 9am-12pm.



## Michigan FWB Junior Camp June 23 - 27 2008 Tyrone Valley Camp & Conf. Center Fenton, Michigan

Creating lasting memories, fun-filled activities and a great week of God's teachings. These are just a few reasons to attend the Michigan Free Will Baptist Junior Camp! Get ready to come west with us, pack your bags and pick your cabin buddies. **Michigan Junior Camp (MJC) 2008** is nearly here! Michigan Junior Camp is for children ages 7 to 13 years old. This year we are going to Tyrone Valley Conference Center and Campgrounds in Fenton, Michigan and plan to have a better camp than ever! A fun-filled week is in store where we can have a blast with old and new friends. We also get to learn more about how awesome God is and what wonderful things He has planned for us. Everything is scheduled for **June 23- 27**. MJC gives you the chance to get together with old friends, make some new ones and let God speak to your heart and challenge you to make a difference for Him. So don't **DELAY!!!** Start saving your money and send your registration in ASAP!!! Remember it's a first come-first serve basis, so make your plans early to be there! See your Pastor or Youth Leader for Registration Materials and more information or call Steve Conner, Camp Director, at 248 583 9739.

## Don't Forget!

To make plans to attend the **Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists**, May 16-17, 2008 at the **Grand Rapids Hilton Airport Hotel**. **Dr. Tim York**, moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will be preaching. The theme:

*The Work of the Ministry*  
**Ephesians 4:11-12**

The **Michigan Youth Conference** will also meet.

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: 20/20/20

### WNAC NATIONAL PROJECT 2008-2009

For today and tomorrow, here at home and around the world,  
Women Nationally Active for Christ is about Kingdom building.

#### BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE: 20/20/20 focuses on expansion.

This two-year effort will help:

- amortize property costs for a burgeoning FWB seminary in Chame, Panama
- finance construction of a long-awaited FWB church facility in Villalba, Spain
- build a funding base to cover operational costs and continue WNAC ministries.

All gifts will be divided equally among the three endeavors.

**20/Chame**  
**20/Villalba**  
**20/WNAC Endowment**

We're committing ourselves for 20/20/20.  
That's **\$20,000** to each cause, for a total of **\$60,000**.



Give securely online at [wnac.org](http://wnac.org)  
or send gifts to:  
WNAC, P. O. Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002

## IM Announces 2008 Theme



Antioch, Tennessee—In 2008 International Missions will use the theme *Abandoned to His Call*. Although we may never be called upon to give our lives or to abandon our homeland and families, it should be costly for us to rise to the call God has placed on us as a people.

The challenge to be *Abandoned to His Call* isn't only for intrepid young people. It isn't just for missionaries. It's not merely for a select few. As you see *Abandoned to His Call* throughout 2008, don't just think of individuals who have left all to take the gospel around the world. Think about your life.

God does call some of us to go, from everywhere to everywhere with His message. He calls the rest of us to send. In fact, in Romans 10:13 Paul implies there is no going without sending.

At the Mission, we believe these next months and years are some of the most critical in our history. Those who want to go always seem to lack the resources they need. If each of us is willing to be obedient to His call, God can do mighty things through us.

The history of the Church is filled with stories of people who abandon everything to follow the Lord. In fact, the example was set by our Lord Himself. He abandoned paradise and laid aside His glory to redeem us (Philippians 2:6-8). He gave His all. What will you give? Will you be *Abandoned to His Call*?

## Remember Our Missionaries

The General Director of the National Home Missions Department had this to say about Bros. Greg and Jeff: "*I know it is a very tough time for Michigan since the whole state is in recession. I have sent out letters for Greg and Jeff. They are making calls and sending out letters also. I hope we can raise some funds for them. They are good men and are doing a super job.*

*I know it has been discouraging for them. It really grieves my heart for them to be working hard and then have to face financial pressure...."*

These are the account balances as of January 31:

Rev. Greg Floars -----	\$ -7,953.78
Rev. Jeff Isaacs -----	\$ -6,153.88
Rev. Rigoberto Lumbreras -----	\$ 7,352.26

## MI Youth Alive!

### **Matthew 25 Project coming up in March & on April 12th, 9am-12pm**

Our annual Matt. 25 Project is coming up next month. This is where our churches bring in non-perishable food items the entire month of March, then, we will travel down to Gleaners Food Bank in Detroit and distribute everything for those in need.

This is a wonderful event for our churches to come together & serve. Please make plans to raise support and come to the event!

### **For all Youth Workers...FREE CONFERENCE!**

If you are a youth worker at your church, there's a free conference that FWB youth workers are going to down in Orlando, FL on March 17-19 (this also includes FREE Universal Studio tickets).

Go to [www.ypsummit.net](http://www.ypsummit.net) for details. During MonDAY and TuesDAY, we'll be at this conference and at night and all day Wed, all FWB youth workers will get together to learn, share, and teach each other. This should be a wonderful experience and is our first time to ever get together like this! I hope you take advantage of this!

### **Fall Minister's Retreat**

September 21-23, 2008

Island Resort the Legacy

Speaker/Teacher: Dr. Garnett Reid

Dr. Garnett Reid has been a member of the Biblical and Ministry Studies faculty at Free Will Baptist Bible College since 1982. His specialty is Old Testament studies. He is an ordained Free Will Baptist minister who pastored Cross Timbers FWB Church in Nashville (1978-1982) before joining the FWBBC faculty. Dr. Reid writes the "Intersect" Bible study column in *ONE Magazine*. He previously wrote the monthly "Green Tree Bible Study" column in *Contact*.

He holds three college degrees—B.A., FWBBC (1977); M.A., Bob Jones University (1978); Ph.D., Bob Jones University (1991).

In addition to being frequently published in denominational publications, Dr. Reid also publishes in leading theological and Old Testament journals, *The Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* (JSOT) and *The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* (JETS). He recently completed a manuscript on the

book of Job which is being reviewed by a West Coast firm for possible publication.

Dr. Reid's wife (Mrs. Carol Reid) is the librarian at FWBBC.

### **Michigan Women Active for Christ April 19, 2008**

**Theme: *Spring Cleaning* [2 Cor. 7:1]**

**Trinity Free Will Baptist Church**

**401 Oregon, Ypsilanti, MI**

**Speaker: Kristie Johnson [Spain]**

**Devotion: Jill Daniels**

**Fellowship District President**

Please bring the Missionary Provision Closet items to this meeting. Arrangements have been made to ship them from Trinity Church to Tennessee. Our missionaries need our support in this project. Be sure to include a church sign for display and a listing and value of the items brought.

### **Michigan Women Active for Christ Retreat**

**September 26-27, 2008**

**Theme: *Sister-Sister* [Eccl. 4:9-10]**

**Holiday Inn French Quarters**

**Perrysburg, Ohio**

**Speaker: Mona Dukes**

**Nationally Known Speaker; aunt of Kristie Johnson**

**Seminars:**

*Mary's Miracle*

*Ruth's Rescue*

*Esther's Emergency*

**Prayer Rooms – Thursday: 9 - 10 pm**

**Friday: 9 - ?**

### **Bible Millionaire Spring Study Material**

The spring quarter (March, April, May) of *Explorer's Guide 2*, which is used for Bible Millionaire, will be available to download in March when it is published. Since this time will make it difficult for students to adequately prepare for district and state competition, the spring material will not be used for district or state competition. We will only use the spring material (March - May) at the national competition

## **2008 NYC Speakers**

Sunday AM Bible Study: **Kelly Bowman**  
Youth Pastor, Cornerstone FWB (Crab Orchard, WV)

Sunday AM Worship Service: **R.D. Tolliver**  
Assistant Pastor, Cornerstone FWB (Crab Orchard, WV)

Sunday PM Worship Service: **Stewart-Allen Clark**  
Pastor, Double Branch FWB (Hawkinsville, GA)

Monday PM Worship Service: **Todd Tennant**  
Assistant Pastor, Yorkshire FWB (Manassas, VA)

Tuesday PM Worship Service: **Sam McVay**  
Missionary, (Villalba, SPAIN)

## IMPACT! West Virginia

The Executive Office of Free Will Baptists, in cooperation with the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, recently announced plans for IMPACT West Virginia, Saturday, July 19, 2008. The one-day evangelistic campaign will target churches and neighborhoods in the greater Charleston area. Free Will Baptists from across the nation are encouraged to arrive at the convention a day early to participate in this unified effort.

>From door-to-door evangelism to work projects at homes and local churches, Free Will Baptists will flood West Virginia with the Love of Christ.

Churches and organizations interested in participating should contact IMPACT Coordinator Burt Hall at (304) 343-2599 or burthall@hughes.net for more information. Pastor Hall will put volunteers in touch with pastors or contact persons from local churches hosting the event.

For more information about IMPACT West Virginia, visit [www.nafwb.org/impact](http://www.nafwb.org/impact).

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## Report From Mexican Town

Dear brothers God bless you and we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

We continue visiting Churches here in Michigan sharing our vision and raising the necessary funds for our missionary project in Mexico Town. I continue visiting

the neighborhood and I have some new invited people for our next service this February 24. Pray for them that God clears all obstacles and they will attend the service. One of our families who we won to Christ was stopped by immigration. They have appealed their case before the judge. If they are successful they can have more time in the country. Pray for the family of Brenda and Francisco; they are excited about attending our Church and hurts to me to lose them. Similarly Jessica, our neighbor with whom we are working to win her for Christ, her fiancé was stopped by immigration and she asked me to take her to visit him in Monroe at the immigration offices. This gives me an opportunity to continue testifying to her about Jesus.

The next May 2 and 3 we plan to have a booth in the 5 de Mayo Festival at Mexico Town We will need donations of bottles of water and other things. We will communicate to you what we will need. This will give us the opportunity to make some contacts with people.

Satan works in many ways to discourage and set obstacles to stop the preaching of the gospel. Some weeks ago I went to the emergency hospital and was close to having surgery, and last Saturday my daughter, Abigail and I had an accident. I was driving on Interstate 94 West to attend the meeting of the West Michigan District Convention with the pastor William Hughes in Benton Harbor, about 7 in the morning. It was raining and there was ice on the highway and very slippery so I lost control of my car and hit a trailer. Thanks to God happened to my daughter Abigail, and I just got a little hit in my stomach. Unfortunately my car is wrecked and damaged. I do not have full coverage insurance and they will not pay for it. It is urgent that I have a car for visitation. Using my van will cost 90 dollars for gas. If there is somebody in some church who wants to donate a car that is not being used or that needs some repair, please let me know. Satan has not accomplished his intention to discourage us. We continue trusting in God and thanking him for his love and protection.

Once again thanks for your love, prayers and your support for us. We pray for you and God bless you, thanks for your fidelity.

In His service,  
Rigoberto Lumbreras

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## News from France

Dear Friends,

It's been a while since we last sent an update and we apologize for the delay. Thanks so much for your faithfulness in giving and praying for our family and ministry. We also appreciate those who from time to

time have sent us a letter or an email. It's always an uplift to hear from you.

On the family side: Laura & Johanna have done well adjusting back to life in France. It has not been without some difficulty, especially catching up on the year and a half they missed in French school. But we're proud of them both for the way they have "fought back". Our son Daniel is busy teaching in his first year at a local elementary school. He has a real passion for his students and is working hard. Brian is in his last year (hopefully) of university working to be a conference translator. In March he will be doing his first official translating for a conference in Geneva. He's had some neat experiences with stories to tell. Thanks so much for your prayers for all our children, whatever their ages.

On the ministry front: We are grateful for a number of contacts the Lord has given us with friends and neighbors. This week I interviewed a German missionary who has also worked to plant churches in France. He and his wife have been here for nearly 20 years. When I asked him what means of evangelism have been the most effective for them, without hesitation he replied: "the personal contacts we have made". Like us, they have tried everything: passing out tracts, films, concerts, evangelistic campaigns, etc. All with few visible results. (Recently they put over 4000 tracts in mail boxes and had zero responses!) But the people we meet through school events or other normal events of life are the ones we have the most influence on. So we're grateful for the contacts God has given us. Pray especially for Ghislaine and her husband Claude. Becky has been getting together with Ghislaine often and we hope this relationship will lead to Ghislaine coming to know Christ. Pray, too, for the many friends Laura & Johanna have made at their school. Also please pray for a meeting I will be having this week in a nearby city concerning the possibility of beginning a new work there. Pray that God would give us clear insight as we examine this option.

Like my sermons, I don't want this to be long and it already is. We wish you God's richest blessings on your lives. Thanks so much for your partnership with us in sharing the Gospel in France.

Steve & Becky Riggs

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## Little Departs Mission, Maintains Commitment

Antioch, TN—Reverend Doug Little is departing from service at Free Will Baptist International Missions to

pursue other ministry opportunities effective March 31. "I'm grateful for my time at IM," Little said. "I have a passion for reaching the world with the gospel and, wherever I serve in the future, I will be involved in missions."

Initially, Doug served on the IM Board (1998-2003), three years as chairman, before joining the staff. He left a successful 18-year pastorate at First FWB in Russellville, AR, where he led his church to become a model of missions support and involvement.

In his five years at the Mission, Doug has served as both Director of Development and Director of Mobilization. As Director of Development he introduced a structured International Missions Emphasis Month plan and thematic materials, boosting the growth of the World Missions Offering.

As Director of Mobilization, Doug introduced the Global Outreach Church Network to connect and resource pastors with a passion for world evangelism. During Doug's tenure, student and short-term missions have had some of their most successful years and a new program, GPS (Global Purpose Seekers), was begun for junior high students.

General Director James Forlines commends Little, "Doug's heart for missions is unequaled among Free Will Baptists; he has made a valuable contribution, and we know he will continue to make a difference wherever he serves."

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## Master's Men Message

As I travel across our denomination, I am preaching the same message. Wait, let me re-phrase that, I am trying to get the idea out that we need to be actively involved in men's ministry.

Let me share with you what I want everybody to know. If we want to grow our churches, our denomination and Christ's kingdom, we have to reach men. Here are the facts, statistics show when a young person gets saved, while that is great, that is usually all we get from his family. If woman gets saved, we have an opportunity to reach the children also, at least until they use the excuse "Dad doesn't go, why should I?" BUT, when a man gets saved and he becomes the leader of his home, you have a greater opportunity to reach the entire family.

Let me make it perfectly clear that I am absolutely not opposed to children's and women's ministries. I just believe we have ignored men's ministry too long.

While there may be several men's programs out there, Free Will Baptist have their own, it's called Master's Men. We can help organize and give direction through our programs. We can help disciple your men through

our Direction Series Bible Studies. We can give men opportunities to serve by being involved in one of many programs and ministries Master's Men offers.

What are you doing to reach men in your church? What can we do to help you?

Kenneth Akers, General Director



### **2008 Master's Men Deep South Golf Tournament March 26, 27, 28**

The Master's Men Deep South Golf Tournament is a 54-hole three-day two-man scramble tournament. This event is a fund raising event of the Master's Men Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The fee for this tournament is \$300 per golfer. This fee includes: Green fees and cart for the tournament, breakfast (three days) dinner (two days), and three nights lodging. Golfers may play additional golf at no charge. However, cost for a cart will be \$10.00 / 9 holes or \$15.00 / 18 holes. If one of the team chooses wife package or single occupancy, other team member will need to pay wife price.



### **Master's Men Mission Trip**

Dates: April 17-28, 2008 Cost: \$3000

(Includes airfare from Nashville, transportation, lodging & most meals)

**Purpose: Work on the Baptist Camp in Krasnodar**  
(There will also be a day of sightseeing in Moscow)  
Brick and block layers NEEDED!!

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### **Good Friday Service at Central Free Will Baptist Church**

**Royal Oak:** On Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> Central Free Will Baptist Church will honor the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord in an evening of song and drama. The Central Choir will be ministering through *My Savior My God* by Richard Kingsmore. Rev. Tom McCullough, Pastor: and Rev. Patrick McDaniel, Assistant Pastor invite you to attend this night of reflection and worship. Central Free Will Baptist Church is located in Royal Oak, MI just north of 12 Mile Road on Rochester Road. The service will begin at 7:00, nursery will be provided. Please call the church with questions: 248-547-7755.

## **Worthington, Gladson to Address FWBBC Graduates**

NASHVILLE, TN—Two outstanding pastors, Milton Worthington (North Carolina) and Mike Gladson (Tennessee) are scheduled to challenge the 2008 Free Will Baptist Bible College graduating class in May.

Dr. Milton Worthington, co-pastor of Liberty FWB Church (Ayden, NC) and long-time denominational leader who served 26 years on the Randall House Board (16 years as chair) and 12 years on the International Missions Board (four years as chair), will address the graduates during 10:00 a.m. commencement exercises Friday, May 9.

Tennessee pastor Mike Gladson (Cofer's Chapel FWB Church, Nashville) will bring the baccalaureate message Thursday evening, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. Gladson's wife Linda serves as records and security associate at FWBBC. His daughter Ashley is a student at the college; his daughter Amy graduated from FWBBC in May 2007.

President J. Matthew Pinson said, "Commencement week is such an important occasion for the entire college family, and especially for the graduating seniors. This special time always brings us face-to-face with our mission as a college—to educate leaders to serve Christ, His Church, and His world through Biblical thought and life. We hope you will join us as we celebrate with our graduating class."

Dr. Worthington has pastored since 1959, highlighted by his signature 26-year pastorate at Central FWB Church in Michigan (1976-2002). In addition to pastoral duties, he served 20 years with the Michigan State Association as clerk and three years as moderator. He graduated from (now) Columbia International University with a bachelor's degree, then completed Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees at Luther Rice Seminary.

Reverend Gladson completed a bachelor's degree at Free Will Baptist Bible College in 1981 before earning a master's degree in pastoral ministry at Trinity Theological Seminary. He began preaching in high school and has ministered 28 years in churches, with three pastorates in North Carolina, plus his current pastorate at Cofer's Chapel FWB Church in Nashville.

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**To Contact Free Will Baptist Family Ministries  
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Shiawassee Lane, Flat Rock, MI 48134**

# Rouge Master's Men Honor Widows



Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> was a special service by the Master's Men of the Rouge Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Danny Slater, pastor. The Master's Men each drew the name of a "Special Lady" in our church who is a widow. They purchased a personal gift along with the "Valentine Day" theme for the lady they chose. The ladies were invited to be present for the morning service and were surprised when they were honored. Often this special group is overlooked, but we want them to know they are an important part of the church.

## Quarterly Financial Report

<b>General Fund, 11/1/07 .....</b>	<b>\$ 519.06</b>
Income .....	4,541.53
State Receipts/Bedford .....	\$ 3,966.53
Fellowship Association .....	300.00
Liberty Association .....	100.00
Church Registration .....	100.00
Grand Rapids Association Fund.....	75.00
Balance after receipts .....	\$ 5,060.59
Expenditures .....	\$ 3,454.81
Honorarium [Treasurer] .....	\$ 750.00
Leadership Conference.....	703.48
Menorah [Printing and Postage].....	1,402.00
Postage .....	41.00
General Board Luncheon .....	158.33
Fellowship Association refund.....	300.00
Liberty Association refund.....	100.00
<b>Balance, 1/31/2008 .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,605.78</b>
<b>Promotional Office, 11/1/07 .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.94</b>
Income [State/Bedford] .....	1,687.88

Balance after receipts .....	\$ 3,688.82
Expenditures [Honorarium, Promo. Sec.] .....	\$ 1,200.00
<b>Balance, 1/31/2008 .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,488.82</b>

<b>Michigan Missions [11/1/07] .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,228.74</b>
Income [State/Bedford] .....	1,265.91
MI Church Planting .....	61.66
Balance after receipts .....	\$ 5,556.31

Expenditures .....	\$ 989.82
Christmas Gifts .....	\$ 750.00
Mileage .....	192.06
Missions Board Lunch .....	47.76
<b>Balance, 1/31/2008 .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,566.49*</b>
<b>* MI Church Planting Reserve .....</b>	<b>\$ 151.86</b>

<b>Youth Fund, 11/1/07 .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,106.55</b>
Income [State/Bedford/Activity Fees].....	2,523.94
Balance after receipts .....	\$ 3,630.49

Expenditures .....	\$ 2,832.86
Labels .....	\$ 24.36
Spring "Breakout" .....	250.00
Youth Camp Deposit.....	500.00
Youth Summit.....	392.50
Water's Edge Campground .....	1,666.00
<b>Balance, 1/31/2008 .....</b>	<b>\$ 797.63</b>

<b>Christian Education [11/1/07] .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,136.41</b>
Income [State/Bedford] .....	421.97
Balance after receipts .....	\$ 4,558.38
No Expenditures	
<b>Balance, 1/31/2008 .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,558.38</b>

<b>Master's Men [11/1/07] .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,134.37</b>
Income [State/Bedford] .....	253.20
Balance after receipts .....	\$ 1,387.57
No Expenditures	
<b>Balance, 1/31/2008 .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,387.57</b>

<b>Minister's Retreat [11/1/07].....</b>	<b>\$ 1,168.11</b>
Income .....	500.00
Balance after receipts .....	\$ 1,668.11

Expenditures .....	\$ 1,729.00
Expenses .....	\$ 729.00
Food .....	1,000.00
<b>Balance, 1/31/2007 .....</b>	<b>\$ -60.89</b>

## Free Will Baptist Foundation Accounts

<b>Bedford Endowment [6/30/07] .....</b>	<b>\$ 200,261.95</b>
<b>Grand Rapids Trust [12/31/07] .....</b>	<b>14,877.34</b>
<b>Michigan Missions Trust [12/31/07] ...</b>	<b>\$ 6,631.27</b>
<b>Youth Trust [12/31/07].....</b>	<b>\$ 8,100.91</b>

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**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**Fellowship District Association .....\$ 21,475.61**  
 State Association.....\$ 1,212.27  
 National Together Way Plan .....1,093.27  
 International Missions .....4,333.19  
 Home Missions.....11,249.48  
 \*Other Ministries .....3,587.40

**Liberty District Association.....\$ 19,305.89**  
 State Association.....\$ 433.08  
 National Together Way Plan .....447.25  
 International Missions .....6,776.92  
 Home Missions.....10,673.64  
 \*Other Ministries .....975.00

**Metropolitan District Association.....\$ 0.00**

**New Hope District Association.....\$ 0.00**

**West Michigan District Association....\$ 6,177.15**  
 State Association.....\$ 760.39  
 National Together Way Plan .....1,191.76  
 International Missions .....1,200.00  
 Home Missions.....2,925.00  
 \*Other Ministries .....100.00

**Wolverine District Association.....\$ 21,055.17**  
 State Association.....\$ 1,027.15  
 National Together Way Plan .....1,405.57  
 International Missions .....8,424.36  
 Home Missions.....6,966.85

**Independent [Home Missions].....\$ 581.00**

**\*Other Ministries**  
**Alabama Children’s Home .....\$ 860.50**

**South Carolina Children’s Home .....\$ 772.65**  
**Free Will Baptist Family Ministries .....860.00**  
**Free Will Baptist Bible College .....2,314.38**  
**Southeastern FWB College.....93.06**  
**Free Will Baptist Executive Office .....100.00**  
**Benjamin Randall Day Offering .....2,656.39**  
**Church Registrations .....100.00**  
**Grand Rapids Trust Fund.....75.00**  
**MI Church Planting .....61.66**



Alejandro and Ana Johnson at their first circus

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