



Church planting in the former Soviet Empire

Church planting efforts formerly done in secret are now bearing fruit in the open, as “mother churches” give birth to more and more new congregations.

By Dennis Kiser
Director of European Expansion

Through our supporting partners, Final Frontiers is reaching out to a spiritually needy area of the world to assist church planting efforts in Europe. I recently returned from a trip to Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland. The population of the six countries in this region: Ukraine, Poland, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, exceeds 106 million people, many of whom do not have one Bible preaching church in their area. We are scouting out dedicated, qualified church planters to reach this area but we also need you to join in this effort.

Many Americans mistakenly think that all of Europe

has an economy equal or near equal to ours. Sadly, that is not the case. After World War II, America literally rebuilt the infrastructure of much of Europe, allowing the people to concentrate on rebuilding their lives and political systems. Unfortunately, there was at that time, a wall that kept us out of Eastern Europe. These six nations I mentioned, were among those downtrodden peoples that were rescued not by the Eisenhower or Churchill but by Joseph Stalin. For decades they had been forgotten, persecuted and hampered in their efforts to evangelize their own countrymen with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When the wall finally did come down, we were able to see first hand

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Ministry Information

The *Progress Report* is a free, bi-monthly publication of the FINAL FRONTIERS FOUNDATION INC., whose purpose is to effectively take the Gospel to the more than three billion souls, who have never before heard. Currently we are ministering in fifty-eight nations. Many 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 the West, 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 - \$100.00 each month to support his family and ministry.

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Uganda
South Africa
Nigeria
Togo
Ivory Coast
Ghana
Liberia
Burkina
Morocco
Sudan
Tanzania
Rwanda
Congo

Asia:

India
Myanmar
Thailand
Laos
Cambodia
Vietnam
China
Philippines
Nepal*

Caribbean:

St. Vincent
St. Lucia
Grenada
Haiti*
Jamaica

Pacifica:

Fiji

Eurasia:

Georgia
Belarus
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Siberia
Ukraine
Russia

Europe:

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Romania
Albania
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Americas:

Mexico
Cuba
Guatemala
El Salvador
Honduras
Nicaragua
Costa Rica
Peru
Chile
Columbia
Ecuador
Venezuela
Brazil
Argentina

* indicates *TEAM* support only

Applications are in process now from:

Syria, Lebanon, Guyana, Azerbaijan, Macedonia, Georgia and Uzbekistan.

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The Jon Nelms family report

Greetings!

It seems we just took the tree down and now it is time to put it up again. Time certainly does go by faster as you get older and that sensation should spur us on to try to do as much as we can for Him and for them, while we still have time to do it.

Blessings just seem to abound for our ministry with each passing month. Lately, I had the pleasure of spending some time in Michigan and from just two churches we received 25 sponsorships. Some of our other representatives are also experiencing an increase in the number of sponsorships they are acquiring. It almost seems as if we all know it is the last days and we are anxious to do all we can to "redeem the time". I hope that sense of urgency will increase and expand to others who have been meaning to get involved but just haven't done so yet.

Last December we were blessed by some of you who, of all the worthy ministries you know, chose to bless us with a special Christmas offering. Your gifts not only helped us and honored us, but they also sealed in us a determination to "keep on keeping on". I am amazed and blessed by the reports that come in from around the world telling of thousands of souls being saved. I am encouraged when some of our readers take the time to tell me that they too were blessed by the reports or give us a verbal pat on the back. We have made a commitment as a family and now as a growing network of ministers, to do all we can do for the sake of the Kingdom and without your help, we could do precious little.

In this issue we have a feature story by Dennis Kiser who is our director of European Expansion. Dennis recently returned from Eastern Europe and has a tremendous burden to see churches planted in that region. God is using him mightily to awaken us all to the possibilities and opportunities that await us there.

On another front, Glenn Wilson, who also is a former pastor, has dedicated himself to serve as our Director of Southeast Asian Expansion. He has hit the ground running and has already booked four meetings for January alone and will be making a trip to Thailand and Cambodia during the Christmas season. And as if that is not blessing enough, the John White family has come on board with us as well. John will now be heading up our Final Frontiers Society division. As a family they have given funding to print and purchase one million, multi-page gospel tracts for just one of our groups in India. Pastor Doug Ripley of the Decatur Baptist Church in Decatur, AL has also sent us a check for \$150,000 to build 150 church buildings in the same area of India and he tells me there will be more funding on the way. My cup is full and I have broken the saucer so that all the abundance God has given to us can overflow to others in need. Please think of us again during this Christmas season so that we can be your channel of blessing to others still in need of His salvation. It is incredible what we can do when we work together!



Jon , Juanita , - Daniel and Sara

Yours for souls,

Let's Get Acquainted ...

For more information on sponsoring a national preacher, see page 15.

Preacher's Name: Uppuleti Prasad
Wife's Name: Mary
No. of Children: 2
Country: India
Sponsorship Needed: 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

Testimony:

I come from a village in a hilly place where there are many wild animals. The people are mostly illiterate and worship idols. Our village leader will execute anyone who disobeys him, doing so in the name of his goddess.

One day a group came to our village to sing, preach and pass out literature. I destroyed the New Testament they gave me but in time they returned and gave me another. This time I read it and it touched me and I accepted Jesus as my Saviour.

In time I built a prayer shed and conducted worship services twice a week. Our village leader had it torn down and began to execute me but suddenly stopped. Later he sent rowdies to beat me and burn my house down. Finally he had me arrested but the police released me finding no fault in what I did.

Now we have rebuilt and more and more believers are coming to worship with us. Many people are being saved. I had worked as a carpenter but after getting sponsorship I was able to be a full time pastor and evangelist. Four and a half years ago I lost my sponsorship but I have remained faithful to the Lord and trusted Him to provide for me.

Poverty exists for our family and church people and in spite of their generosity and tithes, we are not adequately provided for. We have faced starvation but have never been unfaithful to the Lord.



Preacher's Name: Dan Faina
Wife's Name: Livia
No. of Children: 2
Country: Romania
Sponsorship Needed: 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

Testimony:

I was born into a godly Christian family. Very early in my life I was in touch with Christian love, prayers and God's Word. As a teenager I was aware of my need for salvation and that I needed a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When I was 17, I finally was born again and joy and assurance of salvation flowed into my heart. Even as I was baptized I understood God's call on my life. I applied to Bible school, but in the meantime I served helping the pastors from villages with evangelizing and church planting. After my training I became a full-time pastor. I now work as pastor in nine villages. God has greatly blessed my ministry.

My wife was also born into a strong Christian family. When she was 18 years old, she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior. The following year the Lord brought her to my attention. She says she knew I was God's gift to her. She has been a great blessing to me in my ministry and a good mother to our two girls.

Our home has three rooms, a kitchen and bathroom. We live in it, but it is not finished. It is a blessing having our own little house since many families do not have one at all. We like vegetables, and sometimes have meat, chicken, milk and cakes.

We have a great love for young people. There are about 100 young people in our church. About 50% of the family members of these youths are not saved. Pray for our witness to this very important group of people. Thank you for your prayers.



See these and many other preachers in need of support on our website at www.finalfrontiers.org

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what they had accomplished and learn of the zeal they have had all along, fulfilling the Great Commission among their own people.

These countries were formerly a part of the Soviet Communist empire and continue to face significant economic and social challenges as a result of years of political and spiritual oppression. In many areas the unemployment rate is over 15% and work is difficult to find. Incomes average less than \$500/month and gas costs over \$4/gallon. Ethnic and racial divisions are also common as a result of centuries of military conflict and the residual racism which atheistic evolutionary teaching always leaves in its wake.

Only the gospel of Jesus Christ is able to provide forgiveness and hope for the challenges the people of this region face. Biblical churches are the great need in these countries. The solution is to raise up more preachers and to do that, many of the national church leaders, with both economic and experiential assistance from the West, have started Bible colleges to train the next generation. I enjoyed meeting young people at Bible colleges and at youth conferences. It was encouraging to see their vision to reach their nations with the Gospel. It was equally encouraging to see their dedication to the study of God's Word and to hear them speak of the burden for souls which God has placed in their hearts.

I was equally encouraged while visiting with the existing church planters and meeting with the church leaders. The constant theme of our meetings was to discuss ways to encourage more new church plants throughout the region. God never intended for them to do it on their own. He made us to be a part of the Body to reach the entire world for His glory. It is imperative that each part assists the other "members of the body" to do their best and to be the most productive possible. I want Final Frontiers to do all we can, to help them to do all they can.

Some of the highlight experiences were being a part of newly planted churches' Sunday services. I was able to visit three small Bible Colleges, teaching and speaking to students on personal evangelism

and the need for church planting. It was thrilling to be allowed to spend every evening, staying with believers in their homes. This allowed me to better understand their ministry, social and political challenges as well as their culture.



Dennis Kiser

In the remainder of this story, I want to share with you the specifics of the three countries where I traveled: Lithuania, Latvia and Poland. Each is a ripe field and each has their own particular successes and needs for future growth.

At this time, some of the men of whom you will read, have applications already approved. Others, though pre-approved, have their applications en route to us. For each preacher, we have determined to get multiple sponsors because the economic standard in these nations is so much higher than that in a third-world nation. Also, to offset their ministry needs, we have developed a program of *TEAM* funding for each country. The preachers will use these funds to help expand their outreach. They may use them to buy tracts or pay the rent for a newly formed church or buy a bus ticket to the next town to go door-to-door evangelizing.



Dennis Kiser (right) shares a simple meal with future pastors at a Bible School in Eastern Europe

The more *TEAM* sponsors we get (minimum of \$10 monthly please), the more they will be able to accomplish. If you are interested in this type of sponsorship, please call our office and we will send you the appropriate *TEAM* portfolio. You may also want to glance at page 15 for a more detailed description of the *TEAM* membership. Now on with the story ...

Lithuania ...

In Kaunas, Lithuania I met with leaders from the Good News Church, which I first visited a decade ago. We met in an old building which they have recently acquired for their church. The congregation occupies two floors of what can only be described as an ancient office building. They are facing a difficult winter ahead with 40 year old wooden windows which desperately need replacing. They are thankful for the building, but need help with the renovation costs.

Three new churches have grown from this



Pictured left to right is the Youth Leader, Pastor and Assistant Pastor of Good News Church

“mother” church which was initially meeting in a public theater. What a joy it was to reconnect with Lionitus, who served as my driver and translator 10 years ago. He was a new believer then but now he is a leader in one of the Kaunas churches and is faithfully serving God.

These churches are now sending church planters to other areas in Lithuania; but these men need support to provide incomes for their families, while they establish new churches in these spiritually starving areas. While we are waiting for the approved applications to arrive, we need to begin now to diligently raise funds for these men in order to help them in their efforts. You may want to consider becoming a member of *TEAM Lithuania*. As such, you can be assured that your funding is going to the team of preachers in that country, who are training men and planting churches. Your smallest gift, combined with that of others can make a tremendous impact on this formerly Soviet satellite.

Poland ...

It was my joy to celebrate the Lord's Supper with a new church plant in their 8:30 AM service in Worclaw, and to preach in churches in Latvia and Poland.

It is interesting that in most Slavic nations, the “W” is pronounced like a “V”. Thus, Warsaw is pronounced Varsav and Worclaw is pronounced Vorclav. You cannot imagine how it both surprises and thrills them when you pronounce their words correctly. It demonstrates to them that we are there to learn their culture, not to teach them ours. Often times, we as missionaries tend to export our American culture as we proclaim the Gospel. That is not what God called us to do and it can have devastating results. Years ago when I was a pastor in Michigan and Jon Nelms came to present Final Frontiers at my church, he demonstrated that



The Polish believers share in the Lord's Supper.

point. Jon told us that in Thailand, the churches have had a tendency to build Western style buildings which are dramatically different from the Thai style. As such, and because the Thai are extremely proud of their nation and culture, a new convert is often viewed as a traitor because many Thai believe

becoming a Christian is an expression of adopting a different culture. They think the new convert is ashamed of being Thai and wants to become a Westerner. Granted, the European cultures are not dramatically different from ours but those differences should be embraced, not altered, so long as they do not contradict Biblical doctrine.

Poland, we are told, was the where the “first shot” in the fall of communism was fired. It was due primarily to the effect of the Pope, who is a native of Poland. Today however, though Catholicism is claimed to be the religion of the masses, only 40% of the people there consider themselves to be “religious”. The efforts of these national pastors will soon begin to reveal a trend upwards. Their ingenuity and zeal is already beginning to take its effect. For example ...

Adam and Monica Ekiert, are amazing servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Adam is planting a Biblical church in a town in southern Poland . Not too long ago he began praying that God would provide a building for his new congregation. Near the train station a rundown two-story was being rented and used as a bar. Adam met the building owner and offered to repair the building if they could use it; the owner agreed. With help from others, the bar became a church auditorium.

The Ekiert are planting this church in one of the 700 of 900 districts in Poland without a Biblical church. Such a statistic is staggering and clearly illustrates the need that is before us.

Last summer God gave the Ekiert's the vision of having a youth outreach in their city. They organized a basketball tournament, getting local businesses to contribute uniforms and saw more than two thousand of people attend the games. During the halftime at each game Adam gave a gospel message.



The Ekiert family



Pastor Adam (left) poses in his new church facility

His wife Monica, not to be outdone, demonstrated her ingenuity by convincing the local public school director to allow her to teach the required religion classes, which are offered to all students though normally taught by a local Catholic priest. This is proving to be a wonderful and ongoing opportunity to teach young people about the finished work of Jesus Christ. They are clearly doing ministry in Poland as only the nationals can.

Their new church is not yet able to support a pastor financially, therefore Adam needs to find some additional financial means for his family. He intends to lead the church to call a permanent pastor and then use his gifts to plant other churches in other cities in Poland. With 700 districts, each containing numerous cities, towns and hamlets that do not yet have a Gospel preaching church, he certainly has his work cut out for him.

Adam and Monica are outstanding and exemplary servants for Christ, doing an excellent work for Him. We are excited about partnering with Adam and supporting him as a church planter. He has obviously proven himself in his doctrine and ministry experience. At the time of writing this article, Adam's application still has not arrived, though we are expecting it any day. Please consider becoming a financial part-

ner with them through a monthly financial gift. Your support would be a great help and encouragement to this outstanding young couple and their four children and will enable them to increase their exceptional ministry in this area. If you want, you can go ahead and began your support and we will send you his portfolio when it arrives. If not, please consider becoming a member of *TEAM Poland*.

Latvia ...

After leaving Poland I traveled into Latvia. There I was able to meet again with Sergey, Ilona and Raphael who are doing great work for Christ in the capital of Latvia, called Riga.

Sergey was born in Latvia, and his wife Ilona is from Poland, and came to faith in Jesus Christ as a young, single woman in Warsaw. They moved to Riga, Latvia to plant a Biblical church last year. They already have a group of believers meeting in a new church and have a great

vision for planting churches in this important city. Over 1 million residents — half of Latvia's population — live in this governmental, financial and cultural, center city. As such, Riga is an influential and strategic ministry center in the Baltics.

The particular Sunday I visited was a Latvian holiday similar to our American Thanksgiving (only without Pilgrims & Turkeys), called Harvest Day. All the believers brought produce from their small gardens, or food for which they thanked God for providing and shared it in a common meal together, following the service. The meal consisted mostly of vegetables and fruits and was a great time of fellowship and rejoicing over God's provision. Most of the believers walk or ride public transportation to church, because the cost of fuel and vehicles make owning a car impossible for many. The church meets in rented facilities in an institute building in the university district of Riga.

Sergey's father, mother and sister are now all believers in Christ. His father gave a testimony to the Lord's goodness in providing for them during the Harvest Day service and read a poem that had touched his heart. Their whole family has now come to have faith in Jesus Christ and they attend the new church together.

Sergey's parents came to Latvia from the Ural Mountains of Russia when they were young people, as a part of the Soviet plan for re-settling the Baltic countries with ethnic Russians. The population of Latvia today is nearly 45% Russian, due to this Soviet strategy. When the Soviet Union imploded many of these Russian people were caught in a kind of "citizenship" limbo. The new Latvian National government did not want to grant citizenship to such a large percentage of the population, for fear of losing political control. They classified many of these Russian people as legal residents but made it a difficult



Sergey, Ilona dn Raphael

and lengthy process for them to attain Latvian citizenship. Many of these Russian people are now working to become citizens in this country in which they were actually born (like Sergey and his sister). This lack of citizenship can cause many other complications in education, travel and employment.

I ended my journey by going with Sergey to visit an area outside Riga where their new church plans to have a camp ministry this coming summer. The area is very similar to the upper Midwest of the USA, with woods and rolling hills. The leaves were just starting to show fall colors in October and the land for the camp is beautiful and near a state park. Like his counterparts in Poland, he hopes to reach entire families by first reaching their teenagers. Pray for Sergey and consider financially supporting their ministry on a monthly basis. Sergey too is laboring without any funding, serving God because it is in his heart to do so. While we wait for his application, you may want to pick up support for his family or join the TEAM Latvia.



European Projects ...

- **Latvian Camp:** Sergey needs some tools and materials for their first camp ministry this summer. Camping is very popular with young people, and is a great way to do evangelism in this area of Europe. The camping is usually done in tents and temporary facilities near a river or lake. The cost would be **\$1,000**.
- **Lithuanian Church Windows:** A special need is to replace some 40 year old, drafty, wooden single pane windows in a recently purchased church building in Kaunas, with more efficient windows. The cost of the windows is **\$250 each and there are 20 windows**. The church members will do the installation labor themselves. This would help save utility costs if done before the coldest winter weather begins.
- **Final Frontiers Staff Support:** The Kisers are praying for God to plant 1,000 new churches in this area of Europe over the next 15 years. This would only be one new church for every 100,000 people who live in the six countries of Ukraine, Poland, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. They believe that the window of opportunity to leverage dollars invested in this area is now. As some of these countries continue to develop over the next few years, the starting of new churches will grow more and more expensive. What is done now through nationals in this area of the world is 1/10th of the cost of what it will take to support a church planter here in North America.

We want to say thank you to our giving partners for making the European Expansion ministry possible. Dennis Kiser's experience as a pastor here in the USA is very helpful as he encourages, trains, and assists the church planters in Europe. When Dennis and his wife are fully supported financially, they will be able to travel and minister as a team to encourage support of Final Frontiers church planters. This will allow them to make a greater impact for Christ, and to travel for longer periods of time. Please consider joining their support team on a monthly or quarterly basis. Please make checks payable to Final Frontiers and write "**Kisers**" on the memo line or give online at www.finalfrontiers.org. Dennis is also available for meetings in churches to represent Final Frontiers and our work around the world.

Statistical Accountability

By Jon Nelms

From time to time when I am introducing our work to a group of people, or being told that what we do is not Biblical, our reporting often comes into play. Sometimes the numbers may look a little crazy to you as well, so I want to take the time to give an explanation. For example, on page 8, Carmelino De Leon reports having started 2 churches but only having led 10 people to Christ. This is an average of only 5 new believers per church. We don't generally consider a group of 5 to be a church, though I would not argue the fact with you. What's going on then?

The most simple explanation for this is that he is not alone in the church planting process. He may have one, two or ten deacons and preachers in training who are helping him. After all, how can you train someone to start a church without taking him out to do it. Thus the 10 he is referring to are the ones that he personally lead to Christ, not the total won to Christ by all those on the team.

Over the years we have seen a pattern that for every three to four villages evangelized there is a report of one new church being planted. These new churches generally average between 25-35 new converts each. If you look at page 16 and divide the number of salvation decisions reported to date by the number of churches started, it comes out to an average of 29.03 new converts per church plant. (Saved per church for the previous reporting period averaged 28.76).

I don't think anyone would argue that 29 newly saved and baptized believers, most likely the first in their village, is not enough to qualify as a church.

What about the enormous number of new church plants?

We try to be very conservative in our reporting, after all, we are not trying to impress anyone. The numbers we report are actually lower than the real results. An example can be found many times in carefully reading the reports. The preacher may say he led 15 people to Christ on his report, but when you read his accompanying letter, he refers to 35 people who were saved. Here's the problem...we are dealing with different cultures. In some cultures the preacher only reports those he personally led to Christ and not those who were saved in a church service. We have tried to help them understand what we are looking for but sometimes things get lost in the

translation. In the same report mentioned above, Pastor Carmelino reported having started 17 churches in the previous four months but we reported only 2. When we read the report we assumed he did not understand the question and reported his life-time number. After looking into the situation I reported a lower number of only 2. As I said, we are not trying to impress anyone, rather we are trying to correctly report to you what is being done by these dedicated servants of God.

Also, keep in mind that there are many preachers we do not get reports from. There are some 13 in China and more than 130 in Vietnam. There are some high in the Himalayas that often get only one report a year to us. Then there are those lost in the mail that never arrive. The totals don't really matter. In fact, they sometimes hurt us because some people just cannot believe the results we have. They assume we are "fudging" a little. If they knew the real numbers, I suppose they would certainly think we were lying. I have actually had some pastors refuse to give us a meeting because they cannot believe the statistics we report.

What do we mean by the term "new church"?

Another problem is our conception of what constitutes a church. Here in the USA when I say church people think "buildings". But that is not at all what I mean. In some groups we work with, they don't classify it a church unless it has 17 baptized adults. Others require 30. Some never call it a church because it is a house fellowship in a closed country. We have passed along to them our definition of a church and asked them to report accordingly. What is that definition?

New Church - a fellowship of newly saved and baptized believers, meeting regularly for the study of God's Word and fellowship with other Believers, under the leadership of a pastor

Such a new church may meet in a home, under a tree or in a building. The location does not matter to us. When we report a new church planted it must meet the above definition. A church split is never considered a new church. Though it may sometimes be necessary in order to preserve doctrinal integrity, we believe in the Great Commission principle of multiplying, not dividing.

A TEAM Report from ...	HONDURAS
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From: Manfredy Zelaya
Location: Tegucigalpa

What was the total amount of the TEAM funds received?
 \$220.00

What were these funds used for?

Transportation to deliver support, showing salvation movies in three villages, and teaching seminar to pastors in the Santa Barbara area.

Dear TEAM sponsors:

I want to tell you that with your help we are able to do a little bit more in ministry. By now we are preaching, teaching, training pastors and church leaders of 50 different churches in our country. Also we help churches with seminars of Sunday School training and to grow the evangelistic work. We preach revivals, show movies, etc. We are very busy and I praise God for people like you because with your help we are working together to make a difference in this world for the glory of God.

We are so excited about what God is doing in our country and I hope you can feel it because you have a special part in all of this. I hope you can see it even though you are not here and maybe you will never come down here but I've tried to explain it and I hope and pray the Lord will open your spiritual eyes for you to be able to see it, touch it, feel it and live it and know that you are worthy to be a part of it. It is my pleasure and blessing to write you and give thanks for all and is your blessing to be a part of what the Lord is doing among us.



Final Frontiers
SOCIETY

Our special thanks to John and Cynthia White and their family for the donation of 1,000,000 tracts in the Telegu language for Andhra Pradesh, India.

The Whites have recently joined our staff and are resurrecting our printing ministry. Their burden is to acquire old printing equipment, refurbish it, ship it overseas and provide training, ink, paper, etc.; so that the national churches can print their own tracts and Bible portions. What a great vision and what a great need!

We welcome them to our growing family. If you have a special interest in this type of ministry, you can contact them at: 706-788-3848

Thank you, David Wood Ministries ...

From October 20-22, I attended the “**National Soul Winners Summit**” hosted by David Wood Ministries. Dr. Wood is perhaps the premier impetus for awaking the church to our need to win souls as we were doing in the past decades. He has trained hundreds of people to be an active “**Soul Winning Director**” within their local churches, and has a syllabus and seminar on that subject. I listened with amazement as pastor after pastor testified to using David’s program on “*Doubling Your Church in Two Years or Less.*” If I were still a pastor, I would definitely enroll my church leadership in all of his training programs!

Though he and I knew many of the same people, we were finally able to meet earlier this year by the coordination of Board member, T. A. Powell, who is a relative of David’s, and was actually won to Christ by him many years ago.

David has offered to help get the word out about our ministry by advertising our efforts in his magazine. At the same time, I want to encourage you to visit his website and see what he has to offer you and your church. I have invited David and his team to expose our national preachers worldwide to their soul winning training courses, thereby equipping them to train their churches to be more bold, more efficient and more productive. His training seminars require an expense of \$250 for each national preacher that is trained (this includes their travel, meals, training syllabus, etc.). Please consider helping him finance this training.

David and his team recently returned from Malawi where they trained 1,251 pastors who in the next thirteen weeks will train nearly 100,000 church members to be more effective witnesses for Christ. I want to see this type of training spread all over the world, so rather than “reinvent the wheel”, I have chosen to partner with him in his efforts, doing all I can to see that he succeeds. I hope you will do the same. You can contact him at: office@dwministries.org – or feel free to visit his website which gives the “big picture” of their training at www.dwministries.org/witness. Or, you can call his office at (800) 798-0028.

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**INTERNATIONAL
Visionary Trips**

December:
Cambodia
Thailand

January:
Ghana
Kenya

February:
India

SCHEDULES



**CHURCH
MEETINGS**

November:
Port Huron, MI
Smith's Creek, MI
Hudson, MI
Drapers Valley VA
Macomb, MI
Royal Oak, MI
Waterford, MI

December:
Claxton, GA
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From the Mail Bag...

Every trimester, those who support a preacher, TEAM or orphan receive a personal report verifying the receipt of their support and showing how it was used. Here are two samples.



Guatemala

Last trimester he reported ...

churches started	2
villages evangelized	5
professions of faith	10
Converts baptized	14

From: Carmelino De Leon
Sponsored by: Larry Spencer Family, OH

I greet you in the name who is coming soon for us and take us in his glory. I wish you and your family are very well in peace of the Lord.

The offering that you are sending it's a lot of blessing for me, it has serve to buy food, cloth, medicine, shoes, also to buy bus tickets where I am going to preach.

My children feel so happy when we receive your support. God bless you. We don't know how to pay you but our Lord will reward you here in the earth and He gives us glory in the Heaven.

Please pray for me I already have 23 years serving the Lord, living in the pastoral house, preaching in several places. Also I am teaching to singers Christian music with four voices (*four member singing group*). Already my lungs are tired. I used to have a concertina (*accordion*) but already it's not good. I need to buy another but I don't have money to buy it. Next time I will send you a tape with my music in my language that I play.



Pastor Carmelino and the Ladies choir, comprised of Mayan ladies wearing their tribal clothing



India

Last trimester he reported ...

churches started	1
villages evangelized	1
professions of faith	15
Converts baptized	15

From: Choppala Kanna Rao
Sponsored by: Neil Lewis, MO

Thank you very much for your prayers and for your faithful financial assistance.

In India the non-Christians will worship animals, trees, idols and rivers. Last month one man took a money to every home in our village and making the monkey to play and jump and dance at the house. Some people are giving money to him.

Monkey is one of the Hindu gods. One way this man is encashing money is by knowing the weakness for the people. People are thinking that the monkey god visited their home to bless them so in turn they are helping this man.

On Sunday he finally came to our church (*hoping to get an offering for the monkey*). After knowing that it is a church, that man simply kept quite waiting with his monkey for some help after the service was over. When I went out to counsel this man about Christ all of a sudden this money ran away from him. He is unable to control it. So the monkey left. This man demanded money from me for the cost of the monkey. Slowly many people gathered and supported him. I informed the police. Finally the police came but the police also asking me to pay something to this man as the monkey was his livelihood. (*Bread earner has gone*) I have not paid anything. Then this man and other people cursed me and left the place.



Pastor Rao with some of his converts

Prayer and Praise Reports from around the world ...

If you desire to help with any of these needs, designate your gifts accordingly

Mexico

From Manuel Lopez
Final Frontiers Associate, National Director



The following is an email we received on October 16 from a fellow missionary in Oaxaca, Bob Sundberg. We would like you to pray for Severiano and his children. This is a very sad situation, and reminds us that though

we don't suffer persecution, many believers still do. We need to learn to maximize the opportunities we have to preach freely.

I am writing to request prayer for a good friend of our family by the name of Severiano Flores. He is a Triqui tribal pastor in what is probably the most violent and dangerous of all the indigenous groups. He has been used of the Lord to plant some of the first Christian churches among his own group. He and his family have suffered years of persecution, working difficult jobs while living in conditions that most Americans would consider poverty. Severiano is one of the bravest men of God that I know of.

We had a medical/construction outreach planned with him for November. I just found out that someone entered his property while he was gone on Saturday morning (October 11) and attacked his wife with a knife, cutting her jugular vein. She died in the arms of one of his children. I can't help but cry as I write this letter. They have six children, the youngest being 5 yrs.old. Please pray for him and his family.

Kenya

From Randy Stirewalt, BBF Missionary
Regional Director Final Frontiers



I just got home today from Uganda where we had our graduation from the Bible Institute there. What an exciting place. I know you

went there with me. We had over 1000 in attendance at the graduation and baptized 35.

It is so exciting to watch the work there grow and develop into a growing church which is giving birth all over the area as the graduates go out. It took 10 years to get the people to come and but now they are coming from everywhere. We were told we could not start a work there and if we did no one would ever come. Imagine, 1000 Christians meeting together!!!!!!!!!!!!

How great to have a part in the work.

Ghana

From John Jason
National Director



My brothers and sisters, God is pouring out His love into the hearts of the people of the of Ghana to refresh us spiritually.

Only through the grace of God and the Finished Work of Jesus Christ, God is moving mightily to save people from the everlasting heat of hell.

One of our major church planting projects is outside the city of Ashaiman. We have currently outgrown our facility in the center of Ashaiman with over 100 people standing outside during the services. Our current chapel, seating up to 600, is the center of activity for our ministry in Ashaiman. In addition, the combined Greater Grace churches in the Accra/Tema/Ashaiman area total over 1,200 people and 200 Bible College students.

Argentina

From Jorge Ovando
Final Frontiers Associate, National Director



As a church we are in a great spiritual battle, and we ask prayer for this. We got word that the Umbandistas (an Afro-Brazilian relig-

ion) have declared war on us. Several of their members have accepted Christ and the leaders are not one bit pleased. We know that this confrontation will result in more glory for God, as long as we stand firm, watch, and pray. Some new believers got some ideas in their minds, the day after we received the message, a dead cat that had been bled out was found at the door of our church. And the day after that there was an explosion in one of our soup kitchens. Four Christian ladies had burns on their faces, arms, and legs, and the firemen had to go put out the fire. A lot of neighbors went to help. We thank God that everything is better now. Because of this we are having all night prayer meetings on Friday and we are seeking the Lord fervently in every meeting.

We are very pleased because in March we will open the first Christian Grade School in our city. The name will be "Escuela Cristiana Fuente de Luz" (Source of Light Christian School).

Sponsorship Information

- 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. Your \$35 sponsorship also includes \$10 support of our ministry (unless you direct us otherwise). This gives our foundation funds to operate with as well as providing assistance to preachers who do not yet have sponsorship. Typically up to half of this amount is used overseas. If you prefer your total support to go to your preacher, all you need to do is inform us and we will comply to your request.

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 printing literature, buying bicycles for the traveling evangelists, building a church or Bible school, emergency relief, feeding widows and funding preachers who do not yet have a sponsor, 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. Sponsorship distribution for the child is identical to that of the preachers (see #1)
- 4**

Membership in the **Final Frontiers Society** is \$10.00 monthly and is used to purchase and distribute Bibles. 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.

Now it's your turn ...

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (home) _____ (office) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if this is a new address or phone number.
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Enclosed is my donation of: \$ _____ to be applied to: _____

Please contact me regarding sponsorship of:

___ a national preacher	___ a country's <i>TEAM</i>
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Reports received from the final frontiers ...

Reports received since the last Progress Report (two months ago) indicate there were ...	Totals from all reports received since our beginning in December 1986 indicate there have been ...	A current total of all statistics indicate there are currently ...
601 Churches Started	20,620 Churches Started	1,256 Preacher Sponsorships
1,964 Villages Evangelized	75,441 Villages Evangelized	100 TEAM Sponsorships
22,865 Professions of Faith	598,718 Professions of Faith	83 Orphans Supported
4,200 Believers Baptized	200,264 Believers Baptized	58 Countries involved



From all of us to all of you ...

Merry Christmas

In Luke chapter 2 we have the glorious record of our Lord's physical birth. Years ago I noticed a tremendous presentation of the Gospel in this passage. Let me share the outline with you:

- 2:11-14 Proclaim He is Messiah
- 2:15-20 Proclaim He has come
 - v.15 the shepherds abandoned all they had to see Him
 - v.16 the shepherds wasted no time in coming to see Him
 - v.17 the shepherds told everyone that they had seen Him
- 2:30-32 Proclaim He has come for all
- 2:49 Proclaim why He has come

Thank you for helping us Proclaim the Savior for these 17 years in 58 countries. Please help us to continue going and growing.