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PROGRESS REPORT



A Masai warrior attends a youth camp led by Missionary Jerry Daniels and his group of national preachers.

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MINISTRY INFORMATION...

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The Jon Nelms family report

We have had a tremendous month with new sponsorships and great meetings. More and more our supporters are getting involved in representing our ministry at various conferences. As I write this letter, Pastor Frank Caudle is giving a week of his life to present us at a pastor's conference in Atlanta. In the past year Frank has led his church to take on the support of 6 preachers and has encouraged a number of other churches to take an interest in our work.

This summer the Tim Hargett family of Pennsylvania represented us at a Home School convention in their state. Their family made a display, played musical instruments and showed our video. Below is a photograph of two of their children "manning the booth", Jubilena and James.



Frankly, it thrills my heart to see others stepping forward to share the yoke. The needs of the pastors and the numbers that have need seem to grow and grow as the economies of the world plummet downward.

Recently I received a photograph from our National Director in Honduras, showing one of the pastors we support. This family is so very poor; they have no electricity, no plumbing, etc. They live in a two-room house and have only one oil lamp for light. It moves with them from room to room. This man pastors a church that he has to walk 90 minutes to get to, yet he walks and prays and preaches. His daughter helps the family budget by making hats by hand. To do this she has to gather the grass and weave



The Jon Nelms family

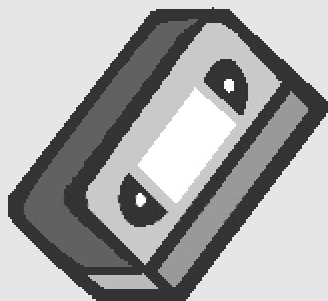
*Jon , Juanita,
Daniel and Sara*

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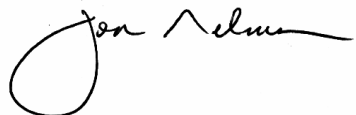
the hats. It takes three days to make one hat and she receives \$0.80 (eighty cents) per hat. Posing in front of their house they wore ragged clothes but had smiles on their faces. An added blessing to me, is that it is our secretary from Honduras who supports this preacher.

This is truly a great task to find, and fund God's deserving servants. Doing this incurs expenses that go far beyond the percentage we "keep" that is given by the sponsors. Out of our share we also have to maintain all the accountability and have funds to help when a preacher loses his sponsor, or for the widow of a pastor, or an emergency situation. In truth, probably at least 50% of what we "keep" ends up overseas in one form or another. Thus, we are always grateful, not only for those who take the time to represent us at conferences, but also for those of you who send in special offerings to help with our needs here.

You may have noticed that we are beginning to run articles about projects which have been provided for by sponsors. I know this is a dangerous thing to do because we risk offending someone by failing to mention them, so let me say that your gifts do not go unnoticed. We cannot possibly show or write about all that is done, but those we do show are done so to provoke interest and give ideas to others of what the needs are and to encourage those who can, to do likewise.

So many of you have asked - health-wise, I am feeling much better. I did have one episode while traveling in Honduras where I passed out, but I was surrounded by good friends who helped me get back to normal quickly. I have been in contact with the Mayo Clinic and am in the process of letting them experiment on me. I am trying to clear my calendar as they don't know how long they will keep me. Probably 3-7 days. One of our representatives, Glen Wilson, lives there in Jacksonville. Mayo says my problem is neurological. After spending a week that close to Glen, it will probably be psychological!

You know, we really are blessed. I have the greatest family a man could ask for. I have the greatest ministry a man could imagine. I am happy and content in the life the Lord has given me. I truly have no problems. I just want to acknowledge the great Lord we serve for all his blessings, and to thank you all, for the part you have had in helping me to help God's servants. Imagine the people waiting to meet us all in Heaven! Until then I remain ...



A TEAM Report **CAMBODIA**

For more information about TEAM projects,
see page 27

From: Vek Houg Taing
Location: Phnom Penh - sent by email

Dear sponsors of TEAM Cambodia:

I appreciate your love for the Lord in helping me and the Cambodian church leaders with our financial needs.

Yesterday my wife Sameoun and I went to Battambang with a visiting group of 19 Korean Christians to have an outreach among the professionals of that city. 74 attended and 34 of them prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. It was a good time to answer many questions related to Christian faith as they enjoyed their time of fellowship with one another around each table. We give thanks to God for making the Cambodian hearts to be very open for His salvation.

Tomorrow there will be an official National Seminar Day for all religious groups in Cambodia. I am selected by the Ministry of Religion to represent Christianity. I have submitted a 15 page document on the subject "The importance of the Christian faith to the maintaining peace and to the development of the Cambodian society" I will be given 20 minutes to speak on this topic.

Please pray that Christ's name is glorified and more doors are opened for His works in Cambodia as the result of this special National Seminar Day.

Sameoun joins me to send our love to you. We always remember your vital part in helping us to reach Cambodia for Christ. ■



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Opportunity Everywhere ...

By Gordon Daam

Director, African Expansion

Every time I travel to Africa I come back with mixed emotions. Half of me is praising the Lord for all that is being done by our supported preachers, and half of me is burdened for the opportunities we must pass over. One minute I am thinking of the orphans; clean, fed, and born again

because a pastor has taken them into his house - and the next minute looms the memory of dirty, ragged

street children, separated from family and God, sleeping on wooden benches in a bus terminal. I rejoice with happy singing faces praising God in mud walled churches, yet I am saddened that among many congregations there are several men trained as pastors but forced to take secular work in order to feed their families. I watch as appreciative pastors receive funds sent with love and prayers from America, but dread having to tell others their sponsor has stopped giving or we still haven't found anyone to take an interest in them.

On my recent trip I was thrilled to open up new works in two areas, yet disheartened when I returned to find in my mailbox another worthy plea for assistance from Goma, Congo, right across the border from where I had just been.

The primary purpose of this trip, taken in late April and early May 2002 was as always, for accountability. The second reason was to provide pictures and stories for this magazine, and the third to know the work in Africa well enough to properly do my job as Director of African Expansion. That title really fit this time as I investigated and approved two new church associations for inclusion in the FFF family of partnering ministries. The first group was the WEST ARUSHA BAPTIST



CHURCH ASSOCIATION, represented by Rev. Joel Masabo and his wife Susan who met us as we cleared customs. From the air as we were coming in, we had seen a green and fertile land at the foot of the mighty Mt. Kilimanjaro. On the ground we were about to see the way in which God is working in Northwest Tanzania.

First let me tell you about Joel and Susan. They left their native country of Burundi for further study at the Baptist Seminary in Arusha. Their two school aged children remained with Grandparents. When

the wars and tribal massacres occurred, many of those not killed were forced to flee. The Masabos had no idea if their children and parents survived or where they were. With this heavy on their hearts, Joel faithfully completed Seminary and took a pastorate in Tanzania. One day a Pastor friend from Burundi was able to phone and report the location of their children in a refugee camp. At some risk of life, and a greater risk of not being able to return to Tanzania, Joel rescued his two girls and reunited the family. Now the Masabos, all 8 of them, live in two 10'x10' rented rooms. Plumbing is outside and shared with the neighbors.



Joel and Susan Masabo



Joel poses in front of the church. His family lives upstairs in an open-air area.

Joel is now planting another church in a new area of Arusha where the houses are being built in rows in the fields. The city builders haven't caught up with development yet. When it rains the mud is too deep for anything but 4-wheel drive vehicles. I saw a shop that looked like a shoe store but was in fact, a "boot check." Joel walks out to the paved road in boots and pays a penny to check them for the day while he puts on his shoes.

On April 23, I met with 22 Pastors, who are all students or graduates of the Seminary. I spent six hours explaining the FFF program. On the next day, a long day, I visited eight pastors at their churches. Three were started when the missionaries were still here. Five have been planted by the WABCA. Again my heart was torn.

- Pastor John has started two churches in a valley inhabited by the Masaii tribe with a vision to work his way up the valley planting churches as he goes.
- Rev. Lasa serves in church where stateside fundraising abruptly stopped. For 15 years they have been worshipping in a building shell, unable to complete the project.
- Sylvester speaks excellent English and is starting a church in an affluent area.
- Daniel has a growing church that has started a Sunday School wing, and Mark's church is large and seems to be the center of activity for the entire village.



Pastor John stands in front of his new church plant in Arusha. John is third from the left.

I can only assume that the 14 churches I didn't see are as good as the 8 I did see. Again my heart was torn as I had to tell Joel to send applications for only 10 of the 22 Pastors. I didn't think we could find supporters for all 22 in a reasonable length of time. Twelve men will be very disappointed.

Another reason I couldn't take applications from Tanzania, is that I knew I would also be receiving applications from the second group I had traveled to meet, the MT. KENYA ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST CHURCHES. Twenty years ago, a BBF (Baptist Bible Fellowship) missionary, Jerry Daniels, started a work in Nanyuki, Kenya. This work has developed into a church, day school, and pastoral training school at the Nanyuki compound. Jerry has given his life to training preachers. When the national preachers mature to the point that they can go out on their own, the work explodes. This is very typical. Jerry has more eager graduates than he could raise funds for through his supporting churches. Jerry put out a distress call to FFF and praise God we are

able to help. Jerry has 8 men who applied for support through FFF. All are qualified and have been accepted. All can be supported by contacting our office at 1-800-522-4324. I don't have space to tell the story of all 8, but I would like to tell you of the ministry to the Masaii tribe.

The Masaii are the most photographed tribe in Africa (see cover photo). They are the most resistant to adopting Western ways. Because they are pastoralists and migrate with their flocks and herds,

they have proven difficult to evangelize. They are seen on TV with red cloth wrapped around them, carrying long spears. Their diet consists of milk and blood from cows and goat meat. When you enter a Masaii home they take a gourd hanging on the wall and pour you a generous glass of rancid milk. All I can say is I survived.



Gordon Daam (left) poses with Pastor Daniel

Some years back Jerry Daniels felt led to take excursions northwest of Nanyuki in an attempt to reach the Masaii. One of his first converts was a man named Daniel. Jerry told Daniel he would be back on Sunday to conduct a service. At that first service 70 men showed up.

Every 3 or 4 years the Masaii take all the adolescent boys and conduct a month long initiation into manhood, and killing a lion, but now there are not enough lions. Each class elects a leader who is then appointed leader of that class of initiates for life. It seems that Daniel was the leader of his class, and when he told everyone in his class that they had to show up on Sunday to hear the gospel, they did!

With this great start, the work among the Masaii has been an important part of the ministry. Daniel has been supported for years through churches in America. The next generation, the students Jerry taught and Daniel mentored and coordinates, have churches of their own and need support to maximize their effectiveness.

I will finish as I started. My heart rejoices that FFF can be a part of

the ongoing work of these excellent ministries in Tanzania and Kenya. I eagerly await the day I can write Joel and say, "send me the other 12 applications", or the day I read how the church is expanding among the difficult to reach Masai because of support through FFF.

We have established two new frontiers of gospel outreach. Yet I wonder, when will the day come that I can write to Rev. Habimana in Congo and say, "it is time to expand again in your war torn corner of the world".

Each time someone supports a pastor it not only a great benefit to that pastor, but also means someone else is now "next", and that FFF is that much closer to being able to establish a new frontier. In Africa the harvest is white but the laborers are NOT few, they are just under funded



Note:

Since Gordon's return, we have already been able to request then other 12 applications and they are now in our office awaiting

Wellington Kute is sponsored by the George Mann family in Iowa.

sponsorship. Let us know if you would like to help one of these

On this trip with Gordon was one of our sponsors, Mr. George Mann of Iowa. George and his wife have sponsored preachers for years. His dream was fulfilled at being able to actually visit one of the men he supports. Upon his return, George wanted to write a letter to share with you our readers, his experience and joy.

Greetings in Jesus name,

My name is George Mann. I live in Des Moines, Iowa with my beautiful wife, Zuchi. Several years ago, we sold our farm and moved to town. Then we started going to Grace Church here in town where we came in contact with the Final Frontiers Foundation. In doing so, we decided to support a Pastor in Africa (Lucas Ulo of Nigeria) and over a period of time, we received letters from him and his family and saw the

great work that he is now doing because of our support. Encouraged by this result, we decided to support one more pastor in Kenya, named Wellington Kute ?

A good friend of mine, Gordon Daam, called me one day to give an update on the condition of Pastor Wellington Kute. I said to him, "Hey Gordon, next time you go to Africa, take me with you okay"? Within a two-year period, the Lord Jesus arranged the opportunity for me to go. Thank you Lord Jesus!

Well, I turned 61 years old the day we landed in Nairobi. What I saw was people with little hope. A beautiful land with beautiful people but without much hope for a beautiful life. Little hope of any kind of life with respect, a life with enough food or water for him or his family. No hope for a long life (60% of the people have AIDS). No hope of eternal life in Jesus.



These are the pastors in Arusha where George Mann and Gordon Daam visited.

Now, the time I spent with my Pastor (Wellington Kute), I saw something all together

different. A wonderful man! Through Jesus Christ, he was bringing light and hope to a dark and hopeless area. The harvest was great in a land where life is short. The time I got to be with my pastor was the highlight of our trip for me. I saw a man who loves the Lord and was doing all he could to bring light, life and comfort to his area in Kenya, the place where the Lord had planted him. He told me that the difference between him being supported and not was like day and night. Our support freed him up to do the work the Lord had called him to do. He started with one church that grew to several and has freedom now to start several more. Our support brought him from a mud hut to a house that's livable, not beautiful, but livable. It helps support his children in school. So many things have improved in his life, it has given him a new desire to press on with his work for the Lord. The miracle of support can only be understood by being there and I now know it has helped far greater than my mind could comprehend.

The difference between a few souls and a multitude in the Kingdom of God, was made by the support of one man and his wife in Iowa. We need to be in daily praise to our Lord Jesus for the wonderful opportunity He has given us - all of us. If you want a number of souls in heaven that will count on your behalf, support a national pastor. Support as many pastors as the Lord will permit you to. You will bring Him much glory and your reward in heaven will be great.

Thank you,
George Mann

Editor's note:

In a recent conversation with George, he told me of the abject poverty he saw while in Kenya. At one location the pastors had gathered to meet with Gordon and George. They had traveled up to 45 miles one way for the meeting. Many had walked!

By God's providence, during the meeting, their trimester funds arrived. George shared with me expressions on their faces upon hearing the good news. Some of the men literally did not have a cent in their pocket. They had walked all this way to meet with George and Gordon; they had no money for food and no way to get home that night after the meeting, except to walk. George was able to use extra funds he had brought, to buy them all a good meal. Then he spent about \$50 to provide transportation for all these men to go home. George told me, "Fifty dollars would hardly pay for a taxi from one side

Two other Kenyan pastors serving without support.



Jack Tukendie and his family pose in front of their house made of mud with a grass roof.



John Chirchir Malakwen and his family pose in frontier of their mud house.

of Des Moines to the other, but I was able to pay for more than a dozen men to go in various directions, up to 45 miles away with the same money.” Upon receiving the free taxi ride, one of the men commented happily, “we will be able to sleep in our own beds tonight.”

It is astounding what can be accomplished with so little in other lands. It is incredible to see how God touched their hearts and George's with this small gift. Since returning, George has already taken on support of several more of these preachers, and encouraged various friends and family members to do the same. What a difference the Mann family is making in their lives, just by being an advocate for our cause with those who know him and trust his word.



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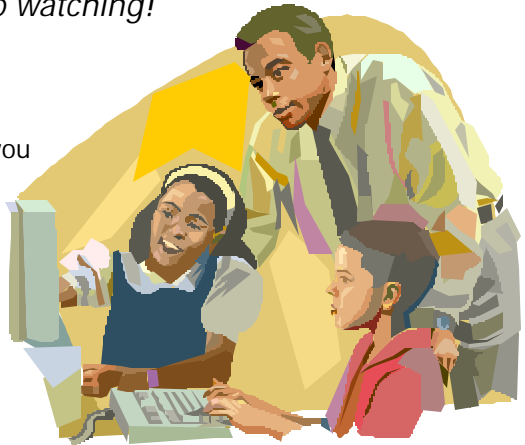
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Final Frontiers Society

Worldwide Bible Distribution - for more information, see page 27

One of our most recent gifts of Bibles was given in Nicaragua. Brad Charles, son of Dr. Ron Charles, a member of our Executive Board of Directors, had made contact with a group of preachers there, and returned to conduct a multi-day seminar with them and a team of leaders from the USA and Nicaragua. Most of these pastors were so poor, they did not even have a copy of the Bible to call their own. Few of their members could afford a Bible either. Though we have mentioned this in the last *Progress Report*, Brad was able to send us some photographs and a word about the conference.

In addition to the 200 + Bibles that we provided, we also printed half of all the syllabi for the pastors to have, (over 3,000 pages) and provide three-ring notebooks for them as well (visible in the photo below). The printing and notebooks were not paid for with Society funding, but with the portion of sponsor support that we utilize. When a \$35 sponsorship is made, the sponsorship is two fold; \$25 for the preacher and \$10 for Final Frontiers (unless we are instructed otherwise). Some have incorrectly thought that we “keep” that portion for ourselves. Certainly it goes a long way towards funding our operating expenses, but probably half or more finds its way back overseas in one form or another. This is just one example. Thank you for making all of this possible with your generous support.

Brad writes:

“When we arrived at the camp it was pitch black and you couldn’t see a thing. The next morning when I woke up I was so overwhelmed, tears just started



streaming down my face. Everywhere I looked I saw pastors. They were coming from busses, from the road, from horses, from everywhere. I just dropped to my knees and thanked the Lord right then and there. These pastors had never had any training like this until now.”

Credit to where credit is due ...

A preacher in India wrote to his sponsor the following:

“Last month we went to a village for preaching. In that village there was only one well for the people to get water. Lot of injustice is going on and discrimination is shown against the Christians when they come forward to take water. Only the forward caste people has got the freedom to get water at any time they like. If at all Christians come to get water at that time when they take water they will be imposed to pay some fine. Far away the Christians should maintain distance of 100 meters waiting until all the Hindus are no more at the well and then only the Christians are allowed to go to get water. By this you can understand how terrible for a Christian to wait for such a long time to



get water. Because Christians are untouchables they have to undergo all these humiliations. If we have another well, we don't need to wait for water and have this type of problem. If we have a well, even we can allow non-Christians also can come to get water. We can take this a good opportunity and have a

scope to tell them about our Lord who gives LIVING WATER. Please pray to help us to dig a well in the church premises.”

Note: In some areas of India, people have to walk up to 10 miles to draw water from a well. Christians are often refused use. After receiving the above letter, the sponsor called us and asked for details. He then raised support from his church and friends to dig and well and provide for an generator and pump to be available as needed, when power is cut off. Now the church members have their own well, thanks to Mr. David Barnhart.

In later correspondence we learned that as a result of the well, during the first month after completion, the pastor was able to witness to 160 people and among them, 35 accepted Christ. The cost of a well is \$500.00 and the cost of a generator and motor is another \$1,000.00. ■

Let's Get Acquainted ...

For more information on sponsoring a national preacher, see page 27.

Preacher's Name: Vincente Salgado Coello
Wife's Name: not married yet
No. of Children: none
Country: Honduras
Sponsorships Needed: 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

Testimony:

I received the Lord Jesus in 1977 through a sermon of a very humble evangelistic brother. I was called to the ministry in 1988. I studied under the Baptist Pastors Association in Cantarranas. I dedicated my life to being a pastor and serving the Lord. I have been the pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church since that time.

To help assist in my income, I sow corn and beans and raise 29 hens. I want to be doing only pastoral work.

To date there has been 35 saved under my ministry and all of them have been baptized. I have started four new churches and helped train other men to become pastors.

My house is built of twigs and covered by stones and mud. It is called a bahareque. My favorite food is beef steak with beans and rice. I grow my own beans and corn so I only have to purchase meat at the market, or any other foodstuffs I might need.

A typical day for me is working around the house in the mornings, studying and doing God's work in the afternoons and during the evenings I hold services five nights in the church and one in homes during the week as well.

Please pray for my ministry and for the Lord to provide a sponsor for me so that I might put more time into being the kind of pastor I want to be to my people.



Preacher's Name: Beera John Chowdary
Wife's Name: B. Nookaratnam
Number of Children: none
Country: India
Sponsorships Needed: 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

Testimony:

My wife and I live in the village of Kakarapalli. Our village is situated purely in a thick forest. The people are tribal. They worship idols. Playfully and with great difficulty I have started two churches and led 160 people to Christ. My wife and I are in full-time ministry. We do not have any income except for little offerings. We eat simple rice with curry and we live in a bamboo house. Our life is a lot different since we have come to know Jesus.

Our village is very remote. The people are uncivilized and illiterate. My father was a teacher in the village so I was given an education. I joined the government service as an electrician.

When I was working on an electrical pole, suddenly I was severely shocked and thrown to the ground. My hands were burned and paralyzed for a while and my legs were broken. I was in the hospital for two months. While there someone gave me a Bible to read in my spare time. That same person visited patients a lot and prayed for them. I was surprised by his love for the people. I accepted Jesus as my Personal Savior and resigned my job to serve Jesus. I was then trained and later appointed as a pastor.

Though I left my job, Jesus provides me daily with bread. I preach the Word of God by distributing Bibles and tracts. I am still conducting prayers in one part of my hut. I need financial assistance to fill my need and to construct a small church as the congregation is increasing day by day.



Beera recently lost his only sponsor when their church here in the States was disbanded.

A Kenyan Preacher in need of support ...

Poverty persists in Kenyan as elsewhere, yet God's servants continue to serve, even without assistance. Below is the testimony of a hard working Kenyan pastor who first lost his wife, and now has lost his sponsor. We pray God will touch the heart of two families or churches to begin supporting this preacher right away.

I received Jesus Christ as my Savior on October 7, 1986 at the Baptist Church in Lupida, Kenya. Pastor Amos Emukule from Uganda led me to the Lord. From that time I was very much interested in helping my pastor with church work. In 1987 I went to Eldoret Bible Schools where a missionary named Randall Stirewalt* was very helpful to me and I graduated in November 1989.

I married my wife Teslesina in 1975 before I was saved. After we were both saved she helped me in my work by teaching the women in our three churches. After her death I was left with our six children. Please, your prayer is needed.

I am involved in church planting and open air evangelism. I train others and now they serve in the ministry. I speak Kiswiltilli and Kiteso and have led more than 200 souls to the Lord.

We live in a house with one room this is made of mud and grass. We eat maize, beans, rice, meat, bananas and milk. I grow my own food and spend about 18 hours a week working the land. The bicycle I had I have sold to fulfill our needs, so my work is always done on foot. I also have diabetes. Your support would relieve some of the burden in meeting my responsibilities with my children and their welfare.

*** Randall Stirewalt is a missionary with the Baptist Bible Fellowship who has been in Kenya well over 20 years. He also assists us by providing accountability as a Regional Coordinator for preachers he has trained in the ministry.**



Pastor Peter with his children.

Welcome New Sponsors

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Human Sacrifices to the gods of India ...

This story relates to the letter from an Indian pastor on page 25

Under Indian laws, human sacrifices are prohibited and persons indulging in them are prosecuted and convicted with maximum punishment, including life imprisonment and even the death penalty. But still they are going on, especially in North India. Recently, an instance of human sacrifice occurred at Hyderabad, capital of our State, Andhra Pradesh.

Generally, when people face any natural calamities like drought or famine or any other calamities of destructive nature, the head of the village may decide to offer human a sacrifice. The human sacrifices are done discreetly before the outside world comes to know about it and generally the victims selected for the purpose are below 16 years of age of either sex. There are instances of people constructing big apartments or houses or movie theatres indulging in this heinous act. They believe through human sacrifice, they can prevent great losses or damage or any obstruction to the work and avoid any bad from happening to the owner of the building. The children selected for this purpose are mostly purchased from their poor parents. There are also cases of children being kidnapped for carrying out the horrendous task.

The blind belief among some people is that letting human blood flow will propitiate the gods and goddesses and neutralize any negative forces that are likely to create problems or hurdles in the way of successful completion of the big projects. This belief is leading to the continuance of this horrible practices despite the laws made by the Government against them. Recently, in the city of Hyderabad, one man constructed a very big apartment complex, which can accommodate about 200 families. Before the opening dedication of the huge structure, someone advised the apartment owner that unless he offered a human sacrifice, his entire building would collapse and he would face ruin.

This advice made the apartment owner panicky and immediately he started an hectic search for children. Fear and anxiety about the fate of the huge building as well as his own future, made him seek the help of one of the laborers, who had taken part in the construction work of the building. The laborer is poor with a big family consisting of a wife and six children, all well below the required age of 16, whom he was not able to feed properly because of his poverty. He works as a daily manual laborer earning a paltry sum of less than two dollars a. Taking advantage

of his poverty, the building owner somehow succeeded in persuading him to part with one of his children for money. One of his sons, a young boy of 14 years, was taken away and sacrificed at the building site.

Everything went well after the inauguration ceremony took place and people came and occupied the flats in the apartment block. However, after three months, somehow the news of the sacrifice came out. It attracted the attention of the police who came to the scene of the incident and after thorough inquiries, concluded it to be a fact. The father who allowed his son to be sacrificed for the sake of money denied that the building owner had any hand in the happening and told the police bluntly, that he himself had killed his son over a wrangle. Everybody in the area knows his claim to be a lie and meant only to save the skin of the building owner. The owner came out of the case unscathed, as he had successfully managed to bribe the police as well as the boy's parents. All this was reported in the newspapers.

The copy of the particular newspaper in which I read this heart-rending story is not available with me now to send it to you. But no worry, these sort of incidents are regularly reported by the media. On average, two or three such sacrifices occur somewhere in India in a month. I shall send you the clippings when I come across such news in the newspapers next. What I mean to say is, that sacrifices are still being resorted to in India for one reason or the other and that they are not rare, if not regular.



The 56 Countries where we serve

as of September 2002

Africa:	Kazakhstan
Kenya	Kyrgyzstan
Uganda	Siberia
South Africa	Ukraine
Nigeria	Russia
Togo	
Ivory Coast	Europe:
Ghana	France
Liberia	Romania
Burkina	Albania
Morocco	Latvia*
Sudan	Lithuania*
Tanzania	Hungry
Rwanda	Switzerland
Asia:	Latin
India	America:
Myanmar	Mexico
Thailand	Cuba
Laos	Guatemala
Cambodia	El Salvador
Vietnam	Honduras
China	Nicaragua
Philippines	Costa Rica
Nepal*	Peru
	Chile
Caribbean:	Columbia
St. Vincent	Ecuador
St. Lucia	Venezuela
Grenada	Brazil
Haiti	Argentina
Jamaica	
	Pacifica:
Eurasia:	Fiji
Georgia	
Belarus	

* indicates TEAM support only

Child Care *International*

For more information on sponsoring a child see page 27

Usually in this space we give the profile of a child in need of sponsorship. In this issue however, we have printed a report sent from an orphan child in India to her sponsor. This child lives in a Christian home arranged by her pastor, who is our Regional Director. Her sponsorship began in 1993 at age seven; she is now seventeen and is prepared for a lifetime of service for the Lord. Her letter reveals how the Lord has touched her heart and made her tender for His use.

Sponsorship provides her with food (three meals a day), health care, clothing and education. Other child programs ask for less, but do not provide the full range of daily care that we give.

Kalepu Varalakshmi is sponsored by the Rusty Roden family

Dear Sponsor:

Thank you very much for your prayers and for your help. There are many orphans in India who are not having any support. In front of my school there are two orphan girls staying under the tree. From many months when I was going to school and returning I have noticed these two girls. Everyday they go for begging and in the night time they will sleep under the trees. Since one week I have not seen both of them but only one girl is moving. So the other day I stopped over there and asked that girl what happened to the other one. She told me she committed suicide because of due to lack of proper dress, food and shelter. That girl is almost 14 years of age and no proper clothes to cover her body. Of course one time I gave two pairs of my old clothes to her. So now because she was growing she is unable to face all these problems; so she committed suicide. We felt very sorry for that girl. The other girl is left alone. I told her to go and join in some school or children's home. I also requested my pastor to admit that girl in our home. If not, she may also follow the foot steps of her sister by committing suicide. Please pray for her.



Above: age 7

Below: age 17

From the Mail Bag

Editor's Note:

Sorry to give you two reports from the same country rather than spreading them out, but when you read them, you'll understand why!



From:

B. Konda Babu

Sponsored by:

John Logan family, IN

Thank you very much for your kind financial assistance.

Last time when I went to the bank to get money the bank people created some trouble and inconvenience because I am a preacher. They are thinking that your American people are freely sending money to India. They also knows two people working in the same bank who were led to Christ by me. This created a hatred and the rivalry between me and them. They don't want Christ to be preached. They don't want people to become Christian. With this reason only they made me to go round the bank pillar to pillar, chair to chair for three days. Thank God during these three days visit to the bank, I was able to witness many customers who are coming to the bank every day.



Last trimester:

churches
started - 1

villages
evangelized - 2

people
saved - 20

converts
baptized - 20

I was surprised to see 19 people in our church visitor's row during last Sunday. They are the people whom I witnessed them in the bank.

Maybe it is God's plan for me to go to the bank just to witness to these people. At the time of invitation 11 people came forward and accepted Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

This was all happens because of your prayers and because of your financial help.



From: D. Emmanuel
Sponsored by: Good Hope Baptist Church,
Eastover, SC and
James Kirby family, AL

Thank you very much for your prayers and for your kind financial assistance. Week after week I am going to new places for witnessing.

Recently I had been to a tribal village. There are many tribal villages in and around my town. Most of the tribal people will come to our town if they want to buy anything. Some tribal people who are used to come to our place for purchasing requested me to visit their village. So I went.

No water tap. People are drinking water getting from a small mud lake (pond). In the same lake on one side they will wash buffalos and one side women folk will come and get water with pots to take their home for drinking. This water is in red color. Of course they will boil the water and then they will drink.

This day I went they have a festival. I do not know that. They kept worshipping two idol gods. Men and women and children joined in worshipping. So I returned back leaving some tracts to the village people. After two days again I went to the same village and preached the Gospel. Many people gave good responses but no one came forward to accept Christ because they were feeling for their village head (meaning: afraid of him)

This morning unexpectedly 10 people from same village came to my home and confessed their sin and accepted Christ. They informed me if the head of the village come to know this he will cut one of their arm as punishment. Please pray for them. Still human sacrifices and still human organ sacrifices are in practice in these villages.

For more information on the human sacrifices, see page 21

Now it's your turn...

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (office) _____

- Please contact me about hosting a **missions prayer meeting** in my home. I have friends I would like to invite to hear a ministry presentation.

- Check here if this is a new address or phone number.

I like what Final Frontiers is doing around the world and I feel led of the Lord to help out.

Please find enclosed my donation of: \$ _____

for the following worker _____

for the following project: _____

I am interested in making a monthly commitment to this ministry. Please send me information on the following:

Sponsoring a national preacher

(\$35.00 monthly)

Sponsoring a country's *TEAM*

(minimum of \$10.00 monthly per country)

Sponsoring an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child

(\$35.00 monthly)

Sponsoring the Final Frontiers home office

(any amount)

Membership in the Final Frontiers Society

(\$10.00 monthly)

Sponsorship Information

To obtain further information on sponsorship, refer to the “Now It’s Your Turn” voucher on page 26, or call us at 1-800-522-4324.

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

Sponsorship is \$35.00 monthly, however, since we get each preacher two sponsors, you have the opportunity of providing double sponsorship (\$70.00 monthly) if you prefer. This of course, is not required. The preacher receives 72% of the funding in cash and 28% is used for operating expenses. Of the 28%, nearly half is forwarded to the preacher “in kind” (postage fees, film and access to cameras to take pictures for their sponsors, travel costs, etc.)

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

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

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

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

3 Sponsorship of **Child Care**, gives assistance to an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child. The \$35.00 monthly sponsorship provides for lodging, food, clothing, basic medical care, and educational assistance.

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

4 Membership in the **Final Frontiers Society** is \$10.00 monthly and is used to purchase and distribute Bibles and to fund our international offices. Many national pastors and Believers do not own a copy of God’s Word. FFS membership funds, help to turn the dream of having their own Bible, into a reality.

Reports ...

from the final frontiers

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

411 Churches Started
790 Villages Evangelized
5,728 Professions of Faith
1,841 Believers Baptized

Combined totals from all reports
received since our beginning in
December 1986 indicate there
have been ...

16,815 Churches Started
63,323 Villages Evangelized
513,201 Professions of Faith
167,923 Believers Baptized

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

1,116 Preacher Sponsorships
107 *TEAM* Sponsorships
48 Orphans Supported
56 Countries involved

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