

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met April 5, 1985 at the home of Eddie Payne to finalize plans for the opening of a Bible Institute that will serve as a training center for pastors and other Christian workers for our field. The Ivory Coast Field Council has come to a very rude awakening. We have been here for twenty years and have only two ordained pastors who are challenged to meet the needs of around fifty church groups. This is a shame to our field and a real hindrance to the furthering of the Gospel on this field. The time has come to move forward for Christ and develop some men who can fill these glaring gaps and lead these flocks without shepherds. In light of these disturbing realities, we the Educational Committee appointed by the Ivory Coast Field Council make the following recommendations to our field council and to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

We propose that a training center under the name of INSTITUT BIBLIQUE BAPTISTE LIBRE be opened in September of 1987 in the town of Bouna with Michel P. Cousineau as Director and Eddie J. Payne as his assistant.

We feel that in light of the information gathered through a survey of five fundamental Bible schools that the Free Will Baptist Mission must be willing to carry the financial and staffing load for the first six years. After this time, we propose a gradual transfer of responsibilities to the national church. We feel this is a reasonable expectation and that if we are going to establish a permanent institution we must be willing to heavily subsidize the first few years of the school's existence.

It is our wish that former Ivory Coast missionaries be contacted and asked to prayerfully consider taking an active roll in the training of young men and women for Christian service by teaching in the Bible Institute.

Let it be known that we are not talking about future needs. We are referring directly to events that have come to pass in the past year. We have lost one group to the Assemblies of God because we did not have someone to fill the gap. We have two more groups that are begging us for someone. We just learned of a third one this past week. Perhaps you are experiencing the same thing. Be assured also that there are many other groups who have asked for so long and have been refused that they no longer ask. We need this school and we need these men!

This committee would like to propose the following monthly budget and financial program for the first year. These figures were arrived at by studying the budgets of other schools as well as the economic needs in light of what we feel it would take to effectively operate our school with 10 students. We hope to add 10 students each year.

*Report presented  
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Accepted by F.C.  
May 21 1985*

Proposed Monthly Budget

Rent and utilities . . . . .	\$ 125.00
Upkeep of grounds and buildings	\$ 150.00
Office supplies . . . . .	\$ 125.00
*Student Aid . . . . .	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	\$ 150.00
*Contingency . . . . .	\$ 200.00
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TOTAL	\$1,000.00

\*Student Aid--We mean help in the purchase of textbooks, finding lodging in town as we do not foresee the building of dorms, and help in buying other necessary supplies.

\*Contingency--This will be to help in the establishing of a good library and the possibility of video lectures for future use in T.E.E. programs as well as regular classroom lectures, etc.

It is our recommendation that the financial needs as proposed be met by each missionary account paying \$1,000.00 a year beginning January 1986. In light of needed facilities, we request that each missionary account make an immediate contribution of \$500.00 to begin construction of the office/classroom/library complex. We do not feel that this is too much to ask of any one account for such a program that will benefit the entire field as well as the whole of the IVORY COAST. This is the field God has given us to reach. What are we willing to give to reach it?

We will ask each student for a \$12.50 registration fee which in reality is just a token participation, but will be gradually increased as we phase out our support in order that the national church can take over.

It is requested that this committee remain with its present members until this project has been realized.

Let it be stated that it is our goal that by the end of the first six years of the function of this Institute we will have at least one trained national to care for and guide every FREE WILL BAPTIST group in the Ivory Coast.

Submitted by the Educational Committee

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