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**FWBBC Students Minister in France, New York**

NASHVILLE, TN—Twenty-nine Free Will Baptist Bible College students and their sponsors gave up their 2008 spring break in mid-March to minister and witness in France and New York, according to John Murray, director of Christian Service. Nineteen students went to New York with team leader Heath Hubbard, FWBBC's director of recruitment, while 10 students flew to France with team leader John Murray.

The New York team wore distinctive red smocks and stood on city streets asking passersby if they could pray for them. "We prayed with over 700 people," Mr. Hubbard said, "and we saw 11 people converted. It was an amazing time that moved us all out of our comfort zones."

One student said, "We discovered that people are hurting, lonely, and just want to be loved." Another said, "We noticed that people with needs stopped to pray while others rushed right past us."

The 10-member France team distributed tracts and performed manual labor at the Nantes Church where Missionaries Tim and Di Keener serve. They participated in a city-wide meeting of all evangelical churches in Nantes Sunday morning that attracted more than 400 people.

Mr. Murray said, "We attended the English Club in the city of Coueron where French and American foods were served. Tim and Di Keener sang, as did our students. Tim then handed the guitar to the only French man there who 'just happened to be' a French country music singer who asked if the group knew any gospel songs. We sang *Amazing Grace* and many others. God opened doors of future service for the Keeners."

The group also visited the St. Sebastian Church and met with Missionaries Dennis and Carol Teague.

Each year during spring break, numerous FWBBC students and faculty/staff forego their time to relax and go home to visit with friends and family. Instead, they raise funds, board airplanes, and travel mission fields around the world in an effort to embrace other cultures with the claims of Christ.

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