

Progress Report

Forth Quarter 2007

Vietnam ...

church planters are aggressively turning the “Ho Chi Minh Trail” into the “Gospel Trail”

By Pastor Mai

I am so thankful to God for his blessings upon our Ministries in Vietnam. Because of the continuous prayer and support from our brothers and sisters in North America, we have been able to accomplish great things for the Lord and for our people in Vietnam.

Among the things we were able to do were literature ministries, Love Homes (more on this later), church and chapel construction, pastor's widow ministries, evangelism and church planting. I thank God for sending us many wonderful partners. One of our longest partners is the Final Frontiers Foundation. Through their support, more than one hundred church planting preachers in Vietnam have been serving the Lord in the rural and mountainous areas. Because of the sacrificial serving of these preachers, tens of thousands of Vietnamese have had the opportunity to hear the Salvation of God through the Lord Jesus Christ and many churches have been planted.

In this report, I would like to share with you the awesome things that God has done in Vietnam through the Vietnamese and tribal preachers. You will definitely praise the Lord for all these amazing results and want to continue to pray and support these preachers.

In 1990 when Brother Jon Nelms and I first visited Vietnam, we met a preacher name T.N. in Ho Chi Minh City. Preacher T. shared with brother Jon and I about the great need of



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We believe that the training and subsidizing of national preachers is the most efficient and effective method of global evangelism. Thus we seek to raise prayer and financial support from believers in 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 - \$350.00 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, handicap and leper ministries, orphan and children's ministries, etc.

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- Sponsorship of a *TEAM* of preachers in a given country (\$10.00 minimum per month, per *TEAM*)
- Sponsorship of a destitute child with our *Touch a Life* subsidiary (\$35.00 monthly)
- Sponsorship of the Final Frontiers Society, Bible distribution program (\$10.00 monthly)
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Where we serve

The 74 countries where we serve as of September 2007

Africa:	Middle East:
Kenya ***	Syria
Uganda	Iran
South Africa	Iraq *
Nigeria	Yemen *
Togo	Turkey
Ivory Coast	
Ghana ***	Europe:
Liberia	France
Burkina Faso	Romania
Morocco	Albania
Sudan	Latvia
Tanzania	Lithuania
Rwanda	Hungary
Egypt	Switzerland
Libya	Poland
Burundi	Bosnia
Congo	Macedonia
	Americas:
East Asia:	Mexico
India ***	Cuba
Myanmar	Guatemala
Thailand	El Salvador
Laos	Honduras ***
Cambodia	Nicaragua
Vietnam	Costa Rica
China	Peru
Philippines	Chile
Nepal	Columbia
Indonesia	Ecuador
	Venezuela
Eurasia:	Brazil
Georgia	Argentina
Belarus	St. Vincent
Siberia	St. Lucia
Ukraine	Grenada
Russia	Haiti *
	Jamaica
Central Asia:	Dominican Rep.
Kazakhstan **	
Kyrgyzstan **	Pacifica:
Azerbaijan **	Fiji
Turkmenistan **	Solomon Islands
Uzbekistan **	

- * *TEAM* or limited support only
 ** countries where support is temporarily suspended
 *** receives *Touch A Life* support also

Front Page Photograph

At a recent gathering of church planters in Central Vietnam, each preacher shared testimonies of persecution, trials and spiritual victories. This brother, long supported by Final Frontiers, demonstrated how an AK47 was pointed at him in an attempt to get him to deny his faith. An unsuccessful attempt! Another told of how each time the barrel of the gun was placed in his mouth the gun would misfire. Someone is still walking in the fiery furnace with those who are faithful to Christ and that someone looks like the Son of God!

In 17 years, the Vietnamese preachers supported by our donors have increased from 40 churches to 217 and are now the second largest church group in the entire nation. Over 100 Vietnamese church planters are sponsored by Final Frontiers but another 70 remain without support, yet while hoping for sponsorship, they continue their evangelistic efforts.

Support for a Vietnamese preacher is only \$35 monthly. If you are willing to help, call 800-522-4324 ext.110 or see page 19.

The Jon Nelms report

Many don't realize it, but we really work on a shoe string around here. As visitors come by from time to time and see all that we are doing there is a common comparison they make about us. This place, they say, is like the Pentagon. In some ways it is true; we plan, develop materials, do research, fund projects, pay God's soldiers, send out spies into hostile territory, finance rescues and prisoner releases when necessary and dutifully answer to our own "congress" (the sponsors). Most of what we do is overt and published, but there is a great deal of covert operations that can never be revealed. We are at war against an unseen, evil army but we have abundant artillery and logistic support coming from a Heavenly host. The same force that sang victoriously at our Lord's birth. We are coordinating works in 74 nations on five continents and doing so with only a handful of human staff, most of which are part time. In fact, I still don't even have a secretary or assistant to help me oversee all I have to do. When I leave town for two weeks to travel abroad, I will have at least 1500 emails to wade through when I get back and at least 30 phone calls to return. (Now you know why I lost all my hair!) It is obvious that we need all the help we can get, but that help has to be paid and we just don't have the funds.

Over the years we have come to depend on the "special gifts" that our partners send in from time to time. The most common time of year for that to happen is at Christmas. (And that's good for us because January, February and March are usually the worst months of the year.) Unfortunately, over the last few years those special gifts have been disappearing. For example, the special gifts received last December were literally 50% less than those received in December 2004. Ouch!

Somehow, by God's grace and your generosity we have made it through this year in the black. Much of that has been accomplished by us paying for things from our own pockets. Overseas travel, supplies, phone bills, prisoner releases, etc., have been paid by our staff so that we can continue to do our job and grow this ministry. I appreciate their sacrifices but at the same time, I want to ask you to help us so they don't have to bear more of the burden than they can lift.

Would you please help this ministry do what precious few others are doing by gifting us with a special offering this Christmas? What a great help that would be.

I have been amazed at how many of our sponsors work to get our name out. This summer Becky Blair, president of PPAM and a member of Lee's Summit Baptist Temple in MO, led her industry in a golf tournament for Touch a Life. 96 golfers participated and



Jon Nelms

raised \$3,500 that was used to help complete our feeding center in Honduras. Later I saw an industry-wide, online news show that highlighted the event. Of all the ministries Becky could have chosen to raise funds for she chose ours; and we are so grateful.

One thing that is helping our ministry is the number of folks who are now going on our Visionary Trips. They come home fired up and by sharing their experience they help us get more preachers and children sponsored. Already we have nearly 1/3 of our trips scheduled for next summer filled. (see page 15). If you want to reserve a place, you need to call me at 800-522-4324 ext.110.



New Applications have arrived	
Guatemala	3
Dominican Republic	6
Nicaragua	1

At this time, every preacher we have in Guatemala is fully supported except for one and he needs only one more sponsorship. Now however we have received three more applications for experienced church planters in need of help to be able to do even more. All these men are Mayan preachers.

I have visited the Dominican Republic twice in the past year to meet and examine the preachers and works there. We have never supported a preacher in that land yet but we now have six approved applications. Somebody will make history by being the first to support a Dominican preacher in our ministry. It could be me but I want to give you all a chance to be the first. If no one has responded by December 1, I will have the honor. Let's see if together we can get all 6 men sponsored.

A new ministry we are starting called **Missionaries In Training** will have its first two-week course next summer. This is a program designed for young people, ages 15 and older who have an interest in ministry work, and particularly missionary work. It is more than just a missions trip. It is an enhanced Visionary Trip that allows the student to actively participate in missions and take courses from myself, our national preachers and our staff while in Honduras. They will stay with pastors, work with pastors, eat with pastors and even help start a new church. Not everyone will be qualified for this venture. They must complete an application and be recommended by their pastor (among a list of requirements). More information will follow in our next Progress Report in January and information will be placed on line in January also.

During November I will be in Thailand and Cambodia along with Pastor Mark Glodfelter from Pensacola and Mike Robinette, our newest representative. In January I will be hosting several sponsoring families while in India. Pray that God will keep everyone well and safe and that we can be a blessing to the churches there.

I should close by saying that we all - staff, preachers, and the Touch A Life children, want to wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Year. You have meant so much to our ministry in the past twelve months and we look forward to a continuing relationship with you. As you remember us in your prayers and offerings, please remember also our brothers who are in bonds. They look to God, through us as His stewards, to help free them from their persecution. They and their families need your prayers.

Yours for souls,

Preachers in urgent need of sponsorship ...

These men listed below have been faithfully serving the Lord for many years and have benefitted greatly from support. Unfortunately the churches and families that have faithfully partnered with them in ministry are no longer able to do so. In this issue, rather than introduce you to two new men in need of support, we have chosen to highlight these who have long proven themselves, in hope of getting replacement sponsors for them. For more information on sponsoring a national preacher, see page 19.

Preacher's Name: Jaladi Absholom
Wife's Name: Suguna
No. of Children: 2 (grown)
Country: India
Sponsorships Needed: 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

Testimony:

Dharmavaram is a small village with a population of nearly 5000 people. I was the newspaper distributor in our village. I would distribute newspapers house to house every morning. There are no churches in my village but we have a few Hindu temples. So I had not known or heard about Jesus Christ. Once in three months I would go to a nearby city to hand over remaining newspapers and magazines to our head office which was in Rajahmundry.



One day a preacher by name of Pastor Kumar came to me and asked me to do a favor for him. He gave me some tracts about the simple way of salvation and requested me to distribute them to the readers. Because there wasn't much problem with this, I politely accepted the offer. Of course he gave me some money also to do the job. As desired by him, I distributed the tracts to my village people.

The second day a great sensation came in my village. Everybody talked about the tracts and asked who printed and distributed them. After the enquiry, I received a notice from the head office to give an explanation. Because I didn't give an apology for placing the tracts, I lost my job. Then a curiosity came into my mind to read the tract. I was attracted by the simple way of salvation and wanted to receive it. So immediately I met with Pastor Kumar and requested him to give that gift of salvation to me. He clearly explained a few quotations from the Bible. I confessed all my sins and accepted Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. I told Kumar that I would distribute the tracts if he would support me a little. He encouraged me and helped me. Some of the villagers attacked me in order to keep me from distributing the tracts, and some villagers also scolded my wife and children about my involvement in a preaching ministry.

For sometime I faced a lot of opposition even from my own family, but with prayer and patience I overcame all my difficulties and slowly started my ministry. First, I started a small church with my family members and the number in my church increased day-by-day. I praise God for this wonderful change in the hearts of my villagers. Now I am completely full-time preacher engaged in church work only. I need your support and help.

Preacher's Name: Kodzovi Nadhon-Azo
Wife's Name: Lawson Nadou
No. of Children: 2
Country: Togo
Sponsorships Needed: 2 @ \$35.00 monthly

Testimony:

I was born in a family where my father was an unsaved Presbyterian and my mother was an animist. I attended my father's church until I was 8 years old. At age 15, I began to experiment with the kind of sins that took me away from God. God in His sovereign grace broke this from me by using a friend to invite me to hear his pastor. I could not forget what the pastor said and finally that night I knelt and gave Jesus my heart. I will serve Him now faithfully all my life.



My wife was from a Christian family. She was born again and is a servant of the Lord. She teaches children at church and is a great help to us.

I am involved in church planting, literature distribution, discipleship, tribal evangelism, ghetto and prison evangelism, and children's ministry. I have started five churches. Two are mature and the other three are in the process of autonomy. I work among the tribal groups called Ewe, Mina and Ouatchi. I speak Ewe and French which is our national language.

We live in a cement house with four rooms. One room is my office. We rent the rooms. Our favorite foods are paste with corn flour, fufu and sauce. We purchase all our food at the market. Our monthly budget is about \$230 but my church is only able to pay me about \$70. So you can see that we must live by faith.

Please pray for us that we will be faithful and that the Lord will soon supply a sponsor for us so that we may continue and enhance our work reaching the many areas that need to hear about the Lord Jesus. I will pray that God will bless you.

This brother lost his support at the end of 2003 but has faithfully continued his service, even without support.

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

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 some samples.



GUATEMALA

Last trimester he reported ...

churches started	6
villages evangelized	5
professions of faith	12
converts baptized	5

From: Miguel Vasquez Ramirez
Sponsored by: John Thompson family, VA

Dear brother, appreciated servant of God; I greet you and your family, my prayers are that you are very well.

Loving brother, thank you very much for your kindness to send me this offering, really thank you so much. I was waiting for it. Also thank you for the extra offering. If I asked you for it before it is because I needed it so much.

I want to tell you that I am going to use this to buy a study book and for my children's school expenses and for the work of God.

The most part of my time I have dedicated to preaching the Gospel in different place. Next time if God lets me, I will send you a video from our little house and our church where I am preaching and also of the campo where I go walking to preach at a new church. Brother Thompson, you do not image how much I appreciate your support. With all my heart thank you for the extra offering that you have sent me. I did not expect it. I would like to meet you personally and thank you for your kindness. Our work has always been stable but with your prayers toward me, now it is getting better.

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INDIA

Last trimester he reported ...

churches started	1
villages evangelized	1
professions of faith	17
converts baptized	17

From: Mallipudi Subba Rao
Sponsored by: Creative Touch Graphics, TN
 Pennsboro Baptist Church, WV

Thank you very much for your financial assistance which I am receiving regularly from final Frontiers. They are very prompt in transmitting your funds to me.

In India we have different types of transportations like bicycles, motor scooters, cars and also rickshaws. Rickshaws are three-wheeler vehicles pulled by man. If you sit in the rickshaw he will take you wherever you want to go. He is the driver and it is a human carrying cart. For example, if I take you almost for one hour he will charge 50 cents in American money.

Last week when I did not have transportation available my wife and I called the rickshaw to go to the nearby place for preaching. We traveled in this almost for two hours and finally we reached the place. I thought of giving money and send him back but he said he would not get any business so

he wants to wait until we come so that he will drop us at our home. He attended the preaching service. Slowly about 100 people came. After preaching seventeen accepted Christ. I was surprised to see the rickshaw puller among them. He felt very happy. He dropped us at our home and he refused to take charges from us. He says he is leaving that money for us as a gift for leading him to Christ and he is very happy that he is on the way of salvation. This is the first experience for me that this fellow reuses to take our money and at the same time gave us an offering. Please pray for such people.



INDIA

Last trimester he reported ...

churches started	1
villages evangelized	2
professions of faith	24
converts baptized	24

From: Gampala Yesuratnam's widow
Sponsored by: Jet Food Store,
 Sandersville, GA

Very happy to inform you once again I had the privilege of receiving your kind financial assistance. Really it is God's plan in my life to help the church. Of course I am not a pastor, I will not preach. I am just a pastor's widow and I learned many things from my husband.

Every day I am visiting many women folk and bringing them to church, mainly the non-Christians. If any of our church members are sick or admitted in the hospital the pastor will send a word to me so that I will go and help those people in need. Because of my hard labor the membership in our church is increasing day by day. Every week I am bring at least ten non-Christians to our church. I am distributing tracts and I am telling Bible stories to some of the women folk when their husbands go out for work. I am full time helping for our church. Some times in the vacation Bible school or youth retreats I will fix the food for all the people. Every Sunday I will go and clean the church and keep some pots of water so that the people will drink.

You see in India our members will come by walking and some on bicycles so they are thirsty. They need water because our country is a hot country. Every Sunday I am carrying water [pots on my head] and keep four or five pots at our church.

Our people appreciate my service done to the church. This is all possible because of your prayers and your help. When my husband died I think I lost everything but thank God because of you I have everything. I am praying the Lord regularly for you. Please accept this small kind letter of appreciation and thanks to you.

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evangelism in Vietnam. He shared with us all the difficulties and persecutions he and many of the preachers in his group have experienced. As we met uninterrupted for days, he also told us that they had to work hard in the fields or factories to support their families and that their children were not permitted to go to school because of their Christian faith. Some of the preachers in their group were put in prison or **humiliated in public** because of preaching the Gospel. They touched our hearts when they shared their testimonies of their love for God and for the Vietnamese people. We prayed with Pastor T. and many of his friends. By faith, Brother Jon and I encouraged these preachers and we made a commitment to help by praying and raising financial support from our Christian brothers and sisters in North America.

Thank God through the efforts of Brother Jon Nelms and the Final Frontiers staff, many preachers in this group received financial support and these poor preachers have had more time to be involved in the work of "saving souls". In 1990 when we first came in contact with this group, they had less than 50 Churches. Today (October 2007) this group has over 215 churches throughout Vietnam. Because of the rapid growth of this group and the pressure from the Western World on the government of Vietnam for freedom of religion, the Government of Vietnam has now officially "recognized" the group. This recognition allowed the urban churches from this group more freedom for their religious activities. But the churches in the rural areas and in the Highlands are still having certain degrees of difficulties.

Over a year ago, one of the strategies of this group impressed me greatly. You already know that during the Vietnam War, the North Vietnamese built a long trail to transfer weapons from North Vietnam to South Vietnam in order to support their war efforts in the south; this was called the "Ho Chi Minh Trail". During the conflict, the Ho Chi Minh Trail became well known in and around the world. This trail received untold heavy bombing raids from the U.S Air Force and yet survived. Today the Government of Vietnam has turned the part of this trail which lies within Vietnamese territory, into an historic "Highland Highway". Many people have resettled and live along this trail. The preachers saw this resettlement as a good opportunity to plant new churches. The group sent many of their preachers to live amongst the people along the trail, sharing Christ with them and planting churches there. The goal of this group was to turn this "Ho Chi Minh Trail" into the "Gospel Trail". What a great goal! Already, many churches have been planted along that "trail". Praise the Lord!

In February of this year, I had the opportunity to visit many preachers located in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. I have been to Vietnam many times and have always wanted to visit

the Central Highlands but due to the heavy persecution and rigid restrictions from the Government, I was advised not to visit this region. Today the situation is easier and less tense so I was finally able to go to the Highlands and see with my own eyes what in the past, I had only seen in photographs and reports.

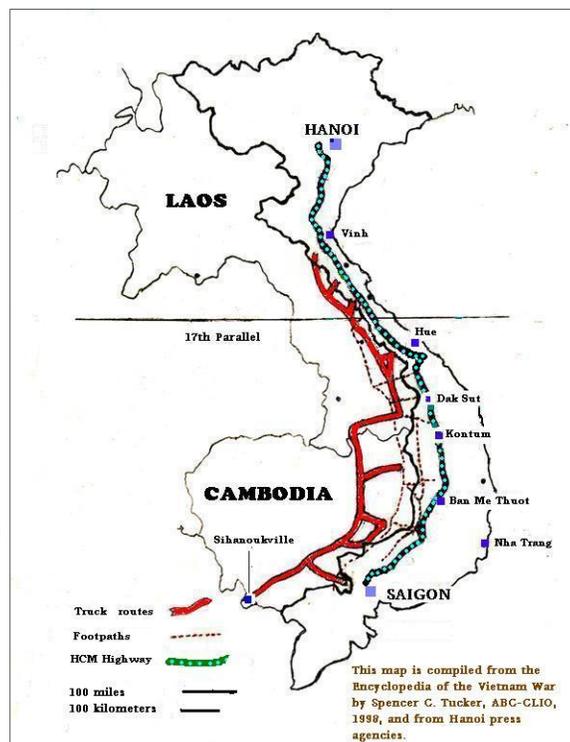
In this region, the people are very poor and the power of darkness is strong. But regardless of the situation, our God has done many wonderful things. Many lives have been changed by the power of the Gospel of Christ. I was told that in 1975 when the Communist took over South Vietnam, one of the highest government officials visited the Central Highlands and publically vowed that within 10 years there would be no Christian churches in the Central Highlands. This was his stated goal and the government's policy. Yes, during that time most of the churches had been confiscated, but today wherever we visited in the Central Highlands, we were able to find faithful Christians worshipping God in their little, poor houses or in little bamboo Chapels. Praise the Lord!

During this particular trip I was invited to visit with a group of about 40 preachers. They were housed in a very small room where they stayed together, ate together and slept together on the floor. They were there for a month seeking encouragement developing strategy for their individual and combined ministries. Next to this small room was another smaller room where they received further training in the Word of God. As I met with them I was struck with the reality of the differences between their culture and ours and their lack of freedom and our abundance of freedom; for If we had a similar group being trained in America, we would need a hotel with at least 20 rooms and conference rooms for the meetings. We would have to provide a syllabus and Power Point presentations and coffee, snacks and meals. Even then, many would have no interest to come and be taught.

In this small room, I was so touched to hear the many wonderful testimonies of these poor preachers; testimonies that did not emphasize their poverty or persecution, but the Lord's goodness and abundance. They told me only a few of the difficulties they had to endure while serving the Lord in this region. Their children were not allowed to attend school. They were living well below poverty. Many of them were put in prison many times but God protected their lives. Even in prison, they led other prisoners to receive Christ. Many of them had been beaten simply because of preaching the Gospel. They showed me the scars they had on their bodies. But then they quickly forgot about the scars as they joyfully shared how many lives were saved through their suffering and hard efforts.

One preacher shared his experience with the secret police. He was sent a message that he was to come and meet with

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them. Not knowing if he would ever return home he said goodbye to his wife and church before dutifully reporting to his persecutors. When he arrived they threatened him with death and offered him some valuable things (money, an easier life, etc.) if he was willing to deny the Lord and quit preaching the Gospel. But, this preacher answered to the secret police, **“I received my Lord Jesus Christ with my heart, not my hands. If I received him with my hands I can drop him, but because I received him with my heart, then I could not deny my Lord Jesus Christ, even with death”**.

This preacher was beaten severely but remained faithful to the Lord and after some time was released. I cannot begin to imagine the joy his family must have had when they saw him at some distance from their house, limping home. Nor can I imagine the honor they must have felt as they washed his open wounds and nursed him back to health. What a privilege to be the wife, the son or daughter, the father or mother, the church member of such a man.

Please continue to pray for these preachers, their families and their ministries. The situation in Vietnam is much better today compared with a few years ago, but the persecution is still occurring in many areas in the highlands.

One thing that really impressed me were the preachers who were willing to risk their lives and go to the dangerous areas where people still, in a thousand bamboo villages, have never heard of the Gospel. One of the preachers recently sent me a letter asking me to pray for a number of the preachers who will be going into the deep jungles to preach the Gospel and other preachers who will go to North Vietnam where churches are so scarce. I will pray for their safety and success and I ask you to do the same.

Two years ago I received a letter from Preacher D asking me if I could send him \$1000 USD to buy carpenter tools. At first, I questioned why he would need a thousand dollars to buy carpenter tools which are so cheap in Vietnam. Preacher D explained to me that they needed these carpenter tools as they go into the jungle in order to cut lumber and build a Chapel. He also wanted to help the poor people in the village to build houses for themselves. I gladly gave him the funds he asked for and after two years, I received a report from Preacher D regarding the results of the funding. From the \$1000USD, he personally planted and built three churches. In addition, over 1000 people in one village received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Praise the Lord! This is one of the greatest returns of our investment that I could imagine.

Today, there are 84 million people in Vietnam but less than one percent are believers. The majority of them are atheist, Buddhist, or animists, involved in ancestral and spirit worship. The need to share the Gospel in Vietnam is so great. We still need many more dedicated preachers who are willing to preach the Gospel and reach out to the unsaved people in Vietnam.

We also need committed brothers & sisters in America to pray for Vietnam and partner with the Final Frontiers Foundation to support these preachers.



I am so thankful to the Lord that some of our preachers were willing to leave their homes and families for an extended time to plant churches. I am also thankful to the Lord for giving me the honor and privilege to partner with these wonderful preachers. On behalf of these preachers and their families, I would like to thank brother Jon Nelms, Final Frontiers, and all the brothers and sisters in America who have prayed and supported these preachers financially in Vietnam. Remember, your work in the Lord is not in vain. Please continue to pray for Vietnam and for these preachers, their families & ministries. Thank you!

Top: At their first conference since getting acceptance by the government, each church sent four representatives from their hundreds of member. Crowding into the auditorium for two days of preaching and singing were more than 1,000 people from all over Vietnam.

Center: As the Ho Chi Minh Trail becomes a highway, the preachers and their trained workers are prepared to turn it into the “Gospel Trail”.

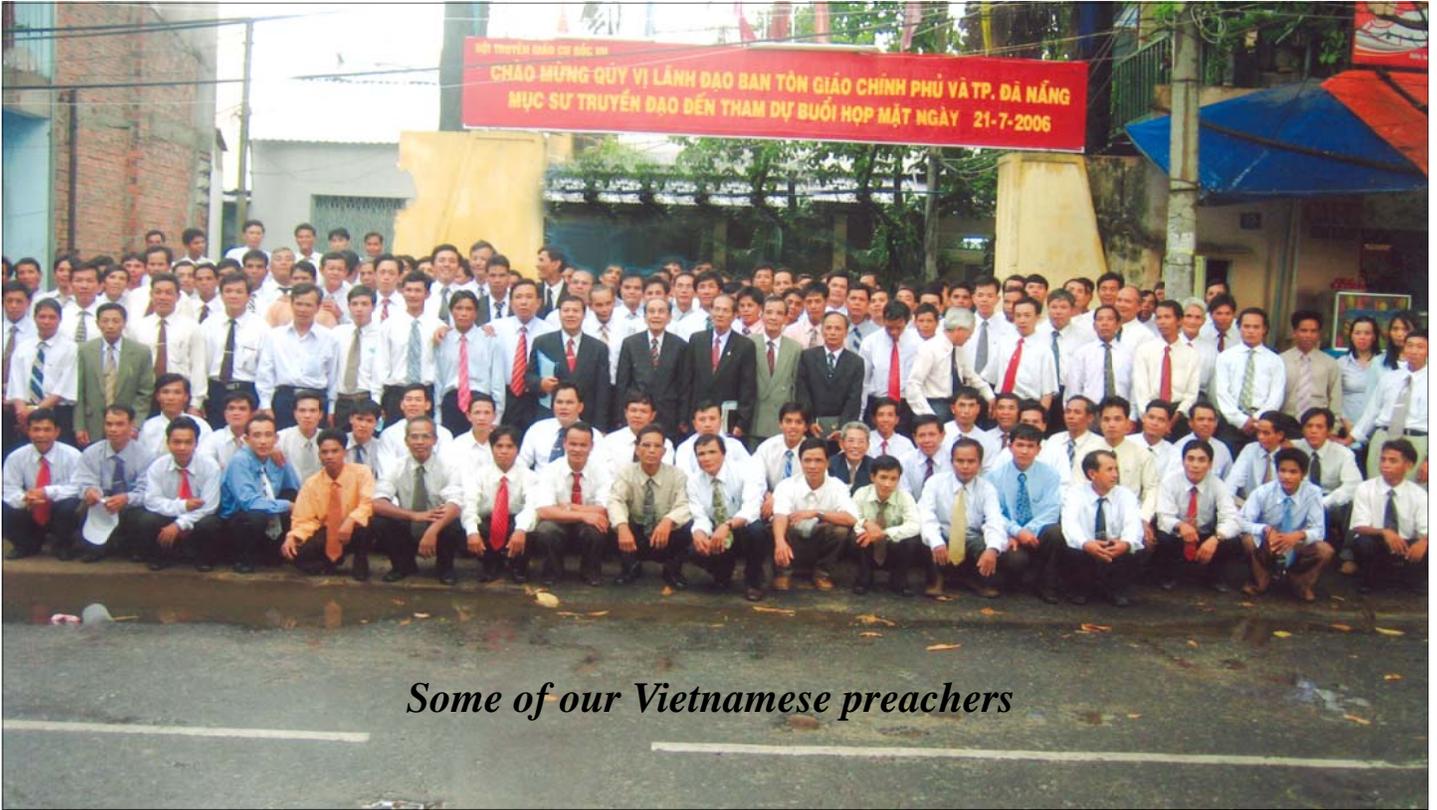
Bottom: This was the meeting of the preachers that Mai wrote about

Vietnam ... A follow-up report

by Jon Nelms

Mai has been kind to give us a short report of what has been going on with the preachers we support in Vietnam for the past seventeen years. When we recently met we relived the story of our miraculous meeting.

In 1990 I was with my family in Bangkok along with several church members and pastors from the United States. Juanita and I, along with Daniel and Sara were all staying at the home of Pastor Kiatisak Siripanadorn, our Thai National Director. The others were staying at the Christian Guest House several miles away. One morning they came to meet with me and told me about two young men they had met at the Guest House who were of Vietnamese origin and were now living in the USA. These two were going back into Vietnam to meet with the preachers their father had trained and/or worked with before his exile. Though they had planned their trip for some time they did



Some of our Vietnamese preachers

not have the funds needed. Miraculously, they met a man who had purchased several tickets for Vietnam (routing through Bangkok) but could not make the trip. He offered to sell them for barely \$200. The tickets, worth more than \$1500 were lost in his mind so he gladly accepted \$200 thinking that was better than nothing. While at the Guest House they shared a meal with my friends who told them all about Final Frontiers.

Later that day I met Mai and his brother. I was suspicious and wanting to make sure they were not spies. Over the next several months I researched their family, ministry and story, while unknown to me, they were researching me and Final Frontiers. Finally I took a trip with Mai to Vietnam as he mentioned in his article. Since that time we have made several trips there together and I met all of the original preachers we supported.

God gave me a burden to help these men and a love for their nation. Rarely have I ever been to a land that was as friendly towards Americans as the Vietnamese are.

When I first met these men and their wives, they each came to meet us secretly, traveling for more than two weeks by foot, bicycle, car and bus. No more than two traveling together. When I left they took another two weeks to return home, feeling that they had outwitted those who would seek to imprison them. Incredibly, they were away from home for a month, just to be able to meet with us for a few hours. Unbelievably, in spite of their caution, each one was arrested when he got home. In fact, I suspect that every preacher we have in Vietnam has spent time in prison. Some of our men have spent more time in prison than out of prison. One in particular I have never even met because each time I go, he is back in prison again. Several of our church planters were led to Christ and trained for the ministry by him while serving time. When I first went there, his wife came to meet me in his place. God broke our hearts as she shared her story with us. This dear wife and her four children rarely got to

see her husband, simply because they did not have funds to buy a bus ticket to go to the prison. She would see her husband only twice a year and each time take a different child with her, so that meant each child got to see their father once every two years. What was the exorbitant cost of a ticket that prevented their visitation? Ten cents!

As I met and talked with these servants of God, I was continually reminded of the biblical phrase, "of whom the world was not worthy".

There was a time when we were supporting about 140 preachers in Vietnam. Some have died and over time, many sponsors have stopped giving. That is primarily because we are unable to get personal reports from them due to security reasons and that inability to hear from their preacher has drowned the sponsor's burden and resolve. It is my hope that his article will be a blessing to those who do support preachers there, that it might serve as a window into their world that will encourage you and demonstrate that your goodness to them has not been in vain. And hopefully, over the next few years, we will be able to receive regular reports from these preachers as well.

I hope also that this article will spur others to partner with them, support them, and help them to drop a million tons of Holy Bombs along the Gospel Trail Mai spoke of. In our office today we have nearly 70 approved applications of men who are now serving without support. Call us if you have an interest in supporting one or more of these preachers. Most of these men need only one sponsorship of \$35 a month because they are tribal and live among people that make only about a dollar a day. Your funds will free them to be full time in the ministry and do more for the Gospel than they or you ever imagined. Or, that same \$35 could be used to buy yourself five or six lattes at Starbucks each month. The choice is yours but be reminded, that eternity is just around the corner.

Since we rarely get reports we often do not know the accomplishments of these preachers. I asked Mai if he could contact our director there to give us an update of what has been done just in the last **FOUR** years. During that time they estimate that a minimum of 10,000 have been saved and of those, at least 60% have been baptized. We know already that their churches have grown from barely 40 to 215; but they also have what they call "chapels" and in the past four years they have started two hundred of these. To them, a church is not a church unless it has about one hundred converts. Until that mark is reached, they are considered to be "chapels". Before they become a chapel they are only considered to be a "Bible Study". Yet many of these Bible Studies, led weekly by a pastor, are larger than many of our supporting churches here in the USA and in most countries would be considered "house churches".

In the opening sentences of his article, Mai mentioned "Love Houses". This was a term unfamiliar to me so I inquired. Here is his explanation ...

"Since we began the strategy of planting the new churches along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, we knew that the church as a whole needed to help the pastors to relocate there, so we began taking offerings to build houses for them to live in and use as the locations for Bible Studies. We call these Love Houses because they are built from the love we have to reach our own people with the Gospel. Each house costs only about \$800 to build."

In this photo you can see a typical "love house". In the front on the ground are several rattan platters. These are used to dry rice on after the harvest. This is the rice that will feed the preacher and his family.

In the past, most of our sponsors of Vietnamese preachers have been veterans of the war. Remarkably, they all express a desire to win the Vietnamese people whom they grew to love and respect while there. A new generation of citizens have risen there that



see our "conflict" as "ancient history", just another in a non-stop succession of wars they have had to endure. Among them are the sons and daughters of the tribal warriors who aided us in our battles. Their persecution endures to this day which, along with their memories of servicemen who witnessed to them and that of their own preachers, has sparked a revival fire in their Highlands that cannot be extinguished. Today Vietnam is 2% Christian but someday, it will be known as a Christian nation, and that may well be in our lifetime. What part will you play in this victorious drama?

For those of you who want to help but cannot afford \$35 monthly to support a preacher, consider joining the Vietnamese TEAM. Your contribution of as little as \$10 monthly will be combined with others who share your burden and sent to Vietnam to be used by the group of preachers as they see fit. Reports will be sent to you three times annually.



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From: Alejandro Gonzalez, National Director
Location: Huehuetenango, Guatemala

What was the total amount of the TEAM funds received?

\$106.80

What were these funds used for?

I gave this fund for brother Lazaro Vasquez to help him to pay some medical exams. He is very sick so the doctors force us to make those exams. Also I used it to buy his medicine.

Do you have any special needs we can pray about?

Please pray for all the pastors that are working in the Campos (missions) of the Mam (Mayan Indian tribe) so our God uses them according with His will. Also please pray for the pastor's teenage children so they can work in the ministry with their parents to show their good testimony and be examples for the others in the world.

Dear TEAM sponsors:

Receive cordial greetings from all of us wishing all a lot of success in your personal lives and in the precious ministry that the Lord as commended you.

This letter is to thank you for the spiritual, moral and economic support that you are giving to all the pastors that are working in the churches.

I want to tell you that the pastors are very grateful and motivated to continue working in the ministry. Thank God He is blessing us through you. Actually we are working with tribal groups and the rural areas; all our church members are farmers. But sometimes their lands are not fertile so it is for that reason they do not give anything to the church because they are very poor economically. But thank God and the pastors the work continues growing. The pastors go by foot for several days to different places such as villages, mountains, towns, Etc. to preach the Gospel to those people that do not know Jesus Christ yet. They get very tired physically but our purpose is to win souls to the Lord. Please pray for us and our families to continue ahead in the work of our God. II Cor. 8:13-15 and Phil. 4:14-20.

TEAM funding is based upon two principles, one Biblical and the other practical. Biblically, that the weapons of our warfare are spiritual. We need to provide assistance to groups of preachers who can wisely and collectively use the funds to purchase needed supplies to advance the spread of the Gospel. And from a practical standpoint; that there is no end to what can be accomplished if those working together are not concerned with who gets the credit.

For more information about TEAM projects, see page 19

Rejoicing in Heaven

By Ashok and Mai Andrews, Kolkata India

This is an Indian pastor who needs no support but instead has lead his city church to support over 30 rural pastors in north India.

Over the past few days our hearts have been overjoyed to be able to see so many in our mission fields obeying the Lord in the waters of baptism. Each time we are part of a baptism service my heart is overwhelmed at the amazing way in which the Lord works through ordinary men and women like us. Your support in prayer & your willingness to stand by us has been a great source of strength. Thank you!!!

A few days ago as we were driving out to one of our baptism services I was overwhelmed by the many temples that I saw. Each time I saw so many of my own brothers and sisters worshipping images that their hands had made, my heart cried. I wondered how God's heart must ache. His own creation had turned away from Him. My mind was flooded with thoughts of millions that were lost and the largeness of the task and the seeming impossibility. The more I pondered, the more I began to feel a sense of heaviness and helplessness. The voice of Brother Tarun Bhattacharjee, our mission director, jolted me out of my thought. We had arrived at Mahisadal and there before me was a group of eager believers waiting to witness a baptism service. As I got off our car the Holy Spirit whispered in my heart, "cheer up, the Father rejoices because of those that are turning to Him." I felt every hair on my body stand bold upright. Can you imagine the Father in heaven was rejoicing, and insignificant men and women like us had a part in that happiness? My heart was overwhelmed and cried many tears.

Each baptism candidate has a story to tell. I wish you were there to have heard their testimonies. Let me share with you a few that greatly challenged my life.

Rangalal Jana is a painter by profession. Over the years he had paint fall into his eyes on many a paint job that he carried out. What Rangalal did not realize is that he would wake up one morning and not be able to see the beautiful world that he had often taken for granted. A man who lived his life mixing colors was not able to see any other color but black. He was blind and as the realization seeped in, Rangalal was shattered. The next couple of years were spent going to temples, witch doctors as well as hospitals. When all hope of sight vanished, Rangalal despaired his very life. It was then he heard of the little fellowship that met at Mahisadal. When he visited the church his wife told him that the pastor was a man who only has one arm.

Pastor Pratul Das was a man who lost one of his arms after a tiring day of ministry. He was so tired that he did not realize that his hands were dangling outside the bus window as he was returning home. He woke up from his sleep with unbearable pain, a speeding truck had severed off his right arm.

To Rangalal and his wife, the sight of a one armed priest meant that they would have to continue in their pains. They did not have any hopes of being healed or restored. What they came to realize that day was that the God whom the one armed priest served, was the God of the universe. As the Church be-

gan to pray for Rangalal, God began to heal him in mysterious ways. This was only the beginning of a great journey with Jesus. As the Lord began to heal him physically, Pastor Pratul Das and his wife shared the Gospel with this family. The Lord had prepared their hearts. They knew that He was the God of the universe and that He truly cared for them. They desire your prayer as they seek to walk with Jesus each day.

Nabrun Manna was only known for all the wrong reasons in Itaberia. He was a drunkard and an anti-social whom people hated. All that changed because he received a tract that was distributed by our evangelist Biman Patra. Reading the tract, Nabrun began to feel a great sense of unrest in his spirit. He was confronted by a God who loved him when all others hated him. He finally attended the church at Itaberia. Hearing the Gospel, Nabrun repented from his sins and turned to the Lord and today he is a respected citizen. He works at a bookstore and wants to serve the Lord in every way possible.



Tarun left, and Ashok teach at the church in Itaberia.

Puratan Bazaar is a small hamlet of around 80 families in Bashirhat. This was considered as one of the most notorious places in the entire area. This was an area known for prostitution and contract killers. Our evangelist Manoranjan Pal was telling us that the Lord burdened him to start praying for this area. When he talked about this with his friends they warned him never to step into this area. Though he was frightened, he went there led by the Holy Spirit and preached the Word of God. On the very first day he was there, a lady by the name of Phuil Mondal turned to Jesus with much weeping and repentance. Phuil was considered to be one of the most immoral women in this area. The Lord had begun his work & no man could stand against it. Manoranjan tells us that 25 families have begun to attend Church in Puratan Bazaar. He also tells us that children from at least 40 of these families attend Sunday School each week. We pray that all of these 80 families will find Jesus as Savior. They have provided us a small place & would like a church building in this area soon.

Basunder Arun Bachhar was the last one to be baptized in Bashirhat. In the back of his mind were fears. Will his parents torture him again? When Arun accepted Christ, his family was angry and did all they could to oppose his new found faith. He was beaten and warned many times. The trials became so intense that he finally abandoned attending Church.

The believers continued to pray for him and over a period of time the Lord softened Arun's mother's heart. She then spoke to the family and told them that they should allow Arun to follow what he thinks is best for him. Arun desires that his entire family will turn to Jesus some day.

It is so hard to stop writing. What the Lord has done is amazing. Please pray that each of these new believers will continue to walk with Jesus.



Rangalal being baptized



Arun being baptized

He spent this summer in prison and in torture

By Yosef Rehma

Since the inception of our operation of smuggling New Testaments into Iran, we are hearing on a weekly basis the amazing stories of young Muslim people who are getting saved. One of the stories that I was recently told was of a young Muslim girl who had grown up in very torn family. At the age of seventeen she met one of our *families* (underground churches) and they started to talk to her and to help her have a better relationship with her family because she was living with a very hateful heart toward them. After she started to trust our people she began to talk about God with them, wanting to know how she can forgive and once again, love her family members. They started to read the Bible with her and eventually she got saved; her life was totally and dramatically changed. When she graduated from high school a few months later she went to the university in her city to continue her education. The first thing she asked of our *family* was if she could somehow get her own New Testament. She wanted to take it with her on the campus where she would be living, to read it and to grow in her faith because she didn't think she could come to every "family meeting" and she did not want to be left without the instruction and encouragement of God's Word. The *family* did their best to find a New Testament for her and when they gave it to her, she started to read. She was so happy to have her own copy and the more she read, the more she was compelled to witness to her fellow university students; yet she was so afraid and nervous wondering how she could obey God in her circumstances. She started to pray for courage because of the temptation to be silent that was triggered by her fear. She prayed that God would take this idea from her mind which was constantly telling her not to put her own life in jeopardy. Finally, during her classes at school she started to meet with two of her female friends to talk about hobbies and their interest hoping that she could develop a special relationship with these girls. She started to pray for God to open the door for her to be able to share her faith with them. Soon those two friends started to notice that she was different from them; always having a grateful attitude, always smiling, always having a gracious humble personality, etc.

Soon they started asking her questions regarding her characteristics. As she began to answer them, she silently prayed that God would help her and strengthen her to answer their questions with the right words and the right attitude.

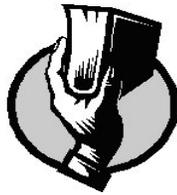
One day during a conversation, one of the girls commented that they pray five times a day and fast the entire month of Ramadan, and then began a litany of all they do to make themselves to be good, Muslim women. In response to their questions she started to witness to them and tell them about the Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to save all of us because he loves so much. Then she moved from the theology of salvation to her own personal testimony of what had happened in her life after she acquired a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It was then that they started to ask her a lot of questions and she began to quote some verses from the Bible. Not much later, one of these two friends started to come and ask her, "Would you tell me about your Jesus?" She said that for her, it was such a beautiful and unique story and she wanted to know more about Jesus. After she saw the sincerity and hunger of her friend, she started to share her own great and dangerous

secret, that she actually possessed a New Testament in the Persian language. They would meet together and read it and pray. After three months, as they slowly made their way through its pages, her friend got saved and they started having a Bible study and devotion on a daily basis. (They were using a discipleship booklet I wrote which contains 35 lessons specifically addressing the needs of converts from Islam to Christ.)

Feeling the need to share their faith they decided to invite their other friend to study with them. When they invited her and started to talk to her she was open to hearing the gospel. They were so happy and were so hoping for her salvation that they showed her the New Testament. Soon after, our first girl was in the classroom when suddenly the door opened and two men entered the class and asked the professor to dismiss the girl. They took her to special room and immediately faced her with the New Testament she had loaned to the third girl. They continued interrogating her by screaming in her face and asking who her contact was, who had taught her, who had given her the New Testament in the Persian language? She started to cry, terrified of what was going to happen to her because they told her that they were going to kill her if she did not tell them how she got the New Testament. After some time they took her to the security police station and started her interrogation again, provoking her to confess who gave her God's Word? She told them that she had found it in her "family's" storage! (She meant the church closet but they interpreted it as her real family's old storage room, tucked away for decades unnoticed.)

Of course while all this was happening, we were praying so much for her and trying to figure out where she was and what we could do to get her out? Our biggest concern was that they would rape her! During this time the interrogating officer told her that he was going to use her New Testament as toilet paper, and he tore the whole book in front of her eyes. Around 8 PM we learned what prison she was in and a group of us were praying for her without ceasing. Finally the officer called her family, which is a Muslim family, and told them that they had found a New Testament in her dormitory room. One of her brothers came to take her out of prison on bail and sign a paper which stated that she was just a young girl and was confused and nosey and that had led her to read the New Testament. At her release her brother yelled at her, commanding her to go back to her studies and leave this book out of her life. She knew that she had made a big mistake by showing her second friend her precious secret of God's Word in their own language before she was spiritually ready to see it. Having lost her only copy, she began praying to God to use her as a witness and to once again provide another New Testament for her. Today, she remains as a strong witness in her university.

We have people like her all over the Middle East, looking for somebody to help them. Not to feel sympathy for them or to cry for them but to help by giving funds to purchase New Testaments. Our people there are loyal to Christ, to their fellow Believers and to His Word, even though most of them have not yet looked upon a Bible with their own eyes. There is a drought of God's Word throughout the Middle East. Owning a copy is a dream highly treasured by those who have never even seen one. To them, it is nothing but a sweet fantasy. It is your support of the Final Frontiers Society which provides us the funds to distribute God's Word throughout Iran and the Middle East.



Final Frontiers SOCIETY

A society of Believers, dedicated to distributing Bibles around the world

Did you know ...

- ◆ In 1800, portions of Holy Scripture had been translated into 66 languages, 40 with the whole Bible. By 1900, portions of Scripture had been translated into more than 500 languages. By 2000, portions of the Bible can be read in more than 2,000 languages, about one-fifth of these with complete Scriptures.
- ◆ There are now 6,800 languages with no Scripture translations and no access to the Bible; 5,100 languages with partial Scripture translations; 4,100 languages with indirect access to complete Scripture translations; and 2,600 languages with direct access to complete Scripture translations.

Source generousgiving.org

Members of the Society, because of their funding of Bibles to be distributed worldwide are accomplishing more than they can imagine. Here's just one letter we recently received ...

From Pastor K. Malleswara Rao of Andhra Pradesh, India
Sponsored by: Mr. & Mrs. Lester Fluth, MN

I thank the Lord for giving me many avenues to spread the Word of God. Recently I was invited by the student union in a big city to speak to them. All of them are grown up teenage people. There were about 1000 of them attending this function. I informed them about the love of Jesus, how He came to this world just to die for us because of His love. Many students, after the preaching, raised their hands for many questions. I answered only few because I didn't have much time. I have not extended any invitation [for them to be saved] but I distributed tracts with my name and address.



Pastor Rao preaching outdoors to a village church

Before leaving [the campus] many of the students met me and requested me for Bibles. I didn't have Bibles with me but I promised them I would try to arrange [to get] some Bibles at least for the Christmas gift of 2007.

To my surprise during these [following] days I have received about one hundred letters requesting me to come to their homes for visitation and for counseling. I was surprised to see these letters. Pray for me.

In Andhra Pradesh, India, Bibles can be purchased in quantities of 100 or more for \$5 each. This New Testaments can be purchased for as little as \$0.30 each.

New Testaments in Arabic and Farsi (for Iran) can be purchased for just \$3 each.

Changing Christmas Forever...

turning a familiar item into a Gospel tool

Remember the "Wordless Book" and how the different colors represented points of winning a child to Christ? Once again, for the third year in a row, we have a new twist on an old winner. And ours is not only a witnessing tool but also a Christmas gift, perhaps the first one this child has ever received.



- ◆ Imagine using a Christmas stocking to represent the blood of Christ and teaching how our hearts become as "white as snow"!
- ◆ Now let's make it even more effective ... imagine the gifts inside being used as a visual example of the gift of salvation that comes from God through His son Jesus.
- ◆ Now let's take it even one step further ... imagine it is given free of charge, just as His salvation is!
- ◆ Can we make this any better? ... Yes, imagine that it is distributed by the pastor of a local church who is sponsored by Final Frontiers rather than by some unknown or unnamed "organization". God gets the glory - - - all of it!
- ◆ Oh, and one other thing ... imagine it is given to a child that has never received a stocking or will not receive any gifts this Christmas. A child who will sit in the dirt on Christmas morning and only dream of what it would be like to have a toy to play with.

Well, you don't have to imagine it. You can give one with a simple donation of \$20. You can give by check or online. Sponsors of Touch a Life children can designate one for the child they support in India, Honduras, Ghana or Kenya. If you are not a child sponsor, yours will be given out by the pastors as they see best. Designate your gift for "Christmas Stocking".

Give a stocking - receive a smile!

For those of you who like to go crazy at this time of year, you can also buy gifts for the children on our website at www.touchalife.net.

They can be designated for your sponsored child or any child where we serve.

If you prefer, you can request a printed "catalog" of the items we have available by calling 800-522-4324 ext. 102. Orders and payment must be received by November 30 to be delivered by Christmas day.

Welcome New Sponsors

Sponsoring Family	Preacher	Country
Nathaniel Carden, Paris France Kevin & Stacey Carden, AL	Stephen Lepakin Pokisa Francisco Julian Bamaca Kodzovi Wolom Nadhon-Azo Antonio M. Salazar Dmitry Bublik Marko Olikariskoe Alfayo Solomon Bijja Jaladi Absholom Kodavati Livingston Dadala Papa Rao Subhash Kallappa Chougale	Kenya Guatemala Togo Philippines Russia Tanzania India India India India India India
First Baptist, Princeton, MN Brian & Sarah Falk, TX Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Smith, GA Mr. & Mrs. Fred Carter, AL Jeffrey Nelson, CA	John Lolinyei Longisa Jaime Guevara Portillo Solomon Bijja Francisco Martin Farcia Aaron Hangadi Mario Alberoto Diaz Pineda Timothy Gaddala	Kenya El Salvador India Guatemala India El Salvador India
Patti Radley, MO		

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Sponsoring Family	# Bags of Hope	Country
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hurd, WA	5	Middle East
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Medlin, TX	1	Middle East
Mr. & Mrs. Brent Pearson, TX	1	Middle East
Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Meyer, TX	1	Middle East
Charlene Hella, WA	1	Middle East
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Ryan, TX	12	Middle East
Sammi Chapman, TX	1	Middle East
Jonathan Thompson, WA	1	Middle East
Glenda Mayfield, TX	1	Middle East

Hebrews 11:4
 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, **God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.**

We are very grateful for those of you who have placed us in your will or have created a Charitable Remainder Trust, naming Final Frontiers as the beneficiary. Others of you who are interested in doing so or just want to be able to learn more about the short and long term investment benefits, should contact our office and we will put you in touch with a professional who can advise you. After all, as the verse above shows, just because the flesh dies does not mean that your influence and support must die with it.

SCHEDULES



VISIONARY TRIPS

- October:**
Egypt
- November:**
Thailand
Cambodia
- January:**
India
- February:**
Honduras
- March:**
Egypt
Kenya
Uganda
Ghana
- May:**
Egypt
- June/July/August:**
Honduras (6)
Touch A Life Trips
- September:**
Russia



CHURCH MEETINGS

- October:**
Munich Germany
Bayern Germany
Frankfurt Germany
Dusseldorf Germany
Hamlin Germany
Oberhausen Germany
Kalamazoo, MI
Valdosta, GA
Pennsboro, WV
Canton, OH
Cleveland, OH
Lima, OH
Lee's Summit, MO
Mobile, AL
Chicago, IL
- November:**
Hudson, MI
Mount Vernon, IL
Elizabethtown, KY
Titusville, FL
Fort Charles, FL
Port Huron, MI
- December:**
Sandersville, GA
Woodstock, VA



Touch a Life

A child sponsorship ministry of the Final Frontiers Foundation
www.touchalife.net

By Jon Nelms

Well it is almost finished and we can't wait. The floor is poured, the walls are up the roof is finished, the electrical and plumbing is installed and the metal windows and doors have been made and installed. What's left? Frankly, just a few things.

- ◆ The stoves, refrigerators, tables and chairs need to be bought but we already have the funds for these things.
- ◆ The water tower and tank need to be installed. We already have the funds for these two items.
- ◆ One bathroom is finished but the other still needs to be completed (about \$800)
- ◆ We are still missing the sidewalk across the front and on one side (about \$1300)
- ◆ We need a generator (about \$3000) because there is only power off and on during the day.
- ◆ We have just learned that we, not the power company, have to install the poles and transformer (About \$6000)

After these things are done all that is left is to buy the tiles for the floor. This is cosmetic more than functional and that is why we have saved it for last. The cost is about \$6000.

It is incredible to me that in just eleven months we have gone from buying the land to being nearly able to start using the brand new facilities. It will take us until January to finish only because we have to wait that long to get the electrical transformer and poles installed. I am planning to go down in February for the grand opening. Some have asked to come along and of course, you are welcome. Just give me a call if you are interested in going so I can make room for you.

Once the facility is operational, we will move all our existing equipment to the town of Bartolo where many of you sponsor children. Because there are only about 50 kids in that village, we will use the church building as the feeding center. They already have an adobe stove they cook on so we will give them our existing tables, chairs, plates, etc. Then we will go on to the village of El Hatillo

where there are about 30 kids. They are all sponsored already and getting food bags. We will also be able to use the church facility there for the feeding center. They have a bathroom and running water outside so all we need is about three tables and thirty chairs and to build an adobe stove and that center will open. (\$900)

Now we are accepting applications from the village of Sabonetta that also has fifty kids. They have a beautiful and functional concrete block building that some Honduran families in the capital city built for them several years ago. To open their center all we need is five tables and 20 chairs because they already have 30. (\$750) And as in all cases, the tables and chairs are there to be used by the churches on Sunday and anytime during the week they need them. It is our policy that everything must have a dual purpose. All four of these centers should all be fully sponsored and operational by March. Imagine, four feeding centers in less than two years; and that's just in Honduras!

Our ministry of sponsoring children started nearly twenty years ago in India. Even today, every child we have there is an orphan that has been placed in the home of a pastor, deacon or faithful church member, giving the child both a mom and a dad. We find this to be so much better than being raised in an orphanage.

In a sense we had our learning curve in India and now we are moving elsewhere. In January I will be back there to begin the process of opening our first Indian feeding center. I hope next year to open at least two in India.

As you are reading this report, I am either in Thailand or Cambodia. I am venturing into both to help our preachers there by beginning the process to open feeding centers in their remote and tribal villages. I'll give you the full story in the next Progress Report.

It is a great joy to read the reports of these kids. On the next page are two boys that have been sponsored for twenty years by the same family. You just have to know how blessed this family is to see what they have accomplished in the lives of these two young men. We always need more sponsors so if you have a burden to help a child, call or go online.

To make the experience of helping these children even sweeter, we have started mailing out annual photos to the sponsor as well as hand-made Christmas cards. The ones from Honduras were made by hand with paper and scissors. Those from India are unique in that they have painted scenes on leaves.

In closing, if you can help with the funding to finally finish this project, I would be very grateful. Just designate your gift for "Feeding Center". Thank you so much!



Top: This side has a sidewalk al ready

Center: Metal windows and doors be ing made on site. The steel girders are already installed. All we need here is the tile for the floor.

Bottom: This side, leading back to the bathrooms does not have a sidewalk yet.

Dear Sponsor ...



This is a letter from Chakradhara Roa Gudi to his sponsor, Dennis and Marianne Jackson of Allen, MI. They have been supporting this child since January of 1997

Thank you for very much for your regular help. Very happy to know for your sincerity in helping orphans like me. God will bless you and use you more and more to get glory to Him. Many orphan children in India are spoiling their lives because they don't have any one to take care of them. Thank and praise God for your compassion being extended towards me. We had a wonderful meeting in the first week of April in our school. Because we are going to have summer holidays from 20th April to June 20th. It is almost a school annual closing function.

I got two prizes, one for singing and the other for debate competition.

In our school there are some rich people and also some of them are having their parents. Some of their parents regularly come to our school to drop their children. On seeing those scenes sometimes I get tears in my eyes because there is no one to drop me at my school. After God, you are the only one whom I like and love very much.



This is another Indian boy they have supported as well, Rajendra Veeravalli. This child has also been supported since January 1997.

Very happy to inform you God has given me one more chance to receive your financial assistance through Final Frontiers. Thank you for paying for me since all these years. Actually before you came to my rescue I was nothing, I don't have anything and I was an orphan and I have tasted starvation. But the day when you have started supporting me I was relieved from all my burdens and problems. I don't know how you are helping to me maybe by doing extra work or maybe sacrificing something but still you are very prompt in extending your financial assistance. I am sure you are experiencing the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ by helping deserving needy orphans like me. Thank God I am not an orphan now. I have a great God on

my side and God's chosen people like you are on my side and I am one of your family members. This gives more honor and privilege for me to say you are my godfather and bread earner. Since all these months and years I have told everyone about your love in action. Now I am planning to study further. I never forget the beautiful graduation card you have mailed to me last time. You are always in my thoughts and you are always in my heart. I belong to you.

Recently even though I am not a pastor I led three people to Christ and my pastor baptized them. I met these three young men in a playground and after that I went to their home several times and witnessed to them. As a result of my witnessing the Holy Spirit moved their hearts and they have given their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. Please take the credit. It is because of you only these people are saved. Your prayers are responsible, your support is responsible.

Visionary Trips 2008

Our Visionary Trips to Honduras for the Touch A Life program will allow you to:

- ◆ meet and spend time with your sponsored child and their family, visit in their home and help feed the children in the feeding centers.
- ◆ meet some of the pastors supported by Final Frontiers.
- ◆ have an opportunity to go out with a Honduran church member to witness and pass out tracts.
- ◆ go shopping for gifts for the children and souvenirs for your family and friends

If you would like to go, call our office to register. **1-800-522-4324 ext.110**. Please leave your name and phone number and we will get back with you.

The cost per person (except for the international airfare), which includes travel within Honduras, great food and clean, modern lodging, is only \$650 per person. The only other funds you will possibly need are for souvenirs and snacks. A \$200 deposit is non-refundable. Deadlines for registration are six weeks before the trip date.

Churches and schools are encouraged to book a week for their own group to go down. We can custom-make a trip just for your ministry needs in a week that you choose. We can even arrange for you to help us start a new church while you are there.

The dates available for 2008 are:

June 12-19	Full
June 19-July 3	Reserved for MIT*
July 3-10	Half full
July 10-17	
August 7-14	
August 14-21	

If another date is desired for a group of 10 or more, please contact us as quickly as possible. Recommended groups are churches, Bible study groups, Sunday School classes, etc.

* **MIT** refers to **Missionaries In Training**. This is a new program developed by Final Frontiers to take serious, missions minded youth (ages 15 and up) to the mission field for several weeks of hands on, missionary work. It is similar to our regular Visionary Trip but is expanded in time and enhanced in function.

Students will be paired to an English speaking partner and assigned to pastors whom they will assist in soul winning, church work and church planting. They will also have classes taught by national Preachers and Final Frontiers Missionaries on cultural training and missionary training and will have experience working in our feeding centers and ministering in both urban and rural settings.

To qualify an application must be completed. To be approved it is not necessary to have a "call" to be a missionary but it is required that the applicant be serious in fulfilling the Great Commission in whatever capacity God leads them. Applications will be available in January 2008. Call 800-522-4324 exr.110

The Godlen, Eternal Law of God



By Ron Charles

Ron's book, "The Search", showing the historical evidence for the life and divinity of Jesus, is now in it's second printing. You can order it online at roncharles.com

This would make an excellent Christmas gift for those who doubt Christ's deity and an incredible encouragement for those who embrace it.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8).

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6).

In the early 17th century, John Winthrop, the first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, noted that God's law of sowing and reaping was in his opinion one of God's golden eternal laws, for by it do all things come to fruition. As so noted by Paul the apostle in the two above passages, the law of sowing and reaping is one that is constant and steadfast. If we sow good seed, we will produce and reap good fruit. If we sow bad seed, then we will produce and reap bad fruit. If we sow little or no seed; we will produce and reap little or no fruit.

Over the centuries since Paul wrote his letters, I suspect that hundreds if not thousands of sermons have been preached on every facet of sowing and reaping, including all that goes along with it like watering, weeding, protecting and ground preparation. And all of these functions are needed and necessary in order for the law of sowing and reaping to be fully realized. But to go into depth on all of the applications and functions that would be relevant to the law of sowing and reaping would take more space than would be available in one hundred Progress Reports. So, in this article, we will restrict ourselves to generalities concerning this most significant golden, eternal law.

Thirty-six years ago, on the day that my wife and I were married, I told her that because I was only making \$50 per week, we could not afford to give to the Lord, and that God would understand our situation; even though I had been taught all of my life that if you give to God; He will give back. (Please understand that I am not going to get into a theological discussion about whether tithing is for today or not. This has nothing to do with opinions or questions regarding tithing. I am talking about giving to the Lord within the context of the two above mentioned scriptural passages; we will reap, if we sow—if we do not sow, we will not reap.) After we had been married only three months, we discovered that there was just too much month at the end of our money, and there did not seem to be a solution to our problem. So, I called my father to ask him for some advice (in reality I had called to ask him for some money, but was too ashamed to ask). He made a very profound statement to me that totally changed our lives. He said, "You can't reap any corn, if you don't plant any seed. You give to God and plant that seed in His

field and you will reap. You say that God will understand. Well, God does not understand. He does not understand why you want fruit, but have not planted any seed." So, we began to give to the Lord and He made sure that we received the benefits of our sowing efforts. Those reaped benefits were not always in the form of money; sometimes they came as good health, longer lasting tires, cars that did not break down, clothes that lasted longer than usual, good teeth, and dozens of other benefits that in reality did indeed result in financial gain because we did not have to spend the money on these would be needs.

So often we have heard statements like, "You can't out give God" or "God never forgets who plants in His field" but don't really comprehend or understand the total significance of the statements. Many times that lack of understanding is because we do not immediately see the physical reaping rewards of our sowing. As such, we may get discouraged and feel that perhaps this sowing and reaping thing was for those people at that time, but not for us today. Nothing could be further from the truth. Whenever we consider the law of sowing and reaping we must look at it from a natural perspective. As such, we have three basic principles associated with the law: 1). We reap what we sow; 2). We reap in a different season than we sow; and 3). We generally reap more than what we sow. If this is true, which it is, then we must be patient and allow the law of sowing and reaping to run its course.

Although I had learned that the law of sowing and reaping was effective in my personal and family life, I also discovered that it works in non-personal settings as well. After pastoring in Ohio for just over six years, we decided to move to Georgia. I had no intentions of ever pastoring again; instead I wanted to dedicate myself to missions. But, God had other ideas. Upon our arrival in Georgia, I was approached by a denominational official of a particular church that was at one time a very strong church with over 200 attendees; but, that over the past few years the attendance had dropped to only about 20. He said that the state denominational officials had decided to close the doors of the church within a couple of weeks and that the church would be dissolved. He then asked me if I would be interested in pastoring the church and seeing if it could be salvaged. My initial reaction was to turn it down. Then I told him that I wanted to pray about it with my wife for five days, and then I would give him my answer. After five days, my wife and I both felt that it was God's will for us to pastor the church, with its 20 people. So, I again met with the denominational official and told him our decision. He then asked me to commit to four things: 1). Keep the doors of the church open and try to increase the number of attendees; 2). Love the people; 3). Try to pay down the \$327,000 debt (the church was three months behind on their mortgage and was on the verge of bank foreclosure); and 4). Stay and pastor the church for at least four years. We accepted the challenge, while all the time praying for God's wisdom on how all of it was going to be accomplished. It was not long until I felt that God had given me the answer---2 Corinthians 9:6 and Galatians 6:7-8.

After service on the first Sunday that we served as pastor, I called a meeting of the 22 who were present in order to discuss what I felt was God's plan for the church; a plan that totally took them by surprise. The previous year, the church had given \$400 to missions, and was very proud that they had given "that much." I shared with them that according to the church's financial records that although the church had grossed in excess of \$15,000 the previous year that the outstanding debt seems to have been so burdensome that they had for all practical purposes, stopped functioning. Yet, they had done very little in the

way of sowing, that could have resulted in a season of reaping that would have reversed their financial dilemma. I then announced that beginning immediately; the church was going to give 10 percent of their gross income to foreign missions. I received a flurry of objections that ranged from mortgage commitment concerns to "can't afford it," to "God understands our situation and He does not expect us to give more to missions than we already give." So, I asked all of them to pray about it for a week and then we would address the issue again the following Sunday after service. During that week not only did we pray about the decision, but I also put legs to our efforts by contacting the bank with regard to our mortgage. I left with a commitment from them that they would put the three late payments at the end of the mortgage, that we would not be penalized and that we would be granted an additional 60 days before our next mortgage payment was due.

The following Sunday I shared with the 20 who were there what had happened concerning the mortgage. Needless to say, before the meeting was over, we had a majority approval to begin our sowing process by giving 10 percent of our gross income to foreign missions. Gradually God began to bless with increased attendance, which resulted in an increased in financial supply. Within six months the congregation size had grown to near 100. Realizing that we could not out give God, the church decided to increase its giving to foreign missions to 20 percent of our gross income. Three months after that, we decided to not only give 20 percent of our gross income to foreign missions, but to give an additional 10 percent to domestic missions. Three months later we again increased our commitment by adding state and local outreach to our missions efforts. Within one year the church was giving 20 percent of its gross income to foreign missions, 10 percent of its gross income to domestic missions (American missions projects) and an additional 10 percent to state and local outreach missions efforts; yet we never missed a mortgage payment and gradually began to climb out of debt.

To make a very long story short, we burnt the mortgage on the church 28 months after we began giving 10 percent of the

church's gross income to foreign missions and within 30 months, the church was not only totally debt free, but we had remolded the church, built a new parking lot, installed a new roof and had for the first time in years, money in reserve. All because we choose to take God at His word and practice the principle of sowing and reaping. We stayed at that church for six years. Although the congregation never did grow to beyond 200, we never faced any financial difficulties as long as we pastored there. In fact, the year that we resigned to go full time as missionaries to Albania, the church was still debt free and was giving 40 percent of its gross income to foreign missions, 10 percent of its gross income to domestic missions and an additional 10 percent to state and local missions. That year, we gave more to missions than any other church of that same denomination in the entire state. In addition to this, of the 50 families that made this church their church home, 46 of them individually supported missions ministries over and above what they gave to the church in tithes and offerings. Why? Because they took God at His word; tried it; and discovered that it worked. Out of those 46 families, all but two were deeply in debt when they began giving to the Lord. When we left, all 46 families were either totally out of debt, or their debt was such that it was manageable and easily controlled. But not only did these families reap their own reward for sowing into the fields of the Lord, but as a result of their faithfulness in sowing, missionaries and local ministries were funded, which enabled them to harvest souls in places where those supporting families may never get a chance to visit.

So, as we approach the holiday season, when so much is spent on self, family, and friends, let us not forget to sow into the fields of the Lord---fields that are always fertile and where reaping a harvest is not only guaranteed, but is a law established by God from the beginning.

We will reap what we sow! If we do not sow; we cannot reap! Let's take God at His word and prove Him faithful to His word. Not only will you reap your own personal and family rewards, but in funding the Great Commission by sowing into the fields of the Lord, a harvest of souls will be guaranteed.

Welcome Aboard ...

We want to welcome Mike and Linda Robinette to our staff. Mike and Linda were hippies in the late 1970s when they were led to Christ by my father-in-law, Ted Fisher. After several years of discipleship and service in his church, they moved to Pomona, CA where I first met them working in the bus ministry. Mike and Linda were tireless and were by far the best workers we had, consistently running over 200 on their route every week. In addition they ran the Primary Department with over 700 children each week. After he graduated from Pacific Coast Baptist Bible College in 1980 we lost contact. In the years to follow he worked in several different church in Bellflower and Ventura, CA leading bus ministries and developing the Adult Sunday School departments. His own class grew to over 100 in just two years. Mike is an avid soul winner and had new converts profess Christ in church every week. After starting a church in his home town of Ashland, KY (and being one of the first churches to host a Final Frontiers presentation) they moved back to the west coast and worked in several other churches in Long Beach and Stockton, CA and in Seattle, WA. It was there that God began to overwhelm him with a burden for missions. Already he has made several trips abroad and this year, after being reunited with our ministry, he and his wife have felt led to join our team. Mike will now be overseeing all our work in India. In June he went with me to Honduras to learn about our Touch A Life ministry. In November and January he will travel with me to Thailand, Cambodia and India to visit some of our works there and become better acquainted with our ministry.

Mike is available for meetings in your church. Do be aware that for the past several years he has been specializing in going to churches to train and motivate the members on soul winning for five days at a time and actually taking them out to train them one on one. I have encouraged him to continue this needed training in churches where he goes to present our work. So if you want more than just a missionary speaker, contact Mike at 619-917-8377.



Prayer and Praise Reports from around the world ...

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

Liberia From Wesseh Bestman
National Director



A man called Henry, a friend of Mr. Teeklo Bokai Mambu, one of our faithful men, came and told us about this place called Tarkpama in a region believed to be exclusively Islamic. After

asking a few questions about the place, I told Mr. Mambu we could go. Hence after prayers and preparations, we left for Tarkpama with a team of five.

None of us, except for Teeklo, have been in this place before. So Mr. Mambu was our point man for this journey to an unknown destination. Satan, will not keep us from heaven, but he takes great pleasure in making our journey to heaven very difficult. He certainly did not let us go free on this one either. Teeklo, some how missed our drop off point. Before we knew it, we were off by miles. And so what could have been one hour and thirty minutes' journey (walking), took us four hours and thirty minutes. We were wet and cold from the four hours and thirty minutes of tropical rain showers, the longest I have had in years. By the time the villagers arrival ceremony was over, our hearts were warm from the wonderful fellowship.

Yes, Solomon was right indeed that the sleep of a laboring man is sweet. The rest in this noise free village at night was very peaceful as there was no generators' noise as is always the case in Monrovia. The next morning was action packed: Breakfast village style - a mixture of rice and dumboy (a pounded cassava dough). After breakfast, the Team met with the villagers, their chiefs and elders. Following a brief presentation of the Gospel, I explained to them why we were there and told of what we would love to see and how we hope to arrive at our goals for this village. Then came the question and answer time. This was climaxed by the village Imam (the Islamic leader). By the grace of God, I answered all his very interesting questions and our time ended.

Later that afternoon we returned to Monrovia. Two weeks later, we got information that the Imam had resigned his position at the local mosque. The technical part of our building construction was done by him. He is our good friend now and I could not care less if the Imam position never gets filled. We are praying to have the building completed so the children of this former Islamic village will have the chance to enter school for the first time in their lives just as their parents had their first church service with us.

So by the grace of God, history is been made and The Final Frontiers Families are major contributors to these historical beginnings. Thanks so much.

Calls are coming in from different parts of the country requesting us to go and start churches in their villages and towns. What more shall I say for the time won't permit me to mention - 18 villages outside the German Camp in Margibi and the call from Gona, River Gee, Nimba, Maryland, River Cess, Grand Gedeh, etc The request is always the same - please come to us and help us. For all these requests, we covet your prayers as usual.

India From Pastor Ashok Andrews
National Pastor, Kolkata (non-supported)



The Lord showed all of us His power in a renewed manner recently. One of our young people at Church told us his aunty that was going through a very stressful time in her life. She had visited a

leading astrologer who had told her that the stars were not favorable towards her and there was a good possibility that she would die on the 26th of August 2007. The lady had great faith in this astrologer and was totally shattered by the news.

After much prayer I visited her and I reminded her that it was only the Lord who had the power to give and take life. I shared with her the Gospel and she indicated that she wanted to accept the Lord Jesus as her Savior. I was excited but wanted to make sure that she understood that following Jesus would mean that she would have to give up the many idols that she had clung to all the days of her life. She was a little reluctant and suggested that these were the traditions of her family. She asked me if she could accept Jesus and continue to keep her family traditions. With much fear I prayerfully asked her if she would be happy if her husband had five different wives. She was indignant and was annoyed with me that I had even dared to ask her this question. This gave me the opportunity to tell her that once a person encounters the true and living God there was no more room for any other gods, family traditions and other idols in our life.

After much prayer I left this home pleading that the Lord will shower His grace upon these dear ones. On the 26th of August the lady went through the day wondering if anything terrible would befall her. When nothing untoward happened she was overjoyed and began to thank the Lord for carrying her through. She had made up her mind that she would go back to the astrologer and tell him that his predictions had no sway over her life and that she had come to know the true and living God. When she went to meet the astrologer something seemed amiss because the usual large crowds of people were not around. She wondered if he was out of town. When she made enquiries she was in for the biggest surprise of her life. The people told her that the astrologer had died on the 20th of August 2007. When she heard the news she was shaking uncontrollably. She knew that the Lord was telling her that He was sovereign and there was none other who could compare with Him. Do continue to pray for her & her husband. We desire that both of them will continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She even asked if we could have a regular Bible study at her home. Pray!!!

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Only about 10% of our readers have registered with us. That means 90% of you are missing out on the special emails and photos we send.

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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 option of providing double sponsorship (\$70.00 monthly) if you prefer. Your \$35 sponsorship 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, tell 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 \$10.00 monthly or more. *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 each 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 **Touch a Life**, gives assistance to an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child. The \$35.00 monthly sponsorship provides for 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.
- 5

Bags of Hope is our food distribution program feeding widows, orphans and persecuted families living primarily in the Islamic Middle East. Support for this program is \$20 monthly.

After Death ...

More and more sponsors are contacting us about the opportunity to continuing supporting their preacher after they have passed away.

Imagine being able to leave funds for your preacher so that after you have gone to be with the Lord, he can still be serving with your help.

Or what if your burden is to feed children or distribute Bibles or just to leave funds for the ministry to continue as needed?

If you are interested in leaving Final Frontiers or Touch A Life in your will, you should give us a call. We can give you all the information you need and even help you find a professional in your state that will help you with your will or trust.

After all, if winning souls and planting churches are important to you in this life, how important do you think it will seem to you in the next?

**Give us a call at:
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Reports received from the Final Frontiers ...

Reports received in the last three months indicate there have been ...	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 ...
508 Churches Started	28,401 Churches Started	1,294 Preacher Sponsorships
2,046 Villages Evangelized	104,200 Villages Evangelized	327 Touch A Life sponsorships
19,971 Professions of Faith	862,007 Professions of Faith	818 Number of actual sponsors
8,357 Believers Baptized	303,029 Believers Baptized	74 Countries involved

Missions statistics and points to ponder

The Church's Unprecedented Growth

- ◆ The church has grown more in the 20th century than in all the previous 19 centuries since the time of Christ combined, with almost 2 billion adherents worldwide.
- ◆ Every day 166,000 people hear the good news of Jesus Christ for the first time.
- ◆ Every year, 27 million people profess faith in Christ as Savior for the first time.
- ◆ The church is growing exponentially in China, India and Africa.
 - ◆ The current ranks of 81 million believers in China are expected to swell to 135 million by 2025.
 - ◆ The 50 million faithful in India could mushroom to 125 million by 2050.
 - ◆ And today's census of 90 million Christians in Africa is likely to explode to 1 billion in 2050.
- ◆ Evangelical Christians comprise an estimated 35 percent of the U.S. population, or about 100 million people.
- ◆ It is estimated that there will be 600 million more believers worldwide in 2025 than in 2000.

The Church's Unending Responsibility

- ◆ Living in the 38 countries classified as "unevangelized" are more than 1.6 billion people (29.6 percent of the world's population) who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ 3,830 people groups have not been reached with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ 1,670 metropolises have not been reached with the good news of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ There are 38 closed countries in the "unevangelized" world, meaning that foreign evangelicals have either restricted or no access to enter. This includes 85 anti-Christian megacities.
- ◆ There are 31 closed/restricted-access countries in the "evangelized non-Christian" world, including 180 non-Christian megacities.
- ◆ At the annual ratio of 4 to 3, more countries are newly closed to foreign missionaries than are newly opened to them.

Source: generousgiving.org