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PROGRESS REPORT



Pastor Thomas Obiero pictured above with his wife (Phebe) and their son. Pastor Obiero is one of many pastors in Kenya who is not waiting for financial assistance in order to begin serving God. He is unsupported, yet he and his wife have taken in 5 boys from the street in order to help them receive an education.

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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, 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)

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the Jon Nelms family report

Dear Readers,

Lately the Lord has opened up many new doors of opportunity for us here at Final Frontiers. One thing that has always cost us an arm and a leg, is our accountability trips to other lands. That is one advantage to my living here in Honduras. I can travel easily and cheaply to many lands from here where we support Latin preachers. Gordon Daam primarily handles Africa for us and Matt Hood is all over Europe and the former Soviet empire. However that has left a big gap in visiting Asia. Well, the Lord has given me a wonderful opportunity to travel to a number of Asian and Middle Eastern countries early next year; and best of all, I get to go free! This will save us thousands of dollars annually from now on.

One advantage of such trips is not only to be encouraged and to encourage others, but it is to investigate potential problems and find new preachers in need of help. In this particular issue, you will be reading about our accountability procedures. They are near perfect, but there are times admittedly, that we have problems. We try to find the problem before it finds us, investigate it thoroughly, and make decisions based on our long standing policies. This doesn't mean that we don't make mistakes, it just means we make fewer of them.

At times when a man from another ministry is going to a country, we will ask him to drop in on "our preachers" without notice, just so that he can make a determination as to how legitimate they are. Seldom have we had any surprises.

Once I visited a preacher in Accra, Ghana with several other African preachers that were accompanying me. We found the home of a preacher we had been supporting for a few months, but he didn't know we were coming. (Imagine traveling to Africa and not telling the preacher you are coming!) The preachers with me did not know this man, and he did not know me. He knew only my name, not my face. Thus they did not introduce me. On the way to his house, they begged me to let them do the talking so they could expose him if he was a fake. I complied....

First we found where he lived (though we had no address). They asked the neighbors about him. Every one of them had only positive things to say. "Where is he now" they asked. The answer was always the same. "If he is not in his house, he is

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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.

October: Albania and Guatemala

November: Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar

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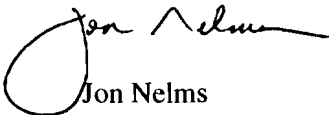
out telling people about Jesus". After about twenty minutes he rode up on his bicycle. The preachers with me began a conversation as if they were from a different denomination. They presented me as an American who wanted to help preachers of that false persuasion. This preacher was kind and gracious, but would not succumb to their offers of money. Instead, every false doctrine they threw at him, he politely and calmly responded from the Bible he held in his hand, attempting to show them the errors of their supposed doctrine. I was amazed at his knowledge of Scripture and the way he handled himself.

Finally they exposed themselves and their plan. How we rejoiced that this was an honest preacher who could not be bought! Since that day, the ministry of Daniel Sappor continues to flourish through his work with Final Frontiers, Source of Light Ministries, and Child Evangelism.

This is just one example among many. We do our best to make sure that the men we represent to you, are all we claim them to be. And when we find one that isn't, we immediately inform his sponsor and recommend them to a different preacher. This is our stewardship in action. We find the preacher, approve them, find a sponsor for them, then hold them accountable to that sponsor. That is what we do, and have done now for more than fourteen years. We love it!

As you read this issue, if you have any questions, feel free to call our toll free number to get an answer. We are not just here to help the preachers, we're here to help you as well. Thank you for serving with us over the years. Together, we'll accomplish even more for the Lord and His servants. And by the way, as always, we have a number of approved preachers who are badly in need of support. Will you call up and sponsor a preacher for \$35.00 monthly, for as long as you can afford it? These men are not waiting for support in order to serve. They are serving today at a sacrifice to their families. They need your help and will be able to do so much more for the Lord with your help. Isn't it amazing to think that you can personally finance a ministry and missionary for just \$35.00 monthly. In the States, you couldn't finance copies of a Christmas Cantata for the average church choir for that price. For some of you it's time to quit dangling your feet in the pool and go ahead and jump in - and why not - the water feels great! See you at the deep end!

Yours for souls,



Jon Nelms

A T.E.A.M. REPORT FROM PHILIPPINES

From: John Honeycutt

Location: the Philippines

What was the total amount of TEAM funds received?

\$180.00

What were these funds used for?

\$110.00 for materials for the pastors

\$40.00 to mail support to the pastors

\$30.00 assistance to Pastor Ofalsa for sick child

Do you have any special needs we can pray about?

Please pray for additional sponsors.

Dear TEAM fund sponsors:

Thank you so much for your support and prayers. The Philippines is very receptive to the Gospel now. The average new church sees over 500 coming to Christ in its first year alone.

Thank you again,

John Honeycutt

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.

Just So We Reach...

By: Gordon Daam, Director of African Expansion

There is no place on earth quite like Luoland, Western Kenya. The Luo tribe along the Eastern shore of Lake Victoria, has adopted the external appearances of the Western world, while still holding on to their traditional practices. Inside, a Luo is still a Luo. Unfortunately this has led to something else inside. Continuing traditional sexual practice means Luo's are as likely

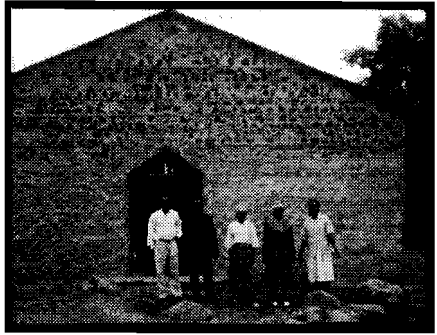
to be HIV positive as any group in the world. I heard many statistics, but the most often quoted was that 40% of sexually active adults are HIV positive.

This has created a sense of evangelistic urgency in our Luo National Pastors. Half the hospital beds are occupied by AIDS patients. The churches are burdened with widows and orphans, draining their meager funds. Funerals are so common that laymen have been trained to conduct them. Our leader in this area, George Pile says he could conduct a funeral everyday, but he declines because he must be busy winning souls.

This urgency has fostered a great push to reach out, to evangelize every village. People with eternity on their minds are coming to Christ in large numbers. Pastors are spread too thin shepherding 3-7 churches. Some would argue that men are elevated to leadership too soon with insufficient training or experience. But the graveyards are filling up with lost souls. It is a time for evangelism now and discipling when they can.

Let me make it clear that the Pastors supported through Final Frontiers are the experienced well trained ones with 4 year degrees, who are shepherding younger Pastors and overseeing 10-30 churches in a district.

These Pastors with their far flung ministries are always on the go. It is common for a Pastor to have a main church in a larger town or near the highway, and several smaller village works several hours walk into the bush. They are always walking ('footing ' they call it), or pedaling, or traveling in public buses called "matatu". In many cases the biggest hindrance to the spread of the gospel is the lack of bus fare, or a new bicycle tire, or a new pair of shoes.



Pastors Edward Sewe and George Pile are pictured above with several women from the church.

I cannot tell you how many miles I traveled to visit our Pastors and as soon as I arrived it seemed we were off again to visit new believers or house churches. We were soaked with sweat one hour and soaked by the rain the next. One time I was packed so tight in a bus I could not even turn my head.

Through all these obstacles the Pastors press on. Many times I heard them use the phrase that became the title of this report. **JUST SO WE REACH**. It doesn't matter if they are delayed, or what they must endure to get there. All that matters is that they do get there, because there are always buildings full of people waiting to hear the gospel. **JUST SO WE REACH** originally referred to just getting there, but it has come to mean reaching them with the gospel. It is an all out effort to **REACH** this dying tribe.

Let me tell you about the hardworking Pastors supported through Final Frontiers. George Pile, supported by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buckingham, David Martin, Herbert Paynter, and Rives Baptist Church, was a former Pastor overseeing 110 churches. He resigned that position to work with Final Frontiers. He is now an evangelist and guest lecturer at the Ahero Pastoral Training School.



Thomas Obiero and his wife Phebe pictured with three of the five boys that they have taken in off the streets.

He also conducts seminars in personal soul winning. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate.

George was given land in his village of Sondu and started collecting rocks to build his house. The reason is to save on rent and use that money as bus fare for ministry. The rent is \$10 per month. George is willing to go to a lot of effort to save what to us is pocket change. It would make that much difference in the number of evangelistic and training meetings he can schedule. *Someone should finance the transportation costs of George's ministry.*

Thomas Obiero and his wife Phebe have a ministry with the street boys in the city of Kisumu. He has located a rural school willing to give 5 scholarships and has moved there with 5 of the boys. Local churches have given food and clothes. The boys farm a small plot. It took 10 years, but his church is totally built and paid for with congregational funds. Thomas has also started 4 other churches. Thomas and Phebe are not yet supported. *Someone should pick up the support of*

Tom and Phebe.

Hesbon Nwani lives on a flat topped mountain with a spectacular view of Lake Victoria. The main church is Naki. It is about 20' by 50' and made of mud. The rains have taken their toll. This building is past its intended life. Still 200 people pack inside each Sunday with another 100 outside. The new brick church next door is up to the window tops. This is as far as the congregation can go with free building materials and labor. ***Your church needs to take up an offering and put a roof on Naki Church.*** Pastor Hesbon has 6 other churches served by himself, 2 assistants and an evangelist. He is supported by Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Zink.

Edward Sewe has taken on the responsibility for 9 churches that are 20 miles from his home. He travels home every Monday and Tuesday. Edward could not have taken on these shepherdless churches if he were not supported by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Johnson, Mr. Lambdin, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul New-Day. He would have to stay home to raise animals and vegetables to feed his family. Edward said he used his last support check from Final Frontiers to buy a goat, 10 bags of cement for the church floor, and the school fees for his 2 daughters.

While I was with Edward, I met his new assistant, an evangelist named Charlie. Together they plan to plant more churches. The fact that they already have 9 doesn't seem to slow them down. Charlie walked 10 miles to meet me because he did not have bus fare.

Let me close with a pathetic story indicative of the plight of these people. If a parent dies, the extended family takes responsibility for the widows and orphans. But what if everyone dies? One day we saw an old women begging at a bus station where we switched buses. She told George and I that she had 2 small grandchildren to care for because everyone else in the family had died of AIDS. George told me it is shameful to beg in this culture and the story must certainly be true. The next day we passed by the house of the old women. Sure enough, there were two little girls playing in the front yard, and a cemetery in the back. ***Someone should support an orphan in Luoland.***

Even more important, many should become involved in the evangelization of the Luo before it is too late. ■



Pictured above, Edward Sewe's children and the goat that he was recently able to buy with the funds that he received through Final Frontiers.

SPECIAL PROJECT UPDATE

*We frequently bring to your attention through the **Progress Report**, special financial needs that are presented to us. Some of these "projects" that have been presented to you in the past include "Mexico Flood Relief" and "Richard Awortwe"s Orphanage". We recently received reports on these two projects and hope that you will find them to be uplifting and encouraging, as you see how God has used the funds that you have so generously shared with those in need.*

The first of these two reports comes to us from Manuel Lopez, our National Director for Cuba and Mexico. He, his family and other partners in ministry worked tirelessly last year to help those who's lives were effected by the devastating floods. God has used this devastating, natural disaster that hit Central Mexico last year, to open many doors that were previously closed to the Gospel. Having the finances available to help meet the physical needs of people, opened the door to sharing the Gospel and being able to meet their spiritual needs as well.

UPDATE: Mexico Flood Relief

Mexico went through a lot last year. We had several earthquakes and serious flooding and landslides. The earthquakes destroyed many village homes. Landslides buried entire villages in the mud. Rising rivers carried away hundreds, maybe thousands of homes. Conservative estimates indicate 500,000 acres of farmland were destroyed. The crops on many thousands more were lost last year. Hundreds of miles of roads were destroyed and many bridges were washed away in the floods. The devastation was only partially portrayed on the news. In the midst of all of this, is there anything to be thankful for? Praise the Lord, we can say "YES"! Since October 10, 1999, through gifts like yours, the Lord has allowed us to participate in the following:

- The purchase of more than 40 metric tons of food distributed in over 15 villages in three states - Puebla, Oaxaca, and Veracruz.
- The distribution of 30,000 Gospel tracts.
- The provision of beds, blankets, household items, and new roofing for dozens of families.
- The construction of over 40 homes, and partial reconstruction of many more homes.
- Medical help for victims.
- Bible studies are now being conducted in 5 villages that were previously closed to the Gospel. As a result, some have already been saved.

We are thankful that the Lord is continuing to provide for this vital ministry. Our goal in all of this is to reach the lost for Christ. Thank you for participating with us in this ministry through your prayers and your very generous gifts.

God bless you,

Manuel Lopez

The following report comes to us from Rev. Richard Awartwe, a traveling evangelist who was so moved by the condition of orphans in Ghana that he and his wife started an orphanage. As you read this report, I believe you will gain a better understanding of what "pure religion" is all about.

UPDATE: Rev. Richard Awartwe's Orphanage

Total amount of funds received: \$415.00

Funds were used for:

- Feeding needs for the over 43 children at the orphanage.
- School uniforms for some of the children.
- Transporting children to and from school.
- A fishing and poultry project.

Special needs to pray about:

- Orphanage building to house the children
- Fishing and poultry project
- Means of transportation to take children to and from school

Dearly Beloved Sponsors,

We are glad you are giving to support Orphans. This shows the love which God shed abroad. Support from Final Frontiers has helped the orphanage to start a fishing and poultry project to help meet the feeding need of the children. Getting support through Final Frontiers has been a great miracle for us. In fact, we greatly attribute 60% of our success to your donation and prayers for us through Final Frontiers. Please continue praying for the above needs that are listed. God bless as you continue to be a blessing to the less fortunate in our society.

From: Rev. Richard Awortwe

This particular project is on-going, if you would like to send a one-time gift or a monthly gift to help finance this orphanage please designate them for "Richard's Orphanage". If you would like to become a sponsor for one or more of these children, please fill out and send in the "Now It's Your Turn" voucher (found on page 22 of this brochure); or give us a call at (478)625-9050 or 1-800-522-4324. ■

MAINTAINING ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability is the cornerstone of our foundation. Without it, we could not exist. In the following two letters you will read a fraction of what is involved in our efforts to not only get the sponsors' funds to the preachers, but to get the preachers' reports back to their sponsors. The system is not fool proof. Once many years ago, we had a church that took on the support of a number of preachers in a remote area of Kenya. After over half a year without hearing a word from the preachers, they dropped support of the entire group. I spoke with the church representative on the phone and tried to explain to him the particular circumstances with that group, but to no avail. Unbelievably, the next day I received an envelope in the mail that was torn on all four sides. Only a fraction on an inch on one side was still intact. The post office delivered it to me in a plastic bag. Incredibly, every single letter was still inside, not one was missing. It was the combined reports from this same group. The postmark from Kenya on the outside was from seven months earlier! They had faithfully maintained their agreement with us to provide reports, but the delay was not their fault. Though their sponsors had already dropped support, I sent the package on to them anyway, with a copy of the postmark, so that they could see the effort had been made to maintain accountability.

Most groups we assist, at the time of our involvement, already have a system of accountability in place. Remarkably, they are similar worldwide. Those who don't, or whose system is weak, we share with them the methods of the other groups who have a system that works. There are times that reports never make it back, this is a problem for the preacher the sponsor and us, because it is from reports that we compile the statistics on the back of each issue of the Progress Report. Some reports (and the funds that generate them) take up to nine months to reach their preacher, because they have to travel by foot through jungles; but when the reports finally arrive back, what incredible news they bring!

I hope that the two letters that follow from our national directors, one from Kenya and the other from Vietnam, will give you a glimpse into what is involved in operating this foundation, which has been (with our permission and assistance) imitated and emulated by a growing number of mission organizations. As I have been told by a number of ministries and individuals, "Final Frontiers may not

have a perfect system of accountability, but it is better than that of any other missions organization that I know of.” We’ll keep improving as God gives us wisdom to know how.

The following is a letter from the director of our outreach in Vietnam. Final Frontiers has, we have been told, the largest operating ministry in Vietnam. That is probably the case in many countries, but we feel confident it is in Vietnam. The truth however, is that these men were ministering there before they ever heard of us. We met them through a contact that I met in Bangkok many years ago. After investigating that contact, I proceeded to go to Vietnam with him and meet a number of the preachers. Time does not permit me to give the details of those meetings, but each pastor was eventually brought in for questioning afterwards, by the secret police. Every preacher we work with in Vietnam either is, or has been in prison. For that reason, we protect their names by using only initials. I too am “wanted” in Vietnam. The preachers there, fearing for my safety, years ago gave me a Vietnamese name. The authorities there know what we do, they just don’t know who I am. They are looking for a Vietnamese American. Getting funds and reports into and out of Vietnam requires much time and the use of personal couriers, encrypted letters and great risk for those who help us. However, once the reports arrive in our office, we send copies of the translated, un-encrypted letters to all those who sponsor preachers there. Some months back, one sponsor was curious as to how we deliver the funds and hold the men accountable. For that reason, M.D. wrote this letter to us to forward to that sponsor. We thought it would be of interest to all of you.

In regards to your questions about Accountability of our Final Frontiers’ ministries in Vietnam, the Church has not been recognized by the Government. As you know, Vietnam is a communist country. In many areas the church has been under much persecution. It is impossible to send funds to our Preachers without creating a lot of danger for them. So, the best way to bring funds to our preachers is by personal hand delivery. Because of this situation, I have to travel to Vietnam about 2 to 3 times per year. The cost of my trip is paid for by my family, friends or church. One hundred percent (100%) of Final Frontiers’ support to our Preachers and Ministries in Vietnam goes to Vietnam. The overhead cost of my ministry does not come from Final Frontiers. Whenever I come to Vietnam, Pastor T. and other preachers meet with me and give me the oral reports as well as the written reports about our Preachers’ ministries. Then I give Pastor T. the support funds in front of other preachers and he gives me the receipt.

When Pastor T. distributes the funds to the preachers, they give Pastor T. the receipts. After meeting with Pastor T. and giving him the funds, I make a schedule to visit the preachers myself (As many preachers as possible) and get the reports directly from the preachers. All the preachers that I have met indicated that they received the funds from Final Frontiers. They expressed to me how much they respected Pastor T. and appreciated our support. I also gave the Preachers my address in the United States. So, if they have any concerns they can contact me directly. I also meet with many preachers together when I travel to Vietnam. All these preachers work together with Pastor T. to distribute funds to other preachers. A few years ago, I went deep into a jungle in Vietnam and accidentally met a preacher. I did not know him and he did not know me. But after I introduced myself, he was so happy and thanked me for supporting him through Final Frontiers. The place where this preacher lives never has any foreigner visiting. So, we have the best system of Accountability and the most effective ministries in Vietnam. We thank the Lord that our reputation in Vietnam is unquestionable. Many Missionaries, Vietnamese Christians, and Pastors from America went to Vietnam and heard about our effective Ministries and they contacted me with good remarks. Praise the Lord!

Well, I hope this will answer the questions of our sponsors about the accountability. Thank you and May God bless you. In Christ, Pastor M. D.

More than a decade ago, Final Frontiers began to support preachers through missionary Randall Stirewalt, a 23 year veteran missionary with the Bible Baptist Fellowship. Over the years, Randall has written us several letters detailing how support of these preachers has caused their ministries to flourish. (Some of these have been printed in earlier issues of our Progress Report.) Formerly, Randall was forced to support these preachers from his own family's support. When we stepped forward with assistance, it freed him from an incredible financial burden, and because we were able to help to an extent greater than he could personally, it also gave the preachers increased funds to expand their works. Even before we became involved with this ministry, Randall had already developed a system of accountability that has worked well for his group. In this letter, he references a certain preacher who is ministering under extreme and dangerous circumstances, then proceeds to explain their system of accountability.

(In response to hearing that one of his pastors has just received a sponsor) Praise the Lord for a sponsor for Peter Amwayi. Peter gets

up early in the morning and makes a fried bread like thing (African donut). They make hardly any money with this but he tries hard to support his family. He sells them to people as they wait to take the bus to work. Peter's Church is in Kampkunji. This is the worst of all the slums, most of the thieves, drunkards and prostitutes of the city live there. I have lived in Kenya 23 years now and I am not afraid of many things, but I would never enter Kampkuji after dark without a lot of pastors going in with me (and I would choose the biggest I know to go with me! I don't even like going there in the day time). They say the HIV / Aids rate is close to 50% in Kampkunji. Peter's church is not as large as most of the other churches in Eldoret, but they are working hard. This I know, those who sponsor Peter will one day in heaven meet some people who are more happy than most to be there. For they are those who lived a hard sin filled life and the gospel was brought to them and they were saved.

Accountability is the most important thing to me while working with Final Frontiers. We do visit the pastors and their churches as often as possible, but with 130 churches not as often as I would like. We have set up a system for accountability with all whom we recommend. We have local Church Fellowship groups, which consist of a number of churches in an area that work together. With the Fellowship there is a chairman that is elected by the Pastors every two years. Some of the responsibilities of the local Fellowship includes: helping a young pastor start a new church, holding evangelistic meetings in their area, as well as holding training courses from time to time for all the pastors. I work with these fellowships very closely. I meet the chairmen of the fellowships every month. We discuss and organize all the meetings together, we talk about the needs and problems of the local churches and how to solve them. I see that each pastor is participating in the fellowship, if he is not I find out what the problem is and help to resolve it.

There is very little that would happen with a pastor that I do not know about or would eventually find out about. Many years ago, the Pastors would hide things from me when they knew about a problem with another pastor. I would always remind them of who's work this is. It is not the missionaries' work, it is Christ's work. If they are to be blessed in this work, it must remain pure. Today, they are very good about informing me of any problems they see or hear about. ■

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.

- **The Baptist Chapel: Jacksonville, FL**
Sponsored: Thawng Mung from Myanmar, Do Hoang Dao from Vietnam, Manuel Hernandez from Mexico, Angel Madulin, Roberto Pablo, and Fidel Reyes from the Philippines, Brother Dao #8 from China, Joram Omaso from Kenya, and Nguyen Long from Vietnam
- **Joseph and Kay Malocha: Vicksburg, MI**
Sponsored: Shadrack Lusien Mkalaini from Kenya
- **Jack and Margot Benett: Kent, OH**
Sponsored: A. Theiu from Vietnam
- **John and Tamra Lesley: Salisbury, NC**
Sponsored: Pius Mukhwako Munyedo from Kenya
- **Cheryl Chapman: Kalamazoo, MI**
Sponsored: TEAM Vietnam
- **Frelsburg Baptist Church: New Ulm, TX**
Sponsored: Johnstone Jomo Ombeba from Kenya
- **Paul and Lana Brown: Paris, TX**
Sponsored: Josphat Dhiambo from Kenya
- **Pennsboro Baptist Church: Pennsboro, WV**
Sponsored: Moses R. Babu and Mallipudi Subba Rao from India
- **Kevin and Renee' Gullett: Salisbury, NC**
Sponsored: T.V. Barn Boss from India
- **Mrs. Lee Hall: Salisbury, NC**
Sponsored: Gampala Yesuratnam from India
- **John and Belinda Davis: Montgomery, AL**
Sponsored: Roman Rudnev from Russia

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: Daniel Munavo
Wife's Name: Jane
Number of Children: 6
Country: Kenya



Testimony:

I am now born again. First I was a great sinner, but one day I heard a sermon preached from one of our missionaries about sin. As it is said in Romans 3:23 and 5:12. Then I asked myself if I was one of those and the answer came to me "yes". And what could I do in order to be saved? I could only accept Jesus to be my personal Savior. I am a new creature. I became a Christian man.

My wife is also saved and she believes that all who truly repent of their sin and believe on and receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit. Thereby, becoming children of God and eternally saved. She is a good helper to the ministry of serving God, especially the side of working with women and visiting. So pray for us not to be tempted by Satan.

Alone, I have started one church. However, together with the Nandi Fellowship, we have started many churches. I have led 250 people to Christ and baptized 175 of them. I am training men in the church who will attend the Bible Institute. Our ministry involves showing films, discipleship of new believers and encouraging the brethren, open air evangelism, children's ministry, and working with lepers. I speak three languages and work with four different tribal groups.

Our house is made of grass and it has three rooms. Our favorite foods are ugali, Irish bananas, bread, and beans. Since I have no income from my work in ministry, I must do farm work to feed my family. With your financial help I can spend less time in men's fields and more time in God's fields sowing, planting, and reaping an eternal harvest. God will surely bless you for giving.

Number of Sponsorships Needed: two at \$35.00

Preacher's Name: Musa Emuria

Wife's Name: She is deceased

Number of Children: 3

Country: Kenya

Testimony:

It was on a Sunday in 1979, that I went to a service in a Bible Baptist Church and I then received Jesus as my Savior and was baptized.

I joined Bible School in January 1988. When I was in my 2nd year the pastor left the church and joined politics. God touched my

heart because the church was left without a pastor. The church members voted me to be the pastor and I am still the pastor of Loduri Bible Baptist Church. It is located in the hottest part of Kenya. It is a dessert, but I thank God because He can use me to spread the Good News to the dessert people.

I was married in 1985. My wife was faithful to the Lord and to me also and the Lord blessed us with 3 children. In 1991, she went to be with the Lord. It has been very difficult for me to bring up the children without her, but I am not bitter because the Bible says that all things work together for good to those that love the Lord. Pray for me that the Lord will give me another wife.

I helped to start the church that I am now pastoring. I am training some of the men in my church to work in ministry. They are helping me in the church now.

I am involved in church planting, Bible evangelism, literature distribution, discipleship, children's ministries, and open air meetings. I have won 459 people to the Lord. I work with other pastors because we have joint meetings; faith camp, women's and men's meetings, and crusades.

My children and I live in a house made of mud and grass with 2 rooms. We are only able to eat maize, because we don't have money to purchase other foods. You can see that your financial help will be a real blessing to me and my children.



Number of Sponsorships Needed: two at \$35.00

A Tribute to Jake Cook

by Jon Nelms

We have lost a good friend and supporter recently, and this is one of those losses in life that you feel for years to come. A friend, a supporter, a true encourager and a former board member, Jake Cook, has passed on to be with the Lord.

Jake and I knew each other since we were both teenagers training under the ministry of Dr. Curtis Hutson. He went off to one Bible College, while I went to another. Our paths did not cross again until around 1987, shortly after we moved our foundation office from California to Georgia. Jake was having a lunch meeting with another "Forrest Hills teenager" who was pastoring in Savannah at the time. My name came up and that night I received a call from Jake.

Since that day, he has made hundreds of contacts for Final Frontiers. Arranged meetings, and traveled with me to a number of them. Jake was personally instrumental in helping us to get more than 200 preachers sponsored. He did all he could do, then tirelessly, sought others to do the same. We will miss him dearly.

Jake has helped to start several churches as well. Only the Lord knows how many he has shown the way of salvation. Jake was one of those guys who always had a pocket full of tracts. He would leave one at the restaurant with a generous tip, or pass them along the street. The last time I was with him, we stopped at a hotel in Charlotte, NC. It was about 11pm. Before going to bed, Jake put a tract on the windshield of every car there. Before we left 36 hours later, he repeated the process.

Jake was also a nut for trains. I remember one night there in the hotel, he left the room at about 2:30 am to go to the local train station to watch a particular train go by. He could tell you anything about any train ever invented.

He also had a nearly photographic memory on other things as well. When you would mention a name, he could tell you where they met, what the guy was wearing, was it raining, snowing, whatever. He would recall conversations where people had mentioned names of relatives, where they lived, where they worked, etc. He would remember all this, yet he had never met the person in question. Jake was amazing.

Besides trains, and tracts, Jake loved fishing and hunting. That's what he was doing when his time came, he was out in a boat fishing and suffered a stroke. Within a short time, he had passed away.

Elijah left in a fiery chariot, Enoch simply walked into eternity. I can imagine that in Jake's case, a heavenly train must have pulled up and the angelic conductor cried out "all aboard". Jake couldn't have passed up an opportunity to get on that train, and so he left us and his dear wife Jocelyn. Now he is with our Lord, and with my dad. The two of them had a mutual admiration for each other. I look forward to the day that I, and you, will all be reunited in our glorified bodies. Until then, we'll miss you Jake, but we will remember you always!

From the mailbag

GHANA



From: James Bonsu

Sponsored by: Mr. James Davey

Dear Sponsor,

Greeting to you and your family. May God richly bless you in Jesus name. The promise of God to support the work that I am doing has finally been fulfilled through you. I thank God for your life and also that you allowed the Lord to save people through you by pushing the Gospel financially.

I have been commissioned to go to the unreached areas to win souls for the lord. I have been burdened with this mission that I have started opening churches in the typical rural areas. By God's grace we have been able to open four branches. But for lack of finances, we are not moving as fast as we should. Out of the four branches, only two of them have a meeting place. So, when Rev. Sappor visited us with Gordon Daam they promised to find sponsorship for us. So, it is God who has brought you to help us.

I am with a wife and 3 children and another 2 children that I adopted from the village to help with their education which their parents couldn't afford. I have trained 3 pastors and sent them to help the village work and one elder who is also taking care of another village.

So, I know that the support you have started giving to me will not only help my family, but the whole ministry. A sister visited one of the villages one day and after that she donated her old taxi to be used to help in the work. But it is too old and had to be sent to the workshop to be repaired. I gave some of the money to pay part of the charge of maintenance of the car. I shared part among the 3 pastors, and I sent some to one of the villages so they could begin molding some African blocks for their church building. Though it could not meet all the need, God has used your money to save some situations which attracts God's blessings. We will continue to pray for you always. Thank you.



From: Bobby Colardo
Sponsored by: Harold Gaither

Dear Sponsor,

We thank God for another year He has given us and we pray that we will do more and work hard in His vineyard. Let us therefore be faithful and be prepared to meet Him when He comes.

Philippines

Last trimester:

churches
started - 0

villages
evangelized - 5

people
saved - 73

converts
baptized - 7

Last month, we spent the whole day soul winning with the members. We thank God, we were able to win 73 souls, Praise the Lord! This year, more added ministries to our church to reach more souls and train Christians to be useful in the ministry. We were able to start our Bible Institute. God bless you always as you continue serving Him. We are in need of more Bibles here, for free distribution to all newly baptized. Thank you so much.
 In Christ service,
 Pastor Bobby Colardo



From: Vanna Chum
Sponsored by: Mr. James Starr

Dear Sponsor,

Hello! How are you? How is your family? I would like to give thanks to God and you for supporting my family, and I appreciate your efforts to help my family in serving God in Cambodia.

Cambodia

Last trimester:

churches
started - 1

villages
evangelized - 3

people
saved - 70

converts
baptized - 25

I have received your support funds. Now I am starting one church at LorTeuk Trey village. So, I would like you to pray about the growing of the church and material to build a church building. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen
 Love in Christ,
 Chum-Vanna

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:

\$ _____

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**
(\$45.00 annually)

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 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

155 Churches Started
419 Villages Evangelized
1,490 Professions of Faith
546 Believers Baptized

12,750 Churches Started
51,690 Villages Evangelized
435,649 Professions of Faith
133,618 Believers Baptized

759 Preachers Supported
1,097 Preacher Sponsorships
81 *TEAM* Sponsorships
62 Orphans Supported
44 Countries involved in

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