

*Vladimir Rudenko pictured here ministering to invalids in Kirgizstan. Vladimir is a church planter and missionary from Moscow whose ministry has grown through the help of his sponsors.*

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## **MINISTRY INFORMATION...**

The *Progress Report* is a free, monthly publication of the FINAL FRONTIERS FOUNDATION INC., whose purpose is to effectively take the Gospel to the more than three billion souls, who have never before heard. Currently we are ministering in Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, India, Vietnam, China, Philippines, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Ghana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, the Ivory Coast, Togo, Liberia, Nigeria, France, Romania, Russia, Lithuania, Albania, Kyrgyzstan, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Fiji, Tonga, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, and Grenada. Some of these countries are closed to foreign missionaries, and in others, work among the various tribal groups is restricted to national preachers only, thus they are open to us because of our unique method of missions.

We believe that the training and subsidizing of national preachers is the most efficient and effective method of global evangelism. Thus we seek to raise prayer and financial support from believers in America, for God's servants abroad, who are actively involved in church planting and discipleship.

Selection of those we sponsor is dependent upon their doctrinal beliefs, need and reputation. We support only those who are serving by faith, never those who are waiting for a salary in order to serve. Worldwide, the average preacher in a third-world country needs as little as \$35.00 each month to support his family and ministry.

All those subsidized thru this foundation are involved in church planting. Their various outreach ministries include: Bible translation and distribution, radio and television broadcasting, camps, Bible schools, outdoor and film evangelism, educational and health programs, blind, deaf and leper ministries, orphan and children's ministries, feeding centers and refugee ministries. The foundation also offers assistance in missionary training; and we provide mission trips for American believers who want to examine the ministries of the national preachers.

**Current ministries available for support are:**

- Sponsorship of a national or native preacher (\$35.00 monthly)
- Sponsorship of a *TEAM* of preachers in a given country (\$10.00 minimum per month)
- Sponsorship of an orphan through our *CHILD CARE* subsidiary (\$35.00 monthly)
- Sponsorship of our radio evangelism (\$20.00 monthly for free radio distribution)

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### **Home Office:**

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## the Jon Nelms family report

Dear Reader,

We want to let everyone know that we are doing just fine in Honduras now, and to say "Thank you" to all those who were able to help us, help the needy people here within our reach. It continues to be a blessing to them and to us. Nothing hurts more than seeing someone in genuine need, but not being able to help them! Thank you for not leaving us in that position.

I am scheduled tentatively to go to Cuba in another month or so. It is fortunate that at the time my plans were made, our government seems to be loosening the controls on Americans visiting there. One of the ministries we are involved with in Mexico already has numerous contacts for me to visit, so this should be a great trip. From what we have learned, there are many Christians there who have suffered, yet, being only 90 miles from our border. They have been consistent in their faith and have never turned their backs on the Lord. This is our opportunity to help win an entire island nation to Christ by partnering with them. I hope and believe that many of you will want to help in any way you can. Be watching for future reports.

Lord willing, I will be making my first ventures into the Middle East in May. We have had contacts there for several years but have never been able to follow up. One of our board members, Dr. Ron Charles, is an archaeologist who has his own foundation. He has many contacts in the area, and one perk of the trip is, with his help, I'll be able to visit a number of the ruins. Those of you who know me, know my love for ancient things (that's why I'm so fond of so many of you). I have spent a lot of time literally uncovering Mayan and Aztec ruins, but never in Egypt. I am really looking forward to us having an impact in that part of the world. Nearly one billion Moslems inhabit the earth I am told. It will be good to penetrate their territory with the TRUTH of the Gospel. Thank you all for making this possible.

Sometime between now and then, if the Lord permits, I will be able to return to Thailand, where our ministry started over twelve years ago. I received word that this past October, one of the first preachers we sponsored passed on. Jimmy Tachinam is now in Heaven with my

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## *Speaker's Schedule*

The following cities will host men representing the ministries of  
**FINAL FRONTIERS**  
during January. For times, dates and locations call:  
**1-800-522-4324**

**Hopkins, SC  
Columbia, SC**

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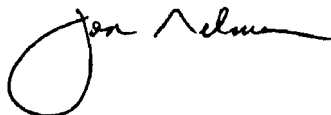
Jimmy was my dad's interpreter when he preached to the Akha and Lahu tribes in 1987, and Jimmy was our first national director for the tribal groups in the Golden Triangle and the Burmese Hump. No more bamboo huts for him, he now lives in our Lord's House. What a difference!

The new Year is definitely upon us with great blessings and opportunities to do more that ever for the Lord. Problems that persisted in the past are now just that – past, and we have a productive future to look forward to. Still, in our office we have a number of preachers that need support. Many of these men have waited for quite some time, so if you have thought to help, now is the time. If that is not part of your concern at this time, pray that the Lord would make it so. We have numerous sponsors who could verify to you the untold blessings you get from sponsoring a national preacher.

Along those lines, our national coordinator in Thailand, Pastor Kiatisak Sirpanadom, will be in the States during the month of May. ( Probably entering through Los Angeles or San Francisco.) He will be visiting his daughter who attends Bible College in Illinois at Pastor Jim Scudder's excellent school. If any of you pastors are interested in having him speak at your church, please let us know and we will help to arrange it. He is fluent in English, Thai and Laotian, so if you have any Thai or Laotian people in your area, this will be a good opportunity for reaching them with the Gospel.

Keep us in your prayers and remember to pray for our old and new representatives who are giving their time to speak in churches raising support for the preachers abroad. We now have representatives in Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. If you are interested in becoming a representative, we will be having another training class in early summer. Also remember to visit our ministry's website at <http://www.finalfrontiers.org>

Yours for souls,



Jon Nelms

# A T.E.A.M. REPORT FROM MYANMAR

**From: Dr. Go Za Kham**

**Location: Myanmar (Burma)**

**What was the total amount of TEAM funds received? \$156.00**

**What were these funds used for?**

- 1) \$50 for purchase of medicines, aspirin, malaria pills & digestive pills.
- 2) \$50 for teaching material aids: stationary, ball pens and printing lesson.
- 3) \$56 help for Mr. Khoi Khan Cin whose help is not coming any more but working in the field.

**Do you have any special needs we can pray about?**

Please pray for more Team Fund. From now on, the printing of lesson materials and visual aids for new converts are very necessary. Most of the district people cannot read and write.

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Dear Team Fund sponsors:

Our Team Fund is the only source of helping our workers. Since they have no other income, we have to support their travel needs and something to give to the people. Distribution of sweets to the children means coming to the meeting and beginning of evangelization. Helping the sick in the village and give medicines to the sick is a great invitation for the coming to the meeting. Bible pictures given to the children is much for them in knowing the Bible and God.

If we can have \$500 as Team Fund for every quarter it will help much for our workers. They love God and are working for the Lord. Only dedicated and God loving people can do what they are doing. Every village in the hills among different villages are more than American dumps and junks. If they stay in one place long they come back with loss of weight and weakness. But they go on working and witnessing for the Lord. Please pray for the strength of them. Thank you very much.

**Note:**

*TEAM* is an acronym standing for Together Effectively Advancing the Ministry. The purpose of *TEAM* is to help provide funding for necessary projects carried out by the preachers we support, and to help with funding for preachers without current support. *TEAM* donors are often readers who cannot afford sponsorship of a preacher (\$35.00), but do want to help the cause by an offering of at least \$10.00 monthly. *TEAM* sponsors are allowed to direct their giving to a specific country where we are involved. For more information, refer to the return envelope enclosed.

# Russia...

## A turbulent nation in need of a Savior

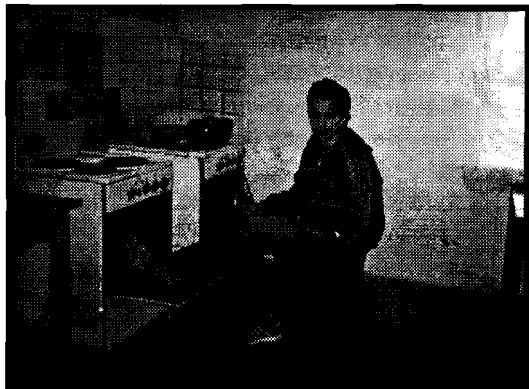
**By Matthew Hood**

Director of European Expansion

Americans, and the whole world, have had their eyes on Russia quite a bit lately. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1992, Russia and the fourteen other republics have had so many ups and downs, they must feel like they are on a giant roller coaster ride (and starting to get just as sick).

In the final months of 1998, Russia's economy has been in a tailspin. Unemployment has been escalating at a frightening rate (in one month alone, 100,000 people lost their jobs in the city of Moscow), production has been down, inflation has been rampant, and the ruble was devalued to the point where it was nearly worthless. Consequently, Russia was once again denied entry into the World Bank. A slight measure of stability has been regained by reprinting the currency, with far less zeros. But the economy is still suffering greatly, the people are struggling, and a cold winter is upon them. In the middle of all this, there are still the few who are very rich (many in organized crime), and there is blatant corruption among police and government officials, who no longer try to hide the fact that they take (and demand) bribes.

Fundamental Christians in America have also had their eyes on Russia. The giant "evil empire" became a cause for much excitement as the Gospel was freely preached, and missionaries were allowed into the country. Although there was some skepticism that the churches were not responding to the open door quickly enough, there were many willing volunteers who cast off the old hatred of Russia, and went over as missionaries. That freedom and openness seemed to be on the way out when Russia passed their new law for "religious liberty", which put many restrictions on evangelistic activity, and was simply an attempt to make the Russian Orthodox Church the only religion for the nation. Since the passing of that law in 1997, we have seen



*A good way to get warm when the climate is cold and the apartment has very little heat.*

some American missionaries kicked out of Russia, others hassled with red tape, and still others not allowed to enter in the first place. What, then, lies in store for Russia spiritually?

In December 1998, I had the opportunity to make a return visit to Russia to see for myself. So far, Final Frontiers supports four national church planters in the former Soviet Union—two in Russia, one in Belarus (who also is helping to plant a church in Archangel, Russia), and one who labors in Moscow, while making extended trips to Kirgizstan and Kazakhstan. I was able to meet with all four in a short period of time, and was blessed to see that they have not thrown in the towel. In fact, they are optimistically moving forward in winning souls, expanding their ministries, and starting new churches,

despite governmental hassles and a growing spiritual coldness among many of the people.

My trip started in Moscow, where I stayed with my host, **Vasily Lastochkin**, who is our National Director. He had quite a full schedule planned for me. After his weekly radio show on Monday night, we got on a train to go to the city of Minsk, the capital of Belarus. It was an all night trip, with plenty of



*Members of Roman Rudnev's church in Minsk.*

noise and distractions to keep us from getting a full night's sleep. **Roman Rudnev**, our national church planter in Belarus, met us in the morning. Roman is a young preacher that I met the year before, when he was planting a church in Serpuchov, near Moscow. Since that time, the Lord has used him to start a new work in the city of Archangel (in the far, frozen north of Russia), and to take over a young work in the city of Minsk. Since moving to Minsk, he continues to make monthly trips to Archangel, assisting in the work there. In Minsk, Roman is laboring to build a group of believers, in both numbers and maturity. It was a blessing to spend the day with them, evangelizing, going to their Bible study, and enjoying their fellowship.

It is amazing how well Roman is doing in Minsk, considering the political and legal conditions there. Belarus has officially returned to a communist form of government, and much of what the Christians are doing there is illegal. Although they are technically allowed to gather together for Bible study or worship, public preaching and evangelizing is against the law. They

circumvent this technicality by witnessing outside on the street, one-on-one. When we did this, we did not let our tracts and Bibles show outwardly. We would approach someone on the sidewalk, and begin a conversation in a way that would rarely work here in the U.S. (or even in Moscow). We would say, something like, "Excuse me, do you have a minute to talk about God?" Believe it or not, about half of the people would give a positive response, and allow us to witness to them. It was rare that someone would get saved on the



*Graduating class of St Petersburg Bible Institute. Dimitri Gromov is pictured at far left.*

spot, but often they would be interested enough to accept an invitation to a Bible study. We would also give them a Gospel book or tract. Using this method, the police would not intervene, because it appeared to be just two or three people chatting on the street. It was exciting to say the least, to see the people so willing to discuss spiritual matters with us. But even with the openness of the average person, true growth is slow, and takes a lot of work. Pray for Roman, as he faithfully continues laboring in Minsk and Archangel. (Note: Shortly after I returned from Russia, I received an e-mail, letting me know that Roman has

*prayerfully decided to start reaching other towns in Belarus.)*

After the day in Minsk, we boarded the train again, for an all night trip back to Moscow. We spent Wednesday trying to catch up on our rest. After prayer meeting in Vasily's church, it was time to get on another train for another all-nighter. This time, we were off to St. Petersburg, to see **Dmitri (Dima) Gromov**, our newest Russian missionary. Pastor Dima has a church in St. Petersburg, which is also planting five new works around the city, ranging in size from 5 – 20 people each. The church has also sent out missionaries to Tumen (in Siberia) and Nizhnyangarsk (near Lake Baikal), and one of their members is praying for the possibility of going to Bulgaria.

While meeting with Pastor Dima, I asked him about his father, **Vladislav**, who is now in Turkmenistan (one of the former Soviet republics). Pastor Vladislav is the former pastor of the church in St. Petersburg. I had heard of him several months ago, and tried to contact him via e-mail, but received no response. I knew that he was running into some problems with the government there; Turkmenistan is predominantly Muslim, and has reverted back to communism. As it turns out, he was not able to answer my e-mail, because he was being highly monitored at the time. The government there has

let up somewhat in their efforts, but Brother Vladislav is still operating underground. He has a church of 200, which meets secretly in 24 different homes, regularly changing the locations of their meetings. In the past, his calls, mail, and e-mail have been monitored. During one outdoor baptismal service, there were government helicopters hovering overhead as a form of intimidation. But still he labors on, and is even evangelizing in other towns. This is the kind of national who could really use financial, material, and prayer support. While in St. Petersburg, I gave Pastor Dima an application for support to give



*Bible class in Arkhangelsk. Pastor Roman pictured at far left with hands folded.*

to his father. It is our hope and prayer that he will be able to get it to him, and that we will be able to find sponsors for this courageous man of God.

In St. Petersburg, I was introduced to Dima's brother, Anton, and learned of his ministry at Kresti Prison, the largest prison in the world. There are 14,000 inmates, housed in only 1,000 cells. As one could imagine, the living conditions are deplorable.

There are an average of 14 men per cell, no heat, no warm clothing, meager rations, no hygienic supplies, and no hope. Brother Anton, three preachers, and two office workers bring them whatever aid they can obtain from donors (clothing, toiletries, etc.), and most of all, spiritual hope. These few men try to visit all the cells, signing men up to take a Bible study course. They provide each one of them one booklet at a time, a pen or pencil, and a Bible for several men to share. Predictably, many of the booklets and materials are used for other purposes, but many of the men take it seriously, and many will take the tests and receive a certificate at the end. Most important of all, hundreds have made professions of faith in Christ during the course of the studies. This is a unique ministry, and does not really fit into the description of church planting. They are not able to track the prisoners after they leave (a turnover of 300 per month), because the prison does not have a good record keeping system, and does not have a computer. Although we will not sponsor them as church planters, it is a ministry that would be worthy of special gifts from God's people, if the Holy Spirit should so direct.

After an evening Bible study, it was time to get back on the train, and spend the night riding back to Moscow. It was Friday morning when we got back for some much-needed rest. Four straight nights of sleeping on Russian trains can take its toll! During my last couple of days in Russia, I had a chance to go soulwinning in Moscow, and to meet with another of our na-

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- Sponsoring a national preacher**  
(\$35.00 monthly)
- Sponsoring a country's TEAM**  
(minimum of \$10.00 monthly per country)
- Sponsoring an orphan**  
(\$35.00 monthly)
- Sponsoring the Final Frontiers home office**  
(any amount)
- Membership in the Final Frontiers Society**  
(\$45.00 annually)

# Sponsorship Information

To obtain further information on sponsorship, refer to the "Now It's Your Turn" voucher attached to this return envelope, or call us at 1-800-522-4324.

Sponsoring a **national preacher** is a simple process. Simply tell us which country you are most burdened for and we'll provide you with information on preachers living there who are approved for sponsorship. If you don't have a preference, we'll assign you a preacher from our most needy list.

Sponsorship is \$35.00 monthly, however, since we get each preacher two sponsors, you have the opportunity of providing double sponsorship (\$70.00 monthly) if you prefer. This of course, is not required. The preacher receives 80% of the funding and 20% is used for operating expenses.

As a sponsor you should receive correspondence when we send your support to your chosen preacher three times annually.

Each preacher recommended for support has successfully passed through at least three levels of examination and has been proven to be doctrinally sound, morally pure and have a verifiable track record in church planting and discipleship.

Sponsorship of a **TEAM** can be done for as little as \$10.00 monthly, or for any other amount you wish. **TEAM** stands for Together Effectively Advancing the Ministry. Though many preachers are being supported, they often collectively lack ministry tools that can be most useful. The purpose of the **TEAM** funding is to provide each country with money to be used for such things as purchasing Bibles and tracts, printing literature, buying bicycles for the traveling evangelists, building a church or Bible school, helping with emergency relief, etc.

Each trimester as the funds are mailed abroad, the national coordinator for every nation is asked to fill out a **TEAM** Report Form which we will send to you. This will give you a first hand report of how your funds were effectively used to advance the ministry in that land.

Sponsorship of an **orphan** is \$35.00 monthly and provides for lodging, food, clothing, basic medical care, and education.

All orphanages assisted by Final Frontiers are administered by pastors who are supported through this foundation, and are operated as a ministry of a local church. Trimesterly correspondence is encouraged between the orphans and their sponsors.

Membership in the **Final Frontiers Society** is \$45.00 annually (for a family) and is used to fund special ministry projects overseas and our various international offices.

tional preachers, **Vladimir (Volodya) Rudenko**. This young man is also truly amazing in his ministry and dedication to Christ. When I met him the last time (about a year ago, when I interviewed him as a candidate), he was living in Moscow, totally by faith, and laboring to start two churches. Since that time, he has gone to Kirgizstan on a missions trip, ministering in an established church in Bishkek, and helping in a new work that is only 5 months old.

While in that area of the world, Volodya also went to Taldibulak, Kazakhstan, a farming village only five kilometers from the Chinese border. He would work on a farm during the days to “earn his keep”, and evangelize at night. There is now a group of believers there, and they are praying for a full-time pastor, and for a permanent church to be founded. Volodya told me that this is a great need for Kirgizstan and Kazakhstan. He would like for us to pray with him, that in each of those countries, there would be at least one strong church established, that could send missionaries and train *native, ethnic* pastors. It would be good, he said, if Russian Christians would come on short or long term trips to evangelize, teach, and train them. But the goal is for the Kirgiz people to have Kirgiz pastors, the Kazakh to have Kazakh pastors, etc. Currently, Volodya is evangelizing and teaching new believers in Moscow, and plans to go to Kirgizstan and Kazakhstan again in late spring or early summer. Pray for him, that he will have the necessary funds for traveling and living there, and for his safety; there has been some pressure from the government in those countries lately, attempting to hinder the preaching of the Gospel.

Many of our readers may have been wondering how our nationals have been faring financially, considering the devaluation of the ruble, and the horrible inflation. It was a blessing and a relief to see that our men are doing well, because of the fact that their support from us is in dollars, rather than rubles. That way, they are safe from the change and volatility of Russia’s unstable currency. They are not wealthy by any means; they cannot afford the luxuries that the rich Russians enjoy, such as modern conveniences and products that we take for granted here. But their needs are met, and they tend to share with other Christians when they have even a little more than they need. The average believer, though, earns his income in rubles (if he gets paid at his job), and many are having a difficult time. The small amount of financial aid I brought, and the large box of clothing and supplies, were very much appreciated and needed by them. So continue to pray for our dear brothers and sisters in the former Soviet Union, that God would provide, and that it would be a testimony to the society around them. And pray also for the lost over there, that there would be a revival and awakening, and that many would come to the Saviour. Much is happening over there, and by God’s grace, many more victories for Jesus are yet to come!

*Note: There are still several sponsorships needed for our preachers in Russia, and in*

## **CHILD CARE INTERNATIONAL**

*The Purpose of this feature is to introduce you to children in need of financial assistance. If you are interested in sponsoring a child through Final Frontiers Foundation, please refer to the last page of this publication.*

**Name:** S. Asha

**Birthday:** July 20, 1986

**Family Status:** Destitute

**Country:** India

**Family Background:**

Asha is a born again Christian girl. Her father is an alcoholic and living under poverty level. In her pathetic condition, she came to our Compassion Orphanage. We have to provide her physical, spiritual and educational needs. There is no income in her family. She has no money to pay for her tuition, food or clothes.

Asha is very brilliant in her studies. Her family background is from Hinduism. When she got saved it made her an outcast from the Hindu society. She is looking to Christian friends for her moral support. Asha has dedicated her life for the glory of Jesus Christ. Since she is in the orphanage, she has a wonderful spiritual life. She is in need of a sponsor to help pay for her education and survival needs. We are praying for her to find a mission minded Christian Sponsor for her support.



**Name:** Anish A. S.

**Birthday:** June 12, 1987

**Family Status:** Destitute

**Country:** India

**Family Background:**

Anish's father is an alcoholic, drug addict, and unhealthy person. He lost his mother. The father is unable to work and he can't feed the children. He had no money to buy food, clothes, or medication. This is a suffering, neglected family. There was no one to help them.

Pastor P.D. Joy visited this home while doing village evangelism. He felt sad for these children and brought Anish to our Compassion Orphanage. While living here, he will be able to get an education and he will eat well. He has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He attends the Kidangannur Baptist Church regularly. The

Compassion ministry is a faith ministry and Anish is seeking a sponsor. We appreciate our Christian friends. If you sponsor this needy child it will be for his better present and future life.

# From the Print Shop

**By Bob Tatum**  
**Print Ministry Director and Office Manager**

By the time you have this publication in your hands it will be well past the first few days of 1999. You might say this as a letter from the past since it is still 1998 at the time I am writing.

Looking back over the year, it has been an exciting one filled with many "firsts" and "lasts" in this old world. We have our first national preacher from Hungary, the 10,000th church started, the first donation via credit card and many other things too numerous to mention. There were also some last things. The last time I saw a very dear friend this side of heaven and the last year for friends and relatives of many of you. Recently, I read that for a number of "well known" people 1998 was their final year on planet earth. But for the Christian, it is better "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Let us strive to make 1999 the greatest year for Christian activity, world wide, in history. Greater love for each other, greater love for the Word of God, greater concern for the work of the Lord, greater praying and giving than ever before. Let us grasp every opportunity God sends our way to be a testimony for His power in our lives.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Words from the past that apply to the present and also to the future. Let us do everything possible to get this message to every creature. Happy New Year!

On another matter, the printing press for Christopher Mwanza has arrived in Lusaka. However, there is a \$500 custom duty that has to be paid before Christopher can pick up the press. If you would like to help us with this additional cost please designate your donation for that purpose. Any funds sent in over the amount needed will also be sent to Christopher to help with the costs of setting up a new print shop. Please note that all funds previously sent for the Print Shop have already been used.

# Let's Get Acquainted

The purpose of this feature is to introduce our readers to approved preachers who are not yet sponsored. It is our hope that their testimonies will verify their worthiness and need, and will lead to prayer and support on their behalf.

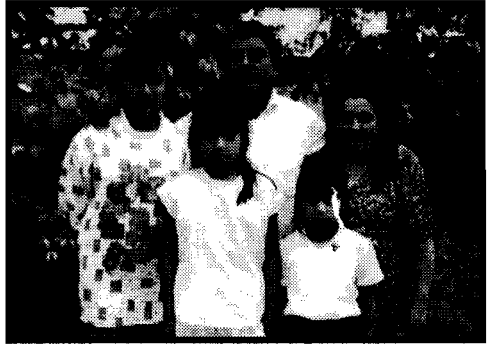
**Preacher's Name:**  
Josue Ramirez

**Wife's Name:** Dina

**Number of Children:** 6

**Country:** Guatemala

**Testimony:**



I was born into a Christian home and because of this I thought that I didn't need to accept Jesus Christ. I was taught from the beginning the ways of God, but it was a brother of mine who presented clearly to me the plan of salvation. He made me see the need to accept Christ and so it was I accepted Him when I was 12 years old in June of 1962. Three and a half years after I was saved, I was baptized. I later went to the Berea Bible Institute to prepare for the ministry. In 1969, I graduated and remained working as a pastor in training at the church near the Institute. Since then by the grace of God I am in His Holy ministry.

My wife was born in a Christian home and was taught the ways of the Lord since she was a child, but she did not accept Christ until she was 8 years old. She was baptized at 17 years of age. She did not have the opportunity to study in any Biblical Institute, but she loves God and fears Him and is a good help in the pastoral ministry and a good mother.

Through my ministry, there are several men serving the Lord full-time. I have started 2 churches and through the grace of God, I have led many people to Christ. I am involved in open air evangelism, discipleship, and slum ministries. I am a Bible teacher and I am a radio preacher and in the evenings I visit church members or use this time for witnessing. From 7 – 9 p.m. I hold Bible studies, sessions or choir practice.

Our family lives in the parsonage which is made of adobe. It has 3 rooms and a kitchen. Your financial help and your prayers will be invaluable to us as a family and in our ministry. Pray for those people who have suffered loss through the devastating hurricane that we recently had.

**Number of sponsorships needed:** one at \$35.00 monthly.

**Preacher's Name:**  
**Enrique Jeronimo**

**Wife's Name: Crisanta**

**Number of Children: 3**

**Country: Guatemala**

**Testimony:**



I accepted Christ on January 15, 1985, when I had the opportunity to buy a tape on Noah's Ark on which was the hymn "Jesus Christ is coming, sin no more". After hearing the song I felt the call of God and received the pardon of my sins and accepted Him with all my heart. In the year 1987, I felt the need to study the Word of God; I enrolled in the Esias Bible Institute in 1990, and my church called me to work part-time there. In 1992, I was called to serve in the church of Bereas full-time and was there for 2 years. In 1994, I was called to Belen church where I remain serving today.

When I married my wife, Crisanta, she was already a Christian. Since childhood she was instructed by her father in the ways of the gospel. She is a woman who really gives me much help in the ministry. In hard times, she has been supportive – health problems, economic problems, she has been willing to work in the ministry of the Lord together with me anywhere the Lord directs us. I am profoundly grateful to the Lord because He found a good wife for me. We work together very well in the ministry.

I have started three churches and have trained three men for work in the ministry. I work with others in holding open air evangelistic meetings, and training new Christians. I preach on the radio and I am a Bible teacher. Everyday is dedicated to God's ministry.

We do not own a house and do not have enough income to meet all our family and ministry needs. Your prayer and financial help will be a blessing to us in so many ways that we will not even be able to tell you. Our country has recently gone through a terrible hurricane and many people who already were in need, are even worse off. Thank you for your prayers for them.

**Number of sponsorships needed: one at \$35.00 monthly**

# From the mailbag



**From: Paul Gathiru Gichuki**

**Sponsored by: Edgar Meister**



**Last trimester:**

villages  
evangelized - 1

churches  
started - 1

people saved - 26

converts  
baptized - 26

Dear Sponsor,  
Please receive greetings in that holy and sweet name of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus. It is because of that blood He shed at Calvary that has united us together. The church, my family and myself are all doing well. Still winning souls for our Savior. It was with great joy that I received your support and I want to thank you for your love to support me so that I can be able to do the work of the Lord more better and effectively. I promise to use faithfully whatever you give me to bring honor and glory to our Savior. I know that you have sacrificed so that a lost soul can be reached with the Gospel. It is a joy to see new converts following the Lord in baptism. Our full joy will be when we meet our Savior for He will say to us "Well done my faithful servant" and I hope that it will be soon. Thank you for your prayer, we also do pray for you.

**What would you have to sacrifice daily in order to support a national preacher who lives sacrificially every day?  
(considering sponsorship is just \$35.00 monthly)**

- 2 cups of coffee
- your morning newspaper
- a medium Frosty at Wendy's (incl. tax)
- a McDonalds small cheeseburger (incl. tax)
- the normal change in your pocket at the end of the day

*Probably you won't really have to give up any of these in order to help one of these preachers, so won't you start today?  
They really do need your help.*



**From: Benjamin Norh Tawiah**

**Sponsored by: Tuscaloosa Christian School**

Hello,

I thank you all very much for showing me such love and friendship.

I was just preparing to take a team of disciples out to some new towns and villages for street evangelism knocking on doors when the support you sent was handed to me by Pastor John Jason. Out of that, I was able to take many more people out and I rented a bus to take us, since many of those I invest in do not have money to travel. In fact, many more people (young adults) in our church are benefiting in diverse ways from what I am receiving from you and I am also able to provide adequately for my family's needs. My wife Deborah and son Solomon send their greetings to you all.

Your brethren in Christ,  
Benjamin Norh

**INDIA**

**Last trimester:**

churches  
started - 1

villages  
evangelized - 3

people  
saved - 12

converts  
baptized - 8



**From: Jawa Jala**

**Sponsored by: Faith Baptist Church**

**Dear Sponsor,**

I am writing you just to let you know that your support is with me and I am using it for the expense of travelling to preach the good news of our Lord to the Lahu, my tribal people. I have been out in the last four months to 3 villages preaching and following up on those 30 souls that came to know the Lord. It is not easy to be an evangelist and the same time be a pastor of many churches. But I thank God for His help and wisdom in serving Him. Pray for my many problems I have many enemies of the Gospel who turn against me because I preach Christ to the people and they turn to the Lord Jesus Christ. I really need your prayers and also pray for those new believers. None of those problems move me out from His ministry.

God bless you,  
Jawa Jala

**Myanmar**

**Last trimester:**

churches  
started - 0

villages  
evangelized - 3

people  
saved - 30

converts  
baptized - 0

# Welcome New Sponsors

## Preacher Sponsorships:

The following began sponsorship of a national preacher since last month's report. For information regarding sponsorship refer to the "Now it's your turn" voucher attached to the enclosed envelope.

**Davis and Sarah Sponable: Portage, MI**  
***Sponsored: Evans Kiuna from Kenya***

**Earnest and Gloria Headley: West Blocton, AL**  
***Sponsored: Leonard Wekesa Walubengo from Kenya***

**Dale Fessenden: Pasadena, TX**  
***Sponsored: Petla Daniel from India***

**Jim Home: Cottontown, TN**  
***Sponsored: Teodor Veres from Romania***

**Robert and Sandi Meyer: Stuart, FL**  
***Sponsored: Amar Jyoti/Das from India***

**Crystal Hardin: Huntsville, AL**  
***Sponsored: Duc Quang Nguyen from Vietnam***

**David and Nan Gunn: Wadley, GA**  
***Sponsored: Jacob Limasia from Kenya***

**Ren Bruning: Port Orange, FL**  
***Sponsored: Arjuna Rao Chiguluri***

**Andrew and Sandra Bowler: Du Bois, PA**  
***Sponsored: Tran Ngoc Lam from Vietnam***

**Lee and Cheryl Headley: Prattville, AL**  
***Sponsored: Leonard Wekesa Walubengo from Kenya***

**Crystal Hardin: Huntsville, AL**  
***Sponsored: Duc Quang Nguyen from Vietnam***

## **Final Frontiers Society Membership**

The following became Society members since last month's report. Membership is \$45.00 annually, and is applied to international operating expenses and funding for special projects. For membership information or application, call 1-800-522-4324

**Charles and Peggy Forrester**  
*Quincy, Ill*

**Simeon and Claudette Hatcher**  
*Uniontown, PA*

**David and Annette VonWald**  
*Hastings, MN*

**Rick and Diana Erickson**  
*Jewell, IA*

**Kurt and Laurie Weymouth**  
*Royal Oak, MI*

# Reports from the Final Frontiers

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**Reports received since the  
*Progress Report* last month  
indicate there were ...**

310	Churches Started
840	Villages Evangelized
16,547	Professions of Faith
5,389	Believers Baptized

**Combined totals from all reports  
received since our beginning in  
January, 1987, indicate there  
have been ...**

10,222	Churches Started
39,425	Villages Evangelized
366,255	Professions of Faith
111,048	Believers Baptized

**A current total of all statistics  
indicate there are ...**

812	Preachers Supported
1,169	Preacher Sponsorships
93	TEAM Sponsorships
53	Orphans Supported
42	Countries involved in

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