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### **GO10 at FWBBC to Celebrate International Missions History**

NASHVILLE, TN—When the GO10 Walk for the World event pauses in Tennessee at Free Will Baptist Bible College on June 19, an informal Saturday afternoon gathering will celebrate 75 years of international missions history, according to President Matt Pinson. Activities include a 3:00 p.m. cookout for friends and alumni hosted by FWBBC faculty and staff, as well as a brief 4:00 p.m. drama and song written to support Free Will Baptist International Missions and to honor Miss Laura Belle Barnard, the Georgia native who launched modern Free Will Baptist missions.

“We are so excited to host the GO10 gathering on campus,” President Pinson said. “We invite alumni, friends, and missions supporters to join us for a time of great fellowship, delicious food, and an opportunity to celebrate the life and legacy of Laura Belle Barnard who served as a missionary in India and taught nearly two decades as a member of the FWBBC faculty. We urge all college alumni who can arrange their schedules to come sing in this once-in-a-lifetime alumni choir.”

The GO10 event is a 2,500-mile trek of five million steps that began in Georgia on April 5 and will conclude in Oklahoma City at the Free Will Baptist national convention in July. The June 19 event at FWBBC is one of several stops along the way for GO10 participants.

Dr. James Stevens, chairman of the Music Department at FWBBC, wrote a song titled “Go Into All the World” recognizing the legacy of Laura Belle Barnard and others in world missions outreach. An alumni choir will sing the song for the first time at 4:00 p.m. Saturday as GO10 participants and campus guests gather in Memorial Auditorium.

“Before I started on this piece,” Dr. Stevens said, “I prayed that God would use me. I tried to incorporate an emphasis on the Christian message passed down to us by others. This included specific references to missionaries and their shining examples, including Laura Belle Barnard, and using the word

'Go' in the title thrust of the piece to encourage each person to pick up the torch and take the message forward."

Dr. Stevens' song, "Go Into All the World," will be placed online at the college website ([www.fwbbc.edu](http://www.fwbbc.edu)) for alumni choir participants who wish to preview the music in advance. Plans are also underway to assemble a small orchestra to accompany the choir.

Drama Director AnnaGee Harris said campus guests will enjoy an original presentation prepared for the GO10 event that focuses on Laura Belle Barnard's far-reaching impact on the Free Will Baptist movement, especially in the area of international missions. The brief drama will immediately follow the alumni choir's song.

"The drama features Dr. Mary Wisehart playing the part of Laura Belle Barnard," Harris said. "It is basically a 'one-woman' show where Miss Barnard tells the audience stories from her life. However, there is some narration which reminds the audience of the rich history of Free Will Baptists."