

Dear Partners:

I am writing to you today because I know that you care about this ministry. There is an issue at hand that requires your special attention, so this month I am speaking to you from this format, rather than with our normal *Progress Report*.

Let's be real. Final Frontiers is as much your ministry as it is mine. All we ever did was to make you aware of the need of the national preachers, but it is you who actually partnered with that preacher. It is you who make a difference in their life and ministry. For others we made you aware of the suffering of an orphan, but it is you that adopted that child and care for him or her as your very own. It is you who pray and give and care. This is your ministry. We have been your conduit to partnership and blessing in ministry for more than thirteen years, but now I am asking you to be a conduit of blessing to us. We need your help, and we need it this month.

Hard times fall on all of us, and on every church and ministry. The recession that you have endured in recent years has hit us equally as hard. That which effects our contributors effects us as well. Unfortunately, we can't work a second job or pass an offering plate. All I can do is ask – no, implore you for your help. In all honesty it is embarrassing for me to do so, not just because we have the needs, but because of the method of help we are asking for. I could ask you to pull out your checkbook and make a special offering, and if you want to do that, you'll hear no complaint from me. Unfortunately I know that many of you cannot help in such a manner, especially at this time of the year. However, what I am asking you to do, each one of you can do. I beg you to be patient with me while I explain it to you, for the sake of this ministry of the Lord.

For years we have had a number of you who used various telephone services, like Lifeline, and as a result, those companies would give a percentage of your monthly payment to our ministry. We have received thousands of dollars over the past decade because of this. Recently however, we have been contacted by another company, which is having a special promotion during the month of December. This is how it works: not only will they give us a gift of 10% of your long distance charges as they are paid monthly, but incredibly, for everyone who switches to their service this month, (and keep it for at least six months), they will give Final Frontiers an additional check for \$75.00. This is a reputable company and one of the largest long distance carriers in the world. My family has already switched to this service, so the first \$75.00 is on its way. This is our family's Christmas gift to the ministry. It's what we can do to help.

To be honest with you, I don't know if my long distance cost will go up (though with their programs, I don't expect it to). All I know is that whatever few dollars I may sacrifice each month, will be dwarfed by the gift that will be given to our ministry. It's kind of like what King David said when he replied, "I will not sacrifice that to the Lord which cost me nothing." My eyes are not on the sacrifice, they are on the result of the sacrifice.

I know you get harassed by these requests on a weekly, if not daily basis. That is why I am embarrassed to ask you to do this for us; but how could I be a good manager of the ministry that God led me to start, if I did not ask? And to be honest, I am asking in faith, believing that many of you will help us.

Never in my life have I seen such an opportunity to give \$75.00 to a ministry without even writing a check. Actually, I don't know how they can afford to do this, but as long as we are being transparent, let me say that I don't care how they are doing it. All I care about is seeing the needs of this ministry met.

A friend of our ministry, who lives in the Chicago area, is coordinating this effort for us, largely at his expense. I am begging you to call the toll free number we are providing below, speak to a representative and switch your service for at least the next six months. You can even speak to them about handling your pager service and Internet connection if you like. Frankly, the more they do for you the more they pay us, and the more preachers in need we will be able to help. When you call, they will answer any question you may have, process your request, and you would have done your part to help make us more efficient at doing what we do best. What a wonderful Christmas gift you can give us this year!

In this rush around season, many cards and responsibilities will quickly take your mind off of this need and the opportunity will be lost. Won't you please, right now, pick up your phone and make the call to help us. We need you to do this for us, like we never needed you before. Thank you for your consideration and help. May God bless you and use you in this coming year for His purposes. Merry Christmas to you and your family, from all of us worldwide, at Final Frontiers.

Yours for souls,

Jon Nelms  
Chairman, Founder

**If you are willing to participate, please follow these three steps:**

1) Call 1-888-673-3795, a customer service representative of EXCEL will help you chose the plan that is best for you and answer any questions you might have. (To participate in the promotion program where Final Frontiers would receive a \$75 bonus, you need to choose either Excel's *Simply 7* or *3 Penny Plan*. The Excel representative will discuss the benefits of each program and you can choose which is best for you. Generally, we believe the *Simply 7* is the best plan for most people.)

2) Tell them you are a customer of Final Frontiers and give them this ID# 58-1721535.

3) The Excel Representative will give you a confirmation number, At that time, in order for us to stay on top of things, you have the option to call Final Frontiers at 912-625-9050 and leave your name, address, phone #, and confirmation #, so that we can verify that information with Excel. This is completely optional.

It's just that simple. However, may I suggest in about a week you call your local exchange carrier (Ameritech, GTE, Southern Bell etc.) and ask them to put a (freeze) on your line so no one can take you off of Excel without your verbal authority. This way Final Frontiers can receive the \$75 bonus for you becoming and staying a loyal customer until May 1, 2000.

I hope you will decide to help us through this effort. May God bless you and your involvement with our ministry.

## Attention:

Watch for your copy of our upcoming issue of the Final Frontiers *Progress Report*. Below is a preview of the information we will be covering for you.

While you are rejoicing over God's bounty and blessings at this time of year, remember our suffering preachers in areas of the world that have been hard hit by recent tragedies. If you want to know more about this, check out the new section of our website called *WorldWatch* at <http://www.finalfrontiers.org>

Below are several photographs sent to us from India, where it is believed up to 200,000 souls perished in recent monsoons. Many of the pastors we support lost their homes, churches and family members in this tidal wave of destruction. Your help with a special offering, or this project mentioned above, will enable us to have funds to help them, and those whose lives they touch. Please consider once again, changing your phone service so that we will have funding to help such needs as these. And please do it right now, while it is on your mind.



*Pictured above is a flooded street in India, caused by monsoons which hit India very hard a few months ago. Those living there are still dealing with the tremendous damage that was caused.*



*An estimated 200,000 deaths resulted from the storms, included in those numbers are family members and friends of pastors supported through Final Frontiers. Due to the high rate of fatalities, many of the recovered bodies were simply piled together and burned.*