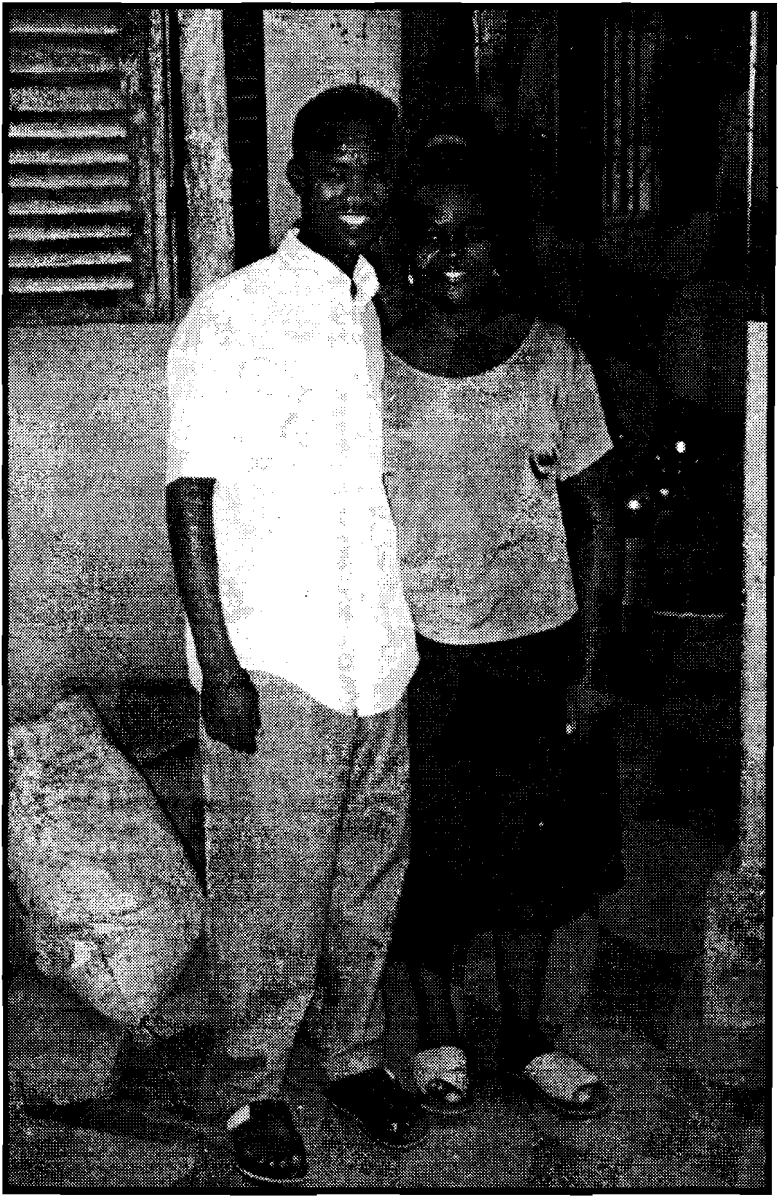


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PROGRESS REPORT



Koffi Gamele, affectionately known as "Super" Koffi, is pictured above with his wife. Koffi is one of five young pastors in Togo who has been trained for ministry by Pastor Luigi Palmieri, a French missionary to Togo. These five men make up the "Dream Team" of missions in Togo. (cover story p. 7)

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MINISTRY INFORMATION...

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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 through 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)
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The Jon Nelms family report



Things have really been busy here since our return home. Now that word has gotten out that we're back, pastors are calling for meetings at their churches (thank you!), visitors from other countries have stopped in, couples interested in representing Final Frontiers come by to learn our methods and pick up tips on getting meetings, etc., and requests from other preachers in need arrive continually.

Besides all this we have worked to produce a new:

- Ministry brochure
- Child Care brochure
- Bulletin inserts (color) for use one and two weeks prior to a meeting at churches
- Redesigned and upgraded our national preacher portfolios
- Created an extensive Child Care application and improved the accountability structure for this program. *(We will now require medical and educational reports for the sponsors as well as annual photographs. It will be a lot of work, but we know that the sponsors put in a lot of work at their jobs to have the funds to help these kids. They deserve the additional information.)*

I know all that doesn't sound like much, unless you have experience in graphic work and writing, then you have an idea of how many hours go into these types of projects.

All this is being done to insure that we are offering the best possible service to our Lord's servants, and the highest level of accountability to the sponsors who help us make this ministry possible.

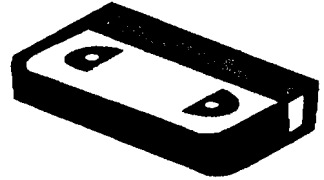
Now I want to let you in on a little secret. Several months ago, one of our board members, Dr. Ron Charles, who happens to be an archaeologist, was telling me about a situation in a certain area of the world that just shook me to the core. It seemed too incredible to believe; too horrible to even imagine. As he told me the stories, I found that I could think of nothing else but the plight of God's servants in that particular situation and I wanted to help, but we did not have a way that

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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.

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could be trusted. Well, this week it seems that the wind of the Holy Spirit has blown the door of opportunity right off its hinges! God has provided a way; now we must rely on Him to provide the means.

I know this is terrible to give you this teaser without fully informing you, but I just cannot at this time (in print). To do so would jeopardize the project and the pastors. Be sufficed to know that we are working to see all the pieces come together. It will be risky for us, and we could all find ourselves in a foreign jail cell, but I am willing and Ron is willing, so we are going ahead with it. As time approaches, I'll give you more details, and inform you more fully when the project is completed. Just pray!

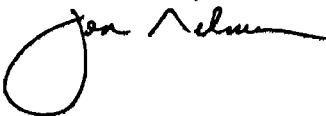
It seems now also, that the Lord may be opening the doors for us to support preachers in North Korea. Of course this would be covertly, just as we do in China and in Vietnam. This too has been a long time desire for me, so I am thrilled at the possibility.

As you read further in this issue, you will also see that we are preparing to raise support for preachers in the country of Burkina Faso in West Africa. As we step out to commit to this project, I hope one of you will step out on faith as well, to provide a ministry subsidy for an approved preacher, by your support.

In September, I am returning to Thailand for the 15th anniversary of the beginning of our ministry. From there I will go to Myanmar and visit with the preachers. Please keep me in your prayers, and keep up your support for your preacher and this ministry. We need all the help you can give us.

If God wills, I will be traveling to the Middle East in January, to lay the groundwork to begin supporting our first preachers among the Arab nations. Then in the Spring, I will be going to establish a Final Frontiers office in Southern France. We have a growing number (though still small) of European families and churches that are interested in joining with our sponsors here in the States. They are eager for the opportunity to help support national preachers. We have tentatively selected an English speaking, French preacher to represent our Foundation to the churches in Western Europe, so I must give him some training. You will have to remember to pray for me then as I "suffer" in the ministry along the Mediterranean coast!

Yours for souls,



A TEAM Report

Hungary

From: Pastor Tiborc Ga'l
Location: Budapest

What was the total amount of TEAM funds received?

We don't remember the sum but we got it all.

What were these funds used for?

For the maintenance servicing of the car we use. For the ministry in Sreikes Jevohvar

Do you have any special needs we can pray about?

Please pray for the summer period that there may be a revival in Sreikes Jevohvar and in the whole country. Pray for Tibore in the following month because he will lead the church while Pastor Kende goes to the conference.

Dear TEAM fund sponsors:

Thank you for your sacrificial giving. We take this sum as a love gift from God. But we know that it comes through your hard working hands and a giving heart. Thank you.

These are special days for us. The church is growing and there is a great hunger for God. There was a baptism this week. Seven people got baptized. Praise the Lord.

We are very happy as a family too. Our little son is eleven months old. Please pray for us.

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 "Sponsorship Information" page.

The DREAM TEAM

written by:

*Rev. Gordon Daam,
Former missionary to Africa
Director of African Expansion*

Quite a few years ago, the Olympic committee issued a ruling that made it possible for professional basketball players to represent the USA on the Olympic team. It was a big deal to a lot of sports fans. The media began to refer to the team as the **DREAM TEAM**.



Gordon Daam sharing a meal with Luigi and Pastor Guy.

I don't know what the dream was. The USA has won the Olympic basketball Gold Medal every time but once. Winning the gold was not a dream, more like a lock.

On my January 2001 trip to Togo, I saw the dream of some faithful missionaries, and began to see the 5 young men they had trained as their **DREAM TEAM**.



Pastor Luigi Palmeiri is seen here doing what he frequently does... counseling a young man.

Ten years ago, Luigi and Isabelle Palmeiri moved from France to French speaking Togo as missionaries. They imme-

diately started a church and a Bible School. God sent them teenage boys. Many boys, but only boys. So many boys in fact, that adults would visit the church and leave saying "This is a youth ministry". Like Jesus holding in his hands 5 loaves and 2 fishes, Luigi and Isabelle worked with what they had. Now, 10 years later, 5 of those young men, like cream, have risen to the top. They have all graduated from Bible School, they have all successfully started churches, and they were all to be ordained to the gospel ministry in July of 2001.

This is the launch of a Final Frontiers partnership with the ministry of the Greater Grace World Outreach of Togo. With this article, I present to you the *DREAM TEAM* of Togo. Messan Amekpe, Guy Bouwissiwe, Jean Paul Amegbor, Koffi Gamele, and Paul Kpetsi.

Paul Kepetsi:

Luigi and I drove North out of Lome the capital city, about 35 miles to Tsevie. It is a typical African town of cement walled buildings badly in need of paint, with rusting corrugated iron roofs. We turned West off the main road into a residential area of tiny 12'x12' houses on grassless lots. This is the home town of Paul Kepetsi.



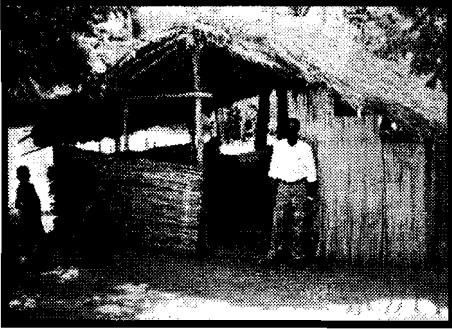
Pastor Palmieri, Paul Kepetsi, and Paul's family are pictured here in Paul's home.

Paul moved to the city looking for work and met Luigi. He was saved and immediately started attending the Bible School. The schooling took 4 years and during that time, Paul traveled back to his home town every week to conduct a Bible study. After graduation in 1999, Paul and his young family moved back to Tsevi, to develop the Bible study into a church. The church now numbers 80-90 in attendance. They have started another church 5 miles East and a new Bible study in a village to the west. Paul receives no money from his church. It is not that the members do not give, rather, he chooses for the offerings to be used for rent and the building fund. I asked Paul how he would spend the money if I could find him a supporter. He said his family would eat a little better. He would also buy desks for a Christian day school, and give transport money to men from his church who attend the Bible

School in Lome.

Guy Bouwissiwe:

Two years ago Luigi sent his Bible School students out for 2 weeks in groups of three. They carried with them only a bedroll, teaching materials, and enough money for a one way bus ticket - out not back. Patterned after the sending of the twelve in Matthew 10, and the sending of the 72 in Luke 10, this exercise was called "Adventure of Faith."



Guy Bouwissiwe is seen here standing in front of his reed and thatch church in the village of Hagou.

Two churches were started as a result of that "Adventure of Faith", and one of them was in Mome Hagou village. Mome Hagou means "wild pig trap", and that was the traditional village enterprise, but the pigs are gone and the village is poor economically and spiritually. Guy is a single man living in a one room rented apartment, two miles from the church. The land lord practices voodoo. There were even mud idols built into the foundation of Guy's apartment.

Guy has been living here, far from friends and family, since August of 2000. The Catholic church is the largest in the area and wields power over the people. Last Christmas Eve, for example, they broke up the meeting at Guy's church, turning over benches and driving the people out into the night. If a teenager comes to church on his own, the family will force him to make a voodoo sacrifice in penance. If he or she refuses they are disowned by the family and cast out.

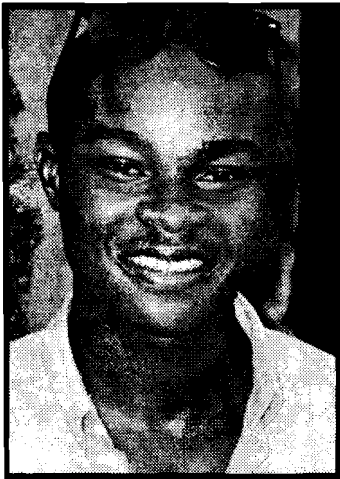
The church has about 40 members now. Guy goes out visiting Sunday afternoon, all day Monday, Tuesday morning, and with church members on Thursday afternoon. Guy could really use a bicycle, which costs less than \$100.00, but he does not have the funds to purchase one.

Mome Hagou village is so poor that most children over 12 are

living on their own. They eat one meal a day so they can buy clothes and pay school fees. If Guy had a supporter, he would buy land for the church so they could co-operatively farm to feed themselves and their pastor.

Koffi Gamele:

By coincidence there were many Koffi's in the Bible School, so like a *DREAM TEAM* basketball player, Koffi was given a nickname. Everyone calls him "*Super Koffi*". Super Koffi started the church on the "*Adventure in Faith*" where Guy is now, and has recently been transferred to Kagome church. This church is near the terminal where petroleum from tanker ships is pumped into tanker trucks for distribution inland. It is a smelly, but busy and densely populated area, that attracts everything from restaurants to prostitutes.



Messan Amekpe has 55 members in his church and has been serving there for two years.

We had to travel through the terminal, of easily 300 waiting tanker trucks, to find the church. This group is reminded every Sunday that the church is a body of believers not a building, because what I found was just a lot that was all sand, with a tent in the middle. If they get a long term lease on the lot, they will raise funds for improvements in this order: first an outhouse, then electricity, walls, a cement floor, and finally a roof. Until then, the tent is a good size and "stands" 200 as there are no seats.

Next we went to Super Koffi's house where I met his bride (as of last Christmas) and was served a traditional meal of pounded yams. What a gracious couple they were. How excited they are at the rapid growth of their church. I barely noticed the hard seats on the wooden frame furniture. When they have extra money, he told me, they will buy the cushions.

Messan Amekpe:

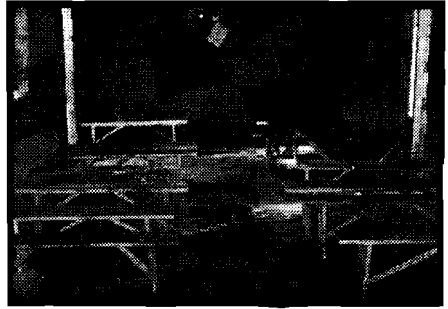
Of Messan, I took the most pictures but the fewest notes. His situation is similar to Guy's. He is single, living in a rural village where the other "*Adventure in Faith*" church was started. The main difference

is that this village, Sabagan, is located near a phosphate mine and the villagers are mostly employed. Messan has been there two years and has a church of 55. Messan is an exceptional housekeeper for a single man and has made many improvements to his rented two-room apartment, like screens in the windows, flowers, and an arbor covered with vines. You cannot imagine the relief this offers from the hot African sun.

Jean Paul Amegbor:

The last member of the *DREAM TEAM* is Jean Paul. I teasingly called him the "Pope of Burkina Faso", because of his name and because Jean Paul has become the first missionary sent out from the Togo church. Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) is the country just to the North of Togo. Final Frontiers emphasizes that we don't support men who *want* to be church planters, we only support men who already *are* church planters. In the case of this group, Final Frontiers has yet to support any of these five church planters in Togo, and yet, they have already sent a church planter to the next country! I have no idea how this is accomplished because no one seems to have any money, but Jean Paul has located in the capital city and has started 2 churches and a Bible School in one year's time. He also has Bible studies in 3 other locations as well. I was able to hear Jean Paul preach at a midweek service and I was very impressed. The maturity, dedication, and Bible knowledge of all these young men is amazing considering their ages.

This trip was taken in January and this article was



This is an inside photograph of the church pastored by Messan in Sabagan.



With meek accommodations in his two room apartment, Messan studies and prepares his sermons at this tiny desk. Beside his desk you can see his "water cooler", a single bottle. Note also that he has a lantern for night study because there is no electricity. His bed is also in his "office".

written in May and will be printed in August. For four months, I have been praying that these five men, my *DREAM TEAM*, will all get supporters in 2001. Hopefully they will, as a result of so many friends of Final Frontiers who care about National Pastors, reading this article.

Would you please consider sponsoring one of these young dedicated preachers in Togo? Perhaps you know someone who might be interested in supporting one of these men.

Feel free to call me evenings at 616-327-9192 if you have any questions, or call the Final Frontiers' office at 1-800-522-4324 if you would like to join in support of this *DREAM TEAM*.



At the entrance to Sabagan Village is a voodoo shrine. These are the powers of darkness that grip the West African people and with which the Servants of God must do battle daily.

Postscript:

(Of a total of 10 sponsorships needed for these five preachers, as of the printing of this Report, we have one sponsorship. Praise God!)

God has given Gordon and his wife a tremendous burden for the peoples of Africa. Many people talk about their burdens but Gordon does something about his. He is tireless in his prayers and works with great dedication to find, approve and publicize preachers in need of support.

Years ago I spent time with a missionary from a well known fundamental board. He told me that he had been in the same country in West Africa for 22 years and had never had a visit from the African Director of his board. As startling as that sounds, it is unfortunately not uncommon. To the contrary, Gordon makes trips to Africa annually, and for the most part, at his own expense. He is not a wealthy man, and in fact, only has an income nine or ten months of the year. He and his wife sacrifice in order to fulfill their responsibilities to our foundation, our sponsors and the preachers we support.

In addition to Gordon's oversight, each national and regional coordinator with whom we work, lives on location and works with the preachers under his care on a daily basis. There could not possibly be a greater level of accountability for the sponsor, apart from actually living on the field with the preachers you personally support. ■

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: Sunanda Rao Vempati
Wife's Name: Aruna Kumari.
No. of Children: 3
Country: India
Sponsorships Needed: two @ \$35.00

Testimony:

I was born into a nominal Christian family where my father led a very bad life. I lived like him. One day my father heard the Word of God and it changed him. When I saw the miraculous change in his life, I wondered a lot. My father went to church every Sunday.

After completing my studies I went to Bible school for a six month course. I attended the revival meetings and during that time, I met and married a Christian girl. While I was doing God's ministry one day, I realized that I needed to confess Jesus as my Lord. I confessed all my sins, and was baptized. From then on I have been visiting and preaching the Word. God is using me powerfully in His ministry. Please pray for me as I minister.

My wife is happy to share her salvation experience. One day she heard the pastor preach a message on salvation and after hearing the message, she knelt down, prayed and accepted Christ. A new change came into her life. She feels that it is God's will that led us to be husband and wife. She is a great help to me in my ministry since I am crippled. I have led 400 souls to the Lord and 200 have been baptized. I have started three churches and am training six men for the ministry.

We live in a small, thatched roof, mud house which we rent. We are unable to grow our own food and sometimes cannot afford to purchase it. Our favorite foods are idly, chapathi, rice, curry and pickled butter milk. Please pray for a church building which is needed for worship services and for a bicycle for my rural ministry. Your support would be much appreciated.



Preacher's Name: Richard Wasike Wanyama
Wife's Name: Jane Nasimiyu Wasike
Number of Children: 2
Country: Kenya
Sponsorships Needed: one @ \$35.00

Testimony:

In 1992, a local pastor of the Bible Baptist Church made a visit to our home. It was the evening of January 18. The day was hot and so I was resting in my bedroom and heard my wife welcoming three strangers. Meanwhile, she had a short conversation with them, then requested me to greet the visitors. The pastor requested to read the Word of God together. After some time, he asked me if I can accept Jesus Christ as my Savior and I did.



In January of the next year I was very interested in the Word of God. My pastor invited me to join our Bible Baptist Institute where I attended for three years and graduated as Pastor in January 1996. Then I opened a new church at Bendera.

My wife used to tell me about God but I ignored her. She prayed every day for my salvation and God answered her prayers. I then recognized her salvation at the time I got saved. Since that time, we have been working hand in hand to lift the Word of God.

Our ministry involves church planting, Bible translating, tribal evangelism, discipleship, slum ministries, prison ministries and of course, children's ministries. I have led 610 people to Christ working with other pastors and with my personal witness. I speak five languages: English, Kiswahili, Kalenjin, Turkana and Luhya, which is my native tongue.

I pray for your great mission of helping servants of Christ in all the world and especially this western part of Kenya. May the Spirit of God lead you and me to share the blessings of the Word of God and serve him faithfully and spiritually.

Missions in the 21st Century

by an anonymous pastor

Seeking the Kingdom ...

Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount to seek "first" the kingdom of God. There is a sense of urgency in this that drives us to do it NOW, before it's too late. If we seek other things first, ahead of the kingdom, we may suddenly discover one day that we have missed the opportunity. Who knows what tomorrow may bring?

I heard the story of an incident that occurred in a very elegant home where several families had been invited to a dinner party. As everyone was mixing and mingling and enjoying themselves, then came the piercing scream of one small child. It seems he had gotten his hand stuck in a very expensive vase and couldn't get it out. His panicked cries only caused the adults to panic too. But try as they might, they couldn't get his stuck hand out of the vase. Finally, the host said, "We'll just have to smash the vase." When they did, that the pieces shattered in every direction, it was then that they discovered that the little boy's fist was tightly wrapped around a single penny he had seen at the bottom of the vase. That was why he couldn't get his hand out!

Is that not true with many of us today? So often we shatter the truly beautiful things of life in our overpowering love for money. What is more precious than souls? Yet we hold on to material things and won't let them go, while souls are perishing.

John Knox pleaded on his knees, *"Give me Scotland or I die."* Hudson Taylor, as a young man in England cried to God, *"I feel that I cannot go on living unless I do something for China."* Robert Arthington could not go overseas but, through sacrifice, helped send others. He lived in a single room, cooked his own meals, and gave over \$500,000.00 to missions. At the end of his life he wrote, *"Gladly would I again make the floor my bed, a box my chair and table, rather than that men should perish for want of the knowledge of the Savior."*

Late one night, a concerned lighthouse keeper watched as a violent storm erupted at sea. Suddenly the seasoned keeper saw the faint SOS of a ship in distress. Instinctively he turned to his young apprentice and commanded, "let's go!" Horrified, the apprentice retorted, "But sir, if we go out there, we may never come back." The old keeper of the lighthouse paused and put his hand on the young man's shoulder and said, "Son, we have to go out,. We don't have to come back."

We must help our national preachers man the lighthouses of their lands. ■

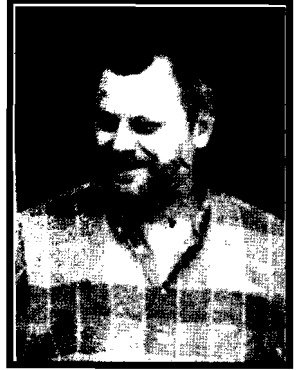
Welcome New Sponsors

- **Charles Northam: Tahlequah, OK**
Sponsored: Charles Odatto Sikoyo from Kenya
- **Paul and Shirley Mauriala: Isanti, MN**
Sponsored: Anand Messiah Pulapaka from India
- **Terry Schamp: Parkersburg, WV**
Sponsored: Rmah Bling from Vietnam
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Ai Daw Shein from Myanmar
Nguyen Trung Thong from Vietnam
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- **Jean E. Brito: Lawrence, MA**
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- **Lloyd and Marilyn Dow: Kalamazoo, MI**
Sponsored: Paul Kossi Takou Kpetsi from Togo
Koffie Gamele Houssounoukpe from Togo
- **Steve and Helene Braddy: Warren, MI**
Sponsored: R'com Nen from Vietnam
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R'com Nen from Vietnam
Vandanamu Kondapogu from India
Sunanda Rao Vempati from India

"In - Home" - missions prayer meetings

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shown toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10

This is a well known verse, often quoted by our preachers when they send in their reports to their individual sponsors. It says a mouthful doesn't it? But in reading the passage, I find the verses preceding and following shed additional light on this passage. Verse 9 describes this as an action that "accompanies salvation". In verse 11-12 we read that this action should be emulated by all of us, because of the hope that is in us. And further, that we should not be slothful in doing it.



Jon Nelms

Thus, having ministered to the saints in the past, and continuing to do so, are works that should *accompany* one's salvation and should be done by all, with expediency. Some of us are just now beginning to care for God's servants. Others did so in the past but no longer feel they are able to. Others of us have, do and will continue to do so. If there is one thing I have learned in all our years of this ministry, it is that sponsorship does not come from the checkbook, it comes from the heart. Many who are wealthy help no one, many who are poor, literally sacrifice meals in order to help more. And here is a way you can do just that ...

We are on the threshold of what appears to be a rapid growth. I do believe that our policies and our patience have led to this. We are ready. Our staff is competent and dedicated, our national coordinators are well trained in their positions, and the number of sponsors just seem to keep growing and growing. As I have been preparing for this, I have examined what I can do to make us even more effective in our work. One thing that has always been obvious in regard to the Foundation, is that it is not the work of a single wealthy family. Because of this, hundreds of you have been privileged to share in partnership with these preachers. Were I a millionaire, I would have greedily partnered with them myself. The blessings would have all been mine.

Well, now I believe I have found an area where I *have* been fairly greedy, so I want to correct that by letting you share in it with me. That area is in representing this ministry. In the past, the only way for you to get involved was to give of your wealth, however limited it may have been. You have given well. But now I want to open to you the opportunity to give your home — literally. Let me explain...

On a typical weekend, myself, or another FF representative will drive or fly to a city on a Saturday, in order to complete two separate church meetings the next day. Saturday nights are usually free to have a meal with one of the pastors or just to rest. What I would like to do is to create a database of concerned families who, knowing one of us would be in your area, would open your home to us for the evening to give a Final Frontiers presentation to your friends and neighbors who do not attend your church.

I want it to be clear that this is not an effort to bypass the church, rather it is an effort of stewardship of our time. Growing up in Baptist churches, I quickly learned about “turnovers”. Even now my mom continues friendships with other families whom she has known in the various churches that she attended over the decades. Probably each one of you can think of truly “missions minded” families that you used to go to church with, and either they moved on, or you did. They are still your friends, and you know they would be benefited by knowing about our ministry. If I am to speak in your church, they cannot come because they are faithful to their own, but they are certainly free on a Saturday evening for several hours. You could invite them to your home, share coffee and cake, and let one of us show our video and answer their missions questions. I personally believe that most every family attending would end up supporting a national preacher. They will refer us to their own pastors, who would by their recommendation be willing to give us a meeting, whereby all the members of their church could learn about our program. And all this because of your efforts.

Now if you are interested in this, look on page 21 at the locations of our upcoming meetings. If you live within an hour or so of one of these cities, and have two or more couples you could invite to your **“In Home” Missions Prayer Meeting**, get in touch with me right away. I am eager to hear from you; and together we will work to get the word out, so that even more preachers will get the support they need.

**Jon Nelms - 800-522-4324 or
homemeetings@finalfrontiers.org**

Recently, while the Bestman's were visiting here, I learned that electric power and fresh water **are not** common items in the cities and villages of Liberia. This is true in the capital city of Monrovia as well. Sure, there is electricity in some parts of the city but only from generators. It's hard for us to imagine going without either for more than a few minutes during a storm or maybe several hours or a few days at most.

But what can we do about this problem in Liberia? Most of us don't even know where Monrovia is much less how to solve their problems. Are they even our problems? Ephesians 2:19 says *"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God"*. Galatians 6:10 says *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"*. We are talking about our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as the multitudes of lost souls.

Research on the *web* has produced several interesting things for me. If I may, I would like to share them with you and my prayer is that you will add your knowledge to them.

1. The Dutch Industries Distributors (office in Dodge City, Kansas) has a windmill/water pump available for \$1,950.00 with pumps ranging from \$150-\$350 depending on the volume needed. There is a branch office in Isando, South Africa. (Pastor Bestman informed me that they live on the beach and have a prevailing wind).
2. North American Design (Ontario, Canada) has plans available to build a windmill powered generator, using junkyard parts, called *The brake drum PMA*. Detailed plans and a video including a full scale blade design drawing are available for \$58.00. Again, prevailing winds could power this to charge a bank of batteries utilizing a converter to power household appliances and power can be carried to the school and church as well. Also, Pastor Bestman informed me, they can sell power to others in the area. This should generate enough capital for him to be able to purchase spare parts when needed.

Perhaps some of you mechanical or electrical engineers can come up with some more ideas. It seems to me that Liberia is missing the skills between fundamental village life and modern technology. Maybe God could use your abilities to fill in the gap.

If you would like to help by contributing to a **"windmill fund"** or you have a better idea, please let me hear from you.

Your brother in Christ,
Bob Tatum

From the Mail Bag



From:

David Shikhambi Luvai

Sponsored by:

Randy Box



Last trimester:

churches
started -2

villages
evangelized - 2

people
saved - 21

converts
baptized -15

I feel very much pleased for the opportunity the Lord has given me to write to you. I am quite confident that the Lord is still keeping you and your family safely. He has done the same to me and the family. He has promised to lead and keep us (Psalm 121) and cannot change His promise. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) We also remember His love that is so great to us. We have good friends that he has given us who share with us in His word and prayer. It is through His love that you are interested to know how His work is going on in our country. Very few people can do that. It is good that you are interested to know about how many souls are saved and baptized. We give Him the glory for this great love.

We had our baptism and it was a joint baptism between the Kechire and Chematiga churches. We also do joint visitation together. This kind of work has strengthened our church member in both churches.

We are experiencing a year which has a lot of rain again. It started very early and has caused a lot of confusion because the farmers had not yet prepared their farms for planting. We have also had a problem with cattle rustling. One member of the church fell victim to this and some are having their cows to sleep with them in their houses for fear of them being stolen.

May I thank you very much for your support to us. I am so grateful. The support will promote the remaining work at the Chematiga church building which will be finished soon. We shall inform you about it. We are confident that the building will be finished.



From: Salvador Caspillo
Sponsored by: George Johnson

Dear Brother Sponsor,



Last trimester:

churches
started - 0

villages
evangelized - 0

people
saved - 11

converts
baptized - 8

Again a million thanks for your concern and compassion regarding our ministry here in the Philippines. Some day in Heaven when we meet each other, I am going to introduce to you precious souls who will be there because of your prayer and financial assistances.

Please pray because we plan to start a new mission outreach in Davao Oriental. This place has a very few Baptist witnesses. Cults were ahead of us there.

Rest assured of our prayers for you and your family. Please pray also for the health of my wife. She had a surgery for the second time recently. She is very active with children's ministry.

Last April 2-8 we reached more than 200 kids through our Vacation Bible School program. Also we were able to distribute Gospel tracts in the surrounding villages. 2,561 Gospel tracts were distributed by us together with the young people and other church believers.

Thank you again.

SCHEDULE

Church Meetings - International Travel

September :	Johnson City, TN	September:	Thailand
October:	Orlando, FL	October:	Myanmar
	St. Matthew's, SC	January, 2002:	Egypt
	Richmond, VA	April:	France
	Suffolk, VA		England
November:	Louisville, KY	May:	Italy
			Switzerland

Now it's your turn...

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (office) _____

- Please contact me about:**
- hosting a missions night in my home
- 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, 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 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.

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.

Sponsorship of an **orphaned, abandoned or destitute child** is \$35.00 monthly and provides for lodging, food, clothing, basic medical care, and education.

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.

Membership in the **Final Frontiers Society** is \$10.00 monthly and is used to fund special ministry projects overseas and our various international offices.

Reports from the Final Frontiers

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

233 Churches Started
1,689 Villages Evangelized
10,296 Professions of Faith
3,121 Believers Baptized

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

14,902 Churches Started
57,940 Villages Evangelized
473,187 Professions of Faith
151,321 Believers Baptized

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

742 Preachers Supported
1,095 Preacher Sponsorships
81 *TEAM* Sponsorships
44 Orphans Supported
45 Countries involved in

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