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FWBBC Missions Conference Challenges Students

NASHVILLE, TN—Numerous Free Will Baptist Bible College students stepped forward during the 2011 World Missions Conference in response to cutting-edge messages that dared them to make a difference in a post-Christian culture, shake off spiritual apathy, and commit their lives to Christian service. The October 2-4 event included seven general worship sessions and nine educational seminars.

President Matt Pinson said, “There’s always something powerful and compelling about missions conferences at FWBBC. God’s presence seems to wrap around us as we worship and pray and sing together. His cleansing power reminds us again of our primary mission—to win the lost, to tell the Good News, to build His Church. We hope this conference will energize our students to break away from inwardly focused lives and respond to the urgency of worldwide missions. We want every student active in personal evangelism and open to the call of God on their lives.”

The 2011 conference featured Free Will Baptist missions personnel. Clint Morgan, general director of Free Will Baptist International Missions, and Larry Powell, general director of the Home Missions Department, confronted students with the practical claims of Christ on their lives.

“If you’re not fishing for men, you’re not following Jesus,” Powell said during a Monday session. Morgan delivered the closing message Tuesday evening by taking his “Wake Up, Suit Up, Whup Up (on the devil)” message from the high stage pulpit to the floor of Memorial Auditorium and getting nose-to-nose with students.”

Scott Warren, home missionary to Utah, said he only had one point to make in his message: “You have one life—Don’t waste it.” He related his decision to step away from a career as a mechanical designer and take the gospel to Mormon-saturated Utah. “I discovered that God did not need another

mechanical designer. It's time to do something that matters with your life. Most Americans want enough of God to be comfortable but not so much that it's an intrusion in their plans."

FWBBC international missionaries Sam McVay (Spain) and Steve Lytle (Panama), along with FWBBC missionary-in-residence and Hanna Project personnel David and Angie Outlaw sounded the same clear note for students to embrace the task of evangelism with tact and passion.

Workshop participants included Rachel Atwood with Campus Crusade for Christ, Ed and Linda Speyers with Wycliffe Bible Translators, Andrea Lowe with English language Institute, China, and others.

Exhibits and displays in the Student Lounge provided printed materials for students and guests. FWBBC's Music Department under the direction of Dr. James Stevens arranged for a variety of conference music, including performances by the College Choir and small groups.

Ron Callaway, FWBBC's missions program coordinator, said, "The conference was everything we hoped it would be. God spoke to us all, and some of us will never be the same again."