

Progress Report



This Chinese military officer, who was won to Christ by Pastor Bo Go Za, now allows unhindered border access to preachers traveling in and out of China. In addition, he assures the free flow of Bibles and other Christian literature. Pray for him!

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MINISTRY INFORMATION...

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

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

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

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

Current ministries available for support are:

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

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 and CEO), Mr. Tim Floyd (Vice President-Treasurer), Dr. Dan Burrell (Secretary), Rev. Gene Carpenter, and Mr. Philip Tyson. Further council is provided by those serving on the Board of Advisors.

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the Jon Nelms family report

Dear Reader:

First let me apologize for the errors in our last *Progress Report*. After "proofing" on our standard printer, we printed our master copies on a new laser printer that we had just leased, not knowing that the "properties" changed and cut off two lines of text on every page. The adjustments have now been corrected for our future issues. Also, our faithful scanner finally "gave up the ghost" and at the last minute we had to use an inferior scanner which did not give the picture clarity that we desire. That problem has been solved with the purchase of a new scanner. In fact, it seems that most everything in our office is being upgraded (except me). God has provided us with a new laser printer and a color laser copier, a new mailing system and tabulation, envelope stuffing, and processing equipment. All of this will help us to do a better job for our readers and the preachers they support.

For several years Lewis and I have thought about starting a new ministry, which has finally begun. It is called the **Final Frontiers Society**, and is a membership organization for Believers who wish to personally help in furthering the work of this foundation. We began by informing our current sponsors (of preachers, *TEAMS* and orphans), and have had a great response from them. In the next month or so, we will be sending out literature to the rest of you, hoping for your participation with us as charter members of the Society.

The Society will operate along the same lines as that of the Gideons, and the annual fees will be used to help run the offices internationally, and to fund special ministry projects overseas. Three or four times each year we will print a special report in this publication to show what the funding is accomplishing in more specific detail.

Just as the Foundation is organized to assist national preachers, the Society is formed to assist you, the reader, in getting more active in missions through direct involvement, and trip opportunities.

And since I mentioned involvement, let me say that our doors are always open for anyone who wishes to represent our foundation, and work to get more preachers sponsored. If you're interested, contact Lewis Nelms at 1-800-274-8458.

Yours for souls,

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Speaker's Schedule

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

Woodville, WI
 Golden Valley, MN
 Hutchinson, MN
 Savage, MN
 Colletswah, TN
 Signal Mountain, TN
 Troy, MO

Visionary Trips

Itineraries are being planned for the following countries. Contact us if you would like to go, but be warned, these are mission trips, not vacations.

1997:
 Jun. Guyana
 Aug. France
 India
 Zambia
 Malawi
 Oct. Russia
 Romania
 Nov. Kenya
 Ghana

Chinese children available for adoption

The People's Republic of China is the world's most populous nation with 1.2 billion inhabitants. The Chinese, with traditional religions including Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism, have one of the oldest known civilizations with a written history reaching back over 3,500 years.

Because of China's overpopulation, the Chinese government has chosen to address this situation by limiting each family to one child. Chinese culture, as with many others, prefers boys who are given the responsibility to care for their elderly parents and to carry on the family name. As a result, many infant girls are abandoned in China and, if found, are taken to a welfare institute where they become available for adoption after three months of age.

Samuel Fang, born in mainland China, felt led to become involved in doing something to help these orphaned children and founded the Living Hope Adoption Agency. Licensed as a non-profit adoption agency, Living Hope specialized in placement of Chinese orphans. Children can be adopted as young as three months of age up to age 14. The process to adopt an orphan from China takes anywhere from nine months (if the individual has already secured INS and home study approval), up to 15 months. Living Hope provides support and assistance to prospective adopting couples, or single individuals, throughout the entire process. They are eager to place as many of these orphans in loving, Christian homes where a child can be raised with godly values.

If interested in obtaining more information regarding the opportunity to adopt a child from China, contact the Living Hope Adoption Agency. They will be glad to send you a packet of helpful information and answer any questions you may have. Perhaps God is leading you to give a Chinese orphan a future and hope!

Living Hope Adoption Agency, Inc.
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Telford, PA 18969

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Phone: 215-721-8880
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The above is not a paid advertisement, but an effort to help a sister, fundamental organization, whose service is in compliance with requests or inquiries we have received from many *Progress Report* readers. Please contact the agency directly for inquiries, and not the Final Frontiers office. We have no further information than that printed above.

A TEAM Report from Myanmar

From: Bo Go Za

Location: Yangon, Myanmar

What was the total amount of TEAM funds received?

\$124.00

What were these funds used for?

Half of the amount is used to help the two *TEAM* groups for the purchase of rations and wages for their carriers (men hired to help carry Bibles, supplies, equipment for the preachers through the jungles of Myanmar). The other equal half of the amount is used to help three pastors serving in the field who helped the *TEAMS* by giving baptisms and make follow-up to what the *TEAMS* have done. These pastors are cooperated with Final Frontiers.

They are:
Ngam Khaw Mang
Lian Khup
Thang Za Lian

Do you have any special needs we can pray about?

More funds for ministry work and workers.

Below, please write a short letter of appreciation to your TEAM sponsors.

The *TEAM* funds received was \$124.00 spent as above. I hope you will agree to my suggestion since the participants in Final Frontiers work are poor, they are deserving.

If you can help us on with more budget it will help the works to supply ball pens, papers and writing materials.

Above all, medical supply such as malaria pills and dysentery pills are very important so as to prevent (disease) for themselves, and give to the members. The jungle people have no clinic.

We pray so much for your health and for good income so that you may go on and continue help for us. Thank you.

CHINA

Five Thousand Years of Civilization reels on the brink of disaster. Its only hope - - - Christ! ..



By Jon Nelms

This preacher, supported by a Final Frontiers sponsor, preaches in a "House Church" deep inside Communist China.

China today can only be described as a nation

in chaos, on the brink of disaster. For decades the Chinese people had been forced to live under the iron hand of Chairman Mao, and then upon his death, the "more liberal" Deng Xiaoping. Deng, in his last years, was perceived by the West as being more "market minded" and not as deeply committed to the ideology of Communism, though it should not be forgotten that he was the architect of the Tiananmen Square massacre, just a few shorts years ago. When he died recently, many of the Chinese, who were pursuing his command to get rich, barely even noticed his passing. In Hong Kong, the stock market actually jumped 2.3 percent.

It must be acknowledged, that there were economic improvements during the reign of Deng, however, with the current situation in China, one can only expect disaster in the near future. For example, it is estimated that 340 million of China's rural population live in absolute poverty. Because of that, many of the 800 million who live rurally are moving to the cities in search of jobs and food. In fact, they are moving at a rate of 100 million each year. The question that begs an answer is, Who is going to grow the food to feed China's billion person population, when in eight years, the entire population will theoretically be city dwellers?

Obviously, as more people move to the cities, there will be less production of food, which will increase the prices, and lead toward what will doubtless be, massive starvation and political upheaval, similar to that already being experienced by their North Korean allies. In spite of all this, the good news is that China is expected to have the largest market economy in the world by the year 2020. Evidently, the leaders have plans to handle their anticipated problems. Unfortunately, the track record for the existing government has always been to blame their



This packed out room is where a training conference for “co-workers” is held. These are people who want to help their pastors and evangelists in their efforts to win and train the Chinese nationals.

problems on the dissenters within their own ranks. These dissenters are often, the Christians.

Few people in the know, would argue that China has probably martyred more Believers in this century than any other nation in the world. We have thought that it was because China was void of religion, but in fact, the opposite is true.

While Communism has been the State

Religion for decades, and Mao himself, revered as god, other religions have been allowed and even encouraged. Recently, for instance, according to *Asiaweek* magazine, thousands of people in Taiwan who worship Matsu, China’s “Goddess of the Sea”, turned out to welcome two statues of Matsu arriving from China. The Chinese government loaned the two icons to thank Taiwanese worshippers for their donation of \$36 million dollars, given to renovate the goddess’ temple, back on the mainland.

China watchers should be aware that China, though long opposed to Christianity, is rapidly converting. This is not to imply that the nation as a whole is on the brink of conversion, but rather that the impositions and hindrances implemented by the government, have been ineffectual in stopping the spread of Christianity.

One of the greatest hindrances to the conversion of the people historically, has been the action of “Christian” nations dealing within China. That is to say, the “testimony” of Christianity has been ruined by

these nations. The opium trade in China, was for instance, initiated by the British government as a way to control the vast populace. Additionally, business practices, which severely handicapped the Chinese, led to even more frustration and resentment. When this was made public, not only were all "Western" nations seen as evil, but also their God, and His servants, whether foreign missionaries or Chinese converts. This led to the Boxer Rebellion of 1899-1900. Several hundred Westerners and many thousands of Chinese lost their lives in those few years.



These training materials were printed underground in China and are about to be delivered to another province.

As Christianity began to flourish again, the government, realizing they could not stop it, devised a plan to influence and control it. The end result was the formation of the "Three Self Patriotic Movement". Churches were and are required to register with this official government organization whose philosophy is "self support, self government, and self

propagation". While such philosophy sounds correct, it was in reality a way of saying to the West, "stay out of China".

Final Frontiers, has however, been involved in supporting church planters in China for a decade. These men, like those seen on the cover of this publication, often have their names and identities hidden in order to protect their lives.

Because we are not able to have a legal, visible presence in China, we work through three different groups who have successfully ministered there for many years. One of these groups currently supports over 200 Chinese preachers in twenty-five provinces. They have a tape duplicating ministry (inside the country), radio broadcasts, and a pastor's training school that literally operates underground. That is to say, the school is in a hand-hewn cavern under a Believer's house. Entrance is made by a ladder hidden inside a closet with a false floor. The students study for weeks at a time by candle light, and are allowed out, only by twos, and only in the midnight hours, for fear of being seen. The end result is near blindness for the students who live for six months or more with no sunlight. Knowing this, they give up their sight, in order

to study how to more effectively convert the spiritually blind of their nation, to Christ.

The other two groups we work with, penetrate China from its southern borders with Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam, working most specifically among the tribal groups, many of which have members living in those nations as well.

While it would seem that a Lisu Tribal preacher from Myanmar could easily minister among the Lisu Tribe in China, it must be



A (tribal) children's Sunday School choir in the Province of Yunnan.

acknowledged that there are special hindrances. The language for instance, while primarily the same, can pose problems. As an example, anything that has been invented since Communism closed the doors to China would be called by one name in China and a different name in Myanmar. The

words for Jesus, water, sun, etc. would remain the same, but other words would be different. Words like: airplane, car, truck, cassette player, television, computer, etc. These "new" inventions are known by their national words, not tribal words.

This difficulty in evangelism can be readily seen in the Province of Yunnan, which has fourteen animist tribal ethnic groups, and out of these, only two groups, the Lisu and the Jingpho are reached. The first Lisu were reached by missionary James O'Frazier of the China Inland Mission (formed by Hudson Taylor), and later by such missionary notables as John and Betty Stam. Of course, all of this was before the Communist expulsion of foreign missionaries earlier this century.

The Jingpho, also known as the Kachin, first heard the Gospel in 1927 by the mouth of a tribal preacher from within China who was named Sum Lut Zaw. Sum Lut had no opportunity for a Christian education in China, so upon hearing of a school in Kutkai, Burma (now Myanmar), which was established for tribal people, walked many days to acquire an education. When he returned to China, many other tribal graduates from Burma, sharing his burden, departed with him, and established a rapidly growing church planting ministry among the tribal groups living in the southern Chinese provinces.

When the Communists took over, they implemented a "No religion in China" campaign which lasted from 1958-1962. During that time, pastors were hunted criminals. Sum Lut and many of the others died during those years, but the congregations they founded, flourished under persecution.

Today, in the Kachin State of Myanmar, a new Bible School has been opened to train the tribal preachers of the region. Twenty-five young men from China have already graduated and returned to China,



New Believers in a newly formed "House Church" in Southern China.

Not to mention head-hunting tribes that still roam through the jungles. It is not, to say the least, an easy field, but it is a field that has been entirely staffed by national preachers, before we in the West, knew they even existed. And these national preachers, it is estimated, have grown the Body of Christ in China, from its pre-Communism days of 6 million souls, to more than 200 million! Not bad for a group of largely uneducated, unsupported, unequipped, unknown, non-American missionaries.

Since April of 1996, China has begun an "Anti-Crime Campaign". It is directed towards those promoting Democracy and Christianity. Like all other campaigns before it, this one will claim its victims, but in the end, "the gates of hell will not prevail".

Mission activity in China among the nationals has never ceased, but today there are new opportunities for Americans who wish to serve, whether as a school teacher, or by adopting or supporting a Chinese orphanage. (For information on either of these opportunities, see page 5). In the mean time, the most effective opportunity remains before us, and that is in supporting a Chinese or tribal preacher who is already there, already serving and already attempting to reach, those we will never meet. And to think, all that for only \$35 a month. ■

and have planted 27 churches among the tribal animists living within their territorial areas. Many other Chinese students are without legal permission, studying in this school today.

Other handicaps have been the intervention of border patrols, drug warlords, weather and wild animals.

News of interest from around the world

■ Religious liberty in Chile

Chile's legislature is expected to approve a law guaranteeing Protestant believers equal rights with the majority Roman Catholic Church. The law, according to the Compass Direct news service, recognizes the right of Protestant churches to legally exist, provides them with the same legal concessions Catholics enjoy, and provides that donations are tax-exempt.

■ Disappearing languages

In the February-March issue of *Civilization*, David Crystal writes, "If present trends continue, four of the world's languages will die between the publication of this issue of *Civilization* and the next. Eighteen more will be gone by the end of 1997. A century from now, one-half of the world's 6,000 or more languages may be extinct."

■ Russia's sick health system

Russian health care is in a shambles. Since 1993, when Moscow dismantled the national health care system, medical care has deteriorated rapidly from already low levels. Just 2% of the people who need heart bypass operations get them. According to *Business Week*, thousands of Russians die every year because they don't get treatment that is widely available in other countries. Doctors' salaries are so low - just \$95 a month - that many take bribes to do their jobs. Drugs from the West are available. However, most Russians can't afford to buy them.

Muslim persecution continues

The 1997 Open Doors World Watch List states that moderate to severe persecution of Christians continues in more than 80 countries. Of the 25 regions with the worst violations, 20 are Muslim-dominated.



■ Eritrea update

America's newest ally against Muslim fundamentalism in the Middle East is tiny Eritrea. The government in Asmara, the capital, has welcomed rebels fighting the Islamic fundamentalists across the border

in Sudan. The United States is delivering as much as \$20 million in military equipment to Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Uganda, which officials call "front line states."

■ Dutch trick

As secularism spreads throughout the Netherlands, churches are closing fast. In the last two decades, more than 250 houses of worship have closed. The Dutch government has a fund to help the historic buildings of the dead churches turn into libraries or other secular institutions, but resources are beginning to dry up. Some buildings are demolished, while others are sold to Muslim groups or other religions. "It costs a lot more to turn a church into an apartment building than to put up a new one," stated the author of a study on converted churches.

■ Crackdown in Vietnam

Since last June, the Vietnamese government has turned up the pressure on the country's illegal house churches. Thirteen known house church leaders are in jail, serving a minimum of 20 months each. In addition, authorities have begun raiding churches, arresting entire congregations for short periods. Also, fines are being increased. The government is attempting to make the house churches register under Vietnam's official Protestant church, known as Tin Lanh. "We must force all illegal churches to register," said an official of the Ministry of Socialism and Culture. "If not, we will destroy all of them. We should use every means to intimidate them until they join."

■ Child prostitution in Asia

Pedophiles can buy a child for \$1.40 in Delhi. A virgin or a child under the age of 6 might cost \$140. In Hong Kong, the price for a girl is \$135. In Malaysia, a virgin costs \$2,000 and in Jakarta, a girl or boy costs \$250. The number of child prostitutes in Thailand is an estimated 400,000. In the Philippines, about 60,000 of the country's 200,000 street children are prostitutes. There are some 400,000 child prostitutes in India, 28,000 in Sri Lanka, and between 40,000 and 60,000 in Taiwan.

■ Violence in Indonesia

During a recent six-week period, a "full scale ethnic war" raged, taking hundreds of lives. The violence is between the indigenous Dayak people and Muslim immigrants from Madura.

These news briefs are not intended to state an opinion, but to provide information for our readers that is not generally found in the normal network, and other public news sources.

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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:

Vladimir Orlando Jimenez

Wife's Name:

Magdalena Elizabeth Castro

Number of Children:

2

Country:

El Salvador



Testimony

I was saved in 1986 at the age of 20.

I had spent four years in prison, enduring torture, being accused of assault and kidnapping, but I was really there for political reasons. Now that the revolution in our country is over, I do not have such problems. While in prison, I committed my life to serve God after I was released. When that day finally arrived, I began serving Him. My wife was saved in 1988 and is a strong support for me in the ministry.

Our monthly needs are \$180.00. I have to work in a fabric factory and receive \$108.00 monthly. My wife helps by trying to sell goods out of our home. I am not full-time in the ministry because of this, but that is my desire. I give all my free time to the Lord's work. I am currently discipling six men for the ministry and I have already started a church in Guazapa. I also serve as the pastor of that church.

I work together on a church planting team of five men so I have helped to start a number of churches, but this church I started by myself. We have eighty people to be saved already. I will continue to serve the Lord, even though I must work other jobs, but perhaps with your support, I will be able to be full-time in the ministry.

We are not wealthy, but we do own our own house. It has only one room and is 15 miles from my church. Twice a week I travel there. Your support will help me to go more often and to buy bus tickets so I can travel faster, rather than having to walk.

Number of sponsorships needed: 2 - each at \$35.00 monthly

Preacher's Name:

Polamati Manoharam

Wife's Name:

Santhamma

Number of Children:

2

Country:

India



Testimony:

I am from the village of Bobbilanka, where we are all Hindus. I lived a simple life without worries and troubles.

One day in the month of January, I happened to visit the city of Rajahmundry to buy clothes and groceries. When I got down from the bus and walked a while, I saw arches, festoons and illumious lighting on the main road. I also saw big photos of some American pastors on the arches. There was a big gathering of several thousands of people of both sexes. I discovered this was called the "India Crusade".

I entered the area and sat on the dirt to listen to the preachers. I forgot the time and my business in the city as I was immensely immersed in the words I heard. The meeting ended and I sat in that place all night and returned home the next morning. The whole day I was thinking about the matter and wished to return for the remaining two days, which I did. On the day following, I sought out Pastor Kumar and he led me to Christ.

The news of my conversion spread rapidly through my surrounding villages, as I was an influential figure there. Many dozens came to my house to learn about the Word of God. In that manner I started preaching and now I have led 150 people to Christ and started a church. I am training 3 men to serve as pastors.

I request Final Frontiers to arrange for sponsorship for me to help me do my work in a more effective manner.

Number of sponsorships needed: 2 - each at \$35.00 monthly

From the mailbox



Last trimester:

villages
evangelized - 3

churches
started - 1

people saved - 12

converts
baptized - 0 yet

From: Sangram Nayak
Sponsored By: Robert Vanden Bosch - IL

Greetings to you both in His most precious name. I was surprised when I saw your personal letter to me with all the information. Many, many thanks for your so nice letter which really encouraged me. I was very happy. Yes, I have received your support which is a great help in my ministry.

During past few months Lord gave me the opportunity to visit some new villages where the dear Lord spoke to many; specially to the young boys and girls. I love to spend more time for them.

During my times, I came across many, many orphaned and destitute children. When I saw them, I felt as if my heart bleeds within. I could not control myself. I talk to my national director, Rev. Pramod Das, who is a great help to me in helping these children. We have started an orphanage, at present 15 boys and girls including one un-wanted baby girl thrown out near a railway track . Please pray for this new ministry.

Myself and my wife and son and my daughter are working for them during our leisure time.

Coming month I have to go to a new place called Bolangir, which is 350 kilometers away from our place (about 225 miles). Pray the Lord will speak to many tribal youth. I wrote all these that the prayers of many of God's servants like you may pray and strengthen the work.

My prayer requests are:

- 1 - pray for 11 young boys and girls who gave their lives to Jesus Christ
- 2 - pray that I may get more time to preach the gospel in addition to my official responsibilities
- 3 - pray for our new orphanage



From: Christopher Mwanza
Sponsored by: Jim Moore - OH

Thank you for support you have sent to us. It has helped us buy food, transport for school children; and also helped to buy cement to plaster the house. Your support has also help me travel many areas to do the following: hold leadership seminars, and four evangelism seminars, pastor conferences and evangelistic crusades. I have had 300 pastors in training. I also had 17 pastors graduated after completing two year course.

Please pray for Mthunzi as she writes her final exams, pray that I complete building our house, and pray for my transport means.

Please would you send me your prayer request also your picture. You are being prayed for in our family.



Last trimester:

villages
 evangelized - 15

churches
 started - 1

people saved -
 1200

converts
 baptized - 500

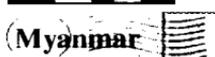


From: Lian Khan Pau
Sponsored by: Keith Landreth - NC

Thank you very much for the receipt of you help. It is our only means of survival. We buy foods from the village where we stay to two days walk to buy rice. As three of us make a team our work goes normal all the time. When one rests, another to teaching and another one can cook. The village people cannot support us because they do not also have enough food and grains. So your gift is very, very helpful. As we teach Bibles and songs, we can help ourselves.

Two groups of us work in teams. These are far reaching than individual ministry. Because in some places where are bad guys, they can annoy us, can assault us. The primitive areas are still difficult to enter. But so far the Lord help us.

We are in need of evangelistic equipment such as lamps, chalk boards, pencils and note books. So far we share what we receive from you and we can go along fine. If we might have more class, they cannot supply themselves. Your support is our only source of strength and livelihood. We pray for you.



Last trimester:

villages
 evangelized - 3

churches
 started - 0

people saved - 15

converts
 baptized - 15

Welcome New Sponsors

Preacher Sponsorships:

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

- **Matt and Becky Hood** in St. Louis Park, MN sponsored:
Ble Theodore Gnadou in the Ivory Coast
- **Mr. and Mrs. Larry De Paulis** in Pengilly, MN sponsored:
Lawrence Lamina in Ghana
 - **Nancy Jane Cox** in Wayzata, MN sponsored:
Cristopher Cardenoso Chavez in Peru
- **Todd and Pareena Lawrence** in Morris, MN sponsored:
Petla Daniel in India
- **Charles and Barbara Riegel** in Coldwater, MI sponsored:
Claudius Harry in St. Vincent
- **Craig and Sandy Morse** in Vicksburg, MI sponsored:
Kenneth Kamphata Nguni in Zambia
- **Jim and Melony Evans** in Coldwater, MI sponsored:
Paithoon Khangkhan in Thailand
and Hoang Van Duong in Vietnam
- **Larry and Sharon Granger** in Coldwater, MI sponsored:
Brother Pu in China
- **Ricahard and Virginia Smith** in Goodrich, MI sponsored:
Jawa Jala in Thailand
- **Iowa State University Fellowship of Chrisitans** in Ames, IA
sponsored: Brother Zhao in China
- **Mike and Arlene Porter** in West Des Moines, IA sponsored:
Barnabas Ju-Poak in Thailand
 - **Mack and Lynn Spiro** in Wyoming, DE sponsored:
Sam P. Thomas in India
 - **Bruce and Liz Allison** in Eatonton, GA sponsored:
Ble Theodore Gnadou in the Ivory Coast
 - **George Lavender** in Jeffersonville, GA sponsored:
Jessie L. San Pedro in the Philippines
- **New Haven Baptist Church Brotherhood** in Macon, GA
sponsored: Andrew Khaemba Murefu in Kenya
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Ramon Cervantes in Mexico
and Winfred Kossi Mortty in Ghana
- **Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Smith** in Decatur, AL sponsored:
Charles Malerano in Malawi (double sponsorship)

- **Skip and Joanne Crowell** in Upper Marlboro, MD sponsored:
Yerick Musapirov in Kazakhstan
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Luis Francisco Ramirez in Mexico
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 - **Steven Raglin** in Laquey, MO sponsored:
Daniel Emron in Kenya
 - **David and Kimberly Lowe** in Dixon, MO sponsored:
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 - **J.L. and Lisa Bolt** in Hillsville, VA sponsored:
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 - **Andy Bennett** in Woodlawn, VA sponsored:
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 - **Ron and Sue Bennett** in Woodlawn, VA sponsored:
Brother Liu in China
 - **Wayne and Janice Pickett** in Austinville, VA sponsored:
Ruben Levison Nkhata in Malawi
 - **Mr. and Mrs. Mark Barry** in Cary, IL sponsored:
Samuel Mari Solomon in India

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The following began sponsorship of a country's *TEAM* in the past month. *TEAM* funding (given at a minimum of \$10.00 monthly) is used by the collective group of preachers in that nation, to purchase needed ministry tools such as Bibles, tracts, bicycles, etc., and to support their administrative offices.

- **James and Patricia Johnson** in Eatonton, GA - *TEAM* China
 - **Karen Haines** in Norwalk, IA - *TEAM* Honduras
- **Pastor and Mrs. Steve Kluth** in Birmingham, AL - *TEAM* Zambia
 - **Leah Hood** in St. Louis Park, MN - *TEAM* Myanmar

Reports from the Final Frontiers

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

110 Churches Started
239 Villages Evangelized
3,127 Professions of Faith
637 Believers Baptized

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

7,358 Churches Started
28,895 Villages Evangelized
258,449 Professions of Faith
73,805 Believers Baptized

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

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1,054 Preacher Sponsorships
68 *TEAM* Sponsorships
35 Orphans Supported

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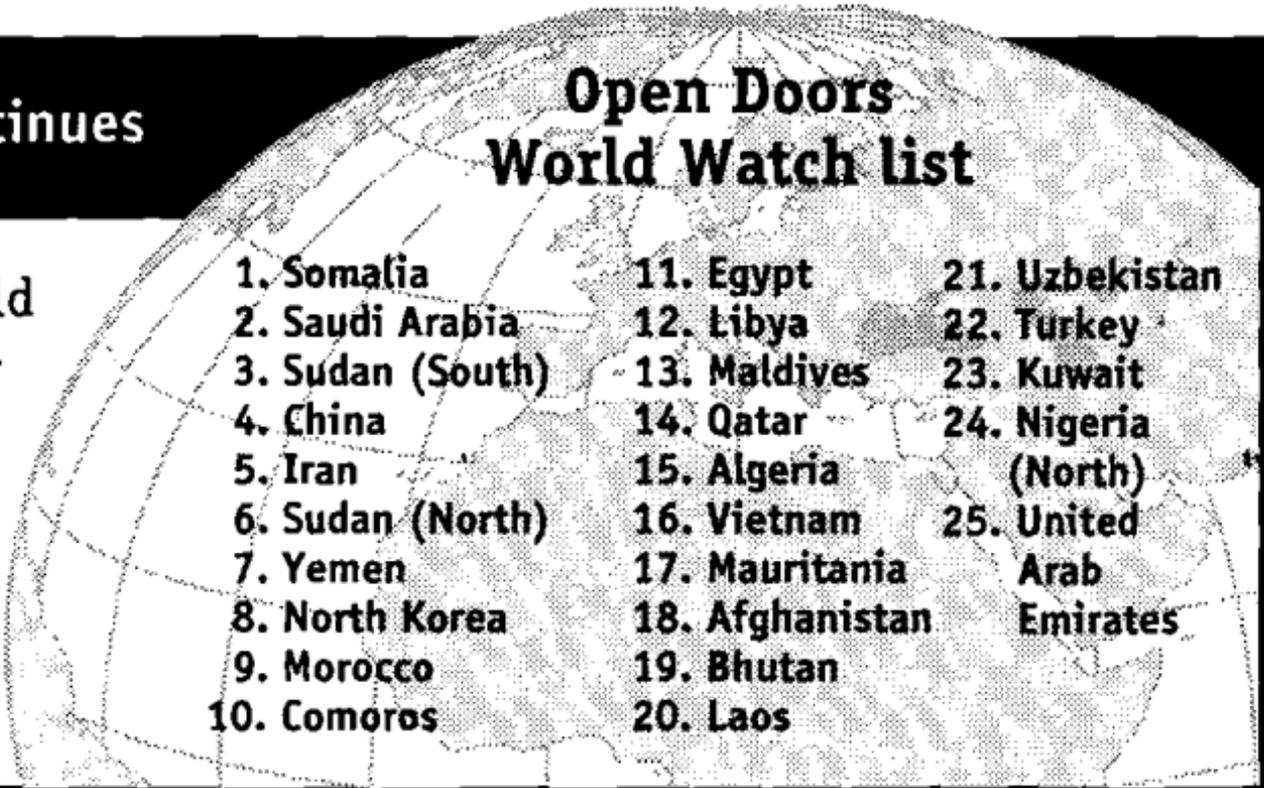
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Muslim persecution continues

Open Doors World Watch list

The 1997 Open Doors World Watch List states that moderate to severe persecution of Christians continues in more than 80 countries. Of the 25 regions with the worst violations, 20 are Muslim-dominated.

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| 1. Somalia | 11. Egypt | 21. Uzbekistan |
| 2. Saudi Arabia | 12. Libya | 22. Turkey |
| 3. Sudan (South) | 13. Maldives | 23. Kuwait |
| 4. China | 14. Qatar | 24. Nigeria |
| 5. Iran | 15. Algeria | (North) |
| 6. Sudan (North) | 16. Vietnam | 25. United |
| 7. Yemen | 17. Mauritania | Arab |
| 8. North Korea | 18. Afghanistan | Emirates |
| 9. Morocco | 19. Bhutan | |
| 10. Comoros | 20. Laos | |