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PROGRESS REPORT



In this small house church in southern India, not all the members own a Bible. God's Word is not only precious to them, but at \$4.00 per copy, it is also unaffordable.

(cover story p. 7)

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The Jon Nelms family report

It is always my joy at this time of the year to give an update on our work; sort of a "State of the Ministry". You will find it on page 17. It is also a chance to recognize folks who have been a special blessing to us throughout the year. Of course, that is dangerous, because you are always going to run out of space and leave someone out.

Let me say thank you first of all, to our faithful contributors. Without your support, there would be no Final Frontiers. I want to remember again the team that came down with Jeff Landwehr last March to put a new roof on our buildings. Since you completed your work we have not had a single leak!

Appreciation also goes to Jeff Heatherly at the Enovation Company in Knoxville TN, for the donation of more than a thousand dollars worth of printing supplies; and for the help offered to us on a continual basis by Don and Carol Courliss, also from Tennessee. This couple has come down for a year now, helping with filing and printing. What a blessing they have been, not only in the print shop, but also in helping to update and organize our files.

We want to also acknowledge the work that was done here for many years by the Tatum family. Bob, Judy and Lee Ann made a wonderful contribution to this ministry and were a blessing to many of you and to the preachers as well. We hope for God's continued blessing for them in whatever ventures they undertake for Him.

A special word of thanks to Pastor Frank Caudle in Richmond, VA and Pastor T.A. Powell in Suffolk, VA. Both of these men hosted *Pastor's Get Acquainted Meetings* for me last week. As a result I was able to meet with numerous pastors in their areas to present our ministry. I want to encourage other pastors to do the same for us. Once we set a date that is convenient for you, all you need do is invite your pastor friends for lunch or breakfast. The rules are simple; we tell them: *"Don't bring your checkbook because the meal is on us, and don't bring your calendar because we are not going to ask you for a meeting"* Experience has shown us that once they learn



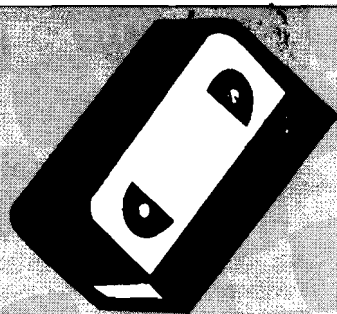
The Jon Nelms family

*Jon, Juanita,
Daniel and Sara*

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For years people have asked why we don't make a video. Well now we have, and it is being used by the Lord tremendously!

This fifteen minute video will take you literally around the world visiting preachers and ministries supported by Final Frontiers. You will see their works and catch their vision to reach their own people with the gospel.

Some scenes are graphic however, as we make no attempt to "water down" the reality of the world's mission fields. And though love offerings are welcome, the video is yours FREE for the asking.

Many pastors have used this video to help increase their congregation's burden and insight for missions. Families have used it to help teach their children what the real world is like and how they can help.

Reserve your free copy today

Just call 1-800-522-4324 and order your copy, or email us at: jnelms@finalfrontiers.org.

We want to express our sympathies to the family of Babu Prasad in India, who recently lost his four year old daughter in a car accident.

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what we do and how we do it and have a chance to get their questions answered, we don't have to ask for an invitation to their church, they ask us. Pastors, let us know if you are interested in hosting such a gathering when we're in your area. Just give me a call at 800-522-4324.

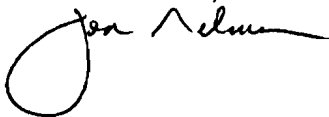
And finally, I want to say a pre-mature thank you to those who will be burdened by what you will read in this issue, and will respond positively. We have a new section called "The Yellow Pages". In upcoming issues we will use these pages to inform you about the special projects of Final Frontiers, and the work of other ministries and missionaries that I know you would want to learn about. Every missionary and ministry cannot afford to print and mail such a publication as this, so we want to be a help to them, as you have been to us. Rather than "letting your fingers do the walking through the yellow pages", we thought we would give you a chance to let your heart get the spiritual exercise, by getting involved with the ministries and projects you will read about in this section of our *Progress Report*. In future issues, we plan to introduce you to American missionaries who work with us as National or Regional Coordinators, without compensation. These are men who have exemplary ministries that will inspire, not only to you, but also to other missionaries who read about them. I know that many of you pastors will want to have them in your church when they are here on furlough.

Satan is always on the attack here, but we don't mind. It just gives us a chance to see how effective the Lord's protection of our ministry really is. Last year for example, our website was under continual attack by hackers, who attempted to break in for no other reason than to destroy it. We endured over 26,000 hacker attempts. In the first week of this year alone, we had another 10,000 attempts. God continues to bless our website with people adding their names to our mailing list and taking on support of a preacher or orphan over the web. I appreciate so much the work of my son Daniel, who built and administers our site.

Finally, I want to say a word of thanks for Pastor Javong in Thailand. He was one of the first church planters we supported. He recently passed away in the mountains of the Golden Triangle, Now he is with his wife, who went before him several years ago and his first sponsor who died five years ago.

Keep us in prayer as we sail off into a new year. We expect to grow more than ever before as the Lord is leading new men to work with us as representatives, here in the States, and more countries are opening to our ministry. You keep praying and giving, and we'll keep working; and together, we'll reap a great harvest for our Lord.

Yours for souls,



A TEAM Report

Vietnam

For more information about TEAM projects,
see page 27

From: Nguyen T.
Location: Undisclosed for security reasons

What was the total amount of TEAM funds received?

\$479.50

What were these funds used for?

Some was used to help preachers who do not have sponsors. Some was used for pastor's widows and some for printing Christian literature and training preachers.

Do you have any special needs we can pray about?

Pray especially for the brothers and sisters in the Central Highland areas, they have experienced much persecution from the Communist government. Please pray also for our preachers who are so faithful in serving the Lord.

Dear TEAM fund sponsors:

On behalf of all those you support here, we would like to send you our love, greetings and appreciation. Because of your prayer and support many have received Jesus Christ and many churches have been planted throughout Vietnam. We thank God for you. We do not know how to express our much appreciation to you and Final Frontiers Foundation but to pray and ask God to bless you and your families. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.



INTERNATIONAL Visionary Trips

- Feb: El Salvador
Romania
Ukraine
Russia
Poland
- Apr: France
England
Morocco
Kenya
Uganda
- May: Italy
Switzerland
- Jul: China
Philippines
- Sep: Chile
Argentina
Brazil
- Oct: India

SCHEDULES

CHURCH MEETINGS

- Jan: Suffolk VA
- Feb: Cottondale AL
Orlando FL
Valdosta, GA
- Mar: St. Matthew's SC
Summerville SC

GET ACQUAINTED MEETINGS for pastors

- Jan: Suffolk VA
Richmond VA
- Feb: Orlando FL

Giving God's Word to God's People

By Jon Nelms

I remember being in a Sunday School class in Rome, Georgia in 1963, with my brother David. At the time, I was eight years old and he was probably eleven. I felt elated that day, being with the "big boys". Wherever he went, I wanted to go, whatever he did, I wanted to do. This was a special day, but I don't remember why. During the assembly the pastor of the church entered to give out Bibles. I don't know what I had done to receive one, and it was certainly not the first Bible I possessed; but yet, I can remember how special it felt. Holding that hard-covered Book of Books in my small hands, flipping to the back and looking at the colored maps of Israel, the Temple, and Paul's journeys. I still have it ... somewhere.



As Jon Nelms teaches in this Bible class in the city of Cienfuegos, Cuba, only one person in the class has their own copy of God's Word.

I remember preparing to go to Bible college at Hyles Anderson in 1973. Leaving home was not that hard, I was after all, very excited to begin my training for full time ministry, and I would see my parents again for Thanksgiving. Leaving church was not that difficult either, I had people who had taken over my duties in the bus ministry and Children's Church. However, leaving my girlfriend Donna, was unbearable.

Donna was one of Curtis Hutson's daughters. For the previous few years, it seemed like I had spent more time at their house than at my own. We were seventeen (yes, I started college early) and in love. Our's was a "puppy love" (a song popular at the time) that knew no fleas. For three months I had existed with a lump in my throat. Leaving for me, was bitter-sweet. I could wait three months to see my parents, but could not imagine three hours without her. On my final date with

Donna, she gave me a beautiful new Bible to carry off to college. The leather edition of that Schofield King James with its gilded pages of gold and study notes, was all that I would need to last me through my four years of "in service training while training for service". To this very day, I still have that Bible ... somewhere.

I once heard someone say that the average American adult Christian has nine Bibles in his home. That is astounding, even if exaggerated. Looking on my shelves as I type, I see eight of my own, not counting the various New Testaments in English and Greek. Well, maybe there is no exaggeration after all. But in fairness, what am I supposed to do with a worn out Bible? Throw it away? Of course not. There is no sin, no crime in owning multiple copies of God's Word. The crime is in not living by what we read and the sin is in not providing it for others.

There is no misunderstanding, no secret among our ranks today, that many Believers, many pastors, do not have a copy of the Bible. I can recall reading stories when I was only twelve years old, of Christians in Communist lands that would make hand-copied editions of the Bible. Writing one page at a time and passing it on to others. I imagined how worn that page must become in a months time of passing from one calloused hand to another and being read in the candle light by hoards of impoverished Believers.

Now that I have been involved in missions for so many years, I have seen other occasions of God's people living without His Book. Not because it was unavailable, but because their poverty did not leave them any funds to own a copy. I remember once in Nicaragua, it was around 1990; the Sandanistas were still in control and many Christians had been slain by the communist troops. We were in a town called Ocatal, where the Sandanista regime had one of its largest interrogation facilities. We were conducting an open air campaign and the walled lot we were using was packed with souls. People sat high up on the walls and



In the Central Highlands of Vietnam, this church assembles for a group picture. Observe how few of them have a Bible.

even climbed trees to be able to hear and to see. It was a precious time, exciting and dangerous and we were so very busy.

One evening, time after time, a messenger was sent imploring us to come to a certain home where a man was sick and wanted us to pray for him and read him God's Word. We were unfortunately, too busy to leave what we were doing. Several hours later, the messenger returned to tell us the man had died. For some reason, upon finally hearing this, we left to find his house. As we entered, it was packed with family and church members who were grieving for the widow and her children. The man was dressed in a worn suit and laid on a simple wooden table in the front room of this little three-room house. There was a white handkerchief tied around his head to hold his mouth closed. Some of the men from his church, in the blackness of night, had already left to dig his grave. The wife, in her distress, asked for us to buy his casket, because she could not afford to bury him. The cost was a mere \$10.00. We purchased one, and gave her funds to help her family for a while. We prayed and then left.



In Guatemala, this older man of the Mam Tribe (one part of the ancient Mayan Empire), stands outside his house, proudly displaying his copy of the Bible.

Looking back on that scene many times over the years, I remember that all he wanted was for us to come to his home and pray with him, and to read to him from the Bible. He wanted, no — he needed the comfort of God's Word in his dying hours. He didn't have his own Bible you see, he was just too poor, and we were just too busy.

No, owing multiple copies of the Bible is not a sin. Thank God for such a free society in which we live. Thank God for the finances to be able to own His Word. But while we are thanking Him, we really should remember those who do not live where we live and have the funds that we have. For so many of them, if they are ever to have a copy of God's Word, some generous Christian must provide it for them. Someone must pay for it and someone must deliver it.

God has opened the door for us to be able to help Chinese preachers own and distribute copies of the Chinese Bible for slightly more than one dollar each. We are adopting this as an ongoing ministry project of our foundation and encourage each of you to participate. In fact beginning this year, we are shifting the main focus of our *Final Frontiers Society* member's funds, from funding our international offices, to this project of purchasing and distributing Bibles in China (and beyond). Each monthly membership offering of \$10.00 will help to put the Bible in the

hands of six to eight Chinese preachers, evangelists and Believers. In other countries, it can purchase as many as 3 to 4 Bibles or half a dozen New Testaments.



The men in this smuggled photo from Vietnam are studying Bibles that have been provided for them. They need copies for their church members as well.

Recently we received this letter from our contact person in China:

"I write this report while teaching in China. It is always so great to be here with the Chinese people. The Christians have been through so much and their faith is so deep. And the Believers have an intense desire to know the

Word of God so they can win others to Christ.

"However, there are many I encounter that have gaps in their understanding of the Christian life and doctrine. I am concerned about their susceptibility to false teachers.

"Consider this, I am meeting with a pastor here in China that is responsible for 140 churches in his county. But it is alarming that only 14 of them have a pastor! People received Christ so quickly in those areas and there are not enough Biblically trained leaders to go around. I am giving out the Bibles as fast they are coming in to these Believers. Many of you have helped to provide copies of the Word of God in the Chinese language. Thank you so much.

"I need about 20,000 more Bibles as soon as possible (they are priced at about a dollar each). I had our discipleship lessons translated into Chinese and I am helping them disciple all these young Believers.

There is so much good work to do.

"The price and the distance to go and get the Bibles, keeps many new churches from getting them. However for the price we listed, we can purchase the Bibles and take the Bibles to the 48 churches we are helping to start, and to the others that have no Bibles. There are so many new Believers. Imagine being in a new church and only the pastor has a Bible. Providing God's Word is so important. For most, it's the first Bible they have ever owned."

We might add here, imagine being in a church and not one member, not even the pastor has a Bible. This is your chance to help get God's Word into the hands of God's people. I implore each of you to make a year's commitment of \$10.00 monthly, by joining the **Final Frontiers Society**. We will use your funds to provide Bibles, primarily in China, but also in other regions of the world.



In Ashiman Ghana, all the preachers at this Bible School have now received their own personal Bibles. Now they need copies to distribute to their people.

Apart from purchasing and delivering God's Word, we must also keep in mind the necessity to provide God's Word as He intended it. In the *Golden Triangle* of Southeast Asia, we began our work slightly more than fifteen years ago. The first tribe we worked with were the Akha. At the time they did not have a single word of Scripture translated in their language. Some of the preachers we support were working on translating a copy of God's Word into their tongue, which at the time was a newly written language. (Up to that point it was merely a spoken language). These men had to devise an alphabet, develop a written language, then begin the process of teaching it to the people.

Due to doctrinal issues, the men we knew were dismissed from the translation work by the liberal denomination that was funding it. This past summer, the Akha Bible was finally finished. The only problem is, that it leaves out references to the virgin birth, blood atonement, etc. What is being distributed as God's Word, only contains His word in a watered down format. Now, our preachers are once again beginning the

process of translating God's Word for the Akha people, in a purer form. Men like Samuel Mani (an English version of his name), who speak Greek and Hebrew, as well as English, and multiple tribal tongues, are working tirelessly on this project. You are invited to help them financially if you like. Final Frontiers Society funding will also help with such projects as this, by purchasing computers and other tools needed to speed along the translation work.

In a short time, we believe, our Lord Jesus is coming back. Our time of service in these bodies is drawing to an end. More than anything else, I want to spend my time and effort and funds, on things that will move when the trumpet blows, not on things that will be left behind. Ten dollars monthly is not a lot, but to many it is a sacrifice. It requires *discipline* to remember to send it; and it requires *commitment* to continue sending it. If you are among the throngs of Christians that only touch a Bible on Sundays, then I don't expect to hear from you. If you are one of the few who cannot live without it on a daily basis; it is your strength, your comfort, the very air you breath; then I believe you can feel the emptiness of life they endure without His Word, and will want to do something about it. I look forward to hearing from you. They look forward to receiving from you. ■

Special Prayer Request:

Dear Friends I am in Indonesia and have received first hand information from Central Sulawesi. There are 63,000 Christians who are in grave danger. I am appealing to the Church worldwide to begin to pray for a miracle of protection for these our brothers and sisters in Christ.

These Christians have only 35 police to protect them from daily attacks against their region. There is a force of about 15,000 well armed Jihad-terrorists who have surrounded the Christian villages. Entire villages have been burned and people are being shot everyday. They are fleeing to other villages in hopes of safety. The Indonesian military have pulled out. The Police have only a few weapons. The roads have been blocked by the Jihad terrorists. The supply of food is dangerously low.

These brave Christians have been the target of the anger of the Jihad terrorist. They have publicly announced that they would make December a "month of blood" and eliminate the "cross bearers" from this region. This crisis in Indonesia may be the most serious threat to innocent people on earth at this time. The terrorists have proclaimed they are followers of Osama Bin Laden.

The Final Frontiers Society ...

"new and improved"

By Jon Nelms

Several years ago we started what became known as the Final Frontiers Society. The purpose was to utilize the funding of the membership to help with emergency needs and to fund our various international offices. This is a needy and worthwhile cause, but it never really caught on, except as a vehicle for people to give when helping out with disaster relief emergencies, like Hurricane Mitch in Honduras. The Society was effectively put on the back burner, except for the few who still contribute to it.

Recently though, the Lord has laid something on my heart and I want to share it with the rest of you, then ask you to help.

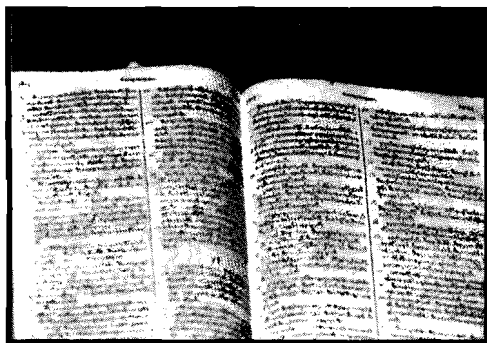
I feel that the purpose of the FFS will be better served if you could more readily see what the funds are going to, and it be a cause that is more in keeping with the burden that we all have for missions. Let's face it, funding international offices is just not glamorous.

Names are important. Just hearing certain words brings to mind the very things they represent. When you hear "Olympics" you think *sports*; when you hear "McDonalds" you think *hamburgers*; when you hear "grits" you think of that deliciously nutritious wonder-food of the deep south (or else you think "what's a grit"). Do you see where I'm going with this?

My hope is that in the future, when you hear the name "*Final Frontiers Society*", you will think **BIBLES**. Some might ask, "why not just fund the Gideons?" Well, many of you are already doing just that; but as viable and valuable as that ministry is, we



This young lady in Nicaragua, clutches her well worn Bible during prayer.



This is a Bible of the Lisu tribe of Thailand and Laos

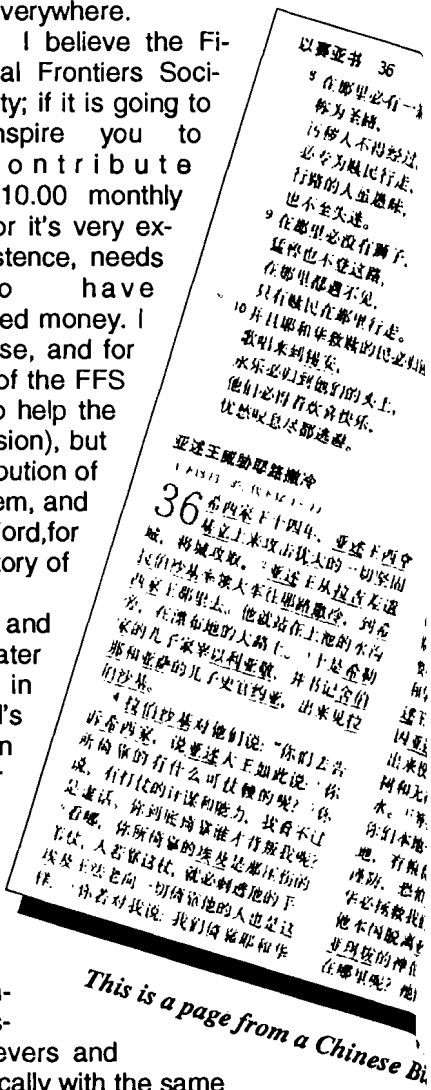
something that is worthy of your hard-earned money. I feel the Lord has led us to just the purpose, and for that reason, I am shifting the entire focus of the FFS to that cause. Yes, we will utilize a little to help the international offices (20% with your permission), but the bulk will go to the purchasing and distribution of Bibles to those who cannot afford to buy them, and to help in the development cost of God's Word, for tribal groups like those listed in the main story of this issue of the Progress Report.

In the story, I have poured out my heart and mind on this subject. I feel there is no greater gift that we can give to a brother or sister in Christ, than their own personal copy of God's pure Word. We would have already been doing more of it, had we known the door was open so wide to us. Like you, I just didn't realize that we weren't "seeing the forest for the trees." Now that I know, I want to see just how many of God's children we can provide with His precious Word. To do that, I need your help.

Beginning January 2002, the Final Frontiers Society will switch its purpose for existence to that of providing Bibles for Believers and non-believers alike. How will we do it? Basically with the same format and philosophy that we use in all our outreach ministries — through the national preachers that we have on hand in those countries. All Bibles and New Testaments purchased will be delivered to the na-

feel there are areas where we have a better opportunity of dispersing God's Word, than perhaps even they do. After all, they can't be everywhere.

I believe the Final Frontiers Society; if it is going to inspire you to contribute \$10.00 monthly for its very existence, needs to have



This is a page from a Chinese Bible

\$20.75 cents from their 10 year old son. I want to share with you what they wrote ... *"Our son Jeffrey does not say much, but one day I came home from work to find a little sack on my bed, with a note taped onto it. The note said, "for Mr. Nelms." In the sack were 19 one-dollar bills and 7 quarters. It was all the money he had earned in the entire year, and when I asked him if he wanted all of it to go to Final Frontiers, he said yes ... When I asked him if he wanted to set aside some for (Christmas) gifts, he said no ... in his heart he had purposed that the money should all go to support the work of a national preacher, somewhere."*

Here is a young lady and little boy who understand why we are here on this earth. Their parent's teaching and example have sealed that truth in their hearts. Don't be surprised if these children turn the world upside down for Christ. They are already well on their way to doing so.

Simply put, to do this, we need your help. I invite you to join with us in becoming a member of the Final Frontiers Society today.

Give the gift of God's Word.

You are invited to join the

Final Frontiers Society

by pledging your monthly gift of \$10.00, for the purchase and distribution of Bibles worldwide.

Please fill out the "Now It's Your Turn" form on page 26 and return it to us with your check, or enroll and contribute online.

80% of your membership funds will be used to purchase and distribute Bibles in China and elsewhere; 20% will be used to help fund our various International Offices.

All members will receive a free copy of the Chinese Bible, which your funds will help to distribute.

Let's Get Acquainted ...

For more information on sponsoring a national preacher, see page 27. “

Preacher's Name:	Santiago Sequeira Rocha
Wife's Name:	Francisca Joya
No. of Children:	4
Country:	Nicaragua
Sponsorships Needed:	one @ \$35.00

Testimony:

I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ on November 8, 1985. Christ liberated me from the devil's claws that day. Since that day I have been saved through Christ Jesus' blood which He shed on the cross for me.

In April of 1987 God called me to work in His wonderful ministry. My family and I have been blessed

even though things are not easy all the time. He uses experiences in our lives to bring us blessings in a great way. My family and I are ready to continue ahead. My home and I will serve Jehovah. My wife Francisca Joya is also called to the Lord's work and labor. I am most thankful to God for giving me a very good and loving wife who is so devoted to the Lord's service. She always encourages me in the moments of discouragement and is my GREATEST help.

I am involved in several different outreach ministries. We have a film team, do literature distributions, discipleship, radio ministry, evangelism and prison ministry. I have also helped to train others for the ministry as well. I have started several churches and already trained a number of men for the ministry.



A message of some urgency ...

We recently had two supporting churches experience financial difficulties. One cut back on the number of preachers they support by 15, but they are still supporting 69. The other was supporting 8 preachers. If you would like to support one or more of these, please call our office and ask for Grayson.

Preacher's Name:	Dmytro Nikolayenko
Wife's Name:	not married yet
Number of Children:	none
Country:	Ukraine
Sponsorships Needed:	two @ \$35.00

Testimony:

When I was 16 years old, I left my home in Eastern Ukraine and went to live in the city of Lviv. I was basically homeless as I had run out of money and could not get a job because of my age. At that point, I did not know what to do or where to go.

One day I was sitting in the center of the city and heard a man talking to a crowd of people. I came near to them to listen. He was talking about God. When he finished he came to me and asked me if I wanted to go with him to a Bible study. I went. That night, for the first time, I heard about Jesus and the Bible.

The people I met with were missionaries, working with a pastor that had just moved to the Ukraine from Russia to start a church and Bible college. I started to attend regularly and finally accepted Christ as my Savior. I signed up for the Bible school and it was there that God spoke to me and I knew He was calling me to be a pastor.

I am now 25 years old and involved in church planting, open-air evangelism and other types of ministry. I also serve as the director of the Bibles School. In this capacity I take the students on mission trips throughout the Ukraine. My goal is to be available to my people 24 hours a day, but for now I have to work at part time jobs to help support myself.

I rent a room in a brick house that has two rooms and a kitchen. There is no hot water or bath. The toilet is outside. I have worked along with our team, in starting four churches, all in the Ukraine



Missions in the 21st Century

by an anonymous pastor

A Proper Attitude about Giving

- Earnest Hemingway once said ...
"Money is important, with it you can support those things that are more important than money."
- John Wesley wrote ...
"Gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can."
- C.T. Studd said ...
"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice is too great for Him."

Studd was a world champion cricket player in Britain in the 1800s. His popularity in that day was perhaps equal to that of Michael Jordan's today. When Studd's father died, he inherited \$150,000.00, which was an enormous amount of money in those days. Not wanting to clutter up his life, Studd decided to invest his money with God. He sent some of the inheritance to Hudson Taylor who had organized the China Inland Mission; part to William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army; and part of it to Evangelist D.L. Moody, to start a work in India.

After completing all of his giving, Studd had only a few dollars left. He gave it to his wife as a gift on their wedding day. Her repose was, *"The rich young ruler was asked to give his all."* Having taken this attitude, they agreed to send the remaining dollars to Booth as well - anonymously.

Many people do not know this small remaining fact. At the time Studd was giving away his fortune, he was preparing to leave, with his new wife, as a missionary to the Middle East. He gave away his entire fortune to other mission and evangelistic organizations, not keeping any for his own personal ministry. His fortune and life were spent not only in taking the Gospel to others, but also in providing a way for others to take the Gospel to those whom he could not reach.

A Proper Attitude about Going

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army in the slums of London in 1865, labored under the slogan, *"Going to the least, the last, the lost."*

In 1922, John R. Mott pleaded with the American churches to send 10,000 missionaries to Japan, Korea, China and the Philippines. He stated that if we did not, we would later have to send a million bayonets. His plea was largely ignored. 19 years later, his prediction came true. ■

Welcome New Sponsors

Sponsor:	Preacher / (Orphan):	Country:
Hal and Donna McPherson Suffolk, VA	• Vasily Lastochkin	• Russia
Earl and Marie Pope Carrollton, VA	• Pannirubabu Vamuru	• India
Gary Justice Justice, WV	• Samuel Yee-Mani	• Thailand
Pastor and Mrs. Glenn Yoder Maywood, MO	• Tu-Lu Ajaw	• Thailand
Mr. And Mrs. Richard Nagengast Burton, MI	• Phantawit Worrawiwat	• Thailand
Mr. And Mrs. Elmer Kemp Chattanooga, TN	• Soonthorn Kamma	• Thailand
Lupton Drive Baptist Church Chattanooga, TN	• Soonthorn Kamma	• Thailand
Robert and Janna Holland Louisville, KY	• Paul Paras Raman	• Fiji
Medina Federated Church Hudson, MI	• Brother Lee #6 • Brother Pu #20	• China • China
Jeffrey and Joye Ballard Lindley, NY	• V. Syam (Child Care) • Meenyu Jose (Child Care)	• India • India
Ken and Linda Bunner Louisville, KY	• Nguyen Khac Xuan	• Vietnam
Ron and Linda Morgan Louisville, KY	• Abraham Sutta	• India
David and Teresa Pierce Louisville, KY	• Denys Roberto Munos	• Honduras
Hugh and Norma McCollum Fairdale, KY	• Nary Tang	• Cambodia
Gift of God Ministries Pembroke Pines, FL	• Joel Monotilla • Efrain Pedro Lorenzo • Nghia Xuan Pham • Sunanda Rao Vempati	• Philippines • Guatemala • Vietnam • India
Pete and Maggie Clark Crossville, TN	• P.V. Leena (Child Care)	• India
Tim and Cherie Rice Suffolk, VA	• David Edwards	• Grenada

2001 - The Year in Review

At this time of year, it is good to reflect on all that God has done using us as His tools to accomplish His work. In none of this should any mention or assumption of credit be given to the tool. All glory goes to the *Architect!* The Father laid out His plan and sent His son Jesus to be the foundation of His kingdom. After Christ's departure, He commissioned His Spirit to oversee the work of His masterpiece, and chose and equips us as both the building materials and laborers in His eternal project.

Jesus came to earth doing nothing more and nothing less than what He was commissioned to do by His Father (John 4:34, 5:36). He came of His own free will in order to do what He knew would be pleasing to His Father; to do what He knew His Father wanted Him to do; to do what *only* He could do. His every action was a selfless abandon of His own will and an obedience to the described plan of His Father. Every word he spoke came not from within his own mind, but from the direct command of His Father to "say this ..." (John 12:49-50).

His prerogative was not to please us, but to please His Father. He taught us to seek the Father's face, to listen to the Father's voice, to obey the Father's commands, to do the Father's will, to glorify the Father in all we do. And when it was time for Him to go back to His Father, He introduced to us the Holy Spirit, whom like He, was sent by the Father, to remind us of what Jesus had taught us (John 15:26), to guide us by continuing the instruction from the



Jon Nelms

Statistics for the year 2001 (rounded):

	Saved	Bap- tized	Villages Evangelized	Churches Started
Total	50,044	19,539	7,942	1,983
Monthly Average	4,1707	1,628	662	165
Daily Average	137	54	22	5

Statistics since our beginning in December 1986:

Total	493,260	159,050	61,257	15,757
Daily Average	90	29	11	3

Father; speaking only what the Father wills Him to speak (John 16:13), and to comfort us.

But what comfort is spoken of here? If you read the sixteenth chapter of John, you will see that the disciples were troubled beyond measure because they had just come face to face with the reality that Jesus was leaving them. He who had been their *Light*, their *Bread*, their *Living Water*, their *Shepard*, their *Peace* - was leaving. They would have none of Him any longer. They must have instantly felt their hearts dissolve in their inner beings. He who was their joy, was leaving. Thus, Christ told them that He would send them "another comforter" to take His place, One who would empower them to do more than He had done because now, the presence of God would not just walk beside them in the body of Christ, it would walk within them, in the Person of the Holy Spirit. Their comfort then, upon receiving the Holy Spirit, was as quickly restored as it was lost. What they had *heard* Jesus teach, they now *understood*. What they had been *afraid* to proclaim in Jesus' presence, they would *boldly* carry to the ends of the earth.

Many of us today do not find, nor have ever found our joy in Jesus as the disciples did. For this reason, we cannot fully grasp the reality of what the Holy Spirit is able and desirous to do within us. We fret and worry, we dabble in spirituality and devour the things of the world. We spend more time gossiping about others than we do glorifying God. We who have been redeemed, seem to live in rebellion; not against God, for we would not dare, but against the way God told us to live, illustrated by the life of Christ, and empowered by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Let us always remember that we are here for a purpose. It is not to amass wealth, to gain the honor of men, nor even to live in peace. We are here to glorify the Father. Our words, thoughts and actions should be always deliberate, always focused, always prescribed to bring Him glory.

I thank God for using us as a tool. We deserve no credit for what the Builder has used us to accomplish. The credit belongs to Him and to Him alone; and should any spill over, it should be on the preachers that did the work and those of you who supported them to do it. May God be praised throughout eternity by all we do and seek to do in the coming year, and all we have done in the years past.

From Him the power, to Him the glory! ■

Where we serve:
as of Jan. 2002.
Latin America:
Mexico
Cuba
Guatemala
El Salvador
Honduras
Nicaragua
Costa Rica
Peru
Chile
Columbia
Ecuador
Venezuela
Brazil
Argentina
Caribbean:
St. Vincent
St. Lucia
Grenada
Pacifica:
Fiji
Africa:
Kenya
Uganda
South Africa
Nigeria
Togo
Ivory Coast
Ghana
Liberia
Burkina
Morocco
Sudan
Asia:
India
Myanmar
Thailand
Laos
Cambodia
Vietnam
China
Philippines
Nepal
Europe/Eurasia:
France
Romania
Albania
Russia
Georgia
Latvia
Lithuania
Hungary
Belarus
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Siberia
Switzerland
Ukraine

Child Care *International*

For more information on sponsoring a child see page 27

Name: P.D. Revindran
Location: Kerela, India
Status: Destitute
Birth date: August 14, 1987

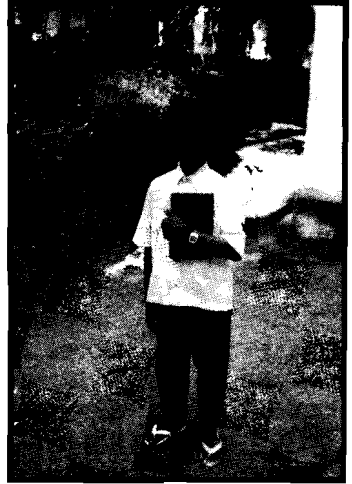
His letter:

Revindran's sick mother is unable to work and feed the children. His father separated from his wife and took another lady and is living in another state in India, having no contact with his family at all.

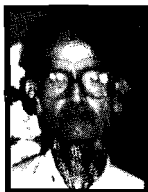
This mother and her children are suffering without any care. Having no food is the major factor in their lives. The mother is sick and not able to pay for the education of her needy children. She doesn't even have money to buy them a pair of clothes. Their life was a miserable one.

One of our co-pastors, who is sponsored by Final Frontiers, named Joy Kutty V.M., visited their home and found the situation of these suffering children. He brought Revindran to our Compassion Orphanage. We have seen the miserable situation of this child and admitted him in our charitable institution. In fact, Revindran is looking forward to a mission minded sponsor to provide his daily needs such as food, medication, clothes and education. Ours is a faith ministry and we look to the Lord alone for our daily needs for these children. We pray that the Lord will raise a Christian friend to support Revindran.

Revindran has accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and is ready for baptism. He is active in the church services. He has no physical or mental handicaps and his favorite color is yellow. He has two sisters and one brother who still live with them mother. Pray for these children and for their needs to be met.



From the Mail Bag



From: Gurrām Nukaraju

Sponsored by: Willie Chance

Note: *This letter was written by Nukaraju's wife, and gives great insight into the lives of poor women in India.*

India



Last trimester:

churches
started - 1

villages
evangelized - 1

people
saved - 15

converts
baptized - 15

I shall explain my routine life while thanking you very much for helping me regularly.

We use firewood to cook our food. In India most of our villages are not electrified, so we do not even know what is an electric stove and what is a gas stove and how to cook on them. But we heard in big cities and in rich people's houses, they use these stoves.

Now a days the price of the firewood became very expensive. So whenever we find time, we will go to the forest area to collect pieces of wood where we can get it freely. We bring the load back by carrying it on our heads and use it for cooking. Not only me, but many of our village people pool up the firewood for the rainy season.

During last month when I went to collect the firewood under a tree, all of a sudden a poisonous snake by the name of Cobra suddenly feel on me and bit me (*or tried to bite her, we cannot tell by her writing*). Without knowing that it was a snake I just shook off my hand and it fell to the ground and went to its dwelling place. This is noticed by several villagers who have accompanied me. They know that I am a Pastor's wife, but still they told me to worship the snake god or otherwise it will come to my house and bite me. Hindu people believe the snake gods and worship the snakes in India. They even celebrate festivals for snakes. For some days no one came to my house even to talk to me, suspecting that I will die with the bite of the snake. They waited for some days but nothing happened to me. Praise God. Now they began to recognize (or acknowledge) our Savior who protected me and who saved me from danger.



From: Bandi Peda Murthy
Sponsored by: Eric Cutright

I am very much pleased to thank you very much for your prayers and for your help.

Recently I had a wonderful experience. When I went to preaching, I had a strange experience. Of course regularly I am facing many experiences and difficulties which are very common for Christian Preachers in India. But this time I was asked by man to visit their village for preaching. I went to that village but I had to preach only to one family, just the wife and husband. I expected more people. The one who invited me expected more people and felt very bad for his own people, who promised him of their presence. Anyhow I appreciated his desire for knowing Christ.

When we were returning after leading these people to Christ, we happened to see a very big accident that took place just before our arrival. A bus and a truck both were collided. More than sixty people in the bus received major and minor injuries. We helped them and consoled them. One old man about 60 years of age was in a very critical condition. I understood the situation and requested him to accept Christ. I begged him to say a word of thanks to God. Within ten minutes he accepted Christ and when I said "Amen" (at the end of praying), he collapsed and died.

Praise God for his soul. I expect that he is right now with our Lord Jesus. I felt very happy for saving one soul just before his death.

Note:

Here is the beauty of supporting a national preacher. This preacher was on the right road, at the right time, in a remote region. He knew what to do and was not hindered by either cultural or language barriers.

We should not support national preachers to the exclusion of American missionaries, but neither should we support Americans to the exclusion of nationals. We all have a place on the body of Christ.



Last trimester:

churches
started - 1

villages
evangelized - 1

people
saved - 16

converts
baptized - 16

Now it's your turn...

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (office) _____

Please contact me about hosting a ***missions prayer meeting*** in my home. I have friends I would like to invite to hear a ministry presentation.

Check here if this is a new address or phone number.

I like what Final Frontiers is doing around the world and I feel led of the Lord to help out.

Please find enclosed my donation of: \$ _____

for the following worker _____

for the following project: _____

I am interested in making a monthly commitment to this ministry. Please send me information on the following:

- **Sponsoring a national preacher**
(\$35.00 monthly)
- **Sponsoring a country's TEAM**
(minimum of \$10.00 monthly per country)
- **Sponsoring an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child**
(\$35.00 monthly)
- **Sponsoring the Final Frontiers home office**
(any amount)
- **Membership in the Final Frontiers Society**
(\$10.00 monthly)

Sponsorship Information

To obtain further information on sponsorship, refer to the "Now It's Your Turn" voucher on page 26, or call us at 1-800-522-4324.

1 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 72% of the funding in cash and 28% is used for operating expenses. Of the 28%, nearly half is forwarded to the preacher "in kind" (postage fees, film and access to cameras to take pictures for their sponsors, travel costs, etc.).

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.

2 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 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

3 Sponsorship of **Child Care**, gives assistance to an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child. The \$35.00 monthly sponsorship provides for lodging, food, clothing, basic medical care, and educational assistance.

All orphanages and home placement programs 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.

4 Membership in the **Final Frontiers Society** is \$10.00 monthly and is used to purchase and distribute Bibles and to fund our international offices. Many national pastors and Believers do not own copy of God's Word. FFS membership funds, help to turn the dream of having their own Bible, into a reality.

Reports from the FINAL FRONTIERS

Reports received since last
Progress Report
indicate there were ...

298 Churches Started
926 Villages Evangelized
4,098 Professions of Faith
1,955 Believers Baptized

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

15,757 Churches Started
61,257 Villages Evangelized
493,260 Professions of Faith
159,050 Believers Baptized

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

855 Preachers Supported
1,056 Preacher Sponsorships
104 *TEAM* Sponsorships
48 Orphans Supported
52 Countries involved in

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