



As Central Mexico is hard hit by floods, many of its inhabitants are hard hit by the destruction of their crops, homes, and in many cases their very lives. Food is in short supply and hope is hard to come by. A group of Christians blessed and spared from the destruction are reaching out to help those in need with food and the Gospel.

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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.

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the Jon Nelms family report

Dear Family in the Faith:

It seems that as years go by, the world gets smaller and smaller. Just a little over a year ago, we were trudging through the devastation of Hurricane Mitch. So many of you cared enough to help that we not only passed through it, but we were able to help many others do the same.

Last month, almost on the anniversary of Mitch, Mexico began to suffer as we had, due to a series of storms that hit them, just barely missing us. We knew what they were in for, and could have only sympathy for the horrors that lay in store for them. Recently my son Daniel has added several pages and photographs of reports that were sent in by our National Director there. This will be a permanent addition to our website to give you breaking news from around the world, as we receive it. Once you log on to our website, click on World Watch in the left column and that will give you a drop down list of the different areas we are covering at this time. (You can find us at <http://www.finalfrontiers.org>) In this issue of the Progress Report you can read the same article that we have on the website. (On the web site we have color photographs and maps to pinpoint the areas of devastation.)

What seems most horrible is that by the time that the Mexico report was "uploaded" to the Internet, Orrisa and Andhra Pradesh, India were also hit by typhoons. These are two of the most heavily supported areas by Final Frontiers. In fact, we support close to 200 preachers in those two states. Just as I sent email off to our two National Directors for those states, I saw on CNN a report of the heaviest flooding in the 100 years of recorded history of Vietnam. About eight years ago I survived a flood there and have the marks on my body (to this day) to prove it.

Because of all this, and what we know of your desire to have "first hand" reports that are not censored by the various governments or news agencies, we are going (as reports come in) to dedicate sections of our website to these and other areas of conflict and crisis where we have supported preachers.

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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.

January:
Thailand
Cambodia

February:
Egypt
Guatemala

April:
England

Pray for our representatives that are in Israel right now, that the Lord would lead them to any that need our assistance.

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(World Watch) As long as we can get the updates from them, we'll post them on the Internet and get them to you. Some of you will want to send relief funds (which will always be dispersed through our preachers and churches) and others may want to go for a week or so to help out. We'll do our best to help you coordinate your efforts and get your relief to the needy.

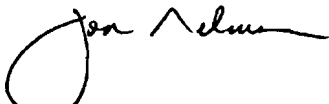
While I am mentioning the website, let me suggest that if you haven't visited it in the past two weeks, that you take a look. It has been totally overhauled. In fact, we are now putting preachers in need of support on the site and you can register to support them and even pay by credit card because we now have a "secure server". As time goes on we will:

- have hundreds of such preachers on line
- add a world clock that will tell you what time it is in the country of your choice,
- have maps of where the preachers are located
- have links to satellite views of that country so you can see what the weather is like and even have on line cameras so that you can see the field where preachers serve. Imagine turning on your computer and participating in a church service in Bangkok or a baptism in Bombay (now called Mumbai by the way).

We are going to do all we can to bring the world into your home. Bottom line - the more you know, the more you'll pray, and the more you pray, the more you will want to help. (Currently this is all being financed by the support given by the \$45.00 annual membership of Final Frontiers Society members. If you haven't joined yet, you are invited to do so on line or by calling our toll free number at 800-522-4324.)

As you can see, we are staying busy here in our main International Office. Thank you for the support and prayers you offer on behalf of our family and ministry. We'll keep doing our part until the Lord comes back. The preachers will do theirs. Now all we need is for each of you to do yours. Together, we make an unbeatable team.

Yours for souls,



Jon Nelms

A T.E.A.M. REPORT FROM GHANA

From: Daniel Sappor

Location: Ghana

What was the total amount of TEAM funds received? \$242.00

What were these funds used for?

- A. Richard's Orphanage....\$100.00**
- B. Church Planter's Support**
- C. Stationary, Postage & Transportation**
- D. Secretarial Services**

Do you have any special needs we can pray about? Yes.

- A. \$500.00 Needed to connect telephone to office**
- B. \$500.00 monthly to support pastors serving in rural areas with out any support.**
- C. Sponsorship of \$25.00 monthly for over 100 rural nursery school children.**

Dear Team Fund sponsors:

Once again your support backed by your prayers reached us. This is a great encouragement as the money came to meet specific needs. Pastor Richard Awortwe who runs the orphanage was terribly sick when your donation was received for the orphanage. Other church planters serving in the rural areas had some of their needs met when they received your donation to support the work God is doing through us here in Ghana, West Africa.

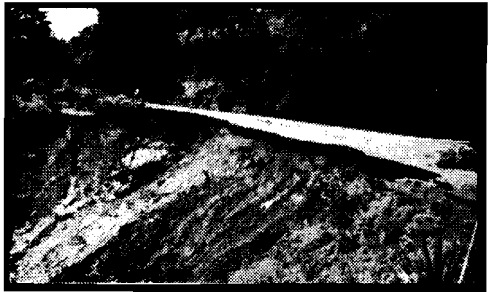
Thank you, on behalf of your missionaries in Ghana.

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.

Destructive Floods in Central Mexico... ***And the relief effort underway.***

Most of you are probably aware of the current situation in Mexico. Floods have devastated the central part of the country over the last few months and the damage left behind is enormous and overwhelming. Entire villages have been wiped out and others are cut off from the outside world. Villages that were only reachable by foot



One of the many roads in the state of Puebla that has been washed away due to flooding.

before, have now become nearly impossible to get to. This is more than a tragic news story, this is a story about your brothers and sisters in Christ who need your help. This is more than a story about the devastation of a flood, it is a story about the unification of God's children to reach out and help those who are in desperate need. While this is not the story that we were planning for this issue of the Progress Report, as we became aware of the great need and urgency of the situation, we felt that it was important to present this need to you as quickly as possible.

As you read this article, please prayerfully consider what your role in this relief effort should be. If God leads you to donate finances to help out in this effort, you may do so through Final Frontiers. Please be assured that the funds we help to raise for this relief effort will be sent to Mexico to aid in the purchase of food, supplies, and the costs of getting those items to the places where they are most needed. If God leads you to pray for this situation, please do so, keeping in mind those who are helping with the relief effort as well as those in need of the help. Please pray not only for physical relief from this disaster, but also that this situation would bring honor and glory to God and that many would come to know Him personally through this tragedy.

The following article has been pieced together from email updates from Manuel and Ruth Lopez. Manuel and Ruth live in Puebla (the state that has been hardest hit by the flooding) and are a vital part of the relief effort that is currently underway. Manuel is currently working with Final Frontiers by helping with our recent expansion into Cuba and taking on the responsibility of distributing support funds to the national preachers there.

PUEBLA RAINS AND TRAGEDY

(from a message dated 10/09)

Folks, I'm sorry to come back to you so soon with another prayer request, but it seems the situation in the State of Puebla is rather bleak right now. It's been raining continuously for over a week now, and the floods and mudslides in several Puebla villages have taken many lives, caused serious damage, and blocked roads, isolating many villages. We've been watching the news carefully, and trying to get through by phone to those we know in the areas that have been most affected. One member of our church has parents living in Tezuitlan. As he watched the news, and saw scenes of the destruction, he could tell it was directly across the street from their home. It took days to get through to them, but he finally did. Though they are very close to serious destruction, they are ok. That was a direct answer to prayer! On the other hand, they also said that food is selling for triple the normal price, and bottled water for 8 times the usual selling price. Not only are the prices illegally high, they are running low on everything, and the only outside help they have is by helicopter. The roads in and out of town are blocked.

Manuel has been trying to get through to one of our sister churches in San Andres, Puebla (near Zacatlan if any of you are looking at a map) all week. He finally got through today and talked to one of the leaders named Damian. Damian and a group of national missionaries run a medical clinic and a church in San Andres, and need our help. Damian informed Manuel that the only way out of town at the moment is walking. It's a 7-hour hike through terrible mud to get to Zacatlan, the nearest town that has a road. Because of this, the town is beginning to run out of food, so people are hiking the 7 hours to take back what food they can carry. Manuel offered to get some emergency supplies together for them. Until today, we did not know there was any way to help them. Now Manuel has information about where to leave food in Zacatlan for them. Damian will hire hikers to carry the food the rest of the way.

Statistics from the Puebla paper, October 9, 1999

- 220 bodies have been recovered in the state of Puebla, they expect to find at least 180 more because one neighborhood in Tezuitlan was completely buried.
- 12 dead in the state of Hidalgo
- 11 in the state of Oaxaca
- 56 in the state of Veracruz
- Homeless due to rains: 250,000
- 15 major highways in Mexico have been seriously damaged.

(from a message dated 10/11)

The situation in many villages is very critical. We cannot help all of them, but we can help at least one at a time. The Lord is good, and He provides for His own. We are currently targeting our UFM Clinic and Church in San Andres. We thank the Lord that we continue to have phone communication with them, since Saturday. We will be sending 3 vehicles with food in them tomorrow, Lord willing. They will distribute the food in their village, and beyond, to at least one other village.

Coordinating this amount of relief takes a lot of time. We thank the Lord for the phone! Please pray we will be wise as we shop, and that the men will get through with the supplies tomorrow. Also, please pray for Manuel, since his cold has gotten worse, and he's running a fever.

The three vehicles will be meeting Damian and a team of hikers and 6 donkeys (they were not able to find any more burros) in Zacatlan tomorrow morning. The folks from San Andres will be hiking 7 hours each way tomorrow. The hikers will probably have to make another trip the next day, and possibly the next. We are trying to make contact with our churches in other villages too. So far, no communication has been established.

Greetings from Puebla!

(from a message dated 10/13)

I wish I could write only good news in this letter. So I'll start with the good parts. Yesterday a group including Manuel took two vehicles with somewhere between 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 metric tons of food (a metric ton is 1000 kilos, which is 2,200 lbs). They met pastors from two towns at noon in Zacatlan. Angel's pickup truck took a load of food to La Union. They were able to get near that town, but had to haul the stuff over a river by rope. The rest of the men had an interesting trip, which included being pulled by a tractor over a stretch of very wet mud. They got as close as possible to San Andres, where they unloaded the rest. Somewhere between 25 and 35 men carried everything from there to the village (about a 4 or 5 hour hike). They were not able to use donkeys after all, because part of the way is too narrow for a loaded animal.



A pickup carrying the food, is only able to pass through the thick, wet mud with the help of a tractor.

As our men drove back towards Zacatlan, they providentially met a

pastor from San Pedro who had walked out of his village looking for help. Though they had no more food to share with him, they were able to buy him half a metric ton of corn (for tortillas) in Zacatlan. They helped him find a place to store it. He was going to return for it today with hikers.

Meanwhile, while the men were gone, Joshua and I continued to investigate how we could get help to our churches in Mecatlan and Coyutla. After I got some "beat around the bush" information, Joshua decided to make some phone calls. He persisted with one phone call after another, talking to numerous government officials until he DID get some answers. He wound up talking



These men will hike 7 miles one way in order to carry food back to their village.

to the General in charge of the rescue work being done from Poza Rica into countless villages in Veracruz. The General promised Joshua that we can send a helicopter full of stuff (2-3 metric tons) to the village of our choice, and that we could place one passenger on the helicopter. They are running short on supplies in Poza Rica so it will not be feasible to do our shopping there. So Joshua and I made some more calls, and found out there is no way to get to Poza Rica right now by land, except through Tampico. For those of you familiar with our geography, you know that is a LOOONG round about trip. But Joshua had an idea, and got on the phone again. Would you believe that he found an airline that is willing to transport all the food we want to send to Poza Rica FREE OF CHARGE!!!! They can only take one metric ton at a time, and only have three flights out of Puebla each day, but they are willing to take it FREE! What a wonderful answer to prayer!

Today started out busy, and has been since 6 a.m. We've already shipped 2 metric tons of corn for tortillas on 2 flights. We've also sent Jonathan Smith to Poza Rica to "corn sit" until the helicopter leaves for the villages, hopefully tomorrow. Ken Bowyer and Nicolas Resendiz have arrived in Puebla and will be flying to Poza Rica with another metric ton of food tomorrow morning at 6 a.m. They will be taking half a metric ton of beans and half a metric ton of rice as well as some salt. Hopefully soon after they arrive, one of them will be on his way with all or most of the goods in a military helicopter.

Please pray with us that the chopper will indeed take the goods and one of the men to our villages. We are still concerned that at the last minute, after they have loaded our goods, the General will decide to not let a passenger on. Then what they do with the food will be out of our hands.

Though we know many are hungry, our objective is to get food to our church people, so we'd like for a representative to go and supervise the delivery of the food. We will let you know when and how that works out. The general did not promise how quickly he'd take our stuff out to the village of our choice, but the implication was that he'd do it as soon as we were ready. Pray he'll carry through!

We are thankful that both Source of Light and UFM have set up Flood Relief Funds. Gifts are already coming in! We praise the Lord for this! By the way, we estimate that we can buy one metric ton of food, and cover the cost of delivering it for roughly \$1,000 US dollars.

So, that is our good news. We have seen the Lord's hand in detail after detail. In timing after timing. In folk's willingness to help, including total strangers like the fellow at the market that gave us an excellent price on the corn.... like the taxi drivers at the airport that got out of their cars to help us carry the sacks of corn... like the director of Aeromar that decided to give us free freight... like.....

But not all the news we have to share is good. Manuel came back overwhelmed by the enormity of the problem. We are now convinced that the magnitude of the disaster is worse than anything we imagined. Beyond Zacatlan they saw many mud slides. They also found out that an entire town was buried, with about 500 people in it. The reports indicate that the army landed rescue workers there several days after the mudslide, but they were driven away by the stench. No effort was made to recover bodies. The town simply no longer exists. Even so, news reports continue to indicate there are only 425 dead in the entire country. That is not the case. The devastation that Manuel encountered yesterday will be driving him to do all he can to help for a long time. One thing that has impacted us is that he only saw places that could be accessed by car. He did not hike in to where it is bad. If it's so bad there, what is the condition of things where no help has yet arrived? If God wills, tomorrow when "our" helicopter arrives in Mecatlan, we'll find out what things are like in a place that has not received help.

And the hunger. The men that Manuel encountered—men that had walked down from their villages looking for help, all spoke of hunger. People are going hungry in the villages, and the problem is severe, and wide-



Assistance in the form of beans and corn arrives to the villages where it is urgently needed.

spread.

Do you have a map of México? You might like to pull it out and look at it to visualize the magnitude of this problem which is significant in 3 states: Puebla, Hidalgo, and Veracruz. Untold villages are in desperate need of help. The people are hungry right now. But one load of food is not going to be the final solution. The crops are ruined. They cannot replant until spring. How long will it be before these subsistence farmers can subsist on their own? The more we do, the more we realize needs to be done! Please stand by us with your prayers. We believe God is in control, and we're trusting Him to show us what He would like us to do in the midst of things that seem to have gotten out of control.



A chance to meet not only the physical needs of people who are hungry, but also a chance to provide them with some spiritual sustenance.

(from a message dated 10/14)

Ken Bowyer was taken in to Coyutla in a military helicopter today that was only able to take one ton of food. Later in the day he hiked up to Mecatlan. He distributed food in both villages! Then he made phone contact with Leres. It's wonderful to know that he's gotten there. We don't know many of the details about how the villages are, but some help has arrived! Another helicopter is already loaded with two more tons that will be taken in tomorrow, along with Nicolas Resendiz. It is not yet clear if the general will allow us to continue sending more food in on other choppers. We hope he will. It's incredible to see how many people desperately need help. Manuel will be making another trip to Zacatlan on Tuesday.

Manuel received a call today asking for help in getting food into Zongozotla, another town in Puebla with severe food shortage. We also have personal friends there. May God give us the wisdom in knowing where and how to help as many hungry people as possible - not only with food, but with the Word of God too. The food being distributed in Mecatlan and Coyutla is being given out with SOL (Source of Light) tracts.

(from a message dated 10/16)

Exactly one week after the first trip to Zacatlan, Puebla two groups are going back into the same area today. Manuel, Joshua, and 10 other people are taking 5 vehicles with about 4 tons of food. Manuel's group will be targeting La Union this time. There is a little Bible Seminary there where

they'll be leaving nearly 3 tons of food that will in turn be delivered to several villages beyond the river. Since the bridge over that river was washed away, the food will have to be pulled over the river by cable. The other group is taking over a ton of food to the clinic in San Andres. Drs. Karl and Hannah, 2 German missionary medical doctors that recently left the clinic for a furlough, are in that group. They have returned to help with this emergency situation, for which we are very thankful. Since it has been raining again, the roads have gotten worse this week, instead of better. For that reason, the group going to San Andres will not be able to get as close this time. We are praying the supplies (which will be sent on to villages beyond the clinic) and the doctors will be able to get in today, in spite of the longer hike.

Last night Jon Smith returned from Poza Rica, Veracruz after spending 5 days coordinating the delivery of 5 tons of food into the villages of Mecatlan, Coyutla, and Plan. Ken Bowyer and Nicolas Resendiz (with UFM) were involved in the same project. Ken is still in Mecatlan. Jon filled over 50 pages in his diary of the things that happened during those 5 days. We are looking forward to learning more details about what happened. We know the Lord worked greatly. "Joshua's" general was very cooperative and helpful, and became a good friend of Jon's. The general asked Jon to give Joshua his greetings. We are so thankful for the way the Lord worked things out, with the free air freight, the helicopters, and the helpful general. Some groups have had trouble with military personnel making their deliveries difficult or impossible, which makes us that much more thankful for the way the Lord worked things out in Veracruz with the general.

The Lord continues to provide funds for us to go on with this work, for which we are very thankful because daily we get news of yet another village in desperate need of emergency supplies. Zongozotla, Puebla, villages beyond Huauchinango, Puebla, beyond Mitla, Oaxaca, and on and on the list goes. Our prayer is that the Lord would help us to reach those that need help the most. We are also asking the Lord to show us the best way to get to these places. He definitely opened the door of opportunity to Coyutla and Mecatlan through Poza Rica, and we know He can do the same in opening the way to other villages. We hope to form a small and effective committee tomorrow to help coordinate and organize our relief work. We already have a great team working with us: the Leres (UFM missionaries), Jon Smith and Bruce Morrock (MK schoolteachers), the Musgraves and Decosters (CAM missionaries), as well as many Mexican friends from various churches. Nicolas Resendiz who doesn't like flying flew back and forth with several helicopters of food in Veracruz. Angel Garcia, in particular, has been a great help, especially since he has two pickup trucks. Yesterday my parents returned after nearly two months in the states, and will also be helping in many ways. If I named all the people that are helping, I'd never get done...but we are thankful for each of them.

Mexico has lost a significant percentage of it's harvest for this fall, and

the huge amounts of food being bought for subsistence farmers that normally do not buy food in town is causing a shortage even in the cities. Not only that, but the peso has weakened, and prices are going up. We were buying a ton of beans for 4,700 pesos last week. By the weekend it had gone up to 5,200 pesos a ton. Now it is over 6,800 a ton. That's buying wholesale. It's worse in the grocery stores, of course.

We realize that what is said by the media is quite different than what we say. The reason is probably two fold. Mexico has traditionally downplayed its tragedies in order to appear self-sufficient. Our President originally flatly refused outside help, then toned down a bit. Nevertheless, he's still greatly limiting outside help. If the news were to show a true picture of what is happening, there would be a general uproar from within the country, and strong criticism from outside the country for not facilitating outside help. The second reason is because the "sensation" of the disaster has pretty well worn off. Since our floods a hurricane has hit Cuba (fortunately with little loss of life), and soon other more exciting stories will hit the news. But TV news or not, the situation is quite serious. We are documenting what we can with pictures. Thank you for standing by us in prayer. We appreciate you. Manuel will be traveling to more villages as the Lord opens the doors and provides the supplies.

The situation in Mexico is serious and the needs are urgent. We have been presented with a great opportunity to help with this need. There is a relief effort already underway. Food and the Gospel are already being taken to many of those in need through a method that has proven to be effective. However, this relief effort is in need of additional funding if it is to continue and expand. If you are interested in making a contribution to help with this need, please send a check or money order payable to Final Frontiers Foundation and designate it for the Mexico Flood Relief Fund. You may also make donations via credit card by calling our toll free number 1-800-522-4324 or by visiting our website and using our secure server at www.finalfrontiers.org

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: Jayeh So Cher
Wife's Name: Sheh La
Number of Children: 1
Country: Myanmar

Testimony:

When I was a teacher in an Akha village I could not rest. I did not have peace in my heart. I knew only worldly education but a preacher told me the spiritual way. God's will is very important. I believed Jesus for salvation. If we really receive Jesus we will have happiness and peace. If you believe in Jesus you will get salvation. My wife trust Jesus and is glad to work for Him.

Since receiving Jesus, I have started one church. I work with other preachers with the Akha tribe. We are involved in children's ministries and evangelism. I speak three languages and this is a help in my work.

It is hard to do God's work here. The economy is very bad and there are always border fights. Thousands of people die of malaria and there is persecution for Christians. Our government is socialized and our mail is many times censored.

Your financial help will be a very big blessing to me and my family. We have some income but it is not enough to meet our needs. We live in a house made of bamboo, wood, and grass. Some of our food we can grow, but we also have to buy some of it. We eat what others in our village eat and we live simply. Our ministry will be blessed because of your faithful giving and prayers for us.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: one at \$35.00



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.

- **Gerald Spires: Elgin, SC**
Sponsored: Samuel Nii Aryee Ankrah from Kenya
- **Gerald and Shirley Kemp : Comer, GA**
Sponsored: Jesus Antonio Sandoval from Mexico
- **John and Virginia Logan : La Porte, IN**
Sponsored: B. Konda Babu from India
- **James and Marilyn Davey: Ft. Gratiot, MI**
Sponsored: James Bonsu from Ghana
- **Thomas and Virginia Smith: Eden Prairie, MN**
Sponsored: Sanyasi Pani from India
- **The Baptist Chapel: Jacksonville, FL**
Sponsored: Fernando Leyes from Ecuador
- **The Baptist Chapel: Jacksonville, FL**
Sponsored: James D. from India
- **The Baptist Chapel: Jacksonville, FL**
Sponsored: Fidel Cruz from El Salvador
- **The Baptist Chapel: Jacksonville, FL**
Sponsored: Enrique Jeronimo from Guatemala
- **The Baptist Chapel: Jacksonville, FL**
Sponsored: Paul Maina from Kenya
- **Lynly Crane: Lansing, MI**
Sponsored: Gnapi Gnazouo from Ivory Coast
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Did you know that you now have the ability to sponsor a preacher over our Internet site? When you visit our site, click on any and all countries of your choice, and you will be able to see photographs and biographies of preachers who need a sponsor. Because we have a "secure server", you can support them on-line, by using a credit card, and be assured your information will not be stolen by a "hacker". Visit us at...

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From the Print Shop

By Bob Tatum

Print Ministry Director and Office Manager

It has been my privilege to have served in Mexico as a missionary printer. It is also a blessing to know some of the people whom our main article is about this month. To hear how they reacted to a great physical need in a part of Mexico of which my family and I are familiar and is some of the villages that we have visited. This is a very special report to us.

What a terrific way to open the doors for the Gospel, when those pastors and church families are able to help supply the physical needs of many of their fellow villagers who have not yet embraced the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To give some corn and beans in the name of Christ and because of Christians who are willing to go the extra mile, to make the extra effort, to place one more phone call, to ask one more time, to not give up at the first obstacle thrown in their pathway.

It is very difficult to preach to people who are hungry, especially if you are not lacking in the food department yourself. After all, didn't Christ feed the multitudes, heal the sick and minister to their physical needs as well as their spiritual needs?

Yes, give out those tracts, but with the beans and corn. Yes, preach the Word, but bind up their wounds. Yes, point people to Christ, but remember that often, our actions speak much louder than our words.

I will be very anxious to hear more of how God has worked through those men and women whose actions have spoken so loudly for Christ in central Mexico.

Preacher's Name: Oscar Solano

Wife's Name: Ana Virginia

Number of Children: 5

Country: Costa Rica



Testimony:

I was saved on September 12, 1976. In 1980, the Lord called me to consecrate all my life to His service as a pastor until today. My wife was saved by Jesus in June of 1977. Her fidelity and service to me and the Lord Jesus Christ is constant and continues.

I studied at the Bible Institute of Emanuel Baptist Church and at the seminary of the Kansas City Baptist Temple through video.

I believe in the authority of God's Word, as the only way to rule and guide my life and the life of my church. I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin and is God the Son. I believe in the Trinity and in salvation of men by grace and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross. Our purpose while we live is to share the Gospel and make disciples.

Several men have been trained to work in ministry by me and I have been instrumental in helping start three churches. One of the men I trained is working in ministry in the United States. The others are working here in Costa Rica. I am presently training other preachers. My ministry involves teaching the Bible, children's ministry, working in the slums. In all our work our goal is to reach people for Christ.

While we do have an income from the church, it does not meet all our personal needs. Your support will help meet these needs and the needs of our ministry.

Number of sponsorships needed: two at \$35.00 monthly.

Preacher's Name: Tome Joseph
Wife's Name: Sahi Catherine
Number of Children: 7
Country: Ivory Coast
Testimony:

I am from a family deep-rooted in the idolatry and any kind of satanic practices because my father was responsible for a big and old mask in our tribe. Brought up in such an atmosphere and being a man, I have been introduced to idolatry by my father in order to replace him later. We always had to look for medicines.

My wife and I met ourselves very young and got married. She received the Lord and serves Jesus Christ since September 1988. She likes to serve the Lord. In our church, she guides women in their daily walk with Christ. By her prayers, works and advice, she undertakes my ministry. She accepted the Lord in the same year as me.

I have started one church and led 40 souls to Christ. Even though I am still studying, I work with other preachers in my missionary field. I will eventually be training others in ministry also. My wife works with me in the ministry and she makes some small trades to take care of the family and ministry.

We read the Bible and meditate until 7:00 AM. Then we pay a visit to the souls before they go to their fields. In the evening we evangelize.

Our house is made with a roof of straw and has four rooms. My favorite foods are rice with groundnut sauce and cassava pastry with sauce "kple". I have seven children with my wife but some of them are not in the photos because they stayed in our village where they attend school. With such a large family, we will certainly appreciate your financial assistance and your faithful prayers.



Number of sponsorships needed: two at \$35.00 monthly

From the mailbag



From: Bibhu Prakesh Limma
Sponsored by: Fred Wolff

Dear Sponsor,



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued interest in me and my ministry in India, your prayers and financial assistance to me which is a great help to us.

Last trimester:

villages
evangelized - 3

churches
started - 0

people
saved - 2

converts
baptized - 0

The Lord has been blessing my work. Now I am concentrating my work in a place called Jagatpur which is about 8km from my native place, Cuttack. The Gospel has been reached to many. Now there is a great persecution in India against the Christians. Therefore, we are not able to do mass evangelism. We are sharing the Gospel on personal basis with those who want to know about Jesus. There are millions of seekers in India who want to know the truth. We need many people to share the Gospel with them. I have shared the word with several Hindus. Please pray that they will come to know the Lord gradually.

I have also started literacy work among some illiterate children and am helping some poor destitute orphan children. I do not know how far I shall be able to meet their needs. Please pray for this venture of faith. Pray that the Lord will continue to use me for the salvation of many Hindus in my country until the end of my life.

With kindest regards,
B. P. Limma



From: Yahmoon Berpa
Sponsored by: Macomb Baptist Church

Dear Sponsor,

I would like you to know that your support that you have given to do His ministry among the Palong tribe, came to me regularly. I believed that you got news about the big problems that came to us and personally to me last year. We were really persecuted and some would like to kill me and I was away to the border for about 4 – 5 months and that was a real trial to my faith and my serving the Lord. Final Frontiers is a blessing to my family and to all Palong family at the village by sending us many and many sacks of rice through Rev. Kiatisak and also by his help and visited us. I also got very sick and almost went to be with the Lord but the Lord still needed me to do His ministry and go on serving Him among the Palong tribe. Please continue to pray for me and my family and our villagers.

Thailand

Last trimester:

churches
started - 0

villages
evangelized - 0

people
saved - 0

converts
baptized - 0



From: Timoteo G. Lopez
Sponsored by: Kevin Michael

Dear Sponsor,

I greet you brother in the name of the Lord. I am very thankful for the economic help that you have been able to send. I have used the money to buy clothes for my children and to pay for their schooling as well as invest in the ministry. I also have purchased medicine for my son that has problems with his eyesight. I am studying because I need to learn more, and I also use the help you send to pay for travel to villages to preach the word of God. Thank you. I am praying for you.

Timoteo Godinez

Guatemala

Last trimester:

churches
started - 8

villages
evangelized - 10

people
saved - 24

converts
baptized - 18

Now it's your turn...

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (office) _____

Please contact me about:

- hosting a fund raiser at our church
- 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:

\$ _____

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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**
(\$45.00 annually)

Sponsorship Information

To obtain further information on sponsorship, refer to the "Now It's Your Turn" voucher on page 22, or call us at 1-800-522-4324.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reports from the Final Frontiers

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

81 Churches Started
380 Villages Evangelized
4,540 Professions of Faith
789 Believers Baptized

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

11,949 Churches Started
47,144 Villages Evangelized
416,535 Professions of Faith
128,662 Believers Baptized

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

762 Preachers Supported
1,066 Preacher Sponsorships
75 *TEAM* Sponsorships
64 Orphans Supported
41 Countries involved in

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