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# PROGRESS REPORT



*The beginnings of a new church in the village of Darnenema. Without funding for a missions trip to this region, it is highly unlikely that this village would have a church in their area. It cost only \$300 to send a team from Monrovia to evangelize this area, but the payoff is eternal life for three new converts.*

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## MINISTRY INFORMATION...

The *Progress Report* is a free, bi-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, 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, Grenada, and Cuba. 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 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)
- Sponsorship of an orphan through our *CHILD CARE* subsidiary (\$35.00 monthly)

FINAL FRONTIERS, as a non-profit, religious corporation, was founded by Jon Nelms in 1987, and is governed by those serving on the Executive Board of Directors: Rev. Jon Nelms (Chairman), Rev. Gene Carpenter (Vice President), and Rev. Ron Charles. Further council is provided by those serving on the Board of Advisors.

Contributions and gifts to this ministry are tax deductible and are applied to the ministry's evangelistic outreach. FINAL FRONTIERS is classified as a 509 (a)(1) public foundation, under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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## the Jon Nelms family report

Dear Reader,

Some tremendous changes are being made in our ministry these days. We want to welcome the addition of Don and Carol Courliss. This Tennessee couple is working with us part time now, commuting from northern Tennessee to the "promised land" of Louisville, Georgia, twice monthly. Carol will help with the secretarial chores, and Don, a printer for 32 years will help out in the print shop and go out speaking in churches as well. Welcome aboard guys! We've needed your help for years, and we need more just like you.

As I write this letter, my family is also preparing to move back to the States. Our four years (nearly) here have opened many new doors for ministry in Central America. We are working with some new groups that I am absolutely thrilled about. In addition, I have laid the groundwork for future expansion by opening a Final Frontiers office and finding staff to manage and enlarge our work here. As in much of the world, we are now involved as much in supporting the fruit of currently sponsored preachers as we are in looking for new groups to work with. God has really blessed us by leading us to men who use the funds to "grow their ministries" rather than growing their bank accounts.

We have also begun promoting our new video and we cannot seem to keep enough copies on hand. I am looking forward to attracting new sponsors for preachers as well as new members of the Final Frontiers Society (only \$10.00 monthly). As the number of Society members grow we will be able to give more and more to the preachers. It is my hope that someday we will no longer need to use any of the funds for operating expenses, as we have for all these years. Yes, it is necessary now, but there is always the future. Over the years, we have set our sponsorship at \$7.00 monthly to cover our costs of existence. That would really work for us, except that we have had to use over half of that to cover the cost of sending the funding to the preachers, and managing accountability for

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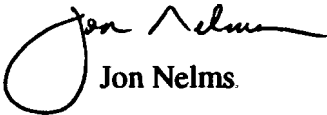
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their sponsors. We are now at the point that we can no longer absorb all of that expense, but someone must. I am asking each person who supports a preacher to at least send a little extra each month (as little as \$3.00 extra). That will absorb the expenses that we have been paying out of our pockets for your preachers. Beginning this month, we will deduct \$10.00 from your support instead of \$7.00... unless we hear from you to the contrary. However, if each sponsor could increase support by \$3.00 per month, as previously stated, it will allow the preachers to receive what they are accustomed to receiving and we will no longer be crippled financially by absorbing that amount. If possible, why not become a Society member and give an extra \$10.00 monthly. That would give us a surplus to move to new lands and help more preachers. Now if you lack the motivation to do this, be sure to read the article on page 17.

Well, we are thrilled to once again be able to hit the road and speak in churches. I feel that we have accomplished here, what we came to do. I did not want to move back too quickly and get ahead of God, so I began asking many to pray that God will give us wisdom. My family is united in the move, though we will miss Honduras greatly. But to be truthful, I look forward to getting back in the thick of things. We have great days ahead of us, and it blesses me to know that you are coming along on this ride with us. Hope to see you soon!

Yours for souls,



Jon Nelms

Pastors, would you like a Final Frontiers representative to come to your church and show our new video? We have men available at your request. Just contact our office at 800-522-4324.

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

**From: Pastor Toi and Pastor Dang**

**Location: Vietnam**

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**What was the total amount of TEAM funds received? \$659.00**

**What were these funds used for?**

These funds were used to support many unsponsored preachers, for training preachers and to help repair house churches. Some of the funds were also used to help several preachers who have been very sick.

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

Please pray for strength and faithfulness for our preachers. In many areas in Vietnam the persecutions are intensified. Some of our preachers have been arrested because of preaching the Gospel. Some house churches have been forced to close. Please also pray for new believers.

**Dear TEAM fund sponsors:**

Many greetings to you in the love of our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "I thank God every time I remember you.." (Phil 1:3). We are so grateful that you continue to remember us through your prayer and support. Because of your prayer and support we are continuing to experience the blessings of the Lord upon our ministries. A lot of Vietnamese have come to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Although we have experienced the persecution, but the persecution could not stop us from sharing the love of Christ to the unsaved Vietnamese. So please pray for us.

Thanks again for your gracious and faithful support for us through Final Frontiers Foundation. Your love, prayer and support is greatly appreciated. May the Lord richly bless you and your families. In Christ, Pastors Toi and Dang

**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 Spiritual Liberation of Liberia

*Written by: Gordon Daam,  
Director of African Expansion.*

Liberia was the land of liberty for several thousand liberated slaves sent from the USA back to their home continent in the 1840's. Liberia became sub Saharan Africa's first independent state in 1847. The descendants of those freed slaves dominated the country politically and economically until a military coup in 1980, resulted in the repression



*Pictured from left to right: Pastor John Jason from Ghana, Gordon Daam, Pastor Wesseh Bestman from Liberia, and Pastor Alfred Zekeh also from Liberia. All are in attendance at the Greater Grace, All-Africa Conference.*

of the 2nd and 3rd largest tribes by the largest, which dominated the military. A revolt in 1989, led to 10 years of inter tribal warfare. Hundreds of thousands have been killed. Perhaps a quarter of the population has fled as refugees to neighboring countries.

Wesseh Bestman was born in a rural Liberian village in 1953. His mother raised him in the Assembly of God church where he was saved at the age of 11. A few years later a Church of God in Christ missionary picked him out of a group of dirty barefooted boys and invited Wesseh to live with him in Monrovia, the capital city. Like Moses, Wesseh enjoyed the educational advantages of another man's household. He was being prepared for the life of service God had in store for him.

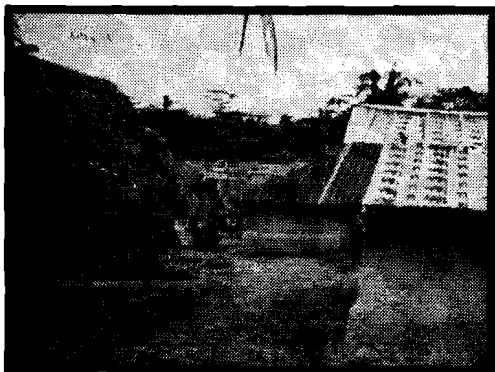
As an adult, through his own Bible study, especially in Romans chapter 5, Wesseh taught himself to believe in eternal security. As far as he knew he was the only person in the world with such a belief. He wrote to the address of every church ministry outside of Liberia that he could find. No one wrote him back.

Eventually a cousin traveling to the USA crossed paths in a Swiss airport with some pastors from the USA. They gave him some materials on their organization, Greater Grace World Outreach. (Final Frontiers sponsors Pastors trained through Greater

Grace in several African countries as well as in Eastern Europe). The cousin had no use for these materials and passed them on to his "thirsty for Bible knowledge" cousin, Wesseh.

To shorten the story, Wesseh was elated to find a church that believed as he did. He found a way to study at the Greater Grace World Outreach Bible College in the USA, where he married and returned to Liberia as a Greater Grace missionary.

Alfred Zekeh was born one generation later in another rural Liberian village. At the age of 17, a locally well known missionary passed through the village, singled Alfred out, and bought him a Coke. The missionary knew this was a rare treat to the boy and that he would drink it slowly. The missionary planned to witness to the boy as long as the Coke lasted. What the missionary didn't know is that this was the first time Alfred had ever had a Coke all his own. He was drinking VERY slowly in hopes the missionary would leave and he could parade through the village showing his friends his very own full bottle of Coke.



*A view of the town of Darnenema where the Bestmans were able to take a team to evangelize, because of funds sent through Final Frontiers.*

Alfred did not get saved that day, but he never forgot the kindness of the missionary. The gospel seed had been planted, and soon after he was saved.

A few years later, Alfred was forced to flee the fighting. A Christian friend told him about a Bible College in Ghana. He arrived penniless at the Greater Grace Church and Bible Institute of Tema. He slept in the church, and did landscaping around the church to pay for his schooling.

In 1999, the war in Liberia was over and both Wesseh with his family, and Alfred were able to return. There was not much left of the ministry that Wessah had built before the worst of the fighting. It still was not safe to travel to many of the village churches, if they even existed. Many church buildings had been

destroyed. The church members had been killed or dispersed.

On top of that, the church leaders in Monrovia were convinced Wessah must have returned from America with pockets full of money. The truth was when he had raised just enough to fly, his large family, he had brought them all back to Liberia. When Wessah did not give money to the other leaders they quit in disgust.

Wessah was left with Alfred and one faithful Pastor Jerry Barlinger. These are the 3 Greater Grace men supported through Final Frontiers in Liberia. These are the 3 rebuilding the work in Liberia. Wessah Bestman is supported by Shekinah Baptist Assembly of Louisville, GA, Kurt and Laurie Weymouth and Mr. And Mrs. Steve Braddy. Alfred Zekeh is supported by Mr. And Mrs. Reinhard Nagel and The Baptist Chapel of Jacksonville, FL. Jerry Barlinger is supported by Oakwood Bible Church of Kalamazoo, MI and The Baptist Chapel.

There is now a church of 125 in Monrovia. There is a Bible Institute started in the fall of 2000 with 18 completing that first semester. The goal is to plant a church in each of the 14 counties of Liberia. In the past year, they have either planted or reestablished 6 churches in 5 counties.

Let me close by telling how the church in Darnenema was started. A year ago, this village on the far side of Liberia sent a delegation to Monrovia to beg that a team visit their village and start a church. Land was promised for the church. There was no money for such a long journey, but it was reported to the sponsors that this opportunity had been presented and if God would provide, a team of 5 could go there for 2 weeks at a cost of \$300. The funds were provided by sponsors through Final Frontiers and the trip was made. I will quote the account of the trip from Wessah's last report.

"Thanks to a special GIFT of \$300 through Final Frontiers, we were able to make a specific trip to this area to evangelize and establish a church beginning. After a rough and rugged tractor ride, we met the clan chief for the area on the road. He invited us to his place and gave us a warm welcome with the traditional cola nut and chicken as a gift. This was his way of turning over or opening up the clan to us. We had a wonderful time and in the end were given a piece of land to build the church and use for our meetings. We had our 1st service with the team (5) and 10 local villagers on Sunday, Nov. 26th. Three souls led to Christ that day will be with us in eternity."

To make my final point, I must tell you that I was one of 2 supporters to fund that \$300. What a joy it was to read that report. I didn't do the dangerous travel, or preach the first service. I won't clear the land or lay bricks for the church, but I played a vital role. I am blessed to be able to share in the reopening of this war torn



*The first congregation members praying on the land given to the church in Darnenema.*

country. My heart sings at the thought of those first 3 souls in Darnenema village and the many who will follow.

If you are a current sponsor with Final Frontiers, I encourage you to look for more opportunities to enhance the work of your Pastor. A few extra dollars can buy a bicycle, or transportation to a new village, or tracts or Bibles. If you are not a sponsor, I encourage you

to call me at 616-327-9192 for recommendations and information on many fine men in Africa, or call the office at 800-522-4324 for information on qualified Pastors worthy of your support all over the world.

You cannot sponsor another Pastor in Liberia at this time. We require our Pastors to be Bible School graduates and the first graduating class will be in 2002. However, you *can* support the ongoing work of the Bible Institute or the rural evangelization by becoming part of TEAM Liberia. If God has laid upon your heart to make a one time gift, immediate needs are: land for the Monrovia church, a generator, and a computer to aid in translation of materials into the tribal languages. Also the Bestmans do not have the money needed to get their belongings out of customs in Liberia. This includes all the family pictures, furniture, and materials needed for the schools. See page 23 for information on TEAM donations. You may use the voucher on page 22 to designate how you would like your donation to be used. ■

# Let's Get Acquainted

In this issue of the Progress Report, you will see that we are highlighting some pastors from India. This is a new group that we are working with through the Quentin Road Baptist Church in Illinois and are pleased to introduce them to you.

Pastor Scudder of Quentin Road has traveled to India many times, holding meetings and even starting an evangelistic television program in Andrah Pradesh. He has asked us to help find sponsors for these men and his church will be responsible for distributing funds to the pastors and for getting reports to us for each sponsor. You can be assured of a strong accountability program through this church.

While we are already helping many Indian pastors, when you consider that there are nearly one billion people in India, can we ever really say we are doing enough in that country? If you believe God would have you sponsor one of these worthy men, give us a call at 800-522-4324 (or 478-625-9050) and we will be glad to help you get started.

**Preacher's Name:**

B. Ruben Sudhakar

**Wife's Name:** Mary

**Number of Children:** 2

**Country:** India

**Testimony:**

I was born into a Christian family. My father belongs to the Baptist church and has encouraged me to God's service. I, also, willingly accepted Jesus as my Lord and was baptized. When I was studying in Vijayawada, the Word of God spoke to me through Matthew 4:19— "come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." When I heard His Words, I dedicated myself to serve God. After that, God called me for His ministry. For the past five years I have been working as pastor and evangelist. Please pray for me, my family and our church ministry.

My wife belonged to the R. C. M. church, as had her forefathers, and practiced their rituals. After we were married, she learned about Jesus and was saved and then baptized. She is serving the Lord faithfully with me. I have started one church and have led 325 people to the Lord. I have baptized 175 of these. Please pray for my ministry here that the Lord will bless it.

Our favorite foods are curry, rice and butter milk. We are unable to grow our own food and sometimes we are unable to purchase it. Please pray that the Lord will soon provide a sponsor for us so that we may be able to carry on our ministry more effectively.

**Number of Sponsorships Needed:** two at \$35.00



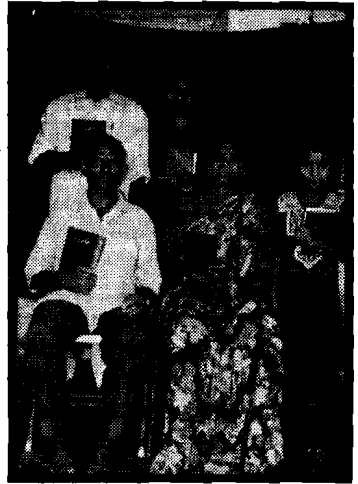
**Preacher's Name:**

Sunanda Rao Vempati

**Wife's Name:** Aruna Kumari

**Number of Children:** 3

**Country:** India



**Testimony:**

I was born into a nominal, Christian family where my father led a very bad life by speaking filthy words and smoking, etc. I, too, lived this same kind of life. One day my father heard the Word of God and it changed his life and he began to live the life of a converted Christian.

When I saw the miraculous change in my father's 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 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 that message, she knelt down, prayed and confessed her sins. 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 to 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, pickles, and butter milk.

Please pray for a church building which is needed for worship service and a bicycle for my rural ministry. Your support would be much appreciated.

**Number of Sponsorships Needed:** two at \$35.00

**Preacher's Name:**

Danam Vinukonda

**Wife's Name:** Nagamma**Number of Children:** 4**Country:** India**Testimony:**

I am very glad to share with you my testimony of what the Lord has done for me. Before I was saved, I had a bad habit of drinking. As I was drinking so much, I was having heart problems. I went to the doctor, but my health condition did not improve.

While I was in the hospital one night I heard a voice reading from the Bible in Isaiah 41:13. When I opened the Bible, I saw this verse, "I will help you." Joy came into my heart, I realized I was lost and accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior. I also realized that He was a healer, because I became well.

I was baptized in my village church by the pastor there. Afterwards, I committed my life to the Lord, to serve Him in His garden. God gave me a vision to build a church building in my village. I am now going to many villages sharing my testimony and preaching gospel. By God's grace, our church building is now to the side walls.

There are four ministers trained under my ministry and two new churches have been started. Two hundred souls have been led to the Lord with 180 being baptized. Our oldest son is now an evangelist as well.

We live in a small, thatched house. Our usual foods consist of rice, curry and fish. I rise at 5:00 a.m. for personal prayer and devotion, then go out to do evangelism through the day.

I am in great need of a bicycle so that I can reach further to other villages. Also, we need funds to complete the building of our church. Please pray that the Lord will send us a sponsor soon so that our needs may be met and free us to spend more time serving the Lord in His garden.



**Number of Sponsorships Needed: two at \$35.00**

## UPDATE: Home Office Building Project

In a previous issue of the Progress Report, we put before you a need for a new roof on our home office building and the staff / guest house next door. We are pleased to update you on that project and to report that the roof has been replaced. We want to send a warm "Thank you!" to those of you who donated money to help finance this project, as well as those who gave of their time, energy, and abilities to help with this need.

Last month, God did something really special for Final Frontiers! We not only had a very special material blessing but He included in it the blessing of new friends and some wonderful fellowship with them.

Five neat Christian men came from the North to show God's love in the South. Under the leadership of Jeff Landwehr, Ted Crowley, Brian Larson, Stephen Schueller, and Clark Athman came to put new roofs on our two buildings. We are very grateful to them for their sacrifice in coming.

They did it all at their own expense with no charge to us. They worked from dawn until after dark everyday except Sunday and the half day it rained too hard. Even though they were tired, they were determined to finish the job in the time allotted them.

We did do our best to keep them well fed, introducing some of them to grits for breakfast and Georgia barbecue and

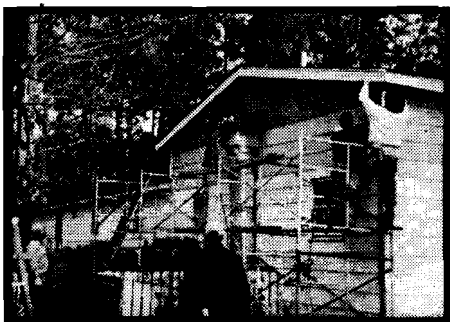


*Pictured from left to right:  
Stephen, Jeff, Ted, Clark, and  
Brian.*



brunswick stew for supper. We even had discussions on what to call lunch...some of the them referred to it as dinner. That question was never settled to the satisfaction of any of us!

We have included some pictures of the dramatic change that has been made to our office building. They didn't just put on roofing they had to rebuild a flat roof to make it a peaked roof. We have had several days of rain since they finished and left, and it has been wonderful not seeing any more damage being done to the inside of the building.



*The North has invaded the South.  
They came heavily armed - to work!*

We want to thank Pastor James Scudder from the Quentin Road Baptist Church and Pastor Tom Cucuzza of Northland Bible Baptist Church for encouraging their members to come help us. Ted attends Quentin Road and the other men and their families attend Northland. We also want to thank their families for the sacrifice they made in being separated from them for the week



*The new roof. Thanks for a job well done!*

they were here. Once again, we want to thank those who responded to our request for funds for the roofing materials. Although, over \$3,000 was donated for this project, the final cost did exceed that amount by nearly \$1,000. If you would like to make a donation to help absorb this cost, please designate your gift for Home Office Building Fund.

**GUYS, YA'LL DID A FANTASTIC JOB! MANY THANKS FROM THE STAFF OF FINAL FRONTIERS!**

# Welcome New Sponsors

## Preacher and Orphan Sponsorships:

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

- **Herb Paynter: Lawrenceville, GA**

*Sponsored: Roberto Basulto from Cuba, Bathina Rao and Darla Raju from India, L. Hoa and A Dram from Vietnam, and Bernard Makokha from Kenya*

- **Smith Bartley & Helen Sparks: Jonesborough, TN**

*Sponsored: Kenneth Asembo from Kenya*

- **Jim & Gerri Riggs: Sturgis, SD**

*Sponsored: Phelix Oloo from Kenya*

- **First Baptist Church of Justice: Justice, WV**

*Sponsored: Andrew Murefu, Joseph Ouno, and Henry Abong'o from Kenya, Francisco Claudio from Guatemala, Lexye Bengochea from Cuba, DH Ninh and H Rlu from Vietnam, Felix Ansong from Ghana, and Claudius Harry from St. Vincent*

- **The Baptist Chapel: Jacksonville, FL**

*Sponsored: Marcos Pablo and Diego Mendez from Guatemala, Pulukuri Sukumar and Kota Rao from India, Kenneth Asembo from Kenya, and Khlot Chhoeun from Cambodia*

- **Dawn and Jody Shannon: Gilbert, WV**

*Sponsored: Joseph Sinwal from Thailand*

**MISSIONS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY...****Living Epistles**

Recently we have received several articles written by one of our sponsoring pastors who does not wish to be named. This pastor has for years, led his church in the support of national preachers, through our ministry. This is an amazing church. It is small, it is intercity, and has only a few members. Yet, with a membership of only about 10 people, this church supports 66 preachers!

Several questions must immediately pop into your mind as you read this. The first is WHY and the second is HOW.

To reply to the first, you need only to read the article below that he has written. This pastor and his wife live and breathe missions, and they have taught their people to do the same. It is not just something they talk about one week every year during mission conference. Every Sunday is a missions conference in this church.

Years ago I read the story of a Moravian Church in Europe, which had to flee into exile to keep from being slaughtered. This little church was allowed to live free of charge on the estate of a wealthy Christian in another land. They were consumed with the idea of personally reaching the world for Christ. They sent out their members, without support, to work as tent makers worldwide. When several arrived in the Caribbean and wanted to witness to the slaves, their owners would not permit them to do so because it would detract from the slave's labors in the sugar cane fields. To overcome that obstacle, these white Europeans, sold themselves as slaves so that they could live with and minister to the black slaves. What dedication to a cause! Their determination certainly went beyond lip service and tiny love offerings.

Within the next twenty years, that single congregation sent out more missionaries than ALL the Protestant churches of Europe combined over the next 200 years! This pastor is, in his own way, reproducing the same effort by their sponsorship of national preachers. Now the second question...HOW does such a tiny congregation support so many preachers. The real answer is that they cannot, with such a burden as I have described above, do anything less. In reality though, they do it through sacrifice. But their sacrifice is more of that of a cheerful giver. Together they brainstorm on how to save money collectively so

that they can give it to missions. For example, whenever the body gathers together at a restaurant, they look for a cheaper one and everyone orders water rather than a soft drink.

Another example is set by the pastor's wife. She does not have to work as her husband's job (outside the church) adequately provides for their needs. Thus she works to support preachers. She works a full time job as a secretary and gives her weekly check to national preachers. The company provides her with a monthly allowance for her use to park in the building's parking lot. Instead, she parks on the street several blocks away, FREE, and walks in the rain or sun. The "parking allowance" also is given to support preachers.

I pray for an army of people like these. And I pray that what they do and what he has written below, will be a blessing to you all.

Years ago there was a Christian huddled in a cold prison cell who had only one small blanket separating him from death by exposure. He was awakened from the twilight of sleep when the cell door clanked open. Another human being, beaten and bruised, was pushed into his cell and fell in a heap on the bitterly cold cement floor then curled up with his arms between his legs.

He lay there, sobbing and shaking. He had obviously been through torture. "He'll be dead by morning", the Christian thought to himself. "He has no blanket." Then the still small voice of the One for whom the Christian had suffered imprisonment said, "Give him your blanket."

"Lord", he replied, "If I give him my blanket, I will die."

"I know", God answered. "But if you don't give him your blanket, he will die and spend eternity separated from Me. If you die, you'll be at home with Me tonight."

In obedience, the Christian rose to his feet, took those few steps across his cell, and handed the man his blanket.

The other man looked at him in disbelief. He had just been beaten almost to death; now a perfect stranger was handing him his only blanket.

The Christian told him why.

And that night God called him home, where I am sure the Christian greeted his Father unashamed.

How do we know of this incident? The man who received the blanket later told the story when he gave his testimony for the Lord. There was no Bible in that cell, but there was a living epistle. The man heard the Christian's words, saw his works,

and believed.

I mention the word "give" and many subconsciously push the mute button. "Oh boy, here he goes again. Where there's a preacher, there's an offering plate not far behind." But when people truly give themselves to the Lord, hands that before held, grasped, and hoarded, find themselves finally able to open up, let go, and give. Voices that growled, "Mine!" find themselves able to say, "Thine!".

We have many national pastors waiting for support. We need some Living Epistles. People who will give about a dollar a day. This can mean death or life to some of our preachers. Last year several preachers starved to death in India waiting for someone in America to sponsor them. All it takes is \$35 a month.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Psalm 2:8 ■

### **Final Frontiers Society Membership**

Why not become a Final Frontiers Society Member? For as little as \$10.00 a month, you can help cover ministry expenses involved in keeping up with and sponsoring national pastors around the world. It is our goal to eventually be able to fund all ministry expenses through Final Frontiers Society Memberships. This would open up many new opportunities for ministry and greatly improve our ability to minister in the areas where we currently work. If you would like to make a monthly commitment, please fill out and return this coupon.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount of Pledge:** \_\_\_\_\_

# From the mailbag

**From: Miguel Jimenez**  
**Sponsored by: Larry Spencer**



Dear Sponsor,

God bless you. It is a pleasure to be writing to you, and hope God is blessing you very much. I have been working hard to serve God and know that there is no way to pay God back for what He did to save us. He gave His own Son to die to save us. I know that there is nothing impossible for God and right now I am praying to God for a special petition. I have children, 4 girls and a boy. He just ended his Jr high school, he wanted to go to the university but because of my economy, I can't send him to the university. He felt very sad and I felt painful in my soul, he cried. This year, he will be working to save money. I hope you will pray very much to help me with this petition. I know God will bless me. He promises to be with us . I will continue writing to you.

Love,  
Miguel Jimenez



**Last trimester:**

churches  
started -1

villages  
evangelized - 2

people  
saved - 20

converts  
baptized -2



**From: Julio Cesar Herrera**  
**Sponsored by: Central Baptist**

Dear Sponsor,

Your help has been a great blessing for me and my greatest desire is that the Lord and Savior Jesus is blessing each and every one of you.

My wife Rosy, my two children Frania and Julio, and I always pray for your ministry that each of you do for the Lord and with this we encourage you to continue forward. I hope that you pray for our ministry and I hope that one day we will meet you and can hug you with love and be closer in the love of Jesus.

We love you very much. I say goodbye for today. God Bless you.

Love,  
Julio



**Last trimester:**

churches  
started - 1

villages  
evangelized - 1

people  
saved - 22

converts  
baptized -6



**From: Job Chepkwesi**  
**Sponsored by: Robert Meyer**

Dear Sponsor,

I thank God for His mercies and grace for sustaining us in this ministry. This December, we had Youth Revival Meetings and Elders' Church Seminars. Also two soul winning (evangelism) meetings, one in January and the other in February 2001.

We at the church have organized and formed an evangelistic Team and are praying to God that we hold a love offering meeting (fundraiser) to purchase evangelistic equipment (public address system)

Receive many greetings in Jesus name,  
Pastor Job Chepkwesi



**Last trimester:**

churches  
started - 1

villages  
evangelized - 2

people  
saved - 39

converts  
baptized -22

*Now it's your turn...*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (office) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please contact me about:**

- m hosting a fund raiser at our church
- m participating in a fund raiser

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 orphan**  
(\$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 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 co-ordinator 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 \$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 ...

300 Churches Started  
1,985 Villages Evangelized  
9,522 Professions of Faith  
3,101 Believers Baptized

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

14,278 Churches Started  
55,730 Villages Evangelized  
456,676 Professions of Faith  
143,658 Believers Baptized

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

773 Preachers Supported  
1,134 Preacher Sponsorships  
81 *TEAM* Sponsorships  
59 Orphans Supported  
44 Countries involved in

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